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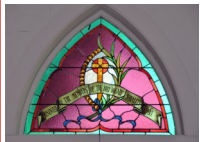
Historical Society

The Campaign Continues...Thank You For Your Continued Support

As we continue to move forward with our renovation project for our future Bartlett History Museum, we also continue to express our thanks and appreciation for the many donations we have received in support of this project. Our members and non-member donors who have generously contributed to this project have provided us the resources to make great strides toward the renovation of the building and opening of the museum.



October 9th Renovation Open House: After we held our July 4th Open House event, we heard from several people that they didn't know we were opening the doors for a look at the building. In response to that news, we held a second Renovation Open House on October 9th. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we had a steady flow of guests, about 70 in total, come into the building. As on the Fourth, the one word that came out first and most often was "Wow!" Many people remember the old church commenting about where they sat and how masses were attended by people wearing ski boots. They were pleased to see the physical structure. They carefully read the many descriptive pages we placed throughout the building to tell the story of the history of the building and showing what we intend to do with building spaces. Along with apple cider for a refreshment, we had had some delicious baked items donated by a talented group of BHS bakers—Greta George, Ellen Hayes, Sue Franklin, Kathy Howard, Paula Graham and Hannah Chandler. As we get closer to the museum opening, we'll likely have another open house but if you would like to see the building, Phil Franklin can arrange a smaller tour, just contact him.



Renovation Next Steps: As you'll see in this newsletter, we've done a lot of work in the building since our fall newsletter was published. All of this work was possible because of your donations to the project. We also had some volunteer work and gift-in-kind support completing some important aspects of the work effort. For example, White Mountain Oil & Propane generously waived fees and donated the labor to install our propane tanks. A local septic expert, Walter Lancaster, donated his time to correct a problem with our aging septic system. We were awarded two grants, one from the Goldberg Foundation for our stained-glass windows another from the Ham Foundation for our exterior windows. We sincerely thank these local foundations for their support. Bill Duggan continues his dedicated support as our General Contractor. Working together, Bill and Phil have kept a close handle on the project with Bill providing invaluable contracting support and renovation advice. Their planning and coordination has kept the effort moving forward. Phil has adopted the mantra "We will succeed!" With your help and continued support that three word statement will be a reality.

Campaign Progress: To date, with the generous donations of 408 people, grants and businesses, many having made multiple donations, we have raised \$357,070 out of a \$585,000 campaign goal! Our expenditures for capital improvements, building maintenance and administrative costs are about \$293,165. We are estimating that we need to raise \$227,930 to complete Phase 2 and open the museum. *How can you help get us to this goal?* First, any donation you can make to the project is greatly appreciated. Second, if you know of anyone who is interested in adding their name to our growing list of donors, please contact Phil Franklin, at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you.

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President's Message

Winter is making a slow but steady start here in the mountains and hopefully we'll soon be knee deep in snow. It's a refreshing time of the year but that biting wind can go right through you at times. Our work with the Historical Society turns to the new year with plans for 2022 while we take one last look back at 2021.

As we did for 2020, we have compiled a comprehensive 2021 BHS Annual Report. Reflecting on our 2021 activities, I was very pleased with our accomplishments over the past year. We (all of us) have a lot to be proud of as BHS does its part to make the community better and preserve our local history. This can't be done without member and donor support. A summary of the 2021 BHS Annual Report is in this newsletter. The full version will be on our BHS website.

Looking at our last quarter of 2021, we've been a very active society. In October, we concluded our 2021 Quarterly Presentation Series with a presentation by local railroad historian Ben English who also drew the winning ticket for our quilt raffle. We also had a Renovation Open House at the museum building. In December, we had a dining benefit event at Black Cap Grille.

Our museum project made great strides forward thanks to your generosity with donations and the work of Bill Duggan, our General Contractor, his crew and sub-contractors. We've included updates on the museum project in this newsletter.

Our 2022 BHS Membership Drive is off to a flying start. We have welcomed several new members and renewals from current members. Your membership does many things for the society, most importantly, it allows us to work toward the fulfillment of our mission to preserve the history of Bartlett and Hart's Location and offer educational opportunities to learn more about the history of this area. Your support also demonstrates to others that this is a non-profit organization worthy of their support.

