



CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar and join us for the Charlton Historical Society's 2017 fall programs and Holiday Party. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

“History & Hearsay: “Virtual” Tour of Schoharie Crossing”

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Place: One Room Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue

Time: Refreshments 7:00, Program 7:30

Presenter: David Brooks – Education Director and Park & Recreation Aide at the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, and President of the Mohawk Valley Museums Consortium

Program: David Brooks will conduct a presentation titled “History & Hearsay: A Virtual Tour.” The program will show images of the historic Erie Canal site and contain interesting tales from along the canal and the hamlet of Fort Hunter. During the presentation, learn bits of exciting history as well as some mysteries from along the artificial river. One of the stories will be untrue; test your intuition, detective skills, and see if you can spot the fib! A discussion will occur at the end of the program and the lie will be revealed.

“Bob Cudmore’s Stories of Local History”

Date: November 1, 2017

Place: One Room Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue

Time: Refreshments 7:00, Program 7:30

Presenter: Bob Cudmore - native of Amsterdam with a distinguished career as a columnist, author, radio host, podcast producer, co-producer and narrator of documentaries, and adjunct Media Professor at Albany’s Collage of St. Rose. Bob has written over 600 stories.

Program: After the annual election of CHS Officers & Trustees, Bob will present some of his most popular stories from his three books Lost Mohawk Valley, Hidden History of the Mohawk Valley, and Stories from the Mohawk Valley. Bob will have some of his books available for purchase at the meeting.

Holiday Party at the Charlton Tavern (save the date)

Date: Monday, December 4, 2017

Place: Charlton Tavern, 745 Charlton Rd

Time: 6:00 PM Cocktails and Light Appetizers, Cash Bar

7:00 PM Dinner

We will have our usual meal selections, popular raffle, and a short trivia game, leaving you plenty of time to socialize at your table.

FOUNDERS' DAY ACTIVITIES

The Charlton Historical Society would like to thank the 2017 Sponsors of our 5K Race and ask that our members patronize their businesses.

Advanced Aesthetics Dentistry – Dr. Roy Oyangen, DMD
Alan Grattidge – Charlton Town Supervisor
BHBL Teachers Association
Burnt Hills Chiropractic & Rehabilitation
Burnt Hills Optical, Inc.
Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital
Capital Care of Charlton
Capital District Stairs, Inc.
Charlton General Store
Charlton Septic Services
The Charlton Tavern
C. T. Male Associates
Culligan – water for the race
Edward Jones Investments – Chris Nyhan at the Burnt Hills office
Ellm's Family Farm, LLC
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Golub Corporation and the Price Chopper/Market 32 Supermarkets
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Schrader and Company, Inc.
Scotia-Glenville Family Medicine
Scott Beatty Agency
Stewart's Shops Corporation

We also wish to thank Bill Herkenham and his race committee for doing another wonderful job to organize this year's 5K race. We ESPECIALLY thank Bill and Elizabeth Herkenham for their generous donation of many of the race expenses.

Our parade and Farmers Market benefitted from much better weather than in 2016. The Politicians joined the parade and presented their Resolutions and Citations, honoring our first President and Co-Founder, Frank Lafforthun. Frank's stepsons, Walter Hayner and George Krutz, were our Grand Marshalls and we thank them for their participation. We thank John Hussey for his leadership in planning the parade, Teresa Hart for planning the Farmers Market, and Liz Lis for chairing the Art Show. Thanks go to Sue York and to all who volunteered to man the museum and the other activities.

Many June Visitors Came to our Museum

The Charlton Historical Society had a very busy June with visitors from out of Town. On June 20th, Chuck Latham and Bill Wehrle hosted 13 visitors from the Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living, a group from Northville, NY. We had been contacted months ago by Pat Paton, who wanted to bring her group to Charlton to see our historic buildings and Town. Chuck took their picture in front of the schoolhouse, and judging from their smiling faces, they must have had a good time. Then on June 21st, Chuck, Bill, and I met with CHS members Bonnie and Alan Cook, from Palos Alto Verde, California, for a tour of the museum and schoolhouse. Alan Lincoln Cook is descended from Charlton's Nathaniel and Margrett Cook, and both Alan and his wife Bonnie have done extensive research on Alan's ancestors by traveling to various locations in the US and UK. Bonnie and Chuck were able to share Cook family research, and Bonnie found additional information in our Riedinger ancestry collection in the schoolhouse. Then, on June 27th, Chuck and I met with CHS members Fran and Tom Coughlin of Atascadero, California, and Tom's Mom Connie of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Fran is descended from many famous founding families of Charlton. Her ancestors include Rev. William Clark and John Holmes. John Holmes was elected as an Elder of the Freehold Presbyterian Church in their first election of Elders in 1787. He also built a sawmill in 1774, located where Crane Street crosses the Alplaus, and brought his family to Charlton in 1775. Fran says that she is also descended from the Conde and Kirby families. Our long time member, Gail Harkness, joined us out of interest in that he and his wife Joyce live in the Hamlet in the former home of the same William Clark, a home later owned by the Conde family. Again we shared ancestry information and Fran found more in our Riedinger collection. The Coughlins treated Chuck and me to a wonderful lunch at the Tavern, compliments of Fran's Mom Marian, who could not make the trip and to whom we thank. Lunch was special in that it was also Chuck's birthday. Sue

Sacandaga Task Force for Senior Living - Northville





Bonnie and Alan Cook



Fran and Tom Coughlin with Sue York. Sue's camera decided to quit for lack of fresh batteries or Connie Coughlin would have been in the photo.

Charlton Seniors

The Charlton Seniors program on September 27, 2017 will feature Howie Eskin, with a presentation on the History of the Erie Canal. This is also the Seniors Annual Meeting. The Charlton Seniors meet in the Charlton Community Center. The public is welcome to attend all regular meetings and special events. Come at 9:30 AM to the meetings and enjoy refreshments and socializing before the speaker starts. Contact Marv at 399-4161 for questions, or information about Charlton Seniors programs.

More support is needed

The Charlton Historical Society is always in need of volunteers and people to serve on the Board of Trustees. At the November membership meeting, we will be voting on the 2018 Board of Trustees and we are always looking for additional members. We need a Recording Secretary in that Nancy is not able to make the Board meetings due to a conflict. We might also need a new President or Co-President, like what Catherine and Mary chose to do. We **ESPECIALLY** need a 5K Race Coordinator to replace Bill Herkenham who is stepping down from the position. The Race Committee has many dedicated volunteers who will support the Race Coordinator to make this job much easier.

Amazon Smile

Remember that 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 and then proceed to shop.

Estella's House Plaque Program

Years ago, Estella VanDerzee researched and set up a program to provide bronze house plaques for people who wanted to place one on their home, especially if they lived in one of Charlton's historic homes. Gail Harkness saw the bronze plaque on the museum and wondered if he could buy one for his and Joyce's historic William Clark house in the Hamlet. I located Estella's records and was able to order one for Gail. They are quite expensive now, and I am not hawking the program, but if there is someone who would also like to buy one, call Susan York at 518 399-3797 or Email YorkMM474@aol.com. Estella ran her program at a small profit, but I arranged for Gail's at cost.

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