



NEWSLETTER

Rutherford Historic Preservation Society

RHPS Celebrates First Year Anniversary

On November 15th, 2023, we, the Rutherford Historic Preservation Society, celebrated our one year anniversary. It was on this date in 2022, that we were granted our status as an independent, nonprofit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation and since then we have assumed the responsibilities of the previous town-sponsored preservation organization. The RHPS is proud to report that we have maintained the Historic Site Inventory (HSI), awarded certificates of appreciation, participated in Borough parades and events, and encouraged preservation wherever and whenever possible. We have recently created the RHPS "General Store", offering one of a kind antiques for sale. We have also created a unique, interactive website that is educational and entertaining, providing information for both the avid and novice historians alike. These are just a few of our accomplishments this past year.

All of our funding now comes from memberships, sponsorships, promotions and donations, which thankfully continues to grow. Our dedicated, volunteer staff is committed to continuing the work of preserving the rich history of Rutherford and look forward to another rewarding year!

We would like to thank you all for your support!

Best wishes,
The Executive Committee
Rutherford Historic Preservation Society



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The RHPS would like to welcome new members:

Enrica D.
David D.
Jay D.
William K.
John G.
Brenna R.

BREAKING NEWS:

The RHPS' General Store is now open for business! Please visit the store on the RHPS Website.

The RHPS is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of Rutherford. As part of our ongoing efforts, we are happy to announce that all proceeds from our sales will go directly to supporting the RHPS and its pursuit of Rutherford's historic preservation.

<https://rutherfordhps.org/general-store>

*Free local delivery (Rutherford, East Rutherford and Lyndhurst) or pick-up only.

Holiday Celebrations

Veterans' Day Observance

On the morning of November 11th at 11:00 am, Charles Gunn, Post Commander of Rutherford's Murray Hodge American Legion Post 453, hosted a ceremony as tribute to those who have served our country.

Following the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, Taps, and a Memorial Prayer at the World War I monument, the members of the lodge and attendees proceeded across Park Avenue to Lincoln Park, and proceeded to visit the monuments honoring those who served in the Vietnam/Korean Wars, World War II, and Spanish American War.

The Rutherford Historic Preservation Society honors, and will never forget those who have served our country.



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The Hermitage

The enchanting Gothic Revival House known as The Hermitage Museum located in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey, welcomed visitors to its annual Christmas event, a "Candlelight Tour". Celebrating the holiday season, the museum adorned its historic halls with a delightful theme – "sweets of a Victorian Christmas". The RHPS joined the guided tour which was both informative and entertaining as live Flautists filled the room with holiday music. As visitors gathered in the holiday spirit, they were reminded of the profound connection between history, celebration, and the simple pleasure of a sweet treat.

The Hermitage Museum has long been a treasured landmark in the area and is open for tours on Friday – Sunday, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm. Admission for adults is \$10 and Children 10 and under is \$5.

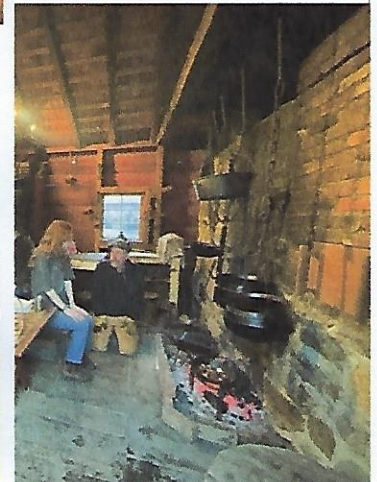
The Hopper-Goetschius House Museum

The Upper Saddle River Historical Society hosted a Holiday celebration at the Hopper-Goetschius House Museum on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Despite the rainy weather the event was a huge success. The RHPS was in attendance and had the privilege to visit "Santa in the Barn, The Blacksmith Shop, The Out Kitchen and the inside of the Hopper-Goetschius House while nibbling on delicious homemade cookies and hot cider made in "Kate's Kitchen". The Upper Saddle River Historical Society members were extremely welcoming to all those in attendance.



Kay Yeomans and Lee Giudice.

Volunteers for the USR Historical Society.



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Share Your Historic Photos of Rutherford



Do you have a historic or vintage photo that captures the essence of Rutherford through the years? If yes, we would love to include it in the RHPS Q4 Newsletter!

Whether it is a snapshot of a beloved local landmark, a memorable community event or a vintage photo of a heartwarming moment with friends and family, we want to see them all! This is how you can share your historic photo with us:

1. Scan or take a clear photo of your historic image.
2. Email it to rutherfordhps@gmail.com with the subject line "Q5 Newsletter Photo Submission".
3. Please include your name and a brief description or story behind the photo to make it even more special.

Please note: Submission Deadline is Friday, March 8.

Thank you for preserving Rutherford's History with us!



Downtown Rutherford (Park Avenue), on a rainy day during this Holiday Season.



Photos submitted by the D'Alessandro Family.



The RPHS would like to thank the Community Chest of Rutherford, NJ for their Support and Sponsorship!

RHPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

Chairman: Ed Gajda
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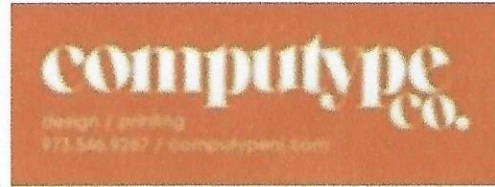
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