



CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

“If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.” We have rescheduled the program
“HARNESSING NATURE: BUILDING THE GREAT SACANDAGA”

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Place: Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Road – NEW location to handle the crowd !

Time: Refreshments 6:30, Program 7:00

Presenter: Filmmakers Jason Kemper, Director of Planning for Saratoga County and Treasurer of the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council and Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian.

Program: The newly released documentary “Harnessing Nature: Building the Great Sacandaga” will be shown. After the film, the filmmakers will lead a discussion on the history of the creation of the Great Sacandaga Lake focusing on the cultural and social history.

COME TO THE MOVEABLE FEAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018



Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Maple Ave Schoolhouse, Charlton

Sign-up: Call Alice Crotty-399-4153 by **Sunday April 8.**

Cost: \$20.00/person

On Saturday, April 14, 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:

- Champagne Chicken and Roasted Potatoes from Marcellas
- Salad
- Bread
- Beverage/wine

At 9:00 we will rendezvous at the Fettke home, 1244 Eastern Avenue for scrumptious desserts prepared by Mary MacDonald. Mary and John MacDonald will be visiting from

Connecticut again this year 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)

MAY PROGRAM

Milton, New York: A New Town in a New Nation

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Place: One Room Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue

Time: Refreshments 7:00, Program 7:30

Presenters: Co-authors Jim Richmond and Kim McCartney, the Town of Milton Historian.

Program: Jim, author of *War on the Middleline*, will be returning to the Charlton Historical Society with Kim to tell us the unique story of Milton, NY that unfolds amidst the larger story of the founding of the nation.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 28, 2018 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.

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

FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND SATURDAY, JUNE 2 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

2018 THEME IS HONORING DESCENDANTS OF CHARLTON FOUNDERS



**2018 Founder's Day
Button**

Volunteer, Howie Eskin, designed the Founders' Day Button using the artwork of Steve Jordan. The button will be on sale for \$1.00 with the proceeds going to the Charlton Historical Society.

FOUNDER'S DAY EVENTS

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

Art Show –Saturday 9 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 3 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 2 and Sunday, June 3. 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 6TH FOUNDERS' DAY FARMERS MARKET

We are excited to bring back the 6th Founders' Day Farmers Market on Sunday, June 3 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 518 399-3436 teresahart3993436@gmail.com. We look forward to saying hello to past vendors and meeting new vendors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

Our 21st annual race and major fundraiser, the Charlton Heritage 5K Run and Walk, committee is hard at work preparing for the event.

John Hussey is recruiting volunteers for the 5K race on Sat., June 2nd

He needs volunteers for the following positions:

Course set up and monitoring	Water Stops
Finish line	Tent set up including tables and chairs
Registration	Tent Take-down including tables and chairs
Marshalls	Food Table workers
Event Cleanup	Stuffing the goody bags
Announcers	

Contact John at 518 557-2410 or at Jkhussey@nycap.rr.com to sign up.

Contact Sue at YorkMM474@aol.com. to help in the Museum.

Contact John Hussey for Parade information.

WE BID FAREWELL

Over the past year, several long time members of the Charlton Historical Society have passed away. We send our condolences to the families and friends of John Gay, William Purdy, John Fettke, and Marilyn Dawn Davis.

John Gay, who passed away on May 20, 2017, had licenses in both civil engineering and land surveying. In 1990, John established his own firm, Northeast Land Survey & Development Consultants, P.C. in Malta with his business partner, David Bogardus, retiring in 2014. He helped the Charlton Historical Society by surveying our property and assisting us with the location of boundary markers. John left behind his beloved wife Teri who now lives in her hometown of Glens Falls.

William Purdy, who passed away on July 22, 2017, became sales manager and then vice president of Welbourne Realty. By 1971, the business had become Welbourne & Purdy Realty, and Bill was its president. From its single office on Upper Union Street in Schenectady, Welbourne & Purdy expanded into many branch offices and later added a mortgage affiliate, Home Funding Finders. William's Real Estate business sponsored our Charlton Heritage 5K race for many years. William's beloved wife, Jean, is still a member of the Charlton Historical Society.

John Fettke, who passed away on November 20, 2017, was an engineer at GE Aircraft Engines in Lynn, MA for 25 years. John and his beloved wife Mari retired to Mari's hometown of Charlton where John became a "gentleman farmer". John and Mari have, for years, opened their beautiful home to host the desserts for our Moveable Feasts. John served on the Board of the Charlton Historical Society and helped us with maintenance projects. As a retiree of GE, John's generous donations were matched by the GE More Gifts More Givers program, helping us to remain in the program. Mari has informed us that there will be a Life Celebration for John this coming June 23rd at the Mari-Bob Farm, 1244 Eastern Avenue, Charlton.

Marilyn Dawn Davis, who passed away on March 2, 2018, was known to us as Dawn. Our records show that Dawn joined the Charlton Historical Society in 1975, the very year that she and her beloved husband Don moved to Charlton. Dawn was raised in Montreal, Canada where she met Don in high school. We are blessed that they moved to the United States and eventually made Charlton their home. Dawn loved her adopted country and pursued her interest in promoting its ideals of liberty. Together they raised four wonderful children. Over the years, Dawn and Don have done a great deal to support the Charlton Historical Society, including serving on our Board.

CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY— FACTS and LEGEND

THE FARM COMMUNITY AND FARMING IN CHARLTON, SARATOGA CO., NY CIRCA 1900 (Continued)

Written by William Lane Cavert, 1958 for his grandchildren
Provided to us by Helen Alexander and Linda Forbess

Church cont.: Of course, the Church Community was strictly fundamentalist in viewpoint. Most of the community doubtless regarded Charles E. Darwin as a bad influence upon the world and there was general feeling that the teachers of evolution were dangerous heretics. The pastor of the Charlton Presbyterian Church during most of my youth was the Rev. Edward R. James. He was a graduate both of Princeton and of Princeton Theological Seminary and Charlton was his first charge. Dr. Sweetman had urged that only graduates of Princeton Theological Seminary be considered as "One could rest assured that they were strong in faith". Mr. James was probably "Strong in the Faith" when he arrived, but soon after he came to Charlton, he fell under the influence of Dr. Moldenhauer, pastor of an Albany Presbyterian Church. Dr. Moldenhauer had come to have serious doubts about the literal interpretation of scripture including the virgin birth and other miracles, and as a result of this influence Mr. James was convinced that the traditional position was not tenable and bit by bit let it be known to his parishioners. However, he was such a lovable sincere man that a portion of his congregation thought that which he accepted must be true and a portion were more or less won over to his way of thinking upon the basis of their own reasoning. (To be continued.)

MUSEUM

Curator Bill Wehrle emphasizes that we welcome the donation or loan of items for display in the museum, although the CHS cannot guarantee that all donations can be used. 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.

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 and select the CHS to receive .5% of your purchase price, then proceed to shop.
- **Runners, walkers: make sure you register for the 5K at ZIPPYREG.COM.**

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

Charlton Historical Society Mission Statement

“The mission of the Charlton Historical Society is to promote and encourage original historical research, disseminate educational material on local history, cooperate with educational institutions to gather, preserve, display, and make available for study materials and records relating to early and current Charlton History.”