

# The Bedford Bee.

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## **Upcoming Events:**

*March 2, 2013 Saturday; A Night in Italy.* Details inside.

*March 7, 2013 Thursday 7:30pm: Lyceum- A History of Coffee;* Frank Caldwell presents the mysterious history and legend of coffee and the history of coffee makers. What is Arabica? Robusta? We'll have a coffee tasting and learn, first hand, the difference between Italian roast, Vienna roast, morning roast, cappuccino and espresso. Community Hall, Old Church on the Square 750 Broadway.

*March 25, 2013 Monday 7:30 Docent Training & dessert !* Learn about the new exhibit. RSVP by 3/22

*Four Mondays in April; **The Old Ways School*** (brochure enclosed)

*April 14, 2013 Sunday 2:00 – 5:00pm Spring Open House* inauguration of the new exhibit-*Giants of Industry.* Town Hall Museum, 30 South Park St (Squire Place).

*May 2, 2013 Thursday **Annual Dinner*** “The Great Zelma George” (details will be mailed to members)

*May 11, 2013 **Lunch & a Tour of the Gates Handyside House.*** (Details inside.)

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*Note from the president;*

Our first fundraiser of for 2013 is the Reverse Raffle. We had such a good time last year that we have the same menu and entertainment this year. We hope you will support it again. We are looking for gift baskets for the silent auction. If you have an item to donate, give us a call. Trustees have tickets or call the museum and we'll get some to you. Thank you for your support. *Bob Schroeter, Sr.*

## **Thank you Members!**

Thank you for renewing your membership and special thanks to those of you who purchased gift memberships .

We welcome three new life members Rich and Pat Featherstun and Jerry Oldenburg.

*We extend our gratitude to all members who enclosed extra year-end gifts.*

## **The Old Ways School**

Thanks to the generosity of our teachers, we were able to offer classes in knitting & crocheting, letterpress printing and Mahjongg last fall. Course offerings for spring are enclosed with this newsletter.

## **The Patter of Little Feet**

Can you help with school tours? Third graders will be visiting in spring. If you can help chaperone please call the museum.

## **Sedlon Garden Update**

The lawn area was seeded and the fence was erected before winter weather halted work for the season. We are closing the gap in funding thanks to the generosity of many members, the Morgan Family bequest, the Morgan heir's Challenge Grant, the Chris & Eunice Christenson bequest, a memorial gift in memory of Robt. Strachan and the Sutton Family Foundation. A complete list of donors will be listed in the garden on a permanent memorial plaque and posted in a later issue of the Bee when the total funding has been raised.

## What's New at the Museum ?

Our main exhibit focuses on some of the industries in the township. McMyler Interstate was an engineering firm and foundry. The massive complex covered 43 acres along Northfield Rd. (State Rte. 8) south of Union St. Many of our residents live here because their fathers or grandfathers obtained a job at McMyler. Notable products included much of the armament to equip warships during WWI. The most famous piece of equipment was the League Island crane built for the Navy Shipyard in Philadelphia. It could suspend 6 (six) full size locomotive engines in the air at one time. You can drive by the old plant and see portions of the factory that remain; it is currently being used as a metal recycling facility.

Another nationally known company was the Jack & Heintz Company located on Broadway (State Rte. 14) on the Bedford-Maple Hts line. The company was a successful wartime business in the 1940s.

Other companies that will be highlighted include Stalwart Rubber, Harper Aircraft, Best Foundry and Holmes Bronze.

## Meet Our Trustees



Bedford Historical Society Board of Trustees pose after a recent meeting. Seated (L-R) Joyce Tuskes, Kathie Rice, Karen Pallat, Kay Gary, Phil Saunders, Marilyn Zolata & Lynn Beveridge. Standing (L-R) Bob Schroeter, Sr., Jim O'Neill & Dinah Mouat. Absent from the photo are Elaine Gaither, Mike Hulett, Betsy Lee, Shirley Taussig, Brian Melling, Rose Grossenbaugh, Deborah Turner and Bill Starkey.

