

The Bedford Bee.

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Upcoming Events:

September 14 - 16, 2012 - Pooka Festival-
(schedule inside.) A peak at the Sedlon Garden
Project 1:00PM Saturday September 15th.

**October 4, 2012 Thursday 7:30PM Lyceum: A
Bed-Turning.** Members Wallace and Pat Murray
visit from their home in Minnesota to present a
program on the history of quilt patterns. Pat also
brings a special collection of her miniature quilts.

*There will be Meatloaf Dinner prior to the program
at 6:00 PM in the Community Hall. Donation for
the meal is \$12. Check made payable to Bedford
Historical Society; PO Box 46282, Bedford OH
44146. Reservations for the dinner must be in by
September 26th.*

**November 1, 2012 Thursday 7:30pm: Lyceum –
Famous Political Campaigns.** Andrew Mizesak
presents a history of some of the exciting political
campaigns in American history. We'll compare
elections from modern times to ones in the past.
Andrew will bring a portion of his extensive
memorabilia. Old Church on the Square, 750
Broadway, Bedford
(An Old-fashioned Pie Social follows the
presentation.)

*December 8, 2012 Saturday Noon – 4:00PM
Annual **Christmas Open House.** We will be open
during the Christmas in Bedford Falls Festival. This
wonderful family friendly event continues to attract
visitors from all over Ohio. *Phil Saunders, Bob
Pallat and Glyn Gary will have the Christmas
Village on display. The Christmas committee is
planning a special exhibit entitled "Child's Play."*
*The museum's extensive collection of dolls will be
part of the exhibit which is opening in mid-October.**

From the President

The Annual Meeting on May 3rd was well
attended. Thank you for supporting the Society with
your presence at our events and programs.

The business portion of the evening included
voting for the following new Trustees to serve a
three-year term: Brian Melling, Betsy Lee and
Dinah Mouat. Also voted in was Jim O'Neill who
will complete an unexpired term. Brian and Betsy
have served as Trustees before and both were
Presidents for a term. We welcome Dinah Mouat as
a first time Trustee. Dinah is active in other
organizations; we appreciate her willingness to
donate time to the Society. Jim O'Neill has helped
keep our buildings and grounds in good order and
has served as a docent during events. We welcome
him to the Board of Trustees. We honored Doris
Shriver for her volunteer service.

After business was transacted, Mrs. Julia Grant,
portrayed by Anne McAvoy, told us about her life
as the wife of U. S. Grant. Anne is part of a
theatrical group known as Women in History.

Bob Schroeter, Sr.



Old Ways School

The Old Ways School is again being offered on
four Mondays in October. Students can learn
letterpress printing, needlework, crochete &
knitting, scrapbooking, watercolor technique or the
ancient game of Mahjong. The brochure is enclosed
with this newsletter. Tell a friend or neighbor about
these classes. Learn something new...see you in
class.

The Owen Magnetic

Car buffs might recognize the Owen Magnetic brand. The R. M. Owen Company manufactured one of the early hybrid electric motorcars. Those with Internet access can view images of the car and read details about how it operated at several websites. It has a Bedford connection. Ron Pollock, author of several auto related books, emailed that one of the sites mentions Bedford Ohio as the birthplace of Raymond Moses Owen, the designer and owner. Helen Pratt did a genealogy check and confirmed his birthplace. The cars were manufactured from 1915 – 1922 first in New York, then Cleveland and finally Wilkes-Barre Pa.

Society Receives Relic from The World Trade Center

The Bedford Historical Society has been chosen as a Midwest museum to receive a relic from the World Trade Center disaster. As of this writing, the object is being prepared to be transported to the Town Hall Museum. We are receiving a file cabinet that survived the collapse. We are honored to be chosen to receive this cabinet. It will be on public display in the Office Exhibit on the third floor. It is a sad but necessary reminder of a day in American history that will not be forgotten.

What's New at the Museum?

The Office of Yesterday exhibit area, mentioned in the article above, has been rearranged.

Christmas comes early to the Town Hall Museum.

Helen Pratt and committee are 'decking the halls' beginning in mid-October.

Roger Fuhrmeyer's four new panels are now hanging in the first floor lobby. Entitled 'The Four Seasons at the Great Falls of Tinkers Creek, the panels depict the scenic area.

A Walk with the Past

We again offer a guided walking tour through historic Bedford Cemetery. The event is planned for Sunday September 30th 1:00PM – 2:00PM. To sign up please call the museum 440 232-0796.

From the BTR

From the Bedford Times Register issue of April 26, 1946: Major Ralph Bell was to speak at the Rotary District meeting to be held at the Tudor Arms in Cleveland.

