

# The Bedford Bee.

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Scrap Your History**  
Preserve your history! Details inside.

**Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Rotary Club Ribfest, On the Square**

**Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>,**  
**The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival**  
Bedford Square  
Food, family-friendly entertainment, music, vendors and more!

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 9pm**  
9th Annual Car Show on Broadway

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Scrap Your History**  
Preserve your history! Details inside.

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3pm**  
**Annual Flea Market, Open to the Public, reservations**  
are required if you intend to sell items

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, Scrap Your History**  
Preserve your history! Details inside.

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Flag Retirement Ceremony**  
On the Square



*"History is for human self-knowledge  
... the only clue to what man can do is  
what man has done. The value of  
history, then, is that it teaches us what  
man has done and thus what man is."*

**-R. G. Collingwood**

## From the President

Dear Members,

Spring has sprung! The team at the museum have been hard at work getting us ready for a busy summer season! Plans are in place to celebrate 50 years of the Strawberry Festival in June. Plus, the Car Show is bigger and better than ever with a Cruise-In to kick off the event.

We are also pleased to announce that we were successful in applying for a grant through the State Capital Bill. \$100,000 will be given to help restore the Old Church on the Square, more details below.

Finally, please join me in thanking Elaine Gaither, Rose Grossenbaugh, Bill Starkey and Mike Hulett as they leave our Board of Trustees. And, let's welcome Kay Gary, C. Ellen Connelly, Joyce Maruna and Bob Pallat as new Trustees! We also thank Lynn Beveridge, Kathie Rice and Joyce Tuskes have all consented to serve a second term.

*Bob Schroeter, Sr., President of the Board*

## Capital Campaign

We are beginning a capital campaign to restore and renovate the Old Church on the Square. To aid in this, we have been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the State of Ohio. This grant requires a 50% match, which we will be working towards right away. We expect that the total cost of the entire project will be approximately \$400-\$600k. The most immediate need for the Church is to fix the foundation. There are some significant water issues that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Additional plans include upgrading the electrical work & restrooms and making the building ADA compliant so that all people can access the building and enjoy it.



There will be a series of fundraisers over the next few years to help raise the funds needed, with the first happening in November. There will be much more on this project as we go forward. Donations can be made directly to the campaign. Please contact the museum for details. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## Director's Corner

Dear Members,

Summer is almost here! After this winter, I think we're all ready for some sun and fun! We have a pretty tame summer planned- if you count the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Strawberry Festival tame! It's bigger and better than ever with all new bands, your favorite vendors (and a few new ones), kid's activities and a health fair by University Hospitals. The Car Show is also bigger and better with a Cruise-In through downtown! Finally, the raffle is featuring a cash prize—so get your tickets in!

Coming up in August will be the Flea Market and the Flag Retirement Ceremony. This fall is already packed with activities, so stay tuned!

As you may know, I usually work on an international excavation team in Belgium during the summer. I am getting ready to go back and I will certainly miss all of you and will look forward to hearing some great stories in August!

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](mailto:dbestmizsak@BedfordOhioHistory.org)

*Dana Best-Mizsak, Director*



## Strawberry Festival

The festival is almost here! Come to see Wixy1260, Eddie and the Edsels, the Car Show, Jungle Terry and much, much more! Thanks in advance to everyone for making this festival a success year after year!



We are printing a commemorative program in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are also reprinting our popular book of strawberry recipes! Both will be available at the festival and in the Museum Store.

*Are you interested in volunteering at the festival this year? We have a few new spots that will need some extra helping hands! Call or e-mail the museum for more information.*

## Footnotes from the Library

by Paul Pojman, Librarian

One of the best things about browsing in our museum library is that you never know what you might turn up. For a museum denizen like myself little surprises occur frequently. In the course of working here I've been physically examining and (if necessary) cataloging each item. Sometimes a name inscribed long ago in a dusty volume will "jump out" at me. This is what happened recently as I combed through odds and ends of literature tucked away in a corner.

The book seemed unassuming at first. Spine missing, dirty brown cover falling off, signatures starting to come apart. No words on the cover. Fortunately the title page was intact:



*American Nights' Entertainments; Compiled from Pencilings of a United States Senator; entitled, A Winter in the Federal City, by Talbot Greene, published by Wm. A Sparks & Co. in Jonesborough TN, 1860.* A check of the title on "Google Books" online revealed it to be a work of fiction, and a cursory look inside further revealed it to be a rather humorous work. All this was interesting, but something else gave the small (5"x7") volume special meaning for our collection.

Inside the front cover, in fading but still legible ink, in old-fashioned cursive, was the inscription "Milo H. Barnum, Co. B, 103rd O.V.I., Knoxville, East Tennessee." Barnum (1843-1919) served in the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry from August 1862 to June 1865. The indication of Knoxville is significant, for the 103rd saw action during the siege of that city in 1863. So, not only do we have a book owned and inscribed by a member of a venerable Bedford family, but also we have an item which this 20-year-old soldier very likely carried with him on the battlefields of the South during the Civil War!



Milo  
Barnum  
luckily  
survived  
the conflict

and returned home to Bedford, where he lived out his days on a quiet street near downtown. He and his wife, Emeline (1849-1921), are buried in Bedford Cemetery. Postscript: In case you're wondering, P.T. Barnum, the famous circus showman, was second cousin to Milo's father, George.

## What's New at the Museum?

The new Sportsman's Park exhibit opened on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 visitors enjoyed seeing the expanded exhibit which includes some Cloverleaf Speedway memorabilia and a Midget racer.

The old-fashioned laundry room is also open for visitors to reminisce.

