

# RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TOWN MUSEUM



Here's what's happening at the Rye Historical Society this month. Read on and find out about upcoming events and how you can be a part of RHS in 2017!

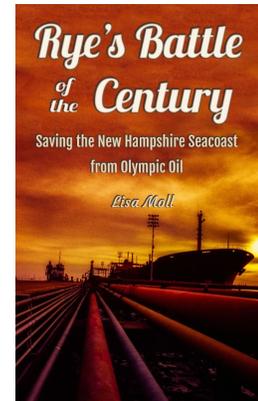
## Upcoming Events in December

### RHS on Portsmouth Community Radio

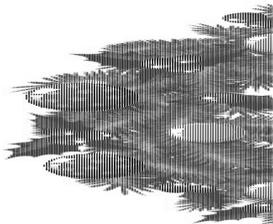
Thursday 12/15 at 8 am  
WSCA radio 106.1

On Thursday, December 15 at 8 am, Larry Drake of WSCA radio 106.1 will host Lisa Moll, author of "Rye's Battle of the Century: Saving the Seacoast From Olympic Oil", and Alex Herlihy, president of the Rye Historical Society, the book's publisher. The book is for sale in local bookstores and for circulation in local libraries.

An extensive feature on the book appeared in the Portsmouth Herald on October 16, written by RHS board member, Anne Richter Arnold.



[Click Here to Read the Article](#)

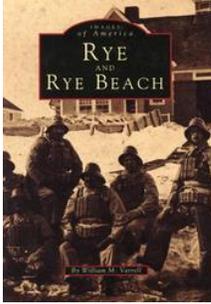


### Town Museum Holiday Open House

**Thursday 12/15 from 3 pm to 7 pm**

**10 Olde Parish Road, Rye**

The annual holiday open house will feature a chance to see some of our new donations and to enjoy some refreshments, music and good company. We hope you will join us.



## Holiday Shopping at the Town Museum Gift Shop

Our new website is up and running - just in time to help with your holiday

shopping! You can browse our gift shop online by going to the RHS web site. Under the tab "About Us," you will find the Museum Gift Shop, which includes house plaques, bricks from the South School house, note cards, postcards, maps, historic photos and many books. Prefer to shop in person? You are welcome to browse the gift shop during the holidays at any time. Just call 997-6742 or email us at [info@ryennhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@ryennhistoricalsociety.org) and the museum will be open for your holiday shopping.

[Click Here to Visit our Website](#)

## 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.



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## Come Join Us! Annual dues are only \$10!

### Become a RHS member today!

For 2017 our goal is to gain a milestone of 100 members at our base level of giving of \$10 who will commit to renewing annually. With this number of members we can sustain the work of the society and the museum, add to our programming and have clear budget expectations.

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.



[Click here to learn about all the benefits and to join online - it's EASY!](#)

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## Tentative Programs for 2017

We've got some great things planned! Here's a sneak preview:

- Rye's Bovine History with Steve Taylor, former NH Commissioner of

## Agriculture

- BOOK EVENT: Author Steve Clarkson - "The Last Run", a historical novel about Rye during Prohibition
- Art History of 19th and 20th century Seacoast including the Isles of Shoals with Doug and Karin Nelson
- Boat Tour to Star Island - boat trip on Uncle Oscar out of Rye Harbor with a four hour stopover and guided tour
- Three Rye History Trolley Tours - Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day
- Oral history interviews with a few Rye natives - 20th century memories
- Haunted Houses of Rye
- History of some of Rye's 60+ Old Graveyards of its Founding Families
- Another Rye Historical House Tour - RHS has sponsored them in 1976, '80, '83, '86, '98, 2002 - is your house perfect for the house tour? Contact us!

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### **This Month's Historical Notes - Rye in 1916**

A feature of every town report from the mid 1800's was the category: "Demands against the Town." In 1915 it was \$5,500, all from the 1st National Bank of Portsmouth.

Rye Beach commissioners this year were Francis Drake, clerk, R. Jenness Locke and H. Russell Sawyer. The town spent \$100 on fire protection with apparatus stored at the Drake House garage, which was also the office of the police.

In 1916 carriages are no longer listed and autos were valued at \$21,000; Harry Green was still chasing moths (\$130) along with Helen Drake. Schools were bursting with cries for separate elementary and junior facilities. Teachers were Josephine Brown at West, Florence Patterson at East, Pearl Boutwell at South and Liz Hett at the Center. We imagine students were getting a powerful lesson in European geography as war news was daily fare.

Daniel Libby married Mary Murrville from Ireland and Mary Tuck Rand, Rye's library benefactor, died at 85.



#### **Winter Hours in Effect for November - April**

The Rye Historical Society's Museum will be open for Winter hours starting November 1, 2016

Wednesdays 3 pm to 5 pm  
By request - please call for an appointment 603-997-6742

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