

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

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Covid-19 Statement

**\*As of July 1, 2020, 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

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## A Note About Membership

We are so grateful for our membership which supports our ongoing work bringing Rye's rich history to you, whether it is a visit in person, or through the magic of technology. **The board of directors wishes to thank all of you who renewed your commitment to us for the upcoming year.** Every little bit helps and if you have not done so yet, you can renew your membership, or join for the first time, by clicking the button below. We couldn't do what we do without the support of the community. Physical member benefits will be distributed to you in the coming months.

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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 the November newsletter.*



## 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

*Answer in November newsletter!*

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## Recollections

*Below is an excerpt from an oral history transcription at the museum - Emma Foss' recollections of growing up in Rye in 1890's*

"There was great excitement in Rye during the years of the presidential elections. In Portsmouth there were torch light processions in which Rye men, including my father, participated. The marchers wore colorful costumes which added to the glamour. Crowds lined the sidewalks, enjoying the spectacle. By the time I had entered school that custom had been discontinued. But we shared our parents' interest in politics. At school we repeated political slogans, felt pity for the benighted ones who belonged to the other party and rejoiced in our enlightenment."

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## Collecting Stories, Listening to Memories

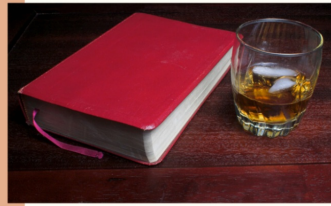
**There's a new FaceBook page** I created for people who grew up in Rye. I did not grow up here but have very fond memories of visiting my grandparents and their dogs at the little cottage on the harbor for a couple of weeks every summer. That was our big summer vacation. She'd watch the lobstermen come in and flag one down as he drove by to get our lobsters for dinner. She made a delicious blueberry cake to eat with it. We'd swim at Foss Beach and I recall letting go of my floatie board to see what happened and it floated way out to sea. My dad had to swim out to retrieve it. I'm pretty sure it really wasn't too far now. And I remember the last lone standing tree in the Rye Harbor State Park and there was a swingset there as well!

Ginna Macdonald, *Board Member*

**If you are on FaceBook and want to like us and share any memories of growing up in Rye, we'd love to hear them!**

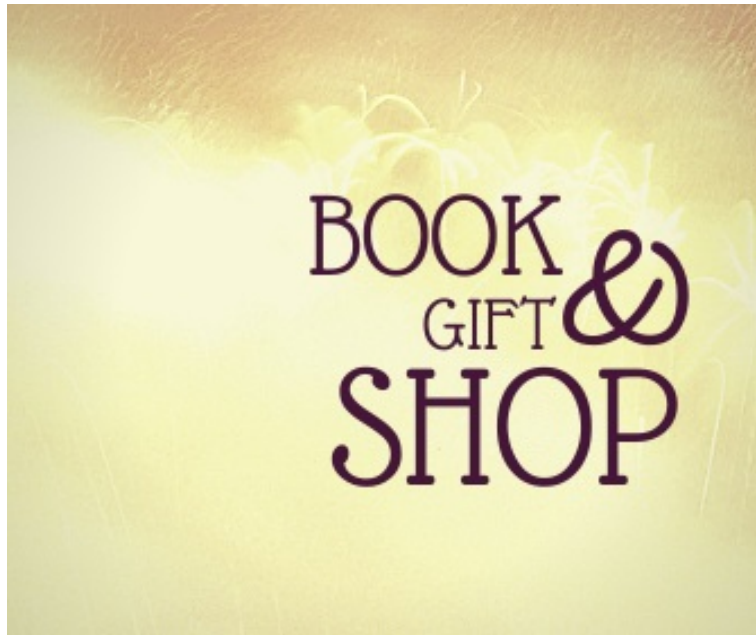
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## History Happy Hour

[Sundays FaceBook Live 5 pm](#)



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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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