

Bland County Historical Society
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NEWSLETTER

December 2012

Membership

Quarterly Membership Meeting
December 8th at 1:30 PM will be held at the Library

Ann Beardshall will be our guest speaker. She will be talking about the new book, "3 Hots and a Cot", that went on sale at the Festival of Leaves in October. Judy Firestone Matthews, from Richmond, VA and Ann Beardshall collaborated to write about the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the CCC Camp in Bastian VA.

We will have a short business meeting which will include the election of new officers and directors.

Light refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Just a reminder that our membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Yearly dues will be due soon.

Individual memberships are **\$15.00**, **couples** are **\$25.00** and **student** **\$5.00**. A **lifetime** membership is **\$150.00** per individual.

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

Members are encouraged to invite other family members, friends and neighbors to become part of our organization.

Also remember that a membership to the Bland County Historical Society would make a great Christmas gift.

Thank you for your support.



We have several new books for sale in our gift shop. Available are the *Bland County Dreams* DVD, as well as the 2012 Christmas ornament (Wolf Creek Bridge in Rocky Gap) and the 2013 Calendar with beautiful photos from around Bland County. There are lots of other things as well. Come and check it out and do some Christmas shopping. We still have the Bland County Afghan that would make a very nice gift.

*Gift Shop hours are:
Thursday and Friday
9:00 to 4:00.*

our website

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

our phone number

276-688-0088



From a book of recipes and collective writings, written by Vare Hanshew of Ceres VA Sep 1973

“Like Grandma Did”
Count your blessings
Women (and men) today whose most difficult washday chore may be getting the soap carton open can get some idea of how far things have improved since Grandma’s day, from the following item out of the past. It’s an authentic Kentucky “receipt” in its original spelling for washing clothes.

1. Bild fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. set tubs so smoke won’t blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. shave one hold cake of soap in bilin water.
4. sort things, make 3 piles, 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work britches and rags.
5. stur flour in cold water to smooth, then down with bilin water.
6. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile, rub cullord but don’t bile – just rench and starch.
7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then rench, blew and starch.
8. spred tee towels on grass
9. hang old rags on fence.

10. pore rench water in flower bed.
11. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
12. turn tubs upside down.
13. go put on cleen dress-smooth hair with side combs-brew cup of tee-set and rest and rock a spell and Count Blessins

(This was previously printed in our August 2004 Newsletter)



We are still working to restore the jail building. We have accomplished a lot but there is still a lot to do. If you can help by working with us or donating funds for our projects we would greatly appreciate it.

WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK



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