



# BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"History...without it you don't exist!"

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2016

Founded in 1960, The Bethel Historical Society (BHS) both catalogs and archives our town'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, quilt exhibitions, 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 offer programming that educates and entertains.

Recently, we produced the films *And the Swans Still Swim* about the history of the Stony Hill Inn and *Home Town Victory* about the surviving WWII veterans of Bethel. **In September 2010, we were pleased to present Bethel with a life-size bronze of P.T. Barnum.**

This past year we completed our 20th Annual Historic Walking Tour of Bethel for all Bethel 2nd graders. In addition, we held the first exhibition (over 120 items) since 1939, of the "Dean of American Cartoonists" - Art Young - who lived and worked in Bethel from 1904 - 1942.

We want to make Bethel a destination point and we need your support as a member to help in this effort. Membership dues support programs, collections preservation, general maintenance, and operating costs. As a private non-profit organization, we depend on voluntary support and your becoming a member of BHS is the best way to help us continue our mission. Membership is good for one calendar year.

*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>

### Membership levels for 2016

**\*All memberships include mailings of The Bethel Lark, 10% discount on admission at the Danbury Railway Museum and discounts on admission to BHS events:**

\_\_\_ Student \$10.00      \_\_\_ Senior \$20.00      \_\_\_ Individual \$25.00  
\_\_\_ Family \$40.00      \_\_\_ Business \$200.00

\_\_\_ I am making a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **I would like to volunteer for:**

\_\_\_ Fundraising      \_\_\_ Membership      \_\_\_ Programs      \_\_\_ Museum  
\_\_\_ Hospitality      \_\_\_ Publicity      \_\_\_ Newsletter      \_\_\_ Library

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**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.

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