



East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter

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UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

Saturday, September 16th 2-7 Community Day Look for our booth!

Sunday, September 17th 3:00 Lecture by Sue Gardner “Most Obedient Servant: Tracking the Life and Legacy of John Hathorn and his Militia”

Saturday, September 30th 1-4 Taste of History Almond Tarts and Liberty Tea from the “Felicity an American Girl cookbook”

Sunday, October 8th 12-4 Celebrate the Harvest with the Ladies of the NY 5th as they demonstrate open hearth cooking in our 1750s kitchen!

Sunday, October 15th 1:00 Friends of Griffin's Tavern President, Julie Diddell presentation on Griffin's Tavern, a Revolutionary War structure.

Sunday December 3rd 1-4 Holiday Open House. Come see the house decorated for Christmas and enjoy some holiday refreshments.



Follow Brinckerhoff House Historic Site/Home of East Fishkill Historical Society on Facebook for the latest updates.

HELP SAVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Please join the society or renew your membership if you have not already done so

Single member \$15 Family membership \$20 Contributing member \$35-\$99 Patron \$100 & over

I would be willing to assist in the operation of the society. Please contact me to see how the society might best be able to use my time and talents.

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Our first ever Farm Day Was a Success!

This year we held the first EFHS farm day. The weather cooperated and the day was a huge success with over 100 community members attending.

There were several period children's activities such as a hay maze, live animals, and hoop rolling as well as antique vehicles and farm equipment.



Members of the 5th NY Volunteers provided displays of skills needed in the 18th century such as corn shucking, broom making and the ever popular military reenactment.



Ladies from the 5th NY demonstrated open hearth cooking in the 1750s kitchen making a beef stew and a delicious pudding. Our blacksmith shop was open as it is most Sundays.



Slave Cemetery Cleaned Up

Volunteers mowed, weed wacked and raked the Storm family slave cemetery on Philips Rd in East Fishkill. There are many graves there but almost all are only marked with crude stones so we may never know about the souls who were laid to rest there. There is one stone with writing on it that belongs to a woman named Betty Johnson who died in 1848 well after slavery was abolished in New York around 1827.



Thank you Peyton family and friends!

New Kiosk



Our beautiful new information Kiosk built by local Boy Scout Derrick Lam. Thank you Derrick!

Upcoming Special Projects

Please consider making a special donation for these capital projects which will greatly enhance our site.



The society will be grading the front lawn to improve accessibility to the buildings and grounds.



We would like to restore the outhouse to preserve and protect it.