

BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

BHS P.O. Box 551, Bradford NH 03221

SEPTEMBER 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS FALL 2022

Bradford Celebration Day

September 24, 11am- 3pm

Join us during Bradford Celebration day. Forge demonstration. Corn crib open. Come make and play historical games and tour our buildings!

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### BHS Meeting

September 28, 6:30pm

Open to all! Please join us at the Tin Shop

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BHS Annual Meeting

October 26, 6:30pm

Open to all! Join us for our annual meeting and pot luck desserts.

NEW EXHIBITS AT THE TIN SHOP



2022 has seen an update to our quilt display in time for a wonderful talk by Pamela Weeks. Two of the quilts from our collection are featured in her latest book. Work has also been ongoing for our Carr Store display with improved counter to hold the weight of the original cash register. Still a work in progress as we discover more items!

Join us at the Tin Shop, 162 East Main St

for

Bradford Stories and Coffee

Here at BHS we are often get questions we cannot answer! We know there is a wealth of knowledge amongst Bradford residents old and new, whether you are born here, spent summers here or a more recent transplant. We are asking you to come have coffee with us and chat with your neighbors and let's see what we find out! are welcome. Even if you don't think you have any stories to offer, come and have coffee and see what's new at BHS!

WEDNESDAYS

10 am to noon

until Nov 30, 2022



Bradford Resident Life History Interviews by Harry Wright

A few years ago, Chan Blodgett volunteered to share his memories of Bradford with the BHS. I thought "This might be a great opportunity to share stories with our friends and neighbors."

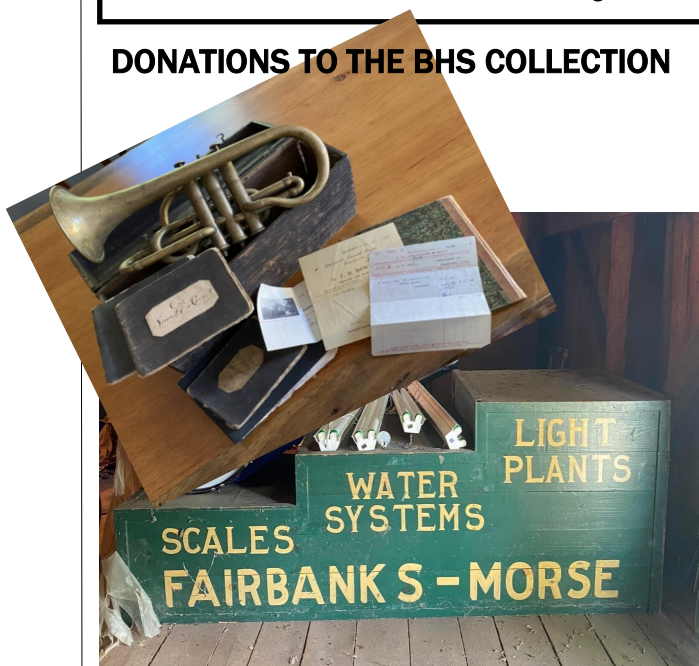
Though Chan summered on Blaisdell Lake, he considered Bradford to be home rather than Sutton. I picked up on the invitation, bought a digital recorder and transcription software and interviewed Chan in September, 2020. It was great fun and the report was well received.

Subsequent interviews have been held with George Cilley, Marcia and Dick Keller, and Harriet Douglass. Additional interviews, including Audrey Sylvester, Brackett Scheffy, and Chris Frey are in the works.

They are a fun and interesting read and can be found under tab Life Interviews on the BHS website at www.bradfordnhhistorical.org.

Anyone who would like to share their stories (or could suggest someone to interview) please call 603-938-2203, or email handswright2203@gmail.com. – Harry Wright

DONATIONS TO THE BHS COLLECTION



Some donations to the BHS collection we have recently received. The Cornet was donated by Merle Cressy and family who were visiting Bradford this summer. His grandfather Bryon Cressy was in the Bradford Band. On closer inspection of the music books, the original purchase bill was found too!

The Fairbanks-Morse display stand was found in the old Dodge barn by current owners Brandy Patino and Wesley Thurber and kindly donated to BHS.

We have also received a collection of letters, envelopes, bills and wonderful stamps on some from the Carr store donated by Dick Wright. We also received some great historical papers that keep being discovered at the Cilley Home thanks to George and Marge Cilley. Please contact us if you have any discoveries you think we should preserve!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would love to be able to do so much more here at BHS. More programs, more research, more open hours, but to do so we need your help. Help with small maintenance projects, working with the artifacts, cataloguing, hosting a building when we are open. All might seem daunting but they needn't be! Come help with some of our already established volunteers and we can guide you through. We are also looking for trustees, learn about us from the inside!

If you have an interest and want to see what we are all about, please contact us by either emailing bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or calling Sandra Wright at (603)938-2203

BHS 2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

RENEW TODAY!

Join today and membership is good until

Your membership helps preserve local history and is tax deductible. BHS depends on community support and your dues to fund upkeep, archiving and the programs you have come to enjoy. Dues cover membership for the current calendar year and are due in January of each year. If you are renewing your membership, we thank you for your continued support.

New Member Renewing Member

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student @ \$15 = \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adult @ \$20 = \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family @ \$30 = \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Life Member @ \$200 = \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Couple Life Member @ \$300 = \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Membership \$ _____</p> <p>I would like to make an additional donation \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Enclosed \$ _____</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Please make checks payable to Bradford Historical Society and return to: BHS, PO Box 551, Bradford NH 03221</p> <p>I would prefer to receive communications from BHS by: mail <input type="checkbox"/> or email <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Or VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND JOIN at www.bradfordnhhistorical.org/membership.html

A recent program held at the Tin Shop by Pamela Weeks sponsored by a grant from the NH Humanities.

Pam talked about quilts that people had brought with them. She also featured several of the BHS collection quilts including two she had studied to include in her latest book. Quilts are on display until the November 20, 2022 at the Tin Shop.

