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The Bartlett Snow Roller—Restored 2015

## The Campaign Continues...Thank you for your Continued Support

Over the summer months, our capital campaign for the St. Joseph Church project continued to move forward at a somewhat slower pace in some regards and a fast pace in others. While the number of donations were down, we still had some very generous donations that continued to boost our campaign total. Here are some summer highlights:



**Grant Applications:** A great deal of time was invested in the writing of grant applications and, at present, we have four applications pending with foundations. Responses to our requests are expected in the October to December time period. Please keep in mind that the foundations have hard decisions to make for funding grant requests. There are many organizations filing grant applications for funding and grant dollars are limited. While we hope to rise above our competition, we must understand that our requests could be cut back giving us fewer dollars than requested or even denied altogether. Let's keep thinking positively though, and we'll pass on the news of our foundation support in our next newsletter.



**Church History:** On page five of this newsletter, there is a recap of Phil Franklin's presentation on the History of St. Joseph Church. One of the topics in that presentation was a review of the renovations that have taken place in the church since 1890 when it was built. The most revealing photograph Phil showed was one that was donated by BHS members George & Virginia Lewis of VT via Joe & Caroline Boyle. This early 1900's photo (shown on the left) revealed a very different view of the interior of the church than the one we know today. For example, it showed one main arch across the sanctuary, not three arches as we see today. There were two chandeliers lighting the church as opposed to the

four drop lights in recent years. Several other unique features were revealed in this photograph. When we renovate the building, we will use this photo to try to recreate some of the original features of the church.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Parish Donation:** In June, Father Steve, Pastor of Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) Church in North Conway made a special effort to inform the parishioners and visitors of OLM of our campaign and efforts to save the St. Joseph Church building. In response, OLM parishioners and visitors collectively donated \$6,000 to our capital campaign in the name of OLM. We extend our sincere thanks to the people who contributed to this campaign from OLM.

Finally, where are we? Our campaign total has moved up to \$176,400 with about \$12,000 of that total being in reliable pledges that we expect to receive by the end of the year. So as we said at the beginning of this note, we are moving forward with slow but steady progress. We are continuing to look for avenues of funding and people who are interested in investing in this historic preservation project. We are committed to being successful!



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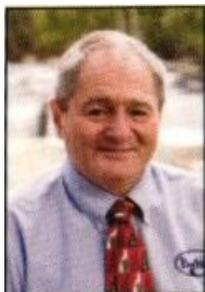
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## President's Message:



Fall is again descending upon the White Mountains and the colors under the green leaves are starting to show through in some places. As we get into October, we start to think back on our summer activities and look forward to winter with the “white gold” that falls from the sky bringing back skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and other winter sports. And, we can't forget the brilliance of the fall season with the changing leaves, the cooler temperatures and new look in our distinctive seasons. Another great time of the year for the mountains!

October also brings the Bartlett Historical Society to the close of another year with our Annual Meeting on October 17, 2018. At that meeting, we will recap the previous year's activities, talk about plans for the coming year, elect our 2018 – 2019 society officers and close the meeting with a presentation on hauntings in the area. Just in time for Halloween, we'll have Kelly Rogers of Luna Paranormal Research talk with us about ghosts that reside among us. She's also hoping to have this be an interactive program so bring your own ghost stories and see if they bring shivers to the spines of the other attendees.

An important topic—It's time to start our 2019 membership drive. In 2018, our membership increased by 25 members bringing BHS to a new total membership of 160, a 18% increase from 2017 and continuing a trend of increasing membership over the past four years. We are very pleased that people continue to look to be a part of this growing organization. We also hope that people will continue to renew their memberships over the coming years and also encourage new members to join. On the last page of this newsletter, we more information on our 2019 membership drive and we have included a 2019 membership form with this newsletter. Please show your support for the Bartlett Historical Society – your historical society – by joining or renewing your membership for 2019.

