

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



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Happy New Year!  
2016 has been a banner year  
with two wonderful donations  
and a successful book  
publishing.

We're looking forward to  
2017 at RHS with great  
programming and exciting  
new research into our town's  
rich history.

## Our 2017 Membership Drive Starts NOW!

We need you! For 2017 our goal is to reach a milestone of 100 members who will commit to renewing annually. With this number of members we can sustain the work of the society and the museum, add to our programming, expand our research and database and keep our museum open and vital.



**Become a RHS member today!**  
**Membership Benefits Include:**

- **Invitations to members only appreciation events**
- **Discounts on special events, exhibition previews, and community programs**
- **Participation and voting privileges at annual board meeting**
- **10% discount on items from the [Museum's gift shop](#)**
- **A standing invitation to a personal tour of the museum's collection**

## Membership Levels:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Business	\$25.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$200.00

**\*Sponsor and Lifetime members will be acknowledged and thanked at a special spring event**

"In kind" - Volunteer with RHS for 6 hours for membership

Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ **(ALL levels of donations are gladly accepted!)**

[Click here to join online - it's EASY!](#)

Payment can be made via Pay Pal on our website or by check made out to "Rye Historical Society" and mailed to PO Box 583, Rye NH 03870, or placed in our new mailbox at the museum. Please include your name, mailing address and e-mail..

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## Toohey Family Donates for Rye Beach History

The Toohey family has generously donated \$5,000 to the RHS for the purpose of researching and promoting the history of the Rye Beach precinct.

Among the topics that will be comprehensively researched, with the help of a research associate, Jennifer King, are the hotels and boarding houses of Rye Beach (the Toohey home was one of the hotels).

Jennifer King will be the research associate for the Rye Beach project. She received her Masters in museum studies/history from UNH in 2016.

The research will pave the way for highlighting and displaying these and other important aspects of the history of Rye Beach at the RHS and within the community.

**A huge "thank you" to the Toohey family for realizing the importance of our local history and supporting the RHS' efforts to preserve it for future generations.**

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## Latest Donations Unveiled at the Holiday Open House

Thanks to the generosity of Virginia Garland, the RHS has received a wonderful treasure from her

family's homestead on Garland Road. Included in the donation are heirloom china, silver spoons engraved with family names, baby shoes, a sampler from 1807, binoculars, old Rye postcards and much more. Come by and see during museum hours.



**A heartfelt "thank you" to Virginia Garland for sharing her family treasures with the citizens of Rye and the RHS!**

## **Is Your House or Road Special? Tell Us Why!**

We're starting a new program at RHS - the Rye "House/Road of the Month". Each month a different house or road will be **featured on our website 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@ryehistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryehistoricalociety.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.

**A warm welcome to the newest members of the Rye Historical Society for 2017:**

**Laurie Holbrook  
Tulips in Portsmouth (Dolores Lintz)  
Marcia and Larry Gillis**

**Bud and Helen Blanchard  
Mary Ann Sullivan  
Grace Peirce  
Mary Smith**

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## **Tentative Programs for 2017**

- Oral history interviews with a few Rye natives - 20th century memories
  - BOOK EVENT: Author Steve Clarkson - "The Last Run", a historical novel about Rye during Prohibition
  - Art History of 19th and 20th century Seacoast including the Isles of Shoals with Doug and Karin Nelson
  - Boat Tour to Star Island - boat trip on Uncle Oscar out of Rye Harbor with a 90 minute stopover and guided tour
  - Three Rye History Trolley Tours - Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day
  - Haunted Houses of Rye
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## **Remembering Peter Thorne**

In January 1974, Rye resident Peter Horne was asked by the Concerned Citizens of Rye to moderate the special town meeting to consider the proposal to build an oil refinery on Great Bay with pipelines running under Rye and a terminal at the Rye Isles of Shoals. As a result of this meeting, Rye voted overwhelmingly against the proposal and it was eventually defeated.

In 2016 RHS published "Rye's Battle of the Century: Saving the Seacoast From Olympic Oil" by Lisa Moll. Peter Horne was instrumental in this effort, even contributing a memoir of his participation. Peter spoke in June at the book launch event and at the end he lead the audience in the defiant 1974 song "Ode to Olympic Oil."

Peter Horne passed away in November, but he will live on as a shining example of citizen activism.

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### **Winter Hours in Effect for November - April**

The Rye Historical Society's Museum will be open for Winter hours starting November 1, 2016

Wednesdays 3 pm to 5 pm  
By request - please call for an appointment 603-997-6742 or email us

at info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org

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