# Rye Historical Society and Town Museum

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#### Programming to Include New Exhibit at Town Museum

Early in 2019 the Board of the Rye Historical Society is focusing on a new exhibition, educational programming, and planning for the 2023 anniversary of the settling of Odiorne Point. Following are noteworthy dates. All are free and open to the public.



ABOUT ADAMS POINT Thursday, March 28, Rye Public Library 6:30 P.M.



THE ATTACK ON PORTSMOUTH HARBOR Thursday, April 25 Rye Public Library 6:30 P.M.

Michael Provost, member of the New Market Historical Society Board of Directors, will give an illustrated talk titled Adams Point, A Destination and History. In the early 1900s, Adams Point was THE destination for many a "City Folk" who would arrive at the Newmarket Depot and either be taken by boat (depending on the tides) or be picked up by carriage (or later by motorcar) and journey through Newmarket to the four-story boarding house jutting out into Great Bay. It was here that Capt. Adams built his gundalow, The Fannie M, which was recreated at Strawbery Banke and named the Capt. Edward H. Adams. It is also interesting to note that Capt. Adams son, Cass, married Analesa Foss of Rye in 1936.

Carol White of the Fort Stark Historic Site will tell tales of German submarines in Portsmouth waters in the midst of World War II. White will speak about a German 11-ton one man mini-sub incident that came to be known as "The Attack on Portsmouth Harbor." The mini-submarine, a vessel of the Molch (Salamander) class, was first detected by a secret underwater magnetic loop that went out to Appledore Island. When found, the sub was taken to Portsmouth Naval Ship yard under extraordinary security measures and, after the war, was displayed for a time outside the commissary building. It is also thought a full-sized German sub may have detonated the mines in the nearby mine field in the harbor.



FARMING, FISHING
AND FUN
Opening in Early May
Rye Town Museum

A new exhibit: Farming, Fishing, and Fun, curated by RHS Exhibition Committee members Anne Richter Arnold, Linda Lemelin, Ginna Macdonald, and Debbi Toohey, will feature photographs, objects, fashion, and written history of the agricultural, seagoing, sport, entertainment, and whimsy of historic Rye. The team has selected items from the existing collection at the Rye Town Museum as well as additional items from residents.

### 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!

#### 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 setlers to present day.

Volunteers who would like to work on this project are welcome! Please contact Anne Richter Arnold at <a href="mailto:anne.richter123@gmail.com">anne.richter123@gmail.com</a>.

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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@ryenhhistoricalsociety.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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