



Charlton Historical Society

"Where Community and History Meet"

2009 Maple Ave. Charlton, NY 12019

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Prepared by President- Jill Hofmann



RECENT DONATIONS

- 40 Pictures, 13 newspaper articles, 2 laminated maps of Charlton, 2 copied pages from the 1st meeting minutes of Charlton, 4 tickets, and 4 business cards donated by Tom Parks on 2/8/26.



PAST EVENTS



February 8th 2026 @ 2pm/ZOOM

What a successful and fun program! We had a full house to hear from Charlton Constable Tom Parks career and Safety from Charlton Fire Dept #1- President Megan Reed along with TJ Lyons. We were also delighted to hear a Quartet from the Racing City Chorus.



MAINTENANCE

- Portable Podium**-Ken has made the portable Podium that we can use at some of our functions. Alice stained it.



Museum Floor Support Work –

Dave has completed this by adding the support blocking and lally columns . Please let us know if you would like to donate money to help with this cost.





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UPCOMING 2026 CHS PROGRAMS

- **April 11th- @ 6pm Moveable Feast-** Join us to move through Charlton one dinner course at a time. See details on the next page.
- **May 6th Children's Program @** Main Street Studio 6-7:30pm.
- **May 25th- Memorial Day Ceremony** at Gideon Hawley Park in Charlton @2pm.
- **June 6th -Charlton Heritage 5k Walk/Run.** This is our only major fundraiser and we **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to make it a success. Please contact tj@lyonetics.com if you would like to help with refreshments, course marshal, registration, water or awards.
- **June 7th- Founders Day Parade and Farmers Market**



PAST EVENTS CONT...

March 4th, 2026 @ 7pm- "Spring is Coming" Program. We had 3 guest speakers!

- Master Gardner- Suzanne Carreker-Voigt from Cornell Cooperative Extension. She taught us how to prepare, test, and fertilize soil and new local seed libraries.
- Marilyn Yunick from the Charlton Garden Club talked about their history, what they do, their new Facebook page and how to join.
- Prof. Kevin Berner talked about everything Blue Bird related. It was amazing to hear about this creature and I'm sure it inspired us all to get our own bird boxes.



We also had wonderful treats to share including Molly's big cookies and Jill's carrot cake muffins.

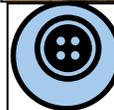


CORRESPONDANCE

- Molly has stepped up our game by adding our archived Charlton historical rubber stamp to wax seal her correspondence.



It is such a nice touch and we are happy to have her on board our team.



BUTTON DEDICATIONS

On 3/15/26, Molly and I attended the church service at West Charlton United Presbyterian Church (Scotch Church). We presented them with their 2024 Founders Day Button honoring Scotch Church and the West Charlton Hamlet. If you haven't checked out the new Rev. Evan Walker, you should! He is the Reverend for both the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa and West Charlton United Presbyterian. The service in West Charlton starts at 11:00am Sundays and they also have Zoom available. This church is a beautiful historical part of Charlton and is cherished.



This old picture to the left is from the archives of Connie Wood and is now copied in to CHS.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save the Date and RSVP!



CHS ANNUAL MOVEABLE FEAST

Saturday, April 11, 2026
The cost is \$20 per person

April not only brings us Spring flowers, but it also signals it's time for our annual Charlton Historical Society Moveable Feast. To celebrate the spring season, join us at the Moveable Feast for a delicious way to spend time with our Charlton Historical Society friends.

6:00 pm -Start Schoolhouse, 2009 Maple Avenue, Charlton for Hors d'oeuvres, wine, and soft drinks.

7:00 pm small groups will be assigned to a member Host's home for the entrée catered by the Charlton Tavern.

8:30 pm We will rendezvous at Mari Fettke's home at 1244 Eastern Avenue for dessert, coffee and/or tea.

Dinner Menu

Entrée - Chicken Bruschetta with Roasted Potatoes

Salad - provided by the Host.

Bread - Provided by Host.

Beverage/wine - Provided by Host

RSVP to Alice Crotty at crottyao@aol.com 518-399-4153 or Sue York yorkm474@aol.com 518-399-3797 by Sunday, April 6th. **Send check to Sue York, 18 Cortland Dr, Charlton 12019.** Please let us know if you have any questions or a special diet.

Volunteers are needed to host at their house for the dinner portion of the event. Remember, the dinner host does not pay \$20, but provides the salad, bread and beverage to complement the entrée.

It's time for the annual Charlton Historical Society's Moveable Feast!

RSVP to Alice at crottyao@aol.com or Sue at yorkm474@aol.com.

- We will start out at the Schoolhouse at 6pm for munchies then off in groups to a house in Charlton for a Charlton Tavern dinner. We finalize the evening with dessert at Mari Fettke's house.
- It is a wonderful Charlton Historical Society tradition. Don't miss out!



Brookside Museum's First One-Room Schoolhouse Oral History Video Is Now Live

Now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/eK-JtLwG-no?si=atX3RFII75icGutA>

This episode features Lorraine Janack of Charlton, NY, who reflects on her time at Ballston District #6 V Corners School.



To tell your one room schoolhouse experience, email: charlene@brooksidemuseum.org



Charlton Veterans are eligible to be added to the Board at the Gideon Hawley Park if they:

1. Have been resident in Charlton for at least 8 years
2. Have received an honorable discharge.

Please send request to:

The Veterans Board Committee

Charlton Town Hall
758 Charlton Road
Charlton, NY 12019

or fax to (518) 384-0385 by **MAY 1, 2026**



SEED LIBRARY

The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Community Library and the Galway Public Library have added Seed Libraries. If you would like to share seeds with the community, please be sure they are healthy, clean, and dry Non-GMO and open-pollinated or heirloom seeds are preferred when possible. To donate, stop by the circulation desk to complete a seed donation for and place your seed in the seed donation box. Every seed shared helps our community grow- thank you for supporting this program.



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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OUR NEXT AREA OF FOCUS

- **Digital Preservation Continues-** Jill is up to 96 (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.



CHS MEMBERSHIP

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

<https://www.charltonnyhs.org/CHS%20Membership%20Form2023.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 \$ _____

Newsletter delivery preference:

- Email (except November)
 Mail printed

Checks Payable to: The Charlton Historical Society

Mail your check and this form to:
 Susan York
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THE CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES TEAM



Alice Crotty	Past President, Programs	518-399-4153
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Nancy Bellamy	Trustee	518-399-8508
Susan York	Treasurer	518-399-3797
Bob Fenton	Investment Funds	518-882-6009
Ken Crotty	Maintenance, Website	518-764-5210
Don Davis	CHS Historian	518-557-8679
Chuck Latham	Genealogy, History Buff	518-384-0130
TJ Lyons	5K Race Director, Maintenance	518-948-0626
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Jason Nemec	Digital Design, Craftsman	518-256-1816
Bill Wehrle	Co-Curator	518-399-7695
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