



CHITTENDEN  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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PO Box 89

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WINTER 2013/14

## FALL MEETINGS

### July



Alisha Arshad, daughter of Arshad Rashid and Dinku Basheer of Chittenden, was chosen by Barstow Memorial School for the 2014 Muzzy Davenport

Award given by CHS for outstanding work and interest in history. She received a \$100 award at the Society's Annual Ice Cream Social where she presented her video about the effects of floodwaters on landscape including an interview with David and Jay Newton regarding flooding of their property by Tropical Storm Irene.

### August

The Society's monthly program was a slide show of the construction of East Pittsford Pond and Dam included photos recently donated by John and Linda Weeden who live near the site of the former dam.

### September

Remember When Night was open for sharing memories about part of our town's history. Lloyd Davis brought some pictures of the flood of 1947. We enjoyed looking through photo books in the Society's collection.

### October

Our annual pot luck supper in October at the Grange Hall featured well-received Vermont Humanities Council speaker Michael Tougias, who presented a slide show and historical discussion about the Indian Wars of New England.

### November

The Annual Meeting had an excellent turnout this year. Eighteen members met to enjoy dinner at Cattails Restaurant in Brandon and elect the following slate of officers for 2014:

President, Karen Webster

Vice-President, Reggi Dubin

Secretary, Elaine Meyers

Treasurer, Bob Webster

Trustees (2) for 2 years: Reggi Dubin. One Trustee position remains open and will be filled at the March meeting. (One year remains in the terms of Trustees Bob Muzzy and Newt Wetmore).

### December

There was no meeting, but we did hold an old-fashioned holiday crafts afternoon for area children, including refreshments.



*Slide presentation at the Ice Cream Social*

*The Chittenden Historical Society will next meet on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 pm at the Society on Holden Road. Visitors are welcome!*

## Projects

### Grange Hall...

Renovation of the North Chittenden Grange Hall has been a joint project by the Chittenden Historical Society acting under the Chittenden Board of Selectmen. A lot happened in the renovation of the Grange Hall this year that cannot be seen from the outside, as shown below.



Framing has been added to the original post and beam structure in preparation for finished walls.

The original coved ceiling feature has been preserved. (Insulating shades cover the windows.)



New framing under the balcony corrects the awkward placement of doors in that end of the hall. A generous coat closet is to the left (in the photo), and a smaller storage closet is to the right of the entrance from the vestibule.

Stairs were constructed to access the balcony area.

Service access areas and HVAC register ducts were added in the hall's attic. Cold air return was provided to the mechanical area over the bathroom and lift building addition.

After electrical work now in progress is done, the walls are ready to be finished.



A subfloor was added to the balcony area. (Temporary ladder is shown accessing attic area.)

We appreciate your membership.  
The Chittenden Historical Society follows a calendar year, so dues for 2014 are payable between January and our annual membership drive at the July Ice Cream Social.

## Cemetery Mapping

Begun as an Eagle Scout project by Seamus Fagan, the mapping of Wetmore Cemetery has at last been field-checked and finished. The old cemetery began as a family cemetery, then a community cemetery; it is now a town cemetery. The early gravestones do not fall into regular family plots, making finding stones difficult and modern use of the cemetery limited.

All stones are noted within a grid on the map. Identification or location of the stones can be accessed by name or position (grid) on lists accompanying the map. Steve Welch of CHS is putting the





*Watch for coming activities:*

The 2014 calendar events will be determined at the March meeting.

*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 the Chittenden Historical Society.

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