



CHITTENDEN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2011

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

Our own George Butts in "President Eisenhower and the Spirit of Pittsford Mills" with wit and careful research engaged us in the art of tying fishing flies and why President Eisenhower did not catch fish in his 1955 visit. It was not what you thought! George then demonstrated tying by making "The Spirit of Pittsford Mills" for us.

May

After the interest in the program last fall about finding the 1957 the plane crash site in North Chittenden, we were able to have Clarence Decker return with Bill Powers to present a neat program on dousing and his history with it. He considers his ability to douse a gift, and encouraged others to try it that evening. He has offered to teach a small class.

June

The June meeting was all about business of the Society. At this time we also try to identify new initiatives and ideas for future programs of interest to the community.

Visit our Web site:
www.chittendenhistory.org



George Butts ties a fly

Memorial Day

This year we tried a new approach to Memorial Day Observance. The 11AM service followed by lunch was moved to 9AM this year so to free the day for other activities. Dave Sargent was the featured speaker. Since this year is the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, Bob Webster recited the Gettysburg Address -- from memory. Martha Welch renewed the old tradition of dropping lilac blossoms in a stream in remembrance of deceased veterans. Coffee, tea and a variety of delicious pastries were provided by the Historical Society downstairs in the lower level of the Grange Hall.

The CHS, Inc., happily announces that Alden Bishop, son of Susan and Ejay Bishop 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 Alden and his project at our meeting on July 14.

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 forebearors 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 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 14**

*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



Remains of dam on Green Brook in New Boston

By popular request this May the Society again walked along the eastern portion of the Green Road. In 2009 we hiked a portion of the western end. 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

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Amount Enclosed _____

Thank you for your generous support.

Watch for coming activities:

July 14, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Meet the Muzzy Davenport Award recipient at an ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

August 11, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. VT Humanities Council speaker Nicholas Clifford, "Vermont's Flood of 1927: A New Look." Free and open to the public.

September 8, 7:30 pm South Town Hall. Business meeting and Remember When Night. Bring your stories.

September 10, 9 am Hike to Iron Mines near Pittsfield. Call for details.

October 13, 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall. VT Humanities Council Speaker Vincent Feeney, "Mad Matt the Democrat," about colorful early VT resident Matthew Lyons. Free and open to the public. (Members only pot luck supper precedes the talk at 6:00.)

November 10, Dinner out! 7:30 pm Annual Meeting. Election of officers.

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