



Records show that Bridgewater experienced at least seven major floods since 1870. A diorama in the Museum showing the geology of Bridgewater and the surrounding area helps us to understand why the town is so prone to flooding.

Read about the floods and see pictures of the '49, '85, and '96 floods as documented in the local newspapers and private photographs.



**From I-81 North**—At Mt. Crawford/Bridgewater take Exit 240. Turn left on State Route 682 and continue onto VA-257 W (Dinkel Ave). Turn left onto N. Main Street. Bridgewater Historical Society will be on the right.

**From I-81 South**—At Mt. Crawford/Bridgewater take Exit 240. Turn right onto VA-257 W (Dinkel Ave). Turn left onto N. Main Street. Bridgewater Historical Society will be on the right.

Open Thursday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

By appointment anytime  
540-237-4017

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# BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Museum and Gift Shop "The Old Town Hall"

Circa 1838  
P.O. Box 102

109 South Main Street | Bridgewater, VA 22812  
[www.bridgewaterhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bridgewaterhistoricalsociety.com)

The Methodist Episcopal Church of North America organized and erected this building on land donated by Jacob Dinkel, Sr. in 1838. In 1856, controversy in the congregation broke the church into north and south branches and the ownership of the building was transferred to the town of Bridgewater.



## Preserving the Past

Since opening on July 17, 2013, the Historical Society's accomplishments have been abundant. Thanks to the help and support of a number of dedicated volunteers and the Town of Bridgewater we are quickly becoming a favorite destination of citizens, visitors, families and friends of the historic Town of Bridgewater.

## Volunteer

We rely on volunteers who give as little as a few hours each month, or as much as a few hours each week. You can help.

## Donate or Loan

We are always looking to display the most interesting artifacts.

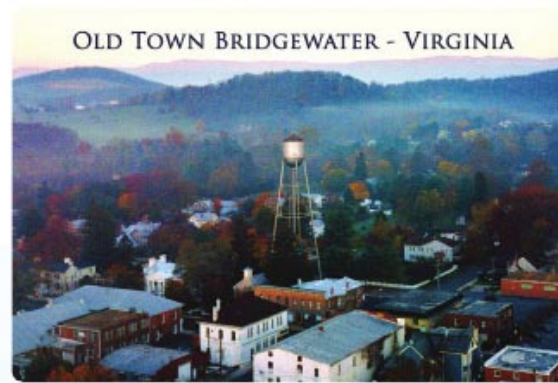
## Be a Part of History

We offer individual, family and business memberships. Our latest opportunities are available at the museum or on our website.



## Mission Statement

The Bridgewater Historical Society was organized and founded in June of 2012 to preserve and promote the history of Bridgewater, Virginia



Its purpose is to collect memorabilia, stories, articles, books, photos, newspapers, painting, antiques and other items the Society deems appropriate in keeping with its mission.

The Society hopes to enhance and promote tourism in Bridgewater and the surrounding area and provide relevant historical and educational activities.

- Changing Exhibits
- Programs for Groups



- Lectures
- Events
- And More...

