



East Fishkill Historical Society Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS (See details inside)

Saturday March 19th 11:00-3:00 – Maple Sugaring.

Saturday April 30th and Sunday May 1st 10:00-4:00 – Civil War

Weekend \$5 donation requested

Sunday June 5th 1:00-4:00 Strawberry Festival

All events are at The Brinckerhoff House Historic Site at 68 North Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction, NY unless otherwise noted. All events follow state and local Covid guidelines.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY

You can also renew online at eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org

___ Single member \$20

___ Family membership \$25

___ Contributing member \$40-\$99

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From the Farmhouse by Site Director, Rick Soedler

Hello friends. I hope this newsletter finds you, and finds you well. It has been a rough two years, but we are still here continuing to monitor and preserve history. We are greatly looking forward to a full in person season of events here at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site, starting with Maple Sugaring on Saturday March 19th. We welcome two new trustees to our board, John McGrane, and Stephen Caswell, both of the town of East Fishkill. Both in their own unique way have much to bring to the East Fishkill Historical Society. On the other side of this newsletter you will find a membership renewal. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do. Your support helps us continue with our mission, and host our community events. If you have friends and neighbors who don't know about us, please share and encourage them to become members, so that they can learn about the rich history of the town of East Fishkill. As always, we greatly appreciate your continued support. History Matters! Thank you!

Upcoming events



Old Time Maple Sugaring Saturday March 19th 11:00-3:00

Join us as we bring you back to a simpler time when our early settlers learned about the sweet water from the trees from their Indigenous neighbors; and how this spring tradition has grown into the industry that it is today.

Sample maple sap, local syrups, and treats made with maple syrup. There will be a local video presentation in our schoolhouse.

Civil War Weekend Saturday and Sunday April 30th and May 1st 10:00-4:00.

In partnership with the Dutchess County Historians office and the New York 150th Historical Association, the East Fishkill Historical Society is proud to present a Civil War Weekend. Join us as we interpret and celebrate the all-volunteer Dutchess County NY 150th Infantry Regiment that formed in the city of Poughkeepsie, which local farmer Richard T. Van Wyck of Johnsville/Wiccopee joined at the age of 24. There will be demonstrations, presentations, tours of our buildings, and viewings of period artifacts not often seen by the public.

A \$5. suggested donation is requested, to help support our ongoing events.



Strawberry Festival Sunday June 5th 1:00-4:00

Join us for one of our favorite signature events. There will be demonstrations, tours of buildings and site, animals, hayrides, crafts, music and of course our famous strawberry shortcake, while supplies last.

Come meet your neighbors and celebrate the start of summer.

Guided tours of the farmhouse and outbuildings will begin in June on Sunday afternoons or by appointment. Call (845) 227-4136 to schedule a visit outside regular hours or for larger groups.

Our website eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org has more information about the society and local history. You can also join or update your membership online or check for updates and additions to our events calendar. Follow us on our Facebook page "Brinckerhoff House Historic Site/Home of East Fishkill Historical Society" for event information, photos and videos of society activities, and fun history facts.



Gardening volunteers needed

Do you love to garden but have no space? Or are you looking for a fun and educational volunteer project for yourself or family? The society has vegetable and herb gardens as well as flower beds which need care and maintenance. Contact Rick Soedler at rjsoedler@gmail.com for more information.

