



Boone County Historical Society

July—August, 2019

2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 6, 2019 10am—2pm:
Annual Boone County Heritage Day behind Admin. Bldg. in Burlington.

July 18, 2019 7—9pm:
Out and About Meeting at Rabbit Hash.

Sept. 19, 2019: Paul Anderson, Anderson Ferry — how Ohio river has changed and is expected to change.

Nov. 21, 2019: First Farm Inn's owner Jen Warner.

Fri., Dec. 6: Boone County's annual **Christmas Tree Lighting event!** Ferguson Community Center.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

The BCBS Board met on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at the Library. Our discussions included a number of important topics about which you should know. Please take the time to read this synopsis and contact one of us (phone numbers on back page) regarding your response:

Rescheduling of BCBS January 16, 2020 meeting: Due to anticipated winter weather that typically impacts our attendance at our January meeting, the January 2020 meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled by a meeting in April 2020 assuming the Library meeting room is available. If this temporary rescheduling proves satisfactory and the program meets attendance expectations, we will bring before the membership a motion to permanently replace the January meeting with one in April, to change the By-Laws accordingly.

July 6, 2019, Boone County Heritage Day: The Chalkfest portion of this event is being eliminated this year, and this elimination will probably be permanent. We do express our great appreciation for the outstanding efforts of **Linda Whittenburg, owner of Cabin Arts in Burlington**, who, through the past years, has organized and produced the Chalkfest. (Continued Page 2)

The Heritage Day event will continue to be produced by Boone County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Boone County Historical Society will continue its participation in this event.

A new element will be added to this year's Historical Society's Heritage Day display – a **silent auction of books**, particularly – but not exclusively – those pertaining to history-related topics, hopefully donated by our members and friends. If you are like us, having collected books for many years, and whose children and grandchildren are not interested in them, please consider donating them to the Boone County Historical Society.

As in the past, we are counting on you to participate by bringing and displaying your old-fashioned kitchen ware, household items, quilts and hand-made or hand-decorated linens, small tools and agricultural implements. If you have books to donate, please call Betsy or Steve at 371-5882, so we can plan sufficient display tables accordingly.

If you are willing to volunteer your time and effort, please arrive at 9 am to participate in set-up assistance. We need folks to oversee the book table and displays as well as promote and invite folks to join our organization. Inasmuch as the attendance at the event last year diminished greatly after 2 pm, we plan to initiate take-down at 2 pm. Your participation/assistance is greatly appreciated.

July 18, 2019: BCHS's annual Out-and-About meeting will be held at Rabbit Hash. Our distinguished and knowledgeable guide and speaker will be **Rabbit Hash Historical Society President Bobbie Keyser.**

We encourage everyone to attend this special event and take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating community and how it has grown into one of our area's most popular tourist destinations.

To that end, we ask all of you to gather in the parking lot behind the Ferguson Community Center (Historic Courthouse) in Burlington no later than 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18th, 2019. We are asking BCHS members and friends who are able and willing to do so, to offer seats in your vehicle to other members needing transportation from Burlington to Rabbit Hash, and return after the event (it will still be light when we return).

PLEASE CALL BETSY AND STEVE CONRAD, 371-5882, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 15th IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE SUFFICIENT REFRESHMENTS FOR ALL. AND LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN GIVE A LIFT TO SOMEONE!

The Artwork of the late Mary Amanda Moore:

As you may recall, a beautiful baptistery wall hand-painted by the late Boone County artist Mary Amanda Moore was recently salvaged from an old church in Stringtown, a tiny community on the Ohio River in Boone County. The painting is now displayed in the Ferguson Community Center (historic Courthouse). The idea of collecting information on Mary Amanda Moore's artwork, with the possibility of creating a book, has been suggested. We do know that she painted many of these peaceful scenes in churches in Indiana and Kentucky, and perhaps elsewhere. If you, our members, know of any churches where Ms. Moore painted the back wall of a baptismal pool, or any other works by this dear lady, please advise one of our Board Members so that we can make a list of known sites. In fact, if you have a photo of such a painting, whether the art has been destroyed or it still exists, please permit us to make a duplicate. If you have information regarding Ms. Moore's work, please email brconrad@fuse.net

Ron Buckley's Barn Photos

Barn Photos wanted: BCHS Board Member Ron Buckley has us all interested in collecting photos of old barns in Boone County. As we all have witnessed the recent demolition of the grand old barns and silo with the name "J's Acres" painted on it, not to mention the clearing of the woods and wildlife on that old farm, we are well aware of the death sentence called "development" upon our once-rural homeland. Now, more than ever before, Ron's idea of capturing photos of the old barns in our County has become more urgent. Just take a Sunday afternoon ride, use your I-phone to take a picture of any barns you pass, and get the address and location – and owner's name if possible. Then email the photo and accompanying information to ronbuckley@fuse.net.

Big Bone Lick State Historic Site's Great Outdoor Weekend Sept. 27-29.

Annual Salt Fest Oct. 18-20 at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site (BBLSHS).

THE BCHS MUSEUM

Boone County Historical Society expresses appreciation to the Boone County Judge/Executive and Fiscal Court Commissioners for permission to use the Old County Clerk's Office as a repository for items of historical significance to Boone County's heritage.

Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn

right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-Burlington Road aka Garrard St.); turn left into the Boone County Administration Building parking lot. The Museum is the small white brick building marked "County Court Clerk's Office...1853" The street address is 2965 Gallatin Street, Burlington, KY 41005.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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ABOUT THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **mission** of the Boone County Historical Society is to develop awareness and promote appreciation of the history of Boone County, Kentucky. We are fortunate to partner with the Boone County Public Library.

The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings at 7pm on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings (except for July) are held at the Boone County Public Library, Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. July "out-and-about" meetings are held at various locations around the County.

The Society hosts a number of exhibits at the BCHS Museum (*see page 3*) each year. Most items for these exhibits are borrowed on a temporary basis from our members and friends, and do not belong to the Society. We greatly appreciate being entrusted with these loaned items that relate to our exhibits.

Items in our permanent collection have been donated by individuals and families who desire to share with others items of historical significance to Boone County. Their generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Annual membership fee is \$15 per household, due every January. This covers the cost of printing and mailing our newsletters. Checks, payable to the Boone County Historical Society, can be mailed to the Boone County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, Florence, KY 41022-0023.

The Boone County Historical Society has received a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status — all gifts to the Society are tax deductible.

All programs and exhibits are free and open to the public.

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