

Boone County Historical Society



March, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Northern Kentucky History Day, BCPL Main Library.
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May 17, 2018: BCBS meeting with guest speaker **Hillary Delaney's** presentation on U.S. Colored Troops in Boone County in Civil War.

Sat., July 7, 2018: **Boone Co. Heritage Day** — vintage autos, antique farm tools, old-time cooking utensils, music, food, in parking lot serving Boone County Admin. Bldg. & BCBS Museum.

July 19, 2018: BCBS "Out and About" location TBA.

Sept. 20, 2018: BCBS meeting with speaker TBA.

Nov. 15, 2018: BCBS meeting with speaker **Ron Buckley** and his extensive archaeological research on **Absolom Graves**.

Fri., Dec. 7: **Christmas Tree Lighting event!**

Historian Thomas Schiffer presents: **General George Catlett Marshall, Jr., American Statesman and Soldier . . .**

*U.S. Army General
U.S. Secretary of State
U.S. Secretary of Defense
Nobel Peace Prize Winner*



**7 pm Thursday,
March 15, 2018**

**Boone County Public
Library, Burlington**



Highly respected historian **Thomas Schiffer** will present this program on one of America's greatest heroes, General George Catlett Marshall, Jr., the developer of the Marshall Plan, the European Recovery Program after the end of WWII, for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953. He was the only career officer in U.S. Army to ever receive this honor.

Thomas Schiffer has conducted exhaustive research on Gen. Marshall's life and legacy. Tom, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a Boone County resident, is also an author, gunsmith, and steamboat captain. He also pursues his interest in photography. Tom serves as Vice President of the Boone County Historical Society, and we are grateful for his love of history as well as his commitment to our organization.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family members to attend this fascinating presentation.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY SCHEDULE

Over the past 25 years, Northern Kentucky History Day has become a touch point for historians, educators, researchers and the interested public to come together to celebrate the vibrant and diverse history of Northern Kentucky. From tragic events to the Civil War to life in our Northern Kentucky communities, Northern Kentucky History Day embraces the essence of Public History: historical research by community members about the community, for the community. BCPL is privileged to have the opportunity to host this year's event.

Mr. Paul Whalen will deliver the Keynote address, "Kentucky U.S. Senators" based on his brand new publication of the same title at 9 a.m.

After the Keynote, visit the **vendor tables** from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. With over 35 local NKY genealogy, history and preservation organizations represented from across the region, there will be something of interest for everyone.

10:30 Presentations:

- * Fit to Drink: History of Water in Covington
- * Unlikely Partners: The Green Line and the Kenton County Airport Board in the Birth and Growth of the Greater Cincinnati Airport
- * A Historical Tour of Pike Street in Covington
- * Boone County Courthouse Project

Noon Presentations:

- * The Trials, Tribulations, and Thrill of Writing the History of François Joseph (Joe) Schlosser (1832-1899)
- * Theaters of Northern Kentucky
- * Newport Military Barracks
- * The Rabbit Hash General Store ReSTOREation Project

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friends of Big Bone: **April 26**– Business meeting at 6pm at Scheben Library, program at 7pm. Speaker will be **Paul Simpson** who caretakes the bison at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site. Topic: **The History and prehistory of the bison herd at Big Bone Lick.** The speaker at the June 28 meeting (location TBA) will be **Jeannine Kreinbrink: Native Americans of the Big Bone Lick Valley.** The audience is encouraged to bring their Native American artifacts for identification by archaeologists.

Behringer-Crawford Museum: Noon Thursday, March 15. Dr. Paul Tenkotte will speak on why Irish immigrants came to NKY and how they contributed to richness and diversity of our region. Lunch/Lecture Noon to 1:30pm in BCM Education Center. Bring brown bag lunch, drinks/desserts furnished. \$3 for BCM members, \$10 for future members. Free parking; reservations — 859/491-4003.

WHEN CAN WE RE-OCCUPY OUR MUSEUM? I posed that question to **Assistant County Administrator Matthew Webster** who replied: "We are ready to move the files out as soon as the county attorney is ready." They were possibly waiting for the weather to be cooperative so the files don't get wet! No problem...we are grateful the County has let us use the little building for a museum, and we look forward to celebrating Heritage Day there.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF ELECTION:

An election was held at our **January 18, 2018 meeting** to elect/re-elect two Board Members whose terms were expiring in January 2018. Both **Betty Poole** and **Brent Johansen** had expressed their willingness to continue as Boone County Historical Society Board Members for another 3-year term. Their re-election was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

WOVEN COTTON THROWS AVAILABLE



BCHS has already sold more than half of the woven cotton throws ordered in December. The throws feature images of Boone County's notable sites. The price is \$45 each; all proceeds are dedicated to the acquisition of more historic markers for Boone County. Our partnership agreement with BCPL precludes us from selling them at the Library (**with the exception of NKY History Day**), or you may contact any BCHS Officer or Board Member to order one — or more!

HISTORIC MARKERS ERECTED BY BOONE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BCHS's signature project has been to erect Historical Highway Markers in Boone County. To date, we have posted nine markers. The tenth one, **John Uri Lloyd/Stringtown on the Pike**, will be erected this spring in Crossroads Point Plaza (corner of Main Street/Dixie/Turfway — site now under construction). The cost of that marker is being shared by the City of Florence.

- 2012: Bullittsburg Baptist Church
- 2012: Hopeful Lutheran Church
- 2013: Anderson Ferry
- 2013: John Hunt Morgan
- 2014: Dinsmore Homestead
- 2014: Craig's Camp/Burlington
- 2015: Lewis Loder/Petersburg Distillery
- 2015: Dr. George Sperti Sperti
- 2017: CCC Camp in Walton

The historic marker commemorating the Civil War's "**Skirmish at Florence**" that had been standing at the southwest corner of U.S. 25/127 since 1962, was destroyed January 1st as the result of a traffic collision. Florence Police advised me that morning that they had moved the damaged parts to the grass nearby. I contacted KY Highway Dept. to rescue the pieces for repairs, after which they advised it was too damaged for the foundry to repair. Ky. Historical Society, legal owner of the markers, is in the process of seeking damages from the at-fault driver.

THE BCHS MUSEUM, TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING RESTORATION

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.

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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.



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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 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.

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Officers and Boardmembers:

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