



Victorian Greeting Card

Support the BHS&M!

An Appeal to Our Membership & the Community
from the BHS&M Governing Board

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Some evening when you have a spare moment, get out your old checkbook registers and read through the entries. You may find it interesting, and perhaps somewhat startling, to discover just how the money you’ve earned has been spent.

The entries chronicle every event, big and small, and quite accurately reflect your tastes, habits, and interests. The total spent in each category will pinpoint the things that make the greatest demands on your income, either because of need or personal interest.

With this in mind, the Governing Board, Staff, and Volunteers of the Bedford Historical Society

and Museum wish to invite you to make an investment in your community, by making a charitable donation to preserve the community’s future by helping us to preserve its past.

Currently, the Society’s needs are immediate and crucial to our ongoing mission to protect, not only Bedford’s stately and historic structures, but the precious objects and valuable documents that are housed within.

Like your own home, the Hezekiah Dunham House, the Old Church on the Commons, and the Town Hall, require periodic repairs. Because of weathering, extreme age and the unique nature of these buildings, the processes involved in upkeep are expensive.

A recent inventory of these notable structures has

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revealed a host of issues that need attention. All of the buildings require the restoration of exterior windows and doors. In fact, five windows on the third floor of the Town Hall Museum and the stained glass windows of the Old Church on the Commons need urgent restoration. Likewise, the interior walls and ceiling of the Old Church on the Commons and the Hezekiah Dunham House need plastering and painting. Similarly, we are looking forward to finishing the Timeline and adding new exhibit space in the Town Hall Museum. These are just a few of the many serious undertakings and maintenance issues the Society is confronting.

Fortunately, there are a number of ways you can help to make a difference. First and foremost consider planning a legacy gift or make a memorial gift to our Endowment Fund. Our fund continues to grow steadily with your continuous support. Donations are tax deductible and can be made any time during the year. Simply mail your gift to the **Bedford Historical Society Endowment Fund, PO Box 46282, Bedford, OH 44146** or go to the Cleveland Foundation www.Clevelandfoundation.org

Equally so, you can remember the BHS&M on **Tuesday, December 3** for Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is often stylized as #GivingTuesday for purposes of hashtag activism, but this charitable day refers to the **Tuesday after Thanksgiving** in the United States. It is a philanthropic movement to create an international day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season.

And finally, because friends look out for their friends; consider becoming a member of the BHS&M at the **Friends of the Museum** level of **\$150**.

All membership levels are annual and include a membership card and the quarterly newsletter. Levels over \$50 include discounts at the museum store and reduced admission to select museum and special event programming.

Annual business, corporate, and institutional levels also exist to support the Society. Local businesses and organizations can purchase a Bronze \$100, Silver \$250, Gold \$500, Platinum \$1000, or Titanium \$5000 charitable gift. These commercial memberships are annual and include a certificate, quarterly newsletter, and their business logo proudly displayed on the Society's website.

Simply fill out and detach the form in this newsletter and mail it to **Bedford Historical Society, PO Box 46282, Bedford, OH 44146**. Again, thank you for your support.

Message from the President

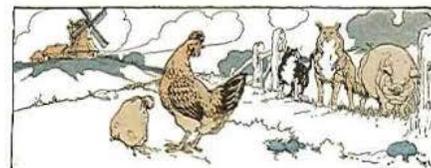
by Betsy Squire

A great big THANK YOU to everyone that turned out for the Strawberry Festival and Car/Motorcycle Show! It was a busy weekend and as always, a massive effort by the event committee and our loyal volunteers. Special thanks to the City of Bedford, our vendors, and our corporate sponsors!

Congratulations to our Strawberry Festival Raffle winners; Barb Toth a \$500 cash prize, Michael Maust a \$300 cash prize, Betsy

Tomotchko a \$200 cash prize, Roman Boldyreff an Afghan, Michael Johnson a Petunia Plant, Donald Movat a Gift Certificate to Bedford Floral, W. Boggs a Gift Certificate to Bob Evans, and Jamie Bell a Gift Certificate to Bob Evans

As we closeout summer and get ready for autumn, please remember to come out and help support our programming. Our staff and volunteers work hard to put these events together for our members and the community at large. It is always good to see new faces at the museum!



