



bedford historical society

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\$50,000 grant from Lowe's and National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Bedford Historical Society recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The grant was presented at an event in front of the Stevens-Buswell School at 18 North Amherst Road on December 14, 2010 at 1:00 in the afternoon.

The National Trust and Lowe's are helping communities breathe new life into former schools. The Stevens-Buswell School is one of ten schools that were chosen nationwide this year to receive a total of nearly \$500,000 in grants from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.

“Historic schools have played a critical role in our nation's past and, as these projects show, remain cornerstones of their communities even when they no longer serve as schools”, said David J. Brown, executive vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “By expanding our commitment to rehabilitating historic schools nationwide, the National Trust and Lowe's hope to revitalize communities, create jobs and preserve an important part of America's story.”

“The preservation efforts of the National Trust and Lowe's will help ensure that these schools long serve as vital community resources,” said Larry D. Stone, chairman of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. “By supporting rehabilitation of these significant landmarks, Lowe's is helping protect and enhance places that continue to enrich lives while preserving a piece of history for future generations.”

The Bedford Historical Society leased the building from the Town of Bedford in September 2010 and began the rehabilitation in October. The roof has been replaced, and soon the basement windows will be replaced, which will make the building weather-tight and allow interior improvements to begin.

All the work on the future Stevens-Buswell Community Center is being accomplished through private donations and grant awards. Contributions are greatly appreciated and may be sent to the Bedford Historical Society at 24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110. The Society actively preserves Bedford's history and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization so donations are tax deductible.