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Last year's Annual Meeting featured Michael Kelley's engaging presentation about how a farmhouse became part of the Met's American Wing. We followed up with a field trip to the museum to experience the exhibit for ourselves and our members. This year, we thought we'd kill two birds with one stone and combine the presentation with the field trip. At the meeting on May 12th, our members will be able to learn more about "green building practices" and experience it at the same time.

While it may seem like an odd choice for the Historical Society to focus on the "green technology" being used in today's homes, it actually makes perfect sense when you consider the evolution of building practices throughout history.

The shelters built when Bedford was first settled are a far cry from the homes of today. Since the 1700s house designs have changed not only to reflect the aesthetic of the times, but also to become safer and more energy efficient. The uninsulated, poorly lit and drafty houses of the past have made way for the homes of the future with smaller carbon footprints that actually generate excess energy which can be shared with others.

The rebuilt Kennedy House, the site of this year's annual meeting, is a prime example of an "eco-healthy environment" incorporating the latest in green technology. A mix of old and new, the house offers a unique opportunity for our members to experience a taste of the future. If you'd like to attend, please see below to sign up. We hope you'll join us!

It's our history, see it in the making!
Evelyne Ryan, Executive Director

Join Us at Our Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 12th

Tour and presentation at the Kennedy's newly designed house featuring the latest in "green technology"

5:30 - 7:00
Open house with Mary Richardson Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. available to answer questions about their energy efficient house.

7:00
Historical Society business including new board member nominations and elections.

7:30
Presentation about the green technology incorporated into the house followed by a tour.

Refreshments will be served and there is a suggested donation of $20/person as space is limited.

The open house is for Bedford Historical Society members and their guests only. You can RSVP online, call the office at (914) 234-9751 or send an email to: info@bhsny.org.

Ever wonder where the cannon in front of the Court House came from?

Or who was rumored to live above the rocks behind Historical Hall?

You can find out at our new "Weekly Walking Tours"
starting Thursday, May 6th

Join us Thursdays starting in May from 2 - 3 PM for an informal yet informative walk and talk around the Green. You can get the inside scoop on how Bedford came to be, learn interesting tidbits about the architecture and history of various buildings in town, and find out more about Bedford's settlers and their ancestors. To sign up or learn more, call us at (914)234-9751. Price is $5.00 for members and $10.00 for non-members.

Join Us for A Garden Tour & Cocktails at Martha Stewart's Cantitoe Farm

Friday, June 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Martha Stewart is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Bedford Historical Society's Properties Fund. You're invited to come and view Martha's famous peonies and enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres in a beautiful, one-of-a-kind setting. Watch your mail for invitations or RSVP online as tickets are limited. Members will receive priority and discounted tickets.

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

Calling all attorneys of Bedford...Help us deliver justice at the 1787 Bedford Court House!

A Justice of the Peace is needed to preside over moot court trials during our "Footsteps in the Past" educational program for the area's 4th graders. Knowledge of the law is helpful but a creative spirit and enjoyment of young minds more important. For more information, please call us at (914) 234-9751or email us.

Gentlemen's Poker Night Fundraiser a "Royal Flush"

Our first ever Poker Night fundraiser on Thursday, April 8th at the Court House was a big success raising more than $2,000 for our Education Fund. The night was filled with food, drink and fun as the gentlemen played Texas Hold'em and enjoyed the "clubby atmosphere" of the Court House.

Rich Siegel won "Bedford Bragging Rights" as the top player with the most "winnings" of the night and Robert Belau and Lee Brown ranked second and third.

A big thank you to our sponsors who donated prizes, refreshments and dessert. And a very special thank you to Ed Reilly at Thomas Fox & Son Caterers who is generous to the Historical Society in so many ways.

Our wonderful sponsors who made the evening possible:

Bedford Post, Thomas Fox & Son Caterers, Grand Prix New York, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams, Mt. Kisco Wines & Spirits, The Bedford Sportsman, Tony's Place Cigar & Smoking Lounge

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