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# BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY *e-Newsletter*

## May-June, 2010

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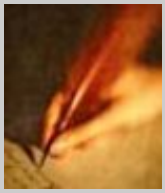


We've been busy at the Historical Society with our 93rd Annual Meeting in May, the Martha Stewart Garden Tour Fundraiser in June, 4th grade tours in both May and June, Village Tours on Thursdays, training volunteers to staff the Court House Museum, revamping our internal databases, preparing to replace the floors in Historical Hall and planning for our upcoming Treasure Hunt on September 11th. Phew!

Although it may seem that such numerous and varied activities are unrelated, they all have something essential in common: Education and preservation - the cornerstones of the Historical Society's mission.

While your membership contributions are the foundation of our budget, additional funds are necessary to cover extraordinary expenses of owning and/ or preserving the properties, landmarks and easements that give Bedford its unique historic character. Events like the Garden Tour help us raise critical dollars to supplement our budget and fund our museums, tours and family events that are key components of our educational programs.

We hope you will find the time to take advantage of the many wonderful programs, exhibits and events the Historical Society has to offer this year.

It's our history, preserve it!

Evelyne Ryan, Executive Director

The Bedford Village Treasure Hunt is back and scheduled for Saturday, 9/11/2010 from 11 AM - 3 PM. More details to come but mark your calendars so you don't miss out on this fun family event!

## HELP HELP HELP

Do you know filepaker pro? We could use some help with the set up of a database. If you can offer your expertise, please call (914) 234-9751.

## FYI

***Historical Hall*** **will be closed from 7/6/10 - 9/4/10 so the buckling and deteriorating floors can be replaced.**

## Gift Shops

The Gift Shop in the Bedford Store in open Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and the Gift Shop in the Court House Museum is open Thursday - Saturday from Noon - 4:00 PM

We have Vineyard Vines Bedford Oak ties for sale, books about Bedford, note cards featuring historical buildings in the Village, watercolor prints, a new Bedford Oak line drawing print, children's colonial toys

# Garden Tour & Cocktail Party A "Blooming" Success!

Our Garden Tour & Cocktail Party held Friday, June 4th was wonderfully successful with the proceeds supporting our mission of education and preservation.

The weather was perfect as guests toured the beautifully landscaped grounds at Cantitoe Farm, enjoyed sumptious refreshments and mingled with our gracious host and Historical Society member - Martha Stewart.

Under Ms. Stewart's guidance, Cantitoe Farm has been preserved and transformed into an exquisite yet tranquil property that complements its surroundings. We are grateful to her for making the evening possible by opening the farm to us, personally underwriting the event and hosting it with her legendary elegance and style.

We are also fortunate to have members who generously support the Society by coming out in force to attend our fundraising events. Thanks to all of you who made the day so wonderful! To view pictures, click here. If you have any photos you'd like to add, please do!

# Annual Meeting Draws Record Numbers

Kirtley Cameron, Peter Michaelis & Mary Richardson Kennedy

Our 93rd Annual Meeting held May 12th was well attended with close to 100 members joining us for a tour of the Kennedy's "green" house. Mary Richardson Kennedy's talk was both informative and entertaining as she shared the details of how their home was rebuilt using the latest in green technology. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with new and longstanding members and learn about the growing "green movement" while conducting our "official Annual Meeting business." Many thanks to the Kennedys for opening their home to the Historical Society and our members.

and more.

Bedford Oak Ties
(limited quantities)

1680 Burlap Tote Bag

Children's Tricorn Hat

Linen Tea Towels

Children's School House
Tee Shirts
(limited quantities)

## 4th Grade Education Tours

Peter Harckham, County Legislator, acts as our "Constable"
and releases his prisoners from jail in the Court House

More than 300 4th graders from area schools participated in the Bedford Historical Society's "Footsteps in the Past" educational programs in May and June.

Students were greeted on the Village Green by Executive Director, Lynn Ryan, who gave the children a brief history of the founding of Bedford. The students then experienced 19th century education at the School House, learned how justice was served in the 18th century at the Court House and explored artifacts from Bedford's past at the Bedford Store. Volunteers helped by leading the tours and playing the roles of School Marm, Constable and Justice of the Peace. The children, their teachers and the chaperones all got involved and enjoyed the program. "It's the best field trip we've ever taken," said one 4th grade mother. "I can't wait to come back with my entire family this summer," she added!

You can view a video of the tour in our offices at The Bedford Store Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

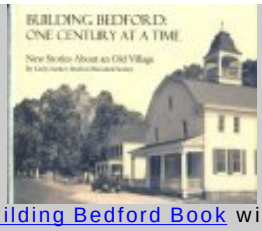
## *1787 Court House & Bedford Museum and School House Open for Tours*

### The Court House is open
### Thursday, Friday & Saturday
### from Noon to 4:00

The Court House is the oldest Westchester County Government Building and one of only three Court Houses in New York State built before 1800. The Bedford Museum is on the second floor and showcases local history tracing Bedford's past through artifacts of commerce, farming, family life and community. The oldest jail cell in Westchester County is also located in the museum.

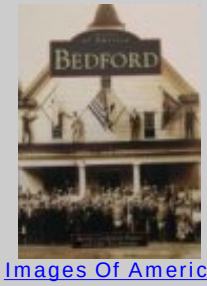
### The School House is open
### Friday & Saturday
### from 1:00 to 3:00

The one-room school of the past still exists today in historic Bedford Village. It is the little "Stone Jug", as it was affectionately known, now restored to its original state. Built in 1829 the School House served the community for 83 years until 1912, the year of its last class.




Building Bedford Book with color photographs & stories about the town

Marilyn Foley Note Cards
featuring watercolors
of Bedford's historic buildings




Images Of America
Featuring Bedford

Old Fashioned Jacks

Large Burlap
Bedford Oak Tote Bag

and more...

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## Historical Bedford Village Tours on Thursdays

### So you think you know Bedford Village?

Take one of our one hour historical tours and you'll be surprised at how much you will learn. Call the office at (914) 234-9751 to sign up for a Thursday tour.

## Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership in the Bedford Historical Society for 2010, you can do so online or by calling us at (914) 234-9751. Your membership is from January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010 and provides you with discounts, exclusive invitations to member-only events and reduced rates on the rental of Historical Hall.

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