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Membership



Connie & Alice from Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild, Boy Scouts Maddox Baskerville, Evan Furness, Joe Mendenhall, CDR Ron Carvalho, USN, retired, CMSgt Stan Pressler, USAF, retired, Lt Col Jack Byrne, USAF, retired, Rowland Bryan, USN, CAPT Bill Gere, USN retired

Veterans Day Remembrance

The Bedford Historical Society hosted the Bedford Veterans Day Program held in the Fellowship Hall at the Presbyterian Church. A program of patriotic songs bookended a keynote talk by our own BHS director, Ron Carvalho. Ron, (CDR, USN retired), related several moving and humorous anecdotes from his service years. One story involved a highly competent service member, very close to retirement, who was discovered to be illiterate. Ron asked him how he had progressed so far and at such a high level of competency in his job. The service member had memorized information to an exceptional level. Ron's commander made it the unit's mission to teach the sailor to read, without making the fact known to the higher-ups, which could have resulted in the sailor's dismissal from the navy.

The Bedford Quilters Guild presented five handmade quilts to selected veterans while a short service biography was read. BHS's own Bill Gere (Capt, USN retired) and Ron Carvalho were recipients of quilts. Matt Ayers, the chief mechanic at Bedford Public Works, received his quilt in a separate ceremony, attended by his department, at a gathering in Schoolhouse #7. Matt was unable to attend the Nov 11 ceremony, as he was off

volunteering with a veteran's charity assisting veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress. The presentation at the Schoolhouse was a lovely opportunity for Matt's coworkers to recognize his service. Jeff Foote, Bedford Director of Public Works, provided pizza for the event. Special thanks to Gwen Broder who organized the ceremony at the Fellowship Hall which included refreshments from BHS members.



Members of Bedford Public Works Department watch quilt presentation to Matt Ayers



Alice Raymond from Bedford Quilters Guild presents quilt to Matt Ayers, USA

Stevens-Buswell Community Center Progress

The Stevens-Buswell Community Center (SBCC) Committee is pleased to report another large grant that we received this past fall from the Ann de Nicola Trust, Citizens Bank, N.A., Trustee. The award of \$20,000 has been set aside toward work on the stairwells and lower floor corridor, a very expensive project that must be completed to open the building for use by the public. In addition, we were awarded a grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation for \$5,000 toward work on the two restrooms that will be on the lower floor.

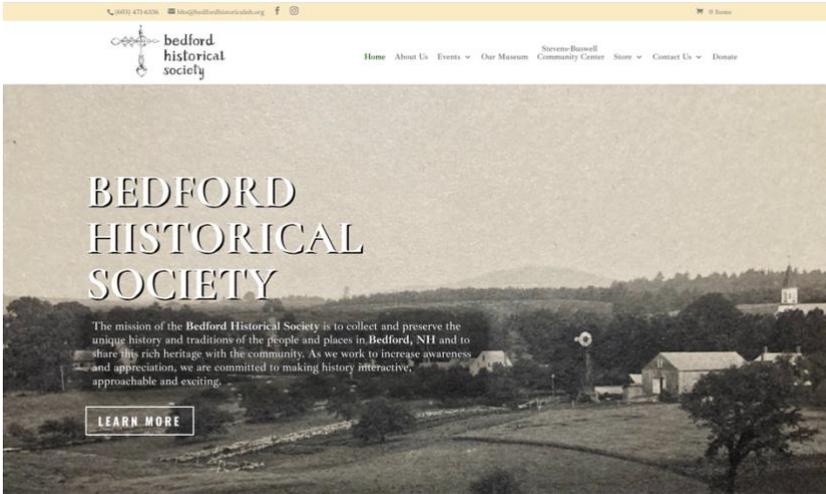
As the SBCC committee moves forward, the committee members have been investigating the purchase of a heating system for the future community center. At this stage of the project, we feel that we need heat in order to continue work inside during the winter months. We also know that we must have the building insulated before using a heating system. Therefore, we are moving forward on purchasing a heating system, as well as hiring an insulation firm for that work.

