

# Celebrating History:

## Three NH Communities at 400

Dover - Sam Allen

Portsmouth - Valerie Rochon

Rye - Andy Stecher

Moderator - Alyssa Murphy, AIA



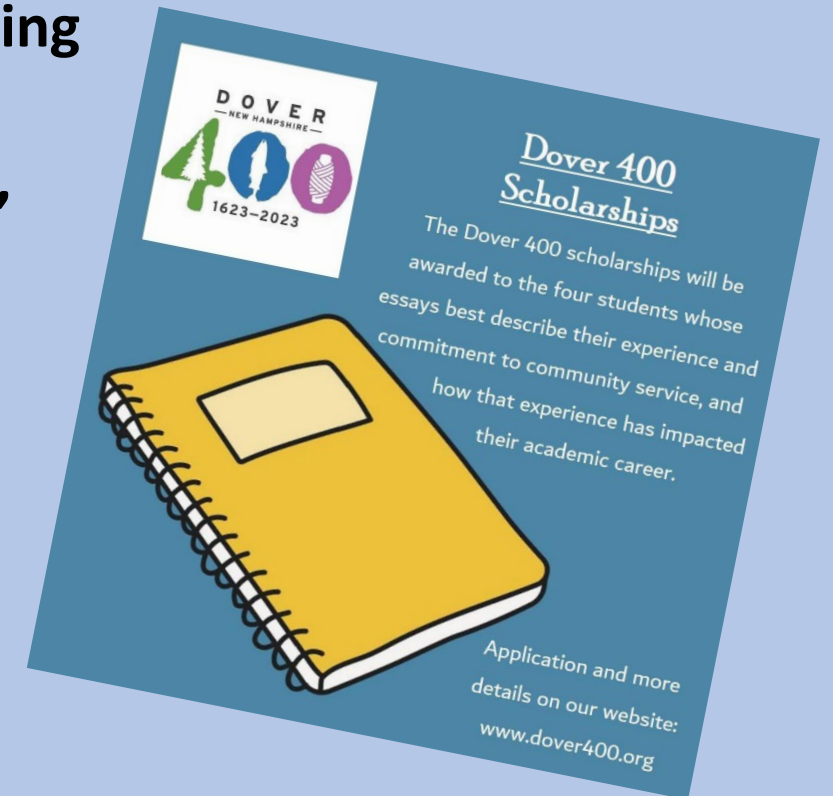


## 400 YEARS IN THE MAKING

The mission of the Dover400th committee  
is to honor our past, celebrate our present,  
and to inspire our future through  
meaningful and creative community  
engagement.  
2018 - 2023

## GOALS:

- Educate and inform the local community and beyond regarding Dover's 400 year history as a settlement
- Identify and highlight the rich diversity and cultures that comprise the community.
- Obtain feedback from all stakeholders ( business, government, demographics, diversity). Avoid becoming a forum for social or political activism.
- Plan and conduct events, programs and activities impacting various themes and audiences.
- Create legacy projects including publications, memorials, souvenirs, and oral histories.
- Co-brand with local organizations and businesses planning activities in 2023.
- Utilize all forms of communication including an active website and presence on social media.



## GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

- Dover 400 Committee established in 2017 by City Council vote with 16 members as a standing city committee.
- In 2019 it became clear that city rules regarding RFPs/RFQs and the bidding process would seriously hamper the committee's ability to be nimble and responsive.
- The Committee decided to pursue non-profit 503c status through 2020. Committee dissolved in January 2021 and reformed as Dover 400.
- Executive Director hired in 2000 and majority of logistic work and decisions handled by Project Management Team





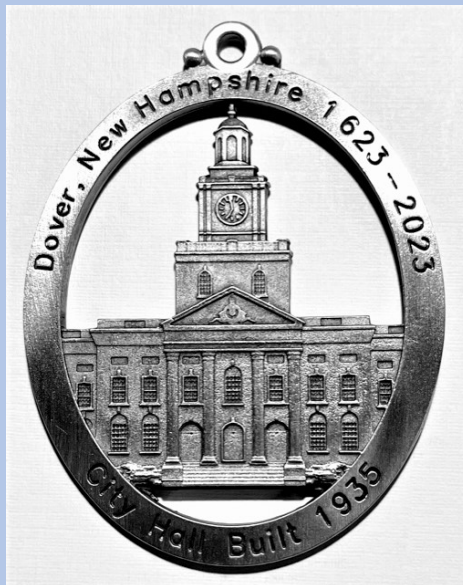
## WHAT (IS/WAS) THE PLAN?