Rungs from the Director's Chair

by Elmer C Schulz

Once there was a little red hen that lived on a farm. All day long she walked around the barn. She was searching and scratching for something to eat. One day she found eight grains of wheat. She was just about to gobble them up, when all of a sudden she stopped abruptly. A good idea came into her head. "I'll turn this wheat into a loaf of bread. But who is going to help me plant the wheat? I guess I'll have to ask all the friends that I meet..."

Some of you may recognize this nursery school rhyme from our childhood. The Little Red Hen is an old folk tale of the fable type. The story is applied in teaching children the virtues of work ethic and personal initiative.

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For those of you not familiar with this tale, it is about a chicken who decides to bake some bread. She approaches a different animal in the farmyard to help at each stage of the bread making process, but is always met with the same response, "No, not I." The Little Red Hen's standard reply to this refusal to help is, "Then I shall do it myself." Eventually, she manages to produce a delicious loaf of fresh baked bread. Unsurprisingly, all the animals show an interest in helping her eat the bread! It is at this point that she reminds them that they refused to help with the work and so she says with great satisfaction, "I shall eat it myself."

I must admit, it has been a busy summer season and I have been thinking about this story quite a bit lately as I am sometimes tempted to feel like the Little Red Hen. Don't get me wrong, I sometimes lean heavily on the mantra, "The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm."

And yet, I am wise enough to know I can't do it all myself. So like the Little Red Hen, I ask others for help.

And when I ask, and get a retort like, "No not I." I need to remind myself that sometimes people can't help, not because they don't want to, but because they are already busy or because they are fearful of stepping out.

In preparing for this piece of writing, I came to realize that the barnyard animals in this story performed other chores on the farm. The dog protected the hen and her chickens from predators. The cat took care of the rodents

that could bring her and her chicks great harm. The pig ...well what can I say?

Nonetheless, the key to our being and the survival of the Historical Society is our interdependence. It takes courage to step out and ask others to volunteer their time as much as it is for someone to risk giving it. And yet, we must recognize we are all of immense value and essential to transformation of the Historical Society into an educational and cultural center for the community.

So, please pardon my asking, but if I don't have to ask for help, then I won't have to cope with people saying no. But then again, if I don't ask for help, then I deny others the opportunity for doing good in our community.

BHS Welcomes Terry Blair

The BHS&M welcomes Terry Blair to the volunteer staff as our new Treasurer. Terry has had a decade's long fascination with history and genealogy. He and Jeanne Sapir have been members of the Bedford Historical Society, for a number of years.

Recently he and Jeanne have been acting as first-person interpreters in the Dunham House during special events on the Commons. They have portrayed Hezekiah and Clarissa Dunham, circa 1848 and more recently as Jedidiah and Elizabeth Tucker circa 1876. These roles suit Terry to a "T" as he has always had a deep interest in farming. Now he has been able to apply history and agriculture together with enthusiasm. Next time you see Mr. Tucker; ask him about his

plans for the farm, and what he saw at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in the summer of 1876!

Terry has been a member of the BHS&M Board of Trustees since March. He has acquired degrees in Chemistry, and Biochemistry. In addition, he has served as Environmental Health Director for the Trumbull County Board of Health and has taught math, computer science, biological sciences at various universities and colleges in the Greater Cleveland area. He has even taught Business to college students in Saudi Arabia.

Terry has deep interests in protecting the environment, enjoys digging in the garden, photography, and volunteering at the Bedford Historical Society and Museum.



Upcoming Events Autumn Lyceum Series

The Bedford Historical Society and Museum presents its **Autumn Lyceum Series**. The talks are held the first Thursday of each month in September, October and November at **7:00 PM**. Join the conversation at the Bedford Historical Society's **1892 Old Church on the Commons** in the **Lower Community Hall, 750 Broadway Avenue** in Historic downtown Bedford.

Bill and John's Excellent Adventure

On Thursday, **September 5** at **7:00 PM**, come gather around the campfire as Scout Leader and

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Manatoc Scout Reservation Summer Camp Director Bill Lovell discusses his 2,200-mile journey through the mountains from Georgia to Maine along the iconic Appalachian Trail.

