



## June-July 2021 E-Newsletter

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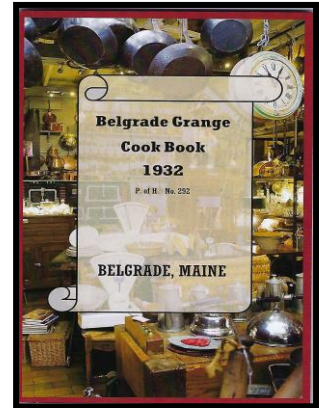
Summer has arrived in Belgrade, and your BHS has been busy! Our summer activities began early, as BHS participated in the arts and crafts fair organized by the Belgrade Community Center and held in the Belgrade Lakes Village Green on the last Sunday in May (May 30). BHS hosted a booth with two tables. One table held a display of antique kitchen utensils, which dated back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. All those items are from our Connie Keschl Memorial Collection, which we acquired last year. Visitors of all ages, from great-grandparents to great-grand kids found this display particularly fascinating, with the youngsters competing among themselves at guessing for what the more unusual implements—by 21<sup>st</sup> century standards—may have been used. One unusual metal item even had the older folks, including BHS volunteers, trying to guess its possible use 100 years ago! (The consensus among the 65+ experienced canners: That unusual implement probably was used in the process of canning fruits and vegetables!).

On that same table, we also featured a complementing display of cookbooks that various Belgrade community groups compiled during the past 80 years. Among them were cookbooks by the Belgrade Grange; the Belgrade Ladies Aid Society of

the Old South Church; the Union Church; and the Village Inn (featuring Mrs. Paul Povandie's recipes from the 1960s).

The BHS 2020 reprint of the 1932 Grange Cookbook, which has a colorful new cover, stood out in this display!

Our second table featured items for sale, including copies of all BHS publications, and reproductions of old photographs and post cards. This table proved to be as busy as the exhibit table. We thank everyone who stopped by our tables to



talk about history, buy items and keep us busy. The Arts and Crafts Fairs are going to continue, on the last Sunday of every month until the end of September. BHS plans to have a table with different historical items from our collections on display at each one, albeit small and portable items, but always interesting ones. Please be sure to visit us at the next fair in the Belgrade Lakes Village Green, across Main Street (Route 27) from Hello Good Pie bakery and St. Helena's Catholic Church:

**Sunday, June 27, 2020, from 10:00 am to 3 pm!**

Meanwhile, on behalf of BHS, I want to thank Lilly Schubert, director of the Belgrade Community Center for providing tables and space for us at the Fair; Tom Dowd, for expert assistance in helping both to set up and pack up our exhibits; Duane Farnham for providing, setting up and taking down portable tents to protect our exhibits; my granddaughter, Nakeysa Hooglund, for helping me make the lemonade that we sold to thirsty customers and to pack up the publications; and Dianne Dowd for her pivotable role in organizing the BHS exhibits and co-hosting the event.

\*Don't miss the BHS Zoom program on the Maine Chance Farm:  
Monday, June 30, at 7 pm Eastern time. This program originally was scheduled for last summer, but it had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Prof. Lisa Walker, Associate Professor of English at USM, has created a zoom program, "Maine's Mid-Century Moment: Elizabeth Arden's Maine Chance Spa," which provides the history of this legendary summer spa on Long Pond—the Mt. Vernon shore, just past Castle Island—where wealthy women and such famous movie stars as Judy Garland and Ava Gardiner came for a regime of beauty treatments, exercise and natural food diets during the late 1930s through the early 1960s.



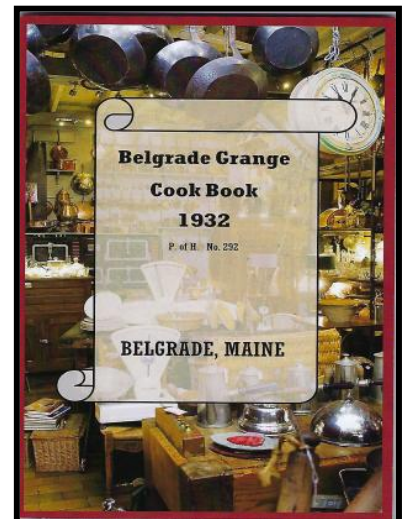
To register for this zoom program, use the following link:

