



CHITTENDEN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PO Box 89

Chittenden, Vermont 05737

SUMMER 2014

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

Jason Smiley shared his research on the Eddy family with us at the Grange Hall. His presentation was complete, factual, unsensationalized, and gave some very interesting insights into this phenomenal family.

May

Julia Purdy, with "Ashes and Pearls," told the story of Vermont's first industry. Potash was a very lucrative product exported to England. The Embargo Acts of 1807 and 1808 led to smuggling and an increase in price until potash was supplanted by the cheaper mineral salts from Germany.

June

The June business meeting did not meet quorum, so no business was conducted.

Over the June 21 and 22 weekend, the CHS participated in the Vermont Historical Society Expo 2014 in Tunbridge with the theme of "Artists and Artisans." We exhibited photos of Lena Osgood, taken between 1893 and 1908. In 1908 Lena moved to Ohio and married Arthur Long, son of Henry Long of Chittenden. From all accounts, she never took any more photos. Lena and Arthur retired in Saxton's River to be near the rest of her family, and after her death at age 96, 228 glass plates and over 350 mounted photographs were found in her attic -- all of this area.

Thanks go to Elaine and Joseph Meyers and Lindra Moerdyk and Bruce McNally for help in creating and manning the exhibit.

The CHS, Inc., proudly announces that Victoria Quint, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Quint 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 Victoria and her project at our meeting on July 8th.

Thanks also go to Kellie Becker for her weeding of the garden out front of the Society building!

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We conducted two field trips this spring. The first was a walk down the upper Dugway Road one misty Sunday afternoon. We were excited to find the Sargent/Edmunds cellar hole.

Secondly we hiked to the remains of the 1905 East Pittsford Dam with George Butts and John Weeden as our guides. Although a section near the spillway was breached in 1947, the main part of the dam is still there, as is the gatehouse, which is not visible from the east end of the dam for the heavy tree growth over 65 years.

Before and after pictures are on page 3 of this issue.



Hikers on bridge over East Creek near
East Pittsford Dam.

Projects

We are pleased to announce our annual summer Ice Cream Social to introduce community members to the Chittenden Historical Society and invite them to join us as members. Our mission is to preserve, and share our rich town history. During the Ice Cream Social we also present a monetary award to the annual winner of the Muzzy Davenport Award and the recipient shares their project with us.

In our yearly 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, buildings, 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 today's current life activities and, in so doing engenders a "sense of place" in our Town of Chittenden.

Last 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. Several historical displays now in the society's building evoke life in the early days of Chittenden. We invite you to visit.

We are a 501(c)3 corporation; all donations and memberships are tax deductible.

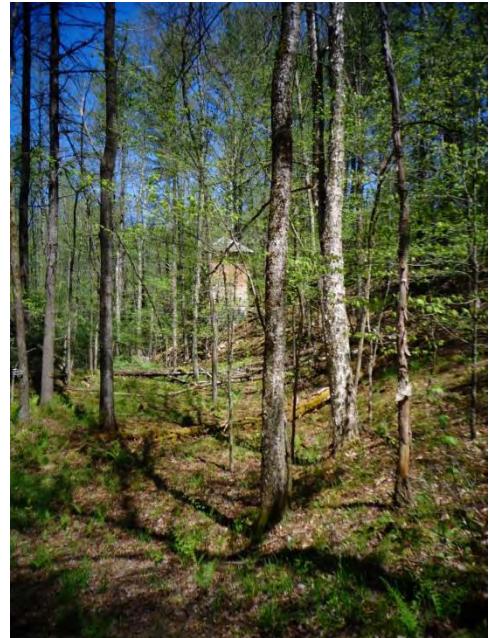


**Your support helps preserve and share town history.
Come to the Ice Cream Social July 8th
and presentation by Muzzy Davenport Award recipient.**

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

***The Chittenden Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month, March through November at 7:00 pm at the Society on Holden Road (or otherwise posted).
Visitors and new members are welcome!***

Spring Hikes



In May we hiked to see the remains of the East Pittsford Dam.

Left, dam as completed in 1905. Right, dam and gatehouse today, taken just north of dam.

Notice:

The CHS Expo 2014 exhibit of Lena Osgood Long's photos of Chittenden (1893-1908) has been set up for a short time at the Chittenden Town Offices for the community members to see. She photographed the building of two power dams, town activities, and local residents. Notecards of the children pictured are available for purchase at the Chittenden Historical Society.



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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$ 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior | \$ 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$ 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing | \$ 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$ 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life | \$150 |

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Amount Enclosed _____

Thank you for your generous support.

Watch for coming activities:

July 8, meeting: 7:15 pm South Chittenden Town Hall. Meet the Muzzy Davenport Award recipient at the ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

August 12, meeting: 7:00 pm Chittenden Historical Society Building for a little business and "Remember When." We have a great mystery picture for you to view and identify the location.

September 9, meeting: 7:00 pm Program and place to be announced

October 14, meeting and potluck dinner: 7:00 pm at the GRANGE HALL. VT Humanities Council Speaker, 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 to fund its educational and enrichment programs.

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