

# Eliot Historical Society

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February 2016 Newsletter

**Upcoming Meeting:** **March 7<sup>th</sup>**, 7pm at the John F. Hill Grange Hall, 7pm. Program for the evening will be Matt Sanzone, a teacher at Marshwood High School and advisor for the “We the People” program. He will speak about the student’s participation in this program. Refreshments will be served by Polly and Jack McDonough.

**February Meeting update:** During our business meeting many concerns and ideas were shared. It was decided to ask that the Board of Directors and the Officers meet to discuss these and then make a report, with their recommendations at the May meeting. I am happy to take any suggestions you might have to the BoD/Officer meeting. Please email me @ [rma249@yahoo.com](mailto:rma249@yahoo.com).

Our curator – Julie Johnson – set out some lovely old postcard pictures of Eliot that had been enlarged and framed. They were donated to the Historical Society by Keith Searles. Attendees also had the opportunity to view the *Nightingale* painting that was recently acquired thanks to Zip Zamarchi.

**Opportunities for Service:** The Fundraising Committee is looking for people with new ideas to join them.

Spring is fast approaching and we will be busy cleaning private cemeteries so if you like to work outside and are interested in preserving history we invite you to be part of our “Adopt a Cemetery Program”.

Please let me know if you are interested.

**Libbey Development update:** The Board of Appeals at their January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting upheld an appeal filed by a group of the abutters to the property. The developer has 45 days to appeal the decision in court.

## **Happenings in Eliot and the area:**

**Backfields Farm Ski:** Saturday, **February 13<sup>th</sup>**, 10am-2pm at Backfields Farm, the home of Connie Weeks, 24 Odiorne Lane. Sponsored by the Great Works Regional Land Trust. Join Jay Meyer as he leads skiers through the beautiful pasture and woodland of Backfields Farm. Email or call 207-646-3604 to reserve a spot. \$5/\$10 family suggested donation for non-members.

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**Old Berwick Historical Society: February 25th** at 7:30PM at Berwick Academy's Jeppesen Science Center on Academy Street: J. Dennis Robinson will speak on his book "Mystery on the Isles of Shoals- Closing the Case on the Smuttynose Ax Murders, 1873".

**William Fogg Library: February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>:** Red, White and Chocolate Sale!  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** Genealogy Workshop, 2-3pm.

**Land Conservation program: March 3<sup>rd</sup>,** at the John F. Hill Grange Hall. Sponsored by the Great Works Regional Land Trust. Farm owners and others interested in learning about conservation options and participating in a discussion about options for preserving critical agricultural resources. If interested contact Lisa Erickson-Harris at 207-646-3604.

**Here Lyes the Body – Burial and Customs of the Pilgrims: March 26th,** 1:30pm at the Wishcamper Center, Bedford St., University of Southern Maine. Stephen C. O'Neill, Associate Director and Curator of Collections at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and adjunct faculty in the History Department of Suffolk University, will discuss the burial places, customs, and practices of the Plymouth Colony's Pilgrims. Free lecture. Parking in USM Bedford St. garage.

**Membership:** Don't forget your dues. Sylvia Moynahan, our Membership Chairperson, will gladly accept your dues at any meeting!

From the Portsmouth Herald of Aug. 30, 1916:

Anyone have an idea of where "Jake's Point" was/is located?

