



Members and Friends,

What puts the ‘home’ in ‘hometown’ historical society? That’s an easy one, it’s the people.

Our membership comes from diverse backgrounds. Some have been members for many years, some are new. Some live in the area and some live far away.

Members and visitors stop into the museum for many reasons; some come just to ‘talk history’, some donate an item and tell us the family story that goes with it. Some stop in because they have just visited another historic site while on vacation and they know we will be interested, some are looking for answers about something or someone from the past. Some members and visitors stop with local information, something ‘we should know about’ because it should be recorded for the future. If it is important to them, it is important to us. Of course, we have many visitors who come because of our amazing collections and exhibits. The Lyceum programs host 50-100 people monthly.

Our historic buildings, archive, library and exhibits are important links with those who lived here before us. These also bring visitors to the area and that is good for the economy.

Our history defines us. Our history unites us. Our communities are a good place to call home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Caldwell, Director / curator



Remembering our members who have passed away Nov ‘10 – Oct ‘11: *Dorothy Strok , Shirley E. (Heller) Boam, Lt Col ret William Allen, The Reverend Robert Dieterich, Ralph Deevers, Elvin F. Judd, Paul L. Kunkel, Vickie Rae Lutz, Jerome Boers, John C. "Jack" Wise, Claude E. Weagraff, Edward L. Thellman, Marjorie (nee: Morris) Craft, Dorothy E. (nee: Brott) Long, Shirley Ann McCune, Marianne (nee: Bromley) Hayes, Emory "Harold" Fleming, Grover Cleveland Foster, Eloise Morgan, Edward M. Beesley, Fred Crow, Mariam J. (nee: Golling) Mills and Roy Danback.*



Purpose of the Bedford Historical Society

Since the Bedford Historical Society was founded in 1955, it has had, and continues to have, the primary purpose of collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Bedford, Bedford Township and portions of the Western Reserve to enrich the lives of the community members and those individuals interested in history. To a lesser extent, the Society has material on Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and the state of Ohio. In addition, over the years, the Society has focused on some collections that represent life in America.

As a nonprofit organization, the Bedford Historical Society serves its membership and the community in the following ways:

1. It collects preserves and makes available printed materials and artifacts.
2. It supplies information and technical assistance to business owners, residents, students and interested individuals about preservation of Bedford buildings and properties.
3. It offers educational opportunities through tours, school programs, speakers, special events and a monthly Lyceum series of programs on special topics.
4. It sets an example in the community on preservation of buildings and historic landmarks.
5. It maintains credentials within the museum community through membership in local, state and national associations.
6. It offers regular weekly hours of operation and periodic open houses, plus additional hours to accommodate special tours.
7. It publishes a quarterly newsletter that informs the membership and public about events and issues that involve the Society. The newsletter also prints articles on Bedford history and updates on historical events.
8. It maintains a web site. Patrons of the web site have free access to events at the museum, historical data and exhibits. They can also ask and receive answers to their questions on Bedford history or other history related questions.