



# Historic Bakersfield News and Notes

**B A K E R S F I E L D H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y**  
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## 2021 COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Ongoing:** BHS normally meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in our building. Please call to confirm date, location and time--call 827-3042. Our meetings are open to anyone and everyone who is interested in the history and future of Bakersfield.

**Saturday, October 9 Chicken Pie Dinner. 5 PM to 7 PM.**

**Take out Only.** \$10 per person

For more info call Lisa at (802) 933 - 6971 or

Deanna at (802) 827 - 3965



### BARN QUILT RAFFLE

This beautiful 24 x 24 inch barn quilt was hand painted and generously donated by Diana Paquette. Raffle tickets are available now for \$5 each.

Contact Deanna Allen at 827-3965 for tickets. The drawing for the barn quilt will be held at the Holiday Craft and Bake Sale on November 13.

**Saturday, November 13 from 9AM to 2PM:** The Annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale with Crock Pot Café at BHS is back! Gifts, food and the drawing for the winner of the barn quilt!



Holiday Craft Sale from 2019. There were no events in 2020.

Photo by Amber Foote



There will be a memorial for Nancy Hunt at the Bakersfield Historical Society Corp. Building, 80 E. Bakersfield Rd. at 2:00 PM, Saturday, August 21, 2021.

## Bakersfield Historical Society Building Renovation

In 2019 the Historical Society focused on replacing the metal exterior doors that were rusted on the bottom corners that allowed snow and rain into the building, and had our crumbling chimney rebuilt. We repaired some of the broken storm windows and replaced CFL light bulbs in the main room with LED light bulbs. And then! ...The rains came on Halloween!!! A storm now referred to as the Halloween Storm of 2019. In addition to causing major damage to Bakersfield's backroads, the storm saturated the ground around our building. Before the soils could properly dry, temperatures dropped and winter weather was upon us.



**Start of work-removing the bricks**

As the frost came out of the ground in the spring of 2020, we began to see accelerated damage to the addition to our building—larger cracks in the mortar on the south wall of the addition along with the slippage of bricks on the south east corner. Inside we noticed that there had been an increased movement of the stage steps, more ripples in the embossed metal on

the wall to the left of the stage, as well as a binding of the storage room door and the new back exterior door.



This was damage that our Building Committee knew had to be addressed without any further delay.



**The bricks were removed. The reusable ones were cleaned of mortar, washed and stacked on pallets.**





We obtained estimates from masonry and foundation professionals in the area. We chose the estimates from individuals with whom we had successfully worked in the past.



Our Fundraising Committee found creative ways to raise funds in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions. The community stepped up and has supported our efforts. The voters of Bakersfield approved our request for \$10,000.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont supported us with grant funds to help pay for Structural Engineers to provide assessments of our building. Both assessments supported the work that we had obtained estimates for and noted that we should not delay in having work done on the south gable of the main building. This is the time to do the work. Our goal post got moved but our enthusiasm and support have not diminished.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont in cooperation with the 1772 Foundation helped us obtain a 1772 Foundation Grant for \$10,000. Additionally, donations have been coming in from community members, individuals with Bakersfield roots, and friends. We are very appreciative and humbled by this support. These donations are being applied directly to this project. The work started on June 1st. Our fundraising continues!!! Anyone interested in making a donation to this project may do so by sending their donation to Bakersfield Historical Society, Corp., P.O. Box 70, Bakersfield, VT 05441.



All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



The SE corner was slowly jacked up and the addition supported while soil was removed from underneath for a new foundation.

← New footing was poured.



The new footings will permanently stabilize the weight of the addition and form a long-needed base for the new foundation.



An old building will always have some surprises. One of ours was this: that when the bricks were removed from the gable end above the addition there was nothing behind those bricks, no sheathing, no insulation, nothing but air.



The gable end is now sheathed and the masonry has been restored with original bricks removed from the building and conserved. The addition itself will be recovered with new, historically accurate brick.

Photos by Alice Foote





Take-out spaghetti dinner fundraiser from May 29, 2021.

This fundraiser was very successful for us, especially given the constraints imposed by the COVID pandemic, and it worked out well for our friends and neighbors in town. People were happy to get some wonderful comfort food and happy to get in the car and have an easy to drive to get it.



Again this year there was no special Independence Day celebration. However, after the very long absence of any sort of public gathering there was this—still socially distanced—concert by Aaron and Alaria Doane in the Bakersfield Town Park on July 1, 2021, sponsored by the Bakersfield Conservation Commission.

Photos by Alice Foote

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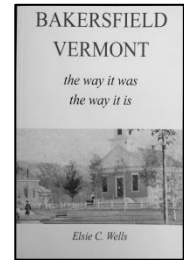
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- PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE by Bakersfield Historical Society**
- Elsie Wells *Bakersfield: the way it was, the way it is* \$25 (shipping is included) The book is also available for purchase at H.F. Brigham Library.
  - Map of Bakersfield Village – reprint of Beers Atlas color \$10
  - Historic Bakersfield Village (UVM pamphlet color) \$10



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Cut here and send to the Bakersfield Historical Society, PO Box 70, Bakersfield, VT 05441

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BENEFACTOR \$100\_\_\_\_\_ PATRON \$50\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$20\_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL \$10\_\_\_\_\_

I PREFER TO SUPPORT BHS WITH A GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_

Our Restoration Gift Campaign is to help in the restoration and use of Bakersfield's landmark building in order to preserve the past for the benefit of present and future generations

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