

The Bedford Bee.

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Up Coming Events

Annual Christmas Open House Saturday December 11, 2010 Noon – 4:00pm. (In conjunction with Christmas in Bedford Falls celebration) Join the fun as we celebrate Christmas memories from other cultures. Details inside this issue.

*January 6, 2011 Thursday 7:00pm (note the earlier start time) Lyceum- Hot Books of Yesteryear, Remembering Bedford's Libraries. Members Paul Pojman, Jean Sapir and Janet Caldwell discuss Bedford's libraries and the books that have been popular over the past 150 years. How do they compare with today's materials? This evening's program is a joint meeting with Southeast Public Library. It is being held in the meeting room at the library located on the corner of *Columbus Rd and Washington Street.**

*February 3, 2011 Thursday 7:00 pm (note earlier start time) Lyceum- Maple Heights Memories. Member John Straka, historian of Maple Heights, Leroy Colley, Robert Dober, and Pat McIntyre reminisce about growing up in Maple Heights. The program will be held at *Maple Heights Library, Library Lane off of Libby Road.**

*March 3, 2011 Thursday 7:00pm (note earlier start time) Lyceum- Life in Bedford Heights during the 60s & 70s. Gary Watts, Karen Pallat, Cindy and Phil Saunders share stories about life in the newly developed neighborhoods of Bedford Heights. This was a time of rapid growth for the community with young families. This evening's program will be at the *Community Center at 5615 Perkins Road, Bedford Hts. Ohio.**

*March 5, 2011 Saturday **Annual Reverse Raffle**; share the fun and support your Bedford Historical Society with this evening of great entertainment and food. It is all things Irish-food and music! Call Betsy Lee for details and tickets. 440 735-0135*



From the president

Here we are almost to the end of 2010. Our Christmas cards this year, which show a Rick Backo watercolor, will sell out quickly. The Lyceum programs are in full swing. These are always interesting, informative and well attended.

Our Town Hall Museum needs corrective masonry work. This must be done soon to protect our wonderful treasures. Trustees have been meeting to discuss funding strategies and we could use your help. Your ideas for fundraisers or donations would be greatly appreciated. See you at the museum and Lyceum programs.

Betsy Lee, President

The last day to purchase items from the museum store will be Dec 23rd. The museum will reopen on January 3rd.

Cemetery Workshop

22 people learned the importance of preserving cemeteries as historic sites. Attendees came from as far as Steubenville Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Everyone left with legal and historical information, hands-on experience and ideas to raise awareness and funding to preserve cemeteries in their region.

If you would like to learn simple cleaning techniques, please call the museum and we will pair you with local volunteers.

Dues Reminder

A reminder that your membership dues help support the mission and programs of the Bedford Historical Society. An envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience. Our highest utility bills are in the first quarter a time when the coffers are the lowest. Your prompt payment of the dues helps offset the deficit. How about a gift membership for a new neighbor or relative? *Thanks for your help!*

Marge Keene, membership secretary

Crescent Motors

One of the oddities in our collection is a radiator marked Crescent. A recent visitor did some research which he kindly gave to us. The radiator was from the Crescent Motor Company of Carthage Ohio. Ralph Northway bought the Ohio Motor Car Company in late 1912 and reorganized it as the Crescent Motor Company. It was in Ohio from 1913 to 1914. The company manufactured two models, the four cylinder Crescent and the six cylinder Royal Crescent. The first had 29 horse-power; the later had 38 horse-power. Next time you visit the Town Hall Museum, stop and see the radiator. The ceramic logo, with the outline of the state of Ohio, is a beauty.

Archive Room Expanded

One of the dilemmas facing all archives is lack of space. Items are continually received. Everyone wants to see original documents not a digital version. Storage requires acid-free containers. The contents are recorded in a master index for ease in finding. Plans were made this year to expand the shelving. It will allow us to grow for a few more years. An Amish carpenter did the work to our specs. Funding for this capital project was received from the following donors: L. Jones, J. Dennis, E. Larkin, B. Hoffman, S. Taussig and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2122 . Our gratitude to them for allowing us to do this project. Stop in and see the difference. *Wish list: a rolling step ladder with railings for safer access to the heights.*



Care of Tramps

One of the treasures that surfaced while moving boxes in the archive room was a receipt dated March 6, 1899. The Treasurer of Bedford Township issued a reimbursement to Geo. L. Lee for \$35.30 for the care of tramps. The money was taken from the Poor Fund. George E. Smith and William H. Button signed approval. J. S. Griest was the clerk. George Lee was part of the Lee Florist and Greenhouse family. Their property was on North St. Bedford City Hall is located on the site today.

