

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RHS!



RHS Board Planning for the Future

The Rye Historical Society Board met in November to organize for 2019 and beyond.

Stay tuned for exciting plans coming this year!

Many thanks to the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits, who provided an excellent facilitator.

Help us improve our newsletter!

As we enter 2019 we want to make sure that you are interested in, informed by and inspired with our news. Please [click here](#) to take a 2-minute survey. Thank you in advance for your help!

President's Message

Welcome to 2019 Rye Historical Society members & friends.
May yours be full of splendid opportunities to enjoy your family
and beyond in the beauty of Rye, NH!

We had a lovely Open House in December, closing out a great year of programs, Trolley Tours, and visitors. I have hopes that we may be able to produce a future tour this year to introduce the public to the Rye Beach Neighborhood tour. You can preview now simply by downloading the app IZI.TRAVEL on either your smart device, or even on your computer for armchair travel. It is 25 stops, which will tell stories about the boarding houses, inns and summer hotels, including historic and current pictures. This is a treasure to share with your summer visitors and a way to get out for a nice walk.

No matter how your relationship with Rye began; whether through generations of family residence, summer visits, or exploring the area via Atlantic waters, your connection is likely one of deep appreciation for spectacular resources: land, water, and history. The RHS Board and volunteers are gearing up to explore these connections in a new format within the Town Museum. The Museum will transform over the winter months - we know our 2019 has begun with a spirit of creative transformation and research!

Our past will be presented in a current technological format that will encourage all of us to continue our exploration of Rye's deep roots: from families long resided here to seasonal visitors turned neighbors, to new friends brought here for vocation and avocation. Come visit and explore in May our new surroundings in the same lovely building next to Rye Public Library.

Thank you to all members & friends, who have renewed, donated and sponsored. We are incredibly fortunate to have your support, financially and energetically, and welcome it. As a volunteer organization, your enthusiasm is our driver to renew and succeed.

Warmest wishes to YOUR spectacular 2019! I'll see you around town, or in the garden(s).

Debbi Toohey- RHS president



There's a NEW EXHIBIT Coming to the Rye Town Museum

The newly formed Exhibit Committee has started planning for a new exhibit which will be unveiled in May 2019. The theme is the economic forces that have shaped Rye as a town: Fishing, Farming and Fun.

With new wall graphics, photos, artifacts and treasures from our extensive textiles collection, we will interpret these three important aspects of life in Rye from the first settlers to present day.

Volunteers who would like to work on this project are welcome! Please contact Anne Richter Arnold at anne.richter123@gmail.com.

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Share Your Talents and Skills with the RHS

Volunteers Needed For:

- Coordinator between RHS resources and Rye schools
- Archival work and genealogical research
- Exhibit updates and creation
- Textile organization and display
- Computer technology and website maintenance
- Administrative work
- Building care and maintenance

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

DID YOU KNOW.....
The Museum is open by request at
(almost) ANY TIME?

We're here for you - please email
info@ryenhistoricalociety.org to
make an appointment



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](#)

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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