# Boone County Kistorical Society



November-December, 2019

# **2019-2020 MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Fri., Dec. 6, 2019: Boone County's annual <u>Christmas</u> <u>Tree Lighting event!</u> Ferguson Community Center.

No January 2020 meeting No February 2020 meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020: Serve & Socialize Fair at BCPL.

Thursday, March 19, 2020: Dr. Richard Crisler will present a program on the early development of Boone County.

We will soon schedule our meetings for April and May of 2020, bringing you more fascinating and informative presenters sharing elements of Boone County's historic past.

# FIRST FARM INN'S OWNER JEN WARNER, TO SPEAK AT OUR NOVEMBER 21 MEETING

The 1870's farm home and horse back riding are attractive features of this bed & breakfast operation on a 20+acre farm in Petersburg. Jen has been asked to share with us her experiences



in Boone County as a woman business owner.

In addition to running a bed & breakfast operation,

Jen was the author of our history book, *From Mastondons to the Millennium*. This book was published for Boone County's bicentennial celebration in 1998.

## Patriot Marker Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, October 19, the Boone County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Simon Kenton Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a Patriot Marker honoring Private Jacob Rouse and Samuel Rouse, Revolutionary War Soldiers. This event took place at the Hopeful Lutheran Cemetery.

This event was attended by our own Pat Yannarella who placed a wreath at the markers and Phil Yannarella who videoed the ceremony.

#### **Ghost Walk—Florence Cemetery**

This event was held on Saturday night, October 19 and sponsored by the Boone County Public Library. Eighty people were in attendance and proceeds from this Ghost Walk were donated to our Historical Society. This money will be deposited to our Archival Fund which we will use to purchase future historical highway markers.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting at Ferguson Community Center**





Our Historical Society will again be at the Christmas Tree lighting event in Burlington from 6 to 8 pm on Friday December 6. As in the past we will display vintage toys from Christmas past. We welcome anyone to bring old Christmas toys to put on display. We will start setting up as early as 1:00.

#### **Dedication of Historic marker for Charles Clinton Fleek**





This new Kentucky Historical Highway Marker, located at the Petersburg cemetery, was dedicated on Tuesday, November 12th at 11:00 am. This marker was made possible through the efforts of Terry Edwards and Daryl Buckler and with the financial assistance of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sergeant Charles Fleek is the only Boone County recipient of the Congressional Metal of Honor posthumously for his efforts to save eight soldiers under his command.

Judge Executive Gary Moore, Chris Courtney, staff from the Boone County Public Library and members of the Boone County Historical Society were in attendance.

#### 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 west-bound 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 March, April, 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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