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BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY *e-Newsletter*

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The Village is particularly beautiful in the fall and many people have been stopping into our offices as they stroll through town. We were open on Saturdays in September and October so more people would have a chance to see our new "Back to School" exhibit which will be on display through December. We've enjoyed meeting many first-time visitors who hadn't yet had the chance to see our changing exhibit, gift shop or offices.

One of the things we heard from our new visitors was that they have no idea how much the Historical Society does for Bedford. So it seemed like the perfect time to do a town-wide mailing to get the word out and hopefully, attract new members. We'll be sending an information packet and appeal the first week of November. If you're a member, perhaps you can encourage your neighbors to join. And if you're not a member, we hope you'll consider becoming one.

With the holidays approaching, we find there is much going on in Bedford and at the Historical Society. On November 14th we're hosting a Cocktail Party at the Court House
to celebrate Fall with our members and neighbors. We hope you'll join us for seasonal hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. I always enjoy this event because it gives me a chance to catch up with everyone and not worry if the weather is going to cooperate! We'll have the museum open upstairs if you'd like to take a tour and hopefully no one will have to spend the night in the jail cell!

Again this year we have renowned silhouette artist Deborah O'Connor coming to the Bedford Store on Sunday, November 15th. What makes Deborah's silhouettes so unusual is that she cuts them freehand while looking at you, your child, dog, cat, etc. After a frenzy of snipping you're given amazing silhouettes to take home. They are a unique gift for friends and family if you can part with them. To set up your appointment, contact stacy.albanese@gmail.com.

In December, we'll have our usual Court House tours before and after the annual Tree Lighting ceremony. In January, look for a new exhibit at the Bedford Store and in February we'll be hosting a family event at Historical Hall.

As always, we welcome your visits and calls. If you need more

information on any of our upcoming events or just want to chat, give us a call at 234-9751.

It's our history, enjoy it...
Evelyne Ryan, Executive Director

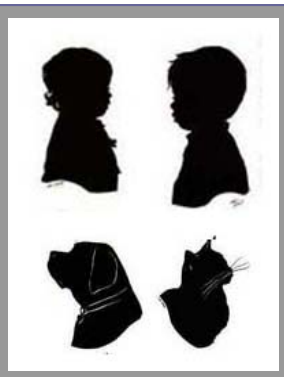
Summons to...

Cocktails at the Court House

Oy Ye! Oy Ye! Oy Ye! Oh Ye!

You are hereby summoned by the Historic Court of the Town of Bedford in Westchester County to Attend Autumn Cocktails to be holden in the 1787 Courthouse, in the Town of Bedford on the Fourteenth Day of November at 6:30 o'clock. Admission starts at $100/person.

To RSVP, call us at 234-9751 or stop in to our offices at 612 Old Post Road



Silhouette Artist at the Bedford Store Sunday, November 15

Make your appointment today to have a custom, one-of-a-kind silhouette created of a family member or pet. Silhouettes make wonderful gifts and decorations.
Artist Deborah O'Connor uses a contemporary technique on an old art form. With a series of snips, Deborah creates a silhouette freehand that you'll treasure now and in the future. Visit her website to see samples of her work:
http://silhouetteartist.net/

To set up your appointment, contact Stacy Albanese at stacy.albanese@gmail.com today!

You're Invited to a lecture at the John Jay Homestead on Thursday, November 12

Fruits of Victory

The Woman's Land Army of America in the Great War

Lecture by Elaine Weiss on her new book Fruits of Victory. Free Admission by Reservation Only
Check-in at 9:30 AM followed by the lecture and refreshments.

Sponsored by the Bedford Historical Society and other area organizations. For more information go to: http://johnjayhomestead.org/

Back to School Exhibit at the Bedford Store

Stop by our offices at 612 Old Post Road to see what schools were like in Bedford in the 18th and 19th centuries.

We'll be open 10/31 from 10 - 2!

Our exhibit features photos, books, toys and games, and other school-related items and activities from the past.

Stop in and find out how many lashes you'd get for playing cards in school. Or learn about Bedford's 19th century schools like the Bedford Female Institute. You can take a test given to 8th graders in 1895 or try your hand at bilboquette!

There are penmanship workbooks from children who attended school in the early 1800s, children's story books from the 1700s, antique tiddlywinks and authentic clay and glass marbles, interactive activities on the internet and much more.

We're open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, call us at 914-234-9751 or visit our website: www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org.

- Volunteers Needed -

We're always looking for volunteers and guides to work at the Court House Museum and School House.

Please call us at (914) 234-9751 for more information.

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