- Four “theme” years with activities and events:
  - 2020 Engaging Our Community
  - 2021 Reflecting on Our Past
  - 2022 Celebrating Dover’s Unique Communities
  - 2023 Looking Forward to a Bright Future



# CHALLENGES

- COVID
- Funding
- Volunteers
- Competition
- Marketing
- Merchandise
- Weather
- Bandwidth

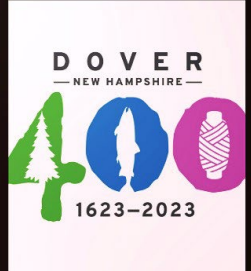




## KEY SUCCESSES AND EVENTS

Partners: City of Dover; Dover Chamber, Dover Main Street

- **2020** COVID shutdown.
- **2021** Dover 400 Lecture Series – Indigenous people ( Jan. & Feb.); archeological finds on Dover Point; Jeremy Belknap; Cotton Mills; Dover Railroads; Dover in the Civil War; Waterfront History; Woodman Museum; Dover in the 1900's; Dover in the World Wars; Voices from the Cemetery; Kickoff at Patty B's; Family Fun Day at Tendercrop Farm; Apple Harvest Festival.
- **2022** Website update, committee development and planning.
- **2023** Year long list of events and activities



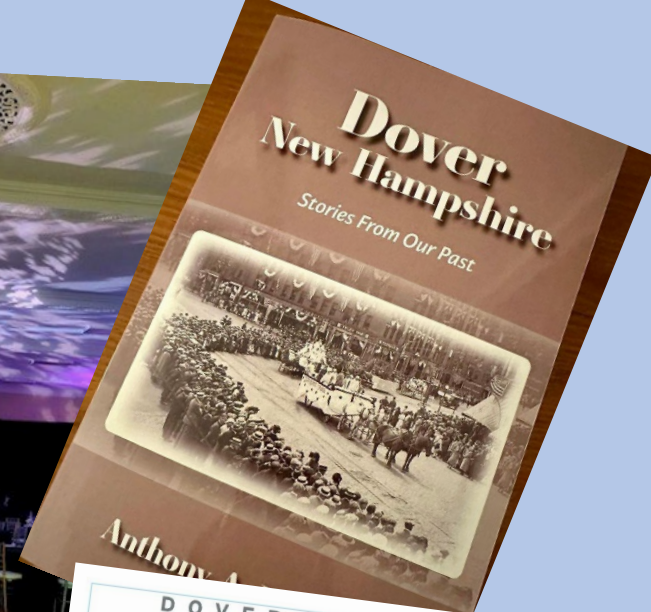
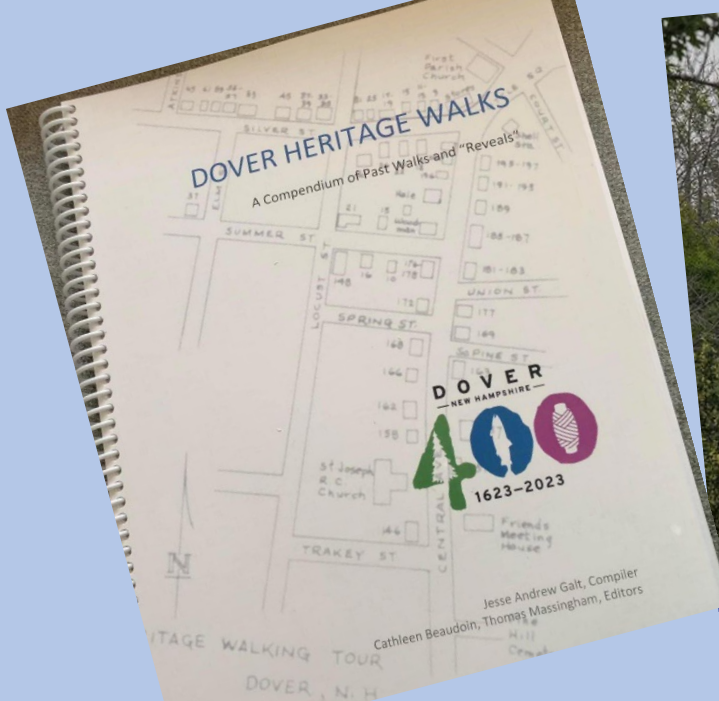
Tonight!! Tuesday, Feb. 9 7:00pm

Our

second installment of our historical lectures  
features Paul and Denise  
Pouliot, who will discuss the myths,  
misconceptions, food-ways,  
lifeways, and history of an acculturated and  
assimilated Indigenous  
People.

