

# Boone County Historical Society



May-June 2026

## 2026 Meetings & Events

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

**June 20:** Boone County celebrates **America 250** at the Boone County Fair Grounds.

**July 16:** **Out & About** Meeting at the Jonathan Carlton House in Petersburg.

**September 17:** **Joleen Miranda** will present **The History of Ohio River Showboats**.

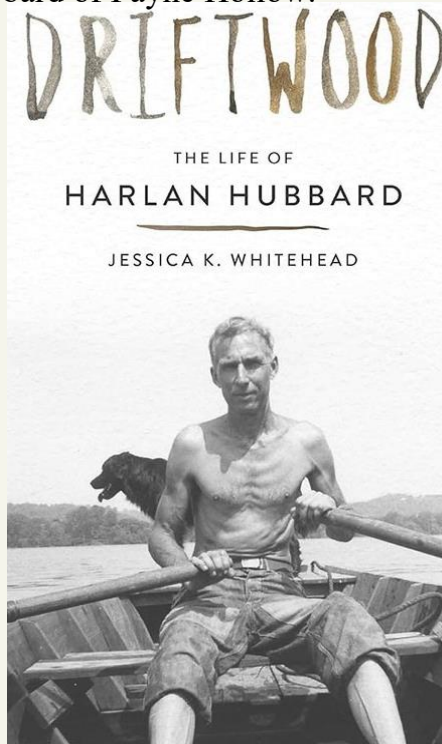
**November 19:** **Honorable Judge Anthony Frohlich** will talk about his book on **Revolutionary War Patriots**

**No meetings January & February 2027**

**March 18, 2027:** **Dale Mason** will talk about his book and the significance of the **George Washington Bible**.

## **JESSICA WHITEHEAD WILL TALK ABOUT HER BOOK, *DRIFTWOOD*, ON THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT 6:30 PM.**

In this comprehensive biography, Jessica K. Whitehead reveals why Harlan Hubbard is beloved by his fellow Kentuckians and has been an inspiration to generations of readers interested in art, adventure, and environmentalism. *Driftwood* delves into Hubbard's family background, education, and relationships, and into his theories on art, writing, music, and philosophy. Using his journals, letters, paintings, manuscripts, and sketches, Whitehead pieces together the distinct phases of Hubbard's life, providing new insights into his character and legacy. By examining his perspectives on creativity and responsible living, Whitehead connects the early Hubbard, who grappled with his identity and yearned for travel, with the confident and intentional Hubbard of Payne Hollow.



### **About...**

#### **Jessica K. Whitehead**

She is Senior Curator of Collections, at the Kentucky Derby Museum. A board member of the Kentucky Museums & Heritage Alliance, she is an Independent Writer, Curator, and Artist.

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL  
HISTORY DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 16  
KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ERLANGER BRANCH**

This event is free to attend and open to the public. Registration required. You can register online at: <https://www.kentonlibrary.org/blogs/post/northern-kentucky-history-day-2026-america250-celebration/> or you can register at the door.

*Schedule*

**8:00—9:00 am** Registration is open. Vendor hall is open.

*All presentations take place in the Anne Bronte Meeting Room.*

**9:00—10:15 am** Dr. Cynthia Williams Resor—  
**Mourning in Kentucky in the 1800s**

**10:30—11:30 am** Hon. Anthony W. Frohlich—  
**Revolutionary War Soldiers of Boone County, Kentucky**

**11:30—12:30—Lunch Break**

**12:30—1:30 pm** Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Ph.D—  
**Germans in the Revolution**

**1:45 PM – Presentation - Kenton County Historical Society High School Essay Contest Winners, immediately followed by Sons of the American Revolution: Simon Kenton Chapter – Flag Folding Ceremony and Musket Salute**

**AMERICA'S 250TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

Boone County will celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country on Saturday, June 20 from 4—10 pm at the Boone County Fair Grounds. This free family event will include music, food, community booths, vendors, a fishing derby, kids activities and a fireworks display at 10:00 pm to cap off the day.

Our society is planning to have a booth at this event and we are planning to give away souvenirs and candy throughout the day. So we will need to have two volunteers to man the booth from 4—10 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting for people to register for two hour intervals.

**LAST MONTH'S MEETING  
SHOW AND TELL**

Our April meeting was a great success. Instead of having a presenter with a program, nine members brought in items to show to the members. We had old family quilts and spreads, an English Top Hat, an ancient wood plane that made trim moldings, restoration pictures from an early 1800s house that was restored, Cynthia Schuster's third great grand-mother's dress, savings passbooks from banks that no longer exist, and a collection of older police and fire department patches.

## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Our Board of Directors proposed at our last board meeting to increase the number of board members from four to six. Since our organization is a 501(c)(3), we must operate under the dictates of our By-Laws.

The By Laws state in “**Article Four, Section 1:** The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary each of whom shall be elected for terms of three years, and **four** directors, each of whom shall be elected for terms of three years.” We propose to change “**four directors**” to “**four to six directors.**”

Since **Article Nine** states that “These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Boone County Historical Society by three-fourths vote of those voting”.

Therefore, during the business portion of our May 21st meeting, we would like to put the above proposed change in the By-Laws to a vote.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The **Friends of Big Bone and Big Bone Lick SHS** will host the **Lewis & Clark Junior Ranger Badge Day** on **May 16** from **11—2**.

The **Florence Aquatic Center Opening Day Kickoff Event** will occur on **Saturday May 23** for the official start to summer.

The **City of Walton** will have their **Memorial Day Parade and 5k Run** on **Monday May 25** between **8:00 am and 3:00 pm**.

The **City of Florence** will host a **Memorial Day Parade and program** at the **Boone County Veterans Memorial** on **Monday May 25** from **10:00—noon**.

The **Friends of Big Bone** will host a program entitled **Ice Age Pleistocene Fauna** by **Sonny Hall** on **Thursday, May 28** at **6:00 pm** at the **Scheben Library**.

The **Friends of Big Bone and Big Bone Lick SHS** will host **Discovery Days** on **June 13** from **11—2**.

The **Dinsmore Homestead** will host a summer Camp entitled **Pioneer to the Past** during the week of **June 15—19**. For reservations call **Dinsmore** at **859-586-6117**.

The **City of Walton** will host **Community Day at Owens Lake** on **Saturday June 27**.

## 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.) 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—1.



Artwork by Pattie Purnell

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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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Officers and Board members:

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