

April 2024

news & notes



Centennial Celebrations Planned for 100th Year

Chris Campbell, Executive Director

Coming Soon – A Special Centennial Celebration! This celebration includes a *Popsicle Fest* themed party on July 13; history and art exhibits and *Boone-Anza* treasure hunt with a \$25,000 prize of diamonds and gems sponsored by Buchroeders Jewelry. We look forward to starting our next century of celebrating Boone County’s art, history, and culture with you during this grand one hundredth year! We will be celebrating our heritage all year long.

In July of 1924, Boone Countians could find a notice in the newspaper for a 15 room, furnished house for sale at only \$12,000. The locals were also reading about the opening of the Olympic Summer Games in Paris. Fundraising for Memorial Union and Memorial Stadium at MU was underway, and Barth’s Clothing was advertising men’s suits for as little as \$18. That month marked the gathering of 18 local leaders, educators, and historians. They were uniformly of the mind that Boone County should have a “historical society.” They accomplished that goal when on July 16 at the Daniel Boone Hotel & Tavern, they formed the organization over lunch and then began to schedule and promote historic tours of county sites.

This year the Boone County Historical Society (BCHS) will celebrate its 100th birthday. Much has changed for the organization over the last 100 years. The organization received its non-profit status in 1963, and made the historic Lenoir home, Maplewood House, its headquarters in 1971. Thanks to the community’s financial support, BCHS built its first museum space in 1990. The 19,000-square-foot museum in Frank G. Nifong Memorial Park is now known as the Boone County History & Culture Center.

The Center, free and open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, has opened its doors to countless programs, tours, exhibitions, and special events. Just last year, 11,800 Boone Countians and visitors spent time at the History and Culture Center and the adjacent Village at Boone Junction.

Some of the commemorative events planned for this year include two special centennial exhibits at the History & Culture Center, and a *Popsicle Fest* on July 13. Our history exhibition this year – *100 Years, 100 Objects* – celebrates our centennial birthday with a fantastic array of artifacts, garments, and photographs. Our goal is to showcase the 100 most cool, most fantastic, most fascinating objects in our collection vaults!

A Celebration of 100 years of Boone County History!



- Live Music
- Food Trucks
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- Family Friendly Activities and Games
- Free Popsicles!



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July 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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Family Event: **Traveling the Trails**

Each spring when the grass was tall pioneers knew they could start the journey west. Learn about the trails in mid-Missouri, try out items they would carry in their wagon and hear inspiring stories of how settlers overcame hardships along the journey. Special guests will join us from trail organizations across the state.

Did you know? Boone County History & Culture Center hosts a family event every month on the second Saturday. Check our events page at boonehistory.org/events to see the upcoming schedule.

Centennial Events Continued

The Montminy Gallery will also be marking our organization's 100th anniversary with an exhibit titled, *Over Time: 100 Years of Art Scene/Seen in Boone County*, and it will open on June 22 and run through September 7, 2024. *Over Time* begins with Tracy Montminy's artworks and brings us forward into the contemporary art scene. Exhibited artworks will be from a selection of artists, educators, curators, and collectors who have helped or are currently helping shape the visual arts in our community.

Opening on April 10 and running through January 2025, the *100 Years, 100 Objects* exhibition is a must-see for every family in Boone County. The exhibition will include a 1925 Ford Model T, an 1880s covered wagon, John W. "Blind" Boone's diamond-encrusted gold pocket watch, Jane Froman's fur coat, a Civil War soldier's diary, letters penned by two American Presidents, and much more.

The *Popsicle Fest* will be a free, family-oriented event with food and live music that gives a nod to another 100th anniversary – the 1924 invention of the popsicle. Every guest will receive a free popsicle.

We also look forward to the July launch of a unique event that will challenge contestant's puzzling skills and Boone County knowledge. The *Booneanza! Centennial Treasure Hunt* will reward the winner with \$25,000 worth of diamonds and gems, thanks to our friends at Buchroeders Jewelry. Look

to our website and our social media throughout the year for details.

Since the Center's opening in 1990, the society has received and preserved over 23,000 historic artifacts, 516,000 photographic negatives of the community's people and places, 2,000 historic garments, and more than 1,000 works of art. The Center's exhibits and collections have been recognized in the last five years by the American Alliance of Museums, the London Guardian newspaper, and the Smithsonian's American History Museum. All of us have a lot to be proud of!

All residents of the county are invited to help us commemorate the 100th birthday of the Boone County Historical Society. We'll celebrate all year long as we look forward to our next 100 years of collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the history of our county.

"I want to extend a special invitation to experience and celebrate the year's 100th Anniversary of the Boone

County Historical Society," says BCHS board president Earl Coleman. "This year's celebration is one in which our diverse population can experience our unique histories in Boone County."



