

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



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Happy New Year!
2017 has been a banner year with an incredibly successful membership drive, full houses at most programs and new research to learn more about Rye Beach's rich history as a summer destination.

We're looking forward to 2018 with new exhibits, organizing to commemorate 2023 and creating a full slate of exciting programs.

Help Create New Exhibits at the Museum

Exciting News! In 2018, the RHS will redesign the Museum exhibit space to tell stories about Rye's intriguing past and present. The new exhibits will tell detailed stories through photos, text, film excerpts, oral history, art and artifacts.

This new "Rye Stories" theme will be interactive, flexible and allow regular updates and new installations. Special events at museum from May through October will support the permanent exhibits

Some possible stories include Odiorne Point, town government and civic engagement, old Rye houses and historic family graveyards; land preservation, surfing, Bi-Centennial in Rye, fishing and farming, military history, and Rye schools. **We are interested in suggestions from everyone in the community of all ages.**

We will also be open to view films about Rye in a comfortable space in our museum library

We need your ideas, technical assistance and other support on any aspect of this exciting new project.

Please contact us if you can help or you have ideas on exhibit themes. Please join us in making this a true community project to deepen interest in Rye's heritage and bring to light the stories in history.

Write: info@ryehhistoricalsociety.org or call: 603 997 6742

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Winter Tea and Open House will be on Saturday, February 17th from 2-4 pm



Volunteer Administrative Help Needed

Are you organized and computer literate, looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? Do you have a few hours available each week or two that you could devote to the RHS? Then WE NEED YOU!

The RHS is currently seeking administrative help with emails, donations and general office work. Any hourly commitment would be greatly appreciated. A bonus: you will receive a membership to the RHS after 6 hours of volunteer work.

If interested please email info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org

Our 2018 Membership Drive Starts NOW!



We need you!

For 2018 our goal is to exceed 120 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 Rye Historical Society member
or Renew your membership 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**

2018 Membership Levels:

Individual - \$10.00

Family - \$15.00

Sustaining - \$25.00

Business - \$50.00

Sponsor - \$100.00

Lifetime - \$500.00 (does not renew)

OTHER \$ _____

(ALL levels of donations are gladly accepted!)

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

[Click here to join online!](#)

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..

UPCOMING PLANNED 2018 PROGRAMMING

- Rye History Trolley Tours: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day
- New Hampshire Artists
- St. Andrew's by the Sea Historical Tour and Lecture
- Geological History of Odiorne Point and the Seacoast
- WWI through story and music- Centennial remembrance

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWED 2018 RHS MEMBERS

The Schwaegerle family
Charles, Catherine and Skylar Raynes
Janet and Wyatt Davis
Carl Rohacek
Hank Chapman
Joanie O'Neil
Dorothy Adams
Debbie Jenness McAfee
Peter White
Mary Lou Barber

Marlene Jones
Jen King and Christian Wildmark
Ned Tate (donation from Lifetime member)
Connie Abbel (Lifetime member)
the Blanchard family
Frank Kennedy

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@ryenhistoricalociety.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.



Winter Hours in Effect for November - April

The Rye Historical Society's Museum is open most Wednesdays 3-5pm and ALWAYS open by request!

By request - please call for an appointment 603-997-6742 or email us at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org

[Click here to be added to our email list](#)

