

Boone County Historical Society



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Mar. 21, 2019: **Ms. Pat Wingo, Florence's Asst. City Coordinator,** is the talented historic preservation planner who has been engaged to create a plan for Historic Main Street. Her experience includes the historic preservation of Newport.

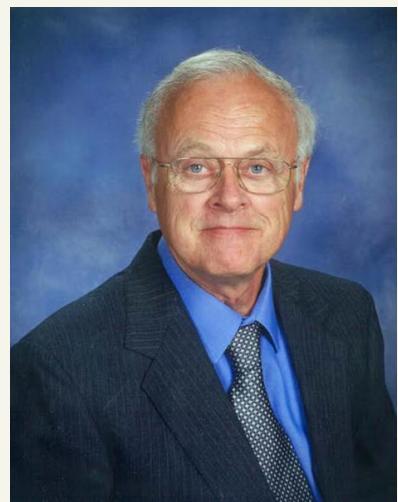
Thursday, May 16, 2019: **UK Extension Agent Michelle Simon** will tell how farming methods in Boone County have changed in the past several decades, and what changes might be coming with the advent of global warming.

Thursday, July 18, 2019: Our annual "Out-and-About" will take place in **Rabbit Hash!** Terrie Markesbery, owner of the General Store, is arranging a program to take place in the barn, and

**Ron Buckley presents "Absalom Graves" 7 pm Thurs., Jan. 17, 2019
Boone Co. Main Library**

Due to the unfortunate timing of an ice storm, our November meeting was cancelled. However, our dear friend Ron Buckley has agreed to present his program at the upcoming meeting. We are so fortunate to benefit from his extensive work in the most inaccessible sites in Boone County.

RON will present the third of his series on the **PIATT FAMILY OF BOONE COUNTY.** The first, presented in January 2014, covered his work on Piatt's Landing, the site of Robert Piatt's home (Duke Energy's complex) along Boone County's shoreline. His second covered his continuing exploration and research on Federal Hall, Robert's brother Jacob Piatt's property near the Judge Cropper Bridge.



This presentation focuses on Absalom Graves, an important Baptist leader in this area, and the first official Clerk of Court in Boone County. The Graves family arrived in Boone in a flat boat in 1797. The site is thought to have been a Civil War outpost for the North.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family members to attend. Please share if you are on Facebook, etc.

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Bobbi Layne Keyser, leader of the Rabbit Hash Historical Society will be on hand, as well.

Thursday, September 19, 2019: **Paul Anderson**, owner of the historic Anderson Ferry in operation since 1817 between Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019: **Jen Warner**, owner of First Farm Inn in Petersburg, will be our speaker. With the help of the 1998 Boone County Bicentennial Book Committee, Jen wrote **Boone County: From Mastodons to the Millennium**.

CHRISTMAS EVENT REPORT

The County's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event was a success again this past December. We greatly appreciate being asked by the County to be a part of this fun-filled event that takes place in the Bruce Ferguson Community Center (the old courthouse). The photo below is of some of the antique dolls that were on display thanks to BCHS members.



HISTORIC MARKER DEDICATION DATE: 3PM SAT., MAY 18

The Historic Marker commemorating Stringtown-on-the-Pike/John Uri Lloyd will be dedicated at 3pm Saturday, May 18, 2019 in the City of Florence's newest park, Crossroads Point Plaza. The location is at the corner of Main Street, Dixie Highway, and Turfway Road. The park's completion was delayed because of the discovery of old gas tanks contaminating the soil — folks of a certain age will remember the gas stations that existed decades ago in that area.



The park, shown here before completion, is now finished, however the turf is still a bit muddy, and winter is rapidly approaching, so we have decided to delay the marker dedication until Spring.

Please mark your 2019 calendar for 3pm Saturday, May 18!

NORTHERN KENTUCKY HISTORY DAY

The annual gathering of history buffs in Northern Kentucky will take place Saturday, March 2, at the newly refurbished Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library system.

Boone County Historical Society will occupy a table and we need some volunteers to staff our location. Please call Betsy at 371-5882 if you can be present to help staff the table.

We will be selecting items from our Museum to display at this event. If you are interested in helping select items and transporting them to (and from) the Erlanger Library that date, please call Betsy at 371-5882.



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Directions: I-71/75 Exit 181 (KY 18 Burlington Pk). Pro-

THE BCHS MUSEUM

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

HISTORIC MARKERS COMMITTEE

We have scheduled a meeting for those interested in discussing possible locations for future historic markers commemorating Boone County's historical locations, events, and individuals. We're excited about continuing this historic marker project initiated by our late County Judge Executive, Bruce Ferguson.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD FROM 1—3 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM (2ND FLOOR) OF THE MAIN BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

If you would be able to serve on this committee, please contact Betsy Conrad at 371-5882 or brconrad@fuse.net.

If you wish to view the data base for all of Kentucky's historic markers, visit this website: <https://history.ky.gov/resources/publications-databases/historical-marker-database/>

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A B O U T T H E B O O N E C O U N T Y H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

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.

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