



Clarkson Historical Society

December 2022/January 2023

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December: Charles Howard & His Santa Claus School

CHS enjoyed our December guest lecture by Tim Archer who spoke on Charles Howard who founded the first Santa Claus school in Albion NY. Tim's Albion Middle School seventh grade put together a well-researched booklet about Charles Howard. They described Mr. Howard as "One of Albion's Great ambassadors." Tim explained how Charlie Howard had observed the way a local Santa interacted with children and how he felt that "children deserved better, but that they should learn from Santa the true meaning of giving." In addition to Mr. Archer's lecture, Fred Conde a local member of our community was generous enough to share his father's experience playing Santa and working with Charlie Howard. Fred brought his father's original Santa Suit which was in great condition along with memories of his dad and his own time spent at Christmas Park.

Our CHS lectures will continue in the spring, and we are actively working on our lecture list. Thank you to our community for the support they give as we continue to grow this series.

John Hancock Cursive Writing Contest

John Hancock, whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence, was born on January 23, 1737. Our cursive writing contest was begun after teaching cursive in our summer camp and to the 4th grade classes who came for field trips before COVID.

Any child in 4th grade and up through high school is invited to participate. There will be advertisements run in local papers, and applications will be available soon on the website and Clarkson Town Hall.

Awards are given for first, second, and third place winners in each category. Also, first place winners in each category will have bookmarks made with their picture and winning handwriting put in their local library.

Thank you to our new business membership:

Strong West

If you know of another possible business membership, please contact CHS on our website.

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Calendar.

December

No meetings

January

16 at 6:30 Board Meeting

Handwriting contest – entries must be postmarked on or before February 17th