From a BHS Board of Directors perspective, we have regretfully accepted the resignation of Rachael Brown. Rachael is very active in the local business and non-profit community. While she needed to step down from the BHS Board, she'll still be supporting BHS as a new member of our Advisory Panel; she'll be a member of our golf tournament committee; she continues to be a business sponsor for the BHS newsletter, and is continuing her Business membership. We thank Rachael for her continued support of BHS.

Looking forward in 2022, we have a full slate of speakers for our 2022 Quarterly Presentation Series; we are restarting the BHS Golf Tournament on June 11, 2022; we will have more dining benefit events; we will continue to drive forward with our museum project; and we hope to launch a new project to engage with other local historical societies to meet, share ideas, discuss challenges and, in the end, promote the higher mission of preserving local history so others can learn about our forefathers in the region.

As always, if you have questions or ideas for BHS, please contact me (Phil@BartlettHistory.org). This is your historical society so we are always interested in hearing from you. On behalf of the Board of Directors of BHS, I wish you a very happy, safe and healthy New Year.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society
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News and Requests

It's Back—The 2022 BHS Golf Tournament!

After two years of being in a pandemic holding pattern, we are announcing the return of the BHS Golf Tournament. The tournament date is Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Linderhof Country Club in Bartlett. More details on the tournament will be announced but for now, please "Save the Date!"



Norm Head along with Hadley Champlin and Rachael Brown (all three former members of our Board of Directors) make up the BHS golf committee. All proceeds from the tournament will be directed to our BHS Museum Fund for our museum renovation project.

Black Cap Grille Dining Benefit

On Thursday, December 2nd, the Black Cap Grille in North Conway hosted our Bartlett Historical Society for a dining event. A great dining crowd arrived despite the snow and ice that day. Many people were there for BHS and others just happened to drop in for dinner. In the end, this was another successful evening for BHS. Between our event raffle and cash donations plus the 10% of the evening's meal receipts donated by Black Cap Grill, we raised \$685. All of this money will go to our BHS Museum Fund for the renovation work on our museum building. We thank the management of the Black Cap Grille for their generosity and all those who turned out for the event.



Phil Franklin Is Asking For Your Thoughts

Enticing Younger Folks to Join Our Existing Membership

As the President of this historical society, I'm always thinking about our future. One of the topics we've discussed on the BHS Board is how to attract younger people to become members of BHS – we're thinking about folks in their 20s through 40s; also maybe a Historical Society Youth program.

While many of our local members are young at heart, many of us are advancing faster than we'd like, myself included. The question of attracting younger people to become members and engaged in the Historical Society isn't unique to BHS, it's a question I've touched on with the leaders of other local historical societies. We'd like to hear your thoughts on this topic. If you have an idea about how we can attract younger people to the historical society, please drop me an email with your comments (Phil@BartlettHistory.org). I thank you for your input.

BHS Newsletter Feature Articles—Are You One of Our Local Historians?

Over the past four years, our newsletters have included the stories of many Bartlett and Hart's Location residents and historians. Quoting the American historian and author David McCullough, he writes in his book *The American Spirit*, "History, as can't be said too often, is human. It is about people, and they speak to us across the years." This is why it's so important that we talk with people about their past or that of their family. We enjoy telling the stories and collecting the oral histories of local folks.

Our stories have captured the lives of many of our local history makers, summarizing their life experiences to a brief few pages and few thousand words. Some have lived in the area all their lives, others came here after living in other places; they all made an impression on our local history.

One of the sections of our newsletter that receives the most positive commentary is these human stories. If you know of someone who we should interview or if you, yourself, have a story to tell about your life here in the area and would like to be interviewed, please contact Phil Franklin (Phil@BartlettHistory.org) so we can connect and capture your contributions to our local history. The process is simple—We'll talk, Phil (most likely) will write your story, you get to approve the article before its published and, in the end, you've contributed to the enrichment of the history of our area. As Mr. McCullough implies, our history is our people. Please help us by telling your story or maybe the story of one of your forefathers. Some of the most interesting stories come from some of our most everyday people. What story do you have to tell? We look forward to hearing from you.