A quick look at 2018 shows that we had a busy year. Our focus continued on our project to save St. Joseph Church, renovate the building and reopen it as our museum and headquarters. On that project, we have continued to raise money from individual donors and business donors. Phil Franklin has also been very busy filing grant applications with foundations. We should hear how we make out on these applications as the year comes to an end. We just completed our second and most successful Yard Sale with proceeds going to support our capital campaign for the church.

In other things, we again partnered with the Bartlett Recreation Department for another fun morning with the “Breakfast with Santa” event last December, we held a successful Dine-to-Donate event at Joseph's Spaghetti Shed with owner, Beth Carta-Dolan, as our host, we had five “quarterly” presentations (how can you have five quarters but we did five presentations) with highlights being the riveting stories told by the retired CBS news morning anchor, John Swayze, and the history of St. Joseph Church by Phil Franklin. Phil and I also made several television and radio appearances to promote the historical society and different events that we were sponsoring in the past year.

From an administrative perspective, we added credit card capabilities for membership and other donation processing. We also explored options to update our website and getting into some online sales to raise additional revenue for our capital campaign and future operating expenses.

Finally, as we have said so many times this past year, we thank each and every one of you for your support and donations to the museum fund to save St. Joseph Church as well through your memberships. We especially thank the volunteers who helped us in different events. Volunteerism is vital to the operation of any non-profit organization and we will be looking for more opportunities for people to “lend a hand” in the coming year. Thank you for being a part of the Bartlett Historical Society.

**Reminder:** The BHS Annual Meeting is October 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Elementary School Cafeteria;

Followed by the Ghosts and Hauntings presentation

**Please join us for the meeting and presentation!**

*Norm Head, President*

President BHS

## Some Random, Hopefully Interesting, Bartlett Historical Trivia

Our Curator, Kathy Howard, has been doing some research in our Bartlett Town Annual Reports. In her travels through these books, she's come across some interesting, unusual and perplexing items. Here's a few for you to read through:

### **1896-97**

A total of \$21.00 was paid to 7 residents to maintain watering troughs in the village

### **1903-04**

M.E. Pierce was paid \$4.00 for burying 4 horses

Reverend F.H. Cole was paid 25 cents for reporting one marriage to the town clerk

John L Pendexter was paid a bounty of \$30.50 for 122 hedgehogs

### **1909-10**

Average number of books checked out of the library was 51 volumes per week

### **1917-18**

\$28.00 was paid out to 3 town officials for time spent enrolling men for the draft

A total of \$29.80 was paid in bounties on wild animals

Town librarian salary was \$15.00 for the year

A total of \$1,328.40 was paid in teacher salaries for the school year

Fall and winter term school attendance was considered far from satisfactory due to "sickness but mostly due to indifference on the part of pupils and parents."

We'll keep searching for more interesting little facts about our great little town here in the White Mountains.



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We'd enjoy talking with them.

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# Yard Sale

## BHS Giant Yard Sale 2018 is a Huge Success

On August 10 and 11, BHS sponsored our second Giant Yard Sale with the proceeds all going to the BHS Museum Fund for the renovation of St. Joseph Church. The weather was perfect for a yard sale, clear to partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the 70's with a slight northerly breeze. We raised about \$6,200 which is roughly \$1,500 better than the previous year! We heard many compliments about the event with one person saying it was the best yard sale she'd attended all season. The event was attended by many local people as well as people on vacation, just passing by. People were here from all of the New England states as well as Washington, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Alaska, and Illinois. We also had some international visitors from China via New York, Israel and Canada. Tom Eastman of the Conway Daily Sun stopped to gather information for a story that was published in the August 22, 2018 edition of the paper.

