

Greetings,

1. Book signing/ discussion event this Saturday - Please see the invitation below. This is only the second book which RHS has published, the first being "Rye and Beyond: the Poetry of Jessie H Herlihy" (RHS founder) We hope you can join us.

"On behalf of the Rye Historical Society, I would like to invite you to the June 18th release of *Rye's Battle of the Century: Saving the New Hampshire Seacoast from Olympic Oil*. The event will occur at the Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Rd., from 1-3 PM and will include book signing by author Lisa Moll, a power point she prepared and a discussion about the battle.

Based on extensive research, *Rye's Battle of the Century* reveals the town of Rye and its opposition activists were crucial in the debate and defeat of Aristotle Onassis' attempted construction of a massive marine terminal, pipeline and oil refinery along the Seacoast of New Hampshire in 1973-74. *Rye's Battle of the Century* adds new insights and people to the story, including a closer examination of Rye activists who battled the attempted marine terminal along the Isles of Shoals, thwarting Olympic's efforts to create an industrial gateway into the state of New Hampshire. The book reshapes the historical narrative in important ways.

You are cordially invited to join the Rye Historical Society as it hosts a book discussion and signing event with author, Lisa Moll, and Peter Horne, former chairman of Concerned Citizens of Rye (CCR). Join former Rye activists for a lively discussion at the Rye Public Library, located at 581 Washington Road, Rye, New Hampshire on Saturday, June 18th, from 1-3 p.m.

A copy of *Rye's Battle of the Century* will be donated to the Rye Public Library in honor of all those who battled Olympic Oil in the 1970s, saving our beautiful seacoast from industrial exploitation. All former Rye opposition activists will be invited to sign the book for display at the library. To those of you who made financial contributions to this book project and to all of you who fought the refinery, RHS wishes to express our gratitude in defeating this "brute force technology." I do hope you will be able to join the event and sign the book. It should be a fun day to reminisce about the "Battle of the Century." If you have any questions about the event or the book, please call me at the number below or write to this e-mail."

2. Membership - we have your name listed as a member because you are either a lifetime member or have contributed financially in the last two years.

At this time, if you have not paid your dues for this year you may send them to RHS, PO Box 583, Rye, NH 03870 or use pay pal on our website - www.ryenhistoricalociety.org

Individual dues are \$10, family - \$15. Thank you for your continuing support.

3. Rye General Store exhibit on historic coastal Rye - Located just north of Jenness State Beach, this collaboration has finally come to pass.

Stop by the store to see enlarged images of 37 views of coastal Rye as it existed in earlier times.

4. RHS Receives Grant - The "Access Rye History" committee of RHS (Rye Public Library, Rye Junior High and RHS) has received a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation to digitize primary sources from the museum to be accessible on line. This is an exciting prospect because all the gems we possess will now be available to students and the general public

5. RHS Summer picnic - tentatively we are planning to have a picnic for our members at historic Goss Farm here in Rye with a tour of the plantings and other aspects of the farm as well as a history tour.

We are hoping this will happen on Saturday July 23rd, but you will receive a formal invitation when details are finalized

Remember, access to the museum is only a tel call away (997 6742) We want to open it to anyone on request, beyond the regular hours.

Best Wishes and we hope to see you soon,

Alex Herlihy, president

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