Register at [www.dover400.org](http://www.dover400.org)





VOICES OF DOVER: DONNA AND PHIL RINALDI

**DOVER NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**400 1623-2023**

# Block Party

**Saturday, July 1st**  
10:00 am til 9:00 pm  
Downtown Dover

**10:00 am to 4:00 pm** Food vendors, crafters, businesses, clubs & organizations will be lined up along Central Avenue. The street will be buzzing with all things Dover!

**Waldron Court**  
**11:45 am Reading of Frederick Douglass' Speech**  
People of all ages will be reading portions of this historic speech sponsored by the Black History Trail of Portsmouth  
**1:00 pm Open Mic!**  
Come entertain the crowds with you music, poetry, or humor!

**Blue Latitudes Courtyard**  
will be alive with local musicians!

**Interactive Walk Through Dover's History**  
You won't want to miss this in Lower Henry Law Park!

**Bands at Rotary Pavilion at Henry Law Park**

- 11:00 am** Silver Strummers
- 12:00 pm** Dover Community Band
- 1:00 pm** Earth Kit
- 2:00 pm** Soggy Po Boys
- 3:00 pm** Reconstructed
- 4:00 pm** Rory Makem
- 5:30 pm** Thanks to Gravity
- 7:00 pm** Ovation - 80's Rock Tribute Band



## Implications

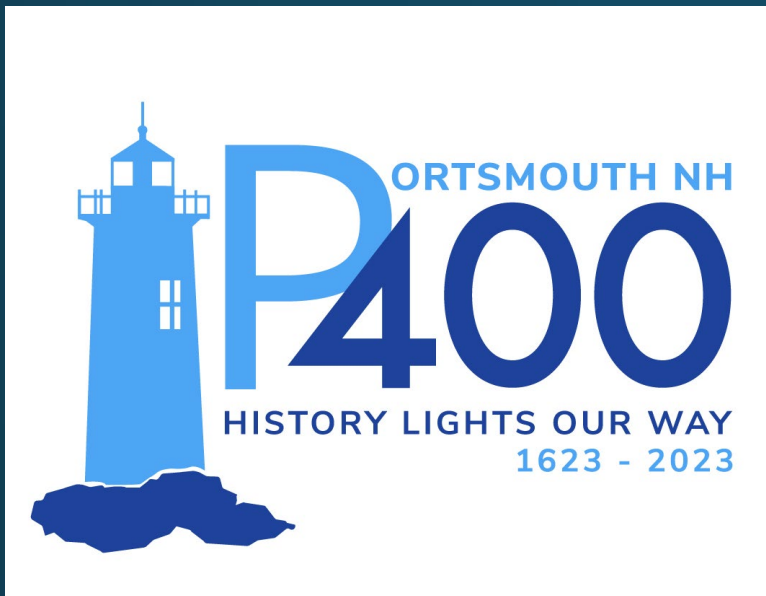
- **Community Ownership**
- **Understanding of Community Development**
- **Appreciation of Community Resources**
- **Strengthening a welcoming attitude toward cultures and diversity**
- **Fun and recreation**





# QUESTIONS???





# Portsmouth NH 400<sup>th</sup>, Inc. City of Portsmouth

Why? 400 years, 50 years, 12,000 years

When? December 2022 – December 2023

Where? Throughout Portsmouth – and Dover, Rye, and New Castle!

Who? EVERYONE! Portsmouth & Seacoast residents, businesses, and visitors

# VALUES

- Community pride through education and engagement
- Diversity, Inclusion, Respect, Accessibility
- Seek historical accuracy
- Sustainability
- FUN!



# How can a small group of people create memorable historical & educational programs and events throughout 2023?

Identify partners

Inspire volunteers

Create a local buzz

Follow through

**Tell the world!**



# LIVING OUR VALUES

- Create two Oral History Documentaries
- Black Heritage Trail of NH and the Seacoast African American Culture Center
- Create accessibility stations for our events.
- Portsmouth Historical Society, the Athenaeum, the Public Library and local historians
- Create five Signature Events for FUN!



