

# Boone County Historical Society



November–December, 2017

## UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

At the **January 18, 2018** meeting of the Boone County Historical Society, Assistant County Administrator **Matthew Webster** will present a program including a series of slides documenting the renovation process of Boone County's "Old Court House." **The 7pm meeting will be held at the Main Library.**

*The 128-year-old building has been transformed into a community center, and a tour of the newly remodeled landmark will be given from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 15th. A dedication ceremony will take place at 5:30 on that date. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.*

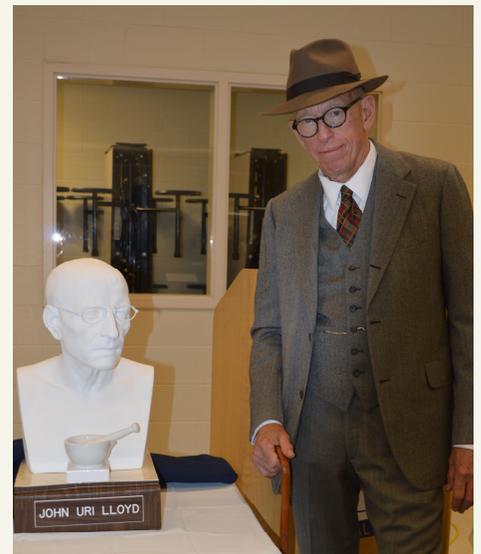
The **March 15, 2018** meeting of the Boone County Historical Society will feature a program by **BCHS Vice President Tom Schiffer** about **George Catlett Marshall, Jr.**, an American statesman and soldier.

## Professor John Uri Lloyd (1849-1936) to speak 7pm Thursday, November 16th at the Main Library

The Boone County Historical Society is pleased to present a special program featuring the late John Uri Lloyd (1849-1936) "in person." Professor Lloyd, considered one of the most important pharmacists of his time, grew up in Boone County and founded the 19th century firm of Lloyd Brothers, Pharmacists, Inc.

Professor Lloyd authored a number of local-description novels about the Northern Kentucky area including **Stringtown on the Pike** and **Warwick of the Knobs**. He also wrote a highly acclaimed science fiction work entitled **Etidorhpa**, as well as numerous pharmacopeia publications.

Professor Lloyd will be with us by special arrangement with the **Lloyd Library & Museum in Cincinnati.**



He will be introduced by **Patricia Van Skaik, Executive Director of the Lloyd Library and Museum**, founded by John Uri Lloyd and his two brothers.

This event is co-sponsored by the Boone County Public Library, and is free and open to the public.

Invite your friends to attend this fascinating presentation.

## JOHN URI LLOYD/STRINGTOWN ON THE PIKE HISTORIC MARKER APPLICATION APPROVED!

Boone County Historical Society's application for another Historic Marker has been approved by the Kentucky Historical Society! The marker commemorates Florence's Historic Main Street area called "Stringtown on the Pike," and the well-known author of the book by that title, John Uri Lloyd.

We anticipate the dedication ceremony to be in Spring of 2018, when **Crossroads Point Plaza**, the City's triangular-shaped park space at the corner of Main Street and Dixie Highway near the Turfway intersection, is completed, landscaped, and ready for the marker to be installed.

**Volunteers will be needed for that event.**

## BOONE COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION 6PM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

Judge Executive Gary Moore will once again light the County's Christmas Tree by the gazebo near the Old County Courthouse. The celebration (one evening only) then moves into the newly refurbished Old Courthouse where Santa Claus will greet each girl and boy!



The Boone County Historical Society will display Steve's 1950's electric trains, plus antique dolls and toys that we borrow for this event. There will be hot cocoa, Christmas music, craft activities for the youngsters, and hopefully the "Boone County" woven throws to sell for beautiful Christmas gifts!

**Volunteers needed for this event.**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION:** An election will be held at our **January 18, 2018 meeting** to elect/reelect two Board Members whose terms are expiring in January 2018. Both **Betty Poole** and **Brent Johansen** have expressed their willingness to continue as Boone County Historical Society Board Members for another 3-year term. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted prior to the vote.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY CO-SPONSORS "PETERSBURG GHOST WALK"

On the evening of October 21st, the Boone County Historical Society and Boone County Public Library co-sponsored the "Petersburg Ghost Walk" which began at the Community Center/Fire House/Public Library Petersburg Branch. It was a great way to share some local history with those in attendance, and the Historical Society received \$925 in ticket sales from this event! BCHS members and Library staffers took on the role of tour guides, leading groups around to the various stations to hear story tellers relate bits of local history embellished with mystery and ghostliness.

