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Summer 2025 Newsletter- Volume 34 #3

Prepared by Co-Presidents- Alice Crotty and Jill Hofmann



 1920 Farrington Diary donated by Merri-Lou McKeever.



Framed Portrait
Fannie Steele Maxwell
Haynes donated by
Ann Reinhart.

 Blue Corners Book used at School house district #1 donated by Chet Opalka.



 Frank Lafforthan Carved and Painted Birds donated by Lynda Battenhausen.



MUSEUM HOURS

Our museum summer hours have come to a close and we want to thank everyone who

who took a turn or two to help host in the museum. Everything will remain as is for several weeks should anyone want to see it or get your 2025 button -contact Sue at 518-399-3797. Jill and Alice did a great job to overhaul our displays, to make everything more interesting.

2025 CHS Founders Day Button

They were made locally- right here in Charlton by the:
Happy Little
Button Shop.



VOLUNTEER We are always accept

We are always accepting volunteers to help out! We are currently looking for a curator.

Email us at charltonhist@gmail.com



PAST EVENTS









In May 2025, we had 2 events:

- house at the schoolhouse to view this video teaching us the history of our Founders Day this year- the Blue Corners Hamlet in West Charlton. We even had surprise guests, Mary Opalka's son and daughter- Chet Opalka and Mary Bramer.
- The 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony at Gideon Hawley Park. Peter Parker, chairman of the Charlton Veterans Committee, was the MC. Our guest speaker Col. Mary Brandt spoke about the progress at the Legacy Corner at Dutch Meadow Rd. and Rt. 50 in Glenville. Michaela St. John sang the National Anthem and Charlton Heights Scout Troops raised the flag and placed the wreath at the Veterans Wall. We also had Rev. Brian Parsons from Freehold Presbyterian Church say the prayers and Patricia Parker narrated the "Missing Man Ceremony".

In the busy month of June 2025, we had:

• The 27th Annual Charlton Heritage 5K Race 6/7/25 – This is the Charlton Historical Society's only Fundraiser to help maintain our 2 historic buildings and preserve the artifacts that have been entrusted to our care. We had an awesome turnout with 310 runners despite the extremely rainy weather conditions. The rain didn't stop those die hard runners especially when they all got a slice of Smith's Apple Pie at the end. We would like to thank our sponsors below, TJ Lyons for directing the 5K Event and our volunteers because without you, it wouldn't have been possible. Go to www.charlton5k.org to see all the race pictures and results for 2025. Please contact us to pick up your Bib/Award/T-shirt.



Ken Crotty 2025 Race Starter



TJ Lyons
5K Race Director
2025 5K Committee:
TJ Lyons, Marty
Wilson, Pat Parker,
Sue York, John Shea,
Jill Hofmann, Alice
Crotty and Ken Crotty.





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UPCOMING 2025 CHS PROGRAMS

October 1st @7pm- Revolutionary War depicted by Rick Reynolds and Metal Detecting.



Join us for a night of discovering our local heroes as we watch the documentary film "America 250: The Ballston Connection" This film was directed by Ballston Town Historian Rick Reynolds and filmed and edited by West Charlton resident Dave Waite.

November 5th @7pm- Charlton Resident **Business Owners Social**

Calling all Business owners who live in Charlton to our November Program. Have fun socializing with other business owners and learning about the history of Businesses in Charlton.

December 1st -Charlton Historical Society's Annual Holiday Party at the Charlton Tavern.

Save the date on your calendars to join us for a night of good food, the silent auction raffle, singing carols, and a new game. Last year we had a fun picture game and this year we would like to do a game called "Guess Who's Fun Fact". Just send a few fun facts about yourself to jillbsvc@gmail.com or text (518) 378-6865 so we can play this fun guessing game at the party.

Holiday Menu:

The menu will contain your favorite meals to choose from.

The total cost per person this year is \$50 per person. There will be more details in the next newsletter.



PAST EVENTS CONTINUED...

