



# CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

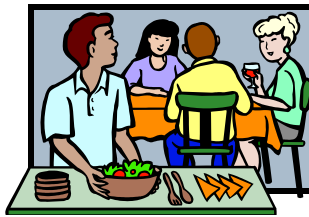
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## COME TO THE MOVEABLE FEAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019



**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Place:** Maple Ave Schoolhouse, Charlton

**Sign-up:** Call Alice Crotty-399-4153 by **Sunday April 7.**

**Cost:** \$20.00/person

On Saturday, April 13, 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 5:30 at our Maple Avenue Schoolhouse. Small groups will be assigned to members' homes for the main meal. Then at about 6:30, we'll head out to these various local homes for:

- Entrée – Chicken Francaise with Roasted Potatoes catered by Marcella's
- Salad
- Bread
- Beverage/wine

At 8:30 we will rendezvous for scrumptious desserts at a home yet known.

Volunteers are needed to host the dinner and dessert portions of the event. Remember, the hosts 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**

**Date:** May 1, 2019

**Place:** One Room Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue

**Time:** Refreshments 7:00, Program 7:30

**Presenter:** Rick Reynolds, Town of Ballston Historian

**Program:** Rick showcases some actual historical items from this area and tells some stories of places and events, many of which will be familiar to local residents. Sprinkled into the presentation are stories from the history of our country as well as stories of people, places, and events that, too, are familiar to many Americans.

## **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

**MAY 27, 2019 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND SATURDAY, JUNE 1 AND SUNDAY,  
JUNE 2, 2019**

## **FOUNDER'S DAY EVENTS**

**5K Run, Walk and Kids' Fun Run**– Saturday AM, see [www.charlton5k.org](http://www.charlton5k.org) for details

**Art Show** –Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 3 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 1 and Sunday, June 2. 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](http://charltonnyhs.org) or contact Liz Lis at 842-0720 or [emlfrosty@aol.com](mailto:emlfrosty@aol.com).

## THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS' DAY FARMERS MARKET

We are excited to bring back the 7th Founders' Day Farmers Market on Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 to 4:00 at the Charlton Historical Society. If you wish to participate, please go to [charltonnyhs.org](http://charltonnyhs.org) to print an application or contact Teresa Hart at 518 399-3436 [teresahart3993436@gmail.com](mailto:teresahart3993436@gmail.com). We look forward to saying hello to past vendors and meeting new vendors.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND

The 22<sup>st</sup> Annual Charlton Heritage 5K Run and Walk is our major fundraiser. The committee is hard at work preparing for the event and needs your help.

### Volunteers are needed for the following duties:

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 Clean up	Stuffing the goodie bags
Announcers	

Contact Sammi Adkins at 518 322-5598 or at [sloopy16@hotmail.com](mailto:sloopy16@hotmail.com) to sign up.

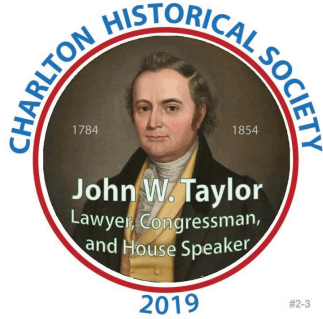
Contact Sue York at 518 399-3797 or [YorkMM474@aol.com](mailto:YorkMM474@aol.com) to help in the Museum.

Contacted John Hussey at 518 557-2410 or at [jkhussey@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jkhussey@nycap.rr.com) for Parade information.

## 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.

## 2019 THEME IS HONORING JOHN W. TAYLOR



**(1784-1854)**

**2019 Founder's Day  
Button**

Charlton Historical Society has chosen to honor John W. Taylor for our 2019 Founders' Day theme. John was born in March 1784 to one of Charlton's founding families, in what was to become Charlton. On Charlton Road, near Emerich's, one can find the historic marker that stands at his birthplace. John served twice as the Speaker of the US House of Representatives. Following is an article written by Rick Reynolds, Town of Ballston Historian.

John Taylor, whose house still stands on West High Street in Ballston Spa, was a highly respected gentleman who gave a great deal of his life in service to our country.

