



# *East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter*

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## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**March 14th: Colonial Maple Sugaring 11-3** Demonstrations, treats made with maple sugar, outdoor cooking and more. Learn how a chance discovery by native Americans lead to the industry we have today. Free and open to the public.

**April 18th: Spring Festival on the Farm** We will have a variety of animals and farm demonstrations. Free and open to the public

**May 2: Broom Making** Reservations are required. See inside for details

**May 30th: Spring Fundraising dinner:** Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, and see history come to life at Mill Creek Caterers. Reservations required see below.

**June 7th: Annual Strawberry Festival at the farm** This year we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the East Fishkill Historical Society. Animals demonstrations and of course strawberry shortcake. Free and open to the public



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## ***Spring Fundraising Luncheon***

***Join us for our annual fundraiser Saturday May 30th 1-4pm***

This year we present a delicious buffet luncheon at Mill Creek Caterers, a silent auction, and you can see history come to life in "I Now Pronounce you Lucy Stone" an immersive living history experience by Judith Kalaora. A leading suffragist and abolitionist, Lucy Stone dedicated her life to battling inequality on all fronts. This presentation is appropriate for all ages. Reservations are required! RSVP by May 22.

\$50 for adults and \$35 for children 5-12

Reservations can be made by calling the Historical Society, or mail checks payable to the East Fishkill Historical Society to EFHS PO Box 245 Hopewell Jct. NY 12533.

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## *From the Farmhouse: by Site Director Rick Soedler*

Hello friends. As our non-existent winter begins to make an exit, I am reminded of this past year and the loss of friends and colleagues. I am also reminded that the East Fishkill Historical Society will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. On May 11th 1960, the first meeting of the new association took place at East Fishkill Town Hall headed by East Fishkill Town Historian, Mrs. Charlotte Cunningham-Finkel. We owe a great deal to those founding members, and we will be recognizing them throughout the year. We are also happy to report that as of February 2020, we have sufficiently completed the capital campaign for our farmhouse roof replacement. We wholeheartedly thank everyone who contributed so that the farmhouse will be protected for another 40 years. However we will still be accepting monetary donations of any amount. We will be having the farmhouse repainted this year, as well as other improvement projects. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all at our 2020 events.



## *Check Out Our 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. Come by and check out our wares! 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*

In addition to our Spring fundraiser (see details on other side) the Society is hosting several new events this year.



We will hold our **Spring Festival on the Farm on April 18.**

Springtime on the farm is a time for thawing out, saying goodbye to winter, getting the fields ready for planting and welcoming new arrivals. We will have a variety of animals and farm demonstrations. Free and open to the public

And you can **make your own broom on May 2nd** with board member Jennifer Keeler-McMillan. The cost is \$40 for materials. Reservations are required. This event is sure to be a lot of fun and space is limited. Proceeds to benefit the EFHS. RSVP to Jennifer at [moonstonehealingart1@gmail.com](mailto: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.