Patriotic Quilt Raffle—Museum Project Fundraiser

And The Winner Is ... Greta George

In June, we announced that Sue Franklin had made a red, white and blue quilt that she donated to BHS for a raffle. Response to the raffle was great. People from near and far bought tickets. At the October presentation by Ben English, we asked him to draw the winning ticket.



Greta George (L) and Sue Franklin
Showing Greta's new quilt

The winner of the quilt was Greta George, one of our BHS Lifetime members. Greta's late husband, Bert, was one of the founding members of BHS. Phil and Sue Franklin delivered the quilt to Greta a couple of days after the drawing. Greta was all smiles and the quilt quickly found its resting place on the back of her couch. Congratulations to Greta on winning the quilt. The quilt raised another \$1,100 for the BHS Museum Fund. Thank you to all who participated in the raffle. Thank you to Sue for all of the work that went into making this quilt. Sue has said that she will make a queen-sized quilt for a raffle in 2022.

Railroad Committee—2021 Recap

Over the past year, Scotty Mallett, our BHS Railroad Committee Chair, has focused on the research of three major topics related to Bartlett and Hart's Location railroad history. 1. The biographies of Samuel Anderson, one time president of the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad, the pioneer railroad of the region and his brother, John Anderson, the engineering master mind of the building of the rails through Crawford Notch; 2. The history of the Bartlett & Albany (logging) Railroad, the railroad that brought timber in from the area around current day Bear Notch Road; 3. The history of the one time Bartlett Land & Lumber Company, the lumber mill that once occupied a large acreage on the south side of Bartlett Village, the area known locally as Company Hill. We thank Scotty and his assistants for their dedication to this railroad research. Much of this information is on our BHS website. If you are interested in being a part of this committee or if you have any regional railroad information, please contact Scotty. Scotty can be contacted at 603-383-3040, by USPS at PO Box 35, Glen, NH 03838 or email at Scottymallett@gmail.com.

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Ghosts In Our Museum?

Every so often, someone will ask Phil Franklin about our future Bartlett History Museum building and include the question, "Is the building haunted?" Well, we just might have an answer to that question. Thinking back to March 2020, we had Kelly Rogers and her assistant Linda from Luna Paranormal Research in North Conway visit our building with their paranormal detection instruments. They concluded, at that time, that we might have the spirit of someone in the building. We included an article in the spring 2020 edition of the BHS newsletter about this paranormal adventure.



Kelly Rogers (L) with assistant, Linda

Since that time, we have done a lot of major work on the building with the roof replacement, reframing of the building's interior and installation of new mechanical systems. Kelly told us that major disruptions such as these often awaken spirits and we might want to do another survey. So, we did just that.



Kelly with Kathy Howard (C) and Sue Franklin

On October 29th, we invited our friends from Luna Paranormal back for another visit. This time, with the use of new equipment, they detected a couple of spirits. First, on a computer screen, we saw the form of a child standing in the framing of our future office. Then, they heard the voice of a man saying he was preaching and telling us to be quiet. Kelly also heard the voices of other children in the background. The first child told Kelly that they were happy with the renovation. We asked the child to tell us who they are but all we were told was "You know who I am." We never got a name.

So, is our building haunted? Well, if you believe in the paranormal, we can conclude that we have some friendly spirits living with us. They mean us no harm and are pleased that their house is getting a makeover. There are other buildings in the area with spirits roaming about also. So, when you come into the building, say "Hello" to our unseen friends and maybe you'll get an unexpected answer in return.



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2022 BHS Quarterly Presentation Lineup!

We have a great lineup of presentations for 2022 with a mix of local history and regional topics. Again this year, we will be holding our presentation events at the Bartlett Congregational Church, corner of Route 302 and Albany Avenue in Bartlett. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the leadership of the Congregational Church for making their church available to BHS for our presentations.