Of course, our success came with the support of a number of volunteers. Kathy Howard and Sue Franklin put in many hours sorting donated items and pricing them. They were helped by Hannah and Mike Chandler as well as Norm Head. Dave Phaneuf helped with pricing our antiques. Jerry Dougherty of Jerry's Furniture helped price our furniture and also loaned us his company box truck for the weekend to transport our sale offerings. Greg Frizzell, owner of the Mt. Washington Radio & Gramophone, provided several free public service announcements for the event. Other volunteers who helped for part or all of the weekend were Curran and Parker Mustapha (local teen volunteers), Ron and Angela Lanigan, Annette and Stephen Libby, Steve Hempel, Doug Garland, George Howard, Bert and Greta George, Janet Swanson, and Judy Chesley. To all of these volunteers, we extend our sincere thanks. We also thank Principal Joe Yahna and his staff for the use of the school grounds for the event. Finally, a great many people donated all sorts of items for us to sell at this event. Their outpouring of support was very gratifying as their donations, along with our volunteers, makes this event possible. To all, we say *thank you*.



Yard Salers finding treasurers



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## 2018 Presentation Recaps

### **The History of St. Joseph Church**



On August 15, 2018, Phil Franklin presented “The History of St. Joseph Church.” Phil has spent the past two years accumulating documentation on the early years of the church’s history from 1888 to 1892, and collecting photographs showing different points of interior and exterior renovations. He has also documented the closing of the church, bringing us to present day with BHS being stewards of the building. Phil’s presentation covered all of these major points and added a few newly uncovered pieces of interesting history. We thank Phil for his work on the history of this church and for this informative presentation. The presentation was videoed and is available on YouTube. YouTube access is through the name of the videographer, *Scott Verney*, subject, *St. Joseph Church*.

## The Final Presentation for 2018

### **Wednesday, October 17: Ghosts & Haunted Houses: Kelly Rogers of Luna Paranormal Research**

We’ve all heard about different houses that have a spooky story about them in the Valley so just in time for Halloween, we’ll learn more about your favorite ghosts and goblins. Tell us your ghost stories in this presentation!



*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

## 2019 Presentation Line-up

### **January 27: “Recollections of Bartlett Volume III”—with a new Panel of Bartlett “Historians”**

Bartlett has a rich history and our past two Recollections of Bartlett events have revealed just how rich it is with many never before told stories, some a bit embellished but all amusing and informative.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 2:00 p.m.*

### **April 10: “Building Stone Walls” with Kevin Gardner**

Kevin is a NH stone wall builder and author (“The Granite Kiss”). He will enlighten us in the art of building dry stone walls while he actually works on a small scale wall right in the presentation.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

### **June 12: “Broadcasting from Atop the Rock Pile” with Marty Engstrom**

Marty was a local broadcaster who entertained audiences from the top of Mount Washington. Listen to his stories of broadcasting from the highest point in the northeast with the worst weather in the world.

*Bartlett Elementary School, Cafeteria, Route 302, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.*

### **October 10: “An Updated Look at the History of the CCC Camps” with Dave Govatski**

Dave has presented to our BHS audience before on the topic of CCC camps in the area but he has a newly updated program on the topic. Join us to learn what’s new on the topic of the CCC camps.

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## THE OLD BARTLETT SCHOOL HOUSE on HURRICANE MOUNTAIN ROAD

Thank you, BHS Board Director, J. Hadley Champlin & BHS Advisor, Anne Pillion for writing this story

On Hurricane Mountain Road in Kearsarge (a section of Conway), there is an old school house with over a century of history, but with very little of the history known or documented. However, this August, we were able to visit and sit down with the owner of this house, Olympic skiing legend Tyler Palmer, to talk to him about his home, known as the “Old Bartlett School House.” Tyler told us about how he came to own the old school house, and shared what he knows of its history. We’ll begin with sharing the decades of history that Tyler recalled from the years that he and his family first owned this property.

