

# Boone County Historical Society



September-October 2025

## 2025 Meetings & Events

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

**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**.

**July 16:** Meeting **TBD**.

**DR. PAUL A. TENKOTTE, PHD. WILL TALK ABOUT THE ORVILLE PROJECT AT OUR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18.**



The Ohio River Valley Innovation Library and Learning Engagement (ORVILLE) is a volunteer-driven initiative dedicated to collecting, digitizing, and publishing the stories of innovation from across the Ohio River region. In

collaboration with the Kenton County Public Library and educational partners, ORVILLE helps ensure universal access to research and resources documenting the region's vital role in American history.

Paul A. Tenkotte, PhD is Professor of History at Northern Kentucky University. He has published 19 books, authored chapters and essays for 13 additional books, and written/edited more than 600 articles and book reviews for a wide range of publications. In addition, he has participated in 23 television documentaries, including his 2018 national PBS debut, *Ten That Changed America: Engineering Marvels*. Tenkotte is editor of the weekly "Our Rich History" column in the *NKyTribune*. Currently, he is co-directing a non-profit regional initiative of the Kenton County Public library (KY) entitled ORVILLE (Ohio River Valley Innovation Library and Learning Engagement): <https://orvillelearning.org/>. He also serves as Chair of the History and Heritage Committee of Ohio River Way: <https://www.ohioriverway.org/>.

## OUT AND ABOUT AT BIG BONE LICK

Our out and about meeting was held under the shelter in front of the park on Thursday, July 17. Because of the threat of storms, we had low attendance. But, the storms missed us and we had no rain or storms during the meeting.

Jeannine Kreinbrink presented a wonderful program about the significance of Big Bone Lick State Historical Site to this country and the world. She pointed out the work that was necessary to achieve the national designations that this park has received over the years. This includes the latest designation of *National Historic Landmark*.

## MUSEUM OPEN

In addition to having our museum open once a month, we will be open for the County Garage Sale. It will be held on Saturday, October 4th between 8:00 and 1:00 pm at the parking lot behind the Boone County Administration building.

[Volunteers are needed to open the museum.](#)

## IN SYMPATHY.....

Michael "Spike" Delaney died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness on July 22nd. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 27 years, Hillary, and his children, Sophie and Colin. He made his living as a skilled carpenter and professional remodeler both in VA & KY, and took great pride in his work and craftsmanship. Mike was taken too soon and will be dearly missed & fondly remembered.

## The Boone County Chapter of the

## Daughters of the American Revolution

Invites you to a special dedication ceremony in honor of America's 250th anniversary and the Revolutionary War patriots who helped shape the history of Boone County, Ky.

September 21, 2025

2:00 pm—Outdoor Dedication

Boone County Historical Society Museum

2950 Washington St, Burlington, KY



Boone County Celebrates America's 250th will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Events will begin at 4pm and end around 10pm. There will be something for everyone! The event will be free. We will have a grand opening ceremony, music, food, vendors (with products that have a local or patriotic theme), community booths and a kids area with face painting, balloons and inflatables. The evening will end with a patriotic fireworks display.

### **Bunco Bash Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 27, 2025 From 1:00 to 5:00

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

1440 Boone Aire Road, Florence. Ky

Tickets \$15 Pre-Pay or \$18 At the Door

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **City of Walton** will celebrate **Old Fashioned Days** on **Saturday, September 6**. It will start with a **parade** at **11:00 am** and continue all day until **10:00 p.m.**

The **Gaines Tavern History Center** will celebrate the timeless works of **Jane Austen** and will discover the **history of Walton** through historic photos on **Sunday, September 14th** from **2:00—4:00 p.m.**

The **City of Florence** will host an **Arbor Day Celebration** at the **Florence Government Center** on **Saturday, September 20** from **10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will present the program **Fossils of NKY/Cincinnati Area** by **Cameron Schwalbach, Paleontologist** at **Cincinnati Museum Center** on **Thursday, September 25** at **6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **Gaines Tavern History Center** will celebrate **Fall at the Gaines House**. This will be a craft fair with music and pumpkin painting on **Sunday, October 12th** from **2:00—4:00 p.m.**

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host an event entitled **Beyond the Veil, A journey into 19th century Pseudo Science** on **October 17 and 18** between **7:00—9:00 pm**. **Reservations are recommended**. Call **Dinsmore Homestead** at **859-586-6117**.

The **Big Bone Lick State Historic Site** and the **Friends of Big Bone** will host the **Salt Festival** on **Friday, October 17** through **Sunday, October 19**.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will present the program **Kentucky: Hunting Grounds or Home Base for Native Americans** by **Jeannine Kreinbrink, Archaeologist** on **Thursday, October 23** at **6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **City of Florence** will host **Halloween Night Out** at the **Thomas More Stadium** on **Tuesday evening, October 28**. Bring the children for an entertaining evening of **Tricks and Treats** with the **City Staff**.

### 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—



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

# BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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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