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In the Montminy Gallery

A NEW EXHIBIT AND A TRANSITION IN LEADERSHIP

From Kate Gray, M.F.A., Montminy Gallery Director and Curator

The current gallery exhibit, *The Mid-Missouri Arts Alliance Winter Show*, opened in mid-November with a 70 guests on hand for the opening reception. The gallery and the Mid-Missouri Arts Alliance (MMAA) - an organization of approximately 25 southern Boone County artists - is looking forward to a long-lasting relationship. Their Winter Show will remain installed until the end of January 2020.

On a personal note, I have chosen to step away from my position as director and curator of the Montminy, effective January 1, 2020, so that I can spend more time on my artwork and at my position as a graphic designer with the Independent Stave Company. It has been an honor to serve as the Montminy Gallery Director and Curator for the past two years. I am thankful to have had the opportunity of continuing Tracy Montminy's legacy of providing artists with a professional exhibition space to show, promote and sell their creative work. Personally, this wonderful experience has provided me with the professional opportunity to grow as a leader, designer and artist - I am very thankful.

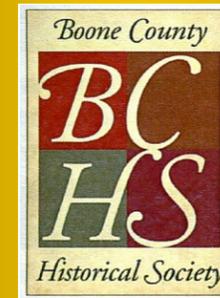
It has been a joy to meet and work with the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Boone County History and Culture Center. I am also fortunate to have met and work with great artists.

I feel fortunate to know that the gallery will be in very good hands with Joy Wilson as the new incoming director. As an artist and previous gallery director, Joy has a clear vision for the Montminy. Her previous experiences will enable her to assist artists in their development and growth. Joy also has great ideas to bring our community together to experience, discuss, learn and purchase great art. Thank you again for your support and happy creating!

From Joy Wilson, Assistant Montminy Gallery Director

On December 5, at the BCHS Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Reception, I was honored to be introduced by Chris Campbell as the next Montminy Gallery Director & Curator, effective January 2020. I was privileged to be able to work with Kate Gray over these past six months and I look forward to her help and advice in the future. In the meantime, I am thrilled to share with you a first-time announcement of the 2020 exhibits schedule. The year will start off with a group show of MU art department faculty including Catherine Armbrust, Anna Wehrwein, Pazia Manella and more. I am very excited that Catherine will co-curate the show with me. Nationally exhibited Columbia artist Sarah Ngyuen and husband, University of Missouri English department endowed chair, Phong Ngyuen have signed on for a summer exhibit of their collaborative work. Additionally, I am reaching out and receiving several proposals for the 2021 exhibit year. Many more exciting gallery announcements are to come as the gallery transitions into the new year.

I have also been approached by BCHS members inquiring about the possibility in the future of a BCHS member pop-up show. In order to gauge the interest level of the members we're asking all members who would be interested to email gallerydirector@boonehistory.org. Thank you, again. I am very excited to be taking on this new role with the Boone County History & Culture Center.



News & Notes



December 2019 ~ BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ~ COLUMBIA, MO

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday, December 16 - 1 p.m.
Acquisitions Committee

Monday, December 16 - 7 p.m.
Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Wednesday, December 18 - 4 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 18 - 7 p.m.
Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting

Thursday, December 19 - 4 p.m.
Endowment Trust Meeting

Saturday, December 21 - 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Author
Marlene Lee (see page 7)

Monday-Thursday December 23-26
The Center is Closed
for Holiday

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
December 27-29**
10 a.m.—5 p.m.
The Center is Open

**Monday-Wednesday
December 30, 31, January 1**
The Center is Closed
for New Years

Views from the Historical Society President

*Bill Powell,
President, Board of Directors*

The view is scintillating from up here. We seem to me to be approaching a sort of summit with the progress over the last few years for the Boone County Historical Society.

I ended last year's message to the members by saying that I hoped 2019 would be even better than 2018, "although that's kind of hard to imagine." Well, we made it so. We've had a tremendous surge in membership. Our profile in the community is now that of one of the top museums, galleries, and entertainment venues in central Missouri. As a charitable organization we are recognized as one of the best around. Our annual Hall of Fame gala has become one of the top social events of the year.

I've had the great good fortune over the past four years as your Vice President, and then President, to have helped reshape our governance, hopefully positioning us for even greater things in the future. Just before becoming President I chaired a committee to revamp our bylaws and did the drafting.

