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BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY *e-Newsletter*

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Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the office, with events, at our museums or wherever. Interested? Call us at 234-



Like other home owners, it seems like we've spent much of the winter fretting about the snow this year. We've been consumed with plowing, shoveling, salting, sanding, raking roofs and chipping ice to keep our buildings safe and accessible.

In addition to our usual preservation and maintenance activities, we have a full agenda planned for 2011. We're enhancing our membership benefits, converting to a new database, improving the Museum Gift Shop at The Bedford Store, updating our exhibits, planning events, etc.!

An event not to be missed this year is our Annual Meeting at Historical Hall. Part of our "Profiles in Preservation" series, the meeting promises to be unique and stimulating with an amazing panel of preservation professionals scheduled to discuss a variety of topics on May 4th. You can learn more and R. S. V. P. by visiting our [website](#).

Let's hope the groundhog's prediction comes true and an early Spring is right around the corner!

Evelyne Ryan, Executive Director

Enhanced Membership Benefits in 2011

9751 or send an [email](#).

Thank you!

Gift Shop Open

The Museum Gift Shop at The Bedford Store is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Stop in and check out our Bedford memorabilia, Bedford Oak items, housewarming presents, children's gifts and more! You can view or purchase many of our gifts [online](#) too!

If you have a retail background and would like to help us with our Gift Shop, we'd love to hear from you. You can call us at 234-9751 or send an [email](#).

Historical Hall is available to rent for your event

Now that the renovation of Historical Hall is complete, it's again available for your parties, fundraisers, community events, dinners, etc.

If you'd like to see pictures of previous events held at the Hall, [click here](#). To find out more about renting the Hall, visit our [website](#), call us at 234-9751 or send an [email](#).



Your support allows the Historical Society to preserve Bedford's historic buildings and landmarks. Your membership is valid for one year from the date you join or renew. If you haven't renewed your membership in the past year, you can renew [online](#) or call us with your information.

MEMBERS RECEIVE:

Free Admission to Our Exhibits & Museums · Invitations to Members-only Events · Discounted & Priority Admission to Our Events and Lectures · A Subscription to our e-Newsletter · Listing in the Society's Annual Report · A Commemorative Car Sticker

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- *Founders Circle Members* (\$100-\$249) - All of the above plus a BHS reusable shopping bag and a set of notecards of our historic buildings
- *Farmers Circle Members* (\$250-\$499) - All of the above plus a print of a historical photograph or map
- *Patriots Circle Members* (\$500-\$999) - All of the above plus a 25% discount on the rental of Historical Hall
- *Settlers Circle Members* (\$1,000 & up) - All of the above plus a private, guided tour of Bedford Village followed by refreshments for you and your guests at The Bedford Store

Mark Your Calendars...

Thursday, April 7th - Gentlemen's Poker Night

Gentlemen's Poker Night returns to the Court House!

Join us at 7:00 for an evening with dinner, drinks, poker & prizes (no cash prizes). Bragging rights are at stake! To R.S.V.P. you can visit our [website](#) or call the office at 234-9751. Proceeds benefit our Education Fund.

Wednesday, May 4th - Annual Meeting

Don't miss out on a stimulating evening as a panel of noted preservation experts joins us at Historical Hall for our Annual Meeting. Second in our "Profiles in Preservation" series, the event will begin at 6:30 with a wine and cheese reception and the panel discussion will follow. You can learn more about the event and R.S.V.P. by visiting our [website](#) or calling us at 234-9751.

Wednesday, May 25th - Historic Village House Tour

Save the date - we're organizing a wonderful tour of some of Bedford's most historic houses around the Green. More details and invitation to follow.

Saturday & Sunday, October 15th & 16th - Antiques Show

Mark your calendars...More than 20 select dealers will display and sell antiques, collectibles, decorative items, jewelry and more.

To see a list of the dealers who participated last year and photos of the exhibits, [click here](#).

Profiles in Preservation fundraiser at Bedford Post benefits Historical Hall



In December, members gathered at our sold out, "Profiles In Preservation" fundraiser at Bedford Post to learn more about the restoration of the Peter Fleming house. Town Historian John Stockbridge provided the historical context while Post co-owner Richard Gere shared stories of the restoration work. Thanks to: all who came; to Bedford Post co-owners Richard Gere, Carey Lowell and Russell Hernandez; to John Stockbridge; and especially to Morgan Stanley for generously underwriting the event.

You can click on this link to see [photos of the event](#) or the [slideshow](#).

Annual Report Coming in March

Watch your mail for our expanded Annual Report coming at the end of March. You'll find complete information about the Bedford Historical Society's accomplishments in 2010 along with our financial report.