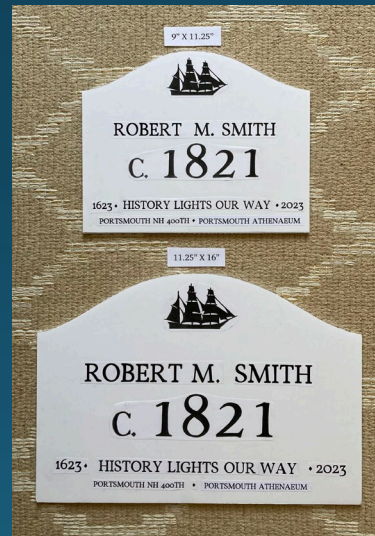
PHS juniors, Marlo Pinto, Jillian Richmond, with Harold Whitehouse





# IDENTIFY PILLARS OF INTEREST

- Arts & Culture
- Commerce & Trade
- Community & Neighborhoods
- Education
- Maritime & Military
- Legacy Projects
- Signature Events





# LEGACY PROJECTS

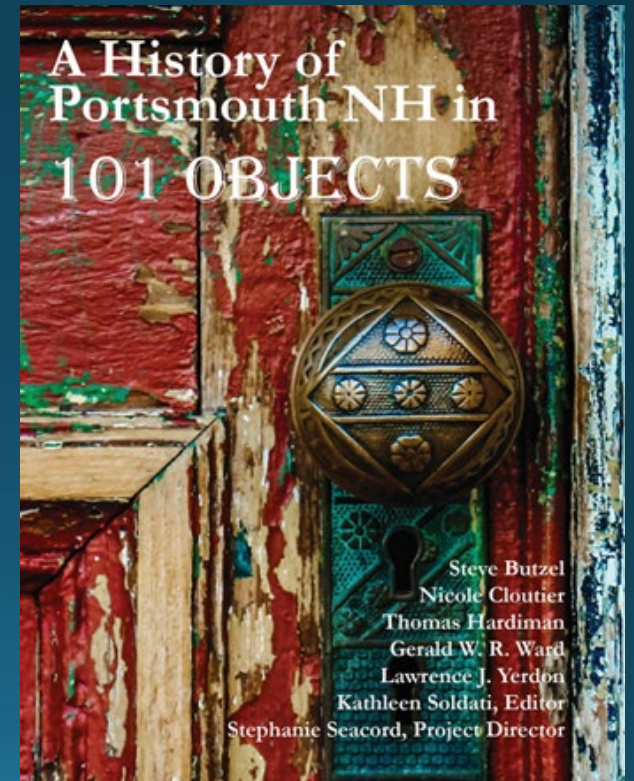
A History of Portsmouth  
NH in 101 Objects

J. Dennis Robinson's Time  
Machine

*Endeavor*, Bohenko  
Gateway Park Sculpture  
Garden

Oral Histories

Portsmouth Symphony  
Orchestra's, "*At This  
Point*"





# SIGNATURE EVENTS

- 1.6.23 Kick-off & Reveal
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> PNH400 Grand Parade
- August 6<sup>th</sup> Little Italy Carnival
- August 16 street.life! 400
- October 1<sup>st</sup>, The Great Community Picnic





# TAKE-AWAYS

- Understand the community's mojo
- Energize those who CAN DO
- Partner with those who know best
- Tell the community and the world what you are doing
- Gather the Village - PEOPLE, PEOPLE, PEOPLE!



# THANK YOU, NNECAPA







# Rye 400 Logo



About Rye 400

History

Get Involved

Calendar & Events

Merchandise

Aerial Prints

Contact



The year 2023 marks the 400  
Year Anniversary of Rye's  
first year of settlement in  
1623.

Be a Part of the Celebration!

Paul Goduco | Microsoft Teams classic





One design, many products

# RYE

*New Hampshire*

# 400

settled 1623



Browse  
27 products  
with this design





## Fundraising

- 1) \$40 Pin
- 2) \$400 Yard Flag
- 3) 1623 Limited Edition Coin

=> Raised over  
**\$150,000**





# Promotion

Event Canvassing





# Core Committee of 3













2023  
Beach  
Sticker



# HAPPY 400TH ANNIVERSARY RYE, NH!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
DON'T MISS ANY OF THESE  
GREAT ACTIVITIES WE HAVE  
PLANNED FOR 2023!

Your Address  
Washington Road  
Rye, NH 03870

PSN7 STD  
ECSWS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDOM RETAIL

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BE SURE TO CHECK THE RYE400 WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST DETAILS.