The 27th Annual Charlton Heritage 5K Race 6/7/25 continued:







Kyle Miller - 5K 1st Place Winner 18:36 Time



Runner's slice of pie from Charlton's **Smiths Orchard Bake** Shop

The 12th Annual Founders Day Charlton Market 6/8/25 ACELEBRATION OF LOCAL ROOTS & HISTORIC COMMUNITY







This year's market featured an incredible lineup, including:

Maple Acres Farm

Stoney Meadows Farm

Beautiful Bounty Farm

Local Author Tracey Lyons

Charlton Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale

Giggling Otter

Kuehner Creations

Crackling Embers

Charlton Bakes

Minis by Pat

Live music by Tune Folk!





Eats from The Charlton Tavern, Joel's Jerk Hut & The Main Squeeze!

A special thank you to Carrie Shea for directing a wonderful event that celebrated community, creativity and the small-town charm of Charlton.









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OUR NEXT AREA OF FOCUS

- **Digital Preservation-**Continuing the process of securing our documents and artifacts by digital storage.
- **Button Dedications-** We are creating certificates and individually framed CHS Founders Day buttons to present to local groups and individuals.
- **Update the Charlton Letters-**About 40 years ago, the CHS created a document that had pictures and history of the historic buildings in Charlton. We are busy retaking those pictures to update the document.
- **Sweet Recipe Booklet**
- Scheduling our 2026 Programs

DONATIONS

We are always accepting donations in many formsarchives, time, money, ideas and help.

MAINTENANCE

TJ and Ken have been busy maintaining our 2 historic buildings. Relplacing bell ropes, washing windows, replacing the light switches and arranging work on the belfry.









PAST EVENTS CONTINUED...

CHS Library Display 6'x4'8" Case 6/2-6/30/2025 We were asked to create a display for the Ballston

Community Public Library for June. Our theme was the CHS Founders Day Buttons. Every Year since 1969, the CHS has featured an item that is special to Charlton to teach the history of the theme and honor an individual, group, or item. Our display showed a lot of these.



The Charlton Founders Day Parade 6/7/25- What a fantastic event this year featuring our Grand Marshalls (Mary Senk Opalka and David Waite), the Button, Main Street Studio's introduction to the Puppets and ending at the

St. Paul's Museum for the Presentation of the State of New York Legislative Resolution. Thank you to John Hussey and all the volunteers who made the Parade a huge success.

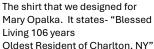






















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JEET THE MAN BEHIND THE SCENES

For years, you have read the newsletter page: "CHUCK LATHAM'S CHARLTON HISTORY FACTS **AND LEGEND".** We would like to introduce you to the man behind the history articles.

Chuck grew up in Saratoga and Graduated from Saratoga High School. He had a successfully huge career involving the United States Air Force. From 1960-1964, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and Zwei Brucken, Germany. Then NY Air National Guard Fed Tech till 2002 (Schenectady, Stewart, and Rome, NY.) Chuck retired at age 60 as a Senior Master Sergeant E8 - the second highest rank in the US Airforce. All this while creating a wonderful family as well. We thank him for his service. He has also been involved with Brookside Museum and the Charlton Historical Society for many years. Thank you Chuck!

See Chuck's family tree fan below. Every CHS trustee gets their family tree fan done by Jill Hofmann and filed into the record of trustee's binder in the schoolhouse.



A FALL GATHERING You're Invited SMALL TOWN ANTIQUES

Country and Primitive Event



COMING EVENTS

Support 2 of our member by attending:

Small Town Antiques on 9/13/2025 from 9a-3p at Barn at the Bridge 250 Lake Hill Road in Burnt Hills.

Sugarbush Lane Mercantile on 9/13/25

(11-4) and 9/14 (12-3). Welcome the fall season with a weekendlong open house event filled with seasonal décor & inspiration. Gather outdoors while sipping complimentary coffee or cider & enjoying a cider donut countryside at 2022 Maple Ave in Charlton.



THE CHARLTON **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** TRUSTEES TEAM

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1st Row: Susan York, Alice Crotty, Jill Hofmann, Carrie Shea 2nd Row: Nancy Bellamy

3rd Row: Ken Crotty, Chuck Latham, Bob Fenton, Jason Nemec Absent from picture-Pat Parker, Don Davis, TJ Lyons, Bill Wehrle (Hopefully, we can take another picture soon with everyone)