



East Fishkill Historical Society

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS: visit eastfishkillhistoricalsociety.org for more details

Sundays, June through September: *Farmhouse Tours*, 1pm-4pm. (BHHS)
(Events will take place at the Brinckerhoff House Historic Site unless noted otherwise)

Saturday, September 27th 10am-4pm & Sunday September 28th 11am-4pm: *7th Annual East Fishkill Rombout Colonial Days Weekend*
(Sponsored by Dutchess County Government/Dutchess Rev 250)

Thursday, October 9th 6pm-8pm: *Volunteer Meet & Greet*
Bring your interest and your talents and learn about our volunteer opportunities. We'd love for you to join our volunteer family.
(Light refreshments will be served)

Saturday, October 18th 6pm-10pm: *Paranormal Investigation with Full Moon Paranormal*. Join us for a night of haunted history and investigation. This event is a fundraiser with special guests Ron Yacovetti & Lourdes Gonzalez of (The Digital Seance Experience).
Tickets are limited. \$50 available only at eventbrite.com

Saturday, November 15th 4pm-6pm: *EFHS Annual Membership Meeting*
(Light refreshments will be served)

Sunday, December 7th 1pm-4pm: *EFHS Annual Christmas Open House*

Saturday, December 13th Noon - 4pm: *EFHS Annual Holiday Tea*
\$20 adults, \$10 children under 13. Tickets will be limited.
For tickets contact Jan Bushey @ 845-242-5794
(All proceeds will benefit the David M. Bushey Scholarship Fund)

How to stay in touch...

Please visit our website 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. You can also visit us on Facebook at Brinckerhoff House Historic Site/Home of East Fishkill Historical Society, and Instagram at [brinckerhoff_house_1750](https://www.instagram.com/brinckerhoff_house_1750).

From the Farmhouse by Site Director, Rick Soedler

Hello, friends! We hope you are all well. As the Summer days begin to get shorter we begin to look forward to the change of season and the start of our fall and holiday events.

Once again this past Spring we hosted our annual Civil War Weekend, and were visited by 300 4th grade students from the Wappingers Central School District during our May-June field trips.

Our annual Strawberry Festival saw a crowd of approximately 400 local friends and society supporters enjoying a beautiful day of music, community and strawberry shortcake.

Currently we are open for house tours on Sundays from 1pm-4pm till the end of September. Please stop by and see our new exhibit of local artifacts celebrating the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution and the role that our local inhabitants played during that time.

This year we are proud to present our 7th annual East Fishkill Rombout Colonial Days Weekend on Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. We are fortunate to have been the recipient of a grant from the Dutchess County government to present this event as a part of Dutchess County Rev 250, which is a partnership between the Dutchess County Government, the Dutchess County Historians office, and our local town historical societies here in Dutchess County. This immersive event will encourage visitor participation, with many hands-on activities being available. This year we will be joined by our history colleagues from Beacon, Fishkill, Lagrange, the Town of Wappinger, Mount Gullian and the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who will be sharing information about their own organizations.

Please take a look at our upcoming events and join us as we celebrate all that Dutchess County has to offer.

Dutchess County Rev 250 by Rick Soedler

Last year on Saturday June 8th, 2024, the Dutchess County Historians office, along with Destination Dutchess, kicked off Dutchess County Rev 250 with an event dubbed RevCon 250, at the Henry A. Wallace Visitors Center and Education Center at the FDR estate in Hyde Park. This informational and living history event was just the beginning of a 8-year commitment by the Dutchess County history community to present programming that will tell the stories of the founding of our nation and beyond. Dutchess County Rev 250 is sponsored by the Dutchess County Government.

The East Fishkill Historical Society along with our history colleagues from Beacon, Fishkill, Lagrange, and the town of Wappinger, as members of the Dutchess County Rev 250 Rombout precinct committee, will be collaborating on several programs that will focus on actual events that occurred here in what was known as the Rombout Precinct during the American Revolution. The towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill, Lagrange, Wappinger and the City of Beacon were all part of the Rombout Precinct, which after the war became the Town of Fishkill in 1788. Over the next 125 years, each of these municipalities split from the Town of Fishkill. Lagrange: 1821, East Fishkill: 1849, Wappinger: 1875, and the City of Beacon: 1913.

In addition to the programs that our county-wide colleagues will be presenting, we are greatly looking forward to the offerings that we will be presenting this year and what we will be planning over the next 7 years, as we celebrate our fight for Independence and the founding of the United States.



