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BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer, 2016

JUNE, 2016

BCHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jun 11, 2016, 1:30 pm

BCHS Summer Quarterly Meeting at the Bland Public Library. Program: "Show and Tell", Items of Family and Historical Interest presented by members of BCHS.

June 1-July 15, 2016

Accepting digital photographs for the 2017 BCHS 2017 Events of Bland County Calendar.

July 15 -Aug 15, 2016 Voting for the 2017 Events of Bland County Calendar Contest.

Sept, 2016, 1:30 pm (Date TBD)

Fall Quarterly Meeting of BCHS at the Bland Library. Dr. Ann Beardshall will be previewing her new book on **August Wesendonck**.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 18-25, 2016

Wytheville Chautauqua Festival

August 24-27, 2016

Bland County Fair

September 17, 2016

20th Anniversary Celebration of the Wolf Creek Indian Village

October 1, 2016

Bland Lord's Acre Sale

October 7-8, 2016

Festival of Leaves, Bland Fairgrounds

President's Message

Once again we have opened our office in the old Jail on the first Friday in April and will stay open on Fridays until the week before Christmas. We hope you will have the opportunity to come visit us during this time.

Ann Beardshall has organized our membership drive and we are still receiving renewals each week. I hope if you have not sent **YOUR** membership in, you will make a point of doing it now!!! It is so important that you support the organization and one very important way you can do this is by just being a member. However, we would also love to have you come volunteer. There are a lot of different things to be done. I am sure we could use your talents in some way.

June 11th is our next scheduled membership meeting. It will be held in the Bland County Library. Instead of a speaker, it was decided to have a "Show and Tell". Please bring an item from your family and tell the story behind it. Or maybe you have something and you have no idea what it is, bring it and maybe some of the other members can identify it for you. This should be an interesting afternoon and hopefully we will all learn something.

Our March meeting was held on the 12th of the month at the Bland County Library. Becky Johnson, Clerk of the Court, was our guest speaker. She invited everyone to come to her office where she gave an informative presentation on how to research deeds, wills, and military records. It was a very "hands on" learning situation and everyone there received a lot of good information. After the meeting, Louise Aliff opened the gift shop for those that were interested.

We have several activities going at this time. Ann Hardy Beardshall continues to answer requests concerning family histories. She and Kathryn Cooper have added many obituaries to our collection this winter. These, of course, are available to the public as a tool in family research. Pat Turner is working on our new 2016 ornament. We hope to have it ready for sale by the Fall Festival. The deadline for submitting pictures for the 2017 BCHS Calendar is fast approaching. So please, be getting us your pictures that depict "Events in Bland County" as soon as you can. The deadline for photo submission is July 15th. The pictures will be displayed in the jail for several weeks. We ask that YOU come and vote for your favorites. The calendar will be ready for sale at the festival.

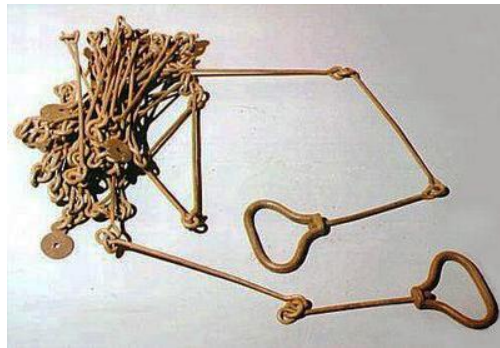
I wish each of you a wonderful, fun and safe summer. Come by the old jail and see for yourself what the BCHS is all about.

Molly P. Thompson

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Summer Quarterly Meeting – June 11, 2016 1:30 pm @ Bland Library

Program: Show and Tell - Family and Historical Finds



Do you know what this is? BCHS has one. Find out at our Summer Quarterly Meeting.

Our June Membership meeting is designed to be both a fun and learning experience. We are inviting all of you to bring an item from your family to share its uniqueness or its meaning to you or your family. We are thinking of this being a grown up version of show and tell. We hope to see some interesting pieces of history. There may even be some “mystery items” that you have and don’t know their purpose. Please come and share your piece of history.

