

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



There are some great events coming up in September and we hope you'll join us!

Don't forget the museum is open every Saturday from 10am to 12pm and by appointment ANY TIME if you'd like to look around or do some research



The Rye History Trolley Tour July 4th

Independence Day
10:30am - noon

Meet at the Rye
Library Parking Lot

Our trolley tour is an intriguing look at various historical locations in Rye. Hear Rye stories and explore our rich history from the comfort of a trolley, then disembark at locations for an up close look and more historical anecdotes and facts.

Registration is required and seating is limited!

The tour leaves from the Rye Public Library Parking Lot
plan to arrive by 10:15 AM

\$20 per person \$18 for over 65 and under 18

Reservations by e-mail only: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org

Give name, # in party and telephone contact number



Sunken Forest Program September 13th 6:30 pm Rye Public Library

Geologist and archaeologist Peter Leach will give a power point presentation on Rye's sunken forests on Sept 13th at 6:30 PM at RPL. He has excellent photos of all sightings of the forest, past and present. Look for more detailed information in the September newsletter.



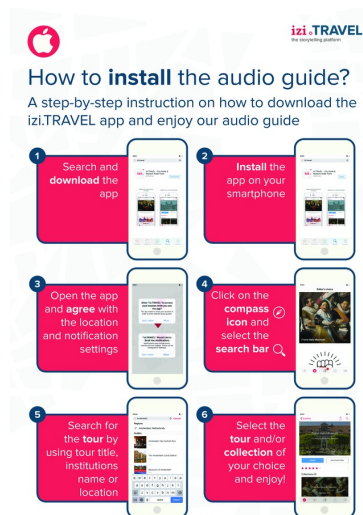
"Rye Rocks! at the Library Recap

A full house showed up on July 9th to learn about what lies beneath, a primer on the geology of the NH seacoast from Rye geologist Michael Quinn. We will not begin to try to summarize the details of this most ancient history here, but suffice to say it was fascinating and you can watch it on the library's streaming service at RPL's web site.

Rye 1623 Committee Hosts First Public Input Gathering by Alex Herlihy

Fifteen people gathered at the library on July 29 to discuss the six-year project entitled "Rye 1623" (originally called "Odiorne 1623"). The group, diverse in its composition, discussed the nature of the anniversary, objectives for the project and how the community might organize itself going forward. The overall objectives of the project are to use the 400th anniversary in 2023 to focus on public education and history, legacy projects, and community building. Ten topic areas including Education; History; Faith; Business; Isles of Shoals; Community and Government; Arts, Artisans, and Literature; Sports and Recreation; Farming, Fishing and Food; and PR/marketing and Membership Development encompass many aspects of the Rye community, and provide a framework for possible events. Participants at the gathering agreed that it could be beneficial to recruit and activate volunteers in each of these areas, providing that individual working groups coordinate with each other - especially on one of the legacy projects we aspire to: the revival of the day-long Fourth of July town celebration. Rye 1623 has potential to raise significant funds from a variety of sources to fund the legacy projects.

If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact committee chair Janet Davis - janet@clarksondavis.com or RHS at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org.



Download the Rye Beach History Walking Tour App

The free Rye Beach neighborhood walking tour app, developed through the Rye Historical Society, is now available, easy to download and a great way to entertain your household guests. Send them off for a historic stroll, stories of the early experience of summering on the shore and grab yourself some idle moments.

*Download [IZI.TRAVEL](#) onto your smart device (or your lap top for arm chair travel) from the App Store. Type Rye into the search bar and open Rye Beach Block.

One can either listen to the narration which starts up at each stop in the tour, or manage it manually by reading the tour as stops are approached. And- you'll enjoy photos of "then and now" for each house stop.

The Rye Beach tour includes 24 stops, encompassing Sea, South, Central Roads and Red Mill Lane. Choose any of the stops in which to begin/end. Enjoy a delightful step back in time for an hour or two.

Old House Documentation Committee

Cheryl Walker, Holly Dubay and Pam Tucker have formed an old house documentation committee for RHS and have picked up in mid stream where RHS left off in trying to learn more about Rye's approximately 400 buildings built before WWII. This is a huge task and if you are interested in helping in anyway, contact RHS. The committee will give an update of their progress this fall.

Rye History Excerpt From 100 Years Ago by Alex Herlihy

During this time former Missouri Governor and Rye Beach resident David Francis had been appointed US ambassador to Russia in 1916 where he was involved in relief efforts. Francis was taken ill and evacuated home via Arkhangelsk in 1918 and he conferred with President Wilson after his recuperation. Back at Rye Beach Francis was outspoken in his criticism on Lenin and the Bosheviks and supportive of the doomed White Army. The last year of the war saw the demise of the Sea View House on Central road; the seaside hotel appeal was beginning to fade. But across the road Abenaki Country Club was thriving as were the Farragut, Drake House and Ocean Wave hotels. An Army Navy Day benefit was held at the Farragut and drivers took 2 ½ hours from Boston to attend. Annie Oakley appeared for a shooting exhibition. This was also the year of the global influenza pandemic which killed 50 million, 500,000 in the US. One of those was Charlie Green's mother, Clara, age 59. (From a draft of a new history of Rye, in the works)

Is Your House Special? Tell Us Why!

Be a part of an exciting program at RHS - the Rye "House of the Month". Each month a different house or road will be **featured on our newsletter as well as in Rye Magazine.**

Is your house or road historic and of special interest to the community?

If so, please contact us to enter this month's competition. Don't know much about your house but you know it's significant? **We can help you do the research!**

**Email us TODAY at
info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org**

Share The History of Your Home with a Historic House Plaque

Many Rye homes, business and public buildings are adorned with these handsome plaques. The cost of a plaque is \$85.

If you would like one for your home to add to the heritage of the town, house plaque applications may be picked up at the Rye library on the coffee table (behind the RHS brochures).

Check and application may be mailed to PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or left in our mailbox by the front door of the museum.



Summer Hours in Effect for May - October

The Rye Historical Society's Museum is open Saturdays 10-12

Always by request - please call for an appointment 603-997-6742 or email us at info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org

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