

# BRADFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

BHS P.O. Box 551, Bradford NH 03221

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### **Meet our new Fire Chief**

The Bradford Historical Society began their summer activities on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> with an evening hosting Bradford's new Fire Chief Bryan Nowell. A very small group listened to Bryan relate what he has accomplished and his future goals for the Bradford Fire Department. There have been several former members returning to the department as well as some new volunteers. All of the equipment is now functional and the dry hydrants have been checked out. Bryan also indicated he is writing Grants when new equipment/gear is needed to help the local taxpayers. Bryan requested the word be spread that he is looking for people who have some medical training and some free time to get in touch with him as they need some additional EMT's. Following a brief question and answer period, light refreshments were enjoyed.

### **New England Quilts and history**

The next program the BHS will hold will be the talk by Pamela Weeks who is sponsored by the N.H. Humanities Council. This will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Tin Shop on East Main Street.

Pamela Weeks will talk about New England Quilts and the Stories they Tell. "Pamela is the Binney Family Curator of the N.E. Quilt Museum, Author of the book Civil War Quilts and Articles on quilt history, she lectures nationally on quilt making and quilt history." She will also talk about a special quilt which belongs to the Bradford Historical Society, and she will have copies of her books for sale. Weeks uses quilts to tell stories of the Civil War, women's history, and industrial history. This entertaining and educational program is free and open to the public with light refreshments provided.

### **From the Bradford Bridge, June 2008:**

In 2005, the Town voted to "dedicate a 3.6 acre portion of town property with frontage on East Main Street for the purpose of creating a cultural center for the town."

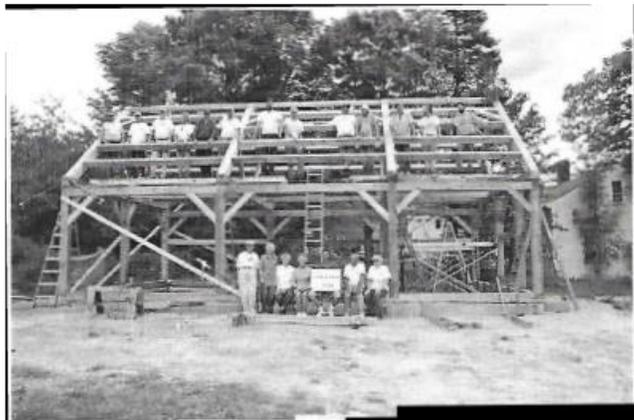
A building 34x20 feet to be a Blacksmith and Woodworking Museum on the front Marshall lot is proposed. It will house a collection of local artifacts, fulfilling a need for display of old tools which were essential for building early homes in Bradford. This will be a positive project for and by Bradford people, with donations staying in our town.

### **From the Bradford Bridge, July 2009.**

After a year in planning for the museum to display tools used by area craftspeople, the frame was raised Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. A volunteer force of local men physically pounded, fitted, pulled, sweated, steadied, and climbed, setting the framework up on the front Marshall property – in under 4 hours.

The Lumber Barn, helped by Bradford Historical Society members, grilled lunch for workers and onlookers. Professional photographers were present, and the Bradford ambulance and Fire and Rescue squads were available. It was an exciting event, and most exciting was the tremendous volunteer effort of time, labor, and help by so many people. The work will proceed until the Museum is complete and the old tools and equipment in place with demonstrations scheduled.

It's amazing how much a small town can do. The Smithy Shop is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until noon, along with the Tin Shop and Old Post Office, from May through October.



### Then and now

#### Other news:

We want to welcome several new members to the Bradford Historical Society (BHS), and especially to thank Patty and Link Heffner for installing the new outdoor lights.

Please keep these dates open. We hold our Board Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at the Tin Shop. (July 27, August 24, September 21 and October 26.) All are very welcome to attend the meetings.

We at BHS often get questions we cannot answer. We have recruited some long term residents to share their stories of Bradford with us in casual sessions on Wednesday mornings. If you don't know Bradford stories, please come. Sit in on "Bradford Stories" on Wednesdays from 10:00am until noon, July 13, July 20, August 3, August 17, and August 31.

## Bradford Historical Society (BHS) Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior/Student (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Life Member (\$200) \_\_\_\_\_ Life Couple (\$300) Additional Donation Welcomed: \_\_\_\_\_ Please write checks to

Bradford Historical Society, mail to: BHS, P.O. Box 551, Bradford, NH 03221

Your dues cover your membership for the current calendar year. Your dues are due in January of that year. Please renew now (if you haven't) for 2022. Thank you for your support.