Light refreshments will be served. **Please join us for this interesting meeting.**

Fall Quarterly Meeting Preview, September, 2016



August Wesendonck

Ann Hardy Beardshall will be presenting a framed portrait of August Wesendonck to BCHS along with a preview of her new book, the 4th Historical Glimpse of Bland County:

*August Wesendonck
(1819-1870)*

from

Elberfeld, Prussia to Nobusiness, Virginia

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Donations to Bland County Historical Society in 2016

Through the generosity of our members and other supporters, we acknowledge the donations to the Bland County Historical Society during the current year:

Memorial Donations
(Total Amount Raised = \$485.00)

DONOR	IN MEMORY OF
Steven Pauley	Charles G. Pauley
Sara Clement	Sara Cassell
Leyburn Presbyterian Church	Nancy Tate
David and Janet Miller	Nancy Tate
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Daniel W. Bird, Jr.	D. Woodrow Bird
Dan G. and Gerry L. Lambert	McKinley Lambert
Vincent and Joanne Groseclose	Claude and Josephine Stowers
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General Use Donations
(Total Amount Raised = \$401.00)

Randy Newberry	Jacqueline Cahoon	Cathy Corte Payne	Sarah St. Clair Peery
Brenda K. Mosrie	Jimbo Muncy	Martha and Ned Umberger	Gail E. Shrader
Shannon Compton	William and Mary K. Stafford		

Report on Membership Drive for 2016

We are happy to report that many of you continue to support our Society through your membership. Our membership currently consists of:

Type of Membership	Number
Honorary Lifetime Members	2
Lifetime Members	60
Couple Members	20
Individual Members	37
Student Members	4

**Zareda Shufflebarger Earnest/Nancy Clark Tate BCHS Scholarship Awarded
to
Lakyn Patterson, Bland High School Senior, Class of 2016**

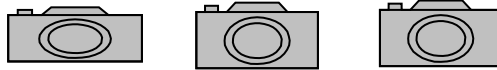


Sue Ellen Tate, BCHS Board Member, awards Earnest/Tate BCHS Scholarship to 1st Recipient, Lakyn Patterson

The Historical Society is very happy to report that Lakyn Patterson is the first recipient of the Nancy Clark Tate and Zareda Shufflebarger Earnest Memorial Scholarship. She received this \$500 Scholarship at the Bland County High School Awards Night on May 20, 2016. We received an outpouring of gifts from many of you in the community who knew these fine ladies and wanted to support this scholarship. Altogether, we received \$2,900 for the scholarship so far, and we are still accepting donations. This will assure that we will be able to continue this scholarship into the future. *A hearty thank you to all contributors.*

**Zareda Shufflebarger Earnest/Nancy Clark Tate Scholarship Fund Donations
(Total Amount Raised = \$2,900.00)**

Sue Ellen and Jack Tate	Mark and Judy Roy	Bill and Mary Stafford	Doris and James Sink
Beulah Newberry	Leverett L. Trump	Brenda K. Mosrie	Donna Sue Hall Collins
Ann and Elmer Beardshall	Ned and Martha Umberger	Dorothy Tate	David and Janet Miller
Alma Shufflebarger	Judith Bird Wolcott	Denise Romano	George Allen, Jr.
Bob and Betty K. Munsey	Barbara Laban	Jimmy/Vickie Tate Hal/Brenda Tate	Billy Jean Carty
Gaynel K. Andrusko	Jerry and Molly Thompson	Jerry and Winifred Updyke	Jesse and Donna Cowand
Cathy Strock	Louise Aliff	Bastian Union Church	Judith A. Barron



2017 BCHS Calendar Contest - Theme: Events in Bland County

We are currently accepting photographs for our 2017 BCHS Calendar with the theme, Events in Bland County. The rules for photographs and submission are:

- Photographs should be of events occurring in Bland County. They must be recognizable as located in Bland County. Examples: Bland County Fair, Festival of Leaves, Horse Pulls, Church Dinners, Entertainment
- Since this is a historical calendar, please try to write a short description of the Bland County Event. We will try to include more historical background of the event in our 2016 calendar.
- The photographs must have been taken during the past five years (2012-2016).
- This year we will only be accepting digital images. No prints, please. Send to info@blandcountyhistsoc.org
- We request that you submit pictures as they were taken. No “photoshoping,” no filters or other enhancements.
- We began accepting pictures on or after March 1, 2016. No pictures accepted after July 15, 2016.
- Voting will take place from July 16 – August 15, 2016. The Calendars will be ready for the Festival of Leaves in Oct.

