

BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2023 to all, and may the year be kind to you and yours. We have some changes in leadership this year. Tracey Quigley has moved to a new role as Archivist, her favorite task. An "Archivist" is a person who preserves the records and helps people obtain them. She will be working on our paper documents, photographs, maps, films, and computer records. We all thank you, Tracey, for all the work that you and Jeff have put into the BHS in the last years.

At our Annual Meeting in October 2021 we developed a 1 to 5 year plan for the future. I reviewed the plan last year in our newsletter. I think it's important to review the 2022 year to show how much we've achieved and what to look forward to in 2023.

Original BHS Questionnaire from 2020, 5 Year Plan

1. Scanning old newspaper articles to catalog.
2. Repairing and rejuvenating some of our old pictures.
3. Work on Corn Crib if needed, under a professional's direction.
4. Replace ramp and paint at side of Tin Shop with an approved Handicapped Accessible ramp.
5. Assign a Maintenance person (both building maintenance and lawn care) to do the job or to recruit help.
6. Clean out, organize, and catalog the items in the Post Office.
7. Clean out, organize, and catalog the items in the Tin Shop.
8. Organize and conduct a Yard Sale as part of the opening in the spring.
9. Curtains and drapes for the Tin Shop.
10. Band Stand (discussion is under way).

Progress made as of January 2023

1. Scanning in process. This can be done by anyone at home with a computer and scanner. [Help welcomed.](#)
2. Repairing and rejuvenating some of our old pictures. Almost completed.
3. Corn Crib is finished!
4. Handicapped Accessible Ramp. To be completed in 2023.
5. Maintenance people. Lawn care by Tyler Lawn Care. Link Heffner overseeing and doing maintenance (**A big "Thank You" to Link.**)
6. Clean out, organize, and catalog the items in the Post Office. In process, 2022 and 2023.
7. Clean out, organize, and catalog the items in the Tin Shop. In process, 2022 and 2023.
8. Organize and conduct a Yard Sale in the spring. Done, and happy to do it again this year!
9. Curtains and drapes for the Tin Shop. Done, looks great!!!
10. Band Stand (discussion is under way). To be reviewed.

We achieved a lot, we should be proud that we were able to do as much as we did.

Exhibits this year

We will be opening the Old Post Office to the public this year, along with the Smithy and the Tin Shop on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00. We will have a walk through in April for all of us who are interested in giving some time on Saturday mornings. Tracey will give us a learning tour in the buildings to make it easier for us to show on Saturday mornings. In our March newsletter I'll have more information on our Saturday tour.

Bradford Historical Society – Board of Trustees and Officers 2023

After elections at the general meeting of BHS in October, the following are the new board of Trustees and officers for 2023-2024. A big thank you to all those who have served, continue to serve and our new trustees!

President: Harry Wright

Vice-President: Steve Hansen

Treasurer: Susan Allen

Secretary: Linda Cansler

Trustees: Buddy Allen, George Cilley, Marge Cilley, Mary Derry, Harriet Douglass, Link Heffner, Patty Heffner, Sandy Paul, Jeff Quigley and Sandra Wright.

Our Archivist moving forward will be Tracey Quigley who will concentrate on the care of the collection, cataloging the collection as it is, receiving and researching new donations, setting up new exhibits and displays.

Anyone wishing to contact BHS can do so through the website at bradfordnhhistorical.org or call Harry Wright at 603-939-2203.

Note from the President

Thanks, all, for selecting me as the new President of the BHS. I look forward to continuing the good work that Tracey Quigley has done, while providing her the time to be Archivist, the task she really loves. I'm still learning the details of my new role (and will be for a while). I would appreciate any input from members and friends regarding projects or programs you might think to be of value for the BHS, and also if you have any time to volunteer for the Society.

In the next Newsletter we will have a list of tasks that people may enjoy and plans that are in the works for projects for this year. I look forward to the spring and for the Society to return to growing and serving the community.

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During times like these I sometimes think of a phrase Mister Rogers used: "You really have time for everything you want in this life, so you need to think choices can come from a deep sense of who you are".

Keep your boots dry and your hands warm – Sandra Wright, Editor.

Bradford Historical Society Membership Form, Year 2023

Date: _____ New Member: _____ Returning Member: _____

Name: _____

Address (Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Type: Senior/Student (\$15.00) Adult (\$20.00) Family (\$30.00)

Life Member (\$200.00) Life Couple (\$300.00) _____ Additional donations welcomed.

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