



# *East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter*

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## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Our Annual holiday Open House** at Brinckerhoff House Historic Site - Come see the house decorated for the season and share some tasty holiday treats.'

**Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> - Elegant Holiday Tea.** Two seatings - 1pm and 3pm. Enjoy a selection of teas, scones and desserts served on tables set with fine china in one of our beautifully decorated farmhouse rooms. \$20 per person. Proceeds will go towards the Capital Campaign for our new farmhouse roof. Reservations required, please contact Jan Bushey at 845-221-6123.

**Winter lecture series** – Once again we are working with the East Fishkill Library to present topics of historical interest at the library. Look on our Facebook page or the library website for more information as we finalize topics and dates. Is there a topic you would like to see presented or even better, a topic you are interested in presenting? Let us know. Call Rick at (845) 227-4136



*We are open by appointment.*

*Follow us and checkout the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site/Home of East Fishkill Historical Society Facebook page for changes to the schedule*

### ***Volunteers Needed***

*We are currently looking for folks of all ages to volunteer their time and passion for history to help us organize our library and archives. We also need help with gardening, events, tours, help with keeping the Society up to date with social media and assistance with our web site.*

*Contact Rick Soedler at (845) 227-4136 if you are interested.*

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## ***The Capital Campaign To Restore the Roof Is Off To A Fabulous Start!***

The cedar shake roof on the Brinckerhoff House will need to be replaced this spring. We have started a capital campaign to cover the cost. Our first fundraiser at Tomas Tapas Bar was a huge success! A huge “Thank You” to Tomas and Lynn for their support, to all who donated to the silent auction and to everyone who came out to support our efforts



The presentation by Ghost Hunters with a Twist was enlightening. They shared information from their investigation on “National Ghost Hunting Day” and since then have returned to the site and are quite sure there are spirits present.

## ***Community Day***



Community Day in East Fishkill is always a lot of fun. This year Jim Burr brought his portable forge.

Randall was unable to make it but was represented by other members of his family.



## ***Tales From the Ancient Documents of Dutchess County***

In September, we hosted a talk in the School House as part of The Hudson Valley Ramble. Dutchess County Historian Dr. William P Tatum presented a program titled “Tales From the Ancient Documents of Dutchess County” which was well attended. He shared fascinating information from old Fishkill Court Records regarding some ancient local drama.



## ***Annual Membership Meeting***

At our meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> we approved new bylaws and elected Tracy Wolf to our board. Tracy is interested in living history and is active in the 5<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment of revolutionary war reenactors. She focuses on open hearth cooking and baking. She has exciting plans for the new outdoor bread oven.

## ***Donate to the EFHS***

You can now donate to the East Fishkill Historical Society right from Facebook! Look for the link in the posts at the top of the page. Even small donations will help us reach our goal and carry out our mission of historical preservation and education!