



# CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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### THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE FOR 2021 FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

#### PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Date: Saturday, September 25th**

**Place:** Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Ave

**Time:** 10:00AM to 12:00 PM

**Program: Charlton Heritage 5K Race and Walk**

**Date: Wednesday, October 6th**

**Place:** Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Ave

**Time:** 7:00

**Program: "Voice of the Mountains"**

**Presenter: Eileen Egan Mack**

Eileen Egan Mack, a master storyteller, is returning and specializes in stories that reflect the beauty and wonder of the natural world. She developed the program "Voice of the Mountains" an Adirondack Legacy, to share the sense of place and people that comes through so strongly in the writing of Jeanne Robert Foster.



**Date: Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Place:** Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Ave

**Time:** 7:00

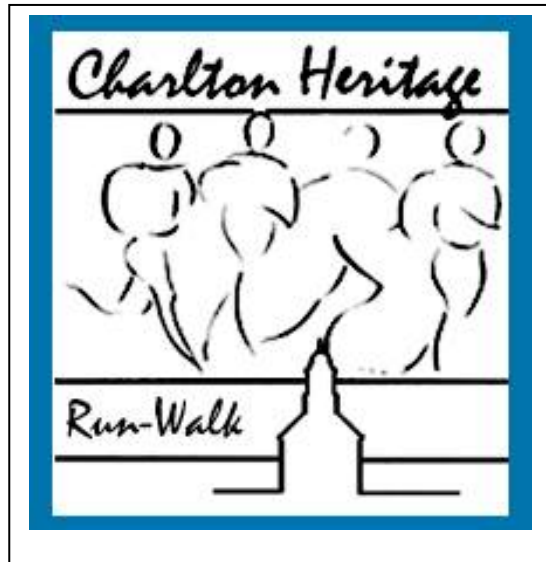
**Presenter:** Don Davis – Trustee and Long- time CHS member

**Program:** Don Davis will present a sampling of videos recorded of CHS activities and special events in the late 1980s and early 1990s. These include the festivities during the Town Bi-Centennial Celebration, Founders Day events, Xmas sleigh rides, and house tours. A trip through the past in Charlton of 40 years ago.



**DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6** - Holiday Party, tentatively to be held at the Charlton Tavern.

## JOIN US FOR THE 2021 CHARLTON HERITAGE 5K RUN/WALK



Postponed from June, our race will take place on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 10 am, followed by the Kids' Fun Run. For those who will be out of town or unable to make it on the 25th for any reason, we are also offering a Virtual 5K. This allows runners to run or walk the 5K at another location and/or another time, submit their results electronically, and have their results posted with those of the live racers. We encourage you to participate as a runner or walker, either in person or virtually.

Our 5K is partially funded by our Sponsors, very generous businesses in the area, and we greatly appreciate their support. It has come to our attention that some of our members would also like to support the CHS via the race. Below is a list of support levels for individuals/families. If you would like to help sponsor our race, just fill out the form and send with your check to Susan York, Treasurer, Charlton Historical Society, 2009 Maple Avenue, Charlton, NY 12019. Unless you wish to be anonymous, your name and donation level will appear on our race website. Thank you for your help!

Major Platinum Sponsor \$1,000  
Silver Sponsor \$300  
Patron \$150  
Donor \$50

Gold Sponsor \$500  
Sustaining Sponsor \$200  
Supporter \$100  
Friend \$25

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Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in support of the Charlton Heritage 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run. All proceeds from the race are used to support the mission and programs of the Charlton Historical Society.

Donor's Name for the race website: \_\_\_\_\_

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SEPT. 25th AND 26th**

On Saturday Morning September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual Charlton Heritage 5k Run and Walk fundraiser event. We need volunteers for the following positions: Registration Table, Course Monitors, Course Water Providers, and the Refreshment Table. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact:

Marty Wilson at [martinwilson@aol.com](mailto:martinwilson@aol.com) or 518 399-0167

Alice Crotty at [crottyao@aol.com](mailto:crottyao@aol.com) or 518 399-4153

We will be part of **The Saratoga County Museum Open House Weekend** on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 25 and 26. Volunteers are needed in the Museum on Saturday and Sunday for the following times:

Saturday 9/25 8:30 to 11

11 to 1

1 to 3

3 to 5

Sunday 9/26 12 noon to 2:30

2:30 to 5

Brookside Tour visitors will be told that our museum will open at 1 on Saturday, and not noon, to avoid the 5K congestion and parking restrictions. Sunday is purely the support of the Tour.

