

The Bedford Bee.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 19th, 7:30pm

Special Lyceum: "Baseball, Cleveland and Elmer Flick"
Scott Longert, National Park Service Ranger & Author
Old Church on the Square

Friday, September 13th – Sunday, September 15th

"Weekend of the Pooka: A Celebration of the Arts"
Bedford Town Square

Saturday, September 14th, Noon

Sedlon Garden Dedication

Saturday, September 21st, Tinker's Creek Watershed

Day, 10:30am – 3pm

Bedford Town Square

Wednesday, September 25th

Elmer Flick Monument Dedication
Bedford Town Square

Thursday, October 3rd, 6pm & 7:30pm

Dinner, 6pm: An Eastern European Treat! Donation of \$15 per person, Reservations are due by Sept. 26th
Lyceum, 7:30pm: "A History of Czechs and Slovaks in Cleveland"

John Sabol, Author

Old Church on the Square

Thursday, November 7th, 7:30pm

Lyceum, "President James A. Garfield, the 20th President and his connection to Bedford"
Andrew Mizesak, National Park Service Volunteer Ranger
Old Church on the Square

Wednesday, November 27th, 6pm

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
Bedford Town Square

Saturday, December 14th, 2pm – 6pm

Christmas in Bedford Falls & Annual Open House
Location: Downtown Bedford and Town Hall Museum



*See the full Lyceum Series Schedule
in the enclosed insert!*

From the President

Dear Members,

The Annual Meeting on May 2nd was well attended and a good time was had by all. Thank you for your continued support of the Society at our events and programs.

We welcomed new Trustees **Matt Stewart** and **Jim Harding**. Matt joins for his first term and Jim is returning to the Board after sitting out a term. Consenting to serve a second term are Shirley Taussig and Joyce Tuskes. We also thanked Kay Gary and Deb Turner for their service as Trustees.

We honored Reggie Taussig for her continued work on the Cemetery Restoration Project. She has created an impressive database that will be very useful for the Cemetery as well as our research efforts.

We also thanked Janet Caldwell for her years of service as our Director. Member Roger Fuhrmeyer painted a wonderful portrait of Janet, and we presented her with a plaque commemorating her service.

Finishing out the evening was "The Great Zelma George," portrayed by Madelyn Sanders from the group "Women in History." It was a great program and her story was well told by Ms. Sanders.

We have a lot of great events this fall! Hope to see you there!

Bob Schroeter, Sr., President of the Board



Old Ways School

The Old Ways School is again being offered on four Mondays in October. Students can learn letterpress printing, needlework, crochet & knitting, bread making, make a Temari Ball Christmas ornament or learn about old tools. The brochure is enclosed with this newsletter. Tell a friend or neighbor about these classes. Learn something new...see you in class!

Thank You! A special thanks to our Popcorn Poppers during the Party in the Park concerts! Aside from the delicious popcorn, it's great to see our members out and about at events on the Square. Thanks also to Lynn Jones for coordinating the schedule for the entire summer!

From the Director

Dear Members,

I cannot believe that I have been here for nearly six months! Time really does fly! I continue to be amazed at amount of time and effort put into research projects, building maintenance and a variety of other tasks. So, a BIG Thank You to everyone that gives their time to serve our members and the general public. From the Flag Corp to our members that help record the obituaries for the area, your work and continued commitment helps us remain visible to our community.

We have a very active fall— packed with activities. Please consider checking out a Lyceum program or taking a class during the Old Ways School! I hope to see you all this Fall! If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me at the Museum or send an e-mail to: dbestmizsak@bedfordohiohistory.org

Dana Best-Mizsak, Director



Thanks Key Bank Volunteers

Key Bank Volunteers helped the Society clean closets and storage rooms in the Old Church on the Square. Ten volunteers donated their time and energy on May 22nd. The group included: site manager Denise Jones, B. Sarkissian, C. Petrie, J. Jordak, L. Mickey, Peck, L. Beverly, L. Powell, P. Clayton and S. Moore. We appreciate this program offered by Key Bank. The “Getit-Done” volunteers were awesome.