### The Palmer Family Purchases the Old School House

The Palmer family was drawn to the White Mountains of New Hampshire from Massachusetts for the skiing and natural beauty. In the 1940s, Tyler’s parents, Bob and Sally (McNealus) Palmer, met in Tuckerman’s Ravine during one of many skiing adventures they would enjoy in the Mount Washington Valley. Both of Tyler’s parents, his mother Sally in particular, were avid skiers who regularly skied Tuckerman’s Ravine. Sally even came close to making the U.S. Olympic women’s ski team, but a broken leg while in Aspen, CO prevented it. In 1949, Bob and Sally were married in North Conway at the original Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church then located on Grove Street. For many years, the Palmers vacationed at a camp near McSherry’s Nursery in East Conway, and Bob and Sally were founding members of the Prospector’s Ski Club on Hurricane Mountain Road in Bartlett.

In 1958 Tyler’s parents purchased the school house property and made the full-time move north from Reading, MA, because they wanted their children to grow up living in the mountains. The Palmer family included four children, Tyler as the oldest was eight when the family moved here and with his brother Terry and sisters Jodie and Patty, all grew up in the old schoolhouse. In 1959 the family constructed a 700 square foot, one-story addition, with a basement, which was added to the west gable end of the schoolhouse. Throughout the years growing up in the house, Tyler recalled a childhood filled with outdoor adventures in the woods, to include skiing and hunting. He shared a memory that when they were young, he and his brother Terry were playing at home and while knocking on an old timber in the house, they heard what sounded like a hollow spot. Upon further investigation, they discovered a wooden block that had been fit into a mortise. They were able to pull the block out and discovered it was a box. Hidden inside the box they found 6 or 7 old silver coins. Tyler remembers that finding the coins, which included one or more each of an Indian Head penny, Buffalo nickel, Mercury dime, and silver dollars, spurred an interest in coin collecting. He also remembers a couple years later they sold their coin collection to the Yankee Peddler and used the money to pay for ski equipment!



Side view of the old Bartlett School House



Tyler Palmer on the porch of his home—the  
Bartlett School House

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The Old Bartlett School House continued ...

In 1973, Tyler's father Bob, an engineer, found a new job in Virginia and his parents decided to move there and sell the old schoolhouse. At that time Tyler was traveling extensively as a world class skier, and with the money earned from his ski winnings, he purchased the family home from his parents. He felt that it was the right thing to do as he knew that this was home. He said this was where many of his friends were, and where he wanted to settle back into once his skiing and racing travels, that were taking him all over the world, were over. Now with the passage of time, for Tyler, the old schoolhouse on Hurricane Mountain Road and the Mount Washington Valley will always be home.

### School House History



Undated photo of the Bartlett School House with Miss Lawrence and her school children

To go further back in time, we will share what we know of the history of the Old Bartlett School House. Although we do not know when the schoolhouse was built, it seems clear it was sometime prior to 1880 based on records. By the early 1800s, school districts and school houses were established as a result of state legislature requiring towns to support common local schools for the convenience and education of the entire population. Schoolhouses were typically placed in the geographic center of the district that owned and funded them, and teachers were hired for school terms that totaled around four months a year. From research conducted in the Bartlett

Public Library, there were four schools listed in the 1890 Annual Town Report. The Old Bartlett Schoolhouse may have been "School No. 4" as the teacher listed was a Miss Grace A. Lawrence and this corresponds with information that Tyler provided during our visit. Tyler shared a copy of an old photograph, and a page of notes that provided some details about the photograph and the school house. The photograph is believed to be of the old schoolhouse on Hurricane Mountain Road (on the Bartlett side of the road but it will soon be moved). The adult woman in the photograph is listed as "Teacher - Grace Lawrence". The notes that accompany the photograph are titled "Copy of Mrs. Walter Seavey's Notes on Picture" and provided information included in this article. Mrs. Seavey, herself was also reported to be a teacher at the school in the 1880 time period.