Lempco International was to bring the first imported toys to this country. The toy Rolls Royces were made by A. Wells & Co. in London England. Managing director, Dorothy Kimmel, is quoted "If we export, we should buy from our friends abroad as well."

City Manager O. E. Hutchinson announced that the newly painted crosswalks in the business section on Broadway were 'not for mere decoration'; pedestrians will be expected to observe them. "Cross at the crosswalks and be safe."

Also, the Post Office announced that it would return to pre-war regular hours.

Taylor Chair Ends an Era

Bedford's oldest business closed its doors on June 15th. For almost 200 years, the Taylor Chair Company produced quality chairs and employed generations of Bedford men and women. Benjamin Fitch started the chair making business and helped his son-in-law, William O. Taylor, develop it into a successful enterprise. Over the years, the company survived fires, recessions and disruptions due to wars; it could not survive the current economy.

(Several chairs and artifacts from the company can be viewed at the Town Hall Museum.)



Thanks to Key Bank

The Society was again fortunate to receive help from Key Bank employees. The Neighbors-Make-a-Difference program paired us with some terrific hard-working people who donated several hours of their time to help. This year's project was a teardown, cleaning and setup of the lower level exhibit areas. Eleven volunteers worked to make the areas look better for our visitors. Our thanks to: Leesa Peck, Lori Blackwell, Sheryl Moore, Lisa Hunziker, Jenny Fairre, Wanda Groden, Theresa Martin, Kyle Kolesar, Jan Jardine, Kris Ferdig and Marc Emch. We are grateful for their help.

Thanks to Our Teachers

Kathie Rice and team presented Local History to Bedford City School third grade classes in May. The following deserve three cheers- Jeanette Rue, John Roberecki, Kathy Katona, the Scheffs, Mary Jo Pimpas, Merry Ann Hilty, Betsy Lee, Alma Rhine, Wayne Rhine, Amy Rhine, Joanie Heffren, the Millers, Karen Landolph, Sherry Evanofski, Sherry Petkovsek, Jim Rice, Joyce Maruna, Lynn Beveridge, Marge Keene and Sandy Pittaway.

Strawberry Festival Report

Three days of perfect weather, great entertainment, tasty food and record crowds = a successful festival! Special thanks to our corporate and business community. Our friend across the Square, Nature Stone was the major sponsor for festival entertainment. Tim Lally Chevrolet helped sponsor the car show. Giant Eagle helped sponsor the food tent. Over 40 businesses helped make the Strawberry Festival a fun family event.

Thanks to Betsy Lee and her committee and to Rich and Louise Novak for organizing the car show.

The final accounting is not in yet but it looks like we made our projected goal and then some.

Raffle winners: Quilt- L. Gergye, Afghan-M. Riley, additional winners of raffle prizes – W. Tiburski, J. Martin, D. Chatham, D. Tytko, D. Saunders, V. Michalek., E. Albrecht., Y. Nizer, E. Gould, Sr. Dorothy., C. Dickson., R. Boldyreff, Angela, M. Sirna, D. Featherstun, Eagles Lodge, J. Esser, W. Titterington, C. Mack. 50/50 raffle winner at car show was won by R. McDuffee. The 2012 Car Show winners are listed on our website.

The class of 1942 from Bedford High is having a reunion on August 30th. Call Marion Bauer, 440 237-2376, for details.

Officers for 2012-13

The following were elected officers by the Board of Trustees: President-Robert Schroeter, Sr.; Vice President- Marilyn Zolata; Secretary- Kathie Rice; Membership secretary- Marge Keene; Treasurer- Helen Hurtuk. Thank you for the extra hours and effort to help the Society continue to serve our communities.

Preservation Update

We have completed the year and a half masonry project and EDPM gutter replacement. The Town Hall received the major portion of attention including chimney caps on the four stacks. The Old Church received repair to the worst portions of damaged façade. It also benefited from interior plaster repair in the sanctuary and stained glass repair. The Dunham House had an engineering check last fall. It is in 'remarkably good condition' for almost 200 years old. A minor cosmetic crack was repaired on the west façade. Thank you for your help in raising the funds.

Pooka Festival Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 8:00 pm

OLYMPIC BRASS QUINTET presents

"Keyboard Classics for Brass"

Old Church On The Square - Bedford Commons

Tickets: \$20 Concert only - \$35 Concert & Champagne Reception

Phone 440-232-1600 to order tickets

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ART SHOW & SALE

Saturday: 1 to 7 pm & Sunday: 1 to 5 pm

Northeast Ohio Artists exhibit original work in painting, pottery, ceramic, metal, glass, photography & more!

