



Meetings are held at the Museum, 13 School Street, unless otherwise noted. Program meetings are open to the public with free admission and refreshments, and donations are appreciated. Business meetings are for all members, and everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information call 734-0758 or email: miltonhistorical@yahoo.com.

Vermont History Day Presentations by Milton High School students

Wed. May 1, 2019 7pm

Join Milton High School history teacher Gary Furlong & participants in this year's Vermont History Day competition. History Day provides students with an opportunity to engage in primary source research and share what they have learned through documentaries, research papers, websites, dramatic performances, and three-dimensional exhibits. Participating students are also encouraged to look for "stories in their own backyard" through research in local historical societies and libraries!

This year's theme is *Triumph and Tragedy in History*. Refreshments: Kate Cadreact / Amy Morway



The Allens of Vermont by Willard Sterne Randall

Wed. June 5, 2019 7pm

Back for a second year with a special program for the Milton Historical Society, historian Willard Sterne Randall continues his look at the family and descendants of the most famous of Vermonters, Ethan Allen. We will learn about Allen's equally famous and fascinating brothers, among them Ira and Heman, cousins Remember Baker and Seth Warner, and daughter Fanny, a Catholic nun, nurse and hospital namesake. A unique look at Vermont's most prestigious of families. Copies of

Willard Sterne Randall's books will be available for signing and sale. Refreshments: Phyllis & John Mayville / Shelley & Charlie Farrell

Business Meeting

Wed. June 12, 2019 7pm

Our business meetings are designed to bring all members into the fold and up to date on what we are working on. Please join us to see what's going on and how you can join in on the fun.

Board Meeting

Wed. July 10, 2019 7pm

Forests, Trees & Firewood: A Campfire Talk and Tree Walk

by Ethan Tapper

Wed. Aug. 7, 2019
7pm



Another evening of outdoor natural history, this time led by Chittenden County Forester, Ethan Tapper. He will lead a "tree walk" around the neighborhood, in which we will learn how to ID trees based on bark, leaves and other features. We will also learn about the history of forestry and wood-based industry here in Milton, as well as expert tips on how to make a quality campfire. An event for students of nature of all ages. Refreshments: Evelyn & Ron Bissonnette / Rita & Peter Lavallee



Milton Speedway State Historic Marker Dedication

Sat. Aug. 17, 2019 1:00 pm
499 US-7, marker site

Milton Speedway was the only dedicated drag strip the state has ever known, and it left a huge impact on the racing scene. In collaboration with the Milton Area Car

Show, join us as we dedicate this marker from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, to create a permanent recognition of a time when - along with Catamount Stadium, honored with its marker last June - there were two high-octane attractions in Milton, Vermont.

Stephen Crane's The Red Badge of Courage: An Annotation and Review by Charles J. LaRocca

Wed. Sept. 4, 2019 7pm

Chuck LaRocca is a nationally recognized authority on the Civil War, and, in particular the Battle of Chancellorsville. In his annotated edition of the Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*, he shows that the unnamed battle described in the novel was in fact Chancellorsville, and that Crane's fictitious 304th New York was based on the real 124th New York. The 124th was an Orange County, New York regiment that Chuck has studied, and reenacted, for nearly 50 years. A unique and enlightening look at one of the most realistic war novels ever written, and perspectives on one of America's greatest novelists and literary figures. Chuck's last appearance in Vermont was as part of the 2014 St. Albans Raid commemoration.

Refreshments: Janet & Terry Richards / Ellen Skapski



Business Meeting

Wed. Sept. 11, 2019 7pm

A Real Monster Walks the Streets of Burlington: H.H. Holmes in Vermont

by Brennan Gauthier

Wed. Oct. 2, 2019 7pm
Milton Grange Hall

Rescheduled from last year, Vermont Agency of Transportation Archaeologist Brennan Gauthier lays out the entire H. H. Holmes in Vermont story. Often called America's first serial killer, Holmes was born in New Hampshire, and arrived in Burlington as a medical student, and would return later as a wanted con man, and killer. Highlights of Holmes' Burlington haunts, a recounting of his "Murder Hotel" in Chicago, and a creepy look at the recent excavation and forensic investigation of Holmes' remains, make for an exciting evening of serial killer thrills. *And it is all true!* This Special Event will be held at the Milton Grange Hall! Refreshments: Rosalie Larose / Pat & Jack Lindsay



Board Meeting

Wed. Oct. 9, 2019 7pm

Milton's Societies, Service Groups and Fraternal Orders

by Jim Ballard

Wed. Nov. 6, 2019 7pm

Join Milton Town Historian Jim Ballard as he looks back at the various community organizations that formed so much of the social history of our town. Groups like the Grange and so many others played vital roles in shaping diverse cultural, political and ethnic traditions. Organizations currently active, and those long-ago disbanded, will be examined as part of ongoing research Jim is engaged in to capture these important local entities. Special guests from currently active Milton clubs, organizations and service organizations will also be on hand. Refreshments: Linda & Jim Ballard / Beverly Hayden



Come & Help Us Decorate for the Holiday Open House!

Wed. Dec. 4, 2019 7pm



Holiday Open House Luncheon

Sun. Dec. 8, 2019 11am - 2pm

Join us for a holiday lunch, festive treats and sounds of the season. Bring the whole family; with activities for the kids and vintage toys and exhibits, there is something for everyone.

Board Meeting

Wed. Jan. 8, 2020 7pm

Business Meeting

Wed. Feb. 5, 2020 7pm

Dinner and a Movie

Wed. March 4, 2020 6pm

Join us for a cabin fever-reliever pot luck dinner followed by a historic movie to remind us of those summer road trips and picnics that seem so far away during the cold weather. **Bring a food item to share; the dinner bell rings at 6pm.**

Vermont History Through Song by Linda Radtke

Sat. March 21, 2020 2 pm SPECIAL SPRING EVENT

Singer and researcher Linda Radtke, joined by pianist Arthur Zorn, brings Vermont history to life with engaging commentary about the songs found in the Vermont Historical Society's collection of sheet music. Dressed in period costume and using the music Vermonters published and sang in their communities, Ms. Radtke guides listeners through our state's history, from the earliest published song, "Green Mountain Farmer" (1798), through 1850 temperance ballads and Civil War era songs, to songs about Vermonters Calvin Coolidge, Thomas Dewey, and Jim Fisk. *A Vermont Humanities Council Program.* Refreshments: Rick & Peggy Stowell



Annual Meeting

Wed. April 1, 2020 7pm

Review of our 2019-20 year, planning for an exciting new year ahead, as well as the election of new officers and board members. All members are welcome.

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