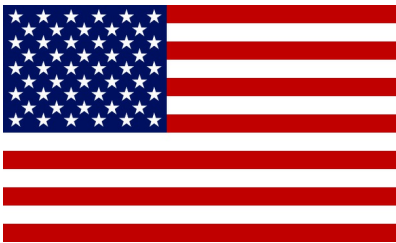


# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



## July News and Upcoming Events



**Celebrate Independence Day with  
a guided trip back into Rye's rich history**

**July 4th 10:30am-noon**

**Rye History Trolley Tour**

The tour leaves from the Rye Public Library Parking Lot  
plan to arrive by 10:15 AM

\$20 per person \$18 for over 65 and under 18

Reservations by e-mail only:

[info@ryenhhsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhsociety.org)

Give name, # in party and telephone contact

**We welcome our newest or renewed members -  
thank you for your generous support!**

Robert L. Kurry  
Debra Chase  
Robin & Joe Murphy  
Liz Frazell  
Joan Walsh  
Kim & Scott Gardiner  
Mike & Jan Carroll  
Harry Lowell  
Robert & Debra Andrews  
Jean & Michael Badger  
Katherine Brown  
Bob Eaton and Betty Anderson  
Suellen LeBosquet  
Pat Nicolino  
John Tilly and Wanda Wintin  
John Duffy  
Kendra Gammatt  
Peggy Scott  
Pat & Bob Weathersby  
Jay Wederstrom

"In Kind" Members (Volunteers):

Nina Herlihy  
Frank Drake  
Andy Richmond  
Mary Coombs  
Sue Reynolds  
Robina Mitchell

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**We're in the HOME STRETCH!**  
**Our 2017 Membership Drive Continues and**  
**We only Need 6 More Members to Hit 100!!!**  
**Join TODAY!!**

**2017 Membership Levels:**

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Sustaining	\$25.00
<b>Business</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Sponsor	\$100.00
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

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

**(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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**Thank You Garden Angels**

Recently two members of the Rye Driftwood Garden Club saw what a mess the museum gardens were in and tore into the task massive weeding. Librarian Andy Richmond was the first to spot them working and gave them this appropriate title as well as turning the museum hose of for them. We are grateful to Kendra Gemmett and Peggy Scott for this very needed volunteering. Former garden club members,RHS founder Jessie Herlihy and master gardener Bonnie Goodwin, are smiling down on you!

In the future, RHS needs volunteers to maintain the museum plantings; please contact us if you can help.

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**July House of the Month**  
**257 Washington Road**  
**The Nathaniel Foss House**

The July House of the Month is a home that has recently been renovated in keeping with the integrity of the historical nature of the house. The current owners of the house on the corner



of Washington and Long John have also marked the home with a Rye Historical Society designation sign showing the name of the house.

The name which appears on the map of Rye of 1805 designates the house as owned by Nathaniel Foss, who lived here 1756-1821. His date of marriage is 1787 which is how the approximate date of the house was derived.

His son, Richard Foss, lived on the home and was married in 1819 to Eliza Shapley. His widow Eliza is shown as the occupant of the house in 1851. Another owner of the house was John Oren Foss (1830-1903). His occupation was listed as a meat cutter. At one point in time there was a giant meat cutting wheel at the house, which was since sold to a country store. There were meat hooks found still hanging in the shed, evidence of this past profession.

An older photo of the house shows that the front dormers were added much later as well as a side porch. A 1991 photo shows the house with the comment "rebuilt after the fire". You can see in the recent photo of the house that the side porch is there but the roof line has been returned to its original style typical of homes from that era. The house bears a lot of similarities to a neighboring house at 277 Washington Road, the Ebenezer Marden house from 1735 and may have been modeled on that home.



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## ***JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM BEGINS***

Because RHS has a strong connection to Rye Junior High, we were able to get two volunteers from the recently graduated 8th grade, David Swenson and Daniel Michel. They are working on a variety of tasks this summer and began by organizing the WWII 8th grade projects that are on display in the museum. Then they moved on to getting historic photos back in their albums and soon they will tackle the basement in hopes it will yield a yard sale in August. We are grateful to their English teacher, Anne Gilbert, for bringing David and Daniel to the museum to help with some of our many tasks and we welcome other volunteers. See the list under the "Contact Us" tab on our web site.

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

The Rye "House/Road of the Month" - each month a different

**Share The History of Your Home with a Historic House Plaque**

house or road will be **featured in 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@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org)**

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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### *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](#)

**Museum Summer Hours**  
**Most Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm**  
**Saturday 10am - 12pm**

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

**We're here for you - please email us at [info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org)**



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