

THE BEDFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WILL HOLD ITS 34th ANNUAL HISTORY BANQUET

The Bedford County Historical Society will be holding its Annual History Banquet on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the Hall at Kinton's Knob (BCHS, 2nd floor) 6441 Lincoln Highway, Bedford.

We will be honoring the Southern Cove Historical Group as Historians of the Year for their efforts last year to plan and then conduct a bus tour of the historical sites in Southern Cove: the Waterside Woolen Mill, several grist mills, two churches, and the Claysburg Homestead. The tour was very well attended and plans are being made for another tour this Spring.

The Southern Cove Historical Group began around 2010 after a small group of people sensed the need to document the stories and record the landmarks that have been instrumental in the development and culture of Southern Morrisons Cove and the Northern Bedford County area. Jack Baker, of the Salemville area, frequently suggested that some of the older residents get together to reminisce and share the happenings that came to mind about the days, places, and events of their youth. Eventually others agreed. It was also decided that there was a need for posterity to be made aware of the past and more recent happenings in the area. The group now meets on a rather consistent monthly/bi-monthly schedule at the Southern Woodbury Township municipal building. Some of the group's activities have included speakers who talk about the history of the area and people sharing remembrances of the community. The committee overseeing the group consists of Bob Detwiler, Chairman, Linda Claycomb, Secretary, Naomi Sollenberger, and Gail Hershberger.

The featured speaker for the banquet is Judith Redline Coopey, author of *Redfield Farm* and *Waterproof*, among other novels. She will be sharing about "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm?" The talk will explore the effects of World War I on various individuals, the community and the nation. -- a close-up view of Bedford County in the 1920s.

Judith Coopey was born the youngest of eight in Altoona. Judy caught the writing spark at about age eleven and wrote a lot in high school – plays, a newspaper column, short stories, and essays. She returned to writing after retiring from teaching in 2004. She has since written 6 novels and already has ideas for the next.

Tickets are \$30 each. For tickets or more information, contact the Society at (814)623-2011, email bedfordhistory@embarqmail.com, visit our website www.bedfordpahistory.com, or stop in at 6441 Lincoln Hwy, Bedford.

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