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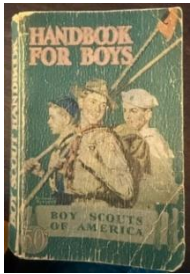
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Prepared by President- Jill Hofmann



## RECENT DONATIONS

\*An antique Bag  
Donated by Bob  
Fenton



\*An old Boy Scout  
Handbook from  
Charlton Troop 4  
donated by Marv  
Livingston.



\*VanPatten Books  
Donated by David  
Peck on 1/4/26.

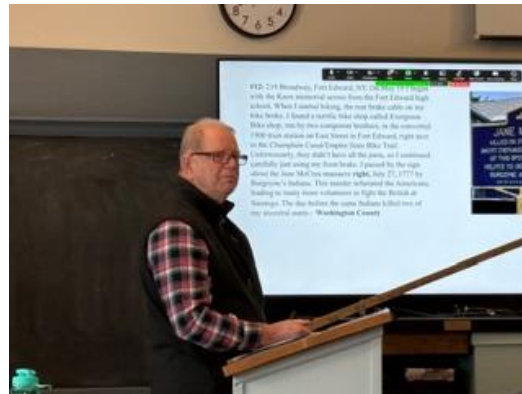
\*Painting done  
By Samuel  
Leone



## PAST EVENTS

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 2pm/ZOOM

What a successful and fun program! We had a full house to hear about Dave Peck's biking adventure to see all 60 Henry Knox Cannon Trail monuments from Ticonderoga to Boston. With fun tidbits, guest speakers from that era, and yummy treats, it was a blast. Thank you Dave, Mira and Lydia!



## MAINTENANCE

- **Portable Podium**-Ken has made the portable Podium that we can use at some of our functions. Alice will be staining it.
- **Belfry Work Complete** -Dave worked through the cold weather to complete the repair of the belfry.







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## UPCOMING 2026 CHS PROGRAMS

- **February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 2pm-** The Charlton Constables Presenters: Tom Parks and Safety from Charlton Fire Dept 1 President Megan Reed.



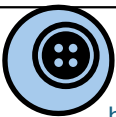
- **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 7pm-** "Spring is Coming" Program. Get ready for Spring by learning all about Blue Birds with Professor Kevin Berner and hearing about the Charlton Garden Club from Bernie Wilson and Marilyn Yurnick.



## THE RETURN OF THE PUMP

Some of you may remember one of the Springer Pumps located next to the Schoolhouse on display behind the white picket fence. The wood rotted out many years ago and Jason Nemec brought it to the Main Street Studios to restore it. Jason returned the restored pump to the schoolhouse. Dennis Morgan worked the most on this project. The handle is now White Oak and it has a large cedar post. The original Springer parts came from the Mari Fettke barn. We will paint it and we get it back installed outside when the weather is better.

Thank you for restoring this old archive.



## BUTTON DEDICATIONS 1/13/26

I recently was able to attend the first part of the Charlton Fire Dept. #1 meeting thanks to TJ Lyons. I presented three buttons to Megan Reed (President). CHS has honored them with buttons from years 1981, 1997, and 2022. They are truly a cherished part of Charlton, NY. See other picture below of Dan Martin holding the buttons and dedication. He is a third generation Charlton Firefighter. A tradition of greatness.





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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save the Date!

The Harmony Corners Volunteer Fire Department is thrilled to announce the celebration of its 100th anniversary. Come and celebrate on Saturday, August 8th, 2026.



In preparation for this event, these 4 Harmony Corners Fireman visited the schoolhouse to gather the photos and archive information that we have. They are also gathering info at their event 1/31/26.

They also took a peek into their family name binders and will be back to view some more.



### SORTING DOCUMENTS

Thank you to Bill Wehrle for working so hard on sorting and flattening out all the super old documents that we have. He is preparing them for scanning and storage. Before that can be done, he is treating them to relax the paper fibers. Quite a few are Callaghan Store documents from the 1800s.

We also have proof that they used small nails or ribbon in the documents to hold them together. Well before the staple or paper clip was invented.



### VOLUNTEER



We are always accepting volunteers to help! As you make your new year's resolutions and re-evaluate what you spend your time on, please think of us.

Email us at [charltonhist@gmail.com](mailto:charltonhist@gmail.com)

Also, like us on Facebook and Instagram so you can stay informed of volunteer opportunities.