Date	Time	Title	Location
Jan - Mar		Rye Reads: Tuck Everlasting	Rye Public Library
Feb 6	1p - 3p	Tuck Everlasting Film	Rye Public Library
Feb 18		Art Exhibit Submission Deadline	
Mar 8	5p - 7:30p	Tuck Everlasting Film Showing & Discussion	Rye Public Library
Mar 15	6:30p - 7:30p	Poet Mimi White	Rye Public Library
Mar 25	11a - 3p	Rye Arts Exhibition	Rye Congregational Church
Apr 3	4p - 5:30p	4 for 400th Beach Clean-up	Foss Beach
Apr 8	9a - 10:30a	4 for 400th Beach Clean-up	Pirates Cove Beach
Apr 20	4:30p - 6p	4 for 400th Beach Clean-up	Jenness Beach to Cable Road
Apr 20	6:30p - 7:30p	Author Lisa Moll: Rye's Battle with Onassis Oil	TBD
Apr 22	9a	Rescue Marine Mammal Run	Seacoast Science Center
Apr 26	6:30p - 7:30p	Lecture: Joe Marttila/Sea Bee Honey	Rye Public Library
Apr 28	10:30a - 12p	4 for 400th Beach Clean-up	Sawyers Beach to Philbricks
Apr 30	9a - 11a	Wallis Sands Half Marathon	Wallis Sands State Beach
May 20	1p - 2:30p	Rye Century Walk: 1623 First Settlement	Odiome State Park
May 24	6:30p - 7:30p	Lecture: Skip Lockwood - Rye Sports Update/History	Rye Public Library
May 29	10a - 12p	Rye History Trolley Tour	Rye Town Museum
Jun 15	5p - 6:30p	Rye Century Walk: 1726 First Parish Rights	Rye Congregational Church
Jun 21	2p - 3p	Poet Elaine Sexton	Rye Public Library Common
Jun 21	3p - 4p	Max Sullivan Band Concert	Rye Public Library Common
Jun 24	1p - 4p	Beach and Brew Festival	Odiome State Park
Jul 3	10a - 12p	Rye History Trolley Tour	Rye Town Museum
Jul TBD	TBD	4th of July Fireworks	Parsons Field
Jul 6	9a - 4p	Isles of Shoals boat trip: Appledore & Star Islands	Rye Harbor
Jul 13	5p - 6:30p	Rye Century Walk: The Hotel Era	Bass Beach
Jul 19	3p - 4p	North River Band Concert	Rye Public Library Common
Aug 4 - 6	all day	Founding Family: Locke Family Assoc. Reunion	Rye Town Museum
Aug 5	1p - 4:30p	Rye Scavenger Hunt on Foot	Rye Public Library
Aug 9	6:30p - 7:30p	Author Deb Cross: Memories Wallis Sands Beach	Rye Public Library Common
Aug 16	3p - 4p	Poet Mark Decarteret	Pulpit Rock Tower/Odiome
Aug 17	5p - 6:30p	Rye Century Walk: Fort Dearborn 1942 - 1945	Seacoast Science Center
Aug 17	6:30 - 7:30p	Lecture: 1942 - 1945 Fort Dearborn	Parsons Field/Town Center
Aug 19	11a - 5p	Rye Day Festival & Entertainment	Rye Harbor
Aug 24	9a - 4p	Isles of Shoals boat trip: Appledore & Star Islands	Jenness Beach
Aug 26	11a - 3p	A Lesson in Surfing by Summer Sessions	Rye Town Museum
Sept 4	10a - 12p	Rye History Trolley Tour	Rye Public Library Common
Sept 6	TBD	Library Owls - opening anniversary (1911 - 2022)	Atlantic Grill Restaurant
Sept 7	5:30p - 9p	Charity Fundraiser - Silent & Live Auctions	Rye Congregational Church
Sept 14	7p - 8:30p	Author Dennis Robinson: 1623 Founding Family	Jim Raynes Forest, South Rd
Sept 16	1p - 2:30p	Rye Century Walk: Atl. Cedar Conservation	Wallis Sands State Beach
Sept 17	9a - 1p	Wallis Sands Triathlon	Rye Junior High School
Sept 21	6:30p - 8:30p	Live Interview: Author Dan Brown	Rye Junior High School
Sept 28	10a - 12p	Student only program with Dan Brown	Rye Congregational Church
Oct 8	1p - 3p	Lecture: Valerie Fagin: African Americans in Rye	Rye Public Library Green
Oct 14	TBD	Arts En Plein Air	Rye Congregational Church
Oct 14	1p - 4:30p	Rye Scavenger Hunt by Car	Rye Town Center
Dec 3	3p - 5p	Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting	



