

RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



Great events and some great news!

Don't forget the museum is open every
Saturday from 10am to 12pm
and by appointment ANY TIME if you'd like
to look around or do some research



**The Rye History
Trolley Tour
September 3rd
Labor Day**

10:30am - noon

Meet at the Rye Library Parking Lot

Our trolley tour is an intriguing look at various historical locations in Rye. Hear Rye stories and explore our rich history from the comfort of a trolley, then disembark at locations for an up close look and more historical anecdotes and facts.

Registration is required and seating is limited!

The tour leaves from the Rye Public Library Parking Lot
plan to arrive by 10:15 AM

\$20 per person \$18 for over 65 and under 18

Reservations by e-mail only: info@ryenhistoricalociety.org

Give name, # in party and telephone contact number



Sunken Forest Program Thursday, September 13th 6:30 pm Rye Congregational Church

Join Peter Leach, a University of Connecticut doctoral student and the archaeology application specialist at Geophysical Survey Systems in Nashua, NH, for a geological discussion of the Seacoast's drowned forests and submerged landscapes. This talk will focus on New Hampshire's drowned forests with specific reference to Odiorne Point and Jenness/Rye beaches. The unique geology of the Seacoast and offshore areas, in concert with trends in sea-level rise over the last 12,000 years, lead to the enhanced preservation in these locations. Leach will place the drowned forests into a geologic context and explain how old they are, why they have survived, and the potential for other drowned forests to appear as on-going sea-level rise erodes the coastal zone. This will include a discussion of geospatial modeling for the western Gulf of Maine, beginning in a time of lowered sea-level when a person could walk to the Isles of Shoals from the mainland. Peter will also discuss the scientific importance of the Seacoast's sub-fossilized trees, and what data could be extracted from the tree stumps to improve our knowledge of New Hampshire's Holocene environments. Co-sponsored by the Rye Public Library.

Welcome New RHS Board President Debbi Toohey

In August, the RHS board voted to make Debbi Kurry Toohey our new President. Debbi is a passionate skier, body surfer, hiker and traveler who has made Rye Beach her home for the past 5 winters, previously raising the family in Central Florida with her husband Garritt. While raised in Maine on Sebago Lake, graduating from Northeastern University in the last 1/5th of the 20th century, most of her experiences leading up to volunteer as president of the Rye Historical Society were in Orlando, Fl. There she fund raised for numerous school events, acted occasionally in the classroom, once as Johann Guttenberg

(inventor of the moveable printing press!). She remains active as a board member of The Orlando Shakes from a distance, but more locally can be seen meeting with the book club @ the Rye Public Library, or at a Friends of RPL meeting, or gardening along the Sea Road garden, pulling weeds and often where socializing the neighbors begins.

Currently her green thumb finds her occasionally in front of Rye Historical Society Museum, where she has been an active member since 2016 in various initiatives. The Toohey family is very pleased with the research which led to the Rye Beach Block walking app on the izi.travel site, developed by and accessible through the RHS website. She is very pleased with the energy bringing volunteers forward to continue or initiate projects, and is looking forward to developing more community collaborations.



"I am thrilled to be the new President, and taking over after Alex Herlihy's long tenure will be big shoes to fill. Come visit the RHS Town Museum before the season concludes in October, and definitely upon opening a new exhibit in May 2019. History is vital, and engaging citizenry the same."

RHS Board as of September 2018

We are pleased to have two new board members, making it a full nine member group:

Debbi Toohey, President
Anne Richter Arnold, Vice President
Steve Cash, Treasurer
Becky Marden, Secretary
Alex Herlihy (past President)
Rich Davis
James Tegeder
Janet Davis
Ginna MacDonald

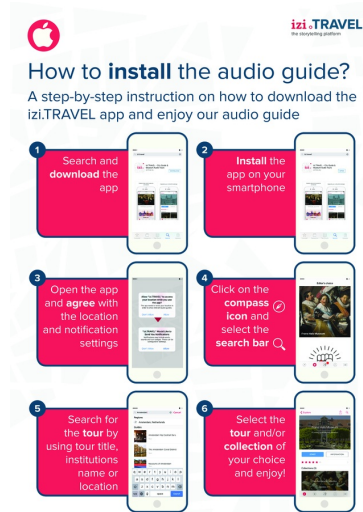
Exhibit Committee Plans Revamped Museum Displays for 2019

The five members of the Exhibit Committee, chaired by RHS Vice President Anne Arnold, recently met to start planning the next iteration of the Town Museum. For the opening of the 2019 season in May, the right half of the museum (and maybe more!) will have a new exhibit encompassing pieces from the society's extensive collection of artifacts and antique clothing.

In the works are enlisting the help of one or two Museum Studies student interns from UNH, applying for various grants and funding from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and redesigning the layout to provide a reception desk and a dedicated

research area for visitors. Expect an invitation to the "Grand Opening" next May!

If you like to contribute to making this possible or help in any way, including donating artifacts, please contact Anne at ararnold0123@gmail.com.



Download the Rye Beach History Walking Tour App

The free Rye Beach neighborhood walking tour app, developed through the Rye Historical Society, is now available, easy to download and a great way to entertain your household guests. Send them off for a historic stroll, stories of the early experience of summering on the shore and grab yourself some idle moments.

*Download [IZI.TRAVEL](https://www.izi.travel) onto your smart device (or your lap top for arm chair travel) from the App Store. Type Rye into the search bar and open Rye Beach Block.

One can either listen to the narration which starts up at each stop in the tour, or manage it manually by reading the tour as stops are approached. And- you'll enjoy photos of "then and now" for each house stop.

The Rye Beach tour includes 24 stops, encompassing Sea, South, Central Roads and Red Mill Lane. Choose any of the stops in which to begin/end. Enjoy a delightful step back in time for an hour or two.

Is Your House Special? Tell Us Why!

Be a part of an exciting program at RHS - the Rye "House of the Month". Each month a different house or road will be **featured on our newsletter as well as in Rye Magazine.**

Is your house or road historic and of special interest to the community?

If so, please contact us to enter this month's competition. Don't know much about your house but you know it's significant? **We can help you do the research!**

Email us TODAY at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org

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.





Summer Hours in Effect for May - October

The Rye Historical Society's
Museum is open Saturdays 10-12

Always by request - please call for
an appointment 603-997-6742 or
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