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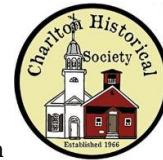


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### Remembering those who have Passed



#### **Alan L. Cook**

5/10/1938 – 12/26/25

He had Charlton ancestors that had a homestead farm on Cook Road. Al and his wife Bonny have been members of CHS and visited us. They have donated many genealogy research books to CHS.

To view his obituary:  
<https://obituaries.greenhillsla.com/alan-cook>



#### **Clifford J. Grupe**

Passed away on  
12/5/2025 at 65 years.

A community farmer and volunteer fireman for the Harmony Fire Dept.

To view his obituary:  
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/clifford-grupe-obituary?id=60253739>



#### **Nancy Louise Pohl Karm**

Passed away on  
1/14/2026 at 73 years.

Nancy and John were Charlton residents and members of CHS.

To view her obituary:  
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesunion-albany/name/nancy-karm-obituary?id=60563392>



#### **Bob Nielsen**

10/16/1941-1/5/2026

He lived for many years in West Charlton and was a volunteer Fireman with the West Charlton Fire Dept.

To view his obituary:  
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/robert-nielsen-obituary?id=60501694>

### NEW CHS SLOGAN

You may have noticed the *"Where Community and History Meet"* in the heading. It's our new slogan. We voted it in last board meeting and feel that it represents what the Charlton Historical Society is and does. Bringing the community together to share our history of what made Charlton and honor those who came before us. Our next goal is to work on combining the 2 logos that we have into one. Stay tuned...



Did you or someone you know attend a one-room schoolhouse in Saratoga County?

Brookside Museum's education department is collecting stories for an upcoming research project and would love to hear your story. Please contact Charlene DuBuque, Director of Education, at:

[charlene@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:charlene@brooksidemuseum.org)  
or 518-683-6387.



### CONSULTATION WITH BROOKSIDE

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Field Horne and Anne came to visit Bill Wehrle and I at the Schoolhouse. They viewed some of our paper archives and taught us how to best straighten, preserve and organize them.

Then on January 9<sup>th</sup>, we were invited to Brookside Museum, where Field gave us the grand tour and showed us how he has organized the archives there. See picture to the right of Field holding one of our documents from the 1800's. A wonderful state farm census.





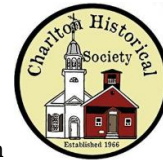
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## OUR NEXT AREA OF FOCUS

- **Digital Preservation Continues-** Jill is up to 87 (3-ring binders) and turned all the negative films to digital. Bill is currently sorting the old documents to be scanned.
- **Button Dedications Continue-** We are still handing out certificates and individually framed CHS Founders Day buttons to local groups and individuals.
- **Update the Charlton House Letters-** About 40 years ago, CHS created a document that had pictures and history of the historic buildings/houses in Charlton. I am busy retaking those pictures to update the document.
- **A new logo** that combines our old ones and represents the Charlton Historical Society in our community.
- **Scanning our Yearbooks to Ancestry.com**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your 2026 membership dues promptly and to those who added donations to your check.

If you haven't had a chance to send it in yet, no problem- here is the link to the form on our website.

<https://www.charltonnyhs.org/CHS%20Membership%20Form%2023.pdf>

### Contact Information:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Town, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership:

Individual dues (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_  
Family dues (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_  
Business (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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☐ Mail printed

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## THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES TEAM



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<b>Nancy Bellamy</b>	Trustee	518-399-8508
<b>Susan York</b>	Treasurer	518-399-3797
<b>Bob Fenton</b>	Investment Funds	518-882-6009
<b>Ken Crotty</b>	Maintenance, Website	518-764-5210
<b>Don Davis</b>	CHS Historian	518-557-8679
<b>Chuck Latham</b>	Genealogy, History Buff	518-384-0130
<b>TJ Lyons</b>	5K Race Director, Maintenance	518-948-0626
<b>Carrie Shea</b>	Vice President, Social Media, Farmers Market Director	518-791-3172
<b>Jason Nemec</b>	Digital Design, Craftsman	518-256-1816
<b>Bill Wehrle</b>	Co-Curator	518-399-7695
<b>Molly Paniccia</b>	Corresponding Secretary	518-301-6366



1<sup>st</sup> Row: Susan York, Alice Crotty, Jill Hofmann, Carrie Shea  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Nancy Bellamy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Ken Crotty, Chuck Latham, Bob Fenton, Jason Nemec  
Absent from picture-Pat Parker, Don Davis, TJ Lyons, Bill Wehrle,  
Molly Paniccia