

The Bedford Bee.

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Upcoming Events:

December 8, 2012 Saturday 1:00 -5:00PM Annual
Christmas Open House. Details inside

December 20, 2012-Last day that museum & museum store is open before the holidays.

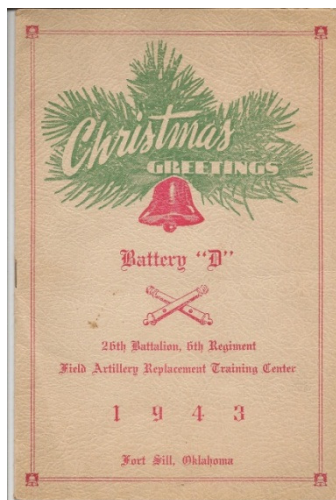
January 2, 2013 Thursday 7:00pm (note the earlier start time) Lyceum- *A History of Fiesta Ware;* Kathie Rice presents the history of America's most popular china pattern. The china, still in production today, was found on thousands of tables beginning in the late 1930s. The meeting room, Southeast Branch Library 70 Columbus Road. There will be a display of Kathie's collection at the Southeast Branch of the Library beginning in late December.

February 7, 2013 Thursday 7:30 pm Lyceum- *Housing Styles Through the Years* ; Jean Kainsinger and Janet Caldwell present a comparison of popular housing styles in Bedford Township communities. From the stately Victorians to post war bungalows to sprawling ranches. The Township has them all. Bring your story about your first home. This evening's program is held at the Walton Hills Village Hall 7595 Walton Rd. at the corner of Walton Rd. and Alexander Rd. (enter parking lot off Alexander Rd.)

In the Library

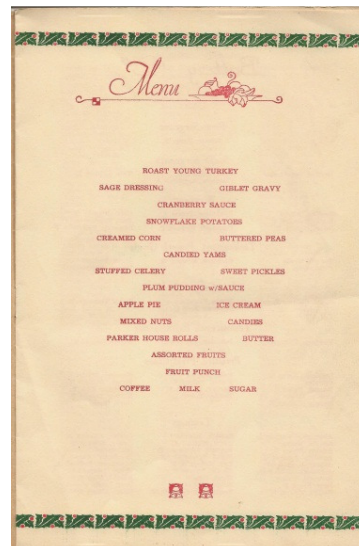
Your Bedford Historical Society library also has some interesting books about the War of 1812 from the era. Titles include: *Battle of Lake Erie with Notices of Commodore Elliot's Conduct* by Hon. Tristram Burges, 1839; *The Life of Oliver Hazard Perry* by John Niles, Esq. 1821; *An Authentic History of the Late War* by P. Davis, 1829; *The History of the War Between U. S. and Great Britain compiled from Public Documents* by J. Russell, Jr. 1815.

Christmas 1943



Stella Latsko donated this menu from Fort Sill Oklahoma. Her father-in-law was stationed at the fort in 1943 serving in the 26th Battalion, 6th Regiment. The printed brochure is top-notch typesetting with two colors on the cover and inside.

The menu lists the Christmas feast. No doubt a welcome change from daily routine. Thanks to the Latsko family for donating this interesting piece of history. The menu: Roast young turkey, sage dressing, giblet gravy, snowflake potatoes, creamed corn, buttered peas, candied yams, stuffed celery, sweet pickles, plum pudding w/ sauce, apple pie, ice cream, mixed nuts, candies, parker house rolls, butter, assorted fruits, fruit punch, coffee, milk, sugar.



Thanks

It takes a lot of dedicated people to keep our programs, services and buildings operational. Thanks to Jim & Gene O'Neill for cutting and routing a replacement armrest for one of our chairs. And thanks to Tom Sweet for repairing the frame of the chair and inserting the new armrest.

Thanks to Ann White for the beautiful garden that was enjoyed by visitors between the Old Church & Town Hall and to Barbara McDaniel, Susan Garland, Jim O'Neill and Tom Sweet for taming the weeds this summer.

Kay Rossman worked on a database this summer that helped streamline our chair inquiries.