CHILDREN'S HANDS-ON ART ACTIVITIES

Saturday: 1 to 5 pm Sunday: 1 to 5 pm

Painting, creative crafts, poetry writing, face painting, clay, sculpture, origami, puppet shows, music exploration, batik, juggling and more!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday: 1 to 7 pm

J@MS Dameron Institute- Cool Jazz

Lisa & Heather Malyuk – Celtic & American Folk Music

Mad Mountain Juggler – aka John Flower

Mariposa Center For Dance

Cats On Holiday – Louisiana Blues & Zydeco

Magic Mike Magic Show

Natural Bridges LLC Puppets

Sunday: 1 to 5 pm

Magic Mike Magic Show

Paul Kovac & Rachel Brown – Americana Country

North Coast Jazz Collective – modern Jazz

Cleveland Museum Of Art Stilt Puppets

MEET THE AUTHORS: Meet Ohio Authors-learn their inspirations.

CULINARY ARTS: Wine & Food Tasting

Saturday – 1 to 7 pm Sunday - 1 to 5 pm

EXHIBIT OF ORIGINAL RICHARD SEDLON ART WORK

View at Dunham House and Bedford Historical Museum

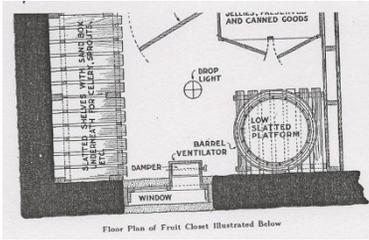
GOURMET FOOD VENDORS

Umami Moto * Zydeco Bistro

Angie's Rib Wagon * Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery

FOR MORE INFO GO TO www.bedfordpooka.org

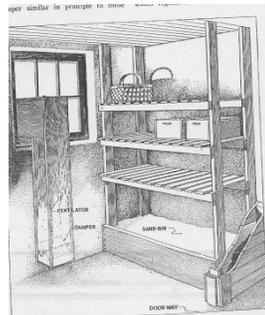
Home Canning



The drawings come from the 1924 issue of The Home, an annual supplement to Women's Weekly

magazine. The article advises the wise housekeeper to reconsider the importance of the basement food storage area despite the modern convenience of calling the grocer each day to order food for preparing lunch and dinner. The first drawing shows the whole area. The second drawing illustrates a corner for pickles and preserves. The last illustration shows a ventilated system for the fruit and vegetable storage area. Note the sand bin used for storing root vegetables.

The issue offers a detailed view of customs, fashions and home decorating from the early 1920s. You are welcome to stop in and read it.



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Obituaries-

Frances (nee: Nista) Donato; Member Fran Donato died on April 7, 2012. Fran was a volunteer and supporter when her health allowed. She is survived by her children: Kathleen, Billy, Paul (Florence), and Maribeth (Patrick) Morrissey; she was preceded in death by her daughter Pamela. She will be missed by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and extended family.

Jean (nee: Fenton) Jorgensen; Member Jean Jorgensen died on April 19, 2012. Jean was born in Bedford and lived most of her life in the area. She taught in the Bedford School district for 31 years. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry S. Jorgensen, Jr. She is survived by her daughters Kathy Anne (James) Rich, Karen Sue (Keith) Updike and Amy Lynn (Brent) Adams. She was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

Lee Aldridge, Sr.; Member Lee Aldridge died on April 23, 2012. Lee lived in Bedford most of his life and was active in service to the community. Lee and his wife Barbara helped the Society at the Wednesday summer lawn concerts. Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons Lee, Jr. (Tisha) and David (Sandy). He was a loving grandfather.

Robert W. Strachan; Member Robert Strachan died on April 25, 2012. Bob and his wife Louise were active in the community for many years. He served his country in WWII in the Army Air Corp as a P51 pilot. He is preceded in death by his wife Louise. He is survived by his children: William (Margaret), Thomas (Holly) and Bruce (Debbie). He was a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

Alfred R. Pankratz; Member Al Pankratz died on May 2, 2012. Al was a member of VFW Post 1082 and was active in local community affairs. He served his country in the U. S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He is survived by his wife Doris and children; Susan Pankratz, Eric (Jeanne) and Robert (Jodi). He was a loving grandfather.

Sister Ann Mojzisk; Sr. Ann Louise Mojzisk died at the Motherhouse in Mount St. Joseph Ohio. Sister was born Helen Catherine Mojzisk and was a Vincentian Sisters of Charity in Bedford from 1940 to 2004 when the Order combined with the Cincinnati Order.

Carmen (nee: Sontag) Bartelheim; Member Carmen Bartelheim died on May 12, 2012. Carmen and her husband were active in the Society for many years. She was one of the volunteers who helped create the initial second floor exhibits. Carmen is preceded in death by her husband Theodore. She is survived by her children Ted Jr. and Dennis (Jenny). She will be missed by her grandchildren.