Upcoming Events

May 19, 2009- **Field Trip** to historic sites in Walton Hills. (You should have received information on this in a special mailing. RSVP by May 11)

May 25, 2009 Monday 10:00am- **Memorial Day Parade.** We pause to remember those who gave so much.

June 3, 2009, 7:00pm - Garden Club dedication of the Town Hall Rear Garden. (Invitation below)

June 12, 13 & 14, **Annual Strawberry Festival.** New this year, an Art Show featuring local artists. June 13' Saturday evening-the **Annual Strawberry Festival Classic Car Show.** (See insert for details)

August 1, 2009 Sat Noon – 4:00pm- The Arts & Culture Board invite you to a celebration of Art on the Square. It is a Mid-Summer Wonderland. The Town Hall Museum and the Dunham House will be open.

August 8, 2009 Saturday-Annual **Flea Market** on the Square, 9am – 4pm.

September 3, 2009 Thursday 7:30pm- Lyceum- **Robt. Biros’ the Glory Days-Remembering Sportsman’s Park.** Historic slides, footage and memorabilia.

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You are invited

The Bedford Garden Club invites you to celebrate the dedication of our new garden at the Bedford Historical Society Museum with Friends, Music and Refreshments

Please join us Wednesday, June 3rd, 2009 7 o’clock p.m.
30 South Park Street
Bedford

I am looking forward to spending an interesting, exciting summer with the Bedford Historical Society. On June 3 we are invited by the Garden Club for the dedication of the beautiful garden behind the Museum at 7:00 pm.

The next weekend is the STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, our biggest fundraiser and the most fun weekend of the summer. Join me June 12, 13 and 14 for strawberries, lots of good food, children’s rides, games, crafts and entertainment. On Saturday come see, or enter our fourth annual Car Show. This year we have added an art show in partnership with the Arts and Culture Council. A Meet the Artists Reception will be held Friday evening 7:00 – 9:00; the Show, in the Old Church will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Noon – 4:00.

Bedford Historical Society will again partner with the Arts and Culture Council on August 1 for Art on the Square, a Midsummer Wonderland. The Museum & Dunham House will be open during this event.

Then the Flea Market on August 15. An event we all look forward to each year to discard things we no longer need and find things we do.

Whew! This is going to be a busy summer. With all the events on the Square, don’t forget to visit the museum. We will be open during regular hours and this includes Wednesday evenings during the Parties in the Park.

See you this summer at the events and at the Museum.

Your President
Betsy Squire Lee

From the President:
Good Fun at the April Lyceum

Our last Lyceum of the 08-09 season resulted in good fun, lots of food and loosening of belts. Members Helen Pratt and John Malone, assisted by Lester Pratt, presented an evening of reminiscing about the old and current Meat Markets of Bedford Township. These expert sausage makers then demonstrated sausage making using old family recipes. Needless to say, all in attendance waddled home after a fun and tasty evening out!

Helen Pratt & John Malone at work
Photo by Dot Schwende

From the Archives…

Funeral Costs from 1906

A recent donation from one of our members details the cost of a funeral 103 years ago. The funeral director was J. N. Richards. The director had two places to contact him, one at 2468 Broadway and one at 638 Hough Ave. It is also mentioned that J.N. Richards had both Bell and Cuyahoga telephones. The services and costs were as follows: casket, box and plate $110, embalming $8.00, one dozen chairs $2.00, Hearse $8.00. 3 carriages $15.00, flowers (door wreath) $3.00 and the Plain Dealer death notice $1.00. The total was $147.00.

Please Keep Address Current

New US Postal regulations regarding non-profit mailings has proven to be expensive for the Bee. Please call, email or write your change-of-address. Let us know if you have placed a stop order if you winter elsewhere. Your Bee will not be forwarded and they will charge us for the return. Thank you.

New Life Member

Thank you to Mr. Holsey G. Handyside for becoming a Life Member of the Bedford Historical Society. He has been a strong supporter of the society for many years and currently serves on the Endowment Committee.

They Moved it, continued…

The last issue of the Bee listed buildings in the township that were moved to new locations. Some of our members recall other buildings that have been moved.

The duplex at 25 E Glendale originally stood at the corner of E. Glendale and Broadway. The Meilander family moved it a few yards east to build the familiar red brick Meilander building. The brick building was removed a few years ago to make way for a bank.

Andy Jones remembers that the Strathtree Blacksmith shop on Woodrow, which was mentioned in the last Bee issue, was dismantled in the 1950s. Parts were used for a horse stable on Harper Rd. Dave Profant with help from Ed Profant did the dismantling.

Jack Wardley recalls that the small church on Adams originally was an office on the B. L. Marble Chair property. The local American Legion moved it for use as their hall in the 1920s. The Legion sold it to the church.

A duplex shared by the Schumacher and Small families was moved to make way for the expansion of the old Bedford High School. It was moved around the corner onto Washington St near Tarbell.

The Kraus family home was moved from Broadway to east of the Masonic temple property to make room for Samets Department Store.

From the Museum Store

The store has copies of a new book, Va Fa Sa by Bedford native, Hugo Cipriani. Mr. Cipriani, who lives in California, has written a memoir about leaving Bedford in the 1930s to get a degree in screenplay writing at UCLA. The adventure begins by hitchhiking across America in pursuit of his dream. This highly readable and entertaining book is for sale in the store for $9.95. All proceeds from the book benefit the society thanks to the generosity of one of our members who purchased the copies for us to sell. The intriguing title? It is Hugo’s guide in life, a Latin abbreviation for ‘go, do it and then you’ll know it.’

