



CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Join us for our monthly program meetings. Guests are welcome.

METAL DETECTION CHARLTON

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00

One Room Schoolhouse

2009 Maple Avenue, Charlton

Presenters Mary Jane Breedlove and Patrick Whitton will give an informative talk about their hobby of metal detecting that will include: their equipment, selecting places to do metal detecting, the locations of their finds, and a description of the use of each relic.

PAINT A CHARLTON LANDMARK



When: Sunday, March 2

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Where: Main Street Studio

786 Charlton Road

Cost: \$27.00 plus tax per painter

The Charlton Historical Society invites you to a fun and casual painting party at Main Street Studio! Refreshments will be provided.

Join us for a guided painting session with local artist, Karen Anthony. Karen will walk the class through all the steps you need to create your own rendition of Charlton's Schoolhouse located on Maple Ave.

Early registration is available to Charlton Historical Society members until February 14th. You can still register after that, but registration will be open to the others after that date.

Registration Link and pay by credit card online:

<https://shop.mainstreetcharlton.com/products/paint-a-charlton-landmark-with-karen-anthony>

or

Register & pay in person: Stop by Main Street Studio, 786 Charlton Road. Email dana@mainstreetCharlton.com for hours and any questions.

No previous painting experience required, come on out and give it a try!

About Artist Karen Anthony Karen Anthony is a local artist here in Glenville. Karen is retired from Bethlehem Central where she worked with special education students for 22 years. She now has more time to follow her passion of art and loves to hold acrylic painting classes in a paint and sip fashion. Karen also has been selling her watercolors of architecture buildings for over 40 years.

MOVEABLE FEAST

Saturday, April 12, 2025

April not only brings us Spring showers, but it also signals it's time for our annual Charlton Historical Society Moveable Feast.



Volunteers are needed to host the dinner portions of the event. Remember, the hosts do not pay and provide a salad and bread to compliment the dinner.

To volunteer, Call Alice Crotty at 518 399-4153, Sue York at 518 399-3797.

Cost: \$20 per person

Be on the lookout for more information to come.

Put these Spring 2025 Programs and Events on your Calendar.

- Program: Charlton's Blue Corners, May 7 at 7 PM at the Schoolhouse
Presenters: Dave Waite
- May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony Gideon Hawley Park 2:00 PM
- June 7 and 8 Founders: Day Weekend Museum Opens, Art Show at Main St. Studio
June 7 5K Race, Party in the Park with Fireworks
June 8 Charlton Market, Parade, Proclamation on the Museum steps followed by an Ice Cream Social.

Go to charltonnyhs.org for more information



POS-HOLIDAY PARTY

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank everyone who came to the Holiday Party, and we hope that everyone enjoyed their meals, visiting with friends, and having a good time. We thank Jill Hofmann for coming up with the idea and putting together the "guess who's photo is who" contest. Even though the baby and child photos were of people at the party, guessing was very difficult but fun. We also thank Jill for leading us with a few Christmas carols. So many of you were very generous with your contributions to the raffle, for which we thank you. The raffle is part of the entertainment, and we thank Jill, Erin and TJ for helping to make it run smoothly. We also thank Sue, Mike, Kevin, and the staff of the Charlton Tavern for great meals and a wonderful party.

It's that time again to update you on what's been happening at the Charlton Historical Society and what is to come.

DIGITAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (DPC)



1DPC Chair, Jill Hofmann at work

The Digital Preservation Committee has been busy organizing and scanning. We are currently up to 44 Binders full of historical archives. Tons of old pictures, early Charlton family information, newspaper articles on Charlton events, history on Charlton cemeteries, schools, churches, hamlets, homes and so much more. What an exciting endeavor to get all of this scanned in the computer so that it is searchable, sharable and saved for future generations to come

Future projects we are working on are:

1. A welcome to Charlton letter and intro about the Charlton Historical Society for new people moving into our community.
2. A new member letter with cool facts on Charlton.
3. A trustee member form that everyone on the board can fill out so future generations can know why we were involved, and we can have a record. We can also do the family history of each board member and attach it to their trustee member form.
4. A trustee board group picture so we can update our website.
5. We will be updating the Charlton House Letters. A document that was done 40 years ago on the history of the older homes in Charlton. They documented pictures at that time, and we will be updating the pictures in the spring/summer and current owners of the homes.
6. We will be recording and organizing our books for an internal reference library.
7. We will be putting the names of our early Charlton families on our webpage to help those who are looking for answers to their family tree.
8. We will be hanging some of the pictures that we have in the schoolhouse for all to see

Founders' DAY WEEKEND

The Charlton Historical Society has already started planning for the festivities of Founders Day. The 5K race committee will be meeting as well as our collaboration meeting with Main Street Studios to bring a new flare to our parade with the addition of Puppets to show our Charlton History. Our Theme for the Charlton Founders' Day is the Charlton Hamlet of Blue Corners. You will be learning about Blue Corners from historian David Waite at our May 7 program. The article below gives you and introduction to Blue Corners.

CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY—FACTS and LEGEND

STORIES AND PICTURES OF CHARLTON, NEW YORK

Published by W. Bronson Taylor, Middle Grove, NY 1989

BLUE CORNERS A DESERTED VILLAGE

Bleu Corners is the name of a hamlet which once existed in the western end of the town of Charlton. As one travels west on route 67, a short distance beyond the GLF oil depot, the road turned south and then west again. This north and south section of road was once part of a highway extending from the Mohawk River at Carnesville to the Sacandaga River to Northville. It was a busy highway.

Over it flowed a stream of wagons from Sacandaga country bringing grain, lumber, wood ashes, sheep pelts, hides, wool, potash salts, feathers, tallow, and medicinal herbs to market, returning mostly empty but sometimes loaded with furniture, crockery and such items as could not be obtained in the north country,

To care for this flow of traffic, hotels, saloons, and blacksmith shops sprang up along the way. Grocery stores and other tradesmen moved alongside the hotels. The villagers of Blue Corners, West Galway, Hagedorn Mills, Northampton and Batchelerville flourished along the route,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T MISS OUR 28TH ANNIVERSARY RACE!!!

CHARLTON HERITAGE 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday June 7, 2025 at 10 AM

Kid's Fun Run at 9:15

Watch for Registration Information

Registration opens soon

Visit our website www.charlton5k.org for more information

Register online at Zippyreg.com (when open)

Timing by ARE

USATF Sanctioned

Awards

Goody Bags

Shirts and Goody bags to the first 350 Registered

One Mile Kids' Fun Run

Free Refreshments

SPRING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The founding and lasting success of the Charlton Historical Society has been totally dependent on our volunteers. Every aspect of this success is due to the hands of those who spend a few hours to those who have spent many hours for many years. Here's where volunteers are needed.

Museum and Schoolhouse

- Periodic cleaning: Dusting, Vacuuming, Glass Cleaning, Program Set Up and Clean Up
- Helping Curator with displays and documents
- Museum Volunteers: Be a docent during Founders Day Weekend and/or Saturday/Sunday Summer hours (2 hr. Commitment)

Programs

- Moveable Feast – Dinner Hosts are needed.
- Holiday Party – Raffle, entertainment
- Memorial Day Ceremony – Set Up, Refreshments, Handing Out Programs
- Children's Programs
- Fund Raisers

Charlton Heritage 5K Run and Walk (Major Fund Raiser that keeps CHS going.)

- Course Set Up and Monitoring
- Marshalls
- Course Safety Team
- Tent set-up and take down.
- Stuffing Goodie Bags
- Food Table Workers
- Event Clean-up
- Announcers/race starter
- Singer of National Anthem
- Registration
- Photographers

Publicity and Marketing

Recording History

- Research and record the lives of people of our town.
- Work on a supplement to CHARLTON HISTORIES & STORIES, published in 1959 on happenings since 1959 to the present.
- Work on digital Scanning.

Maintenance tasks as they arise.

Parade

- Recruiting parade participants
- Requesting road closure from county and town
- Invite politicians to march and take part in the proclamation.
- Recruit marching band(s)

Librarian

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- You will be alerted by email about important information concerning CHS.
- Thank you to Dave Peck, Mira Peck, Jill Hofmann, and Erin Miller for presenting a very informative program on DYG “DO YOUR GENEALOGY “.
- Make your reservation and join us on Sunday, March 2 program at Main Street Studio to paint a Charlton Landmark. **No previous painting experience required, come on out and give it a try!**
- Our theme for the 2025 Founders’ Day is Blue Corners, a Charlton hamlet.
- We will be having some exciting news about this year’s Parade. Many volunteers will be needed to make the Parade a great success. **So, STAY TUNED.**

2025 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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