

◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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May—June 2007

2007 Preservation Awards — May 10

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board will once again observe National Historic Preservation Month (May) with an **awards ceremony 6 to 7:30 pm. Thursday, May 10 in the Old Boone County Courthouse** in Burlington.

Matt Becher, AICP, staff member of the Review Board, announced that this year's event will honor 9 preservation awards recipients as well as winners of four special annual awards. The awards reception will include a special presentation of bronze plaques to 15 Boone County historic properties.

The event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is requested as appetizers and refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP to Matt at 859/334-2111 by May 7.**

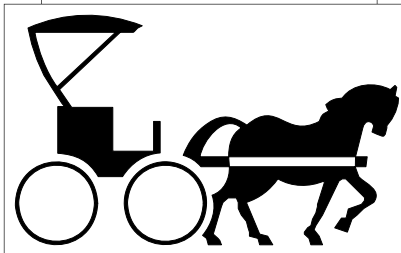
Award winners are listed on



Thanks to First Financial

Our deep appreciation goes to **Diana Bridley of First Financial Bank in Hebron** for selling so many copies of *Boone County: From Mastodons to the Millennium* at their bank for us. Diana gave us a check for \$580 for the books she's sold so far!

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE TO DEVELOP AWARENESS AND PROMOTE APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORY OF BOONE COUNTY.



COPIES OF *BOONE COUNTY: FROM MASTODONS TO THE MILLENNIUM*, THE LIBRARY-QUALITY HARD-BOUND VOLUME FULL OF FASCINATING STORIES AND PICTURES OF BOONE COUNTY'S HISTORY, ARE AVAILABLE DURING BUSINESS HOURS AT FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER FOR \$20. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Bob Schrage and Don Clare talk about their new book on May 17

Two well-known Northern Kentucky history buffs, Bob Schrage and Don Clare, will talk about their recently published book, *Along the Ohio River: Cincinnati to Louisville*, at our **May 17th meeting**. As usual, the meeting will held at 7 pm on Thursday, May 17 in Community Room C, lower level of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Boulevard. You may purchase a book at the meeting, or bring your previously purchased copy for autographing.

Our **July 19** meeting will be held at the **Gaines Tavern in Walton!**



Barn Quilt on 2nd Barn

Check out Bob Mauer's barn near 6979 East Bend Road about 4 miles south of downtown Burlington, on the left. About 24 barns will be adorned with quilts by the end of the year, thanks to Project Coordinator Joyce Foley and many community supporters!

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Don't Miss Dinsmore's Kentucky Derby Party

Everyone is invited to the Fifth Annual Derby Day Party at Dinsmore — absolutely the greatest Derby Day event in the entire Tri-State area!



The party will be held Saturday, May 5, from 3 to 6 pm at the Dinsmore Homestead, 5656 Bur-

lington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005.

The Derby race will be viewable on televisions set up under a big tent, rain or shine. The menu includes Kentucky Burgoo, appetizers, desserts, and a cash bar (with fabulous Mint Juleps). Live music will be provided by the Comet Bluegrass All-Stars.

There will be a silent auction, raffles, and a contest for picking the winning horse. And there will be Men's and Women's Hat contests, so wear your fanciest (or funniest) Derby Day Hat!

Tours of the historic homestead will be offered from 3 to 5 pm.

Tickets are \$35 and each includes a complimentary drink from the cash bar. Proceeds benefit the Dinsmore Homestead. An RSVP is required by April 30. Mail your check to Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, P.O. Box 453, Burlington, KY 41005.

So bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers to enjoy this really fun party on Derby Day!

Dinsmore Hosts Green Space Open House

Everyone is invited to a special event on Saturday, May 12, from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Dinsmore Homestead. This no-charge event will highlight green space initiatives taking place in our County.

The program is being co-sponsored by the Boone Conservancy, Boone County Parks Department, Boone County Planning

Commission, and the Nature Conservancy of Kentucky.

Attendees will receive maps and information on new parks, trails and green space in Boone County. And you'll have the opportunity to participate in a guided hike of the Dinsmore Woods Nature Preserve. Shuttles will take you

to a nearby gravel pit that is undergoing reclamation thanks to the Parks Department and the Boone Conservancy. (NOTE: This is *not* a pit associated with the Belleview Sand and Gravel Company operated by the Rudicill family.)

Split Rock's Open House May 19

If you've never been to Split Rock Conservation Park, you are in luck! This unique site will be open to the public for tours from 11 am to 4 pm Saturday, May 19. The event is cosponsored by the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board and Wildlife Conservation Kentucky, Inc.