And continued thanks to Doris Shriver, Museum Store manager, and Laura Flaisig for the extra hours involved with the sale of our new book. Helping them during festivals was Betsy Lee and Vickie Michalek.

The Dowmans



Readers of the Bee may recall a series of excerpts from the diary of Charles Dowman. Mr. Dowman and his family lived in the section of Bedford Township now known as Oakwood. A Dowman family relative recently sent a photograph of Charles and his

wife Hettie (nee: Gay).

Cemetery Update

Member Reggie Taussig has spent many months creating a database of graves in historic Bedford Cemetery. She is currently rechecking and verifying dates of burials. In conjunction with this monumental project, she has taken a photograph of every gravestone and monument in the cemetery.

Thanks to donations from our members and from the sale of the cemetery book, we were able to contract with the gravestone restorer who spent a week repairing some of the historic markers.

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Broadway Cyclery & Spirit Apothecary.
Free gift wrapping at the Museum Store.

A note from member John Malone

Sportsman Park Remembered

Chris Economaki died this week (ed.note-9/28/12, age 91). He was the ultimate auto racing reporter, owner editor of "Speed Sport News" (a weekly digest of auto racing) and on air commentator for ABC, CBS and ESPN. When the Sportsman Park jackets were for sale I bought one and sent it to my high school friend Bob Conley who was traveling with the Indy cars as an official. Bob wore the jacket to a race and ran into Economaki. He showed him the back of the jacket and said "Hey Chris, remember this place?" Economaki quickly said "ROUTE EIGHT, BEDFORD OHIO!" That happened maybe 40 years after the last time Economaki visited our fair city.

Evelyn Sawastuk-Bedford Citizen of the Year



Congratulations to Evelyn Sawastuk for being named 2012 Bedford Citizen of the Year. Evelyn, seen in the photo with husband

Mike, has a long history of service beginning with her days as a student in the Bedford school system. She has been active in many organizations including the Bedford Historical Society.



2012 Holiday Cards

Roger Fuhrmeyer captured two of our historic buildings on a misty evening when holiday lights were gleaming. The beautiful image is available on this year's Christmas cards- \$10 for 15 cards and envelopes. Available at the Museum Store or we'll ship to you.

Let's Do it Again

Members and their friends are asked to reserve the date of Saturday March 2, 2013 for the Annual Reverse Raffle. Last year's event was so much fun and the food was outstanding, we have asked the caterer to duplicate the menu for us again. We'll have live entertainment and the popular silent auction with special donations from our members and business community.



Sedlon Garden Update

President Bob Schroeter introduced some of the construction team and Morgan family members at the Pooka Festival on September 15th. The garden has been scraped, levels and paths and walkways marked. As of October, we are awaiting the fencing company before proceeding with plantings. Vickie Michalek has created some special Pookas for the Garden Gate. We hope they will be a reminder that contributions to the Sedlon Garden are being matched with a challenge grant. Our thanks to the Morgan family for helping us raise funds. The photo above shows the area before work started. The photo below shows the ADA pad and walkway being installed.



Please Call Before Visiting

When the weather turns nasty, please call the museum before visiting to make sure we are open. We saved heating costs by reopening after the holidays on February 1st. Trustees are considering the longer closure again.

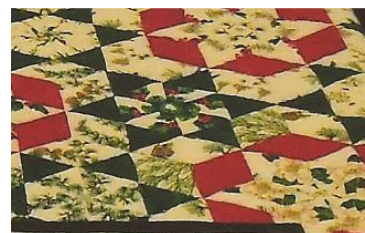
Membership Dues

A reminder that yearly membership fees are due. If you are a new member who joined recently, your membership has been prorated through 2013. Thank you for your continued support. Marge Keene



All About Quilts

Historical Society members Wallace & Pat Murray traveled from their home in Minnesota to present a program on the history of quilts. Over 125 people attended the event and left with a new appreciation of this form of textile art. The farthest visitor came from N. Carolina. The Murrays donated this year's quilt for the Strawberry Festival and surprised everyone by showing a beautiful quilt that they donated for next year's festival. A section of the quilt is pictured here.