Sunday, January 9, 2022—"The History of Peter Limmer & Son's Hiking Boots" with Peter Limmer



Limmer hiking boots are known through out the world-wide hiking community for their quality, durability and comfort. Peter will tell us the story of this family run company starting in Germany and their trek to America, eventually landing in the White Mountains, a very interesting story.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 2:00 p.m.—We'll lead off with a brief Annual Meeting of BHS & review of the 2021 Annual Report

Wednesday, April 20, 2022: "The History of the Hodgkins Family" with Ray Hodgkins

Ray is a retired US Army Colonel with his roots here in Bartlett. After a long, successful career in the US Army, serving in many different posts, Ray is back in Bartlett. He'll talk about his family history in Bartlett and their history in service to America in the military.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, June 15, 2022: "Cruising New Hampshire History" with Michael Bruno



We've all seen those signs along the highways and byways of NH, green with white letters, telling the story of the historic site at that location. Michael Bruno will tell us about the history behind these signs and point out some of the more interesting sites.

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022: New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and The Reality with Steve Taylor (NH Humanities speaker)

In the 1700s, 1800s and even early 1900s, one-room school houses dotted the countryside. Bartlett had six schools across different town villages. Today, most are gone but a couple are still here, in disguise and used for other things. Steve will talk about the "lasting legacies of the one-room school and how they echo today."

Bartlett Congregational Church Sanctuary, Route 302 and Albany Avenue, Time: 7:00 p.m.



All of our programs are free and open to the public. We gratefully accept donations at the door. All donations are directed to our Bartlett History Museum project for the renovation of the former St. Joseph Church building. Please join us for these interesting presentations.

Final 2021 Presentation Recap A Century of Railroading with Ben English

On October 20, 2021, Ben English presented "A Century of Railroading in Crawford Notch." Ben English is a well respected local railroad historian and author. In his presentation, he took us on a photographic rail journey through Bartlett and to the top of Crawford Notch. Along the way, he pointed out several places of historic interest, added in his personal stories of riding the trains, watching the railroad workers maintain the tracks, and clear "service interruptions" (a.k.a. train wrecks). Ben opened his presentation by reading the list of rail workers from Bartlett, many of whom had relatives in the audience of about 70 attendees. Ben provided a unique, informative and captivating presentation. We thank him for sharing his knowledge with us.



After the presentation, Ben (R) reconnected with one of his former students, Karl Chandler

Bartlett History Museum—Renovation Update



Over the past three months, work has continued on the museum building renovation. This work represents some major steps forward toward our goal of opening the Bartlett History Museum. All of this work was made possible because of the generosity of donors to the project and some volunteer efforts.

Work Completed Since September 2021

- ♦ **Building Engineer Inspection:** Bill Duggan and Phil Franklin met with Bartlett's commercial building engineer, Shawn Bergeron of Bergeron Technical Services, for a review/inspection of several aspects of the renovation process. This review included the electrical, HVAC, insulation, front step railings, ADA ramp plans and septic system. Shawn's assessment, after a thorough discussion on our plans and review of completed work, was that we are doing the renovation work in accordance with the building codes. He approved of our plans to move forward. Aside from noting the need to install an air exchanger in the building, no changes or rework was requested.

- ♦ **Electrical Work:** All of the "rough-in" work for the electrical wiring for the building has been completed. Carl DiFiore, a local electrical contractor, and his assistant, spent several days in the building pulling all of the new wires that will be needed for the lighting, outlets and switches. Prior to starting the electrical work, Carl participated in a walk-through of the building to discuss our anticipated electrical needs and nail down the exact placement of the electrical components. Bill Duggan, Phil Franklin, Kathy Howard, our Curator, and Sue Franklin, our Treasurer, participated in this walk-through. In preparation for the electrical work, all of the old wiring was removed from the building. As a part of the new electrical installation, we upgraded the building to a 200-amp service and the NH Electric Cooperative replaced the badly deteriorated service wire coming from the street power pole to the building. We now have limited power in the building. The next step for the electrical work is the finish work to install the outlets, switches and lighting fixtures.