According to Matt Becher with the Review Board, Split Rock Conservation Park is a 165-acre outdoor learning center that showcases Boone County's natural biodiversity, including the spectacular geologic formation known as Split Rock. It is located at 4503

Belleview Road between Petersburg and Belleview. A small admission of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children is being charged. Visit the website splitrockpark.org to learn more about this Boone County treasure.

Fitzgerald Materials owned by BC Historical Society

As most of you know, Boone County Historical Society Secretary Pat Yannarella is also a Librarian with the Boone County Public Library. Pat recently provided the Society's Board of Directors with an inventory of the 19 boxes of materials from Anne Fitzgerald's estate that are the property of the Historical Society. These materials have been stored

in the basement of the Walton Branch of the Library inasmuch as the Society does not own a place where they could be stored.

The Library staff suggests that the Society purchase several fire-proof storage units to provide protection of these documents from moisture or fire. The Board has agreed to make this purchase and ensure the safety of these items.

A copy of the 17-page inventory will be available for review at the May 17 meeting of the Historical Society.

The Directors have agreed to sell some of the material to our members in cases where there are an abundant number of copies of the same item. Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

Preservation Award Winners Announced *(see pg. 1)*

City of Walton for the Gaines Tavern acquisition.

Noris Lam for the c 1867 Latimer-Walden House (Burlington) reuse.

The **Honorable Bruce Ferguson** for the reconstruction of the Philip Baker Log House.

Laura Crone for preserving the c 1930 Mason Dairy Barn in Union.

Butch & Mary Ann Wain-scott for preserving the c 1825 Jonathan Carlton House (Schramm Tavern) in Petersburg.

George Budig for his preservation stewardship in the Richwood Road area.

East Bend Methodist Cemetery Board for their preservation efforts.

Gwynn Henderson — the Shirley Mann Memorial Heritage Education Award for her publication *The Prehistoric Farmers of Boone County, Kentucky*.

Rabbit Hash Historical Society Board — the Bruce Ferguson Award for Sustained Excellence in Historic Preservation.

The Friends of Big Bone — the William Conrad Preservation Excellence Award.

Cathy Collopy — the Anne W. Fitzgerald Research Award for her research at the Dinsmore Homestead.

Michael Evans for African-American Heritage Project; **BC Conservation District, KY Parks Dept. and NKU Center for Applied Ecology** for relocating Big Bone Lick Buffalo.

Plus 15 Historic Property Bronze Plaque recipients! Make your reservations now!

Library Offers History Programs

Boone County Public Library is offering several programs of interest to history enthusiasts:

A Natural History of Kentucky Trees, 7 pm, Tuesday, May 29, Scheben Branch. Dr. Maggie Whitson (NKU), presenter.

The Civil War in Boone County, 7 pm, Tuesday, May 15,

Scheben Branch. Our own Jack Rouse, presenter.

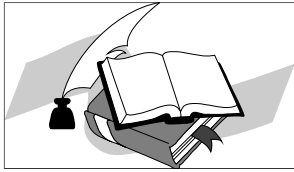
Native Americans at Big Bone Lick, 7 pm, Thurs., May 24, Scheben Branch. Archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink, presenter.

Look for history books at the **Used Book Sale Saturday, May 12, 9-5 at Walton Branch.**



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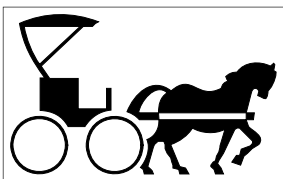
Websites of local interest:

BooneCountyKy.org.
 BooneCountyHeritage.org
 Kenton.Lib.Ky.US/~histsoc
 DinsmoreFarm.org
 SaveAmericasTreasures.org
 Nkyviews.com
 Splitrockpark.org
 FriendsOfBigBone.org
 Nkyencyclopedia.org
 Rabbithashusa.com
 Boonecocemeteries.org
 Thebooneconservancy.org
 Boonecountyky.or/pc



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The Boone County Historical Society provides program meetings on the third Thursday evenings of January, March, May, July, September and November (with occasional exceptions). Unless otherwise announced, the meetings will be held at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing



BCHS Membership Privileges

Annual Membership Fee is only \$15 per household, **due every January**. This modest fee covers the cost of our newsletter mailings. We appreciate all who have joined the Boone County Historical Society to help us preserve and make known some of the history of our County. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join and attend our meetings. Membership fees can be sent to:

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