My efforts as President primarily have been presiding over a delightful group of Directors on your Board and working with our many committees of volunteers, nudging them along. All these people are deeply committed to helping our organization thrive, and their multifaceted contributions as volunteers cannot be overstated or appreciated enough. I'm talking about all of you.

Executive Director Chris Campbell and all of our staff are equally remarkable. Volunteer organizations like ours thrive best when they have paid staff on the job seeing to operations and taking action in pursuit of our mission.

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Top photo: Joy Wilson, Assistant Montminy Gallery Director, shares exciting plans for the gallery at the annual meeting. In January Wilson will take over as director.



President Bill Powell soaring above Mount Shavano, Co. on July 16, 2019.

What's Happening at the History & Culture Center?

By Chris Campbell,
Executive Director

• **BCHS has received \$13,500** in grant funding from the Boone County Community Trust. The monies were requested to pay for the replacement of three 30-year-old HVAC units. The first investment will be made in replacing a furnace-only unit in the basement to provide additional and much-improved climate control for our textiles, toys and doll collections. The work will also include air conditioning and large-capacity industrial dehumidifiers for the basement's maintenance and storage area. Peters Heating & Air Conditioning has been contracted for the project and the work should be finished by the time this newsletter has reached your mailbox or inbox. Peters has been a longtime friend to this organization and the discounts they provide to us reflect their devotion to BCHS.

• The society's **endowment trust funds** now reside at Commerce Trust. That transition occurred during the first week of November. Our trust funds had been with Central Trust for twenty years. The society's Trust Board selected Commerce Trust over several other area trust firms they solicited with a 'request for proposal'. Four trust firms responded, and after five months of re-

search, the BCHS Trust board chose Commerce Trust in Columbia. Commerce Trust will provide savings in fees and new ideas for educating our supporters about the opportunities available in estate planning for the Boone County Historical Society.



BCHS president Bill Powell watches from the podium as Chris Campbell, right, shares highlights with the crowd at the 2019 annual meeting. The holiday gathering was the last that Powell will preside over as BCHS president.

• The annual **holiday card and end-of-year donation appeal** was mailed recently to membership and donors, and we ask for your kind consideration in supporting our work as this decade closes out. With the support of our generous members and donors, we hope to produce a fantastic decade of progress and growth for you – our constituents – in the 2020s.

• **The 2019 Annual Report** was introduced at the December 5 Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Reception. It will soon be available in a .pdf on our website. Members who wish for a hardcopy of the report may pick one up at the Center during open hours.

• Our fall 2019 intern, **Madeline Clarke**, has been hired to be a part-time Administrative Services Coordinator for the Society and Center. She begins the first week of January and will report to Administrative Services Manager, Mary Ellen Lohmann.

• **CoMoGives** runs through December 31! Please consider an online gift to the Boone County History & Culture Center and brag about us to your friends and tell them to do the same! Thank you!

Total Money Raised

\$189530.03

Total Orgs:

138

Total Gifts:

1872

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Meet the Author



WHAT'S NEXT FOR MARLENE LEE?

Renowned local author to discuss next book

Historical novelist and mystery writer, Marlene Lee, will discuss the common themes found in her several books, and speak to what her novel-in-progress is all about.



Lee has appeared in the *Meet the Author* series twice before over the last six years, and is highly respected by other area authors for her writing talent. She will be speaking about her next project and taking questions about the writing process. Here is a review of her work from a national publisher... "Marlene Lee, whose first novel, *The Absent Woman*, was published in 2013 when she was 74 years old, is an un-



discovered literary gem, with a unique style and perspective; her work is full of subtle insights and unexpected poetry. She has been overlooked for far too long." **Robert Peett, Holland House Books**

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Thank you to November author Carli Conklin for enlightening us with this stories behind the *A Pursuit of Happiness in the Founding Era – An Intellectual History!*

Admission and coffee are FREE! Harold's Doughnuts are available for purchase after 10 a.m., presentation starts at 10:30 a.m.

NEW BOOK IN THE MUSEUM STORE - Wallace H. Graham, *The Man Who Became President Truman's Physician*

This just-released book, an auto-biography by Wallace H. Graham, was brought to our History & Culture Center museum store by Columbian, Heather Graham Foote. Heather and her husband Dr. Jerry Foote, are members of BCHS, and it happens that Heather is Wallace Graham's daughter. The late Graham - who passed in 1996 - shares incredible experiences about his duties during WWII and then being chosen by Missourian Harry Truman in 1945 to be the President's White House physician. Major General Graham was highly decorated and led a remarkable life. A hardback copy is available for \$35 and a softback for \$20. Members receive a 10% discount.



