

# BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## Veterans Appreciation Social

Amid the display of uniforms, memorabilia, flags, medals, and pictures will be a special social on Saturday, November 12 from 10 – 2 PM. The museum will be open all day and we will have coffee, donuts, and other refreshments along with a special gift for all veterans that join us.

Please invite any Veterans that you know so we can offer this effort as our way to say Thank You!

## ORNAMENT SALE COMING AGAIN SOON

The subject of our 2016 ornament has been chosen. To continue what we began last year, we have chosen The White Oak located near Blue Ridge Christian School along First Street. This tree is over 300 years old, has a canopy over 175 feet wide, and is believed to be among the oldest trees in Rockingham County. The tree holds special meaning to many residents, is property of Town of Bridgewater, and suffered some minor damage during some recent storms. Tree Expert John Shifflett is verifying some specific details about the tree as we honor it with our annual ornament sale.

**Ornaments will be for sale soon for \$10 at the museum.**

## FREE 2017 Calendars available to members.

Nice refrigerator magnet calendars for the upcoming 2017 year have been donated by one of our founding members. We are offering one free to each current member; you can pick yours up when you come by to purchase your ornaments. Please also consider using one as a gift to invite a friend to join.

## Upcoming Events!

### Veterans Display

VFW is assisting with artifacts from World War I up to today.

### Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec 4, 4 PM – FREE  
Christmas Carols at Bridgewater  
United Methodist Church

## ANNUAL BANQUET MAY 18, 2017 – SAVE THE DATE

Topping our 2016 event will be difficult, but we are going to give it our best shot. We will be holding this years' event on Thursday, May 18 at **On Sunny Slope Farm**. They have graciously agreed to donate the facility use for the day

**Museum is open 10AM – 3PM Thurs. – Sat.  
each week, and by appointment.**

## Volunteer, Donate, Recruit, Serve!

We have loads of opportunities for you to become more active with BHS. We need docents (minimal training needed), artifacts, more members, and we are still looking for our next Secretary. Please consider loaning or donating relevant items



### WINTER HOURS

The BHS Board of Directors has adopted winter hours for 2016-17.

Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Open regular hours, 10AM – 3PM  
Friday, Saturday, Nov. 25, 26

Sunday Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18

**New!!! Only Open Sundays 1-4PM**

We will then close for the month of January.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL PROGRAM

On Sunday, Dec 4, at 4PM at Bridgewater United Methodist Church, a music event will be presented in support of the Historical Society. Organ pieces containing familiar carols will be followed by congregational singing of stanzas of each hymn/carol. BHS museum items will be available for sale, including the 2016 ornament. Refreshments will be served afterward. Organist will be Adair McConnell, Organist Emeritus of the Congregation, Saint Stephen's United Church of Christ, Harrisonburg.

### VA STATE GARDEN CLUB TOUR '17 WILL VISIT BHS

Plans are in the works to spruce up our grounds in preparation for a visit during Garden Week. The museum will be a point of interest along with other destinations in Bridgewater in April '17.

### Fund drive in the process

BHS representatives are currently visiting local businesses in search of Corporate Partners. **Bridgewater Ruritan Club** has stepped up to become the first of these. We hope to find at least 12. These partners will be willing to committ \$500 per year, which will fund our operations budget for 1 month. Membership benefits and recognition opportunities are available to the business. Please let us know if you have a local business in mind to be our next Corporate Partner.

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