Cuba Revealed

On **Thursday, October 3** at **7:00PM**, join World Traveler Heather Rhoades as she reveals what life in Cuba looks like after decades under the embargo. Is the country really filled with classic cars and abject poverty? Is Communism a blessing or a curse? What are relations like in this extremely racially diverse country? Come see and hear the experiences of one globetrotter who visited Cuba and saw both the beauty and the seedy underbelly of this mysterious country.

The Ups and Downs of Being a Quilter

On **Thursday, November 7** at **7:00 PM**, pull up a stool and join the sewing circle as Quilter Sandra Noble, a semi-retired art teacher, relates her tales of woe and the joy of being an art quilter. Sandra will display several of her quilts; speak about those that have traveled from place to place and are published in her books.

A Celebration of the Arts: Weekend of the Pooka

The Bedford Historical Society cordially invites you to *Cirque du Bedford: The Art of Cirque*; **Friday, September 13** in the **Event Tent** on the **Bedford Commons, 6:30 to 9:30 PM**. For more information call **216-469-7640**.

Then on **Saturday, September 14** from **11:00 AM to 8:00 PM** and **Sunday, September 15** from **Noon to 6:00 PM** come out and appreciate the art, live entertainment, and cuisine from nationalities around the world as the annual art show and sale showcases international cultures.

Along with a Fine Arts Tent and an Artisan Village, the annual art celebration will present live music and entertainment throughout the day; including the CCC Art Troupe, Polish, Hula, and Latin American dancers, as well as art activities, and German, Greek, Polish, Italian, Indian, and American comfort foods.



Halloween at the Museum

On **Wednesday, October 30** from **6:00 to 8:30 PM**, come join the BHS&M staff and our Volunteer Corp in celebrating All Hallows Eve at the museum. This kid-friendly event is free for children and youth up to 16-years of age. Visit each of our floors, gathering treats from a host of approachable costumed characters. For more information call **440-232-0796** or go to www.BedfordOhioHistory.org.

Quilts Enthusiasts!

Planning is in full swing for a November event showcasing the BHS&M's collection of quilts and coverlets.

The event will kick off on **Friday November 8** at **7:00 PM** in the **Old Church on the Commons, Lower Community Hall**, with a small event fundraiser.

Special guest speaker Dee Hart, an award winning quilter and certified instructor, will discuss and examine quilting history and how quilts have changed through the 19th and early 20th centuries. **Admission is \$10.**

On **Saturday, November 9**, come out to the Town Hall Museum for a full day of quilts and quilting activities. Thirty-four collection quilts and coverlets will be on display on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. The quilts will be displayed by category with signage to explain their history. A handout is also being prepared for our visitors. Both children and adults can participate in special quilt related activities being planned for the Lower Community Hall. We are also hoping to have a quilting demonstration happening on the first floor of the Town Hall Museum. Saturday's event is **FREE**, but we will gratefully accept donations.

Our committee will be working on marketing in the coming weeks and is currently talking with a possible sponsor for the event. We have also produced a 2020 Calendar with photos of these beautiful quilts. The cost is **\$15**. We will sell these at the showcase and will have them available in the Museum Store until our supply runs out. These will make wonderful souvenir or holiday gift!

Membership Join or Renew Today Did You Renew?

Please consider becoming a member of the Bedford Historical Society. Levels begin at \$10 for seniors and students, \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, \$50

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for a Contributing Membership, and a \$150 Friend of the Museum level.

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Become a Member of the BHS&M Volunteer Corps!

Business Manager/Program Coordinator/Graphic Artist

We're growing! If you are looking for some volunteer community engagement what better place to start than the Bedford Historical Society and Museum. Participation is flexible to meet your schedule. If you enjoy meeting people and have a few extra hours to spare this is the place for you.

Currently, we are also looking for someone familiar with Word Publisher to help create flyers, posters and other promotional material for museum events. Qualified individuals could work from home.

We are also in need of a business manager to assist the Finance Committee and help develop the Museum Store one or two days a week.