WWW.RYENH400.ORG

Reach out with questions to:  
RyeNH400@gmail.com



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Events



# BEACH & BREW FEST



**SATURDAY  
JUNE 24  
1-4PM**

**ODIORNE POINT  
OVER 20+ BREWERIES  
FOOD & FUN!**

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Rye, NH  
**1942-1946**  
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**August 17  
3 Events**

12-2:30pm Pulpit Rock Tower  
3-4:30pm Walk Battery 204  
5-6pm Presentation SSC

*Registration Required*



[www.ryenh400.org](http://www.ryenh400.org)

**WW II**

DEFENSE OF THE SEACOAST







Rye  
Driftwood  
Garden Club

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SEEDLING

Rye residents can select  
one seedling per  
household



400 Tree Seedlings for Rye

RYE  
*New Hampshire*

400

settled 1623

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**AUGUST**  
**13**  
[www.ryenh400.org](http://www.ryenh400.org)

summer sessions  
SURF SHOP  
LESSONS | RENTALS | CLOTHING

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**SURF LESSONS**

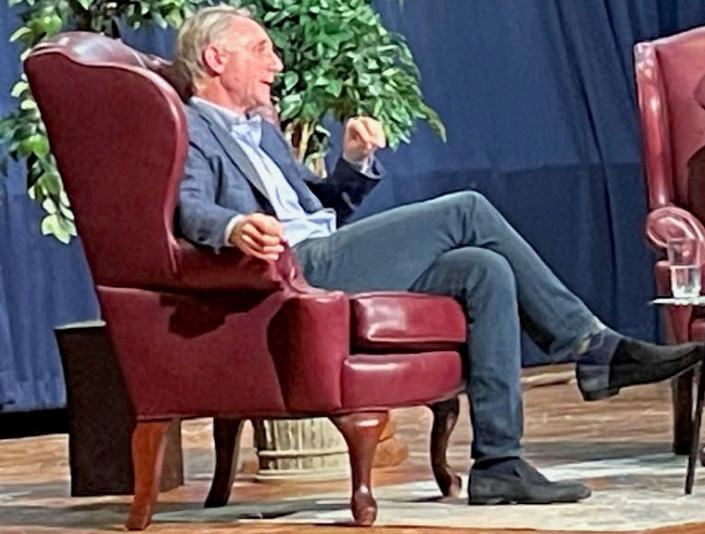
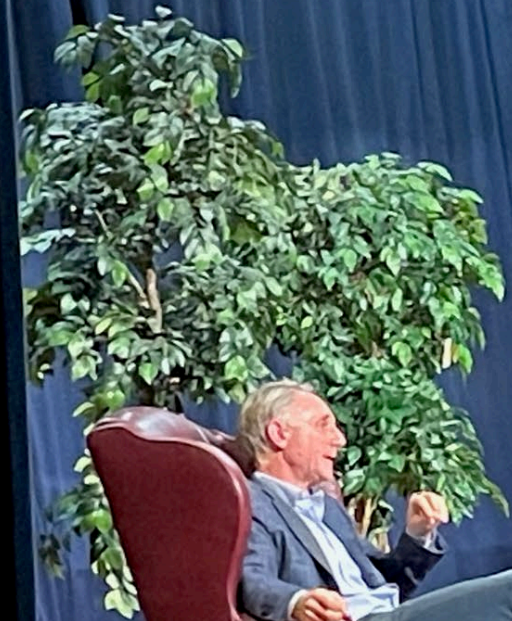
Summer Sessions  
Jenness State Beach, Rye NH

Sign up for a free lesson!  
11am-12 or 12-1 pm. Aug 13. Max 12 per lesson. Min age 12 years.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rye-surf-day-tickets-686701531767>

