



Charlton Historical Society News

May 2008

Spring Updates

We've had interesting, well-attended meetings and events this winter and look forward to more fun this spring and summer. Thank you again to Matt George and Malcolm Horton who delivered fascinating presentations on "The Life of an Area Civil War Soldier" and "Our Region's Electrical Trolley Systems"... and also to Catherine Caine and Mary MacDonald for preparing the delicious Coq au Vin and an amazing array of desserts for this year's French-Inspired Movable Feast.

The Feast is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow CHS members and enjoy a gourmet meal with new friends. Thanks to the many creative and dedicated individuals who make this annual event possible: Laura Linder, Carolyn Setzer, and Sue York who provided appetizers and festive decorations at the Schoolhouse; Bob & Stacy Fenton, Don & Annette Gentile, Jeff & Suzanne Voigt, Dave & Carol Schweizer for opening their homes and serving the meal, and John & Mari Fettke for hosting the entire crowd for dessert.

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Leprechaun Johnny O'Fettke greets guests in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day

Welcome New Members

The Charlton Historical Society welcomes our newest members, Michael & Cynthia Turgeon who were married in the Schoolhouse on April 13th...the perfect setting for this couple to exchange vows as both are teachers! CHS member and Justice of the Peace, Fred Acunto, officiated.



Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, May 7

7:30 PM, Maple Ave. Schoolhouse

Evolution of Kayaks & Canoes

Chuck Newland, member of the Adirondack Mountain Club's Albany Chapter, will explain the Evolution of Kayaks and Canoes from the 1880s to the present. Don't miss this educational and timely presentation and a chance to see Chuck's handmade canoe in person. You may decide that "simple" boat-building is over your head, but it will inspire you to get out on one of our region's many waterways to enjoy the spring and summer!



Upcoming Programs... (cont'd)

Monday, May 26

2:00 PM, Gideon Hawley Park

Memorial Day Service

We are proud to be hosting our 41st Annual Memorial Day Service to pay tribute to our veterans. In keeping with this year's "nurses" theme, our speaker's topic will be "Nurses in the Military". Please take time to attend this very moving service with flag ceremony, national anthem and trumpet salute, and reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day. Bring your lawn chair- in case of rain we'll meet at the Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church. Old and worn flags will also be collected and taken to Stratton National Cemetery to be properly burned in their Flag Day ceremony.

Saturday, May 31 & Sunday, June 1

See insert for times and locations

40th Annual Founder's Day

This year we celebrate our 40th Annual Founder's Day which has grown into a weekend of events. The Charlton Heritage 5K Run and Walk kicks off the activities, the Charlton Historical Society Museum opens for the season with a special exhibit on Bellevue Hospital, and the Charlton Community Art Exhibit transforms the schoolhouse into an impressive and expanded gallery. Visit CHS at Party in the Park- we'll have coffee available and showcase our new limited edition ornament (1st in a series) and more Charlton items.

The 40th Annual Founder's Day Parade will honor Charlton's Nurses (all are invited to participate) and the late M. Grace Nordlund Jorgensen, who moved to Charlton with her family as a teen, became a nurse, and founded Bellevue Hospital. Her daughter, Grace Jorgensen, M.D., will be our Parade Grand Marshal. Following the parade there will be a brief recognition ceremony and free ice cream social afterward (sponsored by the Saratoga County Dairy Promotion Committee "June is Dairy Month")

SIGN UP · VOLUNTEER · PARTICIPATE

Charlton Heritage 5K Run & Walk (& 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run)

Many volunteers are needed to help with the run which is the Society's biggest annual fundraiser. If you can volunteer some time please contact Bill Herkenham at 384-0065.

To enter the run/walk... please visit www.charlton5k.org and register online. Standard registration (**by May 27**) is \$16, Late registration (day of event) is \$20. Registration for the Kids' 1 mile Fun run is \$10. Sign up early and receive a free T-shirt! (first 200 entries)

New this year: If you can't participate in the run/walk, become a "Friend of the 5K" for \$20 and contact Bill Herkenham ASAP to add your name to the Charlton Heritage 5K banner.

Charlton Community Art Exhibit

Original artwork sought for the Charlton Community Art Exhibit held at the CHS schoolhouse on Maple Avenue. All mediums are eligible (space permitting) including fine home arts- ie. painting, sculpture, photography, original needlework, etc. Content should be family-friendly. Entry fee: \$5 per person- limit of 3 pieces per artist. Submit applications (available at Town Hall) by **May 15th**. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Schmidt at 882-6839.

40th Annual Founder's Day Parade

Seeking Charlton Nurses: active, retired, from Charlton, living in Charlton, etc... We want to honor YOU! CHS member Annette Gentile is coordinating all nurses to participate in the Parade. If interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Annette at 399-1748.

