

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

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Covid-19 Statement

**Until further notice, the museum will be open by appointment only**, limited to 2 visitors per appointment. Masks are required inside, as is hand sanitizing upon entering the building. Appointments may be made by email: [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org) , or by calling: 603-997-6742

## Museum Open All Year

October was a banner month at the museum with over twenty visitors by appointment. Four people made donations of historic photos and other items. The museum is never closed. Just write or call for an appointment.

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## Rye NH Seacoast Tour Part 1

Over the summer historian Alex Herlihy narrated a tour along the beach which we are using to create a series of videos. We hope you enjoy them.



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## Membership Recognition Day

Current members of the Rye Historical Society are invited to drop by the Museum at **10 Olde Parish Road on Sunday, November 8 from 2-4 pm** to

pick up membership packages. The Museum will also be open between 2-4 for one “group” at a time to enjoy the current exhibit. Masks are required. **Please email [janet@clarksondavis.com](mailto:janet@clarksondavis.com) if you would like to enter the museum, and indicate what time you will arrive so that we can schedule groups accordingly.**

If you are not sure if your membership is current, please send an email to [janet@clarksondavis.com](mailto:janet@clarksondavis.com). You can renew your membership at the Museum on November 8, as well as purchase gift memberships for coworkers, friends, and family.

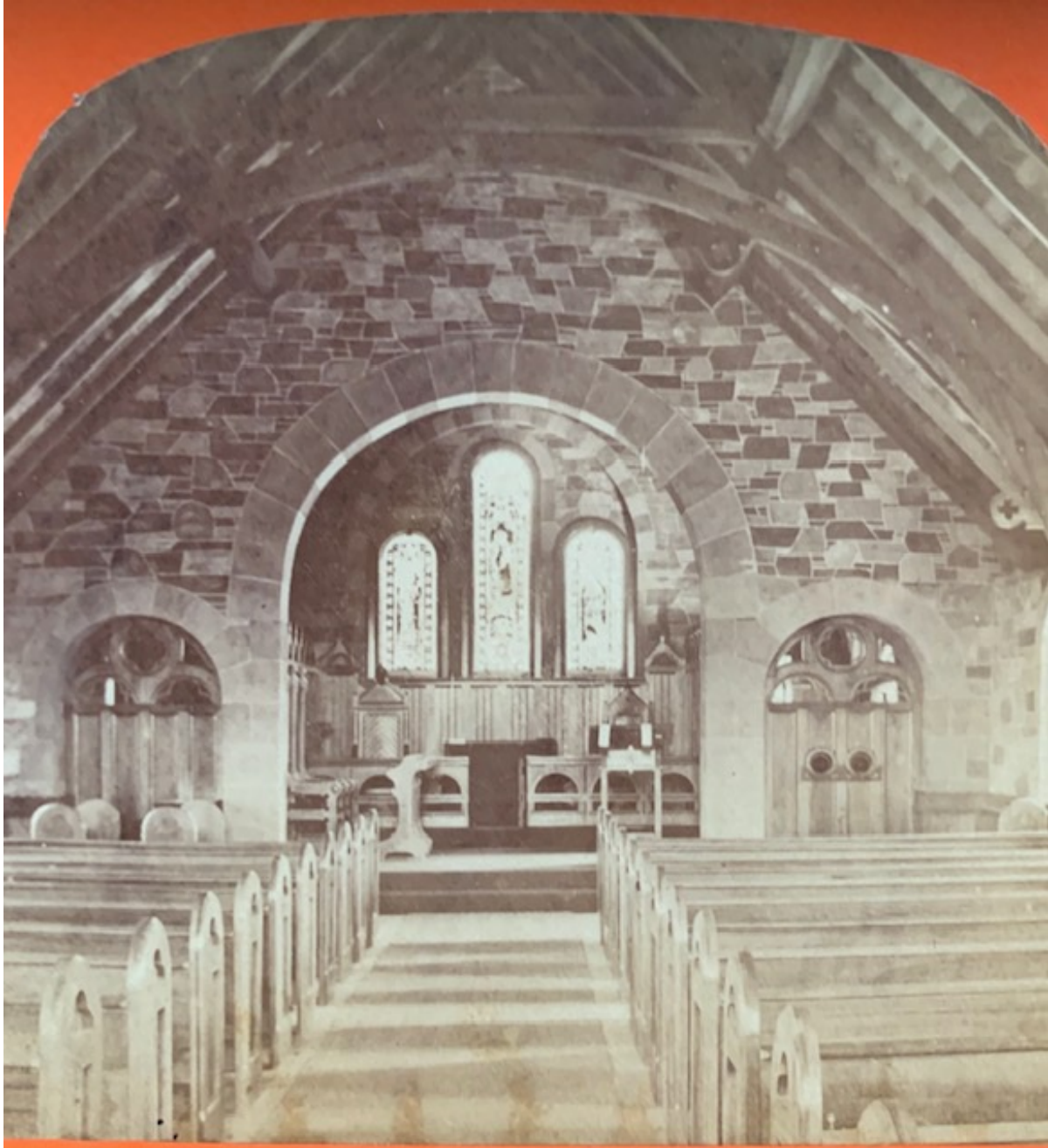
*\*If you are not able to come by the Museum to pick up your packet, we will be delivering packages throughout the month of November, or you can email [janet@clarksondavis.com](mailto:janet@clarksondavis.com) to let us know you are out of town and will pick up your package at a later date.*

Membership

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## Where is this?

