UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

HISTORIC BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS EVENT ...
MUSEUM OPEN Dec. 5&6, (Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 10-4): The County, Historic Burlington Business Assn., and the BCHS join in Christmas celebration. We’ll exhibit Steve’s mid-’50s American Flyer, vintage dolls and old-time toys borrowed from your attic! Do you have an old-time dolly or toy you cherished as a child or vintage Christmas decorations that we could display? If so, please call Virginia Lainhart 689-7240, Pat Yannarella 835-2435, or Betsy Conrad 371-5882. Friday evening brings hot chocolate at the gazebo with live music (Bowman Music School), Santa arrives at 6pm to light the big tree at 6:30. See KY Farm Bureau’s Lionel Trains, B.C. Animal Shelter’s Pet Parade, visit shops and restaurants, special events at Dinsmore, etc.

MARY SUE RUDICILL, SANDRA ROUSE AND DENNIS RICH
7 PM THURSDAY, NOV. 20 AT THE BOONE CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 20: Mary Sue Rudicill, along with Dennis Rich, and Sandra Rouse, will present a well-researched program and extensive collection of memorabilia from the old Citizens’ Deposit Bank which was located in Bellevue, and Boone State Bank, the financial institution that purchased the old bank. This will be the second in a series of informative programs on the history of banking in Boone County.

Mary Sue Rudicill, Dinsmore Board Member, and enthusiastic preserver of Boone County’s historic past!

The program begins at 7pm Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Kentucky. The public is invited, so bring interested friends and neighbors.

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO DR. BARBARA BARDES

The Historic Dinsmore Foundation’s Immediate Past President, Dr. Barbara Bardes, generously gave eight tickets for the recent Dinsmore Gala to the Boone County Historical Society. What a wonderful gift! Our members who benefited from that gift were BCHS Boardmember Wilma McMillian and her husband, Don; BCHS Boardmember Betty Poole and her son Mark; Woody and Cindy Schuster; Pattie Purnell, and Mary Alice Markesbery. (See photos on page 3.)
Upcoming Programs

7pm Thursday, JANUARY 15, 2015 at the Main Library: RON BUCKLEY presents the second of his series on the PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY. This program follows his continuing archaeological exploration and research of Piatt’s Landing, the site of Robert Piatt’s home (Duke Energy’s complex) along Boone County’s Ohio River shoreline as well as Federal Hall, Jacob Piatt’s property near the Judge Cropper Bridge (I-275) to Indiana.

7pm Thursday, MARCH 19, 2015 at the Main Library: To be announced.

7pm Thursday, MAY 21, 2015 at the Main Library: JIM DUVALL and Friends reminisce about high school sports in Boone County.

Historic Marker Applications

Applications for two historic markers have been submitted to KY Historical Society; approval is anticipated in early December.

The first relates to the Petersburg Distillery/Loder House and would be erected in the Petersburg Riverfront Park (above); the other relates to Dr. George Speri Sperti (Sperti Park is off East Bend Rd.)

Fitzgerald Inventory

The Fitzgerald Collection is currently being inventoried by Historical Society members. Collected by the late William and Ann Fitzgerald over the course of their lives, the items were digitized by the Boone County Public Library’s Local History Dept., and the originals were assigned to BCHS. If you’d be interested in assisting with this project, contact Betsy Conrad.

Thanks to our Veterans who provided Veterans Day Exhibit on Nov. 8

J.L. Foster brought his Air Force Uniform.

For the 100-year anniversary of World War I, BCHS member Martin O’Madden displayed an exhibit of four of his family members who fought in “the Great War.”
In June 2014, FOBB was awarded a $70,000 grant from the RC Durr Foundation, and in addition, it presented FOBB with a unique challenge — for every dollar donated by the public, the Durr Foundation will match it up to $70,000 thru Dec. 2015.

With the initial grant, the revitalization of the Visitor’s Center has begun and the redesigning of the thematic cases will be completed by May 2015. The cost of the entire project is $206,500.

Our region is fortunate to have an historical gem in the form of Boone County’s Big Bone Lick State Historic Site. BBL has been designated the birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology, but a lack of resources has prevented the effective display of the large fossil bones that have given the park its name.

FOBB and Big Bone State personnel have developed a partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center which has brought energy and expertise to the project. KY State Parks has agreed to the revitalization and will assume all maintenance and operating costs going forward.

You may donate online at www.FriendsOfBigBone.org or by mail to Friends of Big Bone, P.O. Box 675, Union, KY 41090. FOBB is a 501(c) (3) Corporation, thus donations are tax exempt.

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Directions: I-71/75 Exit 18 (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.
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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