Thanks, Poppers!

Another season of Parties-in-the-Park has concluded. Our popcorn crew deserves a big 'thanks' for manning the machine each Wednesday: Ron & Jeanette Rue, Laura Flaisig, Barb Aldridge, Alma Rhine, Wayne & Amy Rhine, Patsy Janosko, Donna Noble, Kathy Rice, Lynn Beveridge, Oriann Crow, Marge Keene, Helen Hurtuk and Therese Chapman. Thanks to Lynn Jones for organizing the crew, to Frank Caldwell for maintaining the popcorn machine and to Chris Sweet for buying the popcorn.

Pause to Reflect

Please note the special commemoration listed at the bottom of the Holiday Open House insert. We are taking a few minutes to remember the victims and families from the World Trade Center collapse. A relic from the disaster is on permanent display in the Town Hall Museum. The time is 1:15 pm on Saturday December 8th on the first floor. Thank you.



Obituaries

Robert H. "Sam" Huston; Member Bob Huston died on July 17, 2012. He served his country in the U. S. Army and the Pennsylvania National Guard. He is survived by his wife Pat (nee: Romanko), his brother and sisters. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Muriel Sponseller; Muriel (nee: McAdoo) Sponseller died on July 30, 2012. She was a long time member of the society and served as a docent on Sundays and for special events. She was a lifelong teacher in many capacities and continued to inspire students through tutoring when her health permitted. Muriel was preceded in death by her husband Harold J. 'Jim'. She is survived by her children Judy Taps (Bob), David (Joanne) and Kay. Also surviving are her twin sister Eunice Christenson and brother Garth McAdoo. She will be missed by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

Arthur F. Nemec; Member Art Nemec passed away on August 2012. He is survived by his wife Arlene (nee: Kish) and children Denise Stansberry (John), Darlene Yanito (Rick), James (Cindy) and Gary (Geri). He will be missed by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert Hamilton; Member Bob Hamilton died on August 31, 2012. Bob lived his entire life in Bedford. He was the owner of the family business, D. Hamilton Trucking. Bob was active in the society and helped with many projects. Over the years he served on the Bedford Hospital Board, Bedford Rotary. He was a member of the American Historical Truck Society. He was preceded in death by his first wife Charlotte, his second wife Anne. He is survived by his daughters Hollis, Robyn, Betsy and Leigh. He will be missed by his loving grandchildren. Bob served his country in the Army Air Corp during WWII.

Eunice Christenson; Eunice (nee: McAdoo) Christenson, passed away on Sept. 11, 2012 in Oregon. Eunice and her husband Chris were active members of the Society when they lived in the Bedford area. She is survived by her children Jeffrey (Terry); Joan (Michael Gast) and Susan Jowaiszas (Tom); she will be missed by her loving grandchildren. A brother, Garth McAdoo survives her. She was preceded in death by her husband Chris and her twin sister Muriel. The family suggests memorial donations in memory of Eunice to the Bedford Historical Society.



Remembering Bob Hamilton

There were no services for long- time resident Bob Hamilton when he died on August 31st. This was Bob's wishes but surely he will forgive us a few minutes of remembering him in this issue of the Bee.

Bob was born and raised in Bedford. He operated the family business, Hamilton Trucking, just around the corner from the museum and went to work almost every day even into his 91st year.

Over the years, he was active in several organizations including Bedford Rotary, the American Truck Historical Society and the Bedford Historical Society. Bob gave financial support to many of our projects. He always had a genuine interest about our exhibits. Out of town visitors or relatives were brought to the museum for a tour.

Bob gave a hand or assistance to everyone who needed it. A few years ago, I called him in desperation because an object that needed to be transported to the museum did not fit in my car. No problem, 'Come and get my pickup truck!' he offered. No questions asked, no qualms about the loan.

As donations in his memory arrive at the museum, there are many wonderful comments about Bob. He will be remembered with kind thoughts by many. He was a generous man, indeed.

Janet Caldwell

