Is It a Toy? Or Is It a Model?

In assembling our winter exhibit about models, this was the question that dogged us. What constitutes a toy as opposed to a model? The conclusion was that some toys are models and some models are toys. The exhibit has examples of many types of models including patent models (over 600 Bedford residents have had patent applications over the years), hobbyist’s models, and models of Bedford playground equipment, architectural models and model kits. Model planes were particularly popular in Greater Cleveland; You can read about Clevelandere Edward Packard who shared his passion for aeronautical models with generations. Even NASA curated a model airplane show at Higbee’s Department Store.

Another Project

Another project that your society has been helping with is identifying places, businesses and people in a 1940 film marked Bedford Ohio. It is housed in the film department at the University of South Carolina. The specialized department preserves old film reels and catalogues them with additional information. A program will be available in the future when we receive a DVD of the film.

Where are the Sleuths?

No one correctly guessed the object and its location of the photo in the last issue of the Bee. We’ll give you another chance with a larger photo. The keen observer will notice that there are two objects and that they are near an industrial complex.

Send your guess to Mystery History, PO Box 46282 Bedford OH 44146. The first correct answer will receive a copy of our book, Bedford and Bedford Township Ohio.

Obituaries

Our condolences to member Lynn Jones and her family on the death of her son Robin.

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 6:30pm**
Tree Lighting, On the Square

**Saturday, Dec. 12th, Noon—4pm**
Christmas in Bedford Falls & Open House, Downtown Bedford

Dec. 21st—Jan. 31st, 2016 Town Hall Museum CLOSED

**Thursday, Jan. 7th, 7pm**
Lyceum The US Navy, The Torpedo Crisis of WWII and Cleveland’s role in the Cold War
Bedford Heights Community Building, 5615 Perkins Rd.

**Thursday, Jan. 7th, 7pm**
**Lyceum**
The History of the Emerald Necklace
Walton Hills Village Hall 7595 Walton Rd. at the corner of Walton Rd. and Alexander Rd. (enter parking lot off Alexander Rd.)

**Thursday, Mar. 3rd, 7:30pm**
Lyceum The Great War, 1914—1918
The Old Church on the Square

**Saturday, Mar. 5th, 6:30pm**
Annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser
La Casa Bella Party Center, Oakwood Village

From the President

Fall is almost over and winter is nearly here! We are grateful for the support our members have given us over the past year and as we close out our 60th year of operation, please continue to support the great work our staff and volunteers have been doing and will continue to do! Remember to renew your membership! You’ll continue to receive this quarterly newsletter and your dues make up a big part of our yearly budget which primarily maintains our buildings and supports our public programming.

Our Endowment is steadily growing and is another way to give long-term. Donations can be made directly to the Cleveland Foundation and earmarked for the Bedford Historical Society. The Endowment Fund is also a great way to plan for legacy gifts.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We couldn’t do the things we do without you! From the Board of Trustees, Staff and Volunteers, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Bob Schroeter, Sr., President

Save the Date!

**March 5th**
Springtime in Paris: Annual Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction

**April 30th**
Northeast Ohio Local History Fair at Ellenwood Community Center

**May 5th**
Annual Dinner & Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Jarrod Burkes, Ohio’s Ancient Mounds
**New Life Members**

Members Judy Matz and Bret & Becky Johnson have become Life Members of the Bedford Historical Society. We thank them for their commitment and continued support.

We will be CLOSED December 21st—January 31st. This allows us to save a bit on heat and keeps our staff and volunteers safe during the harshest part of winter. We will be checking messages and will be available for private tours. Just leave us a message at 440-232-0796 and we will call you back as soon as we can.

**Capital Campaign**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our campaign to Restore and Renovate the Old Church on the Square. We are making plans for the next phase of work. Our hope is that we will be able to share these plans with the membership and public in early 2016 to gain your feedback. In the meantime, the fundraising doesn't stop! We anticipate that this phase will cost $200–350k and will encompass work on many parts of the building. Our next fundraiser won't be until the Spring, but please consider supporting this important project in your end-of-year giving.

**Security Update**

2016 brought several additional attempted break-ins to the Town Hall Museum. A new lock has been installed on the elevator bay door and we are in the process of adding a few more security cameras to safeguard our collections. Thankfully, nothing has been stolen or broken in the museum!

Also, welcome to our new volunteer unit, the Resource Protection Officers, led by Wayne Witkowski. This special team will supplement our docent program and act as extra eyes and ears during big events.

**Update on the Chinese Project**

Readers of the Bee recall that the society was helping a Chinese television program with research on missionary Lillian Collins. The television program is the Chinese version of our similar program ‘Who Do You Think You Are?’ which airs on public television. The program traces the genealogical roots of celebrities. The Chinese version is similarly formatted. Our connection involved Miss Lillian Collins who adopted and helped raise a young Chinese girl during her 20 year stay in China. The young girl married and raised a family; her son is a well-known theater performer in China. In early September, the actor, his sister and the entire crew arrived in Bedford to film segments of the show. Three interpreters handled translation duties. A reunion was arranged with members of Lillian’s family.

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