

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

Covid-19 Update: *As of July 1, 2020, the museum will be open by appointment only, limited to 2 visitors per appointment. **Masks are required inside, as is hand sanitizing upon entering the building.**

Appointments may be made by email: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org, or by calling (603) 997-6742

Annual Member Meeting

Our Annual Member Meeting is being held August 16th at 3 pm. Members received an email last week with an invitation to our hybrid live/virtual meeting. Thought you were a member and didn't receive one? Let us know! Not a member yet but you want to join the fun? [Become a member](#) for as little as \$15.

History Happy Hour

FaceBook Live

Sundays at 5pm

We are reading from William Varrell's book "Rye on the Rocks: The Tale of a Town that Resorted to Resorting". See our social media promo below! Hope to see you there!





Guests

by Celia Thaxter

Sunflower tall and hollyhock, that wave in the
wind together,
Corn-flower, poppy, and marigold, blossoming
fair and fine,
Delicate sweet-peas, glowing bright in the quiet
autumn weather,
While over the fence, on fire with bloom,
climbs the nasturtium vine!

Quaint little wilderness of flowers, straggling
hither and thither -
morning-glories tangled about the larkspur
gone to seed,
Scarlet runners that burst all bounds, and wan-
der, heaven knows whither,
And lilac spikes of bergamot, as thick as any
weed.

And oh, the bees and the butterflies, the hum-
ming-birds and sparrows,
That over the garden waver and chirp and
flutter the livelong day!
Humming-birds, that dart in the sun like green
and golden arrows,
Butterflies like loosened flowers blown off by
the wind in play.

Look at the red nasturtium flower, drooping,
bending, and swaying;
Out the gold-banded humble-bee breaks and
goes booming anew!
Hark, what the sweet-voiced fledgling sparrows
low to themselves are saying,
Pecking my golden oats where the corn-flowers
gleam so blue!

Welcome, a thousand times welcome, ye dear
and delicate neighbors -
Bird and bee and butterfly, and humming-bird
fairy fine!
Proud am I to offer you a field for your grace-
ful labors;
All the honey and all the seeds are yours in
this garden of mine.

I sit on the door-step and watch you. Beyond
lies the infinite ocean,
Sparkling, shimmering, whispering, rocking itself
to rest;
And the world is full of perfume and color and
beautiful motion,
And each new hour of this sweet day the
happiest seems and best.

The Quilt Project

If you have had a chance to view our virtual museum tour (below) you will note that we have a quilt that was put together in around 1892 by the families in town. Beginning July 1, 2020 we started sharing one square of the quilt each day to 'crowdsource' information that descendants of these families might like to share with us. We are almost halfway through sharing the quilt squares. If you've missed them, you can go to our website and enter any family name in our search bar to see if they have been mentioned.

The pandemic that has the world in its grips right now means more people are at home with family, maybe have a little more time. We hope that we can get lots of information. Each quilt square has several names on it and blog readers will be able to add comments to help bring these names to life. [Follow us on FaceBook](#) or check out the RHS webpage daily for a list of names. There are 64 squares on the quilt, with one square a day being shared through the summer. Let's hear some stories!



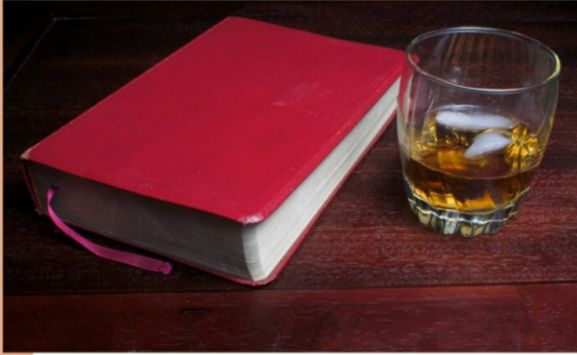
WE REMEMBER

The Rye Historical Society is working on updating the names on our War Veterans Memorial Monument in the center of town. If you know Rye residents who served in a war since WWII, please fill out the survey in this post. Thank you for helping us!

[Take Survey](#)

Rye Museum Virtual Tour





History Happy Hour

Sundays FaceBook Live 5 pm

2020 Programs

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all programs will be suspended and the museum will be closed to visitors until further notice. We are following NH and town of Rye guidelines.

Rye Historical Society invites the public to attend all their programs which are held in the Rye Public Library Community Room at 6:30P.M.

March-26 TBD D. Allan Kerr - *Surfmen of the Seacoast.*

April-30 TBD Glenn Knoblock - *New Hampshire on High: Historic and Unusual Weathervanes of the Granite State*

July-16 TBD Thomas Hubka - *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn*

November 10 Neil Novello - *No Mutiny This Time*

Rye 1623, the committee formed to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Rye's settlement, will also have two programs:

May-26 TBD Craig Musselman *Historic Mills of Rye*

October-22 TBDEd Bullock (Eyes That Shine) *Native Storytelling, Song and Dance: Teaching of the Drum and Flute*



Rye Trolley Tours

Take a narrated ride through scenic Rye and learn about our rich history. 10:30-noon \$25

9/7 Labor Day

[Purchase tickets](#)

Sharing Stories of Rye

Do you have a story to tell? Rye Historical Society has established a community on StoryCorps to help our members share stories. You are invited to join the Rye NH History community on archive.storycorps.org. Please follow this link to create a StoryCorps Archive account and join our community. Next, download the StoryCorps App to record and share your story with us.

If you'd prefer to share your story with a video please let us know and we will add it to our [YouTube playlist](#).

Stories of Rye



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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.



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