Rye Historical Society and Town Museum

News and Upcoming Events





Our Labor Day Rye History Trolley Tour is SOLD OUT!

Stay tuned for a possible October tour

If interested please email us at

info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org

Rye resident Steve Clarkson Discusses his recent book, The Last Run Wednesday, September 13 6:30 pm at the Rye Public Library

ABOUT THE BOOK:

Prohibition in the 1920s is often recalled as a bigcity phenomenon-speakeasies, bootlegging mobsters, the flaunting of the constitutional edict by the urban wealthy, and the tragic plight of the cities' poor. But the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act also had a devastating-and highly dramatic-effect on everyday folks in small towns throughout the country. The Last Run is a story about that impact. On July 10, 1929, a headline in the Portsmouth (New Hampshire) Herald announced: Find 139 cases of Liquor Planted in Rye Harbor; Cargo Worth Between \$12,000 and \$15,000 Seized by Coast Guard-Thought to Have Come from Nova Scotia. The mystery behind the origin of the liquor and the identities of the perpetrators of the crime was never solved. In The Last Run, the author imagines the story behind the



Volunteers Needed for the Following Tasks:

- Scanning photos for the Old House documentation project
- Scanning the completed Old Graveyard project
- Archiving and digitizing all of museum's collection
- Coordinator of RHS resources with both of Rye schools for curriculum integration
- Coordinator of RHS genealogy collection answer inquiries on family history questions
- Organizer of special themed events at the museum
- Updating the museum exhibits
- Organizing RHS Rye film collection to be available on website

Rye Beach August program a Great Success

In August, RHS researcher Jen King presented some preliminary images and information she is developing for a walking tour or Rye Beach to an overflow audience at the library. Many in attendance provided much needed feedback and some signed up to assist Jen in bringing this tour to



completion. In the future RHS will present a detailed program on Rye Beach, one of the oldest parts of Rye, including one house that dates to the 1720's.

DID YOU KNOW....?

Three members of the RHS Board are also on the Rye Heritage Commission? They are already planning on ways to coordinate the 2023 festivities for the Rye area.

- Alex Helihy
- James Tegeder
- Rich Davis

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.

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 yo will see over 1600's pages of a wide and diverse variety of primary source material form 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

Museum Summer Hours
Most Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm
Saturday 10am - 12pm
he Museum is open by request at (almost)
ANY TIME!



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