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Chris Campbell

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Kate Gray

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Rebecca Grant

Property Manager
Ryan Noffke

Views from the President: Continued from Page 1

To have staff as strongly committed to our work and as thoughtful and creative as each of ours is contributes greatly to our success.

Thanks to our relatively good overall financial picture at year's end (although of course significant challenges remain) and your board's determination to do what we are able to do to recognize and reward the dedication of our staff, we have approved establishing a retirement plan benefit for them, effective January 1, 2020, to which, if they choose to participate, both they and we will contribute.

This year, in my role pushing an updated governance model, I've focused upon creating better historical records for our own decisions, functions, and achievements. We have more - and somewhat better organized - written records now of the activities of our many committees, and have made a start on compiling a volunteerism handbook.

When completed it will detail the various volunteer roles available to our members and outline duties and knowledge needed for each, from Board President and other officers, through Directors, Trustees, committee chairs, and other specific functions of keeping our operation run-

ning. I hope this work continues over the next couple of years and results in a completed handbook. In the meantime, if you'd like to know what any of the committees have been up to recently, or what particular volunteer jobs involve, it's now much easier for your officers and Directors to tell you and for us to help coordinate that work.

From my personal perspective, as one who has had considerable responsibility for the organization's governance for the past two years, here are some of the things we've achieved that I feel are of the greatest significance.

- We now have a system of annual goal-setting for the Executive Director and the organization, and evaluate the E.D.'s performance primarily against those goals, as required by our bylaws and his contract.

- We have twice now extended Chris's contract, so that at present his contract extends through the end of 2021.

- Thanks primarily to Karen Miller's organizational efforts, our membership has swelled by more than 300 just this year.

- The nomination process for

directors and officers and trustees is resulting in leadership for BCHS that is more dynamic, energetic, and diverse in various ways while keeping rock-solid ties with our own history.

- Our organizational structure seems well-equipped to accommodate and assist with the great proliferation of activity of various kinds that we are seeing, including just this year our first outdoor concert and hosting the Heart of America Marathon, just to name a couple. We have truly become a hotbed of both history and culture, with authors, musicians, painters, photographers, historians, and researchers all feeling and being welcome here.

You'll get more numbers and other information elsewhere in the Annual Report. I trust they will back up these words from me.

We have a little farther to climb yet to achieve all we can but we are making great progress, as a well-functioning team. Thanks to each of you for all you personally have done. Keep it up; we are getting there. It has been a great pleasure serving you in this role.

Bill Powell,
President, Board of Directors

relieve your obligation to include in your taxable income the "required minimum distribution" (RMD) that must be made annually from your IRA once you are older than 70 ½. This reduction in your taxable income may also keep you in a lower bracket and avoid some tacked-on taxes for those with higher incomes.

But the impact of your gift to BCHS could be immeasurable. It will sustain or create new programming in support of the work we do

with our history galleries, the Montminy Art Gallery, the Village at Boone Junction, and our many collections, whose pieces number in the hundreds of thousands.

To complete a rollover for 2019, contact your IRA provider for instructions. Then let us know that we can expect a mailing from that provider. Don't hesitate to call us with any questions or instructions. Thank you!

How You Can Help Make a Difference for Local History & Culture

By Bill Powell, President, and Chris Campbell, executive director

A unique opportunity exists to obtain tax advantages if you are over 70 ½ and have an IRA. If you are that age, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to the Boone County Historical Society and doing so is better than a deduction on your income taxes in some ways.

Such transfers made directly from the IRA to BCHS reduce or entirely

Three New Sub-Committees Need Your Expert Help

By Karen Miller,
President-Elect

As your incoming President, I need your help and involvement. The Boone County Historical Society has several committees that could use some new members. In the by-laws we have ten standing committees and the President can also create ad-hoc committees to last during their term at which time they expire unless continued by the next President.

If you have an interest in getting involved, there are several committees that would welcome your help. However, I have one committee I would like to focus on expanding first the Community Relations committee. In the by-laws, this committee is charged with "the development and performance of such programs as the Traveling Trunk, establish and pursue communications with other groups and agencies whose missions overlap or intersect with BCHS mission." I have some lofty goals and this committee will need several members with very different skill levels to achieve those goals.

