

# News&Views

from the

***Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum***

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Our Museum opens for the 2017 season on Tuesday, May 2. Please bring friends and family to visit and to attend our [Season Special Events](#), listed on the next page. Also, we share here more pictures of our current and upcoming exhibits. This season new adult docents, as well as familiar ones, will describe the remarkable collections found on the ground floor of the Mansion and in the Chapel. New exhibits that will open this season include the [second floor of the Mansion](#), the [Armory](#), and the [Transportation and Columbus Heritage](#) exhibit buildings. Existing exhibits also have new displays, as Museum Director Bob Cameron and our researchers keep discovering new items!

## ***Memberships and Donations***

We welcome new and returning members, and of course welcome large or small donations at any time, either for specific or general purposes!

A one-year membership comes with great benefits:

- » Free admission to the Museum and Chapel regular tour
- » Free admission to select Special Events **and special tours (Bob?)**
- » A 10% discount at the Museum Gift Shop
- » Reduced fees to attend sponsored craft workshops (**What are these?**)
- » Opportunities for training, service, and organizational development
- » Opportunities for interpretation and preservation of our historic past
- » Your membership card

Membership levels are:

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| » Individual (\$30) | » Sponsor (\$250 or more)             |
| » Student (\$15)    | » Benefactor (\$500 or more)          |
| » Family (\$50)     | » Explorer's Circle (\$1,000 or more) |
| » Patron (\$100)    |                                       |

Send your membership or donation check to the address at the end of this newsletter, made out to Columbus Chapel & Boal Mansion Museum, with "2017 Membership" or "Donation for [purpose]" in the Memo line. Or download the membership form from [www.boalmuseum.com/?? JT?](http://www.boalmuseum.com/?? JT?).



*Last Memorial Day, members of the 1st South Carolina Troop prepared their rifles for mock battle in the driveway of the Boal Estate. The young man on the right was learning his skills from seasoned soldiers.*

*This [Memorial Day](#), May 29, Civil-War reenactors will join craft vendors, musicians, dancers, living-history demonstrations, and special Boalsburg Museum tours, all as part of Boalsburg Village's annual Memorial Day Celebration. In addition, the Museum will host a Civil War Ball on Sunday evening.*

*- Photo by John I. Thompson*

### ***2017 Season Special Events***

Mon, May 14*	Mother's Day High Tea & Tour
Sun, May 28*	Civil War Ball (costumes available to rent from local theater company, but not required)
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day (part of the Boalsburg Village Annual Celebration)
Fri–Sun, Jul 14–16	Annual Antique Faire & Berry Festival (during Peoples Choice Arts Festival)
Sun, Sep 10	Herb & Garlic Festival & Teddy Bear Tea*
Sun, Oct 8	Olde World Festival
Fri, Oct 27*	Masquerade Period Ball
Sat, Nov 25	Hanging of the Greens
Sat–Sun, Dec 2–3 (Dec 3 reserve*)	Home for the Holidays at the Mansion (part of Boalsburg Hometown Christmas): candlelight tours; Christmas High Tea on Dec 3
Sat–Sun, Dec 2–3 & Dec 9–10	Drive-through Illumination Display & Kriskindl Market

\* Events require reservations. To reserve or for more information: 814-876-0129 or [www.boalmuseum.com](http://www.boalmuseum.com).

Local media will carry details of each event as it nears.



Why is the [Columbus Chapel](#) in Boalsburg, PA—of all unlikely places in the world? The lovely lady at left is behind it all: Victoria Montalvo. In this painting, which overlooks the ballroom in the Boal Mansion, she is a young lady-in-waiting to Queen Isabella II of Spain. She then married Diego Colon (“Columbus” in English), a direct descendant of Christopher Columbus.

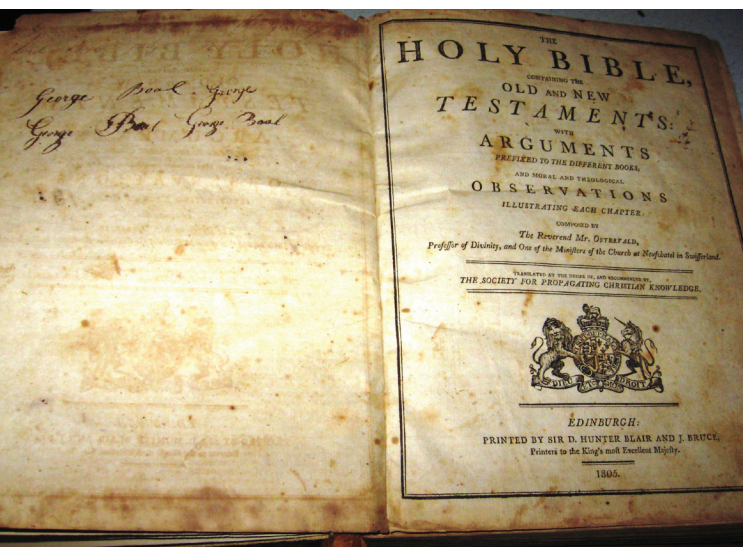
They had no children so, when she died in 1908, she left the Columbus Castle and its contents to her nephews and her niece Mathilde de Lagarde. Mathilde just happened to be married to Theodore Davis Boal!

Terry, as he was known, was an architect by training. He designed and built a Pennsylvania limestone Chapel to match the one in Spain and installed all the Chapel items in the same arrangement as in the original.

You’ll learn more about those items and others from Spain, France, Egypt, and other countries when you tour the Museum.

- Photo by Art Pentz

Museum Director Bob Cameron recently located the keys to two cabinets in the Mansion that had been mysteriously locked. While making an inventory of the items discovered, docent-researchers found a handsome Bible once owned by George Boal, the second generation of the family to live here.



The new [Columbus Heritage](#) exhibit building will house papers from the Columbus Castle and other precious documents now held in various locations in the Museum. All will be much better protected and more secure, and some will be available to scholars via the internet.

Seen here is a Bible owned by George Boal. It was printed in Edinburgh in 1805.

-Photo by Janice Sherer





The Lamentation, painted in 1535 by the Flemish master Ambrosius Benson, is one of the many superb works of art housed in the Columbus Chapel. Visiting the Chapel is, as Museum Director Bob Cameron likes to say, "like stepping into Renaissance Europe."

- Photo by Boyi Gao  
[www.boyigaophotography.com](http://www.boyigaophotography.com)

### *Join us!*

You can participate in the growth and development at the Museum in many ways: as a volunteer (a few hours a month, a few hours a week, or at special events); as a Museum member; or simply by visiting for tours with your friends and family. You can use the new walking trail around the Museum grounds at any time, or just admire all the new gardens and the amphitheater. Please keep in touch: call Director Bob Cameron at 814-876-0129 or leave a message on the office phone, 814-466-6210.

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