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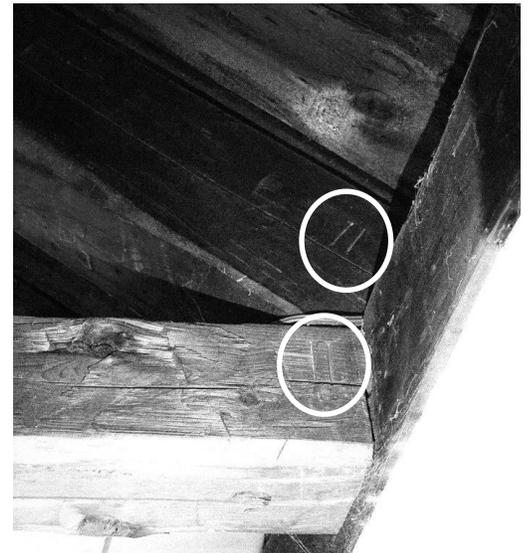
The Old Bartlett School House continued ...

Sometime around 1890, Mr. Orrin Seavey gave land to move the school house across Hurricane Mountain Road, to the Conway side. Hurricane Mountain Road is the town line dividing Bartlett on the north, from Conway on the south side of the road. This location is where the school house remains to this day. After it was moved, it continued operating as a school until about 1900, then remained vacant until about 1927 when it was purchased by Milton Dana Morrell from Cora M. Wentworth and was renovated into a “liveable house.” Mr. Morrell was known to enjoy purchasing and remodeling homes. Milton remodeled the house in Intervale known as the Chinese Shop, and later the Skandia Coffee House, now known as the 1773 house. After the old schoolhouse was remodeled, a Mrs. Ada Q. Karcher purchased the house in 1936 from Mr. Morrell. In 1956, Vashti P. & Karl H. Oliver purchased the house, followed by the sale to Bob & Sally Palmer in 1959.

The land on which the school house now stands had been in the Seavey family since 1758. The land was a grant from King George III of England. The Jonathan Seavey family came from Strawberry Banke, now Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that same year. This huge piece of land extended from the top of Hurricane Mountain Road, west to the Intervale, and all the way to the Saco River. Family member Simon Seavey donated a piece of the land for the Kearsarge Cemetery, located off of Kearsarge Road in Conway, and his son, John Calvin, was the first person to be buried there. Sixth generation descendent Alton Seavey’s home is located on the Conway side of Hurricane Mountain Road, just west of the intersection of Hurricane Mountain Road, Kearsarge Road and Mount Surprise Road.

#### An Architectural View of the School House

During our visit with Tyler, we walked around the exterior and interior of the original portion of his home that had been the school house. The building is a single-story, timber framed structure, set on a foundation of fieldstone and large slabs of granite. The main frame of the building is finely hand hewn beams indicating perhaps a much earlier building date from 1880. Upon inspection, we were very excited to find “Marriage Marks” at the timber pegged mortise and tenon joints. Marriage marks is a labeling system to help builders assemble the frame, as each joint was hand cut, and it is a system still in use today. Roman numerals were what was typically used on the old timbers, and it is what we found at the old school house.



Marriage Marks circled on the hand hewn beams

During the 1927 renovation by Mr. Morrell, several changes were made to the building and are believed to remain unchanged since that time. It appears that there was originally a full attic space above the one room school house, where only a smaller attic space exists now. There are clearly visible mortises no longer in use as it has been opened up inside. The opening up of the house to reveal the beams and roof structure is clearly a “modern” concept and would never have been done when it was moved. However, now there is a small room on the first floor with what is likely the original low ceiling and rough log flooring joists supporting the floorboard planks in the current attic space above. Adjacent to this small room is the “living room” space that has been opened up. The undressed purlins visible in the living room don’t look to be original components of the early frame, thus were probably changed during the renovation. A beautiful floor to ceiling stone fireplace and chimney were added on the east exterior wall. To access the basement and the crawl space beneath the old school house, there is a wood plank door with a fascinating pair of handcrafted wooden hinges and thumb latch which is a throwback to a much earlier time. Typically these features were used in the 1600s, but, of course,

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The Old Bartlett School House continued ...



Living Room with stone fireplace and original beams

this house does not date from that time. Clearly the hinges and latch were hand carved and cleverly done. The nails are an odd combination of cut nails and unusual assortment of pointed head nails and some hand forged nails. Interestingly there seems to be some genuine rosehead (early period) nails in the door itself. Some of the nails on the hinge were added later, as likely the hinge needed more support or tightening.