Here is what I would like to accomplish over the next two years as President under this committee. I plan to charge the committee with creating three sub-committees as listed below with goals for each.

Traveling Trunk

- Continue the established Traveling Trunk program with Columbia Public Schools.
- Explore reaching out to the other county school systems - Southern Boone, Centralia, Harrisburg, Hallsville, Sturgeon - to offer the Traveling Trunk program.
- Explore developing a summer Traveling Trunk program to be held one Saturday a month utilizing our BCHS facilities for the months of June, July and



President-Elect Karen Miller outlines her vision for the future with members at the 2019 Annual Meeting in the Montminy Art Gallery on December 5. She's asking for your help in three key areas, contact her to get involved.

August to reach more children and their parents.

Community Engagement

- Develop a relationship with the other Historical Societies in Boone County - Centralia, Hallsville, Rocheport, and Ashland. The timing is perfect to come together and support each other in this Bi-Centennial era.
- Find ways to share information with our membership about their organizations' events and share ours with their members.

History of the Boone County Historical Society

- Research and document the history of the Boone County Historical Society.

As you can see, it would be helpful to have writers, teachers, day care workers, historians, long-time Boone Countians, who love to share the lure of local history especially with children. The traveling trunk is quite a successful program that needs to reach many more of your county's children. And during this bi-centennial era we need to learn more about

our history. Can you help in any way? If so, please Contact me at directly at kmille02@outlook.com or 573-864-2405.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome these new members who joined between November 2 and December 5, and help recruit others to join.

Corporate Members
Huebert Builders, Inc.
Kerry Bramon Remodeling
& Design

Individual and Family Members
Nancy Graham
Mary C. Heimburger

Ruth Jurgensmeyer
Bob and Ellen Roper
Mike and Nancy Russell
Suzanne Stilwell and Ken Coonley

Visit boonehistory.org/become-a-member to join these members in supporting the only history and culture center of its kind devoted to Boone County!

New Acquisitions Strengthen Vibrant BCHS Collections

The Acquisitions Committee members would like to acknowledge the following donors for their contributions, which augment the vibrant and growing BCHS collection. Please note this list is Part 2; the first section of wonderful 2019 additions ran in the November *News & Notes*.

Mary Liz Anderson – photos of BCHS volunteers

Judith A. Andrews - prints made by donor's husband from glass plate negatives by Joseph Douglass, Columbia photographer, and issues of Missouri Historical Review

Nancy Woods Badger – records from the Columbia municipal airport, E. W. Woods family collection

William and Elizabeth Barton – typewriters

Lori Baumgartner – barber tools, Claude Baumgartner collection, 1930-1980ca

Nerma Bennett – Images from advertisements for displays, 1919ca

Kathryn A. Bryant – poetry books by Florence Ignoffo

Nancy Tucker Cleveland – trophy, from Boone County Horse Show, awarded to donor

Col. Jim Coy – military uniforms, Desert Storm era, books photos, and awards given to donor

Charles W. Digges – oval wooden frames, two with prints

Kathy Digges – books from Digges family collection

Nancy Graham – Singer portable sewing machine, with parts

Kee Groshong, via Dick Otto – Columbia Savings Bank bag

Axie A. Hindman – awards, books, articles, Mayor Darwin A. Hindman collection

Edith Jespersion – fur pieces

Dorothy Kasmann – tall mirror with marble base, 1850ca

Larry Kantner – drawing tools, Tracy Montminy collection

Jerry Dale Koch, Jr – friendship quilt, 1936

Laura Tull Kok – books from the Tull family collection

Mike Lynch – carpentry tools, John Virgil Pugh collection

Diana Hart Miller – memorabilia, Virginia LaRue Etheridge collection

Missouri Press Association, by Douglas Crews – framed color prints on the history of journalism by James Burkhart, 1933-2011

Gary Moreau – child's rocking chair from Fredenhall department store in Columbia, 1928ca

Mary Mueller – abstracts, Dennis M. Mueller collection

Halcyone E. Perlman – Hand-made card and photograph used for painting, Mary Paxton Kelley collection

John David Phillippe – pillow, made from red velvet of replaced 1928ca Missouri Theatre curtain, as souvenir

Laura Prince – wooden housing for large format camera, for exhibit, "Faces Found"

