



Charlton Historical Society

"Where Community and History Meet"

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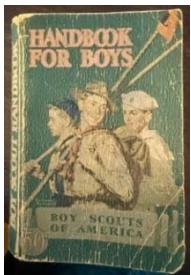
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Prepared by President- Jill Hofmann



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



MAINTENANCE

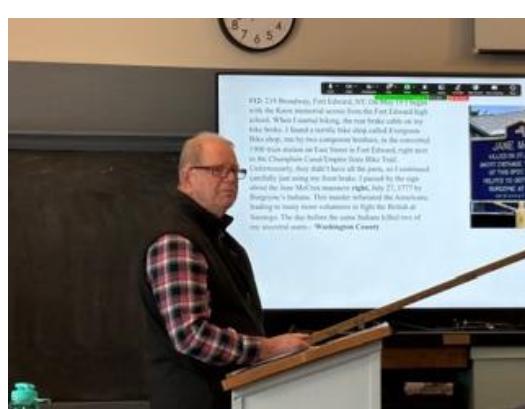
- **Portable Podium**-Ken has made the portable Podium that we can use at some of our functions. Alice will be staining it.
- **Belfry Work Complete** -Dave worked through the cold weather to complete the repair of the belfry.



PAST EVENTS

January 4th 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!





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UPCOMING 2026 CHS PROGRAMS

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



- **March 4th, 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.

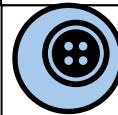


THE RETURN OF THE PUMP

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 Nemecek 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

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





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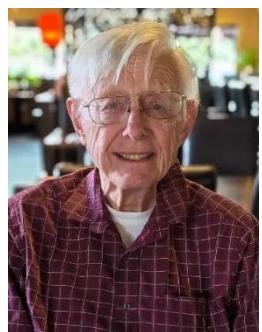
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Remembering those who have Passed



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
or 518-683-6387.

CONSULTATION WITH BROOKSIDE



On January 2nd, 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 9th, 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 Dedication 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%20Form2023.pdf>

Contact Information:

Name(s) _____

Street or PO Box _____

Town, State, ZIP _____

Phone # _____

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Membership:

Individual dues (\$15) _____

Family dues (\$20) _____

Business (\$25) _____

Donation \$ _____

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Molly Paniccia	Corresponding Secretary	518-301-6366



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,

Molly Paniccia