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President's Message

Spring is here! Although we are grateful for the mild winter, it is always good to have the warmer weather return. As you will see below, we have been busy during the past few months and we have many things coming up!

As many of you know I have served as your president for several years, but it is time for me to step down and make room for fresh ideas. The Society is near and dear to me and I sincerely hope that it will continue for many more years and I expect to continue helping out, just not as president. I am confident that out there is our midst there is someone with willing hands to take on the task!

This year, too, Bill Earnshaw will be leaving the Vice Presidential slot for a well-earned "retirement". With this in mind, we hope that when a member of the nominating committee comes knocking on your door (or more likely telephone) you will give consideration to joining the leadership team of the society. While being the President or Vice President might not be your cup of tea just yet, there are other positions available for willing hands! We invite you to attend an upcoming board meeting to see how it all works. Give me a call if you would like to learn more.

Margaret Wiggin

Past Pleasures

"The Milford to Manchester Railroad" On



Wednesday, April 6th, Historical Society member Randy Barnhardt, presented a truly fascinating program based on

his extensive research on this railroad that once ran right through our town. There was a full house and if the library hadn't insisted on closing their doors I think there would still be folks there asking him questions! Thank you so much Randy!

Drinkable Arts Painting Party: On April 10th,



the Stevens-Buswell Community Center sponsored a painting party with Sherry Hoffman of [Drinkable Arts](#). Attendees

got their creative juices flowing under Sherry's able leadership, to create some really beautiful hand-painted glassware! You can see their results online at <https://goo.gl/photos/WjpBKixkGJcFsFeA7>. Many thanks to Vicky Wisner and her team for organizing this, to Drinkable Arts for sponsoring and to [Mystic Images Salon](#) in Amherst for lending us their space. Thanks also to [M. Mill Company](#), The Skin Care Jewelry for their donations. (And remember you can purchase a M. Mill Company pendant, designed especially for the Stevens-Buswell Community Center project online or at Schoolhouse #7).

Coming Attractions!

Spies and Spying in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)



**Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30PM,
Bedford Public Library, McAllister**

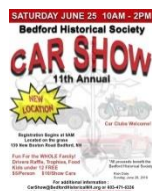
Room Based on recently discovered historical materials and recent books, this program by **Douglas Wheeler**, Professor of History Emeritus, UNH, is an inquiry into the life and death of America's first spy, the patriot-martyr, Nathan Hale of Coventry, Conn. Wheeler takes audiences on a journey through the spy world of the Culper Spy Ring. This is not to be missed! ***This event is free and open to the public and there will be light refreshments..***

Hannaford's Book Sale: June 1st-June 30th



Once again the Historical Society will be the beneficiary of **Hannaford's Jenkins Road Book Sale**. You can drop off books for the sale and purchase new ones! Kids books are always in demand! It is a strictly donation event, just in time for summer reading!

11th Annual Classic Car & Motorcycle Show: Saturday, June 25th



Greg Zimmermann and his team are gearing up for our 11th Annual Car Show. This year's show will be in a new location on the grass at 139 New Boston Road. There will

be raffles, trophies, food and fun for the whole family. For more information check the website at Carshow@Bedfordhistoricalnh.org.

News from the Stevens-Buswell



Committee:

With the warm weather returning, work on the outside of the building, which includes some

important drainage work, will begin. Meanwhile the SBCC committee continues to work tirelessly to raise the funds necessary to complete this great community project. We are always looking for willing hands and new ideas! We are also reaching out to the community in search of Stevens-Buswell Alumni: if you, or someone you know is a former SBS student, we'd love to hear from you! We are looking for photos, names of your classmates and teachers and, perhaps, their current information; stories of your days at Stevens-Buswell and what you are doing now. Please give us a call, or email us.

Whole Foods & The John Goffe Mill: If you haven't visited the recently opened Whole Foods on South River Road, you are in for a treat! When you are there be sure and make your way to the pub area. This dining area looks out over the refurbished John Goffe Mill. The only thing missing when we were there were the ducks, and hopefully they will return. There is also a nice display in that area telling about the mill and George Woodbury. We are grateful to Whole Foods for their interest in our history!

On the Horizon



Auction: We are working on an auction planned for early fall (September 25). In addition to some articles already in our possession, we

have received a donation from Gene VanLoan of some very unique items, including a set of beautiful Dunlap chairs. We could use more items, new, old, antiques, collectibles, household items, whatever!

We are also looking for a possible location. If you have a barn with available space we'd love to hear from you! If you like to help in the planning, please call or email us.

An “ Old-Fashions” Fashion Show: Member Jane Blais is heading up this great event hopefully for early 2017. She is looking for vintage clothing

of all kinds – men’s women’s & children’s. She would also love volunteers to model and to help with the planning. Please give a Jane a call at 669-8616 if you are interested.

More Opportunities to get involved:

As you are aware the Historical Society does not hold monthly general meetings, however, the Executive Board and the Stevens-Buswell Community Center Committee both meet at least once a month. Our members are welcome at any of these meetings. We’d love to have your input and it would give you an opportunity to get more involved. PLEASE do not hesitate to contact us for any questions you might have!

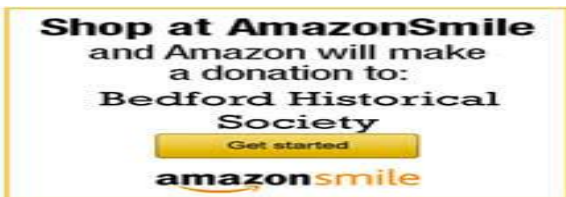
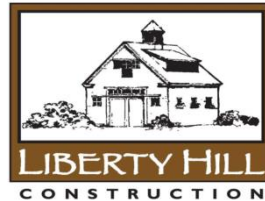
April 13, BHS Board Meeting. 7pm-9pm. Schoolhouse # 7. Our mission is to preserve our historical artifacts and to maintain Schoolhouse #7, the Kendall Shop Museum and our Carriage Shed, as well as providing programs of historical interest for the whole community,

April 26th- SBCC Meeting: 4:30pm- 6:00pm. At Home Care Assistance. Please call for directions. Our mission is to complete the rehabilitation of the Stevens-Buswell building into a resource for the entire community

May 4th – BHS Board Meeting – 7pm-9pm

May SBCC Meeting: Please call or check the web site for time and location.

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