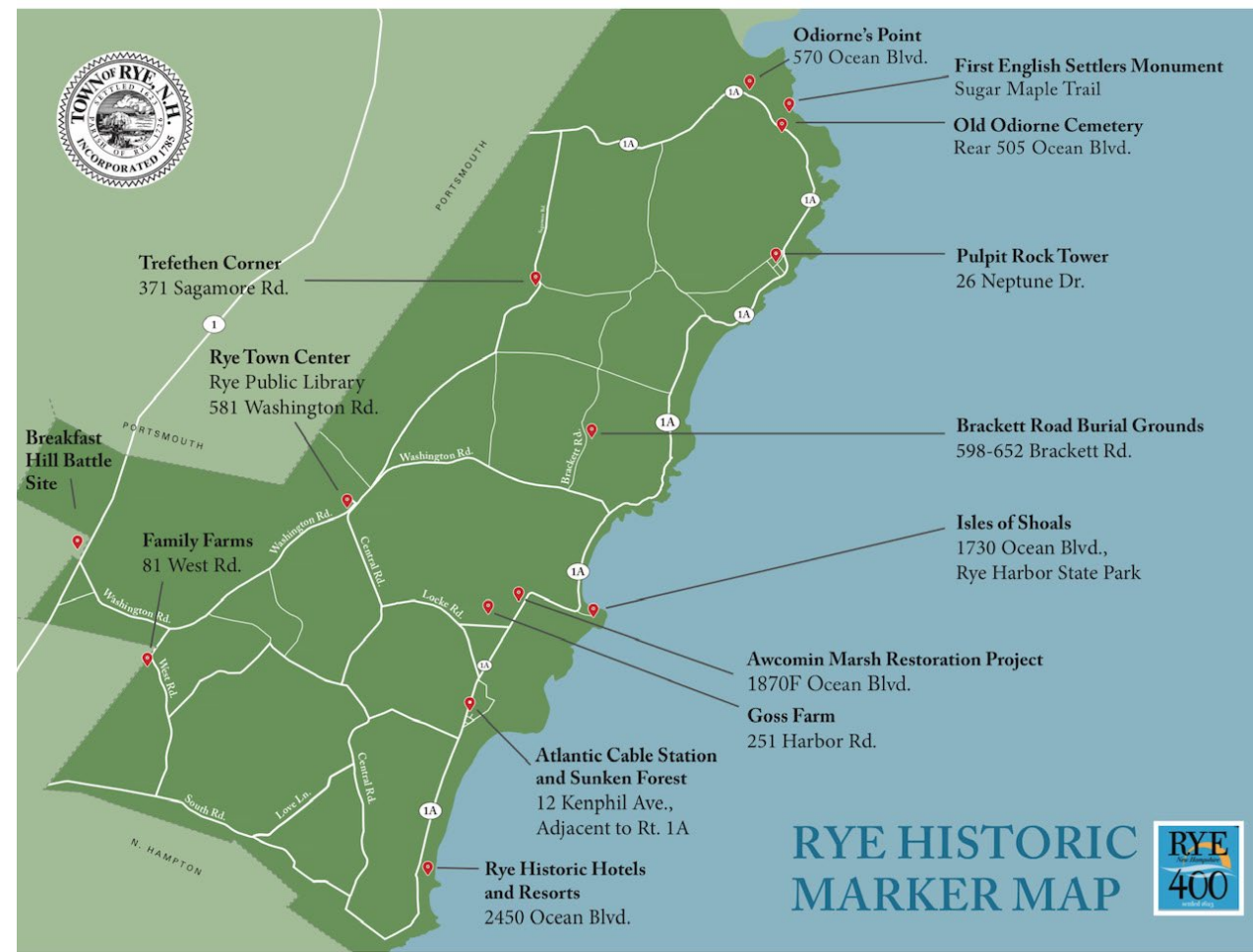




RYE  
New Hampshire  
400  
settled 1623  
CELEBRATE  
WITH US!  
RYENH400.ORG









**Rye Community Picnic**  
Parsons Field  
Sunday, Oct. 29th \* 11:30am-2pm

Visit  
[RyeNH400.org](http://RyeNH400.org)  
for  
Details!

**RYE**  
New Hampshire  
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COME JOIN THE FUN AND  
CELEBRATE RYE DAY!

# HAPPY 400TH RYE!

**AUGUST 19, 2023**

**RYE RECREATION** **RYE New Hampshire 400 settled 1623**

PARSONS FIELD, RYE NH  
11:00AM - 5:00PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • GAMES  
CAKE WALK • MAGIC • PHOTO BOOTH  
AERIAL PHOTO • CHARACTER APPEARANCES  
CRAFTERS • DUNK BOOTH • & MORE!

