

APRIL, 2011



CHARLESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

April Update

DEAR MEMBER,

It seems that our long, cold, snowy winter is finally over. As we enter our spring and summer season here in Charlestown, we want to update you on the many events and activities of your CHS.

We also want to thank everyone who has renewed their annual membership. If you have not yet renewed, there is a handy form at the bottom of this newsletter.

We have made great progress on fundraising for Charlestown's Historical Museum through the generous support of our wonderful community. We thank all who have donated so far and appreciate your continuing support of our fundraising.

We have lots of upcoming events and activities, so here we go!!!



*TO LEARN, TEACH AND PRESERVE THE
HISTORY OF CHARLESTOWN*

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A HISTORY OF TRADITIONAL WAMPUM BY MR. ALLEN HAZARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011, 7:00 PM AT THE GENERAL STANTON INN



Mr. Allen Hazard will present "A History of Traditional Wampum," and a history of the Narragansett Indian culture that revolved around this art form. Allen has recently given talks at the Smithsonian as well as RISD and will have a great deal to share with us. He will also present some of his work and a display of jewelry that you can purchase on the night of this event. We hope that you can join us.

Please email charlestownhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 641-1952 to reserve your seat. Light refreshments will be served and donations are always appreciated.

CHARLESTOWN FARMERS MARKET RETURNS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011
9AM-NOON
ALSO, SOME EXCITING NEWS (Read Below for Details)

Our own, highly popular Charlestown Farmers Market returns on June 17, 2011 from 9AM-Noon in the Cross Mills Public Library parking lot.

The exciting news is that this year there will be an additional Market held on Tuesdays from 4PM-7PM for those who cannot join in on Friday mornings.

Our newly restored schoolhouse will be open for visits and we'll be displaying our table of books, t-shirts and other items that promote our town's history. The remainder of our John Lutes prints commemorating our Bicentennial will be for sale. The \$100 price is the same as it was originally in 1988 when John Lutes was commissioned to draw this commemorative piece.

The Tuesday and Friday Farmers Market is sponsored by the Charlestown Land Trust and promoted by the Charlestown Historical Society and Cross Mills Public Library. Join us in supporting our local farmers.



MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE - MEMBERSHIP YARD SALE

Last summer we held a successful yard sale at Michael & Jean Pellam's Shell Station and Food Mart. We raised approximately \$1,200 for the museum. We would like to ask our members for usable donations of small appliances, easily moveable furniture, tools, jewelry, household items, etc. We are looking for quality rather than quantity (no books or clothing). If you have items you would like to donate, please contact us at charlestownhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 641-1952. We will let you know once a date and time has been established.

SEPTEMBER - A NIGHT AT THE GALLERY

Back by popular demand, we will be holding our 2nd "A Night At The Gallery" on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 6:00PM at the Charlestown Gallery. We are already working towards some fabulous items for our silent auction. Wine, beer tasting and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Ticket sales will begin in early August and will remain at \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members.

NEW MUSEUM UPDATE



Charlestown's
New Museum

Our fundraising for the new Museum is gaining momentum. We currently have \$70,000.00 in our coffers and we are anticipating holding a groundbreaking ceremony in the near future. We will let you know once we set a date!

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



Cross Mills Historical Cemetery

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Last fall, the Cemetery Committee had a successful day clearing and cleaning the Cross Cemetery. During the course of this year, the committee will address the cleaning and maintenance issues of other local historical cemeteries. Please contact Liz Shea at eshea579@yahoo.com or call 322-9383 if you love old cemeteries.

COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

The collections committee has been very busy organizing the societies' archives in preparation for the eventual move to our new museum. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month and are always ready to train new volunteers. Please contact Pam at charlestownhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 641-1952 if you are interested in joining them.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Research Committee has just completed a very extensive project. Charlestown's Vital Records from 1738-1849 has now been posted at www.charlestownri.org. Hopefully, this will prove to be a valuable resource for individuals researching their genealogy in Charlestown. Does digging through and transcribing old records interest you? Contact Suzanne Ferrio at sferrio@gmail.com or 364-3935.

FACEBOOK



We have now created a Facebook page! Join us there to get even more current and updated information on all your Society's news and events.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon at one of our events as well as during Farmers' Markets.

Sincerely,

Charlestown Historical Society

Membership

Annual Dues: \$20.00 Individual, \$25.00 Family

Please make checks payable to CHS.

Mail to: CHS, PO Box 100, Charlestown, RI 02813

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Name(s) _____ **Phone Number** _____

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