Contact Sue York to volunteer at [yorkmm474@aol.com](mailto:yorkmm474@aol.com) or 518 399-3797

## **WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS**

The Charlton Historical Society would like to welcome our 50 new members/member families to our Historical Society. Many of you have offered to help us out and several already have. Peter and Jan O'Brien, Jason and Dana Nemec, and Rod Wheeler have hosted in the museum this summer. Erin Miller has joined our Race Committee to help with Social Media and has offered to help with the newsletter and hosting in the museum. Erin is a realtor and has generously sponsored our 5K race under her firm's name REMAX. Some have made generous donations to offset the cost of painting and repairing the exterior of the museum. All of this renewed interest in the Charlton Historical Society was made possible by a great suggestion by one of our Board Members, that is, to send a letter to every resident of Charlton. Stacey Fenton, with input from others, drafted the letter to let Charlton residents know who we are and what we do for the Community. Our Town Clerk, Brenda Mills, generously offered to let us use her file of all the addresses of Charlton's residents, for which we thank her. Mail N More printed and mailed the letters for which we thank David DeLuke for a job well done.

\*\*\* To new members who did not supply your Email address, please send a quick Email to [YorkMM474@aol.com](mailto:YorkMM474@aol.com) so that I can add you to my list for Email reminders, notices, and the newsletter. If you prefer printed/mailed newsletters, let me know. Thank you. \*\*\*

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

This summer has seen the restoration being done to upkeep the buildings and grounds. The Museum was prepared for painting by scraping peeling paint, applying a sealing coat and then the exterior latex paint. Cracked siding pieces, broken windowpanes, and broken shutters were replaced or repaired. Last summer the museum north yard was readied for seeding by removing rocks and cutting overgrown vegetation. The area has been seeded and is growing as seen in the picture below. The bare spots will be fixed in September. The kitchen overhead light and broken/missing ceiling tiles have been replaced.



Painting Completed

Lawn Seeded

Drip Tiles Laid

Schoolhouse Siding  
Repaired

## NEW DONATIONS

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank Maureen O'Connor for her donation of her father, John Douglas Thornton's, baptism certificate. The baptism ceremony took place in August, 1918, in OUR St. Paul's Church. It is on display on top of our baptism font. The Thornton's lived just up the road on Maple Ave.

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank Kathleen Litts for her donation of her grandfather's framed certificate, dated January, 1902, appointing Byron Litts as a Lieutenant of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, Canton [local unit] of Fort Schuyler #3.

We also thank Paul St. John for his donation of a collection of "The Supervisor's Newsletter A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF CHARLTON" from Supervisor FRED HEQUEMBOURG. They range from April 1972 to December 1981. There is also a program from the March 26, 1982 recognition ceremony for Fred.

We also thank long time members, Dick and Kim Traider, for their recent donations of an antique homemade yarn spinner/winder and a combination music box/photo album (shown below). Dick's grandparents were George and Anna Mae Barlow and it was from their farm in Minaville, NY that these items came from.



## NEW MUSEUM DISPLAYS

The Charlton Historical Society has used some of our latest donations to make new displays in our museum.



You have seen these items in prior newsletters, and this is how they look today. In the Maud Farrington corner we have her cradle, teether, nursery rhymes book, correspondence, and portraits of her parents and of her mom as a child with her mom's brother. We have Mabel Haynes Bond's dress, beautifully framed by Ann Reinhart's brother, Jim Reinhart, who owns a studio in Connecticut. Also shown is the child's sailor uniform from Nancy Bellamy and WWII era homemade toys on loan from Alice Crotty.

New to the museum this year is the magnificent portrait of Samuel McCrea Cavert that is displayed on an easel placed out of the sun. The portrait will be moved to the Charlton Town Hall after we close the museum for the winter so that it can be kept out for display in a climate controlled environment. A special place in the main hallway of Town Hall has been selected. The museum also has a display board with a short story of Samuel McCrea Cavert's life and accomplishments.

Another new display is Alice Crotty's collection of old door stops, book ends, etc., on loan to add interest to the museum. A pair of them can be seen holding up Maud's nursery rhymes book.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Go to our website to register for our **Charlton Heritage 5K Race and Walk** to be held on Saturday, September 25.
- On Saturday, September 25 from 1 to 5 and Sunday, September 26 from 12 to 5, our museum will be part of the **Saratoga County Museum Open House Weekend**. For a cost of \$5 (perfect for a family or group) you can obtain a passport for the event at the Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa. The first three completed passports received by the History Center will win prizes. There will be more information to come.
- We will be resuming our **monthly meetings** in October 2021. Storyteller Eileen Egan Mack will be returning with her story “Voice of the Mountains” an Adirondack legacy.
- The 2020-21 Founders’ Day buttons will be available in the Museum and program meetings. The new Don Davis design note cards and other items will be available at the Museum or by calling Sue York.
- The portrait of Samuel McCrea Cavert will be on display in the museum this summer. It will be permanently hung in the Town Hall after the museum is closed on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 will email you about important information about our programs.
- As part of our history, we would like to keep a journal documenting how Charlton residents lived through the COVID19 virus. Email your thoughts to Nancy at [cebneb07@gmail.com](mailto:cebneb07@gmail.com)

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