New electrical panel on the main floor level



NH Electric Coop worker installs new service line

- ♦ **HVAC Work:** In our last newsletter, we reported that the work to install our new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system was well underway but not complete. Now, we can report that Mountain View Mechanical, our HVAC contractor, has completed all of their work in the building with the exception of the installation of an air exchange system.



New 112,000 BTU Furnace hanging in basement

- ♦ **Propane Tank Installation:** New propane tanks have been installed for our heating fuel. This process included the installation of a 4' x 6' concrete pad for the tanks by a BHS volunteer. White Mountain Oil and Propane, our propane supplier, waived their installation fee for the tanks and set them in place along with protective piers to prevent damage to the tanks by a vehicle. Our thanks go to White Mountain Oil and Propane for their help with this project and their past donations to this effort as well.



New propane bottles behind the building

- ♦ **Septic System:** We've known all along that our septic system needed work. In one of the last warm days of November, Phil Franklin met with Walter Lancaster, a local septic expert, to discuss what we needed to do to connect the inside plumbing to the outside septic system. What Phil expected to be a consultation turned into a work project. Walter said "Let's get to work." And, so the digging started. We corrected a discharge pipe issue leading to the septic tank, assessed the tank condition and installed a new cover on the tank. When Phil asked Walter for the cost of what was just completed, Walter said "No charge." He was happy to help BHS and do what he could for the project. He did inform Phil that based on the condition and age of the septic system, we will likely be needing to install a new modern system within a year or two from when we start using the current system. We thank Walter for his support. (We didn't think you'd want to see a photo of the septic system!)

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Museum Renovation Update continued ...

- ♦ **Building Wall Insulation:** About 2,600 square feet of wall insulation has been installed. This required the purchase of 63 bundles of Rockwool insulation, a different insulating product with a higher R-value than more commonly used fiberglass insulation. A BHS volunteer installed the insulation resulting in a savings of approximately \$12,000 in labor and marked up material costs. The Rockwool was purchased through the museum renovation funds. Bill Duggan has arranged for an insulation contractor to come in in January to review the work to be completed for the ceiling and attic insulation.



- ♦ **ADA Ramp and Sidewalk:** As winter closed in, we made a decision to hold off on the work associated with the ADA ramp until spring 2022. Coordination of contractors, combined with the colder weather posed some issues with the pouring of the concrete for the ramp slab and sidewalk.

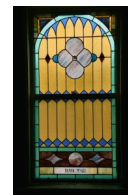


As you can see, we've made a lot of progress since our last report. Looking at what's been accomplished since September, ironically, almost all of this work will be invisible in the final showing of the museum but it's all essential, even critical, to making the museum functional, warm or cool, and safely operable.

Grant Support

BHS was recently the recipient of two important grants. Both of these are from local foundations and both will help move specific aspects of the renovation forward.

Robert and Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation Grant: The Goldberg Foundation has been a very generous supporter of the Bartlett History Museum project for the past four years. In November 2021, the foundation awarded BHS a \$5,000 grant for our project to place the stained-glass windows in LED backlit light boxes. Each light box will be hung next to the original window frame from which the stained-glass window was originally located. In the light boxes, we will be able to illuminate these beautiful original stained-glass windows day or night and protect the 132 year old stained-glass. This will be a wonderful addition to the atmosphere in the museum. With this award, Goldberg Foundation funding for the museum project has reached \$22,500. We express our thanks to the Goldberg Foundation for their continued support.



Kendal C. and Anna Ham Charitable Foundation Grant: In October 2021, the Ham Foundation awarded the Bartlett Historical Society a grant of \$21,600 for the purchase and installation of new exterior windows for the museum building. These windows will replace the stained-glass windows that we are moving into the light boxes. Where the stained-glass windows are single pane windows, the new windows will be energy efficient double pane, double hung clear glass windows. They will obviously help brighten the museum's interior space while saving on energy costs. These windows are currently on order and should arrive at the building in January. This is the first grant BHS has received from the Ham Foundation. We are very pleased that they have added their support to our project.



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What's Next?

