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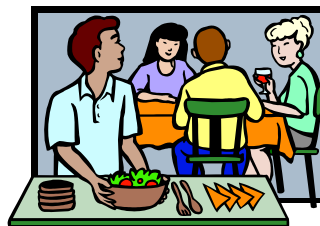
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar and join us for the Charlton Historical Society's 2017 spring events and activities. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

COME TO THE MOVEABLE FEAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017



Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Maple Ave Schoolhouse, Charlton

Sign-up: Call Alice Crotty-399-4153 by **Sunday March 26.**

Cost: \$20.00/person

On Saturday, April 1, come to the Charlton Historical Society's **Moveable Feast**. This is a fun and delicious way to spend time with your Charlton friends and neighbors.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine and soft drinks will be served starting at 6:00 at our Maple Avenue Schoolhouse. Small groups will be assigned to members' homes for the main meal. Then at about 7:00, we'll head out to various local homes for:

- Vegetable Lasagna and Meatballs from Marcellas
- Salad
- Bread
- Beverage/wine

At 9:00 we will rendezvous at the Fettke's home, 1244 Eastern Avenue for scrumptious desserts prepared by Mary MacDonald. Mary and John MacDonald will be visiting from Connecticut and look forward to catching up with their CHS friends.

Volunteers are needed to host the dinner portion of the event. Remember, the hosts do not pay, but provide a salad and bread to compliment the dinner. Best of all, you don't have to pay \$20.00 per person. To volunteer to help or for a special diet, call Alice Crotty (399-4153.)

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Time: 7:00

Place: Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue, Charlton

**Program: Charlton Schools from 1792 to the Present” and an update on the
Charlton Historic Book project**

Presenter: Alice Crotty and others

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Gideon Hawley Park

We will pay tribute to all Charlton Veterans, past & present, and announce new name additions to the CHARLTON VETERANS BOARD. The military service and town residency criteria is posted on the Town of Charlton website, or you may contact a member of the Veteran’s Committee listed below. The deadline for a name addition to the board is May 1st. Attendance each year has been increasing and we hope that trend continues. We’ll have music, singing, and refreshments, along with solemn moments to remember our heroes and their sacrifices. Please help us to share these moments together and invite some friends to join us.

Veterans Committee Members: George Eggleston, Peter Parker, and Chairman Chuck Latham

FOUNDERS’ DAY WEEKEND SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

**2017 THEME IS HONORING FRANK LAFFORTHUN, THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF
CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THIS IS THE SOCIETY’S 51ST YEAR.**



**2017 Founder's Day
Button**

Volunteer, Howie Eskin, designed the Founders’ Day Button. The button will be on sale for \$1.00 with the proceeds going to the Charlton Historical Society.

FOUNDER'S DAY EVENTS

5K Walk and Run – Saturday AM, see www.charlton5k.org for details

Art Show –Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM

Party in the Park – Saturday, entertainment starts at 5 PM, fireworks at 9:30

Museum –Saturday 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM.

Parade – Sunday at 2 PM

Farmers Market – Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM

Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Saratoga County Dairy Princess Committee-Sunday
(After the ceremony at the museum under the Schoolhouse tent)

THE CHARLTON COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT AND SALE CALLING ALL ARTISTS...

The Charlton Historical Society invites you to share your artwork at the Founders' Day Art Exhibit and Sale at the Maple Avenue Schoolhouse. The show will be held on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to make contacts, sell some work, or just show what you've been creating. The application can be found online at charltonnyhs.org or contact Liz Lis at 842-0720 or emlfrosty@aol.com.

THE 5TH FOUNDERS' DAY FARMERS MARKET

We are excited to bring back the 5th Founders' Day Farmers Market on Sunday, June 4 from 11:00 to 4:00 at the Charlton Historical Society. If you wish to participate, please go to charltonnyhs.org to print an application or contact Teresa Hart at teresahart3993436@gmail.com or phone at 399-3436. We look forward to saying hello to past vendors, meeting new vendors,

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

Marty Wilson is working on the race committee and is looking for volunteers to help with the 5K race on Saturday, June 3rd. If you can help out with registration, serving refreshments, course monitoring, etc. please let Marty know. His Email address is martinpwilson@aol.com

If you can help with the museum on June 3 or 4, please let me know at YorkMM474@aol.com. I already have Mary Salm to help with the 1:30 to 4 time slot on Saturday, June 3rd. I still need help on June 3rd from 8:30 to 11 and 11 to 1:30.

Contact John Hussey for Parade information at Jkhussey@nycap.rr.com.

MUSEUM

Curator Bill Wehrle emphasizes that we welcome the donation or loan of items for museum display. Bill will be readying the museum for the summer with new displays so if you have items that can be used or you can help get the museum ready, please call Bill at 399-7695.