Memories of Bellevue: Did you see the Gazette Article on April 17th?...*Parade to honor Charlton's Nurses and Bellevue Hospital's Founder.* If you have memories to share about Bellevue, please send to Estella VanDerzee, 1203 Eastern Ave, Charlton, NY 12019

Parade Entries: Volunteer organizations, marching bands, Charlton area businesses, and individuals with unique entries- ie. vintage cars, horses.. please register your parade entry by **May 15th**! Contact Peter Parker 882-9099. Lineup begins at 1pm, parade starts at 2pm. (Horse entries- please provide someone to clean up)

Founder's Weekend Events Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 31

8-9:45 am

Sign up- Charlton Heritage 5K Run & Walk CHS Schoolhouse, Maple Avenue

8:30am-4pm

Charlton Historical Society Museum open with special exhibits, Maple Avenue

10am

Charlton Heritage 5K Run & Walk Begins at CHS Schoolhouse, Maple Avenue

11am

Kid's Fun Run (1 mile) Begins at CHS Schoolhouse, Maple Avenue

11am-5pm

Charlton Community Art Exhibit CHS Schoolhouse, Maple Avenue

1-4pm

Charlton Swim & Sand Castle Contest, Little Troy Park

4-9pm

Charlton's Party in the Park (Rain Date June 1)

Elmer Smith Park... *Visit the CHS booth for Coffee and Charlton memorabilia!*

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11am-5pm

Charlton Community Art Exhibit CHS Schoolhouse, Maple Avenue

11am-4pm

Food, Bake Sale, & Artisan Craft Fair at Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church

11:30am-4pm

Charlton Historical Society Museum open with special exhibits, Maple Avenue

2 pm

40th Annual Founder's Day Parade

Honoring Charlton's Nurses and the late M. Grace Nordlund Jorgensen, Charlton Nurse and Founder of Bellevue Hospital.

Brief Recognition Ceremony

on the steps of the CHS Museum immediately following the parade. Come & recognize the parade honorees.

Free Ice Cream Social

Following the recognition ceremony- at the tent outside the CHS Schoolhouse. Sponsored by the Saratoga County Dairy Promotion Committee- "June is Dairy Month".

NEW!!! 1ST IN SERIES, LIMITED EDITION CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORNAMENTS

Our new ornaments have arrived and are selling quickly... Don't miss your chance to collect the first in a series of engraved pewter ornaments featuring some treasured Charlton landmarks. This year's rendition is pictured below- **Charlton Historical Society Museum** (formerly St. Paul's Episcopal Church) on Maple Avenue, which was built in 1804. Each ornament comes with sturdy silver cord, packed in a black gift box. Great keepsakes for Christmas, or to tie on wedding gifts. A special collectible for anyone who loves Charlton. Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming up!

Ornaments will be available for sale at our upcoming meetings and events. Have a suggestion for future ornament designs? Please let us know!

CHS Museum Ornament \$10.00 each



Mother's Day is May 11

Give Mom a Charlton coverlet to keep her cozy on these cool spring nights... and adorn the package with our NEW first-in-series limited edition ornament! Father's Day is also coming up: for the Dad who has everything, how about a Charlton T-shirt!

Museum Volunteers Needed...

The Charlton Historical Society Museum will be open from July 5 to August 31 on Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4PM. We need volunteers to staff the museum during these afternoons. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call Sue York at 399-3797 to arrange a date. It's a chance to spend a quiet afternoon enjoying all of the interesting items from our history.

Sadly, if we can not find a sufficient number of volunteers to staff the museum, we will not be able to open every weekend. Please sign up for a 2-hour slot... you'll be glad you did!

Tents for Rent:

We will be renting out our tents again at \$60 per side. Each side is 20'x20'. For more information, please call Catherine Caine at 384-3948.



Wednesday, July 23
7:00 PM, Maple Ave. Schoolhouse
Free Jazz Concert

Celebrate summer in Charlton with a free jazz concert by the Drew Coles Band. Bring your lounge chair, stretch out under the stars, and enjoy some phenomenal jazz by these talented young musicians. Donations to CHS appreciated to help offset the cost. We will also offer coffee and slices of pie for sale. (pies made by Smith's Orchard Bake Shop in Charlton)

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Late Summer...
Date & Program to Be Announced

 We're planning a combined event
 with the Harmony Community Center to be
 held at Harmony Hall. We'll keep you
 posted with all the details!

WHO CAN I CONTACT ABOUT...

Memorial Day

Memorial Day Observance Betty Lou Wessell 399-3586

Founders' Weekend

Charlton Heritage 5K	Bill Herkenham	384-0065	www.charlton5k.org
Sand Castle Contest	Teddi Smith	399-5955	
Party in the Park	Alan Grattidge	384-0152 ext. 207	
"Charlton Nurses Sought"	Annette Gentile	399-1748	
Memories of Bellevue	Estella VanDerzee	882-6125	
Founder's Day Parade	Peter Parker	882-9099	

Summer

Volunteering at the Museum	Sue York	399-3797
Free Jazz Concert	Mary MacDonald	885-3204
CHS/Harmony Event	Howie & Lita Eskin	882-6809



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We also thank Senator Farley and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the recent announcement of an \$8500 grant (pending final approval) to paint the interior of the CHS Museum. Last year's grant will be used toward replacing the roof. A contract has been signed with Star Roofing to start this project in early June, following Founder's Day.

Introduce friends & neighbors to CHS....

Please come and bring a friend to our May meeting, Memorial Day Observance, Founder's Weekend events and Summer Jazz Concert... stay tuned for more fun to follow. All are welcome and encouraged to join the Society!

Regards,

Penny Heritage
President, CHS

Thank You!!!

-- To G.E.'s Elfun Society for donating a 36" TV and VCR which we will use to show historical education programs. The picture is beautiful-- we purchased a 44" high, heavy duty wheeled cart for visibility/portability and are looking for a DVD player to complete the package. If you know of someone who is upgrading their own system and looking for a home for a DVD player, please let us know.

-- To Clarence Linder for auditing the Historical Society's 2007 books. A tedious but essential job and we appreciate it!

-- To all who work behind the scenes to help the Society operate and and continue its mission

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