



# *East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm – Colonial Girl’s Tea** an afternoon of Tea, Cookies, Crafts, Colonial Games and story time in our one room schoolhouse. Recommended for ages 6-12. Our young friends are encouraged to bring their favorite doll. Adults \$15. Children \$10. For reservations, please call 845-227-4136

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm Annual East Fishkill Farm Day** Farm tools on display, hay maze, live animals, blacksmith demonstrations, hay rides, historic interpreters and light refreshments. Free event.

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4pm Annual Strawberry Festival** Strawberry shortcake and other light refreshments will be served. Live animals, music, colonial children’s games, blacksmith demonstrations and tours of the historic house, schoolhouse.

**Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 Summer Lawn Party A Dutchess County Historical Society Tavern Trail event** Join the DCHS and EFHS for a jazz age party with tales of the Great War, an original 1919 touring car, Doughboys and more! This will be a catered event.. Cost is \$20. Registration details to follow.

**Sunday Tours held from 1-4 will begin June 4<sup>th</sup> and by appointment**



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## **TIME TO RENEW FOR 2018!**

Please join the society now for the 2018 membership year.

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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## Christmas Open House

Our Christmas open house was a success again this year. The house was decorated beautifully and Amanda Scannell played lovely Christmas music on her Hammer Dulcimer.



Santa commissioned some work from our blacksmith shop and posed for pictures in our circa ???sleigh.

## Holiday Tea



In December we held our first ever elegant afternoon tea. Finger sandwiches and desserts were served to guests seated in one of the farmhouse rooms beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The event was a huge success and money raised will ensure the site is preserved to be enjoyed by future generations. Special thanks to Jan Bushey for organizing this wonderful event!

## Winter Lecture

We partnered with the East Fishkill Community Library in February to continue our popular lecture series. Historian Mr. William Paden shared a presentation on Grimké family of Charleston South Carolina, including Archibald Grimke who was born into slavery and became a noted American lawyer, intellectual, journalist, diplomat and community leader in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Sarah and Angelina Grimke, his aunts, were advocates of abolition and women's rights. The lecture was very well attended.



## Outdoor Oven



Work resumed on the outdoor brick oven being built by \_\_\_\_\_ as his Eagle Scout project. Begun last fall the project was on hold over the winter. Once completed, the oven will allow our wonderful re-enactors from the NY 5th to bake in true colonial fashion. We are really looking forward to tasting some of the goodies that come out of the oven at future events!

## Check this out!

This newspaper clipping from the New York Times, March 23rd 1859, describes the Brinckerhoff farm when it was owned by the Pudney family. "213 Acres of choice land which is under a high state of cultivation with a large and commodious dwelling house, two tenant houses, barns, stables for 40 head of cattle. The farm is



well watered with springs and streams and never failing Wells at the door and Barns and has a large Orchard comprising various kinds of fruit trees all in bearing. There is also a large fish pond on the place well stocked with perch."