## Eulogy for Topsy & Belle

*(Editor's note: One of Bedford's notable residents was Dr. Theodatus Garlick ( 1805-1884). Dr. Garlick was a pioneer in plastic surgery and was considered the father of artificial fish propagation. Dr. Garlick was also a painter of fine portraiture and proficient in several languages. He was one of the founders of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. We know that he was a strong proponent of the Abolitionist Movement who left his church in Youngstown because it did not support the cause. He writes the letters below about the loss of his dogs. They were carefully pasted on the inside pages of a book that he owned. The book is part of the historical society's library.*

Elliottsville Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1871

Topsy died today, at age 14 years. The best, behaved, and the best dog I ever saw;---the most lovable & loving---without a single fault. I bought her when a little pup. She spent her life with us, and for us so much so that she seemed to us, as one of the family. I buried her with my eyes full of tears and why not. She was a pure Black and Tan Terrier---beautiful as she was good---

Placide quiescas

T.G.

Bedford Ohio September 24<sup>th</sup> 1875

Dear Little Belle died tonight near 9 PM to our great sorrow: She was Topsis' s last puppy born April 1865 a nice little toy weighing five pounds. She had been my constant companion from the time she was weaned. Spending her time mostly on my lounge with me during my long and dreary illness, always keeping with me at my feet.

I did not suppose it possible that the death of my animal could make me feel so utterly unhappy.

I have buried her in the middle of the bed of my choice perpetual roses.

If she and Topsy have a future life, I shall see them again before long as I am in my 71<sup>st</sup> year. T. Garlick

*The Bedford Historical Society Board of Trustees*

Invites members and their friends to a fun evening of great food, good company and special entertainment



*Millie McCarty speaks with a museum visitor*



*Kim Balach & Birdie Smith entertain at the Open House.*

### **It was a Merry Christmas!**

Thanks to the Christmas committee, over 200 visitors enjoyed the Holiday Open House plus visitors to the museum during regular hours. Members Helen Pratt, Barb McDaniel, Millie McCarty, Lee McCarty, Helen and Steve Batko Joyce Maruna, Judy Magyar, Paul Pojman, Phil Saunders, Bob Pallat and Glyn Gary worked magic to transform the Town Hall Museum into a world of Christmas memories. Mary Beth Leon loaned her doll collection, Andy Kuilder set up his Higbee's animated display and the Parma Model Train Club added their American Flyer layout. Special thanks to Al Fenton owner of Al's Trains & Hobby for loan of a model train display showing all the gauges.

During the Open House, Kim Balach, Birdie Smith and Vickie Michalek supplied music and Lynn Jones told stories in the old school room. Did we mention that we have the best cookie bakers in the world?



*Phil Saunders, Bob Pallat and Glyn Gary set up this village.*

*(Photos by Paul Pojman)*



**A Night in Old Italy**  
Saturday March 2, 2012  
Doors open at 6:30  
Dinner at 7:30

LaCasa Bella Party Center 26383 Broadway (State RT 14) Oakwood Village Ohio (About one mile east of the I 480/271 interchange)

Menu- A special evening of regional Italian cuisine  
Appetizers include Rita's Italian specialties-  
Arancini di Riso and Homemade Meatballs  
Main dish includes  
Chicken Parmesan, side pasta,  
Garlic bread/rolls, salad, and dessert  
Beverages include coffee, tea and soft drinks  
A cash bar will be available

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### **Joe Abate & Jerry Salerno entertain with Italian favorites.**

There is a Big Board raffle and Side Board raffles

Also a silent auction of special donated items

Your \$50 donation includes dinner, entertainment & raffle. Two dinners sharing one raffle ticket \$80/  
Dinner and entertainment only \$30

*Enjoy an evening with friends while supporting the Bedford Historical Society. Proceeds help the society continue its service to our communities.*