There is an interesting wood stairway to the enclosed attic area. The wood plank stair treads on this stairway are well worn, and there is a noticeable and rustically attractive stair rail which clearly shows an

Door Details



Top Hinge



Door Latch



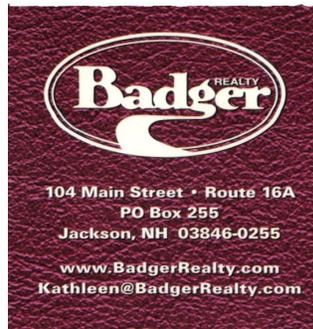
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example of using what is readily available and local. The hand rail is made from a length of sapling, routed out to custom fit the top of the low wall adjacent to the stair, and it has since developed a beautiful patina from age and use. At the top of the stairs there is a charming built-in simple wood bench, and a wood plank door that provides access to the attic space which is believed to have been living quarters for the teacher. Tyler pointed out numerous interesting lettered hand carvings on the timber frame in this space.



Sapling railing circled

The windows in the building are double hung sashes, true divided light, 6 over 6, with exterior wooden shutters fitted with Shutter Dogs (a metal attachment which holds the shutter open against the building). The shutters are unique in that they are one per window as they're a window-width wide.

It was not known how old the windows and shutters are, however, they pre-date 1959 when the Palmer Family purchased the home. Tyler said the shutters a custom made to precisely fit each window, and they would close all the shutters when traveling. Other than the Palmer addition, some plaster lathe walls which were replaced for improved insulation, and some reconfiguring in the small kitchen nook, it is believed that there have not been any other changes made to the Old School House since the 1927 renovation by Mr. Morrell.

#### [Back to the Original Foundation](#)

Also of interest, Tyler showed us the original location of the Old School House (before it was moved across the street). We walked across the street, and just in from the road we saw the old cellar hole and granite slab and fieldstone foundation, still clearly visible amidst the trees and other vegetation.

This concludes what we presently have gathered regarding the history of this special antique home and former school house. We are always fortunate when a building from centuries past, survives to show us historic practices, style, and impressive construction. We thank Tyler Palmer for sharing the rich history, insight and historical photos of his home with us. As with all historical buildings, there is always more to learn about their past. If anyone has any additional information about the history of the Old Bartlett School House, please contact us at the Bartlett Historical Society. To enjoy additional photographs of the Old School House that were taken as part of our visit with Tyler, please visit the Bartlett Historical Society website at [www.BartlettHistory.org](http://www.BartlettHistory.org).



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## Furniture for Sale! - Make Us an Offer!

This spring, a local family was downsizing and donated several pieces of furniture to BHS. While this was a bit out of the ordinary for us, we still gratefully accepted it. We are offering the furniture for sale. These items came from a very nice home and would be a great addition to another home, apartment or office. All proceeds from these sales will be directed to the BHS Museum Fund for our capital campaign.

Below are the items that we have for sale. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Phil Franklin (603-374-5023 or [Phil@BartlettHistory.org](mailto:Phil@BartlettHistory.org)) or Norm Head (603-986-6278 or [Normiejoe@gmail.com](mailto:Normiejoe@gmail.com)). We are willing to consider counter offers on the prices. If you make a purchase, we ask that you provide your own method of transporting the item to your home or office.



