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Marion Bryan introduces the rising generation to the joy of skittles at a busy Bedford Day celebration, 2008

Our next meeting: A British Soldier in the American Revolution

We've all heard "our" side of the story. What was it like for the other side? Historical interpreter Guy Morin, playing the part of a uniformed British regular, will explain what it was like to fight in defense of the Crown. What you hear may surprise you.

Free and open to all. Bring your friends!

Wednesday, October 22, 7:30 PM
First Church of Christ, Congregational
25 The Great Road, Bedford

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New members

We are delighted to welcome a fine crop of new members this month:

Ann and Jeb Brack
Terry Mallett
James A. Burton
Patricia Pelligrini
Linda Wollenberg

We're always thrilled to find kindred spirits who enjoy Bedford's history as much as we do. Welcome, all!

One young lady puts her face through a cutout of the Concord Minuteman as her friend takes a cell phone photo. Bedford Day, 2008

Archives hours

Our room in the Stearns building (a.k.a. the Police Station building) at 2 Mudge Way is *usually* open at the following times:

Monday, 9 to 12 and 1 to 5
Tuesday, 9 to 1 - Wednesday, 9 to 1

Other times by appointment. It's best to phone ahead before you stop by because we do step out for errands now and then. Please call our NEW PHONE NUMBER, 781-275-7276.

Coming events

Shawsheen Cemetery tour

The older portion of the Shawsheen Cemetery was recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The final resting place of many Bedford citizens from 1849 onward, this tranquil grove is usually overlooked as a historic site. The Bedford Historical Society will present a guided history tour on Saturday, October 24 at 2 PM (rain date Sunday the 25th). Meet at the Shawsheen Road entrance. Free and open to all. For information, call 781-275-7276.

Bedford History 101

Do you feel that the basics of Bedford's rich history have passed you by? You chance to brush up is coming soon. Society president Lee Yates will present a course called "Stories of Bedford" on Thursday, November 13, 6:30 to 8:30. This one-nighter is offered through the Bedford Learning Connection. To register, go to www.bedfordlearningconnection.org, or call 781-275-6562.

Ready to unplug?

On Tuesday, November 12, the whole town will unplug ourselves from our usual concerns and diversions to spend some family time together. By community consensus there will be no homework, no school sports, and no meetings of town committees that night. Will you be ready to take advantage of this all-too-rare opportunity?

Bedford Youth and Family Services sponsors a month of family activities, not only for Unplugged night but for the entire month of November. Go to **www.town.bedford.ma.us/youth/UnpluggedNov08Info.pdf** for details.

If you would like more ideas for good old-fashioned family fun, we can help! Go to our web site, **www.bedfordmahistory.org**, and click the Store button to take a look at our Kid Stuff - traditional toys, plus books on all sorts of early American crafts and activities. If shopping on the web is not your style, call us at 781-275-7276 and we'll help you get ready for an evening of vintage fun.

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Dues (please check one):

__ Student:	$3.00
__ Individual:	$10.00
__ Couple or Family:	$15.00
__ **Supporting or Business:**	**$50.00**
__ **Patron:**	**$250.00**
__ Life – Individual:	$150.00
__ Life – Couple:	$200.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donation

I would like to contribute the following amount to aid the Society: $ _____

Total enclosed: $ _____

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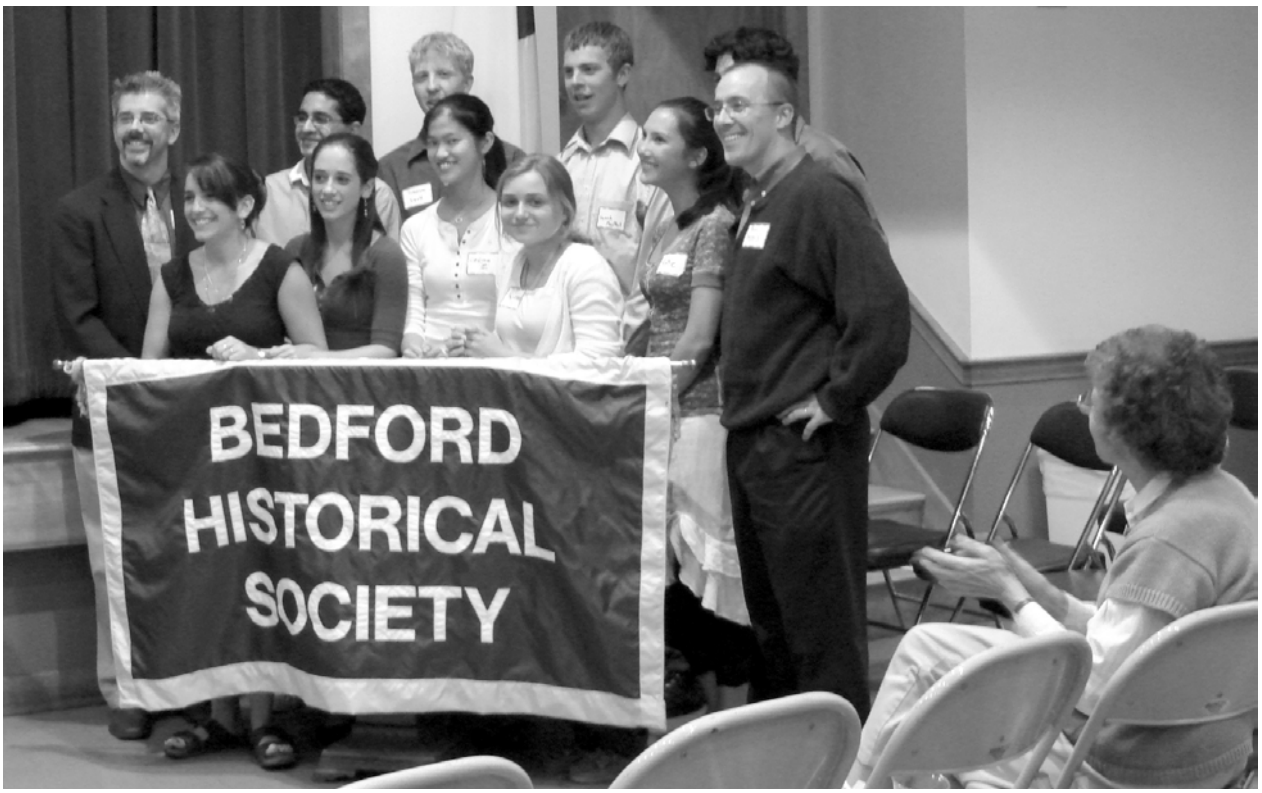

We were proud to honor the Bedford High School students who placed first and second in the National History Day competition held at the University of Maryland last June. The two groups presented their winning entries to a delighted audience at our October meeting.