More info: 440 232-0796 Please send check and number attending to:

PO Box 46282 Bedford OH 44146 Reservation deadline February 25<sup>th</sup>

*Thank you for your support*



## Autograph Book

Did you have an autograph book signed by friends in high school or college? Member Chris Sweet donated one that she found at an estate sale on the county line road. The book belonged to Mary Seath who lived in Litchfield Illinois and attended Smithson College. How the autograph book came to reside in a home in Bedford Township is not yet known. The entries are written mostly with ink and steel pen. Some are written with pencil. Entries date from 1872 to 1881. The men mostly wrote their name and date. The women friends were more eloquent.

“May there be just enough clouds in your life to make a glorious sunset” is the wish of your friend. T. W. Macfarlane New Year’s Day 1880.

Sophie E. Wilkes wrote; “Dear Friend, There is a word in every clime, to name and friendship dear, In English tis ‘Forget-me-not’, in French tis ‘Souvenir.’”



Some of the women copied favorite poems and essays. Popular poets were Alice, pictured here, and Phoebe Cary who were popular American writers of the time. The sisters were born near Cincinnati Ohio. The women were mostly self-educated and noted for their liberal views on issues of the time. As adults, their poetry made them sought after celebrities. They moved to New York. Their wide circle of acquaintances included notable people. We have a 400 page book of poetry written by the Cary sisters in the historical society’s library.

Smithson College had a short but illustrious life. It was located in Logansport, Cass County Indiana. It was named after its main financial backer, Joshua Smithson who made his fortune in coal. The architecture of the buildings was impressive. Our autograph collector was a first year student when the school opened in 1872. Despite having money to build the campus plus having notable lecturers from well-established schools, the college failed to survive and closed after 7 years of operation. Two other schools used the grounds without much success. The main building burned in a spectacular fire in 1895. It was never rebuilt.

The autograph book gives us a glimpse of social customs, handwriting, paper and bookbinding from 140 years ago. The Cary sister’s book also shows examples of popular reading material of the day. You are welcome to stop by and read the entries in the autograph book and read the book of poetry by the Cary sisters. Maybe you can help solve the mystery of how the book became part of Bedford Township history.



## Obituaries

*Josephine D. (nee: Damiano) Such*; Member Jo Such died on October 25, 2012. Jo was a volunteer for the society and attended many functions. She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur. She is survived by her daughter Nancy (John) Orlosky and loving grandchildren.

*Frank B. Kraus III*; Member Frank Kraus died September 2012. His wife Mary A. (nee: Pribisko) died October 2012. Surviving are their children James (Monet), Frank IV (Chris), Joni Esser, Christopher (Rita) and Nancy Catalano. A son, William preceded them in death. They leave loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Frank served his country in WWII as a US Marine.

*Agnes (nee: Schreck) Bisler*; Member Agnes Bisler died on November 13, 2012. Agnes graduated from Bedford High and was active in alumni activities. She was preceded in death by her husband Norman H. She is survived by her children Alan J., Joan Ewolski (John), and Mark. She will be missed by her loving grandchildren.

*Steven A. Angyal*; Member Steve Angyal died on November 22, 2012. Steve was an active volunteer with the Society and shared his knowledge about the Civil War with visitors to the museum during events such as the Strawberry Festival. He was a regular visitor to the museum and always came with something to share from his garden or magazines for us to disseminate. He is survived by his wife Linda and children Eric (Kathleen Kassick) and Laura (Rick) Schreiber. He will be missed by his loving grandchildren.

*Alma R. (nee: Sweet) Heintz*; Member Alma Heintz died on December 6, 2012. She was the wife of the late George W., the loving mother of George (Tracy); Kathleen (Wayne) Riggel, Deborah Heintz and Mary Jane Heintz. She will be missed by loving grandchildren. Alma volunteered as a docent for several years.

We extend our sympathy to member Josephine Jedinak and family on the death of her husband Michael.