



East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter

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EVENTS

September 28th and 29th: Revolutionary War Encampment

Saturday 10-4 Meet Michael Boyajian author of “The Fishkill Supply Depot, Sacred Ground of the American Revolution

Sunday 12-4 Lecture @2:00 - Donald “Doc” Bayne author of “Sterling Furnace and the Great Chain”

October 27th: A Colonial Halloween

November 16th: Annual Membership Meeting

December 1st: Annual Christmas Open House

December 14th: Annual Holiday Tea.

*Unless otherwise noted events are held at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site: 68 N. Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction.
All events subject to change. Call 845-227-4136 Or Facebook, Brinckerhoff House Historic Site.*



We are open Sundays 1-4

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

Help us raise the roof!

The farmhouse roof is in need of replacement which will cost approximately \$30,000. You can contribute by “buying” shingles for the new roof with the following donation amounts.

___ \$100 Full bundle ___ \$25 Quarter bundle
___ \$50 Half bundle ___ other amount _____

This donation is ___ in honor of or ___ in memory of _____

Your name _____

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From the Farmhouse: by Site Director Rick Soedler



As many of you are aware this past Spring the society lost our longtime president, member, and friend David Bushey. David passed away on April 8th with his loving family and many friends by his side. David had been involved with the society since 1969 and was an integral part of the restoration of the Brinckerhoff-Pudney-Palen house since its donation to the society by developer Gus Fink in 1975.

Much of the collection that we now possess, the furniture, the decor, and the buildings on our site, would not have easily come to us without David's passion, knowledge and love of history and for his love for this community. David was an incredible man of faith. He was an educator, woodworker, furniture builder/restorer, sailor, friend, father, and loving husband to his wife Jan. He will be greatly missed by all whom he mentored and befriended.

Roof Fundraising

We had approximately 38 people join us for a great afternoon fundraiser at Tomas Tapas Bar. Thank you to all who came out to support our roof fundraiser. Special thanks to Ryan Dutcher, Lynn Corson, Tomas Monosi and staff. The food and atmosphere for our event was amazing. Special mention to Miss Jesse James behind the bar. It was a fabulous day and we are closer to our fundraising goal!

Summer events were a success

Thanks to Adams Fairacre Farms, Don Lowe and all our volunteers for another fabulous Strawberry Festival. This event gets more popular each year. We had approximately 250 guests at the site enjoying house tours, revolutionary war reenactments, crafts, games, animals, hay rides and of course strawberry shortcake.



The summer Lawn Party in conjunction with the Dutchess County Historical Society was a lot of fun. Although we had to postpone it from the original date due to the heat it was well attended. The spirited Tavern Trail Trivia contest was won by the Dover Historical Society. Thank you to East Fishkill Provisions, as well as Society board members for their generous donations of food.

Presentation at John Jay High School

Rick Soedler, our site director, arranged a presentation to the John Jay Senior High School History Honor Society. Dutchess County Historical Society Executive Director Bill Jeffway presented his program, "Invisible People Untold Stories" and it was a huge success. We have a fabulous engaged group of young people interested in history here at our local High School in East Fishkill.



Revolutionary War Encampment Weekend

September 28th and 29th come see demonstrations of what life was like for Continental Soldiers, Militia, Camp Followers and Civilians during the war for Independence. Musket drills and live fire, cooking and baking, artisans, blacksmithing, woodworking, broom making demonstrations, Colonial Games, Crafts and more. As part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble for 2019, Saturday will feature local author Michael Boyajian and his book, "The Fishkill Supply Depot, Sacred Ground of the American Revolution." Sunday will feature Donald "Doc" Bayne and his talk on the long lost Sterling Furnace and the Great Chain across the Hudson at 2pm. \$5 suggested donation. Saturday 10am till 4pm. Sunday Noon till 4pm.

We're open on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 through October

We are open most Sundays all summer long. Stop by to tour the house. Visit the blacksmith shop where Jimmy is usually at work. Check out the school house where you can now see the diorama of Stormville on display. The facebook page has updates if there are changes to the schedule or special events.