



# Historical Society *and* Museum

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*The Rye Town Museum is open to visitors on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 through October, and at almost all other times by appointment.*

**Make your appointment online**, email us at [info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org), or call 603-436-9278

[Schedule Visit](#)

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## Volunteers Needed

Do you love old books? Want to learn about Rye by helping inventory 19th and early 20th century documents in the form deeds, letters and other papers? The Rye Historical Society's Collections Committee is looking for two volunteers to help complete two important projects:

Volunteer #1 will create an excel-based inventory sheet of the Society's book collection, detailing the title, author, date and publisher.



Volunteer #2 will create an excel-based inventory sheet list of Parsons family documents — deeds, letters, etc. — detailing document type, date, brief explanation of content, etc.



### Skills Needed

- good organizational skills
- basic computer skills and proficiency in excel preferable

### Time Commitment

- to be negotiated based on mutually agreed upon schedule.

Like to tackle one of these projects? Email us at

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

## Where Rye's History Lives



[www.ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ryenhhistoricalsociety.org)

The Rye Historical Society website is chock full of content. Our home page offers all the articles the Rye400 Committee has published in Stroll magazine. Other pages give visitors access to our archived records and photos, a tour of Rye through the ages, our digital newsletters, genealogical information – and more. Having these resources accessible is important. People from all over the world reach out to us from time to time looking for information.

We would love to receive feedback and suggestions about our website from newsletter readers. Please email us at:

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Ginna Macdonald

## Thank You's

Thank you to our wonderful community! We raised \$2,365.50 during NH Gives 2023 to support our archivist continuing her work with us. Jane is so good at her job, and I don't think we could have gotten through the software transition we just finished without her expertise. Jane claims her slacker cat appreciates that he will continue to be



fed, and she is looking forward to a summer's worth of work in Rye!

*Ginna Macdonald*



## Amias Meets the Time Travelers

Amias Thomson, first European woman to reside in what's now Rye, is among the historical figures who interact with the young time travelers in *Portsmouth Time Machine*, the newly released graphic history by Dennis Robinson and Robert Squier.

(Click on image for purchase info.)

## Rye400 Donors

Since the last newsletter, the Rye400 Committee has received and acknowledged the following new donors who have contributed to the Rye400 celebration!

THANK YOU to:

### Founders — \$400+

H. Franklin Anthony III — \$500  
Nora & Donald Blouin — \$500  
Thomas & Barbara Archibald — \$400

### Pioneers — \$40+

Pamela & Robert Gruszczynski — \$162.30



## Upcoming Rye400 Events

The Rye400 Committee invites you to join them at the following events in July:

- **July 3** - Rye History Trolley Tour, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Rye Town Museum
- **July 6** - Isles of Shoals boat trip: Appledore & Star Islands (**sold out!**), 9:00am-4:00pm, Rye Harbor
- **July 13** - Rye Century Walk: The Hotel Era, 5:00-6:30pm, Bass Beach
- **July 19** - North River Band Concert, 3:00-4:00pm, Rye Public Library Common
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**SAVE THE DATES**

Be sure to save the dates for these Rye400 events later this year!

- **Thursday, October 19, 2023 — Rye400 Playground Fundraising Party** at the Atlantic Grill (5:30-8:00 p.m.) to raise money for a new playground for Rye Pre-K to 2nd grade students.
- **Saturday, December 2, 2023 — Rye400 Historic House Tour**; four homes and a barn; 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The tour will feature these properties, with their unique features and holiday finery:

Marden/Parsons Homestead 520 Washington Road (c.1757)

William Trefethen House 540 Washington Road (c. 1812)

William Berry House 546 Washington Road (c. 1725)

Dr. Charles F. Patterson House and Office 585 Washington Road (c.1900)

Simon Goss House Barn 1 Central Road (c.1810)

Tickets for the self-guided tour will go on sale October 15th.

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## THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

July, 1623

### David Thomson Feeds the Pilgrims

One early visitor to Pannaway was Captain Miles Standish, seeking a shipment of fish to feed the starving Pilgrims. David Thomson had his shallop loaded and delivered the fish himself.

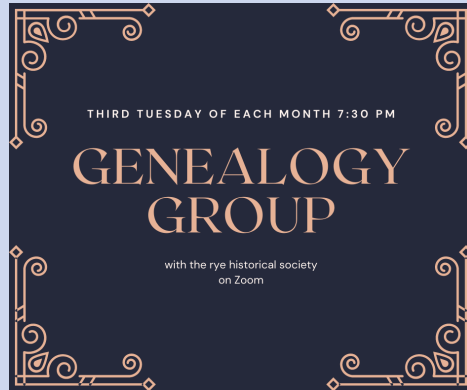
The coastal fishing boat that Thomson sailed around Cape Ann to New Plymouth would have resembled this Maine-built replica of a 17th-century shallop.



# Ongoing Free Programs



Free Self-Guided  
**Rye Beach Block Tour** **izi.TRAVEL**



# Get Involved



**Become a Member**



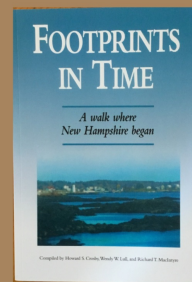
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**Mission:** To engage and educate a diverse population in Rye, New Hampshire's rich history through our programs, collections, and outreach, to encourage them to make a personal connection with their community.

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