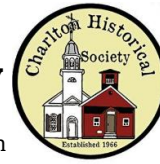




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RECENT DONATIONS

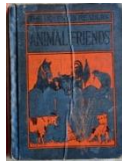
- 1920 Farrington Diary donated by Merri-Lou McKeever.



- 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.



PAST EVENTS

In May 2025, we had 2 events:

- "A Stop Along the Way"** by David Waite. We had a full 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.



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

Email us at charltonhist@gmail.com

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Joe & Mary Grasso
Charlton Town Supervisor



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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:



Joe Grasso -
Town Supervisor with
Mona Lisa Hadcock -
National Anthem Singer



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



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

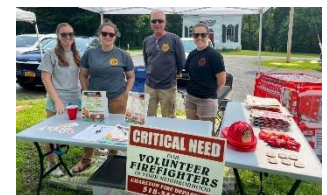
The 12th Annual Founders Day Charlton Market 6/8/25

A CELEBRATION 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 forms- archives, time, money, ideas and help.



MAINTENANCE

TJ and Ken have been busy maintaining our 2 historic buildings. Replacing 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.



The shirt that we designed for Mary Opalka. It states- "Blessed Living 106 years Oldest Resident of Charlton, NY"

