

Boone County Historical Society



July-August 2025

2025 Meetings & Events

All BCBS meetings at the Boone County Public Library will start at 6:30 pm.

September 18: Paul Tenkotte, Ph.D, will make a presentation about the **ORVILLE** Project.

November 20: Cathy Collopy from the **Dinsmore Homestead** will talk about **Patty Flandrau Selmes**, a child of Boone County, who made her way in the world.

2026 Meetings & Events

No meetings in **January** or **February**.

March 19: **Jim Claypool & Bob Webster** will talk about their new book entitled *A Tradition Reborn*.

April 16: Show and Tell

May 21: **Jessica Whitehead** will talk about her book, *Driftwood*, about the life of **Harlan Hubbard**.

OUT AND ABOUT MEETING AT THE BIG BONE LICK STATE HISTORIC SITE ON JULY 17, AT 6:30 PM.



Our meeting will be held at the picnic shelter located in front of the park, next to the old Methodist church. When you enter the park, turn at the first right and proceed to the parking near the shelter.

Jeannine Kreinbrink will be our speaker (see page 2). Our visit and refreshments will be hosted by the Friends of Big Bone.





Kentucky History and Genealogy Conference

August 8-9, 2025

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The Kentucky History and Genealogy Conference 2025, is taking place on August 8th and 9th, 2025 at Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Public Library.

This conference will bring historians, genealogists, researchers, and enthusiasts to explore the rich history and genealogical heritage of Kentucky.

The Kentucky History and Genealogy Conference is **FREE TO ATTEND**

Registration is required and will begin on June 1, 2025

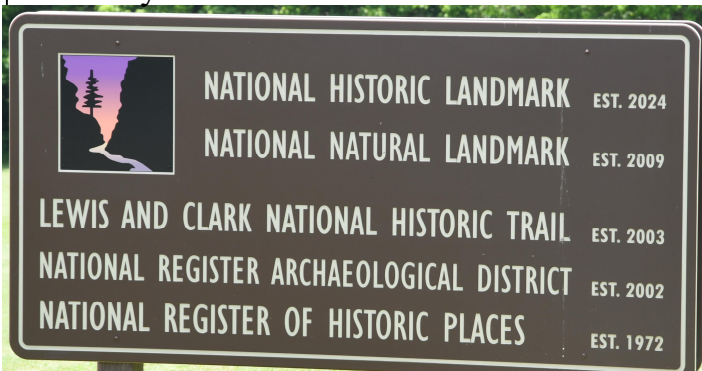
To see a list of the presentations and speakers go to the following web site:

<https://www.kentonlibrary.org/genealogy/historyconference/>

OUT AND ABOUT MEETING AT BIG BONE LICK STATE HISTORIC SITE

Our presenter is Jeannine Krienbrink, MA, RPA, who has worked for many years with support from the Friends of Big Bone to get the National Historic Landmark designation for Big Bone Lick State Historic Site. The Park is one of only 16 properties in the United States to have both National Historic Landmark and National Natural Landmark status!

Kentucky State Parks has created a new sign at the entrance to the park showing the national designations that the park has received over the years.



AMERICA 250! MARKER DEDICATION

The Boone County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate a marker honoring America's 250th anniversary and the Revolutionary War patriots of Boone County. This dedication will be held on September 21 at 2 pm in front of the Historical Society's museum.



OHIO RIVER WAY

The National Park Service and the U. S. Forest Service have announced the creation of five new National Recreation Trails. Among these is the “Ohio River Way.” It is a 308-mile water trail spanning sections of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. The trail stretches from Ashland to West Point, Kentucky.

The Ohio River Way was born on a starry evening in 2019. During an overnight paddle from Cincinnati to Louisville, the volunteer crew of a 30-foot voyageur canoe started to splash around the idea of linking up sites along this stretch of river.

This route connects Appalachian wilderness to small river towns and dynamic metropolitan centers. Beyond its natural beauty, the trail is steeped in cultural heritage—from Lewis and Clark's expedition to the Underground Railroad, and the flatboats and steamboats that helped shape the region.



THE BCHS MUSEUM

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). Proceed westbound 4.6 miles, turn right at the first traffic signal (Bullittsville-

Burlington Road aka Garrard St.) and then 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.

The museum will be open on the third Thursday each month 10—

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Gaines Tavern History Center** will host an event celebrating **Daniel Boone: Life and Legend** on **Sunday, July 13** from **2:00 to 4:00 pm**.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host **Pioneer Camp to the Past** for ages **K-5th Grade** from **July 14—18**. Contact **Dinsmore Homestead** at **859-586-6117** for reservation.

The **City of Florence** will host an **Art Festival, Vendor Market & Car Show** at the **Bell Park** at **Main and Shelby Streets** on **Saturday, August 2**.

The **Gaines Tavern History Center** will host **A Historic Doll Show, From Barbie to Porcelain** on **Sunday, August 10** from **2:00 to 4:00 pm**.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will present the program, **Bison Herd of Big Bone Lick**, by **Claire Kolkmeier, Bison Manager**, on **Thursday, August 21** at **6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **City of Florence** will host a **Community Miniature Golf Tournament and concert** at the **World of Golf** on **Saturday, August 30**. Contact **City of Florence** at **859-647-5491**.



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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 6:30pm on the third Thursday evenings of March, April, 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 will be hosting 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 March. 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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