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Great for a beginning player



**Drawing Desk & Chair**—Straightforward design on this wood desk with 2 drawers, half of the writing surface opens for a slanted drawing or drafting surface; chair has padded seat  
Asking \$50 Dimensions (Desk) 24”W x 45”L x 28”H



**Oak Armoire**—Beautiful 2 door clothes closet with metal hanging bar and one shelf  
Asking \$175 Dimensions 48”W x 24”D x 84”H



**Sideboard Cabinet**—This low cabinet contains slide out shelving, plus other spaces for storage of larger items  
Asking \$100 Dimensions 78”L x 18”W x 29”H



**TV Stand / Entertainment Cabinet**—Perfect stand to put your flat screen on top and store components on the shelves behind the glass doors  
Asking \$35 Dimensions 32”L x 19.5W x 22”H



**Television Cabinet**—Great cabinet for a smaller television or use the TV space for storage of larger items; contains several adjustable shelves & 2 drawers; perfect for a den/rec room  
Asking \$40 Dimensions 23.5”D x 58”W x 60”H



**3 Piece Wall Unit**—3 separate units with upper display shelving and lower cabinet drawer for storage; can be used with and without risers  
Asking \$500 for the set  
Dimensions identical for each unit  
39”W x 62”H x bottom 17”D, Top 11”D



**Crafter's Table or Kitchen Island**—This large piece of furniture has 6 modules beneath a Formica top. Several drawers, shelving and space for storage of larger items; cabinetry construction  
Asking \$950 Dimensions (top) 5”W x 7’10”L x 33”H



**5 Castor Rolling Table**—Handy rolling table good for use in the shop or hobby room, good Formica top, all castors roll easily  
Asking \$25  
Dimensions 24” square x 30”H

*We also have additional items that were left over from our Yard Sale. Let us know if you are interested in seeing them. We will be putting all of these items on online sales sites also so please let us know if you are interested in any items.*



The Bartlett Snow Roller—Restored 2015

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## **2019 Bartlett Historical Membership Drive**

As we approach the end of 2018, our 2019 membership drive for the year calendar year January 1, 2019—December 31, 2019 is up and running. Looking back at the past few years, the number of members of the Bartlett Historical Society has been on the rise with our most recent numbers showing a 18% increase in membership from 2017 to 2018. This is a very positive statement that people are making about their concern for and interest in the history of Bartlett. Still, BHS is a relatively small society when compared to our neighbors in Conway and Jackson but you have to start somewhere and we are growing each year. Thank you to all who have taken a membership with us. In his President’s Message, Norm Head, points out that this is YOUR historical society. Your support keeps us growing and energized!

For 2019, we have maintained the same membership dues as we have for the past few years. They are:

- ◇ Individual Members \$20.00
- ◇ Patron Members \$50.00
- ◇ Business Members \$100.00

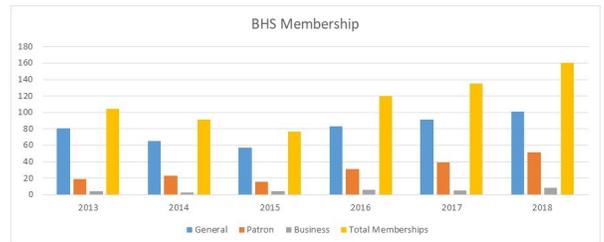
Your membership helps us:

- Demonstrate to foundations and other donors (with real numbers) that ours is a viable historical society worthy of their support
- Generate this newsletter four times a year
- Bring in interesting guest speakers for our quarterly presentation on historic topics
- Allows us to obtain “Bartlett artifacts” that appear online bringing them “home”, and
- Helps us cover our society’s operating expenses (e.g. insurance, association fees, office supplies, etc.).

Your membership should also give you the satisfaction of being a part of a non-profit organization that is focused on preserving and protecting the history of this town plus providing educational opportunities for people to learn more about Bartlett. When we get into our museum, we plan to be able to display the history for all to enjoy and expand our educational offerings.

To those who are our current members, please consider renewing your membership now for the 2019 calendar year. For those who are receiving this newsletter and are not members, please consider joining and becoming a member of the Bartlett Historical Society. As always, we *Thank You* for your support.

Membership form and information can be found at :<http://bartlethistory.org/bartlethistory/join.html>.



### **Bartlett Historical Society—Board of Directors**

Norman Head, President	Hannah Chandler, Vice President
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**Do you think this castle is haunted?**