



CHITTENDEN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PO Box 89 • Chittenden, Vermont 05737

SUMMER 2008

## SPRING MEETINGS

### March

Officers for the year were elected at the March meeting since a snowy evening caused cancellation of the December 2007 meeting. By vote of those present, the proposed current slate of officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Lists were passed around to vote for programs, trips and hikes of interest in the coming year.

### April

A schedule of events was planned based on the results of interest indicated on the March lists.

April 26 - a hike to Honto's Cave

May 2 - a booth at Barstow School 75th

June 22 & 23 - Vermont Historical EXPO

July 4 - a trip to Coolidge Homestead

August 9 - a walk to Chaffee Falls

October 9 - VT Humanities Speaker Vincent Feeney on "The Allen Brothers: Original Vermont Developers"

A proposal hold the Annual Meeting in November and to drop the December meeting met with mixed feelings, so it will be revisited.

### May

The Chittenden Historical Society hosted Memorial Day exercises at the Grange Hall. A short ceremony featured the Vermont National Guard Color Guard, assisted by Cub Scouts and Brownies. Bob Baird spoke regarding the Royal S. Baird memorial stone recently placed at the Grange Hall, followed by addresses by Sgt. Mickey Carvey and David Sargent. Afterwards, guests were treated to Bob and Teenie Bearor's special hamburgers and hot dogs. Salads and cookies were served by historical society members.



*16 hikers explored Honto's Cave in April*



*Bob Baird reflects upon memorial stone*

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT NEWS

### Cemeteries

The Eagle Scout project to clear some overgrown areas of Wetmore Cemetery and to

map and inventory the stones, noting those that need repair is slated for August.

### Cataloguing

#### *Open House Hours Announced*

The society will have open house hours on Tuesday afternoons between 1:30 and 5:00 pm in Town Hall as members continue to work on organization of the collection. Whether you have a special interest or if you have just wondered what is in the collection, now is your chance to find out!

We are currently working on the Barstow collection and also finding archival solutions to preserve the newspapers relevant to Chittenden history.

We are interested in developing a genealogy resource section for people researching their family histories. We already have a few early genealogies, but we need more. Many families lived in Vermont before moving West; it is surprising how many families trace their roots through Vermont - and Chittenden. We get many requests for information from out of state places. If you have information to share, please let us know.

### The Grange Hall

You may have noticed the new look of the Grange Hall. What a difference the new paint makes as Dave Smith gives it his professional touch!

Those who got a closer glimpse of the Grange Hall on Memorial Day could see that there is still a long way to go, but that it will be beautiful when restoration is finished.

The Grange Hall Committee would like to thank Chittenden residents for their generous support at Town Meeting in granting an extension of tax money towards this project.

This fall will see installation of an accessibility lift and some electrical supply. We received a matching grant from the Vermont Cultural Coalition for this purpose. The committee has applied for several more grants (but has yet to hear the results) and will also be seeking other funds to enable us to complete the project ahead of schedule.

The Grange Hall project has also been

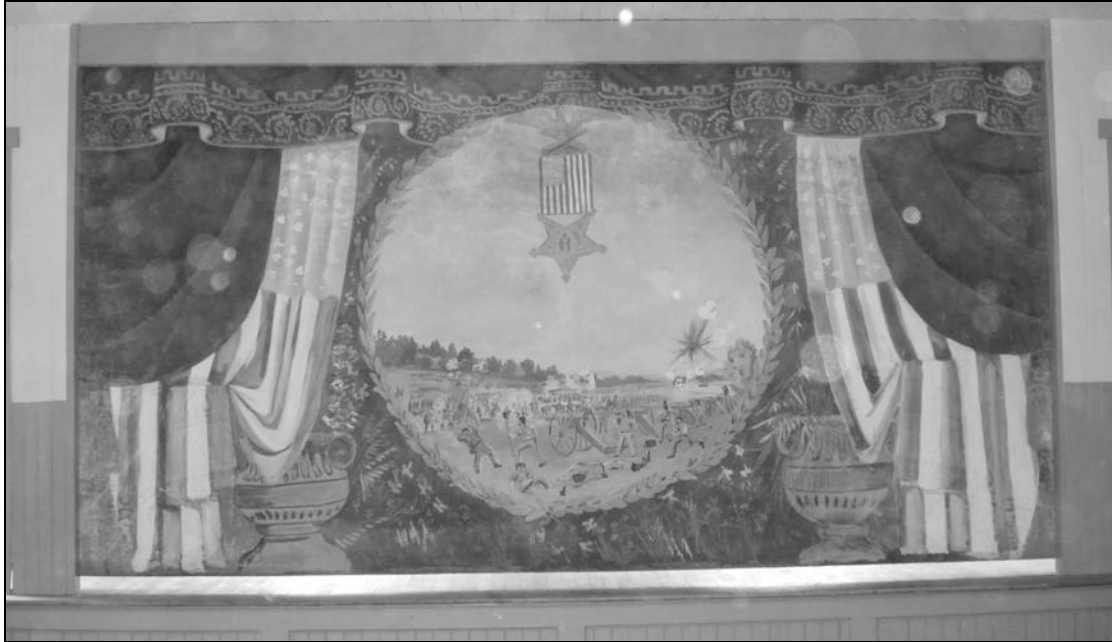
assisted by a Preservation Grant, made possible by a partnership between the Freeman Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont.



*The North Chittenden Grange Hall with its new coat of paint.*

*The Chittenden Historical Society meets on the second Thursday of the month, March through December at 7:30 pm in Town Hall.  
Visitors and new members are welcome!*

## The Stage Curtain



Chris Hadsel, who leads the Vermont Stage Curtain Project, returned in June to make sure the Chittenden stage curtain, the first one in the state to be restored, had the benefit of all that had been learned since. It was in better shape than she thought. The curtain was refitted with proper hardware and put in place.



The Chittenden Historical Society is a non-profit organization. It receives no money in taxes and depends on fund-raising, dues and donations to carry out its many functions.



### 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:*

Walk to Chaffee Falls August 9; meet at Grange Hall at 9am

Meeting August 14, 7:30 pm Town Hall

Meeting September 11, 7:30 pm Town Hall

VT Humanities Council Speaker October 9, 7:00 pm Town Hall

Meeting November 13, 7:30 pm

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