



CHITTENDEN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2010

## SPRING MEETINGS

### March

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

### April

Tom Conway gave an interesting and lively talk about the life and times of the Rollins family, who lived in the Steam Mill Brook area of North Chittenden in the last half of the 1800s and beyond. He shared pictures of his family, and tales of Dan Rollins were shared.

### May

Dave Lacy, archeologist for the U.S. Forest Service presented "Seeing is Believing: Hidden History in the Green Mountain Forest," with beautiful slides of historical traces of human activity within the forest and efforts of the Forest Service to identify, preserve and research the sites. Some slides of historical photos of the sites as they originally looked were contrasted with the present state helped explain the sites we were seeing.

### June

The June meeting was cancelled. It was a victim of the many other things that were going on that evening.



*Eddie Gee & Skip Smith raise the flag on Memorial Day*

### Memorial Day

Again we were blessed with beautiful weather this year. Otis Munroe brought his bagpipes to lead the parade to the flagpole. Sgt. Edward Gee of the Vermont National Guard with Skip Smith presented the flag ceremony. Gene Sargent was the featured speaker. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," Bob and Teenie Bearor generously again provided attendees with hotdogs and sausages at no charge. A variety of salads and cookies were similarly provided by the Historical Society downstairs in the finished lower level of the Grange Hall.

Visit our Web site:  
[www.chittendenshistory.org](http://www.chittendenshistory.org)

The CHS, Inc., happily announces that Dermot Hughes, son of Pamela and Dermot Hughes of North 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 Dermot and his project at our meeting on July 8.

## Projects

This summer we are initiating a drive to increase membership. Chittenden has a rich history that should be developed and shared.

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

Vermonters spread across the nation bring the values they learned in Vermont.

Vermont is a great place to live because our forebearers made it so. The Chittenden Historical Society strives for cultural preservation of that heritage. Many aspects of our historical 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 fill a want and need for a sense of place.

Our mission is to preserve, and share through education, town history. In 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, historical accounts of town places and events.

Our activities include sponsoring a Memorial Day event to recognize the sacrifices of our troops, preservation and restoration of Grange Hall, the Muzzy Davenport Award for interest in local history, and displays of historical interest at Town events

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 8**

*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 holds hand-made chimney brick from cellar hole in New Boston*

This May the Society continued the walk along the Green Road that was begun last Spring. Again, we were amazed by the size of the buildings that once rose above these cellar holes. Ground evidence still reveals the substantial farms that were in New Boston.



### MEMBERSHIP

We would love 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

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Membership Amount Enclosed

*Thank you for your generous support.*

*Watch for coming activities:*

July 8, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Meet the Muzzy Davenport Award recipient at an ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

August 12, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Bill Powers and aviation archeologist Brian Lindner will present a program of the 1957 crash of an Army L-20 plane in North Chittenden.

September 9, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Remember When Night

October 7 - 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall. VT Humanities Council Speaker Michael Tougias, "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River." Free and open to the public. (Members only pot luck supper precedes the talk at 6:00.)

November 11, 7:30 pm Annual Meeting. Election of officers.

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