

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM

*The Rye Town Museum is open to visitors on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 through October, and at almost all other times by appointment.*

**Make your appointment online**, email us at [info@ryenhistoricalociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhistoricalociety.org), or call 603-436-9278

Schedule Museum Visit

NOVEMBER 2022

## Unwanted Out West, Welcome in Rye!

What's that saying about "one man's trash is another man's treasure?" For those of us who frequent auctions or yard sales, it sometimes happens that we buy something we want and with it may come something that is irrelevant. What do we do with the unwanted item(s)? Well, a "fine map" dealer in Santa Barbara, CA, found himself in just that predicament. Luckily, instead of throwing the unwanted items away, he put them in an envelope and sent them directly to us! What did we get? Eleven "Rye Town Hall"

entertainment programs dating from February, 1890 to May, 1895, three 1890s "Seaside Union" religious meeting programs and a couple of undated/no location programs. They are in great condition and will be a welcomed addition to our collection. How they survived and got out to California, we'll never know. But, they've now come back home where they belong!

*Lew Karabatsos*



Save the Date!

RYE400 AND THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PRESENT

# A Vintage Rye Holiday

## HOLIDAY PARADE AND CANDLELIGHT STROLL

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
3 PM to 6 PM

Webster at Rye to the Rye Town Common  
Concluding with the Lighting of the Parsons Field Tree

Special Guest - Santa Claus  
Enjoy Hot Chocolate and Cookies at the End of the Parade



Thank you Tate & Foss for sponsoring the 2022 Vintage Rye Holiday Event on December 4, 2022! Mark your calendars, everyone. And be sure to keep checking the Rye400 website for other happenings! <https://www.ryenh400.org>

## Wanted

Dory boat on trailer to be decorated to represent Rye 400 in the Holiday Parade!

Email [info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryenhhistoricalsociety.org) or call 603-436-9278 if you have one you wouldn't mind sharing with us!



**Support for Rye400 Continues to Grow!**



Rye400 Fundraising Committee: Debbi Toohey, Andy Stecher, Lew Karabatsos

The Rye400 Committee thanks the following most recent donors for their support of 2023 programs and activities. To date, we have raised close to half of our \$150,000 goal. If you too would like to contribute to the success of Rye400, please visit <https://www.ryenh400.org/sponsorship-opportunities>

**Explorers: \$1,623 and above**

- Linda and Larry Connell: \$1,623
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- Amy Borne: \$40
- Kathleen Infantino: \$40
- Michael Scott: \$40



## Business Sponsors

- Tate & Foss/Sotheby's International Realty: \$5,000 to sponsor both the 2022 and 2023 Vintage Rye Holiday Parade and Candlelight Walks
- The Inn at Rye Place: \$2,500 to sponsor the two 2023 Isles of Shoals Tours
- Service Federal Credit Union: \$400

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## Upcoming Programs and Events

**November 3rd - QUILTS OF THE CIVIL WAR.** Presentation by Pamela Weeks, 7 p.m. at the Rye Congregational Church

**December 1st - SURFMEN OF THE SEACOAST.** Presentation by D. Allan Kerr, 7 p.m. at the Rye Congregational Church

Link for more information: [Events at Rye Historical Society | Rye, NH](#)

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## Call for Artists and Photographers



"Crash" by Norma Torti

The Rye400 Committee invites artists and photographers to submit entries for the ***People, Places, and Things: Images of Rye Art Show***, to be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH, **11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** The show is a juried event, open to the public. Prize levels in two categories are as follows:

### Adults 18 years and older-

- First Prize: A cash award of \$1,000 — The winning piece becomes the property of the Rye Historical Society.
- Second Prize: A cash award of \$500
- Third Prize: A cash award of \$250

### Students K-12-

- First Prize: A cash award of \$150
- Second Prize: A cash award of \$100
- Third Prize: A cash award of \$50

Artists/photographers may enter up to three (3) pieces for consideration by **Saturday, February 18, 2023.**

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## THIS MONTH IN RYE HISTORY

November, 1622

### David Thompson Gets His Land Grant

David Thompson, the son of a Scot, served as agent for the Council for New England, a joint-stock company launched in 1620 by Sir Ferdinando Gorges. King James gave the Council authority to dole out settlement rights, and in November, 1622 Thompson received a grant covering 6,000 acres, plus an island. With the land grant in hand, he could obtain the backing of Plymouth merchants for the fishing-and-fur-trading venture he hoped to establish in what is now Rye.

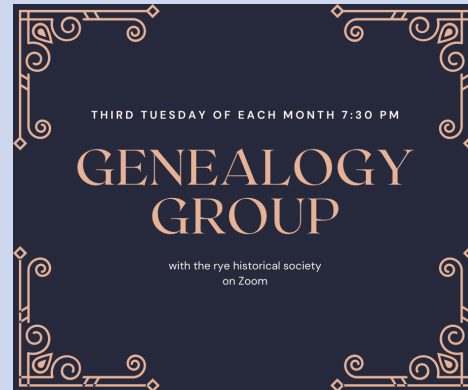
The native inhabitants of the land, their numbers depleted by a smallpox plague, were not a party to the grant.

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## Ongoing Free Programs



Free Self-Guided  
Rye Beach Block Tour **izi.TRAVEL**



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## Get Involved

## Rye Historical Society Membership Challenge

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& FISCAL SPONSOR OF THE RYE 400TH CELEBRATION

WON'T YOU HELP US REACH  
400 MEMBERSHIPS IN OUR 400TH YEAR?



### Make A Donation



## Volunteer



## Visit Ye Olde Gift Shoppe



**Vision:** To preserve and share Rye history by understanding the past, informing the present, and influencing the future.

**Mission:** To engage and educate a diverse population in Rye, New Hampshire's rich history through our programs, collections, and outreach, to encourage them to make a personal connection with their community.

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