



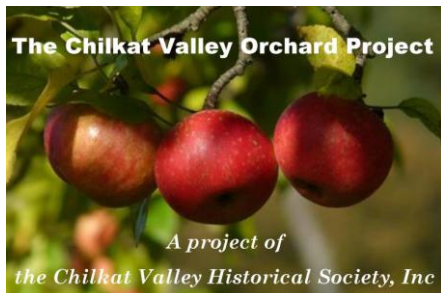
Charles Anway Cabin Restoration

Just outside the Haines townsite stands the handcrafted log home of Charles Anway on the remains of his homestead. After being a drover on the Dalton Trail and miner in the Porcupine Mining District, Anway turned to horticulture. Called the "Johnny Appleseed of Alaska," he became known for his orchards, produce and famous Anway Strawberry. Built in 1903 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003, his cabin is now being restored by the CVHS. With exterior work complete, interior restoration is now in progress. Opportunity for volunteer work ranges from interior conservation to property design and maintenance.



Fencing Grants for Food Producers

Our Secure Agriculture and Wildlife Project is very simple. In 2020, approximately 45 bears were killed in the Chilkat Valley. The vast majority were Defense of Life and Property kills. The Rasmuson Foundation approved a \$12,000 CVHS grant proposal to help fund electric fencing at ADF&G standards to prevent wildlife issues in residential food production spaces. A generous donation to fund the media budget allowed us to pass this entire grant sum to local growers with gifts from \$300 - \$700. *Key project goal: Help reduce bear food conditioning and support local food production.*



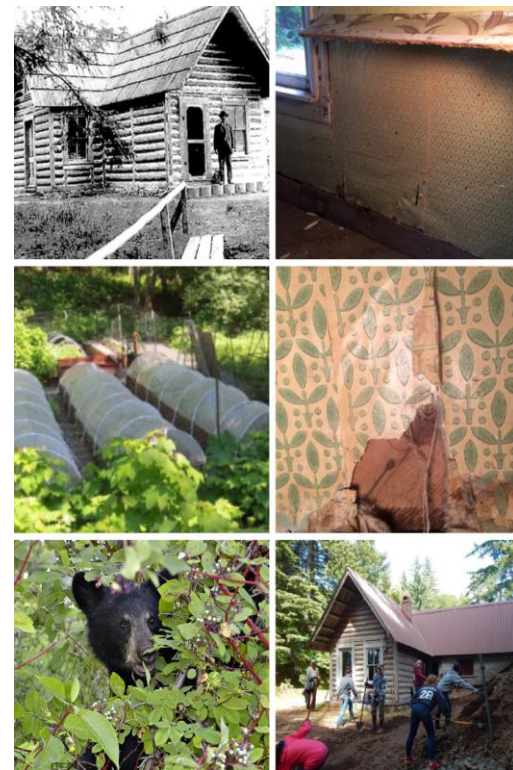
The Chilkat Valley Orchard Project

A few years after Charles Anway began raising strawberries and vegetables near today's Piedad Road, he planted 25 apple trees. Charlie transplanted a Yellow Transparent apple at the Haines Mission. It thrives today at the Haines Sheldon Museum. The CVHS was recently awarded \$27,000 for the Chilkat Valley Orchard Project, a two-year USDA-funded Specialty Crop Block Grant supported by UAF Cooperative Extension Service. *Project Goals: Greater food security and the long-range economic contribution of fruit tree cultivation; no cost orchard growing education; assessing property for future orchard development; developing a regionally applicable fruit growers' guide; and, planning for the development of one or more experimental orchards.*



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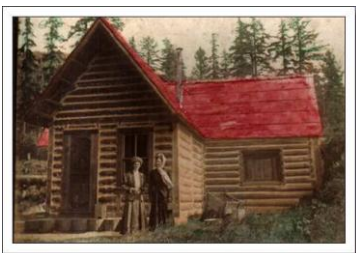
**CHILKAT VALLEY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**



Welcome to the Chilkat Valley Historical Society

Founded in 1975, this 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is dedicated to utilizing local history in lifelong experiential learning. Viewing current events in our community through the lens of history is a key part of the CVHS vision and is why our small, history-focused nonprofit became interested in food security and sustainable agriculture.

For many years we focused on the Charles Anway homestead restoration, but the CVHS is not just about restoring a historic homesite. We want to share Charles Anway's passion for horticultural experimentation and promote the contemporary relevance of this early history. A strong tradition of farming in the Chilkat Valley provided the CVHS with an excellent platform for modern agricultural research in SE Alaska and an immersive experience for those learning to garden here, as well as those interested in the history of the Chilkat Valley. As a benefit to all folks living in this area, we aspire to work with other leaders of the current local agricultural revolution and bring Charlie's vision of successful fruit orchards and berry fields back to life in the Chilkat Valley.



Become a Member Today!

- \$20 Annual Individual
- \$35 Annual Family
- \$100 Annual Patron
- \$250 Lifetime Membership

Four currently funded projects provide an opportunity for all to actively participate. Together we can preserve the history of the Chilkat Valley and Charles Anway's legacy for future generations.

Donations are also accepted for the following:

- Charles Anway Cabin Restoration
- Orchard Project
- Berry Project
- General Fund

You can become a member and/or make a donation via PayPal on our website or mail a check.

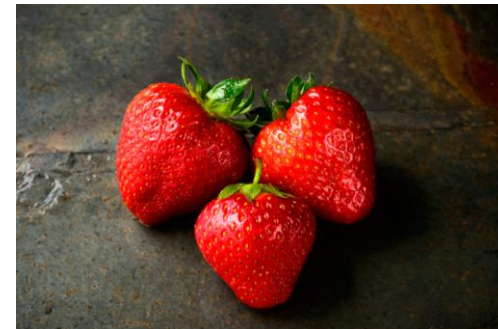
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Charles Anway Berry Trials Project

Charles Anway produced his first commercial Chilkat Valley crop of strawberries in 1908. He developed a hybrid berry that created a huge demand around Southeast Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Today many successful strawberry beds in Haines are claimed to be original Anway strawberries. In partnership with two local Haines growers, we are conducting both strawberry and blueberry cultivar trials. Many cultivars grow well in the Pacific Northwest where the climate is similar to the Chilkat Valley. The observed warming trend in Southeast Alaska will extend our growing season and improve our already strong conditions for berry production. *Key Project Goals: Increasing food security and the economic importance of berry cultivation; and determining the best local strawberry and blueberry cultivars.*

