

Boone County Historical Society



May-June 2023

2023 MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Saturday, May 20, 2023:
Community Activities Fair
from 9:00—1:00 at the
Boone County Farmers Market.

Thursday, July 20, 2023:
Annual Out & About at Dinsmore Homestead.
Cathy Collopy will talk about the Dinsmore family.

Thursday, September 21 2023: **Ron Buckley will present Crisler Mill.**

Thursday, November 16, 2023: **Tracy Howerton will talk about Dr. B. F. Stevenson's life and his service as a Civil War surgeon.**

KARL LIETZENMAYER WILL TALK ABOUT GENERAL LAFAYETTE'S TOUR OF KENTUCKY IN 1824 AT 6:30 ON MAY 18.



Ary Scheffer painting of Lafayette at age 64.

The painting hangs in the US Capitol.

No foreign visitor ever caused so much excitement as General Lafayette when he arrived in 1824 for a farewell visit at age 67. He visited every state (22) and the Kentucky Legislature appropriated thousands of dollars to make his visit memorable. Lietzenmayer will also debunk some urban legends that have appeared concerning this visit. Copies of the article in Northern Ky. Heritage, on which this presentation is based, will be available. Also copies of Robert Webster's new book 'A Short History of Northern Kentucky' will be available.

CAPTAIN DON SANDERS PRESENTATION DELAYED

Due to a recent diagnosed health issue and scheduled surgery, Don Sanders has cancelled his presentation for our May 18th meeting. We have asked him to come and make his presentation at a future meeting when he is ready.

Captain Sanders has spent most of his adult career as a river boat captain including on the Delta Queen riverboat. He is a great storyteller and has written a number of articles about his riverboat experiences in the Northern Kentucky Tribune.

We wish him well and a successful surgery and recovery.

A SPRING TEA AT GAINES TAVERN

The city of Walton is planning a spring tea at the Gaines Tavern on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 and may be purchased at the Walton City building, 40 North Main Street, between 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday—Friday.

ABOUT KARL LIETZENMAYER

Karl's working career included being a teacher and a chemist. He was also the music director at Mother of God Church in Covington.

After joining the Kenton County Historical Society, he began a regional magazine *Northern Kentucky Heritage* which has been published twice each year since 1992.

In 2017, he was awarded the annual "Two-headed Calf" award given of contributions to Kentucky history by the Behringer-Crawford Museum, Covington. In 2018, he was awarded a "Lifetime Achievement" award by the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Friends of Big Bone** are hosting the **Lewis & Clarke Ranger Badge Day** at the Museum Center at Big Bone Lick on **Saturday, May 20, 11am-2pm.**

Community Activities Fair will be held at the Farmers' Market **9am-1pm, Saturday, May 20.** Our **Boone County Historical Society** will again participate in this annual event.

Dinsmore Homestead is planning *Pioneer to the Past Day Camp* for children, from **June 19 to June 23** Call Cathy Collopy at 859-586-6117 for reservations. Dinsmore Homestead is a historic house museum. The property contains a house completed in 1842 and several outbuildings; located at 5656 Burlington Pike, 6.5 miles west of Burlington, Kentucky.

The **Boone County Cemetery Workshop** is being held at the **Big Bone Baptist Church** on **Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm.** This workshop is for people who are interested in preserving their family or local historical cemeteries. A \$25.00 fee will cover lunch and supplies. To register for this event, contact the **Boone County Public Library** or register online at bcpl.org. The church is located at 11036 Big Bone Church Road in Union, Ky.

The **Friends of Big Bone** are hosting *Discovery Days* at the **Big Bone Lick State Historic Site** on **June 10th from 11:00 am—2:00 pm.**

At the **Friends of Big Bone** meeting, on **June 22 at 6:30 p.m.** at The Scheben library, Dave Hauber will present **The Elephants of North America**, Shovel-Tuskers, Gomphotheres and Mammoths.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND PROGRAM

The city of Florence is having their Memorial Day Parade and program on Monday, May 29th starting at 10:00 am. The parade will start at Boone County High School and continue on Burlington Pike (Ky 18) to Ewing Boulevard and end at the Florence City building where a Memorial Day program will commence at 11:00 at the Veterans Memorial.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN TOUR

The Boone County Garden Club will be hosting *Your Neighborhood Garden Tour* on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 11:00 am—4:00 pm. Tickets for \$15.00 may be purchased the day of the tour at: 12253 Gaines Way, Walton, KY and 1611 Creekview Drive, Florence, KY or in advance from a Garden Club member.

9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit

The Tunnel to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit will be at the Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, Kentucky from May 6 to May 14.

This exhibit has traveled the country educating Americans about what happened on September 11, 2001. Tours are conducted by retired New York City Firefighters who responded on September 11, 2001. They share their stories of what happened that day and the days after, bringing history to life for those who were born after September 11th or are too young to remember it.

The 83-foot tractor-trailer transforms into a 1,100 square foot exhibit which features World Trade Center Steel, aluminum façade from the building, radio transmissions from first responders, and items found in the rubble after the Twin Towers collapsed.

The exhibit will be open to the public May 6—14. 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., except May 12, when hours are 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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 west-bound 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 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 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 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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