



CHITTENDEN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2011

SPRING MEETINGS

March

As the first meeting of the year, March was the organizational meeting for deciding programs, hikes, trips for the year. The most popular selections win and we try to schedule them.

April

A short program regarding Samuel Harrison's role in the Jonathan Carver Mississippi land speculation in 1813 was followed by reminiscing.

May

Movie night with popcorn and lemonade video, "In Days Gone By: Vermont Country Ways," was enjoyed by all.

On May 19, we hiked to iron mines in Chittenden via Pittsfield, planned last fall but interrupted by Hurricane Irene.

Memorial Day

This year the Memorial Day observance was officiated by Gene Sargent, who produced a beautiful and meaningful program in Memorial Park beneath the revitalized and updated honor role in South Chittenden (a veterans' project). Martha Welch continued the old tradition of dropping lilac blossoms in a stream in remembrance of deceased veterans. Coffee, tea and cookies were provided by Glenna Sargent in Town Hall.

June

The June meeting was all about business of the Society. Several new initiatives and ideas for future programs of interest to the community were discussed.

On June 19, Greg Sharrow, sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council, presented a workshop teaching interviewing skills for our use.

We now have a digital projector, courtesy of Bob Case and Bob Muzzy, to better show slides and photos.



Exploring the iron mine in East Chittenden

The CHS, Inc., proudly announces that Patrick Dugan, son of Margaret and Jim Dugan of Chittenden, was chosen for the Muzzy Davenport Award, given for outstanding work in history and interest in local history at Barstow. We look forward to seeing Patrick and his project at our meeting on July 12.

Projects

Each summer we invite community members to learn about and join the Chittenden Historical Society. Chittenden has a rich history that should be researched, celebrated, and shared.

Here we live in Chittenden, Vermont, a cradle of freedom and citizenship. Do you know that with a population of just over 1200, there are as many as 19 Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Chittenden?

Vermonters spread across the nation, bringing the values they learned in Vermont.

Vermont is a great place to live because our forebears made it so. The Chittenden Historical Society strives for cultural preservation of that heritage.

Many aspects of our heritage are alive and relevant today.

In a time of instant everything, the Society can provide an historical context for current activities and ideas and can fulfill the need for a sense of place.

Our mission is to preserve, and share through education, town history. In our programming, we try to include something for everyone:

We sponsor educational field trips and hikes to explore the town's early history

We endeavor to bring programs of interest to our town on meeting nights.

We collect and preserve photos, artifacts, oral histories, genealogies, and historical accounts of town places and events.

Our past activities have included sponsoring a Memorial Day event to honor our living and deceased military personnel, preservation and restoration of the Grange Hall, the Muzzy Davenport Award for best school project about local history, and hikes to places with historical significance.

To be a member, you do not have to be an officer, just follow your interests. We are a 501(c)3 corporation; all donations and memberships are tax deductible.

**Your support helps preserve and share town history
Come to the Ice Cream Social July 12**

Ice Cream, Vermont Sundae Sauces, Fresh Strawberries, Whipped Cream!

*The Chittenden Historical Society meets on the second Thursday of the month,
March through November at 7:30 pm in Town Hall on Holden Road.*

Visitors and new members are welcome!

Spring Hike



Bob Muzzy describes the magnetite ore found at the iron processing site



MEMBERSHIP

We would be excited to have you join the Chittenden Historical Society. Pick the level where you feel most comfortable and fill out the form below and mail it with your payment to the Chittenden Historical Society, PO Box 89, Chittenden, VT 05737. Our thanks to all of you who have already answered.

Membership Levels

Student	\$ 3
Senior	\$ 6
Regular	\$ 10
Contributing	\$ 20
Supporting	\$ 60
Life	\$150

Name

Address

Town

State

Zip

Phone

E-mail

Membership Amount Enclosed

Thank you for your generous support.

Watch for coming activities:

July 12, meeting: 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Meet the Muzzy Davenport Award recipient at the ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

August 9, meeting: 7:30 pm South Town Hall. To be announced

September 13, meeting: 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Business meeting and Remember When Night. Bring your stories.

October 11, meeting and potluck dinner: 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall. VT Humanities Council Speaker Jane Beck presentation "Alec Turner: From Slavery to Freedom (Members only pot luck supper precedes the talk at 6:00.)

November 8, annual meeting: Dinner out! Time and place to be announced. Election of officers.

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