Two Ongoing Projects of the Bland County Historical Society

Obituary Project: The Bland County Historical Society continues to add to its obituary collection. At this time there are 4,896 obituaries available in alphabetized notebooks in our Bogle Library. Obituaries represent an invaluable genealogy tool by providing the following information in most cases: date of birth, date of death, parents of the deceased, relatives of the deceased, and place of burial. We provide an index on our website to our obituary holdings. The index may be viewed at <http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/Obits/rptObits160425.pdf>

Interested parties may request a copy of the obituary itself by sending us a message at info@blandcountyhistsoc.org or by calling 276-688-0088. We do not charge for the copying and mailing these obituaries, but do appreciate any donation you may wish to make to the Historical Society for providing this service.

Much credit is due to the following individuals for creating our obituary collection:

- Collecting the Obituaries: Eleanor King Newberry (deceased), Parke Coleman Bogle (deceased), Barbara Laban
- Entering the Obituaries into BCHS Obituary Index: Kathryn Cooper and Brenda W. King
- Creating the Obituary Notebooks: Virginia Gills, Barbara Kemp, and Kathryn Cooper

Photograph Project: We are just beginning to preserve and catalog our many photographs. Many of these photographs that have been given to us are unidentified. At the present time, we have a display of the photographs of unknown persons, places or events. They are numbered on the display and you can help us by recording on a nearby sheet the identify of these people, places or events. Please come by the Bland County Historical on Fridays between 9 and 4 and see if you can help us identify our photographs.

2016 REUNION CORNER

Former Bland County High School Students Reunion for students from Bland County during the 1950s - 1980s on **July 16, 2016** beginning 11am -12 noon at the Bastian Union Church Pavilion. Bring a covered dish. Contact Bob Colley at 276-688-3355 for more information.

PENLEY REUNION for the descendants of George Washington Penley and Adaline Robinett Penley to be held on **July 16, 2016** at Sam Hardy's Little River House in Floyd. Please call Ann Hardy Beardshall (276-228-5991) for directions and more information.

HUBBLE REUNION will be held on July 31, 2016 at noon at the Nebo Community Center.

TATE REUNION for the descendants of Fred Tate, Sr will be held on **August 6, 2016** at 1pm at the Bland Presbyterian/Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Bland. Bring a covered dish. Contact Sue Ellen Tate for more information.

GOINS REUNION for the descendants of Victor and Glada Goins is scheduled for **September 4, 2016** at 2pm with meal at 3pm at the Bland Presbyterian/ Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Main Street in Bland. Bring a covered dish. Please call John Goins or Sharon Goins Wolfe for more information.

CATRON REUNION will be held on **September 4, 2016** at noon at the Nebo Community Center.

Note: If your family or class is having a reunion in 2016, please send us an email at info@blandcountyhistsoc.org and we will put it on our Reunion Corner of the BCHS website.

ITEMS FOR SALE AT BCHS

Don't forget to look on our website: www.blandcountyhistsoc.org for many items of interest that we have for sale either at the Gift Shop or by ordering online.

To view items for sale at the Bland County Historical Society:
<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/Store/SaleMain.html>

Categories of items include:

- **Afghan**
- **Prints of the Bland County Afghan, Bland County Communities (Bastian, Ceres, Mechanicsburg, Rocky Gap and Bland) by Sharon Puckett; Downtown Bland in 1940s by Randy Newberry.**
- **Books**
- **Cookbooks**
- **Calendars**
- **Hats**
- **Notecards**
- **Marble Courthouse**

There is an order form on the website that you may use to order items by mail.
<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/Store/OrdForm.html>