



BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“History...without it you don't exist!”

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2014

Founded in 1955, The Bethel Historical Society both catalogs and archives our city's grand history while consistently providing events and opportunities to make certain that the past does not remain a distant and out-of-reach era, but a lively and integral part of our modern day.

From the annual Children's Victorian Christmas Tea Party & Laura Ingalls Wilder celebrations, to the ever popular Antique Appraisal Days, Halloween events such as our Ghost Tour through Bethel, an annual PT Barnum birthday celebration complete with crazy hat contest, a Colonial Kids Summer Camp and unique events such as the opening of the 1912 Cornerstone and Time Capsule from the building at 84 Greenwood Avenue (Masonic Temple), we regularly offer programming that both educates and entertains.

In addition, this past year we completed our 17th Annual Historic Walking Tour of Bethel for all Bethel 2nd graders. **In September 2010, we were pleased to present Bethel with a life-size bronze of P.T. Barnum.** We want to make Bethel a destination point and we need your support as a member to help in this effort.

Membership dues support the Bethel Historical Society, providing for exhibits and educational programs, collections preservation and general maintenance and operating costs. As a private non-profit organization, we depend on voluntary support and your becoming a member of Bethel Historical Society is the best way to help us continue our mission. Membership is good for one calendar year.

Membership levels for 2013 are as follows (see back of form for descriptions and benefits):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatmaker's Block \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rodemeyer's Board \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Seelye's Sponsorship Circle \$300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$40.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Barnum's Top Hat \$500.00 |

I would like to volunteer for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

I would like to make a **donation of \$** _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NOTE: The Bethel Historical Society is a charitable organization under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Therefore, your contribution may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor for further details.

REMEMBER if you belong to a corporation or organization with a matching gift program; please submit a request form to us for that matching gift.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Please return your membership dues as soon as possible. There are two methods to do so:

- 1) Send this form and check to the address below. Make check payable to Bethel Historical Society.
- 2) Pay via PayPal. Visit <http://www.bethelhistoricalsociety.com/index-membership.htm>

Student.....\$10

- Age 13 & up
- Membership Card
- Special Bethel Historical Society button (student membership only)

Individual.....\$25

- Membership Card
- Discounted admission to all Bethel Historical Society Events
- Subscription to the quarterly Bethel Lark - newspaper of the Bethel Historical Society
- 10% Discount at Gift Shop of the Danbury Railroad Museum

Senior Individual.....\$20

Same as Individual benefits but for one person age 65 & older.

Family.....\$40

Same as Individual benefits but for two adults plus accompanying minor children

Hatmaker's Block.....\$100

Same as Family benefits, plus...

- 10% Discount on most Bethel Historical Society Items (books, medallions, notecards, more)
- Membership in Time Travelers - which provides discounts to museums all over the country - <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org/>

Rodemeyer's Board.....\$200

Same as Hatmaker's Block benefits, plus...

- Special yearly historical tour
- Discounts on research assistance - both at the Bethel Historical Society as well as assistance at other local museums and libraries

Seelye's Sponsorship Circle.....\$300

Same as Rodemeyer's Board benefits, plus...

- quarter page advertisement in one year (four issues) of The Bethel Lark newspaper
- mention on all event flyers and posters and on our website

Barnum's Top Hat.....\$500

Same as Seelye's Sponsorship Circle benefits, plus...

- Inscription upon a permanent plaque in the Bethel Historical Society Museum, honoring your commitment to our mission
- A unique handmade photo album with archival quality prints of photos from the Society's collection