While there's still a lot of work to do to get us to a grand opening of the museum, there is an end in sight. With all of the mechanical systems either fully installed or waiting for final installation steps and windows on order, we can start to look at the next major components of work. These include:

- Installation of the ceiling and attic area insulation
- Installation of the sheetrock for wall covering
- Installation of the exterior windows (Ham Foundation grant funding received)
- Constructing Light Boxes for the stained-glass windows (Goldberg Foundation grant funding received)
- Manufacturing and installation of the railings for the front steps
- Purchase four chandeliers for the museum display area
- Pouring of the concrete slab and adjacent sidewalk for the ADA ramp along with the installation of the ramp (a spring 2022 project)
- Purchase and installation of the emergency exit door plus construct the exterior stairway from that door.

Timing for the Work?: The scheduling of each work component is all dependent on funding. As we have been doing, we will schedule measurable components of work as we have the funding to complete them. Also, please keep in mind that there's a logical order to the work (e.g., ceiling insulation comes before sheetrock installation, etc.)

After these steps are completed, we can start to look at the finish work for the interior of the building. As we said, there's a lot to do but the list of work projects keeps getting smaller as we go. With your continued support, we can bring this project to closure and celebrate our grand opening!

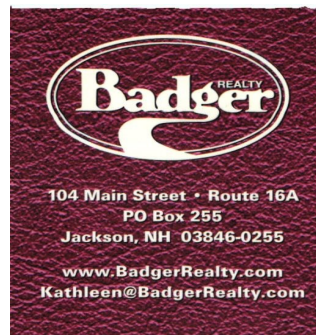
A Bit of History About our Future Museum

Did you know that our future museum building, the former St. Joseph Church, contained an apartment for the priest? From 1890 to 1902, the church was a mission church of St. Matthew's parish in Whitefield, NH. While not well documented, we discovered that an appendage structure on the back of the church was part of the priest's apartment. We suspect that the priest from Whitefield stayed in this apartment when they were here for services. When workers removing the hazardous materials from the building pulled down the deteriorating plaster around the current day emergency exit door from the building, they revealed a room above the exit corridor complete with a stair rail and reading light still in place. From photographs, we see the appendage disappear in photos between 1958 and 1960.



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When making a choice of where to purchase goods or services in the area, please look to make your first stop at one of the businesses who supports BHS. Please let them know that you chose their business because of their support of BHS.

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We also have several Business members. We'll highlight them in our next BHS newsletter as we conclude our 2022 membership drive at the end of March 2022.

How Can You Donate to BHS?

As a non-profit organization, BHS depends on the generosity of our members and non-member donors for support. We do our best to earn your support in many ways and hope that the programs we provide now as well as efforts to open our museum continue to win your assistance and trust.

There are several ways to donate to BHS including: Cash or Check; Credit Card; Amazon Smile; Gift-in-Kind; Stock Transfer, Company Matching Gift Programs, Memorials, Estate Designations

Donations to BHS designated to the BHS Museum Fund or that are undesignated are currently funneled to the BHS Museum Fund; donations designated to the General Fund are directed to our operating fund.



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Bartlett Historical Society—2021 Annual Report Summary

In 2021, the Bartlett Historical Society continued to show positive gains on both the Bartlett History Museum project and in the execution of our society's mission. This is a summary of our 2021 BHS Annual Report (the full report is on our BHS website).

Mission and General Operational Activities

The Mission of the Bartlett Historical Society is:

- The collection and preservation of data and items pertaining to the history of Bartlett and Hart's Location
- Stimulating interest in the history of Bartlett and Hart's Location, NH through the promotion and conducting of educational opportunities and events related to the history of Bartlett and Hart's Location.

Over the past year, our collection of items telling the story of Bartlett's and Hart's Location's history grew with the donation of several items. Research by the Railroad Committee has uncovered interesting information about the formation of the local railroads and our local logging and lumber industry. Items of railroad interest were donated to the society as well as several documents highlighting land ownership as far back as the early 1800s. We also received a large book collection containing some unique books from the late 1800s documenting the formation of settlements in the area, some deeds dating to the later 1700s and early 1800s, and a one of a kind poster for the Yankee Flier tourist train project (signed by all of the committee members involved in this effort).