The station stories included Tanner's Station, the settlement established by Rev. John Tanner whose young son was captured by the Shawnee, the busy 19th century river town when the distillery was the main business, the Fort Ancient village that existed more than 600 years prior to the white settlement, the Loder House on Front Street, a Petersburg landmark owned by diarist Lewis Loder, and the Jenkins house, the big white house on the hill overlooking three states.

Thanks to the Local History Group at BCPL including Barb and Tom Manning, Robin Edwards, Hillary Delaney, Kaitlin Barber and Bridget Striker. Thanks to BCHS volunteers Joyce Foley, Cindy Schuster, Pat Gilliland, Phil & Pat Yannarella, Ron & Patty Buckley, Brent & Barbara Johansen, Steve & Betsy Conrad.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ATTRACTING & IDENTIFYING SONGBIRDS, 1-3pm Tues., 11/14, Extension Service/ Arboretum**  
6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington. Guest speaker Dan Sweigard. Register at [www.bcarboretum.org/events](http://www.bcarboretum.org/events).

### CITY OF FLORENCE COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING, 6-8pm Tues., Dec. 5.

**Free.** Bring your family to Florence Government Center to celebrate the season and welcome Santa Claus. Enjoy holiday tunes with the Florence Community Band and Chorus. Civic organizations and local businesses, including the **Boone County Historical Society**, will provide holiday activities. There'll be sleigh rides, face painting, and refreshments provided under a tent — rain or shine.



**BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM'S HOLIDAY TOY TRAIN DISPLAY, Saturday, November 11 through Sunday, January 14.** Over 250 feet of model train tracks, vintage Lionel and Plasticville trains, Thomas the Tank Engine and more than 30 guest-activated displays. Free for BCM members and with museum admission for others. Visit online [bcmuseum.org](http://bcmuseum.org) for hours and admission fees.

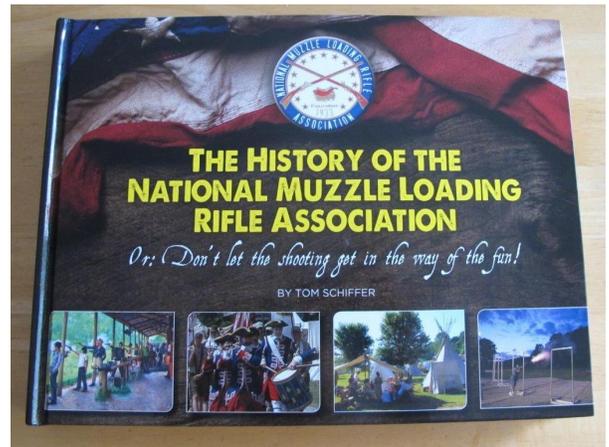


## WOVEN COTTON THROWS

The questionnaires completed by our members at the last meeting indicated that you would approve of our organization selling the woven cotton throws with familiar Boone County iconic images of local sites, similar to the ones that were sold during the County's Bicentennial in 1998. They are on order and we hope to have them by Dec. 1!

## TOM SCHIFFER'S NEW BOOK

BCHS Vice President Tom Schiffer's latest book, *The History of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, or: Don't let the shooting get in the way of the fun!* is available for sale — email ([schiffertd@fuse.net](mailto:schiffertd@fuse.net)) if you are interested in buying a copy.



## THE BCHS MUSEUM, TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING RESTORATION OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE, EXPECTED TO REOPEN MID-DECEMBER!

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). Pro-

ceed 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

# BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



P.O. BOX 23  
FLORENCE, KY 41022-0023

If this box is checked, it is a reminder that you have not paid dues (\$15) for 2017. When you write your check, why not include dues for 2018? \$30 will do it!

If you have paid dues for 2017, this is just a reminder that you can pay two years at one time — \$30 will take care of 2018 and 2019!

**Website:** [boonecountykyhistory.org](http://boonecountykyhistory.org)

Newsletter Editor: Betsy R. Conrad  
[brconrad@fuse.net](mailto:brconrad@fuse.net)

## 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.

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 re-

pository 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.

Officers and Boardmembers:

President: Betsy R. Conrad  
Vice President: Thomas Schiffer  
Secretary: Pat Yannarella  
Treasurer: Steve Conrad  
Board Members: Betty Poole  
Ron Buckley  
Brent Johansen  
Carol Schiffer  
Kathy Meyers