

John Flood is a researcher, author and community speaker who has published national articles in Wild West and American Cowboy Magazines. He is the Founder and Co-Director of Winchester Frontier Days. A number of years ago Flood stumbled upon the fact that Buffalo Bill Cody and his Wild West had performed in John's hometown of Winchester, Va., way back in 1916. This was a shocking discovery and nearly no one in Winchester, including most historians, knew anything about this exciting event from the past. In 2016 as an outgrowth of this revelation, John, with the help of a good friend, launched Winchester Frontier Days to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Cody's visit. For the past two years John has criss-crossed the state compiling all the information needed to tell this story. On December 2nd he will tell this tale with an emphasis on Bristol. His forthcoming book on the topic, Buffalo Bill in the Limelight Across Virginia, is due to be released in 2019.

The luncheon will also feature special guest, noted artist Nick Freeman. Nick's work can be found throughout Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee in galleries, museums, at festivals, and in many private collections. Nick has a degree in fine arts from Tennessee Technological University and has worked in pottery, clay, oil, and pastels, but now works primarily in charcoal. His subject matter ranges from urban landscapes to country settings and from figure studies and portraits to wildlife. BHA is honored to have partnered with Nick this year to create custom note cards depicting Bristol landmarks. The notecards will be available for purchase individually or in sets of 8 at the luncheon. Nick has also graciously provided several of the large framed original drawings for a silent auction to be held during the luncheon. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork as well as the beautiful note cards will go toward BHA's mission of identification, preservation, interpretation, and presentation of local history. Cards can be purchased individually at \$2.00 each, or in sets of 8 which include 2 cards of each historical location for \$12.00.

The December 2nd luncheon meeting is open to the public, but reservations and payment is required by Saturday, November 24. Reservations for the BHA Christmas Luncheon are \$30 per person. Checks payable to BHA should be mailed to Carter Miles, P.O. Box 204, Bristol, Tennessee 37621. Contact Tim Buchanan, program chairman, for details of this or other upcoming programs, buchanan03@bvu.net. Get more details and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at BRISTOL HISTORY.