



East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS (See details inside)

9/25&26 Sat 10-4 Sun 12-4 Rombout Colonial Days Weekend Encampment

10/16 9-3 (Rain date 10/17) East Fishkill Historical Society Barn Sale

11/13 3pm Annual membership meeting

Hands on Workshops (Fee, registration required. See inside for details)

10/2 Elderberry syrup and fire cider

10/16 Corn husk dolls

10/23 Besom making

11/6 Colonial brooms

All events follow state and local Covid guidelines.

How to stay in touch...

Our new website is up and running at eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org. You can keep up with and register for events, sign up and pay for membership, watch videos of past events, and much more.

Visit us at East Fishkill Community Day on Saturday September 18th



Follow “Brinckerhoff House Historic Site/Home of East Fishkill Historical Society” on Facebook for the latest updates.

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From the Farmhouse by Site Director, Rick Soedler

As Summer comes to a close and Fall begins to appear on the horizon, we hope this message finds you well. The Summer of 2021 was not our usual Summer here at the Brinckerhoff House. It started with the return of our annual Strawberry Festival, which was not as well attended as previous years. We attribute that to the CDC recommendations that kept changing from week to week and the hot and humid day that most likely kept people indoors. It certainly doesn't mean we have not been kept busy. After 13 years the farmhouse has finally been repainted. Before that was completed, many areas of the house needed siding repairs. This was a laborious task. I am now pretty versed in historic house restoration. We had a handful of wonderful gardening volunteers help plant our kitchen vegetable garden, herb garden and flower beds. We also had a student intern from Fordham University help us go through and process years of donated materials. There have been stone wall repairs, and we have begun work on an ADA accessible outdoor restroom for the convenience of our guests and visitors during events. Our events will start up again with our annual Rombout Colonial Days the weekend of September 25th and 26th, a Barn Sale on October 16th, and once again EFHS Trustee Jennifer Keeler-McMillan will present her popular workshops during the month of October. Our annual membership meeting will take place in November. You will find all details and updates on our website, www.eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org

Upcoming events



3rd Annual Rombout Colonial Days Weekend Encampment. September 25th 10am-4pm, and September 26th Noon-4pm.

Join crafts people, artisans, members of the 2nd New York, 5th New York, 1st Ulster Militia, the 23rd Regiment of Foot Royal Welch Fusiliers, and other living historians as they present lively demonstrations each day. Also join **Judith Kalaora of History At Play, LLC** as she presents *Rendezvous* with Rachel Revere on Saturday the 25th, and an encore presentation of *A Revolution of Her Own: Deborah Samson*, on Sunday the 26th. Times TBD. Presented in part by M&T Bank.



Fall Workshops:

With Jennifer Keeler-McMillan

Elderberry Syrup and Fire Cider Saturday October 2nd, 1-4pm. \$40 per person. Learn to make your own immunity boosting elixirs and take them home. The History of Elderberry Syrup and Fire Cider will be discussed. All materials provided. Limited to 6 participants.

Corn Husk Dolls Saturday October 16th, 1-3pm. \$20 per person. Learn to make and decorate your own Corn Husk Dolls. Fun for the whole family. The History of Corn Husk Dolls will be discussed. All materials provided.

Besom making Saturday October 23rd, 1-3pm. \$40 per person. Learn to make and decorate your own Besom or Witches broom. The History of Besoms will be discussed. All materials will be provided. Limited to 12 participants.

Colonial Broom Making Saturday November 6th, 1-2pm. \$40 per person. Learn to make your own authentic Colonial era broom. The History of Brooms will be discussed. All materials will be provided. Limited to 12 participants.

East Fishkill Historical Society Barn Sale. October 16th 9am till 3pm. Rain Date October 17th.

The EFHS will be holding a Barn Sale, selling surplus items that are currently overwhelming our facility. Art work, books, furniture, historical literature and other items. We welcome the community for a \$20 donation for a space to sell your own unwanted items. You'll need to bring your own table and pop-up, we provide the space. Please sign up at eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org. Check in and set-up begins at 8am. Please, no early birds.

East Fishkill Historical Society annual membership meeting Saturday November 13th 3:00 PM at the Brinckerhoff House. Come hear an update on society happenings, participate in decisions affecting the society and historic site, and elect the society's officers.