The third floor has a temporary exhibit on the 1960s. It is open until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Members Kathy Donato and Kay Rossman have loaned some of their items. The exhibit includes clothing, local & world headlines of the times, an album collection and memorabilia from the local Beatles Fan Club. Visitors who lived during that time have an opportunity to write and post a remembrance that helped define the era. We'll archive these postings for future generations.

The first floor has original prints made by printmaker Kim Mazey. Kim's creative eye and skilled carving make for a beautiful exhibit of her work. She recently carved a strawberry motif that will be used for the Strawberry Festival.

*Curator's note: The engine from the midget racer has been mounted on an engine mount awaiting skilled cleaning and polishing. If you can help with this next phase of restoration, stop in. Thanks.*



## Remember the 60s?

Our new exhibit is up! We're celebrating the 1960's in honor of the Strawberry Festival! Stop the museum to relive your memories from the 1960's and leave us your favorite memory on the memory board!

## Museum Store News

Looking for a Father's Day or birthday gift? Consider a Museum Store gift certificate or purchase! We have something for everyone—books, hand-made items, Walker China and more!



## Flea Market News

We are accepting donations of items for the Historical Society table at the Annual Flea Market. Donations may be dropped off during our normal business hours. Please drop-off no later than **Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**.

We are very pleased to announce that we have been approved as a Blue Star Museum for 2014. This program is run by the National Endowment for the Arts and is for members of the military and their families. "As we kick off our fifth year of Blue Star Museums, more museums than ever are part of this military appreciation program," said NEA Acting Chairman Joan Shigekawa. "Together with Blue Star Families and more than 2,000 museums, we are proud to help connect military families with the cultural resources in their communities." The official announcement from the NEA will take place later this month.



## Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Bedford Historical Society is proud to host the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on the Bedford Commons on **Sunday, August 17**, beginning at 2:00 PM. At this event, you will be able to see the process by which a flag is retired, as well as the dignified ceremony which honors the Stars and Stripes. For additional information about this event, or if you have flags in need of a proper retirement, please contact the Museum.

A big **Thank You** to everyone that helped to make the Victorian Tea a smashing success! Our volunteers, led by Lynn Jones created a wonderful experience for all who attended!



The fund continues to steadily grow with your continued support. Remember, donations to the Endowment can be made any time during the year either by mailing it to us at our mailing address or by going online to the Cleveland Foundation website. ([www.clevelandfoundation.org](http://www.clevelandfoundation.org)) 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.





## Preserve Your History

Do you like to scrapbook or want to learn how? Join the Historical Society Crop on the third Saturday of the month in June, August, September, October and November! Reservations are required. For \$10, you get 3-4' of table space, 8 hours of crop time and lunch. Plus, bring a snack, dessert or drink to share and earn raffle tickets for our monthly drawing valued at \$25-40!

Did you know: The earliest known reference to what we would now call a scrapbook is from 1598, but the use of notebooks to collect information started much earlier during the time of Aristotle and Cicero. These men, and their pupils, used this earliest form of the scrapbook for philosophical, religious, and rhetorical discussions. The word 'album,' in fact, comes from Greco-Roman times when a praetor's public notices were recorded on paper tablets or white tables.

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### Obituaries

*Walter A. Tiburski;* Walt Tiburski Sr. died on February 3, 2014. Walt was a long time resident of Oakwood Village and active in the life of the community. Walt served on Village Council including as Council President. He helped present a program about Oakwood history for the Lyceum series. He was a Navy veteran of WWII. Walt was preceded in death by his wife Martha (nee: Vesely). He was the father of Walter Jr. (Marilyn), Judith (Doug) Tiburski-Elliott, Wendy (Dan) Tiburski-Reid. He will be missed by his loving grandchildren.

*Robert E. Zamos;* Member Bob Zamos died on February 4, 2014. Bob and his wife Gladys were active members of the Society including serving as docents at the museum. He was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. Bob is survived by his wife Gladys (nee: Gallimore) and children David and Janice Zamostny. He was a loving father and uncle to many. The family requests donations in Bob's memory to the Bedford Historical Society.

*William. J. Larkin, Jr.;* Member Bill Larkin died on February 18, 2014 in Columbia SC where he resided with his wife, Edna. A long distance member, Bill would stop at the museum when he was visiting in Bedford. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Edna (nee: Dennis), son Thomas (Rachel) and daughter Pricilla Harris (Trevor) and two grandchildren. He leaves an extended loving family and many friends.

*Hugo P. Cipriani;* Member Hugh Cipriani died on March 4, 2014 in Alhambra CA. Members may recall reading Hugh's book 'Va Fa Sa' about his Depression –era journey to CA . He wrote the book at age 95 using his meticulous notes from the time. Hugh was a veteran of WWII. He is survived by his wife Lisa and children Christine, Frank, Albert and Regina. He was a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

*Sister Mary Raymond Balash, S.C.;* Member Sister Mary Raymond Balash died on March 8, 2014 in Cincinnati. She was a Vincentian Sister of Charity in Bedford before the two orders merged and moved to Cincinnati. Sister Balash was the daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth (nee: Suckenic) Balash. Surviving is a sister Julie Fabian and nieces and nephews and her sisters in the faith community.

*Olivia "Lee" Bondono;* Lee (nee: Fogoros) Bondono died on April 5, 2014 in Michigan where she had been living closer to relatives. She and her husband Roland were active members for many years. She is preceded in death by her husband and son-in-law Carl Goodwin. She will be missed by her children Jeffrey (Paulette) and Amy Goodwin and loving grandchildren.