Betty Sheridan – bridal gown, pattern, University High publications and papers

Richard Sorrels – wooden wall phone, photographs of BCHS events for Vertical File, book "A Descriptive Survey of the Negro Churches in Columbia" by Wilbur D. East, Master's thesis, University of Missouri, 1938

Harry B. and Charlene Smith – rocker, with upholstery fabric, for McQuitty house

Deb Thompson – metal toolbox made in middle school shop class

Nancy Thorpe – yearbooks: Savitar, Cresset, College Widow, RBHS Flashback, Ashland Eagle, Columbia Independent School

**Thank you all
for your generosity!**

Genealogical Society News

*By Mary Helen Allen,
GSCM Volunteer*

Marjorie Johnson and Mary Helen Allen are moving along with the labeling project in the Wilson-Wulff Genealogy Library. Our library collection can be accessed online at boonecomogen.org.

A special thanks and appreciation is given to the dedicated volunteers that serve in the Wilson-Wulff Genealogy Library located in the Boone County History & Culture Center.

Those people are Mary Helen Allen, Paul Andre,

Tara Cox, Laura Crane, Tara Griffin, Mary Jo Herde, Bob Hill, Kayde Holten, Marjorie Johnson, Carol Lee, Sharon Naylor, Larry and Vicki Pauley, Tom and Vikki Pauley, Nancy Thomas, Jennifer Walker, Edith Jespersen and John Trimble.

Gina Hall is the library volunteer coordinator and is in charge of the online volunteer schedule located at signupgenius.com/go/805054ba4ab28a20-gscm1. Gina may also be contacted by phone at 573-355-3664. We welcome any and all who might be interested in joining our group.

Faces Found Photo Exhibit

Marjorie Quinn's diverse life

By Nancy Thomas

Who is she? Her delightful pose and formal attire compel us to know more than just her name and year of the photo! Marjorie Quinn first appears in Columbia newspaper accounts in 1917.

She attended Hardin College and then Stephens College. In April 1918 she performed her graduation recital in the Stephens auditorium. She studied under Agnes Husband. Marjorie gave a post-graduate recital in May 1919 at Stephens College, as a pupil of Frances Woodbridge.

Was this the dress she wore that evening?

Women "Got the Vote" in 1919 and while many women tried for public office few achieved that goal by 1920. However, Marjorie Quinn was working as the Deputy Circuit Clerk in Boone County beginning in April 1919.

She held this office until December 1920 when she married Murray Russell Howell of St. Louis. The marriage ended in divorce a short time later and she resumed her maiden name, Miss Quinn, and never married again.

Marjorie was born July 5, 1895 in Summers County, West Virginia to John W. and Mary Gwinn Quinn.

The 1910 Census shows Mr. Quinn had a retail dry goods store in Blue Springs, Missouri. Yet, in 1920 Marjorie and her parents were living in Boone County, and the family lived at 610 College Avenue, Columbia, for several years.

Records show that the Quinn family returned to Blue Springs in the mid-1920s, where Marjorie would again take on a noteworthy position in the community.

When her father passed away in 1938, Marjorie took over as manager of his successful Blue Springs dry goods store. The store was closed in 1960, and after 22-years of management, Miss Quinn sold its contents to a merchant in Harrisonville, Missouri.

She passed away in 1989 and is buried in the Blue Springs Cemetery along with her parents.



Henry Holborn took this portrait of Marjorie Quinn in 1919, two years after she first appeared in local newspapers. Quinn went on to serve as Deputy Circuit Clerk in Boone County and managed a successful dry goods store in the Kansas City metro area.

Free Electronic Records Workshops Offered to BCHS Members

Two free workshops are being offered by personnel at the Missouri State Archives to any BCHS member who wishes to attend. Several volunteer members of the Henry (Hank) J. Waters III Digital Imaging Lab will be attending. If you have an interest in how to preserve your family's digital records, or to digitize your family's records you might find these workshops helpful.

Electronic Records Management By Amy Dinkins, Archivist

- **Day: Thursday, January 16**
- **Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Topics Covered: Electronic records appraisal, access and description; the electronic record lifecycle; basic electronic records preservation strategies; issues in structured and unstructured digital records management; long-term electronic records access

Records Digitization

By Sarah Norris, Imaging Specialist

- **Day: Thursday, January 23**
- **Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Topics Covered: Digitization project selection and planning; metadata creation and management; document and photograph scanning standards; file types and migration strategies

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