Strawberry Festival Update

Three days of good weather made the 49th Strawberry Festival a success. Final numbers are not in, but it looks like we came up a little short of our goal due to less sponsorships and a chilly Friday night. Thanks to all of our corporate sponsors and the 40+ businesses that came out to help make this event happen! Special thanks to the Festival Committee and all of the volunteers that gave extra time to make sure things ran smoothly. Congratulations to all of the Car Show winners, Jeanne Sapir who won the beautiful Christmas quilt and Chris Sweet who won the extraordinary hand-made afghan. Plans are being made for our 50th Anniversary next year. We expect to have a fantastic celebration!

Thank You, Doris & Laura!

We'd like to extend a special note of thanks to Doris Schriever and Laura Flaisig for their hard work in the Museum Store! Laura has moved to Arizona and we gave her a proper send-off at the end of July. Doris will be staying on through September and we're sure to have an equally wonderful send-off. Thank You for your years of hard work making the Store a continued success!

Museum Store News

We have some beautiful hand-made items available for sale including: baby sweaters & hats, tea cozies and scarves. If you sew, knit, quilt or crochet and have a few items that you'd like to donate, please let us know!



Tales from the Smoke Shop by RJ Pine is back in stock! Supplies are limited, but Mr. Pine is planning to do another printing of the book at a later date. Stop by and pick up a copy for you or as a gift! (\$4.00 each + tax)

Need a gift for a friend or family member that loves history? Consider a Museum Store Gift Certificate! Stop by the Town Hall Museum to purchase!

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Museum Store. Do you have a few hours a month to spare? Please call or e-mail Dana for more details.

"The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know."

-Harry S. Truman

NEW AT THE MUSEUM

A Major Acquisition

When elected President of the B.H.S Board of Trustees in 1992 John Malone realized that there was no history of Sportsman Park and appealed in the "BEDFORD TIMES" on July 16th 1992 for the general public to submit artifacts, photos and memorabilia of that auto racing legend of the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. An appeal was made on October 29th 1992 for a midget race car to be displayed in the museum. Mr. Bill Moe of Bay Village Ohio loaned a midget race car nicknamed "THE FORDHOUSER" to the Sportsman Park collection from 1992 -1998. THE FORDHOUSER is a Ford V8 60 powered car of the 1930-40s era and competed at Sportsman Park with then owner Fibber Walters at the wheel. After the car was returned, a new search began for a replacement midget racer.

That search ended July 29th, 2013! Mr. Don Carroll, of Wellington Ohio, has donated a midget race car powered by a Ford V8-60 engine. Carroll, a former driver and car owner who raced at Lorain County Speedway, obtained the car while he and John Malone were members of "VINTAGE AMERICAN RACE CARS" in the late 1990s.

The lower level of the Town Hall Museum will be remodeled to accommodate the new arrival. The project will begin in mid- October and should be completed for the Annual Spring Open House. Restoration of the racer will take place over a longer period of time.

Can you help? Volunteers are needed to pack and move the exhibit areas. Several men are awaiting the arrival of the car so that restoration of it may also begin. Mel, from Supreme Auto Body, has volunteered his time and supplies to paint the body. Please call Janet at the museum, 440-232-0796 if you are interested in helping with the exhibit or car restoration. A Pit Crew is needed.



Some stats: The racer has a modified 1934 Plymouth frame, Model T front springs and suspension, a 1937 -39 Ford V8 60 horsepower engine, an Eddie Meyer dual intake carburetor. The tires were made for an asphalt track.



Remember the 1960s?

Maybe you were just a kid during that era. Maybe you were a parent of a teen. Maybe you weren't even born then but have watched movies from that time. Next summer is the 50th anniversary of the Strawberry Festival. The Festival Committee and Car Show Crew are planning a great 1960's related event.

We would like to put together a museum exhibit of clothing, photos and items from that time.

Time to clean the attic! Can we borrow something from your closet? Call the museum and let us know what you can loan.



We have several areas that are in need of help. Are you interested in getting more involved? Even a few hours makes a big difference!