Last month Columbia's new architectural historic preservation nonprofit was active on several fronts.

On March 5, members attended the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to advocate for the sale of architectural salvage accumulated by the city. On March 20 CoMo Preservation hosted author Greg Olson who gave a well-received talk about indigenous Missourians and the importance of place. Members attended the McKinney Building public feedback session on March 21, supporting the city's effort to find the best use of the building.

Looking forward, on April 23 at 6 p.m., we host Verna Laboy in the Friends Room at the Columbia Public Library. She will bring to life renowned African American businesswoman Annie Fisher, highlighting the importance of historic preservation. Also, don't miss our Movie Theaters Through Time Tour on Saturday April 27, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. in Downtown Columbia; it's free but reservations are required.

You can register, see all our events, and learn more about us online @CoMoPreservation.org.

Help us bring our Centennial Events and Exhibits to life!



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Packed House for Mel West for March Speaker Series

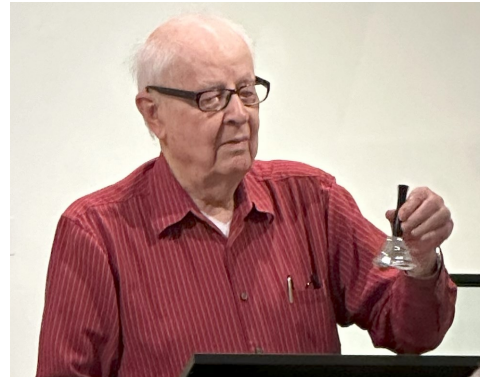
Angela Lechtenberg; Manager, Marketing & Communications

99-year old Mel West walked into the Montminy for his engagement as the featured speaker for the March Speaker Series *Things that Matter*, took a brief look around the room and said matter-of-factly, "You're gonna need more chairs in here." He was correct.

A packed house came out to hear our popular local storyteller and humanitarian Mel West stand behind our podium and speak for over an hour on his adventures in service near and far with Mobility Worldwide, and other organizations he worked with throughout his life.

He told inspiring tales of how no matter how old - or young you are, inspiration and opportunities

to help your community are everywhere you look if you take the time to see them. "You can be more impactful after you retire than you ever were before, if you really want to be."



A new speakers series exploring

REAL PEOPLE and REAL STORIES



THINGS THAT MATTER!

April 11

"Faith Matters - Part II" A Discussion Forum representing different Faiths in our Community.

Panel will include:

Terry Furstenu, Showme Dahrma; Sandy Matsuda, Religious Society of Friends; & Caritas Habimana, representing Christian African Refugees

Free Admission

Monthly on
Thursdays
1-2 p.m.
at the History &
Culture Center

100 years



Opens this month

100 YEARS
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April is Poetry Month

Wishing to recognize National Poetry Month, we wanted to recognize our art gallery's namesake - an accomplished poet herself - and two Columbia residents who are both former Missouri Poet Laureates.

"Tracy is a phrasemaker, a difficulty in many of her poems is tangled syntax, a Tracy trait. For her, poetry

was a dance of analogies," figures of speech, mostly metaphors, mostly implied [which] shows also the influence of her profession as an artist, a muralist.

Her poetical powers and her subjects themselves give her poems a metaphysical, mysterious and almost mystical quality. The music in these fine lines as in the grand taste of her draw-

ings the colors as in her paintings, all show Tracy's brilliant and surprising way of seeing and thinking."

~ E. S. Miller, Jack LaZebnik, James Wallace; from the book *One Finger on the Cellar Door, poems by Tracy Montminy*



Works of Art and Idleness

Picking and choosing with melodious bills,
My chick-like syllables come chirping and fluttering,
Innocent souls of sound the mind is utterin
At random summoning what insists and wills.

A powder-puff that has a power in it
Like Cape Canaveral has joined the chorus.
The entire barnyard has become sonorous;
Meaning on meaning gains, minute by minute.

Of power to moon, or break the world, the cause,
Rocket at stance, material and force
Athletically once, begs idleness.
The pause in the wall of the speed in the window gives pause.
To astronauts, as, when I reach the sea,
The entire quiet wall stands dazzling me.

from the book *One Finger on the Cellar Door, poems by Tracy Montminy*
~Tracy Montminy

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Rowing on Lake Mendota

The plump at the catch. The common exhalation.
The pull, feather, and glide. The timing. The trust
to speed backwards, to row in unison, each a mirror
of each squared oar pushing against the water again
and again, to be one boat in the amphitheater

of the nearby shore where the
last light of sunset
is pink sinking over deep trees.
Muscular memory.
The pause when the coxwain
calls "Weigh enough!"
Four balancing oars. We float
together and overhead
ducks stream from the crescent moon.