IN MEMORY OF MARY GALLUP

The Charlton Historical Society would like to express our sympathy to Bill Gallup, family, and friends, for the loss of Mary Gallup. Mary passed on April 20th of last year, but the Charlton Historical Society learned of this loss when Bill renewed his 2017 dues and made a nice donation, for which we thank him. The Gallups have been faithful members of the Society since 1985, over 3 decades now. Mary and Bill have been very supportive of Charlton, and in recent years looked forward to returning to their Crooked Street home in Charlton after spending winters in Florida. They helped me with the museum and we enjoyed discussing thoroughbred racing at Saratoga. Their old home is gone now. National Grid took it when they put in the new high line. I think of the Gallups every time I pass by the empty space on Crooked Street.

By Sue York

CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY— FACTS and LEGEND

*Traveling to School—Then, And Now (conclusion)
From REMINISCENCES by Winifred McConchie Palmateer, May 29, 1992*

...Once I drove another horse to school on a rainy day. Coming home at night she happened to see the top of the buggy as I was going uphill and she looked back over her blinder. She gave a terrific lunge and almost snapped my head off as she started galloping off down the road.

It was fun driving a horse to school, though, even if I did have to curry her off, harness her, grease the wagon when it was necessary and put up a bag of grain and hay each morning before we started for school.

I wouldn't trade those experiences and memories for anything. It may be wonderful to have a school bus stop at your door each morning and take you to school and bring you back at night, but it seems to me all country children will remember about their going back and forth to school today is a ride on a bus filled with noisy children

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Remember that the CHS is eligible to receive funds from the AMAZON SMILE FOUNDATION. If you would like to support the Charlton Historical Society with your Amazon shopping, you can log onto [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select the CHS to receive .5% of your purchase price, then proceed to shop.
- We are placing roadside signs out to remind residents about our monthly programs.

RE Founding of Charlton Historical Society

On February 21, 1966, plans for a society were made at a pre-organization meeting held in the Mission Library.

First officers elected were Frank Lafforthun, president; -William Gottung, vice president; Ruth Bull, recording secretary; Barbara Holbrook, corresponding secretary; and William Moffatt, treasurer.

Other charter members accepted were Ruth Bull, Robert Bull, Janet Moffatt, William Moffatt, Helen Lachtrupp, Christian Lachtrupp, Barbara Heinemann, Robert heinemann, Phylis Gottung, William Gottung, Doris Schaus, Carl Schaus, Frank Fee Jr., Alice Gilmore, Dorothy Graves, Vivian Grunewald, Jane Robbins, Jeanne O'Brien, Irene Yates, Frank Fee Sr., Jan Kirschman, Betty Jordan, Helen Hequembourg, Fred Hequembourg, Barbara Renaud, Betty Lou Wessell, Bettie Larsen, Jess E. Martin, Louise Clark, Barbara Holbrook, Frank Holbrook, Louis Riccardi, Henrietta Van Der Veer, and Clarence Van Der Veer.

On September 19, 1969 the society unfurled its new flag. The 3-by 5 foot flag was designed by Steve Jordan and hand-sewn by Helen Kaszubski. Against a bright blue background it displays a picture of the Henry Springer pump. This pump, adopted as the society emblem, was in use as early as 1847. There is no known record from where the pump on the east end of the village, that stood there in 1847, was manufactured or by whom.

Since the pre-organization meeting the society has grown in membership to 94?

Under the leadership of the founder of the society, Frank Lafforthun, the society has featured a Memorial Service each Memorial weekend. Each year a different cemetery is selected for the service and each year a war veteran from that cemetery is extolled.

Each year, in the month of June, the society sponsors a Founders Day celebration. The celebration includes a parade with contingents made up of Charlton residents. At the finish of the parade a celebration is held at the meeting house. There the local organizations and residents have had the opportunity to make a display.

The theme for this years ~~Founders~~ Founders celebration will feature our 200 th. anniversary, to celebrate the clearing of the wilderness here in 1774, by the early settlers.

The meeting house and folk museum of the society is at St. Pauls Episcopal Church on Maple Avenue which the society purchased in 1971.

Under the leadership of the present president, Fritz Schaus, extensive repairs have been made to the interior of the church. Repairs are costly but the society hopes that the renovation will be finished by 1975.

The present officers are;

C. Fritz Schaus, Pres.

Albert Gargiulo, V.P.

Frank Fagan, Treas.

Emily Farrell, Sec.

Trustees; 1-^{MS} STEVE JORDAN 2-^{JUSTICE} HAROLD GILMORE 3-^{DR.} Wm. MOFFATT

At the conclusion of this dedication the society invites you to join with us to have refreshments at our meeting house and folk museum.

Thank You.

Charlton Historical Society
2009 Maple Avenue
Charlton, NY 12019

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

President	Alice Crotty		399-4153
Vice-President	John Hussey	Founders Day/Building and Grounds	557-2417
Secretary	Nancy Bellamy		399-8508
Cor. Secretary	Stacey Fenton		882-6009
Treasurer	Susan York		399-3797
Curator	Bill Wehrle		399-7695
Trustee	Ken Crotty	Web Site /Buildings and Grounds	399-4153
Trustee	Chuck Latham	Genealogy Buff	384-0130
Trustee	Pat Parker		882-9099
Trustee	Carolyn Setzer		882-9740
Trustee	Marv Schorr	Trust Fund	399-4161

Please call any member of the Board of Directors with questions and comments.