



# *East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***The house is open Sundays from 12:00-4:00 for the summer***

***Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> EFHS will host a Farm Day from 12-4 at the Brinckerhoff House. The event will be held rain or shine. There will be colonial children's games, farm animals, period demonstrations, blacksmith and displays of antique farm equipment. Tours of the farm house and the 1820s school house will be available. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.***

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### **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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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I would prefer to have newsletters emailed

## ***EFHS Hosts Students From Local Schools***

Students from Gayhead and Van Wyck visited Brinckerhoff Historic Site for a day of fun and learning. Students were able to imagine what school would be like in the past while visiting our one



*Students watch Jim Burr in the black smith shop using traditional methods to forge iron objects.*



*David Bushey shows students our 19<sup>th</sup> century kitchen and house wares.*

room school house, watching our blacksmith at work, hearing stories of life on a 1800s farm and of course touring the house.

## ***Volunteers Help In The Gardens***

We have been fortunate to have some adult volunteers beautifying our gardens this spring. In addition Brownie Troop 10276 planted a beautiful colonial herb garden.

Let us know if you would like to assist the society in any way by calling (845) 227-4136. We would love to find a place for you to help!



*Thank you Janis Kipp and Kristen Robisch!*



## ***The Sons and Daughters of Italy Donate Bell***

Joe Dimaggio Lodge #2248 of East Fishkill Sons and Daughters of Italy donated the old bell that used to hang in the steeple of the Union Church of Fishkill Plains to the East Fishkill Historical Society. The former church building is now their lodge hall on Route 376. The bell will eventually be placed atop the school house.

## ***Strawberry festival a success!***

Our annual strawberry festival attracted approximately 200 people despite the bad weather. A big thank you to Boy Scout Troop 48 for their help again this year!



*Deb Scannell gives tours of the barn.*



*Children pet a rabbit as part of the 4H exhibit.*