PLEASE VISIT THE 400TH WEBPAGE FOR EVENT SCHEDULE AND TO SIGN  
UP FOR THE AERIAL PHOTO



**RYE**  
**DAY** **8|19|23**



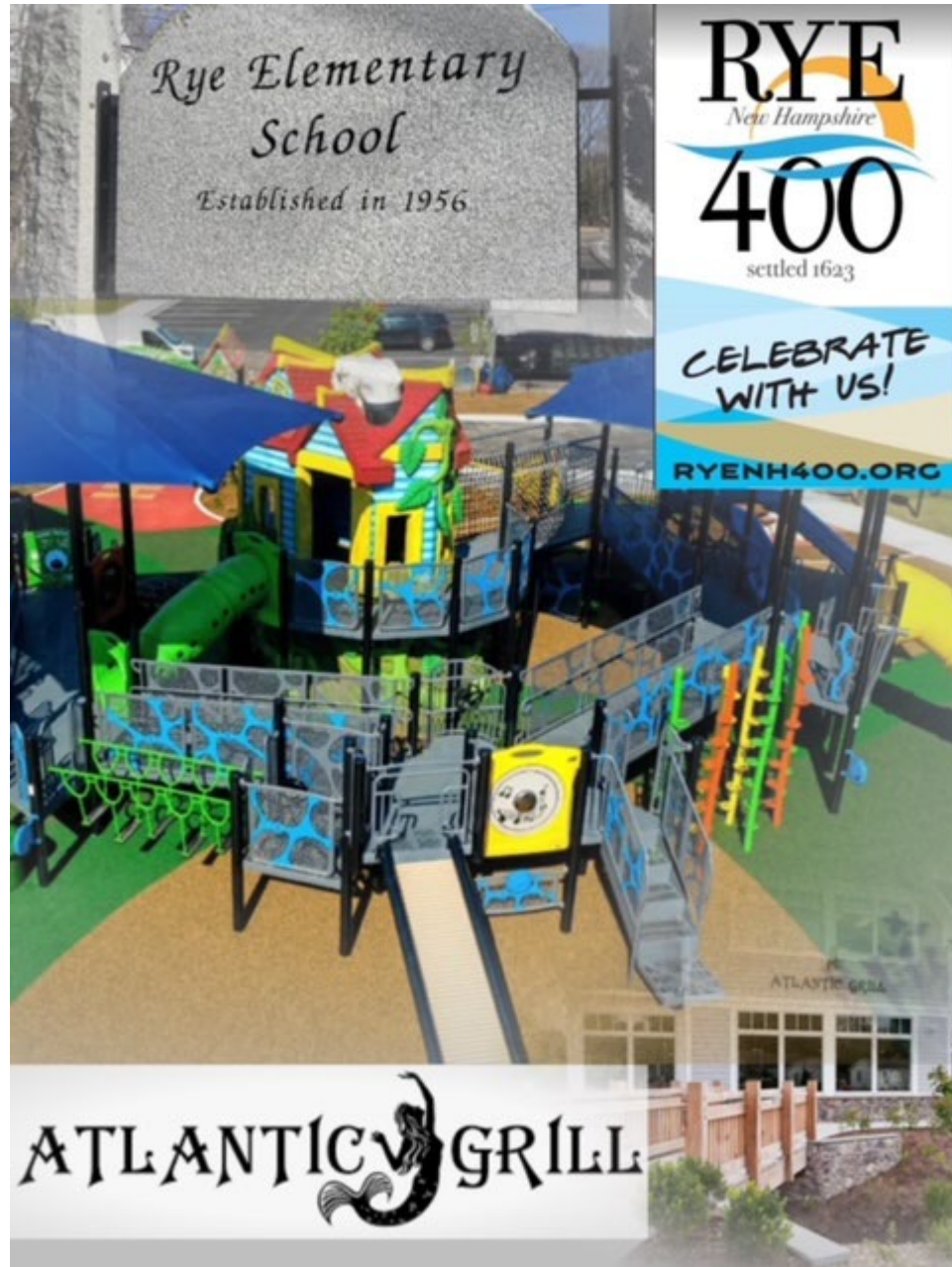
**Parsons Field | Rye | NH**

SPONSORED BY RYE RECREATION AND RYE 400 COMMITTEE









# Fundraiser for Rye Elementary School New Accessible Playground



# Fundraiser for Rye Schools Field Trips to Seacoast Science Center



Rooted in History  
Thriving in Community  
Shaping the Future



In appreciation to all who participated in  
celebrating this milestone year.

*RYE400 Committee of the Rye Historical Society*

2023