We now have a few nostalgia toys for sale- Jacks, Jacob’s Ladders, chalk boards etc. Great for you to teach the young ones.

Would you like to help the store increase its profits? If you have something from the past or a collectible that you are willing to donate, we’ll make it available for sale in the Museum Store. Please give us a “suggested” price or price range. We will let you know what it sells for so that you can use this as a tax deduction if you itemize. Call the museum, leave your name and number and we’ll call you back.

Thank you, Doris and Laura
Parade Time Again

Time again to display our historic flag collection. If you and your family can march in the Memorial Day or Independence Day parades, please call Chris 440 439-7470. Hey, if those cute Cubs and Brownies and marching bands can do it, we can too!

Field Trip to Walton Hills

Join us and learn more about the historic sites in the southeast portion of Bedford Township. You will need good hiking shoes (although the distance is not far) and dress for the weather. May 19th at 10am. Lunch at Tinkers Creek Inn. Call Lynn 330 467-4338 for details. Tour is limited to 20.

48th Annual Dinner

The 48th Annual Dinner meeting of the Bedford Historical Society was held at La Casa Bella Party Center on May 7th. After a delicious meal, the following were elected to serve a three year term as Trustees: Karen Pallat is a community activist in Bedford Heights along with her husband Bob. She is retired from a career in the Naval Reserve and court system. Johnnie Warren is a resident of Oakwood Village and currently serves as President of Village Council. David Kuhn is manager of the Bedford branch of US Bank and is active in community affairs. Marilyn Zolata is a long time resident of the Bedford community and currently represents Ward 3 on Bedford City council. We welcome these new Trustees and thank them for their commitment to serve.

We honored Shirley Taussig for her continued support of the society. She has served two terms on the Board of Trustees during which time she helped draft the documents for the Endowment Fund. Shirley has helped with the annual Flea Market. She has contributed items for exhibits and financial support for projects that have made us a better organization.

Members and friends enjoyed a special program in honor of Lincoln’s 200th birthday. Mr. Phil Williamson, who looks and sounds like our 16th President presented quotes taken from Lincoln’s speeches and writings. The program was an entertaining overview of the thoughts and beliefs of the president.

Modern Pookas

The Hezekiah Dunham House received some repair and a fresh coat of paint to protect this historic 1832 structure. A painting by artist Richard Sedlon showed a similar scene 30 years ago with elves and pookas manning the brushes.

The lower half of the Old Church is scheduled for rotted wood replacement and paint this year. These two preservation projects will help insure the exterior integrity of these historic landmarks.

Also scheduled is a conservation project at the 1882 W&LE Depot. In partnership with the City of Bedford and with funding from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all windows in the center portion will receive UV protective coating. This protects the railroad artifacts in the rail museum.

What’s new at the museum…

Having a Great Time, Wish You Were Here

The Town Hall Museum has a new display of souvenirs from travels. Travelers have been collecting souvenirs as reminders from journeys for many years. The Museum’s collection includes items that span over 100 years. The oldest is a cranberry glass collection each with a different place etched in glass. There are souvenirs from the 1950s and 60s and 70s. Some that GIs brought home. The earliest ones are mostly from towns that were reached by rail or road. The later ones include Disney World and Las Vegas. Some of the souvenirs had practical uses such as a pin cushion or bread basket. The display is located on the third floor and will remain through the fall.

On the first floor, we have placed a portion of our post card collection from near and far. We have cards from every state and some foreign lands. They range in time from last month to over 100 years ago. Are you traveling this summer? Send us a post card and we will put it on display then add it to our post card collection for future visitors to enjoy.
The Spaulding House

The home on Woodrow known as the Spaulding House was built in the mid 1890s by the same builders as the Gates Handyside House on Broadway. The classic Victorian style home has remained unchanged and is an excellent example of the architecture of the day. It remained in the Spaulding family until a few years ago when the last member of the family sold the home. The new resident, an artist, lives there and uses a portion of the home as her studio. The following are three photos of the home.

Obituaries

David L. Beveridge; Member Dave Beveridge passed away on April 12, 2009. Dave served as a Trustee including a term as President. He helped spearhead the formation of the Endowment Fund and served as the fund’s first chair. Dave led two strategic planning sessions to help establish long term goals. He enjoyed history and shared his knowledge as a volunteer during school tours. Dave was active in the community and was a much loved principal in the Bedford School system. After retirement, he mentored student teachers. He was the loving husband of Lynn (nee Dvorak) and father of Heather (Mike) Onorati and Betsy (Marc) Zipfel. He will be missed by three grandchildren, a brother and many friends. Contributions may be made in his name to the Bedford Historical Society Endowment Fund.

Our sympathy to the family of Richard Young. Dick was a long time resident of Bedford who helped with many projects for the society. He served his country in WWII as a pilot. Dick moved to NY several years ago to be closer to family. His family and friends gathered in Bedford on February 21st to remember him.

Our sympathy to supporter, JoAnn Harwood and family on the death of her husband, William W. on February 4, 2009. JoAnn is a longtime resident of Bedford and supports many projects of the society and other organizations in town.

Our sympathy to member Bob Schroeter and his wife Marilyn on the loss of their son, Joseph Robert on April 24th. Joey leaves a loving family including his brother James and sister Lindy, step-brothers Robert Jr, Dave, Jerry and Rich and their families. He was the dear grandson of Ralph Deevers and Ruth Hackbart.

Our sympathy to member, Ruth Miller on the death of her husband, Charles Robert on Saturday April 25, 2009. Bob served in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII. He was a long time resident of Bedford and supported Ruth in many activities. Memorial donations may be given in Bob’s name to the Bedford Historical Society.