Click on the picture if you know! Answer will be in next month's newsletter.



*First person to reply correctly will be mentioned in next month's newsletter.*

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## **Last Month's Winner**

While several people submitted the correct answer, the first to do so was **Jeff Quinn**. This shot was taken outside the **Beach Club at Sawyer's Beach!**



This Month's question:

**What year did the town of Rye come into possession of Parsons Park (field and woods)?**

- a. 1976
- b. 1983
- c. 1979

Last Month's question was:

**What Happened in Rye 25 Years Ago?**

- a. Rye town museum opened
- b. Stoneleigh Manor Franciscan Retreat House demolished
- c. Rye moved to a five member Select Board

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## Recollections

*This is an excerpt from the book Alex Herlihy is currently writing on the continuing history of Rye:*

### **Hurricane Carol, 1954, Memory of David Mahar (b. 1937, d. 2018)**

"My first hurricane was Carol in 1954. Spent the day at Harry Green's camp (off Washington Road) playing cribbage. The camp was in a grove of 200 feet tall pines and hemlock. Every few minutes we heard a cracking and a tree coming down. This went on and on till the wind died. Coming out we had to crawl over downed trees. The camp was bracketed with downed trees, none of

which touched the camp. An outbuilding had the only damage as a tree leaned against its roof. Harry had cut down half of a lot of first growth pines, hemlock and spruce on our property bought from my dad. Due to the wind getting in the open lot many of the trees were blown down and had created a rats nest of trees leaning against each other. As I was the end of a crosscut saw with Harry, no chain saws then, we had to go into the rats nest and cut the leaning trees down. That was exciting because as you cut one tree they leaned into the next until a kind of keystone tree had to be cut. Nervous city right there!"

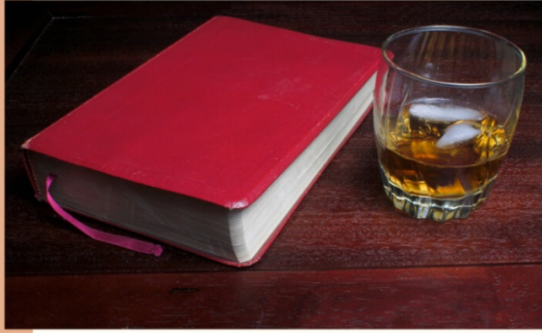
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## History Happy Hour FaceBook Live Sundays at 5 pm

The dredging of Rye Harbor has begun, and what better way to highlight our little harbor than to read the book *Just Rye Harbor - An Appreciation and History* by Thomas C. Clarie and Rosemary F. Clarie, edited by Peter E. Randall.

View our trailer below!





# History Happy Hour

Sundays FaceBook Live 5 pm

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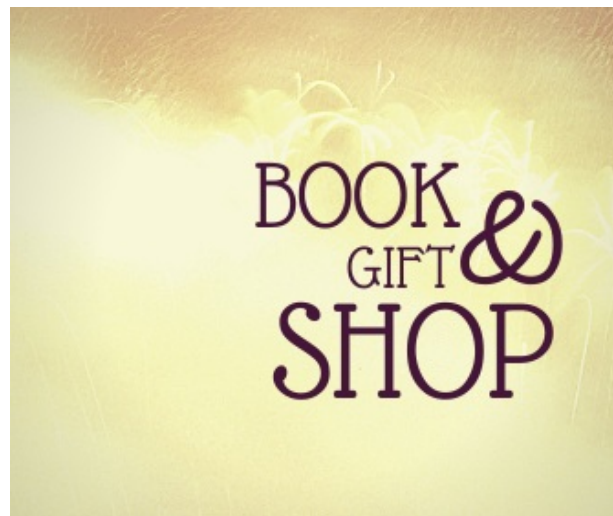
## Volunteer Needed to Shovel Museum Walkway

The museum is open by appointment all year and board members need to get in on a regular basis. Although the town plows the big drift aside, there is still a need to shovel out the museum walkway and steps to front door.

If you are interested in taking on this task within 24 hours after a storm, RHS would be very grateful.

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email: [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org)

Thank you very much.



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Did you know there is a guided walking tour in Rye Beach? [Download the IziTRAVEL app and get started!](#)

Don't want to walk? You can take this tour from the comfort of your easy chair!

## 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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