**[Docs.google.com/forms/d/1ahnk3ufDtg3axllJbllzVCGCMJNKTUKgqk1o0juw/viewform?edit-requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ahnk3ufDtg3axllJbllzVCGCMJNKTUKgqk1o0juw/viewform?edit-requested=true)**

**It's never too late to buy the past as a present, a gift membership, or  
a make a contribution to our Town House Fund in memory of a  
beloved relative or dear friend!**

## **BHS Books for Sale!**

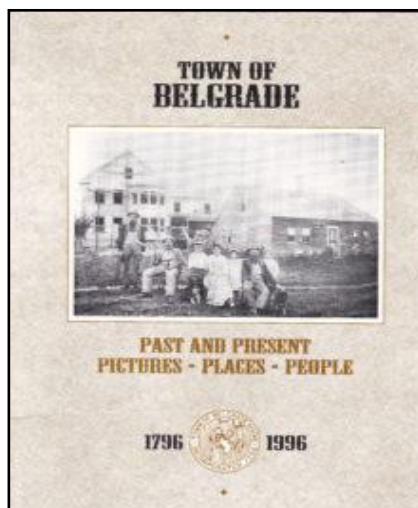
**All proceeds to our Capital Fund for renovation of  
Belgrade's historic Town Meeting House, built in  
1814 and used for the March 1815 Town Meeting.  
The Belgrade Grange Cook Book has been a great  
seller; this book is a reprint of the original cover and  
all!**



**A reprint of The Belgrade Grange cookbook is available at  
Hello Good Pie and Oliver and Friends Bookstore in Belgrade Lakes  
Village.**

**It is also available from the Belgrade Historical Society for \$15.00 + a  
\$3.00 for Postage. To order from BHS send an email to  
[belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)**

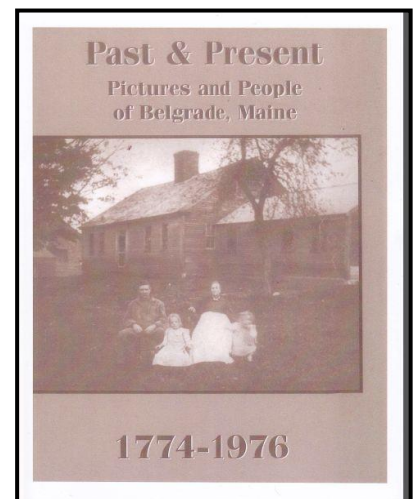
## ***Town of Belgrade Past and Present Pictures of People and Places***



**A special hardbound photo  
and text book for the  
coffee table!**

**Special price: \$26.00,  
includes postage and  
handling**

***The Past and Present,*  
reprint of 1976  
Bicentennial book**



featuring over 100 old photographs, each with historically accurate descriptions!

\$18.00 includes postage.



Also available is *The History*, reprint of 1892 history compiled by Belgrade native John Clair Minot who eventually moved to Boston and became editor of *Youth's Companion*, a popular magazine for boys & an editor for Boston's *Herald* newspaper. \$10.00 includes postage.

## **BELGRADE, A HISTORY**

EXCERPTED FROM

Illustrated History  
of Kennebec County, Maine  
1625-1799-1892

Editors: Henry D. Kingsbury, Simeon L. Deyo



**Don't forget to renew your BHS membership for 2021!  
Or consider buying a membership for a friend or a family member who  
would enjoy the stories of Belgrade!**

The Belgrade Historical Society welcomes all who support our mission and share our commitment to preserve the rich history of the town and its lakes.

Individuals, families, organizations, or businesses may join. The membership year is January 1 – December 31, and at any meeting of the members each membership is entitled to one vote. Members may also attend any meeting of the Board of Directors. Please visit our website for more information on becoming a member or how you can donate to the BHS @

<http://belgradehistoricalsociety.org/>





## Rendering of Townhouse after complete Renovation

Sketch by Artist Erik Johnson  
The **Capital Fund Drive** is going well!

For those who want to give and have not yet done so, it is not too late. Use your return envelope or send your own to BHS, P.O. Box 36A, Belgrade, Maine 04917. Use PayPal as an alternative by going to our website [belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

Don't forget that BHS is a non-profit 501 (3) 2 organizations, so all contributions to its capital campaign to renovate the Old Town House are tax deductible. Any donation you make to BHS can be deducted from your income tax to the extent allowable by law. Please think of making an end-of-year donation to our worthy cause and help to preserve our history.

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**The BHS wishes everyone a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

