

Bland County Historical Society
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NEWSLETTER
June 2012

June Quarterly
Membership Meeting
will be held at the library
on June 9th, at 1:30 PM

We will meet at the library and then start a walking tour around Bland. H. G. "Buzz" Richardson will be showing points of interest and will describe the "way things were" when he was a child living in Bland. After the tour, members will return to the Library for a short business meeting and light refreshments. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. In case of rain Buzz will give a talk at the library.

our website

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

our phone number

276-688-0088

March Quarterly Meeting



John Dodson was the speaker at the March 10, 2012 membership meeting. He gave information on the activities taking place at the Bland County Archives and the Mountain Home Center. He is presently working on a project which will provide the GPS coordinates of each known Bland County cemetery and photographs of all headstones. He is also hoping to complete community showcase projects involving resident interviews and movies made of each local community. A movie of the Henry Groseclose Museum is presently under way, as

well as a World War I project using records from the Virginia State Library. Dodson is pleased that he presently has grants for the next three years. He closed with a video that included a presentation of the 1961 Centennial celebration using still photos and music. This was created by some of his former students. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed John's presentation.

The Historical Society Board would like to thank Mr. Dodson for his delightful and informative program. We look forward to having him back in the future.



2013 Historical Society

Calendar: Please don't forget to submit your photographs for selection to be used on the 2013 calendar. Deadline is July 1.

Renovation projects:

The Society has received a quote to replace all guttering on the building and also install new windows upstairs. We hope to have this accomplished in the next several weeks.

Membership: Please invite someone to join the Historical Society.

Membership dues are \$5.00 per Bland County student,
\$15.00 per individual,
\$25.00 per couple,
Lifetime memberships are \$150.00 per individual.

Members get 10% off all purchases in the Society gift shop.

Information of Interest:

A chance encounter at the Bland Square Diner led to a delightful visit from a group of Appalachian Trail hikers. Upon learning that the BCHS office was open, they made plans to visit in order to enrich their knowledge of Bland County. Three members of the group are pictured below. Note the caps, which were among the several BCHS souvenirs they purchased.



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