We are also looking for someone with an education background to help develop youth and adult programming and special event activities and outreach experiences for the public.

And finally, we need volunteers to help support the staff in running programs and daily operations and work assignments. This may include assisting the curator, archivist, librarian, and museum store manager. Tasks would include, stacking, filing, organizing, light cleaning, and giving tours. Call **440-232-0796** or email us at www.BedfordOhioHistory.org.

Dust Busters!

The Bedford Historical Society is offering up a new hands-on opportunity to work directly with the collection and gain a greater appreciation for Bedford history.



We offer individuals, families, and social clubs, school classes, local businesses and corporate entities an intimate experience with our artifacts and exhibit spaces.

Each backer will volunteer their time to care for their space and the artifacts within it, regularly cleaning and maintaining their

portion of the museum under the supervision and direction of our curator. Supporters will be provided with cleaning materials and collection care instructions on how to properly care for items under their attention. If interested, please call **440-232-0796** or email us at www.BedfordOhioHistory.org.



The Guy's Club

Join the BHS&M Director for a hot swill of Joe and manly comradery while engaging in some simple but challenging "fixer upper" tasks and job-jar projects involving our historic buildings and large-scale exhibits. We need framers, carpenters, painters, plasterers, electricians, and plumbers. All trades are invited to participate. And we don't discriminate against the ladies either, everyone is welcome! Simply call **440-232-0796** or email us at www.BedfordOhioHistory.org for more information.

Youth Group Volunteers Service Hours Available

High School students, service organizations, and youth groups that need service hours are invited to earn their credits and requirements with the Bedford Historical Society and Museum.

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We have several projects that could use a few enthusiastic individuals! Scouting BSA Eagle Projects can also be arranged. Call **440-232-0796** to speak to our staff about volunteer opportunities or email us at www.Bedford Ohio History.org for more information.

Charitable Giving Cleveland Foundation

The Bedford Historical Society and Museum has provided communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village and Walton Hills with continued service for many years. It is our goal to continue to do so for future generations.



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Do you shop on **Amazon.com**? If so, consider shopping through **Amazon Smile** and designating the **Bedford Historical Society** as

your charity of choice. We will receive a small percentage of your purchases!

#GivingTuesday

Don't forget to give generously to the Bedford Historical Society on **Tuesday, December 3.**



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

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Corporate & Individual Donors

A Call to Action

The Bedford Historical Society has finished the second phase of a capital campaign with the help of another \$100,000 grant to renovate the community room to enhance and expand usage for activities such as banquets, expositions, education forums, lyceums, public meetings, theatre productions, musical performances, dance recitals, art exhibits, cinematic presentations, and much more.

As this work continues, we are looking for individual and corporate supporters willing to help us finish the work we have started to turn the Old Church on the Commons into a Bedford show palace and a state of the art community center for arts and education. Contributions are

needed to repair the stained-glass windows, plastering and painting the sanctuary and Lower Community rooms, improve plumbing and electricity throughout the building, and enhance the structures overall use by making it ADA accessible. A large contribution today can help us kick off the project.

Education Chalk Talk

The BHS&M Education Department is currently planning special events, fundraisers, and a new series of program offerings for the next calendar year. If you are a creative individual who enjoys planning or executing novel experiences for audiences of all ages, come check us out.

Without giving too much away, the staff and Volunteer Corps is busy working on an adult Victorian Halloween Party, a Fandom Comicon, an Elmer Flick Day, a Leap Year Party, and much more. If you are interested, call **440-232-0796** to speak to our staff about volunteer opportunities or email us at www.Bedford Ohio History.org for more information.

Obituaries

Joyce A. Daunch

Joyce Daunch (nee Babkowski) of Bedford, passed on August 4, at the age 82. Beloved wife of the late Andrew James; loving mother of Timothy (Michelle), Susan (Paul), Elizabeth, William (Ghada) and David; dearest grandmother of Emily, T.J., Zachary, Benjamin, Ashley, Alexis, Ramsey, Sabine and Taj; dear sister of William and Rachel (deceased). In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Bedford Garden Club.