
◆ Boone Co. Historical Society ◆

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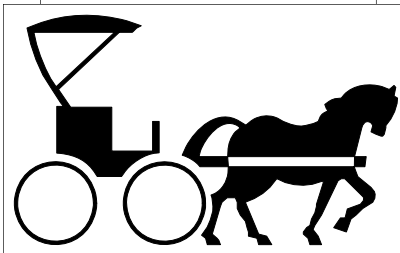
Special Program: MATT BECHER Thursday, April 24

A special program meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 to make up for January's cancellation.

Matt Becher will be presenting the program on the history of **The Old County Courthouse building in Burlington — how and when it was designed and built, what structures preceded it, and whether it was one-of-a-kind.** We are fortunate to have the benefit of Matt's research and expertise. He serves as the Rural Open Space Planner for the Boone County Planning Commission, and his office is actually located on the second floor of that old Courthouse! Inquiring minds want to know — does he ever hear any footsteps or cries of those who were in pursuit of justice?... does he ever catch a ghostly glimpse of those who climbed those stairs in years long past?!!! We'll ask Matt to also tell us about the increasingly popular Burlington Ghosts & Mysteries Tour held in October.

The meeting starts at 7 pm and will be held in **Community Room C on the lower level** of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd.

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



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Special Meeting Thurs., March 27... ASA ROUSE: Gold Wing Rider

The March meeting is being rescheduled to Thursday, March 27, out of respect those who observe Maundy Thursday which falls on the regular meeting date in 2008.

We will elect a new **Board Member** (previously scheduled for January, but weather cancelled). The term of Board Member Katherine Rouse concluded in January, and Former BCHS President Virginia Lainhart has agreed to serve.

Then President Ann Leake will provide an **update on the ongoing negotiations with the County to lease the old County Clerk's Building** for use as a meeting place, program center and museum for the Historical Society. Your input is requested regarding this and other BCHS issues.

Asa Rouse will then present a program about his and Libby's exciting adventures with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

This meeting begins at 7 pm and will be held in **Council Chambers on the upper level** of the Florence Government Center on Ewing Blvd.

Thanks to Bruce Ferguson

Many thanks to Bruce Ferguson for his fascinating presentation on White Haven Academy last November.

Recordings (VCR or DVD) of his program, as well as other BCHS programs for the past year, will soon be available in the Local History Section of the new Main Library.

Who loves a parade?

The Florence Memorial Day Parade will be held at 10 am Monday morning, May 26. If you have an antique vehicle you would like to drive in the parade representing the Historical Society, or if you have a truck with flat bed that we could use, please call President Ann Leake at 485-1063 or Betsy Conrad at 371-5882.

Dinsmore Homestead Plans Derby Day Party

The best Derby Day Party in Greater Cincinnati will be held at the Historic Dinsmore Homestead on Saturday, May 3, from 3 to 6 pm (or until the end of the race).

This will be the sixth annual Dinsmore Derby Party which features race-viewing on televisions set up under the big tent, rain or shine.

The menu includes delicious Kentucky-style appetizers and desserts, and a cash bar featuring

the best mint juleps this side of Churchill Downs!

Live music will be provided by Ricky Nye.

There will be a silent auction, raffles and a contest for picking the winning horse. And, of course, the ever-popular Men's and Women's Hat contests, so wear your

fanciest, or funniest, Derby Day Hat!



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

Tickets are \$35 per person. Please RSVP by April 25. Mail your check to Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, P.O. Box 453, Burlington, KY 41005. All proceeds benefit the Dinsmore Homestead.

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

Upcoming Programs

May 15: Jerry McFeeters, a member of the Covington-Cincinnati Suspension Bridge Committee, will present a program on the historic John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge.

July 17: Our annual Out-and-About meeting will be held at the Old County Clerk's Building which was re-

cently rescued and moved by the County to its current home

behind the Administration Building. BCHS is hoping to lease the building for our "home."

