Up Coming Events

June 11, 12 & 13 49th Annual Strawberry Festival!

June 12th Strawberry Festival Classic Car Show

July, 9th Fri.10 a.m. Field Trip to Taylor Chair (Info inside)

August 14th 9-4 Flea Market on the Square; (Info inside). 9:00pm – 4:00pm


Parties –in-the-Park, each Wednesday evening all summer. Our Chamber sponsored event is good fun.

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A New Book

A new book is in the works and we are looking for photos. Do you have an interesting one from the past? How about that family picnic 30 years ago? The family portrait with great-granny? A company photo or inside a business? A scene of Bedford or Bedford Township from another era? If you have a photo that contributes to the history of this area, please call the museum 440 232-0796. We will scan it and return the original. You will receive credit in the book. Thanks.

Images of America
‘Bedford and Bedford Township’

From the president

It looks like spring. Everything is turning green. It’s time to celebrate our wonderful Historical Society and enjoy the better weather. The Annual Dinner was a combination of good food, an interesting program and our annual business meeting. We welcomed Shirley Taussig and Bob Schroeter back onto the board of trustees and welcomed Deborah Turner on board as a first time trustee. We honored four volunteers for their dedication to the society and offered congratulations to Joyce Maruna for her retirement as archivist and to June Martin for her service as treasurer.

The Strawberry Festival is less than two months away. This is our biggest fundraiser and we can use all the help we can get. If you can donate an item for the raffle please call Chuck or Lois St John. Our gratitude to them for handling the raffle each year and printing the tickets. If you can volunteer please call me (440-735-0135), the museum (440-232-0796) or Chris Sweet, for the strawberry tent, (440-439-7470). These are fun volunteer experiences, come join us.

The Annual Flea Market is August 14 and we need help in the Society tent. We especially need someone with garage sale savvy to oversee this one day event. Lynn has done it for several years and needs a break.

Whew! What a busy, fun spring and summer. The museum is always open during the Parties in the Park and Strawberry Festival. Come to all the events and see the new exhibits at the museum.

See you at the museum and at all the fun events this year.

Your President, Betsy Lee
Bedford at the Movies

Thanks to the following for helping make our exhibit interesting to visitors: Jim Rhine, Gary Sleeman, Wayne Rhine, Jeffrey Rhine and Roger Fuhrmeyer. Special thanks to Ricky C., our teen volunteer, who was special curator for the exhibit.

Spring Open House

The Annual Spring Open House on April 11th had several areas of interest for visitors. Our gratitude to Pat Papish for setting up the Quilt display and demonstrating the steps involved in quilting. Thanks to Gwyn Orchard, visitors watched the miraculous conversion of wool into yarn as she demonstrated spinning.

On the third floor visitors were greeted by local Boy Scouts who explained their exhibit commemorating 100 years of Scouting. How nice to see these young men in uniform. Our thanks to their leaders for helping organize this event. Our Scouts in the Bedford Township area have been active in our communities and have certainly helped your historical society on many occasions.

Thanks to our teen curator, Ricky, we have a great display of movie projectors and assorted paraphernalia. Member Jim Rhine loaned us movie posters, a splicing machine, reels and a photo of the Mapletown Theater to help visitors reminisce. Additional posters are on loan from one of our visitors Ed Provance. Gary Sleeman helped us with a photo of the Stillwell. Gary was the last projectionist at the Stillwell before it closed and supplied us with interesting information about the theater. He was also the first projectionist at the Southgate Cinema when it opened. Roger Fuhrmeyer has a challenge for visitors to guess the profiles of several movie actors and characters. We’ll have a prize for the winner in late October.

Both the Scouting Exhibit and the Movie Exhibit will be in place through October 31st. A Bridal Exhibit is being assembled for inauguration at the Strawberry Festival. Our friends at the Bedford Garden Club are designing bouquets to match the period bridal dresses from the collection.

Field Trip

We are visiting Taylor Chair Company at their new facility on Friday July 9th at 10 a.m. The tour starts in the Taylor Museum to view examples of Taylor products back to the days of Ben Fitch. Then we will tour the factory to see how chairs are manufactured today. An optional lunch is being planned, details as they develop.

We will meet at the factory on Taylor Parkway off of Egbert Rd across from Shawnee Golf Course; park toward the front of the building. We will assemble in front of the main entrance. Please call Lynn 330 467-4338 to RSVP by July 1st. The tour is limited, register early.

Welcome New Trustees

Three trustees were elected at the Annual Dinner on May 6th. Shirley Taussig, Bob Schroeter and Deborah Turner were elected for a three year term. Shirley and Bob have served previously on the board and we welcome them back to serve a new term. The Taussig family was active in Scouting in the Bedford area and Shirley has remained involved in the community through the society. Bob served as president of the board of trustees several years ago. He is a retired firefighter and works at Somrak Kitchens in Bedford Hts. Deborah Turner is serving as a trustee for the first time and we welcome her input and ideas. She is currently Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Bedford Hts and is a resident of Walton Hills. Thank you to these and our current trustees who serve their communities through service as a trustee for the Bedford Historical Society.

Our trustees oversee the budget and funding, make sure we adhere to the mission of the society, find ways for us to engage the community in its history and help in many ways so that we can serve.

The Bedford Historical Society was founded in 1955 to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Bedford, Bedford Township and portions of the Western Reserve.
While researching the scouting exhibit, Helen Pratt found this photo of Bedford Scouts from 1916. The Scouts were meeting at the corner of Franklin and Washington Sts.

**Reverse Raffle Fun**

Thank you for supporting our tropical night out- An Evening in Trinidad. The dinner was great, the entertainment was wonderful and the raffle was good fun. Special thanks to Bob Schroeter for keeping us in order during the raffle. Thanks to Ed Romito for printing the tickets.

