



East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19th 10:00-4:00 and 20th 12:00-4:00 Rombout Colonial Days (suggested donation) special presentations **Sat September 19th at 2:00** History at Play "A Revolution of Her Own" and **Sunday September 20th at 2:00** author Vincent Dacquino will present a talk on Sybil Ludington.

Oct 24th 1:00-4:00 Make your own broom (this event requires reservations and has a fee)

Oct 18 1:00-4:00 Make your own elderberry syrup and fire cider (this event requires reservations and has a fee)

Masks and social distancing are required and attendance is limited by state regulation at all events.

Please check the facebook page for updates and cancellations.



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History At Play

Join us for a live presentation "A Revolution of Her Own"

You can see history come to life in an immersive living history experience on Saturday, September 19th a 2:00. Deborah Samson, the first woman to enlist, to fight, and to be honorably discharged from the American Military captivates audiences in an hour-long program chronicling her life. This presentation is appropriate for all ages.

This outdoor event will take place during our Colonial Days weekend. Masks and social distancing are required and attendance is limited by state regulation.

The East Fishkill Historical Society would like to thank Roy and Rita Jorgensen for sponsoring this presentation.

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From the Farmhouse: by Site Director Rick Soedler

Hello Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you and finds you well. Since March of this year the world we've known has changed all of our lives. Jobs, businesses, livelihoods and lives have been lost. Things have been extremely quiet here at the Brinckerhoff House. Small projects have been keeping us busy as larger projects have been put on hold due to the lack of fundraising. A good portion of our colleagues in the history community have put their in person programming on hold. Many others have re-invented themselves and have begun presenting virtual programming on the internet. We are still in the process of re-building our website. We will attempt a socially distanced outdoor event the weekend of September 19th and 20th. Due to state regulations we will be limited to the amount of visitors we can allow in at a time. With so much uncertainty no one knows what the future may hold. We greatly appreciate your continued support, and are looking forward to better days in 2021.



We Have A New General Store

EFHS has opened its own general store. Offerings include colonial toys, books, EFHS logo wear and a variety of other items. All proceeds benefit the society. Our goal is to have the store open whenever the house is open to visitors. Please check it out next time you stop by or call make an appointment.

Past events



Our Christmas tea was a wonderful start to the holiday season.



Our annual open house was a success. Once again Santa and his "reingoat" were available for photos.



"Chocolate: with Culinary Historian Peter G Rose" in conjunction with East Fishkill Library was well attended.

Upcoming events



Rombout Colonial Days September 19th 10:00-4:00 and 20th 12:00-4:00. Come see re-enactors from the 1st NY, 2nd NY, 5th NY and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 23rd of Foot. There will be demonstrations of a variety of colonial skills including cooking, broom making as well as battle reenactment throughout the day and special presentations each day at 2:00. This is an outdoor event with an option to view some buildings. Masks and social distancing required.

Make Your Own Broom class on Oct 24th 1:00-4:00 and Elderberry Syrup and Fire Cider class on Oct 18 1:00-4:00 with board member Jennifer Keeler-McMillan. The cost is \$40 for materials. Reservations are required as space is limited. These events will allow for social distancing and are sure to be a lot of fun. Proceeds to benefit the EFHS. RSVP to Jennifer at moonstonehealingart1@gmail.com or 914-275-7086



Did you see the New York Times article about East Fishkill on Sunday March 1st? It featured a lovely picture of the Brinckerhoff House.