September 18:

Our own Michael Rouse will present a program on Boone

County's German Colony: The Settlers Who Founded Hopeful Lutheran Church and their effect on the local area.

November 20: Presentation by Marty Schadler, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, Inc. and the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame in Lexington.



N. KY Regional History Day at NKU on April 5

The 15th annual Northern Kentucky Regional History Day features a fantastic selection of workshops. Session #1 features:

The Covered Bridges of (Northern) Kentucky

Blue or Gray? Finding Your KY Civil War Ancestor

The Gourmet Strip: The Dixie Highway through Northern Kentucky

Who Says We Talk funny?: The Real Origins of Appalachian English

Northern Kentucky and the Mexican War, 1846-1848

International Relations in a Nuclear Age: The India/US Nuclear Agreement

“Loyal Masses” and “Fiends of Hell”: Guerilla Warfare in Kentucky’s Bluegrass Region, 1863-1865

Session #2 features:

From Bombs to Bridge Parties: Kentucky Culture Captured in Scrapbooks

History Can Be Moderne: Architecture in Newport, Kentucky

Sister/Sistah: Shakers, Freed Persons and the Civil War

Celebrating Northern Kentucky: An Oral History Workshop

A Symphony Orchestra in Northern Kentucky, 1930-Present



Lincoln and the End of Slavery

Advances in Online Genealogy

The Opening Presentation (10 am) is “*That All Mankind Should Be Free*”: Abraham Lincoln

and African Americans by Dr. Thomas C. Mackey, Professor of History, University of Louisville.

The first set of workshops begins at 11:15 am; the second set begins at 12:15. All workshops are held in the University Center.

The Display Area opens at 8 am and closes at 2 pm. Door prize winners will be announced at 2 pm.

History Day Registration is \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Mail check payable to Northern Kentucky History Day, along with attendee’s name and address, to NK Regional History Day, c/o Kenton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 641, Covington, KY 41012. For more info, go to www.nku.edu/~hisgeo/historyday/

Split Rock Open House planned for May 17

If you’ve never been to Split Rock Conservation Park, make plans to attend the Annual Open House on Saturday, May 17.

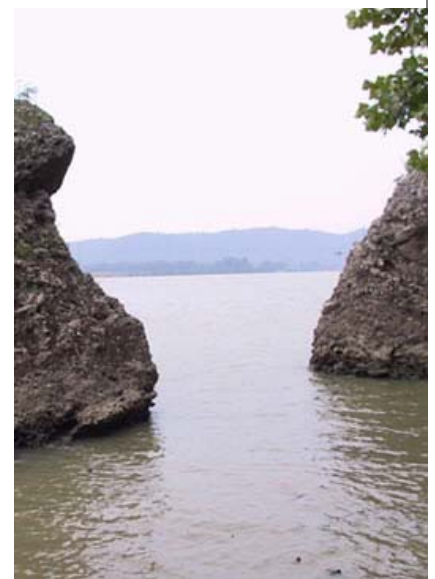
This 165-acre outdoor learning center showcases Boone County’s natural biodiversity including the spectacular geologic formation known as Split Rock.

The park, not open to the general public except during this annual event, is located at the junction of Woolper Creek and

the Ohio River (4503 Belleview Road) in Petersburg. Interpretive hikes and educational programs may be set up by appointment.

Mark Jacobs, Executive Director of this non-profit educational organization, will hopefully be a speaker at a future BCHS meeting.

P.S.: Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. No pets are permitted in the park. More info, visit Splitrockpark.org.





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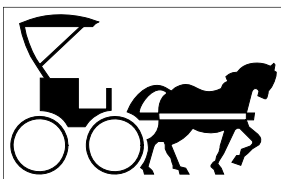
Websites of local interest:

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.org/pc



March 27: Old Boone County Clerk's Building Update and Asa Rouse
April 24: Matt Becher Presents: The Old County Courthouse

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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