



RYE HISTORY

Education Programs 2022-2023

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SQUARE HOUSE PROGRAMS

Our programs held in our historic house museum are ready to engage students of all ages with Rye's incredible history.

Fees & Time:
Tour Only: \$200/class, about 1 hour
Tour & Activity: \$300/class, 1.5 hours

Getting a Sense of History

Grades: Pre-K - 1
Available all year

This program is designed to introduce very young students to the Square House Museum. Children will discover how an 18th century family lived and worked during this interactive program.

Colonial-Themed Activities

Grades: Pre-K - 4

In addition to the tour of the Square House, teachers can choose one of the following historical activities for their students:

- *Quill pen writing and discussion on 18th century communication
- *Exploring 18th century toys and discussion on the daily life of a colonial child.

General History Tour

Grades: 2 - 4
Available all year

Discover the fascinating history of the Square House. Through their own observations and the use of reproduction objects, students will learn about this noted Purchase Street tavern and the daily life of the Haviland family during the early 1770s.

Rye In The Revolution

Grade: 4
Available all year

Using primary source materials, students will explore the issues that led to the American Revolution and learn how this conflict divided residents of Rye and many Westchester towns. This program includes a discussion about the importance of spies during the Revolution and an activity on secret codes.

IN THE CLASSROOM

We bring the history to you!

Fees & Time:
\$200/class, about 1 hour

Colonial Life and Spices

Grades: 1 - 2
Available all year

Students will be introduced to aspects of colonial life in their classroom through 3 activity stations; Herbs & Spices, Writing with a Quill Pen, and Toys & Games. Each station will include reproduction objects for a fun hands-on learning experience.

Native Americans of New York: The Land and the People are One

Grade: 4
Available all year; Also available as a program at Square House

Through visual images, evidence based discussions, and artifacts, students will learn about the culture and lives of the Iroquois and Algonquian people, including the groups who once lived in our area. The program includes an opportunity for students to create a "Wampum" bracelet.

History Show and Tell

Grades: 1 - 2
Available all year

This program allows students to learn about the past by studying early 20th century artifacts from our collection. They will examine and describe the properties of every-day objects used long ago and discover how these items were used. Discussions will help illustrate how life was different for people living in Rye and neighboring communities 100 years ago.

Artifact and Document Study

Grades: 7 - 8; 11 - 12
Available all year

During this "moveable museum" program, historic materials from our collection will be brought into the classroom. Students will examine and analyze these fascinating objects which will be used to encourage discussions and develop critical thinking skills. Teachers can choose from a variety of topics including the Colonial Period and Revolutionary War, Civil War, Immigration, or World War II.

TRAVELING TRUNKS

Packed and ready to be picked up, these trunks are a wonderful way to bring history alive in your classroom!

Colonial Heritage Trunk

Grades: 1 - 8

Available all year

A steamer-sized trunk full of 18th century reproductivons, costumes and activities designed to turn your colonial curriculum into a "hands-on" adventure. Includes a teacher's guide with suggested classroom activities.

One-Room Schoolhouse Trunk

Grades: 1 - 8

Available all year

Turn your classroom into a 19th-century one-room schoolhouse! Packed with enough slates, quill pens and ink wells for the whole class. Also includes reproduction Spellers, McGuffey's Readers, Marmaduke's Multiplies and a packet of lessons and activities. Includes a teacher's guide and suggested classroom activities.

Fee & Time:
\$150 for two weeks

OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

Take the classroom into Rye's historic neighborhoods.

Fee & Time:
\$15/student,
about 1.5 hours

Walking Tour of Purchase Street

Grade: 2

Available Fall/Spring

How did Purchase Street get its name? What businesses were here in the early 1900s? Students will explore the tremendous changes that have occurred in Rye's central business district through reproductions of historic photographs and their own observations.

The walking tour will be rescheduled if the weather is inclement.

It is recommended that teachers have students bring bottled water.

SCHEDULING A PROGRAM

- Contact the Rye Historical Society Staff at: lauren.ackerley@ryehistory.org
- School tours are generally scheduled on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM, but other timeframes may be available upon request. Please note the museum is closed on Mondays.
- You will receive a reservation form within one week of scheduling your program. Please contact us if you do not receive a reservation form.
- Payment for programs should be made in advance or at the time of your program.
- Checks should be made payable to the Rye Historical Society.

The Rye Historical Society's Education Programs Support Common Core Learning Standards and the New York State Social Studies Learning Standards and Curriculum.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

- The Square House Museum is located at 1 Purchase Street, Rye, NY. Directions can be found on our website, www.ryehistory.org.
- As there is no designated parking area, buses should discharge students in front of the Square House on Purchase Street or proceed through the traffic light and pull over in front of the village green.

A note for the physically disabled:

- The Square House museum is partially accessible to the physically disabled. A PowerPoint program about the museum is available for those unable to negotiate the stairs.
- Please advise us of anyone in your group with a physical disability when scheduling your program so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

ABOUT THE RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND ITS MISSION

To discover, collect, preserve, study and exhibit objects of material culture which help to establish or illustrate the history of the Rye, New York area. To foster a public awareness of and pride in the historic heritage of the Rye community.

The Rye Historical Society operates two historic houses. The Square House Museum, a circa 1730 building on the village green is interpreted to the period of the 1770s when the building was operated as a tavern and inn by the Haviland family. There are a variety of changing exhibits with hands-on activities and educational programs for children and adults. The Knapp House Archives, a circa 1670 farm house, is utilized as the research facility of the Rye Historical Society. The vast collection of historic books, manuscripts, maps, prints, and photographs are available to the public for research.