He was a graduate of Union College and, soon thereafter, practiced law. He was elected to the State Assembly (1812-1813) and, after that, was elected to the US House of Representatives where he served from 1813-1833. It was during that time that he was Speaker of the House twice, making him third in line in the succession to the Presidency, should anything happen to the President and Vice-President. After losing the election of 1832, he resumed the practice of law in Ballston Spa and later became a member of the State Senate.

He knew the "Great Compromiser" Henry Clay; Dolley Madison, the President's wife; and General Lafayette of France, famous in our Revolution.

It was from his State Senate position that he resigned in 1841 because of a crippling stroke. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio to be with his daughter, where he died. He is buried in Ballston Spa Village Cemetery.

It was once said about him (author unknown): "Mr. Taylor was a gentleman of the old school, polite and courteous, an eloquent and forcible speaker, and delivered frequent orations on literary and national topics.....In private life he was retiring, fond of cultivating his garden, and generous in distributing its fruits and flowers. He hated corruption in politics and spurned the use of money for political personal success, and his constituency always returned unwavering confidence in his sterling integrity."

Rick Reynolds  
Town of Ballston Historian  
April 2009

Volunteer, Howie Eskin, designed the Founders' Day Button incorporating a portrait of John Taylor. The button will be on sale for \$1.00 with the proceeds going to the Charlton Historical Society.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

The Charlton Historical Society would like to welcome back Sandy Shein. Sandy lives in Ballston Lake with her husband David and is also a member of the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Women's Club. Sandy has a race horse that I believe she races at the Saratoga Harness Race Track. We had lots of fun when Sandy joined us at the museum on Founders' Day years ago and we hope to have her join us again this Founders' Day.

## **THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY BIDS FAREWELL**

We send our condolences to Bruce Gardner and the family of Sandy Gardner, who passed away suddenly last November. We meant to express our sympathy in the last newsletter and apologize that we didn't. Bruce and Sandy have been members of the Charlton Historical Society for a number of years now. Sandy attended SUNY Plattsburgh, where she studied to become a registered nurse. Her career included a variety of nursing positions including many years as the Heath Care Coordinator at the Charlton School for Girls here in Charlton. We appreciate that Sandy and Bruce hosted the dinner for our Movable Feast a few years ago.

## **CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY—FACTS and LEGEND**

### **THE FARM COMMUNITY AND FARMING IN CHARLTON, SARATOGA CO., NY CIRCA 1900**

**Written by William Lane Cavert, 1958 for his grandchildren  
Provided to us by Helen Alexander and Linda Forbess (con't)**

*One of the major cash crops in the area was hay. The cities of Boston and New York as well as such neighboring cities as Schenectady and Saratoga Springs provided good markets for hay. The hay was baled. Much of it was baled by horse power in the early winter. The bales weighed about 200 lbs. each. During periods in the winter when sleighing was good, there was heavy traffic (judged by our standards) caused by hauling the hay to the railroad station. The market paid a good premium for bright timothy hay, so the clover and low quality hay was largely fed to cattle. The clover hay was of course superior to timothy for cattle feed. Probably, the major reason for the preference for timothy hay for horses was the fact that it was relatively free from dust. Dusty hay predisposed horses to heaves, a common and troublesome respiratory disease of horses.*

*The common rotation was to keep land in hay as long as it produced a fair crop, perhaps three years. Then it was followed by corn and the corn was followed by oats seeded in a clover and timothy mixture. The first year, if one secured a good stand, and it didn't winter*

kill, the hay was largely clover. After that it was mostly timothy. If the stand was poor, largely clover the hay was largely white ox-eye daisies. No lime had been used on the soil by farms in the vicinity although that was one of the crying needs. One to two hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer per acre were ordinarily used on corn and small grain. Probably the usual formula was 3-6-6 or thereabouts. The usual crop set us on the Cavert farm of 93 acres was about as follows:

Corn-6 acres    Buckwheat-3 acres    Oats-9 acres    Hay-30 acres = 48 acres

In my early years about 5 or 6 acres of rye was usually raised leaving only 25 acres for hay. Rye was sold at a local mill but the mill went out of business and then there was no market for rye. In addition about 5 acres of crop land were pastured and about 5 acres were in apple orchards. The rest of the 93 acres aside for building site were permanent pasture. Much of the permanent pasture was covered with brush or was swampy and was of very low productivity.

### 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 event at ZIPPYREG.COM.**

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