



CHITTENDEN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2013

SPRING MEETINGS

March

The March meeting, the first of the year, was the organizational meeting for deciding programs, hikes, trips for the year. The selections are reflected in our schedule on the last page for the coming months.

April

Lloyd Davis showed old-time movies with his vintage 8mm projector. Among the selections viewed were Laurel and Hardy, W.C. Fields, and an anthology of famous 1890s clips showing Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Chicago street cars and bathing beauties.

May

In May we showed the excellent video taken by Rebecca Kerns of the trip to the 1792 Pittsford Iron Furnace. The detailed description of history and operation of the furnace by Allen Hitchcock, whose family has owned the area for about 200 years, is a treasure.

June

The June meeting was primarily for business of the Society. Later we had time for a short video of the trip to Honto's Cave the previous

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Spring has been very busy as we moved next door into the vacated Town Clerks office. Angela Moncrief helped with painting the vault; Steve Welch muscled file cabinets down the stairs in Town Hall and into the vault; and Martha J. Welch and Elaine Meyers weeded gardens. Elaine donated a lilac to fill out an empty space.

We worked in two field trips this spring, first to the Pittsford Iron Furnace in April and to Honto's Cave and Indian sacred ground in May with Bob Muzzy as our guide.



Exploring the demonstration of a working sawmill blade erected on the site of the Pittsford Iron Furnace

The CHS, Inc., proudly announces that Alisha Arshad, daughter of Arshad Rashid and Dinku Basheer 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 Alisha and her project at our meeting on July 11.

Projects

Each summer we host an Ice Cream Social to introduce community members to the Chittenden Historical Society and invite them to join. Our mission is to preserve, and share our rich town history.

In our programming, we present field trips and hikes to explore the town's early history and historical programs at our monthly meetings.

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

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.

This year, through the generosity of the Board of Selectmen, we were able to move into the prior Town Office building on Holden Road. Our records, some over 100 years old, are now in the previous Town Clerk's vault. At last, everything is on one floor and much more accessible for everyone. Even a few displays are now up.



We invite you to visit.

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 11
and presentation by Muzzy Davenport Award recipient.**

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 7:00 pm at the Society on Holden Road.
Visitors and new members are welcome!*

Spring Hikes



L: Allen Hitchcock describes the Iron Furnace; R: Hike to Indian sacred ground and Honto's Cave



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 11, meeting: 7:00 pm Historical Society. Meet the Muzzy Davenport Award recipient at the ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

August 8, meeting: 7:00 pm South Town Hall. Program is Building of East Pittsford Pond

September 12, meeting: 7:00 pm South Town Hall. Business meeting and Remember When Night. Bring your stories!

October 10, meeting and potluck dinner: 7:00 pm at the GRANGE HALL. VT Humanities Council Speaker Michael Tougias returns to present "Indian Wars of New England" (Members only pot luck supper precedes the talk at 6:00.)

November 14, annual meeting: Dinner out! Time and place to be announced. Election of officers.

Notice:

The third edition of *Chittenden, Vermont: A Town History* is now in! Books are available at the Town Clerk's office or the Society for \$30. For mailing, add \$4 for postage. All proceeds go to Chittenden Historical Society.

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