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A Short Note from BHS President, Phil Franklin



For those of you who have been members of or donors to the Bartlett Historical Society for any length of time, you know that our fall newsletter should be arriving in your mailbox or email box about now. However, I'm writing to let you know that we are holding off on this final newsletter of 2024 until after we open the museum. Our plans are to dedicate the fall 2024 newsletter to the museum with a



retrospective on how we came to have the opportunity to get into this major project and a “trip down memory lane” to get to where we are today.

On October 19, 2024, we are going to open our Bartlett Historical Society and Museum building with a public celebration. Our Grand Opening celebration will be the culmination of a journey that started roughly in 2013 and 2014. With this opening day, we join several other local historical societies with museums proudly displaying the history of their towns. Our initial displays will provide a broad view of the historical stories and events of Bartlett, Hart's Location, and Livermore. Looking to the future, we plan to take more focused looks at specific topics within our three-town scope.

Our Grand Opening celebration on October 19th will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of our building with a couple of speakers and a ribbon cutting. This will be followed by an open house until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this celebration and we hope that your first visit to our/your museum will be followed by many more in the weeks and months to come.

Final Museum Update

For years, we've provided updates on the renovation of the museum building. This update turns the focus to our preparations for the opening of the museum.

For the past several weeks, we have been focused on assembling all the things that will make our museum a museum. We've brought all our BHS collections into the building, sorted through them to determine what we will put forth for our initial displays and what we will store for future displays. We've been cleaning and painting the donated display cases, display units for our library of history and historic books have been made by a BHS volunteer, plans for the opening of the museum have been being developed, and our road sign has been under construction and is soon to be placed in our front yard. These are the highlights of our preparations for our opening day.

By the way, the Conway Daily Sun's Tom Eastman and photographer Rachel Sharples published a great feature article on our pending opening. Rachel was at the building as the movers from The Country Picker were moving in our display cases. Tom had a long interview with Phil Franklin before writing the article. It's in the Saturday, September 14, 2024 edition – the front page story. Our thanks to Tom, Rachael and the Conway Daily Sun for the coverage. Our thanks to Phil Leblanc from The Country Picker movers for their help also.

A Few Quick Reminders and Notes

- ⇒ 2024 Raffle – Four Seasonal Photos of the White Mountains: Just a reminder that we will be drawing the winning ticket for our 2024 raffle on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Tickets are still available. Please see the flier on our website with more information on how to purchase raffle tickets (www.BartlettHistory.org front page).
- ⇒ Dining Benefit at the Red Parka Pub: On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, BHS will be the featured non-profit organization at the Red Parka Pub for a dining event. Terry O'Brien, the owner of the "Parka," generously donates 10% of the evenings meal receipts to the non-profit being celebrated that evening. Please join us for a great meal at the Red Parka Pub on December 11th.
- ⇒ 2025 Presentations: We are finalizing our list of presenters for our 2025 Quarterly Presentation Series. Our first presentation will be with a NH Humanities speaker, Jo Radner on Sunday, January 12, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at our museum building at 13 School Street in Bartlett. Jo's topic is titled ***Yankee Ingenuity: Stories of Headstrong and Resourceful People***. Jo shares a selection of historical tales-humorous and thought-provoking-about New Englanders who have used their wits in extraordinary ways to solve problems and create inventions. The talk will include discussion with the audience and may introduce a brief folktale or a poem about inventiveness and problem-solving. (This is the presentation was originally scheduled for October 16th but we cancelled due to the proximity to the museum opening date.)
- ⇒ 2025 BHS Membership Drive: Our 2025 BHS Membership Drive will begin with the start of the new year. In 2024, we had thanked 263 BHS members for their support. This reflected the highest level of membership that we've ever had at BHS. We hope that with the opening of our museum, our non-member donors will join as members and that our current members will renew with us again. Your membership in BHS demonstrates your active support for our work to preserve our local history and share that history with others. With the opening of the museum, we plan to now focus on expanding our offerings for programs focused on our local history. We hope that you will continue your support of your historical society and invite your friends to join us as well.

... In Closing

In closing, I'm reflecting back to the many different things that have occurred over the past several years to bring us to this day and historic moment for the Bartlett Historical Society. An almost endless list of "things" have occurred to help us complete the largest project ever undertaken by BHS but what keeps coming to the forefront of my mind is the overwhelming support provided by our members and donors, in both physical renovation support, financial support, and moral support. Everything we've accomplished has been made possible because of the generous support of so many people locally and from afar. You have helped make BHS what it is today. BHS has a bright future on the horizon. Let's keep a good thing going and getting better! Thank you.

Once again and continually, on behalf of our BHS Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of BHS. If you have any questions, comments or ideas about BHS or Bartlett, Hart's Location or Livermore history, please let me know by dropping me an email at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you again for your support.

Keep an eye out for the "real" fall newsletter in November!

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society

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