

Bland County Historical Society
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NEWSLETTER
December 2011

**Quarterly
Membership Meeting
will be held at the
Library on December
10th at 1:30 PM**

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker for the December 10th Quarterly Meeting Bland County Treasurer John Goins. He will review with us the events that have taken place this year celebrating our Sesquicentennial.

Following John's talk we will have a brief business meeting and close with light refreshments.

our website

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

Our Phone #

276-688-0088

September Quarterly Meeting



Bob Hetherington was the speaker at the September meeting, speaking to us about the research and publication of his new book, Life along Walker Creek. This is a story about Sarah Jane Mustard Byrnes during the years 1862-1865. Sarah was Bob's great-great grandmother. Her life was greatly impacted by the Civil War and her life story represented countless others, regardless of their side in the conflict.

After Bob's talk, our annual bar-b-que meal was served. This meeting was held at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall due to the rainy weather.



MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE DON'T FORGET
TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

Historical Society memberships are \$15.00 for an individual, \$25.00 for couples, \$5.00 for Bland County students, and \$150 for a lifetime membership. Our membership year runs from January to December.

A Membership Application is enclosed. If you don't need it, please pass it along to someone else and encourage them to join.

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE



Christmas Ornament - replica of the 1866 Bland County Jail.

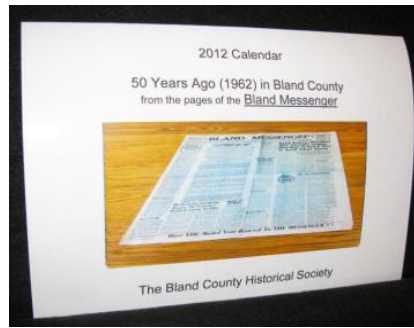
The hand-assembled ornament is finished in 24 karat gold plated brass and comes in a gift box containing a history of the old jail.

\$20.00 at the BCHS office and can be shipped for \$24.00.



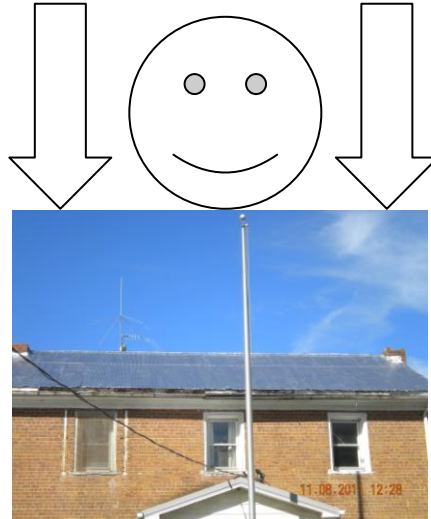
Reprint of the 1971 BLAND COUNTY COOKBOOK.

The publication contains hundreds of recipes from local cooks who shared their talents back in 1971. \$15.00 at the BCHS office and can be shipped for \$20.00.



The 2012 Bland County Historical Society Calendar is a compilation of articles from the 1962 issues of the BLAND MESSENGER. \$10.00 at the BCHS office and can be shipped for \$13.00.

**LOTS MORE ITEMS
AVAILABLE,
LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE**



The roof has been painted.

Our next project will be to replace the guttering and repair the boards behind it. Donations for this will be greatly appreciated.

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The Bland County Historical Society is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Donations, Memorials, and/or Donations in Honor of someone are greatly appreciated.

**From the BCHS Board of
Directors:
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May you have a safe and peaceful Christmas season celebrating the birth of Jesus.