Rye Recreation Department
72nd Annual Halloween Window Painting
Sunday, October 19, 2025, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by: The Woman's Club of Rye, Children's Philanthropy

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL THE DAY OF EVENT IF WE MOVE TO RAIN DATE

⇒ **SUPPLIES: Paint supplies may be purchased at Michaels in Port Chester or order from Rye Recreation**

1. Tempera paint (**water colors only**), assorted colors
2. Assorted paint brushes, paint rollers & sponge brushes
3. **Step ladder or stool** (many windows start above 3')
4. White Vinegar
5. Bon Ami (see below)
6. Newspaper or plastic to cover window sills, frames, store fronts and ground
7. **¾" blue painters tape**
8. Box and/or garbage bags for refuse
9. Water pail or container
10. Rags, wipes and paper towels
11. **Empty carton or container with cap for used paint water**

PLEASE READ!!

Tape your child's window assignment on the window you are assigned. Make sure the number on the assignment matches the number on the window. Within the white lines is your designated painting area.

Assignment #
Please tape assignment sheet above painting area

Example

Preparing your window: For better results, wash window with a mixture of white vinegar and water before you begin painting. Make sure to wipe clean and let dry. With ¾" blue painters tape, tape a box **completely** around your window space. Your designated painting area is within the white lines, please tape **WITHIN** your area. **Please cover the store front, window sills and the ground where you place the paints with newspaper or plastic. Paintings may not be higher than 36"** or as marked. Please **remove all** tape and newspaper from the storefront when finished. Parents MAY tape the window for the child, but please - let the children paint.

Bon Ami: Bon Ami is used to thicken paint to help it adhere to glass, especially for backgrounds. Add enough Bon Ami to the paint until you have a thin paste consistency. **DO NOT** use any other cleanser since all other cleansers have abrasive qualities to them and will ruin the glass!! A canister of Bon Ami will last several years – share with a friend.

Using a roller brush or foam brush - have your child begin painting the background. Backgrounds are not required, but if painted, **NO DARK BACKGROUNDS ARE PERMITTED.** Dark backgrounds can cause the windows to crack!!

The use of stencils and markers is not allowed. All paintings must be done free hand with paint and a paintbrush. Brush rollers and sponge brushes are acceptable. Pencils may be used for outlining purposes only. No material should be attached to any painting.

BE COURTEOUS:

- **If your plans change and you need to cancel (even on the day of the event) call and leave a message at 967-2482.**
- **Respect the merchant's windows. Be neat, use paper or plastic around your area and clean up after yourself!!**

REMEMBER: NO SHOWS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT LEAVE A MESS WILL NOT RECEIVE AN ASSIGNMENT NEXT YEAR!

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