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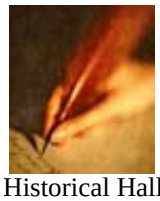

The rush of the holidays is over and we're recharging our batteries as we prepare for the many exciting events we have planned for our members and the community in 2010.

We started the year with a **"Valentine's Craft Party"** at Historical Hall. During the three hour event, the children who attended created a variety of Victorian, Traditional and Sailor's Valentines while making new friends and enjoying refreshments. A special thanks to Gabriele Burns, who graciously volunteered to handle the "artistic" duties. Future family events include a **Treasure Hunt on September 12th** and a winter craft day in early December.

The Historical Society postponed our **"Gentlemen's Poker Night"** fundraiser due to concerns about the impending snow storm. The event has been tentatively rescheduled for Thursday, April 8th - more details to come.

April and May mark the beginning of our educational tours for area elementary schools. The Historical Society has developed a program to augment New York State's fourth grade social studies curriculum. The students visit the 1787 Court House, 1829 School House and the Bedford Store. Volunteers are needed to help with the tours and act as Justice's of the Peace, Constables and School Marms. **Please call us at 234-9751 if you'd like to help!**

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Evelyne Ryan, Executive Director

Mark Your Calendars for our 2010 Events

Wednesday, May 12th - ***Annual Meeting***
with architectural designer Mary Kennedy speaking about "green" restoration

Friday, June 4th - ***Garden Tour & Cocktails***
with Martha Stewart at her Cantitoe Farm

Sunday, September 12th - ***Bedford Village Treasure Hunt***

Saturday, October 2nd - ***Cocktail Party***
at Tanrackin Farm

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17th - ***Antiques Show***
at Historical Hall

Early December - ***Historic House Tour***

We're always looking for members to help with events - from stuffing invitations to organizing, planning, and decorating. If you'd like to get involved, we'd be more than happy to have any assistance. Looking forward to seeing you and some, or all, of our events!

Valentine Craft Party

On Friday, February 5th Historical Hall was bustling with children and their parents who joined us to make various Valentine's Day cards and crafts. Click here to see more photos.

Renovations…

The Bedford Historical Society is responsible for preserving and maintaining many of the landmark buildings in Bedford Village.

In the Fall, we had the interior and exterior of the Post Office painted and took care of other maintenance issues. Working around the hustle and bustle at the Post Office was a challenge but now the 1838 building is looking as splendid as ever.

After researching solutions to the leaky roof at the Court House, the Society supervised the repairs to the roof for the benefit of the Town. While the Bedford Museum in the Court House isn't open until the Spring, you can call the Historical Society at 234-9751 to arrange a private tour.

Check Out Our New Website

Find out which building was moved here by 20 yoke of oxen

If you haven't had a chance to visit our new website, today may be the perfect time to see what you've been missing. There's a wealth of information about the history of many of the buildings and landmarks in the Village along with interesting facts about the School House, Court House and Bedford Museum.

For example, did you know that the oldest jail cell in Westchester County is right here in our very own Court House? Or that John Jay contributed $50 to help build the School House on the Village Green? Or that the School House has a nickname? You can find out more by visiting www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org and exploring our site!

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