

Bland County Historical Society
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NEWSLETTER
March 2012

December Quarterly
Meeting



John Goins, county treasurer and member of the Bland County Sesquicentennial Committee, was the speaker for the December quarterly meeting held at the library. He reviewed all the activities that were held in celebration of the county's 150th birthday. Many different types of events were held throughout the year, ending with the burying of the Bland County Time Capsule in the courthouse lawn. Goins then presented the Historical Society a scrapbook of all the sesquicentennial events, photos and one of the celebration t-shirts.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. Goins for his willingness to be our speaker and for the gifts. They will be treasured.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We always need additional members and would like to ask each of you to invite someone to join the Society. Our dues (January-December) are reasonably priced and make great gifts. Individuals are \$15.00, couples are \$25.00, students are \$5.00 and lifetime memberships are \$150.00. Along with the newsletters, members now receive a **10%** discount on all purchases in the Society Gift Shop. If you have questions please call President Jean Owens at 276-928-1688 or the Society office at 276-688-0088.

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March Quarterly
Membership Meeting
will be held at the
Society Building on
March 10th at 1:30 PM

Our guest speaker for the March Quarterly Meeting will be John Dodson. He will tell us about his movie project, which he plans to do for each community in the County.

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

our website

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

our phone number

276-688-0088

2013 Historical Society Calendar

The Board of Directors has decided to try something new for our 2013 calendar. We are asking the public to submit photos taken here in the county and we will select the 13 to be used.

The deadline to submit your photos is July 1, 2012. Color photographs should be 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 in size. They should be current or taken within the last three years and feature scenic views, old buildings/barns/bridges, etc. We are hoping to feature all seasons of the year. Please submit photos that do not need to be returned. A description of your photo will also be needed. The name of each photographer will be printed on the calendar.

Please call 276-928-1688 or 276-688-0088 with any questions. Your photos may be mailed to the Bland County Historical Society, P O Box 416, Bland, VA 24315, dropped off at the Society office on Thursday, Friday or Saturday until noon. They may be sent digitally to info@blandcountyhistsoc.org.

We look forward to receiving your color photos, so get the cameras clicking. This is your chance to show off your photography skills.



New Book for Sale

We are pleased to have a new book for sale in our gift shop. Return to the Land, A History of the Miller Family of Bland County, Virginia was written by Dr. David S. Miller. The Historical Society has been given permission to reprint and sell this book. It includes Miller family history including maps, Confederate records, copies of land grants, photos, etc. It sells for \$25.00 and can be shipped for \$30.00. Send orders to Bland County Historical Society, P O Box 416, Bland, VA 24315.

[THE CIVIL WAR 150
LEGACY PROJECT
IS COMING TO
BLAND COUNTY](#)

The Library of Virginia is sending teams of archivists to scan privately-held manuscript material for inclusion on both the Library of Congress and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission websites.

You can help!

Locate items within your family collections that document the Civil War and the Civil War era: Letters, diaries, photographs, etc. Items must be owned by the individual presenting the materials for digitization. Join us at the Society Building on May 5th between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to have your items photocopied.

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