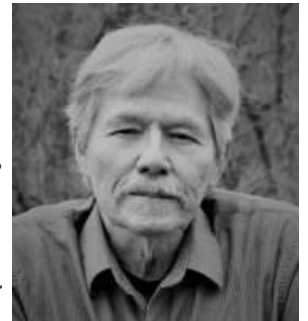
from *Blue Earth Iris Press, 2004*
~Alik Barnstone, Missouri Poet Laureate 2016-2019



Stardom, Drama Theater, Mariupol

There was no queue along the sidewalk. Nothing on the
marquee, but in the parking lot a
word painted in large white letters
over asphalt to be read by those on
high: CHILDREN. The streets empty
except for a pack of hungry dogs.
The century-old building felt lonely,
even with a thousand people sheltering inside.

Most everyone was in the basement.
Who sat in the plush but worn
seats? Who planned to sleep upright? No one waited for
the curtains to open. No one planned to applaud. The roar
of one hand clapping would have hurt all their ears. More
deafening than the mourning of air raid sirens.
A few adults lay on dirty blankets spread over the concrete
floor. It recalled kindergarten, the irrepressible whispers
and giggles. Getting away with something so small as not
sleeping, so inconsequential, until a deeper sleep exploded
and legs kept running as they lay on their backs.



from his yet to be published work, *Orwell at the Kremlin*
~Walter Barga, First Missouri Poet Laureate

Missouri Poetry

Historical Research Update



The Historical Research Library at BCHS serves as a research room, as well as the accession area for donations. Vertical files contain extensive information on rural schools, churches, citizens, towns, businesses, and numerous

other subjects. Our museum software contains listings for over 23,000 items that we have in our collection. The library is available for research on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, 12 to 5, with an appointment preferred in advance. We are located in the Montminy Gallery area.

Our Collections Team includes Nancy W Thomas, Senior Registrar; Matt Fetterly, Research Associate; Laurel Wilson, textile curator; Nancy Russell, antiques specialist; Carolyn Collings, manuscript archivist.

Donations of items are processed as they are received. Here are some items received in the last several months:

From the Nowell estate

Hand painted dresser set, by Faye Sheldon Nowell in 1919.



Scale used at early Nowell's stores.

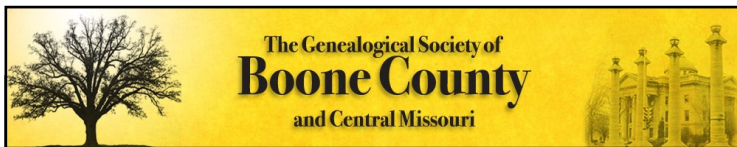
Doll sized dresser, late 1800's.



Other recent donations



Silver tea service presented to Dr. Neil Aslin in 1962 by staff of the Columbia Public Schools. Donated by daughter, Patricia Aslin Jackson.



Visit the Genealogy Library at the Boone County History & Culture Center!
Thursday—Saturday, 12 p.m.— 4 p.m.
BooneCoMoGen.org

Upcoming programs:

Saturday, April 20th, 1 pm at BCHS Conference Room. Carolyn Doyle will discuss her book, "My Ever Dear Charlie: Letters from the Dakota Territory."

Featured collection: Obituaries and Deaths

Visit our website at BooneCoMoGen.org, choose Library Catalog. We have over 90 publications that contain obituaries and deaths from Boone County.

Managed by the Genealogical Society of Boone County and Central Missouri. Meetings held every 3rd Saturday of the month, 1 p.m.
BCHS Conference Room

See you at the History & Culture Center

**100 Years, 100 Objects
Centennial History Exhibit**
Opening mid April

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1 - 2 p.m. Things that Matter:

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May 4—June 15

For the Love of Locals Montminy Gallery
Opening Reception May 4, 2 -4 p.m.

Thursday May 9

1 - 2 p.m. Things that Matter: Librarian Rachel Brekhous

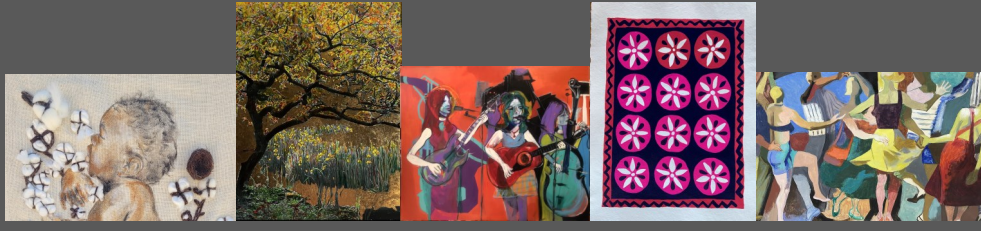
"Dirty Deeds and Discriminatory Housing in Boone County"

Saturday, May 11

10 a.m. -12 p.m. Family Event: Spinning & Weaving

Pictured on front cover header: Columbian and singing star Jane Froman with President Eisenhower (courtesy Columbia College Archives); The Shack, watercolor (artist B.G. Pringle, BCHS collections, gift of Greig Thompson); Ewalt Perlman School of Ballet, LtoR Betty Allard, Martha Finney, Hazel Bee Cho (Algert Peterson photographer, 1937).

