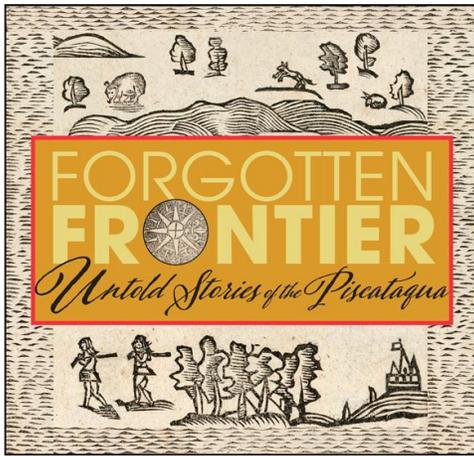


RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



June News and Upcoming Events



**This FREE event is cosponsored by the
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Call to Volunteers!

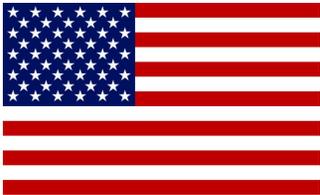
We are seeking several volunteers to provide one or two refreshment items for this program. Store bought or homemade cookies, brownies, veggies, or crackers, lemonade, punch, or soda would be GREATLY APPRECIATED! Please contact Becky at 436-4579 or rbrbrbrbr@hotmail.com.

**Forgotten Frontier: Life in the
Piscataqua Region in the 17th
Century**
a lecture by Prof. Emerson
Baker

**Thursday June 8th 6:30 pm
Rye Public Library**

Join archaeological historian and history professor at Salem State, Emerson Baker, as he speaks about the trails and tribulations of life in the 17th Century. From Indian raids to trying to survive in the wild New England frontier, his lecture gives insight to the difficulties of life in our area for the first settlers.

We can learn much about these people and their lives by exploring their objects, including many excavated on local archaeology sites. This talk will be illustrated by objects currently featured in "Forgotten Frontier: Untold Stories of the Piscataqua," the exhibit currently on display at Old Berwick Historical Society's Counting House Museum, in South Berwick, Maine.



Save the Date!
July 4th 10:30am-noon
Rye History Trolley Tour
a guided trip back into Rye's rich history

NEW EXHIBIT!

WWII Monuments and Poetry inspired by Rye

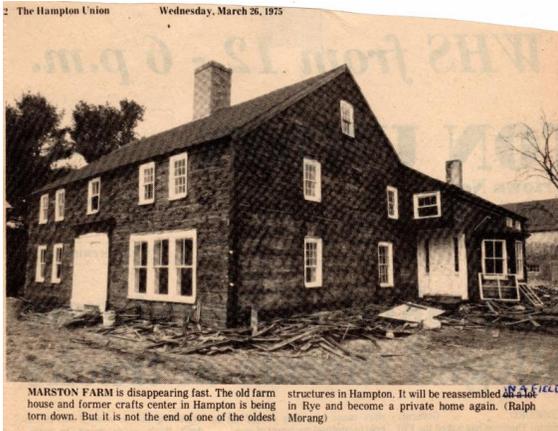
This year the 8th grade researched WWII topics and the end result was a presentation for an assembly at the school which included hand made monuments depicting their topics.

The Town Museum has photographed all the monuments and has all the script to go with them.

Six of the monuments were brought to the museum for further display. They include the worst maritime disaster in history, the Holocaust, Dunkirk evacuation, Kamikaze attacks and the Candy Bombers.

Another 8th grade project involved writing poems inspired by Rye including images found on the RHS web site and other sources. These poems now on display at the museum and they reflect a wide ranging interest and inspiration of many aspects of Rye past and present.

Museum Summer Hours
Most Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm
Saturday 10am - 12pm
The Museum is open by request at
(almost) ANY TIME!
We're here for you - please email us
at info@ryenhistoricalociety.org



June House of the Month

Five Century House 55 Lang Road

This month's featured house has a very interesting history, which did NOT start in Rye but has ended up being one of the older structures currently in the Town. It is called the Five Century House because there has been some sort of construction on the home in each of the last five centuries.

William Marston, one of the founders of Hampton, NH in 1636, built a 2½ story, 20 x 30' home in 1654, north of what is now the center of town (on Lafayette Rd. just north of Middleton Lumber). In the early 1700's the growing Marston family doubled the size of the house and built a large center chimney so it became the classic 30 x 40' center chimney colonial commonly found in New England. By 1840 the Marston's and some friends who had moved in to the home required even more space, so they built a 1 ½ story wing off the back of the house.

The last Marston's to live in the house were Adeline Marston, for whom the elementary school in Hampton is named and her niece, Leonora Marston Wing. The house was abandoned from 1963, when Adeline died. A fire started in the house during temporary occupation in 1972 and an antique business owner across the road noticed it. He quickly called it in and the house was saved. Charred beams still in the house today attest to that fire.

In 1975 Alex Herlihy bought the house for \$4000 and hired Russell Lamson to dismantle and move it to his property on Lang Road in Rye. Alex worked along with the crew and it was an amazing experience for him, especially finding a doctor's bill from 1747 under the floor boards and handling those massive beams.

In reassembling the house in 1975 Alex decided he needed even more room, so an addition was built between the original wing and the back of the main house. All the original floor boards, doors, some windows, chimney bricks, stone foundation and some fine paneling were re-used and many of the beams were left exposed. Some interesting features of the house are a bay window in the Victorian wing and a large fixed pane church window which had been donated to the Marston's in the 1800's, which now is in the end of the living room



When the house was being taken down in Hampton people complained that a town treasure was being destroyed so the Hampton Union ran a photo with a caption explaining that it was being saved.

In reconstructing the house, the most challenging part was to fit the roof pieces in place and peg them together. This post and beam structure was all pegged using mortise and tenon beams.

In 2005, an art studio was added off the end of the main house for Nina Fox Herlihy, thus completing construction of the Marston House over the five centuries 17th through 21st. Will future residences add on again and make it a Six Century house?

Is Your House or Road Special? Tell Us Why!

The Rye "House/Road of the Month" - each month a different house or road will be **featured in 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@ryenhistoricalsociety.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.



New Membership Levels in Effect Our 2017 Membership Drive Continues

2017 Membership Levels:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Sustaining	\$25.00
Business	\$50.00
Sponsor	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$500.00



***Sponsor and Lifetime members will be acknowledged and thanked at a special spring event**

"In kind" - Volunteer with RHS for 6 hours for membership

(ALL levels of donations are gladly accepted!)

[Click here to join online - it's EASY!](#)

Payment can be made via Pay Pal on our website or by check made out to "Rye Historical Society" and mailed to PO Box 583, Rye NH 03870, or placed in our new mailbox at the museum. Please include your name, mailing address and e-mail.

**We welcome our newest or renewed members -
thank you for your generous support!**

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Suzi MacDonald
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Steve and Jane Agnelli
Ann Malpass
Steve Clarkson
David and Elizabeth Choate
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