New Acquisition

The Pratt family has donated a piece of area history, an elaborate ink well and pen holder marked 'First casting Best Foundry Bedford Ohio January 15, 1906'. Best Foundry was located off of Northfield Road at Forbes Road. Henry Molder was the manager of the sprawling factory that was an iron casting foundry. Over 600 employees worked in the plant which was operated into the 1920s. This is the first piece from Best Foundry that has been accessioned into the museum's collection. Our thanks to the Pratts.

Bricks in the News

Sorry to report that one of the area's last remaining brick roads was inadvertently paved with asphalt in September. The Schneider Hill portion of old Broadway was paved. The bricks, known as pavers, were a special design made for use on hills. Each brick had a unique groove along the top which channeled water to the curb and helped horses gain traction on a hill.

On a more positive note, the Society gave permission to reprint a chapter from Dick Squire's book *Bedford Vignettes*. The chapter gives the history of Clinton White's brickyard which was located at Broadway and Rockside Road. It will be reprinted in the monthly publication of the International Brick Collectors Association.

From the historical society library...

Mr. Lincoln's Foods

Ever wonder what Abraham Lincoln liked to eat? Wonder no more, because now the Bedford Historical Library has a book all about it. *Lincoln's Table: a President's Culinary Journey from Cabin to Cosmopolitan* by Donna McCreary (2nd edition, Lincoln Presentations, c2008) gives an episodic and chronological look at Lincoln's life through the foods he knew and ate. The book is also a history lesson in methods of farming, retailing, and cooking of the nineteenth century. What about recipes? Yep, they're here, too, with sometimes the historic and modern versions side by side. The author has done meticulous research, and now her readers can partake of some of the same meals that our 16th President enjoyed. Try "Knob Creek Corn Cakes," "Nancy's Pork Chops and Greens," "Fricasseed Chicken," or "New Salem Fruit Pies." She also includes gems like the menus for his sister Sarah's wedding reception and his own first inaugural. *Bonne lecture et bon appetit!*

Paul Pojman

More on Safford Grant

The Society is fortunate to have members and friends who share their research on topics related to Bedford. Readers may recall an article about Bedford resident Safford Grant who was a private in the Ohio 23rd during the Civil War. He was killed at the battle of South Mountain Maryland. His body was transported back to Bedford where it lies in Bedford Cemetery. His relative has sent additional information that she has obtained.

The Woodland Avenue Cemetery was chosen as a site for a memorial to the fallen members of the Ohio 23rd. Safford Grant's name is listed on the monument. This can be viewed on line on the Ohio Channel website.

The Hayes Presidential Center contains a speech given to honor the fellow fallen dead from the 23rd. Hayes served in that regiment. This can be reviewed on the Hayes Presidential website under speeches.

Thank you!

Our gratitude to our local *Walgreens* for their donation of the bags used for popcorn. This is a considerable savings for the budget. Thanks to *Frank Caldwell* for keeping the machine in good working order. Thanks to *Lynn Jones* for coordinating the popcorn crews and thanks to the following for helping pop and sell at the Parties-in-the-Park: *The Rhine family-Alma, Jules, Wayne, Amy, Matthew and Jeffrey, Therese Chapman, Gwyn Orchard, Ron & Jeanette Rue, Dot Schwende, Lee and Barb Aldridge, Laura Flaisig, Dorothy Muhl, Chris Sweet, Marge Keene and Helen Hurtuk.*

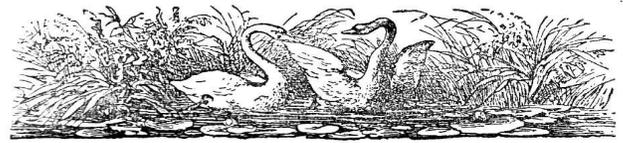
Christmas memory.....



