



The Belmont Heritage Commission, like other groups, cancelled meetings in March and April due to Covid-19. In May however, a meeting was held outside by the Bandstand, keeping to the social distance guidelines and precautions.

One of the things we did get accomplished in April was mailing out historical coloring books to 4th grade students at Belmont Elementary. We were actually in the process of scheduling time in the classrooms a few weeks before schools were cancelled and the Stay at Home was issued. The Heritage Commission decided to mail B.E.S. 4th graders the coloring books depicting historical Belmont town buildings and landmarks. Students enjoyed the surprise of getting mail and inside each mailing was a special note from the Heritage Commission telling students how proud the town was of them and especially how hard they were working. After the coloring books were received, the 4th grade teachers, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. D'Amour, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Boles also incorporated challenge lessons as well.

The Heritage Commission would like to thank Mr. Hill, the principal at Belmont Elementary for his efforts in getting this project off the ground. Another huge thank you to Belmont resident and avid stamp collector, Steve Hess who donated unique postage stamps from his collection. The coloring books certainly arrived to the students adorned in quite a special way. It was a great community effort all around.



We would also like to thank our first Heritage Commission Student Representative Raine Wilkins. Raine is a Belmont High School graduating senior and was our representative for two years. Raine attended our monthly meetings, helped with our 150th Anniversary projects, Old Home Day activities and our booth at the Fall High School Craft Fair. We enjoyed having her for two years as she gave a needed perspective to generate ideas to reach younger learners about the history and heritage of Belmont.

The Heritage Commission would like to also take this time to extend its congratulations to the Class of 2020. We are very proud of your accomplishments during a most difficult time. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

On a final note we wish to share our gratitude to the Belmont Police and Fire Departments, frontline workers, essential workers and volunteers who have continued their commitment to their jobs or given their time. This is truly a gift of community to care and help those in need.

Thank you and Be Safe Belmont!