Montminy Upcoming Exhibits



Concentricity - till April 27

University of Missouri - School of Visual Studies juried alumni exhibit.

Next Exhibit—For the Love of Locals

May 4 – June 15

Featuring work by local artists Lisa Bartlett, Jane Mudd, Kevin Dingman, Jeff Rogers & Amy Stephenson. There will also be musical performances by Meredith Shaw, Tony Lotven, Pippa Letsky, and much more!

The exhibit represents the local cultural scene.

Opening Reception May 4, 2-4 p.m.

Over Time: 100 Years of Art Scene/Seen in Boone County June 22 – Sept 3

A look at many of the artists who have helped shape the arts community through the years in Boone County.

Opening Reception June 22, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The World as I See It: Narratives in Art by Larry Kantner September 11 – November 2

An exhibit of new works by Larry Kantner, emeritus professor of art and art education.

Opening Reception September 12, 6-7 p.m.

Third Annual Holiday Show November 14 – Jan 4

A group exhibition with a variety of artwork available for purchase ready for holiday gift giving!

Opening Reception November 14, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Visit our website for more information on these and other events!
TheMontminyGallery.org/

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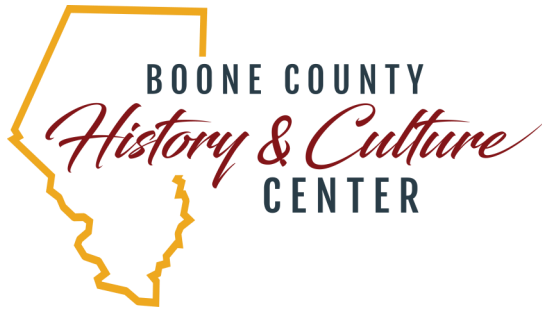
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Montminy Gallery Update

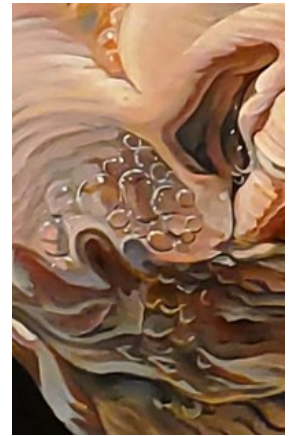
Betsy Knabe Roe, Director & Curator, and Josh Boysaw, Montminy Gallery

In March and April, the University of Missouri’s School of Visual Studies alumni are exhibiting their works in the Montminy Gallery. Their *Concentricity* exhibit is a showcase focusing on the artistic talent of Mizzou SVS alumni, and it displays and contrasts the diversity of styles from dozens of those Mizzou graduates.

One such artist is David Spear, who is based in Columbia. Spear is showcasing his oil painting, *Gum*, which features a pink blob with several grooves and folds. *Gum* is both vivid in color and technique, as well as fascinating. It draws in the viewer and beckons them to gaze at elements like the lighting accents and the soft nuances – then pushes them away with its more aggressive features, like bubbles of saliva covering covering the discarded piece of chewing gum!

Please make plans to see our next show, *For the Love of Locals*, which opens May 4! For the Love of Locals debuted two years ago in the Montminy and was such a smash we thought it should be reprised. It is a celebration of artistic talent in Columbia, and it’s executed by local portrait artists who have been invited to paint or draw some of our community’s most prominent artists and art leaders – whether musicians or poets or visual artists. The portrait artists invited to participate are Lisa Braman Bartlett, Kevin Dingman, Jane Mudd, Jeff Rogers, and Amy Stephenson.

Lisa Braman Bartlett is the *For the Love of Locals* guest curator and she has invited several musicians who are featured in the portraits to perform at the May 4 opening reception (2:00 m – 4:00 pm). Included in the terrific lineup Lisa has planned are Pippa Letsky, Tony Lotven, Meredith Shaw and many more talented local performers. **Don’t miss this unique and inspiring event!**



FOR THE LOVE OF LOCALS

Jane Mudd
Jon

Jeff Rogers
Johnny Tanslo

Lisa Bartlett
Molly Healey

Kevin Dingman
Scott McCullough

Amy Stephenson
Rose Metro

Reception with musicians and writers performing!
Saturday, May 4, 2024, 2 PM to 4 PM
Exhibit runs May 3-June 15

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