

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

Here's what is new at the RHS



New Hampshire Began Here in 1623 at Odiorne Point, Rye

Join Us to
Commemorate this
Landmark Anniversary

Three members of the RHS board met with RHS member and non profit consultant Janet Davis, who has volunteered to initiate an organized effort to recognize the first permanent European settlement in New Hampshire in 1623. So far the RHS Board has: developed a list of public programs that span the full range of Odiorne history, initiated talks with the Seacoast Science Center on collaboration of activities and events, discussed with the Rye Heritage Commission its role in the events, begun discussions with the Native American community to honor the original inhabitants of Odiorne Point, talked about the need for writing and integrating Odiorne/Rye/regional history curriculum units for local schools, discussed seeking collaboration with area towns such as "Portsmouth400," planned to begin regular "Odiorne 2023" news starting with our January 2018 newsletter and explored what lasting legacy this event will have for Rye.

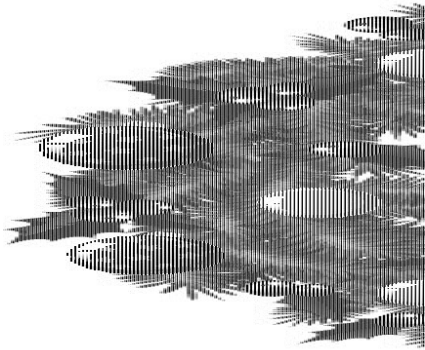
RHS is seeking current and former Rye residents of all generations who would like to join our efforts and participate on a specific aspect of this anniversary which will begin in 2018. Committees will be formed to plan activities and programs of this multi-year event which will reflect our rich history. Beyond individuals who volunteer, we hope to engage as many organized groups in town as possible including those in education, arts, athletics, civic groups, naturalists, military service, maritime connections and local business, just to name a few.

This event has the potential to raise permanent community interest in history in a way we have not seen before, including a revival of the full July 4th celebration of our town as we used to do in years past. If you would like to participate in any of the above activities or have additional ideas, please contact us at the museum e-mail:

info@ryenhistoricalociety.org or tel. [603 997 6742](tel:6039976742) or write - RHS, PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870.

The First Four Hundred
Rye, New Hampshire
1623 - 2023

**Please join us
to celebrate the holidays with
refreshments, good cheer
and good company**



**Thursday
December 14th
2 - 6 pm
Rye Historical Society
and Museum
Annual Holiday Open
House**

Help Create a New Exhibit at the Town Museum

RHS will be creating the fourth exhibit in its fifteen year history this winter and we need your help. We are thinking of mounting a series of small exhibits entitled "Rye Stories," but the final title and shape of the exhibit will be determined by those who come together to work on it starting in January. The first three exhibits were on hotels and boarding houses, selective images and narrative poems illustrating the town's past and the current chronological/thematic history of Rye. A new exhibit gives us the opportunity to use items and documents that have not yet been put on display and certainly one of the stories we can tell will be the history of Odiorne point, where New Hampshire began.

If you are interested in any aspect of this project please contact RHS. We look forward to working with you to bring more of Rye's intriguing and colorful past to light.



Getting Ready for the Holidays

The town museum has a one horse open sleigh, otherwise known as a pung or democrat. Donated by Jackie Gacek. Storage and transportation by Fred Clark. Decorated by Nina Herlihy

Shop Local! Visit Our Gift Shop This Holiday Season

From locally made art to fascinating books, reproduction old maps to charming note cards, we have all sorts of wonderful gifts for the special people in your life. History buffs and fans of this "salty old town" will love a gift from the Rye Town Museum Gift Shop!

[Check Out Our Gift Shop](#)



All are welcome!
St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea

**Candlelight
Caroling
in our
Historic Chapel**

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Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at 5pm
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Dress Warm!
Hot cider & treats to follow

30 Church Road
Rye Beach, NH
www.standrews-by-the-sea.org



TOWN OF RYE MERCHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE AT RYE TOWN HALL

Makes a great Holiday gift item!

All items 20 dollars each.

Sales to benefit Rye Heritage Commission

Thank you for supporting our town!



TOWN OF RYE
Rye Heritage Commission

10 Central Road
Rye, NH. 03870

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The RHS is!

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Share Your Talents and Skills with the RHS

Volunteers Needed For:

- Board members and committee chairs
- Building care and maintenance
- Coordinator between RHS resources and Rye schools
- Archival work and genealogical research
- Exhibit updates and creation
- Old house documentation project

- Textile organization and display
- Computer technology and website maintenance
- Administrative work
- Public relations and membership.

If any of the items interest you, please email or phone us. We would love for you to be part of the RHS!

Museum Winter Hours **Most Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm**

**The Museum is open by request at
(almost) ANY TIME!**

**We're here for you - please email
info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org**



Intimate Rye History Online - Access Rye History

Have you looked at all the new material recently posted on our web site? Under the tab: "Resources" click on **Access Rye History** and you will see over 1600's pages of a wide and diverse variety of primary source material from Rye 1850 - 1920. From diaries to letters to account books and much more you can open a window into the past and make Rye and American history come alive. Thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Fund and the work of Robin Silva from the Portsmouth Athenaeum, RHS is now able to share a rich body of the past from our extensive collection.

Visit our website

Proudly Announce 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.



RHS is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization

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