



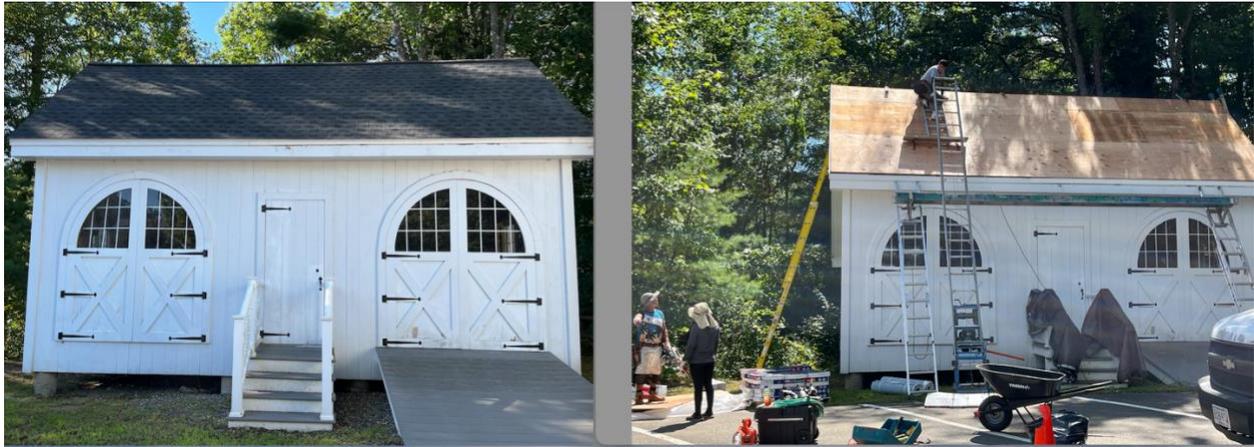
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# bedford historical society

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Bedford, New Hampshire — October 2022

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*After*

*During a remarkable work day*

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## Roof Replacement on the BHS Carriage House Shed

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, our Carriage House shed sports a new asphalt roof. This work was completed none-too-soon as our old roof was leaking and no longer protecting the valuable items stored inside.

The work was completed in just one day and it looks great. Thank you to Greg Zimmermann who kindly moved and stored the Antique Town Hearse while the work was performed. Also, thanks to the lovely professionals in the Town Planning Office who expedited our Historic District paperwork.

## BHS Yard Sale, October 22, 9am-2 pm

We are still collecting items for the Annual Yard Sale. As we are not having a clothing drive until spring, this will be our major fundraiser for the BHS for the remainder of the year. PLEASE check your attics and basements for all those items which you know you should let go of. Drop them by on Wednesday mornings to Schoolhouse #7. We will also come pick up your goods. Just leave a message for us.



## Annual Meeting/Sickle Mower Presentation



Our Annual Meeting was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Old Town Hall. We were treated to a wonderful presentation by Director Ron Carvalho. Ron took us on his journey of discovery regarding an antique sickle mower found near Pulpit Rock. He gave us the background of this unique farm implement, where it was manufactured and the inventor.

The harvester was a game-changer in terms of “cutting” the amount of time harvesting hay and other grain crops. Ron, along with the help of the Boy Scouts, relocated the Sickle Mower to the Carriage House shed.

Liam MacDonald, from Scout Troop 414, has erected a display near where the Sickle Mower was found for his Eagle Scout Project. The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) has expressed an interest in having Ron give his presentation to a joint PLC/BHS event in the future. Thank you, Ron.



## BHS Sponsors Veterans Day Program at the Presbyterian Church, Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am



Once again, Bedford’s Veterans Day Program will be held on Veterans Day after a break of several years due to Covid. The Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild will present quilts to seven Bedford Veterans in a ceremony marking the day of remembrance and recognition. Come join us at this gathering with a special speaker, friendship, and refreshments. The event starts at 10 am and there will be a social time following the ceremonies.

## Holiday Boutique December 3, 10-1 pm, Schoolhouse #7

More to come on this later but mark your calendars for our Holiday Boutique.

We have ordered pewter ornaments and have several publications available for purchase.



We are holding it on the same Saturday as the Bedford Women’s Club Holiday function at the Old Town Hall, so if you are out and about you can easily stop by both events.

Stop by for a cookie and a cup of hot cider.

## Amazon Smile



Do you order from Amazon.com? If you do, please help the Bedford Historical Society by signing up for Amazon Smile and selecting the BHS (NH) as your charitable organization.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile purchases to charitable organizations selected by customers.

## Organizing Continues at the BHS Schoolhouse

We continue to clean, organize and file apace at the BHS (Wednesday mornings through to lunchtime and early afternoons). We are labeling, filing, cleaning, and updating our displays and collections. If you care to join us, even once a month, just drop by any time after 10 am. We’ll put you to work – or just come in for a chat.

## Future Stevens-Buswell Community Center All Painted!



*Repairs to the failed wood and application of the primer and two finish coats of paint have made a tremendous difference in the appearance of the exterior of Bedford's future community center.*

Thanks to the excellent work of Jason Piracini (If Walls Could Talk), Alex Rohe (Aroostook Custom Builders), and our amazing volunteers, Glenn Wiggin and Mike Doerfler, the exterior of Bedford's future community center was repaired and painted by August 28! This met the deadline required by the Town in the renewable 50-year lease that we signed last February. If you haven't driven by to admire the building yet, please be sure to do this!

