



# Bethel Historical Society

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Founded in the 1950's  
The Bethel Historical Society is an independent, non-profit organization made up of a group of people dedicated to preserving Bethel's history through acquisitions and conservation of property, artifacts and stories.

The Society is dedicated to the education of the people of Bethel and surrounding communities.

Monthly programs are presented on varied historical subjects. Also offered are programs geared toward the education of children such as monthly historical craft classes, Walking Tours of Bethel and a Child's Victorian Christmas Tea.

The Bethel Historical Society and local publisher Seraphemera Books announces the first in a hopefully annual tradition of celebrating the birthday of Bethel's favorite showman son P.T. Barnum.

On July 5th, at 6:00pm, out by the Barnum statue at the Bethel Library, join us for a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday, refreshments, and our ode to Barnum's infamous top hat and the hatters of Bethel - with a crazy-beautiful-awesome-spectacular-humbug hat contest.

Come decked out in your fanciful, your frightful, your fantastic, your festive - consider it our own version of the Kentucky Derby hat-tacular tradition! Prizes will be awarded. All ages encouraged!

For more information please visit the Bethel Historical Society website at <http://www.bethelhistoricalsociety.com> or call 203 743 5893