Hudgeon's Christmas Window display

Photo courtesy of Pat Hudgeon Roseman

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NEAR AND FAR. We wish you good health and happy memories. Thank you for your support this year.



Obituaries

Our sympathy to member Gary Edler on the death of his mother Betty on August 26th. Some members might remember Betty as one of the friendly cafeteria ladies at Moody Jr. High.

Our sympathy to the family of *Dorothy Strok* who died on August 3, 2010. Dorothy and her husband Tom were active members of the community. She will be missed by her children Tom, Diane, Susie and Janet and their families.

Shirley E. (Heller) Boam; Member Shirley Boam passed away on August 3, 2010. Shirley will be missed by her husband David, children Patricia (John) Eshbaugh, David (Melissa) and loving grandchildren and great grandchildren.

William Allen, Lt Col ret; Member Bill Allen died in Omaha Nebraska where he had been living closer to his daughter. Bill and wife Jeanne, who passed away last year, were active members of the society. He is survived by his daughter Deborah (Jan) Mazgaj, Cindy (Tom) Knox and William Douglas Allen. He will be missed by loving grandchildren, Nick, Zach and Michael Mazgaj.

Robert Dieterich; Member Rob Dieterich passed away on September 2, 2010. Pastor Rob loved history and helped lead efforts with his congregation to preserve the Bedford First United Methodist Church building. He is survived by his wife, Connie and children Kate and David.

Ralph Deevers; Member Ralph Deevers passed away on September 5, 2010. He served as a trustee and was president in the early 1980s. Most recently, Ralph was a docent during events. Ralph was honored for his volunteer work with the historical society at the 2007 Annual Dinner. He was preceded in death by his wife Cynthia and a daughter Diane Hillenbrand. He is survived by his children Dallas, Leroy, Roland Deevers and Robert Schroeter. He leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ralph was the brother of member June Brott.

Elvin F. Judd, Member Elvin Judd passed away on September 5, 2010. Elvin and his wife Helen were active members of the society until they were restricted by health issues. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen C. (nee: Thomas) and child Janis R. Vince. He is survived by son James 'Dell' (Jackie) and loving grandchildren.

Paul L. Kunkel; Member Paul Kunkel died on November 3, 2010. Paul was a teacher at Bedford High School from 1965 – 1985. He and his wife, Mary Ann hosted international visitors each summer and brought them to the museum to visit. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann and children Louis (Barb), Leo (Pam), Lawrence (Lisa), Julie Gorecki (Carl) Victoria (Dan Maslowski), and Chris Karel (Tamara). He will be missed by loving grandchildren.



Feliz Navidad, Среќен Божиќ and Fröhliche Weihnachten are a few ways to say Merry Christmas.

The Bedford Historical Society is getting ready for its Annual Christmas Open House in conjunction with Christmas in Bedford Falls. On Saturday December 11th from noon to 4 pm, we are celebrating the customs of many nationalities brought to America by our immigrant ancestors.

On the patriotic side- Abraham Lincoln will be greeting visitors in the Lincoln room. He will offer a taste treat from his Christmas past. For a few American coins, visitors can buy the recipe from Abe himself. A new book in the historical library is about foods and beverages that Lincoln and his family enjoyed.

Bedford Heights council president Phil Saunders will have a Christmas Village on display with the HO trains of Bob Pallat .

A unique display of ceramic Santa's will be on exhibit. A third floor Christmas tree will display ornaments of other countries, post cards from around the world, and a demonstration of making a Victorian feather tree.

A decorated Victorian feather tree will be on display in the parlor on the second floor.

The print shop will be printing images of the holiday. As with Christmas, surprises are also likely to enhance your visit.

The **museum gift shop will have a silent auction** of two decorated authentic feather trees. Feather trees were a Victorian invention made painstakingly from bird feathers. One has ornaments made from historic photos of Bedford and the other feather tree will be of German die cuts.

If you have a favorite ethnic treat or memory to share with visitors please join us in the celebration of our unique family traditions.