We are extremely grateful to two individuals who have made substantial donations toward our future community center. Craig Earnshaw of Park City, Utah, has most generously given a major donation on behalf of the Earnshaw Family in honor of their parents, Bill and Lois Earnshaw, longtime supporters of the Bedford Historical Society. We are delighted to announce that the large meeting room on the main floor of the building will be known as the Bill and Lois Earnshaw Room!

Additionally, Ruta Daugela, one of our local community members, has made a very generous donation in memory of her parents, Kazys and Stase Daugela, members of the Bedford community for many years. Her father was an exceptional professional photographer known widely here and abroad. One of the two front rooms on the main floor of the building will be known as the Daugela Room!

A third room will be named soon in honor of a local couple to acknowledge their significant donation. A few rooms remain that are available for naming in your honor or a loved one's memory. Additionally, many opportunities are still available for sponsoring an area (such as a hallway) or an item (like the restoration of the original blackboard). Please contact us at sbcc@bedfordhistoricalnh.org if you would like more information, and donations of any size are always welcome at <https://bedfordhistoricalnh.org/donate-to-the-bedford-nh-historical-society/> on our new and beautiful website!

Drum roll please!



If you have not yet spent some time on our new and wonderful website at <https://bedfordhistoricalnh.org>, you are missing out! Claire Day initiated work on a new website because we had not been able to update our old website for several years. Claire and Dee Caron worked extensively with Jesse Mayr of LTD Company on South River Road over the past year to develop this great resource. Please enjoy this extensive repository of beautifully presented information—and share it with your family and friends!

Amazon Smile

Thanks to those of you for your past contributions through Amazon Smile. We have received between six and seven hundred dollars a year by participating in the program. Sadly, they will be discontinuing this giving plan in February.

BHS Christmas Boutique



The Society held their annual boutique fundraiser at the Schoolhouse on December 3rd. Holiday cheer was in ample supply despite the inclement weather. Jean Tallman watercolor prints were displayed as well as our pewter ornaments. The highlight of the event was a spectacular homemade gingerbread house donated for a raffle by our own Dee Caron. Goodies and apple cider were provided by members. Thanks to Gwen Broder, Joyce Kasiaras, Dee Caron, and Bobby and Meredith Potter.

Christmas Window Candles and Wreaths



Thank you to Rich Moore for setting out the seasonal candles in the windows of Schoolhouse #7 and Stevens-Buswell community center. If you've been out and about in the evenings during the festive season, our buildings look lovely with their lights and wreaths. The wreath on Schoolhouse #7 was provided by the Bedford Garden Club. Other wreaths were donated by Rich Moore.

TREX Recycling Ends

The BHS has participated in the Bedford Lions Club plastic recycling program at the Bedford transfer station for the past year. We will be stepping back from this effort after earning two benches for the Society. Look for the benches outside the Schoolhouse and Stevens-Buswell in the spring. If members know of possible volunteers to help the Lions Club in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Elda at the Lions Club. Thanks to Gwen Broder, Bob Broder, Meredith Potter, and Claire Day over the past year.



SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE



Once again, the BHS is sponsoring a clothing drive to benefit the society and the Epilepsy Foundation. Be on the lookout for the U-Haul parked in front of the Stevens-Buswell School in May. Get looking through those closets! Remember, no books, toys, tools, hardware or furniture. Yes, to curtains, bed linens, tablecloths, footwear, clothing and handbags.

Bedford Historical Society Current Board

Claire Day – President
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(Interim)
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(2020-2023)

Ron Carvalho – Director
(2021-2024)

Susan Tufts Moore –
Director (2022-2025)



Please take a moment to renew your membership. The form is attached below.

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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

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 _____

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Thank you for supporting the Bedford Historical Society