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CHARLESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October Update

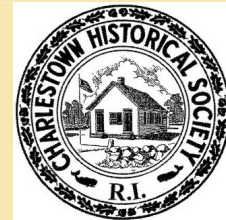
Dear Member,

It has been such a busy summer for CHS - Yard Sales, Sea Star Market, Farmers Market on Fridays, 2nd Annual "A Night at the Gallery" and, of course, beginning construction of the new museum.

We have several activities planned for November. We hope that you can attend one or both.

Also, please see the articles regarding our 2nd Annual "A Night at the Gallery" as well as the update on New Museum fundraising and construction.

We thank you for all your support throughout the year.



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CIDER SOCIAL & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011, 2:00 PM AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE



On Sunday, November 6, 2011, at 2:00 we will have a very quick General Membership Meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on amended Charlestown Historical Society Bylaws. Our bylaws have not been amended since 1984 and it's definitely past time to bring them up to date!

Prior to voting, you can view the amended bylaws on our website. The documents which show old bylaws with all the revisions as well as only the revised version are attached. If you have any questions, please contact us at 361-1952 or email info@charlestownhistorical.org.

Once we have completed our business, it will be time for everyone to relax, socialize and celebrate fall. Cider and autumn baked goods will be available

ANOTHER UPCOMING EVENT - A VISIT TO CARPENTER'S GRIST MILL - DATE & TIME TBD

Carpenter's Grist Mill, 364 Moonstone Beach Road, Perryville, RI - Date & Time TBD.

This November, join us for a visit and demonstration at Carpenter's Grist Mill. As soon as a date and time have been established - we'll let you know.



This mill was built by Samuel E. Perry in 1703 on the south shore of Perry's Mill Pond. It was moved to its current location about 1825 at which time the sluiceway was dug to carry pond water to the mill for power to turn the granite grinding stones. Whitecap Flint Corn is still ground for Carpenter's Jonnycake Meal.

2ND ANNUAL "A NIGHT AT THE GALLERY" EVENT REPORT

Our 2nd Annual "A Night at the Gallery" was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and either donated or bid on items in the Silent and Live Auctions. We are very excited to report that after expenses, we raised over \$16,000 towards the new museum. Plans are already underway to make next year's event even better.



Thank you Gilly & Renee for again providing their beautiful Charlestown Gallery for our use. Also, we appreciate the support of our other two sponsors, Charlestown Wine & Spirits and Berkshire Brewing Company.

NEW MUSEUM UPDATE - IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO BUILD A MUSEUM



CHS Museum October 2011

Construction of Charlestown's New Museum began in June and will continue throughout the fall and winter as funds allow. We are very excited that our museum building fund thermometer now shows that we have raised \$100,000! We have been overwhelmed by the support our community has shown - financial donations, volunteer labor, free or deeply discounted materials. It is only through this support that we have been able to make so much progress. Thank you.

Since beginning construction, CHS has received a number of new donations. Late this spring CHS received an amazing, museum quality donation from a gentleman by the name of John Stevenson, from Bomoseen, Vermont. Mr. Stevenson has lineage in Charlestown going back to the 1600's with the Stanton, Kenyon (Kinyon) of King Tom Farm, and Barber families. He has sent us over one hundred items including letters, documents and genealogies from the 1800's and earlier. The Collections Committee is already in the very early stages of planning our Grand Opening exhibit and some of this very special collection will be included.

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.

Sincerely,

Charlestown Historical Society