From an educational perspective, BHS restarted the paused Quarterly Presentation Series with a lineup of four well attended presentations dealing with railroad history as well as the history of the NH Fish & Game Department and the history of the Appalachian Mountain Club. We owe our thanks to the leadership of the Bartlett Congregational Church for the use of their church for these presentations. We completed the third year of the Bartlett History Project with the 8th grade class of the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School. The winner of the Bartlett History Award for 2021 focused her presentation on the Willey family tragedy in Hart's Location.

Membership in the society continues to be at a good level but our final 2021 membership number only equaled our 2020 membership total (226 members) thus ending our five-year trend of 12% per year increases.

Museum Project

Our long running Bartlett History Museum renovation project saw several significant checklist items completed including the installation of the HVAC system, rough-in of the electrical and plumbing systems, and insulation of the building's walls. We held two well attended open house events to show renovation progress.

Financials

The average operating budget for the Historical Society ended within our usual averages for income (\$10,897) and expenses (\$9,264) leaving BHS in an operationally positive financial position. Key expense items include our insurances, storage unit rental fees, newsletter publication expenses (covered by newsletter sponsor donations) and an assortment of miscellaneous fees such as state filing fees, a postal box rental fee, computer expenses, etc.

Our museum project continues to be well funded through donations and, in 2021, grants from three generous foundations. With this project, we are not out-spending our available funds, rather, work is scheduled and completed only when we have the funds to pay for a sub-project in full. Grant funding is reserved for specific items as designated by the granting foundation. The search for funding for this project is ongoing with the hope that we will attract a generous donor who is willing to fund the remaining approximately \$200,000 of the project. Meanwhile, we will continue to gratefully accept the donations received from our benefactors.

Outlook

From all indications, the future for the Bartlett Historical Society is bright. We have solid membership level and support from the community; we are actively working to improve the community through our educational programs and presentations as well as through the renovation and eventual reopening of the historic former St. Joseph Church building as the Bartlett History Museum. We have outlined a set of 2022 goals and objectives for the society designed to focus on the completion of the museum project, the broadening of our campaign for increased membership with a focus on attracting younger members to the society, and leading an effort to establish an informal association of local historical societies as a forum for sharing ideas and information to help all historical societies grow and fulfill their missions.



The Bartlett Snow Roller—Restored 2015

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2022 BHS Membership Drive

Our BHS 2022 Membership Drive is well underway! Our “membership year” runs from January 1 through December 31. So far, 117 members have renewed their memberships and we have welcomed 16 new members to BHS. To those who have responded to our 2022 Membership Drive, we thank you for your continued support. Support from our members helps keep BHS energized and focused on our mission to be the stewards of Bartlett, Hart’s Location and Mount Washington Valley history. Again, we thank you for your support and encourage you to continue that support.

For 2022, we have maintained the same membership dues as we have for the past few years. They are:

- ⇒ Individual/General Members \$20.00
- ⇒ Patron Members \$50.00
- ⇒ Business Members \$100.00



Your membership helps us:

- ♦ Keep our members informed and up to date on BHS activities, plans, accomplishments and ideas
- ♦ Demonstrate to foundations and other donors (with real numbers) that ours is a viable, active historical society worthy of their support
- ♦ Generate this newsletter four times a year
- ♦ Bring in interesting guest speakers for our quarterly presentation on historic topics
- ♦ Obtain “Bartlett artifacts” that appear online bringing them “home”, and
- ♦ Cover our society’s operating expenses (e.g. insurance, association fees, office supplies, etc.).

We hope that you will continue to be a part of, or join those who already are a part of this growing historical society. Historical societies are important part of our culture because they preserve the achievements of our forefathers. Our forefathers have entrusted in us, the responsibility of keeping their memories, actions, events and adventures alive, preventing them from being lost in time. This is the history they created. Please help us honor the history of our forefathers by joining BHS. As always, we *Thank You* for your support. A 2022 Membership Form is enclosed in this newsletter. Membership form and information can also be found at: <http://bartletthistory.org/bartletthistory/join.html>.

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