**Marching Season Has Arrived**

Chris Sweet is rounding up marchers to carry our historic flag collection in the parades. Our colorful flags educate parade watchers about our country’s history and the flags that represent important periods in our development. Can you help? Do you have children or grandchildren who would be able to help? Please call Chris to volunteer or learn more 440 439-7470.

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**Your Help is Needed**

*All hands on deck for the following events:*

**Strawberry Festival and Car Show**

Call Betsy 440 735-0135 to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to staff the museums, set up on Thursday, clean-up on Sunday evening, man the ticket booth and serve in the food tent. The Car Show needs volunteers to help direct traffic while cars park, hand out entries to drivers and clean-up after the event.

**Flea Market August 14th**

The Annual Flea Market is scheduled for August 14th from 9-4. We need help pricing during the three weeks before the event, setting up and taking down on the day of event and helping collect money during the event. Call Chris 232-7470 to reserve your space. Call Betsy or the museum to help price or work the table.

**Pop Corn Crew**

Can you help pop and sell popcorn during the Wednesday Evening Parties-in-the-Park? We can sure use your help. Call Lynn 330 437-4338 if you can volunteer at least three times during the summer.

**Grounds Crew**

Can you adopt a portion of our campus? The weeds are hoping you’ll say ‘no’ so they can continue to conquer the earth. Help us tame our portion with occasional weeding and watering if the weather is dry. Call the museum for details 440 232-0796.

*That's the seasonal help needed for the summer quarter. Thank you for your volunteer time!*

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Our condolences to member Paula Miszak on the death of her father. Our condolences to Trustee Kathie Williams on the death of her mother. Our condolences to the Anielski Family on the death of their son.
A Bit of History From the Back Cover

The advertisement below is from the back cover of the 1946 Civil Service Handbook by Wm Allan Brooks. This was the post WWII era with service men returning to the civilian workforce. Many of these positions were held by women during the war and they were used to earning their own paycheck. Knickerbocker Publishing advertised the suggestions by Harold Kahm.

CAREERS FOR MODERN WOMEN

by Harold S. Kahm

The more than 200 practical money-making ideas described in the book under such headings as "YOUR OWN BUSINESS," "PROFESSIONS" and "SPARE TIME MONEY-MAKING IDEAS," range from hat check girl, dental assistant and usher to mas-seuse, artist, pharmacist, bibmaker, tea brewer and interpreter.

The movie-struck miss might follow a more practical bent and become a movie-rental clerk, which is a new job for women in the making. Someone will have to issue the films, accept rental fees, be able to suggest a well-balanced evening's program of movie entertainment for the millions of home movie cameras which will be sold in the future. Setting up a jewelry concession in a women's apparel shop that does not sell jewelry is suggested under the listing "YOUR OWN BUSINESS." A hosiery shop can be opened in a good residential area with about $2,500 capital on hand; the business of high grade necktie manufacturing needs only about $500 as a start.

Each suggestion has the rare virtue of being concrete, detailed and practical. In addition there is a section outlining the things you have to know when going into business to make a success of it.

PRICE $1.00

Dreaming of Winning the Raffle …..

These are two of the main prizes offered for this year’s Strawberry Festival Raffle. Member LuAnn Slavik Smith, one of our long distance members, has donated this beautiful quilt. LuAnn grew up in Bedford and enjoys reading the Bee for a link with her hometown. To see other quilts and creations by LuAnn and her daughter, check her website at <Alohaquilt.com>.

Member Helen Batko has again created a one-of-a kind afghan with a Bedford theme. The afghan is a creamy Aran white with Bedford history crocheted into the pattern. Helen and husband Steve are regular volunteers at the museum on Thursdays. They both grew up in Bedford and live in Stow. The Museum Store benefits from her talents.
Bedford’s 49th Annual Strawberry Festival
& 5th Annual Classic Car Show
Sponsored by the Bedford Historical Society
Top Notch Entertainment!!!!! Free Admission Free Parking

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday June 11 – 13**

Bedford Public Square
Games  Crafters  Rides  Instant BINGO  Big Wheel
Raffle for Helen Batko’s Afghan and LuAnn Slavik Smith’s Quilt
Plus Many Other Great Prizes From Our Business Community! (SUNDAY)

**LARGE SELECTION OF ETHNIC FOOD AND DRINK!!**

**Strawberry Shortcakes and Sundaes**
**DRAFT BEER**

Schedule:

**Friday June 11th: 6 – 11PM**
Games of Chance, TGIF BEER, Lots of Great foods!!!
Band: 7 – 11  **Lost State of Franklin**

**Saturday June 12th: Noon – 11PM [Berry Tent opens at 1:00]**

ON BROADWAY AVE
**Classic Car Show:** 4 – 10 PM
DJ: Al Piniecki
Registration @ 4PM, $10, or show-off for free!! (No Judging) Over 15 categories!

**ON THE GAZEBO & SQUARE**
12 NOON: Cleveland Metro “Nature Tracks” Van
1 TO 4 pm: DJ Al Piniecki
2 TO 3pm JUNGLE TERRY
12 TO 4 pm: PHOTOGRAPHY ART SHOW
7 TO 11 PM: Band:  **FLASHBACK**
Historical figures Hezekiah & Clarissa Dunham, George Washington
Museum Open 2 – 5 PM

**Sunday June 13th: 12PM – 8PM**
Abe Lincoln, Paul Revere & Julius Tibbs Daughter
2 PM: **BEDFORD COMMUNITY BAND**
4 TO CLOSE:  **AKA Band**
5:00 SYRENA POLISH DANCERS
Museum Open 2 – 5 PM
Drawing: 7:45PM

**Everyday:** Carnival rides, slides, jumpers and more! Bingo, Big Wheel, Crafters

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