We are in need of a **Membership Chair** to process new memberships and renewals. The time commitment is at most a few hours a month other than our peak renewal period from December to February.

We are also in need of a few volunteers to help with several new database projects that will greatly enhance our research capabilities within our own collections. We currently need some additional help during our normal business hours.

Do you know any high school students that need service hours for the upcoming school year? We have several projects that could use a few dedicated students! Call the Museum for more details.



The Sedlon Garden is finished!

Thanks to the generous donations of many, Phase II of the Sedlon Garden will be completed shortly and will be open to the public in September! Richard Sedlon was known to have opened his garden to artists, poets and the public to enjoy and create within. We hope to incorporate elements of this in our version. The official dedication of the Sedlon Garden will take place at noon on **Saturday, September 14th during the Pooka Festival.** Please call Janet or Dana for more details.

2013-2014 Officers

The following were elected officers by the Board of Trustees: President: Bob Schroeter, Sr., Vice President: Betsy Lee, Secretary: Kathie Rice and Treasurer: Helen Hurtuk. Thank you for your continued service and extra hours to help continue our operations.



As we begin thinking about the end of the year, please consider making a contribution to our Endowment Fund at the Cleveland Foundation. These

funds help us to continue our mission of collecting, preserving and interpreting this history of Bedford, Bedford Township and portions of the Western Reserve by making sure we can continue to serve our community.

Do you have ink cartridges or have small electronics that are ready to be recycled? Consider donating them to us! We earn funds for every item donated. Items can be dropped off at the Town Hall Museum during our normal business hours or at Spirit Apothecary in Historic Downtown Bedford. You can also visit our donation website at: <http://www.fundingfactory.com/goals/?id=BedfordOhioHistory> to print your own shipping label at no cost to you.



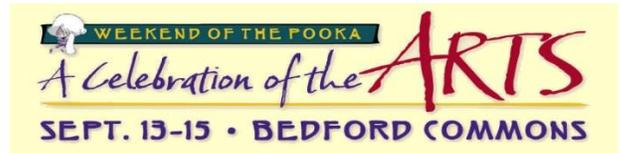
 We have added a blog to our online outreach efforts. Please take a moment to check it out! We have several members busily writing about the history of Bedford and the Township. Currently, it is set up as a smaller version of our current website, but we hope to have a lot more content in the coming months. If you are interested in working on a project or have an idea for one, please contact Dana. You can view the site at: <http://BedfordOhioHistory.wordpress.com>



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

8:00 pm

Amethyst String Quartet presents "Music From Around The World", Old Church on the Square

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

Phone 440-232-1600 to order tickets

FREE ADMISSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1-7 pm &

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1-5 pm

ART SHOW & SALE

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

IMAGINATION VILLAGE - HANDS-ON ART

Painting, creative crafts, poetry writing, Bonsai, face painting, clay, sculpture, origami, Zentangle, music exploration, juggling and more!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT-GAZEBO STAGE

Saturday: 1 to 7 pm

Northcoast Jazz Collective, Song Stylist- Leah Stenger, J@MS Dameron and Island Jeff Steel Drum Show

Sunday: 1 to 5pm

CCCCA Art Troupe, Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Assoc., Fermata Town, Barbershop Harmonies- Jason Allen Magic Show and Cats on Holiday- Louisiana Blues & Zydeco

MEET THE AUTHORS:

Meet Ohio Authors- Learn their inspirations

ART CREW PUPPETS: Cleveland Museum of Art

RICHARD SEDLON ART EXHIBIT & GARDEN

View at the Dunham House & Town Hall Museum

CULINARY ARTS: Wine & Food Tasting

Admission: \$5, Wine Tasting: \$7

GOURMET FOOD VENDORS

Wholly Frijoles, The Orange Truk, Sushi on the Roll, Baby Cakes Bakery, Ohio Farm Direct, and Angie's Rib Wagon

FOR MORE INFO GO TO www.bedfordpooka.org



Obituaries

If you hear of a member's passing, please let us know so that we can include a remembrance for them in an upcoming newsletter.