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Newsletter - November 2016

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



Lots of exciting things happening at the Rye Historical Society, including the introduction of our newly formatted email newsletter and updated website. Read on and find out about upcoming events and how you can be a part of RHS in 2017!

Upcoming Events in November

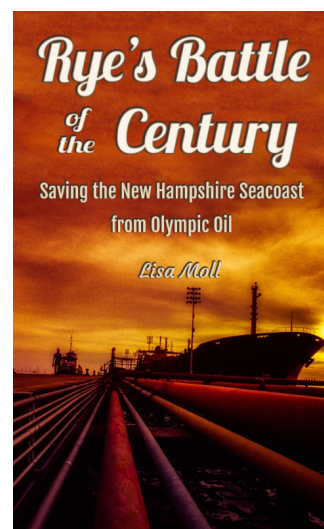
Book Event

"Rye's Battle of the Century"
Saturday 11/12 at 1pm
at the Rye Public Library

Author and Rye resident Lisa Moll will discuss her new book: "Rye's Battle of the Century: Saving the Seacoast From Olympic Oil" and show a short film she has made on the topic on Saturday, November 12th at 1 PM in the Rye Public Library. There will be a Q/A and discussion about the event and its relevance for today. The book is available for circulation in the RPL and for sale at the Rye Town Museum, the Hungry Horse and area bookstores.

An extensive feature on the book appeared in the Portsmouth Herald on October 16 written by RHS board member Anne Richter Arnold.

[Click Here to Read the Article](#)



RHS on Athenaeum Panel

Wednesday 11/16 at 7 PM at the Portsmouth Athenaeum

RHS will participate on a panel with colleagues from the Portsmouth, New Castle, North Hampton and Hampton historical societies to discuss a variety of topics relating to running a local historical society and managing a museum. Alex Herlihy will represent RHS on the panel. There is a \$10 admission charge for non-Athenaeum members.

[For more information click here](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Town Museum Holiday Open House Thursday 12/15 3pm to 6pm

The annual holiday open house will feature a chance to see some of our new donations and to enjoy refreshments, music and good company. We hope you will join us.

Updated RHS Web Site

Our new website is up and running! The RHS site has been updated to be mobile- and search-friendly. It has a fresher look with access to our image catalog, our history, plus hours and directions to the Town Museum. Look for more improvements in the near future, when we upload PDFs of historical documents. We also hope to include past and present photos of Rye's historic homes, once we collect all the various data and permissions. Visit our new and improved website at www.ryenhistoricalssociety.org.

Laurie Holbrook, RHS Technical Consultant

[Click Here to Visit our Website](#)

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Grant Progress

I have been a librarian for about 30 years, the last 20 years at the Portsmouth Athenaeum. With the help of this grant money I will be working about 4 hours a week to get the Rye Historical Society's database online and available to search on the website. I have been editing the database and scanning manuscripts, books and ephemera. These images will be put on the website sometime in early 2017 in a keyword searchable database. The goal of this project is to have images of these primary source documents available for teachers in the school district for classroom projects, for students to do direct research and for the general public. The first round of material will relate to the period 1850 – 1920, but in the future we expect to add material from the early 1800's and 1700's.

Robin Silva

Are You a Member Yet? Annual dues are only \$10!

The RHS needs you! Become a member today!

As you know, all small, non-profit organizations, especially those with buildings to support, depend heavily on annual membership contributions. We have many programs scheduled for 2017 and need your help making it possible.

This coming year our goal is to gain a milestone of 100 members at our base level of giving of \$10 who will commit to renewing annually. Any additional contributions are greatly appreciated. With this number of members we can sustain the work of the society and the museum and have clear budget expectations.

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..

Thank you for your support.

[Click here to learn about all the benefits and to join online - it's EASY!](#)



****New Town Museum Mailbox****

Any items that need to be dropped off or picked up at the museum may now be done so by using the new black mailbox to left of front door.



Recent Donations to the Museum

This has been a banner year for donations culminating in a large collection from the Garland Family which includes textiles, documents and photos, china, silverware and many other treasures.

Examples of the fine china are in the photo to the left

We have also received weapons from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars from the Locke family.

Marcia Gillis donated all of the Rye Free Press newspapers she wrote and published from 1979-80.

Come to the Holiday Open House on Dec. 15 to see these and many other new items in our collection

****Remember, as you are clearing out your attic, closets, basement or garage, keep the Rye Historical Society in mind. We would greatly appreciate any historically important items you would like to donate.**



Rye History Tours – Trolley, Bike, Car, Van and on Foot

This past Labor Day the trolley was full as we set out on our trek through Rye's past with stops at St. Andrew's, Rye Harbor and Goss Farm. RHS tries to schedule the tours on the Monday of the three warm weather holiday weekends. We recognize that some would like to vary the tours to include other stops and we welcome your feedback. The next tour trolley tour is Memorial Day weekend (Sat.) 2017.

Rye librarian Andy Richmond organized a Rye History bike tour (Washington, Ocean Blvd., Perkins, Central) and RHS provided him with the historical information. This map is available in the library and the museum.

RHS needs help in creating Rye history self-driving/biking /walking tours. We have all the information and stories, but need to organize the material and make it available to the public. In a van, Dave Maloney operates a "Scenic Coastal Tour" along Rye's coast, among others, through his "Seacoast NH Heritage tours, LLC" (info@seacoastnhtours.com).

The best tours, of course, are on foot which will take you back to pre-industrial Rye when the full flavor of the town could be enjoyed. One example is a saunter from Rye Center to Market Square. Enjoy an hour plus leisurely stroll through history on the lovely roads of our town. Unless you have a map and an intention to stop a lot, automobiles blind us to history.

Share The History of Your Home with a Historic House Plaque

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.

Many Rye homes and some 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.



Winter Hours in Effect for November - April

The Rye Historical Society's Museum will be open for Winter hours starting November 1, 2016

Wednesdays 3 pm to 5 pm
By request - please call for an appointment 603-997-6742

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