We want to express our gratitude to the funders who made this work possible. The generous support came from the Ann de Nicola Trust, Citizens Bank, N.A., Trustee; the Bedford Lions Club; the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation; and the N.H. Preservation Alliance, partnering with The 1772 Foundation. In addition, we are grateful to the Goedecke Flooring and Design Center for providing the many cans of primer and finish paint to us at their cost. All this help has enabled the Historical Society to complete this huge project successfully, which has cost about \$27,000.

Inside the building, the doors for the upper level have all been painted by Jason, and nearly all of the 21 doors and all of the door frames have been installed by Alex. Discussions are underway about the possibility of installing some heat in the building to enable work to continue during the winter months.

We very much appreciate past donations and welcome your ongoing support to open the doors of the Stevens-Buswell Community Center. Donations can be made online at

[http://www.bedfordhistoricalnh.org/index\\_files/Page1934.htm](http://www.bedfordhistoricalnh.org/index_files/Page1934.htm) or checks made out to Bedford Historical Society, with SBCC on memo line, and sent to 24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110.

A few more rooms remain in the building that could receive your name or be named in honor of someone else. In addition, we have a number of opportunities to sponsor areas or specific important projects needed in order to open the community center to the public. For more information, please call 471-6336 or write to [sbcc@bedfordhistoricalnh.org](mailto:sbcc@bedfordhistoricalnh.org). Additionally, we would be most pleased to hear from you if you might be able to help us with fundraising, publicity (written or social media), grant writing, or any other talents that you might be able to offer. Please let us know!



*Lead protocols were followed during the preparations made for painting the exterior of the former Stevens-Buswell School.*



*Jason Piracini working on the front of the building.*

## Seniors Get-Together at the Bedford Presbyterian Church



We want to use this forum to give a little publicity to the Presbyterian Church's Senior Get-Together. Every first Tuesday of the month, except January, anyone over 65 is welcome to stop by from 10 am to 1 pm for social time, games, and free lunch. All seniors in town are welcome! Just RSVP to Michelle at 603-472-5841 each month!

## Bedford Historical Society Current Board

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Beverly Thomas – Ex-Officio  
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Susan Tufts Moore –  
Director (2019-2022)

Joyce Kasiaras – Director  
(2020-2023)

Ron Carvalho – Director  
(2021-2024)

## BHS Earns Two TREX Benches



Last February several members of BHS volunteered to help the Lions Club with their plastic recycling program at the Transfer Station. Once a week, we have journeyed out to the Transfer Station and sorted, weighed, and dropped the plastics off at Hannaford Supermarkets. This program allows each non-profit to earn two outdoor benches for their organization. Gwen Broder and Claire Day, with the help of Meredith Potter, Dee Caron and the encouragement of Bobby Potter, make up your recycling team.

## Get Involved

We have a couple jobs that members can pretty much do at home:

*Publicity* - When we have a function or fundraiser that we want to advertise in the paper or online we tell you What, Where and When and you can even write a blurb if you want.

*Secretary* - We need a secretary to take minutes at our monthly meetings that start at 6:30 and go until 8:30, give or take, at School House #7. You can tape them and write them up at home or take notes as we discuss things. These minutes are for our viewing only and perfection is not required. We do like to get them a week before the next upcoming meeting, and they can be emailed to the board.

## Membership Forms and Dues

Attention All Members. Yes, it's that time of year dear friends. Time to send in your membership form(attached) and dues. We rely on these funds to keep the lights and heat on. We add a lot of bang for the buck in our historic New England town. Thanks in advance for your continued support!

## THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS



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**Bedford Historical Society**  
**2022-2023 Membership Form**

Please complete and return this form to the address listed below.  
Membership dues may also be paid online on our website, [www.BedfordHistoricalNH.org](http://www.BedfordHistoricalNH.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

1. Single - One individual \$ 20.00
2. Family - One couple & any children under 18 years of age \$ 30.00
3. Patron - Any person or group \$ 60.00
4. Corporate Membership - One business \$ 100.00

**Corporate Membership benefits include**

- A link to your website on our supporters page to our website and other social media.
- Table or banner at one of our events.
- Company logo with a link to your website in our newsletters.

**Please consider an additional donation to support one of the following**

Matthew Patten Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BHS General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Stevens-Buswell Community Center Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to: Bedford Historical Society - Mail to: 24 North Amherst Rd, Bedford, NH 03110***

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Schoolhouse #7 & Kendall Shop: Buildings and Grounds \_\_\_\_\_ Cataloging/Filing \_\_\_\_\_ Website/Social Media \_\_\_\_\_  
SBCC Committee: Fundraising/Events \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Building Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
BHS Meeting Transportation: Need \_\_\_\_\_ Can Provide \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bedford Historical Society is an IRS 501(c)3 organization.  
All dues, donations and gifts are 100% tax deductible.  
For Information call: 603.471.6336**

***Thank you for supporting the Bedford Historical Society***