

A reminder that there will be NO JULY MEETING

AUGUST 1st all are invited to gather in the Pavilion at the Boat Basin at 5:30PM for a cookout. Bring something for the grill as well as something to share (salad, dessert, etc.) if you would like. Invite your family and friends for a relaxing time just to enjoy being together!

JUNE MEETING NOTES: The Society voted to support bringing Laurie Downey's *The Local Stories Project* to the Eliot Elementary School. Jan Cerabona, on behalf of the Society, who has been working with the 2nd grade teachers at the school, introduced Ann Shisler and Lisa Hippern who spoke about the project. The program involves journaling, conducting interviews and producing artistic presentations including theater, music, and a mural. It is seen as a further step in building upon the present offerings and expanding the Eliot history program for the students. We are pleased to be included in the project and to be asked to support such a worthy endeavor. Further information will be shared as the program develops.

Julie Johnson, head of the Collection's Committee, each meeting sets out some items from our collection for viewing. This meeting they included a picture on an early Eliot baseball team and a quilt done by the 3rd graders of Mrs. Terry Johnson's class in 1996. It was done as part of the children's Eliot history education. The children heard about our schoolhouse



Sandra Smith

Principal Jerry Burnell, Teacher Terri Johnson and Kathy Vetter with students: Chrystalline Verrill, Kimberly Naehring, Carly Reardon, Sean Gadapee, Scott Good, Matthew Dumont, Tina Spooner, Sam Johnson, Eric Albert, Elizabeth Derosier, Kristina Spinney, Sean Trefethen, Zachary Long, Alicia Wright, Amy Thomas, Jon Riley, Lauren Lilly, Genna Marchese, Keith Gile, Jonathan Karlberg.

restoration project and wanted to contribute. Each child did a square of the quilt which was then presented to the Historical Society, to be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the #8 Schoolhouse. The quilt was auctioned off on May 1, 1997 and became our first fundraiser for the project, raising \$150. The winner, Sandy Smit, then donated it to the Society. Included is a booklet showing the work of each student and their names. We note that Mrs. Johnson is retiring this year and was recently honored by the School Board.



THURSDAY, JULY 7TH a field trip to **THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM MUSEUM** in Milton, NH is being organized by Carolyn Bogh . If you are interested in going please contact Carolyn at 439-2404.

VISIT TO #8 SCHOOLHOUSE

On June 3rd Paul Johnson and Jeanette Paul hosted 60 second grade children from Eliot Elementary School on their annual visit to our #8 Schoolhouse on Greenwood Street to learn about what school days were like over 100 years ago. Jeanette has been a part of this annual event for the last 10 years. We thank her for her dedication and also our thanks to Carolyn Bogh for once again organizing this wonderful event!





A HUGE thank you to Paul Johnson and his crew – Zip, Denny, Skip, Marjie, Julie, and Keith - who cleaned up the yard and inside of the #8 Schoolhouse and did some painting and Skip who helped Paul with yard work at the Grange

RECENT AQUISTIONS: Keith Searles presented the Society with the deed for the Remick property on Pleasant Street. This was the home of Phyllis, Laurie and Alberta Remick.

OLD LIBBEY LANE UPDATE: Christi Mitchell, Assistant Director for MHPC, has informed me that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) has determined that Old Libbey Lane - the portion from the Piscataqua River to the power lines is eligible for nomination to the National Register and will be listed in the Maine Historic Resources Inventory. This listing will provide Old Libbey Lane the same protection as if it were already listed in the National Register. Attached to this newsletter is the letter from the MHPC.

JULY 23rd: PISCATAQUA PIONEERS has sent us an invitation to their annual meeting on July 23rd at St. John's Church, Thaxter Hall, 100 Chapel Street Portsmouth. It will include a tour of the historic Warner House. Time is from 9-3 and includes a luncheon. Reservations are required.

Piscataqua Pioneers Annual Meeting Luncheon Reservations

By July 9, 2016 please send this form and check made out to Piscataqua Pioneers to:
Piscataqua Pioneers, %Carla Mueller, 46 Canterbury Road, Wells, ME 04090-6910

Please reserve _____ places at \$30. Total enclosed _____

Entrée choice and number: Turkey _____ Baked Haddock _____

Name/s _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____

I/we will attend the 300th Anniversary historical tour of the Warner House immediately following the meeting. Mobility issues are not a problem for this tour. Yes _____ No _____

Luncheon: Garden salad with balsamic dressing; choice of roast turkey with cornbread stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce or baked haddock with seasoned Ritz cracker crumbs; served with baked potato and two vegetables; followed by cookies and brownies.

website: www.eliothistoricalsociety.org

Phone: 752-0174 (Rosanne)

GREEN ACRE TROLLEY WAITING ROOM RETURNS HOME!

The Portsmouth, Dover, and York Street Railway waiting room, that once stood at the entrance to Green Acre on Main Street, is in the process of being returned to its original “home” through arrangements made between the property owner Bruce Jones and Green Acre Baha’i School.



The waiting room was moved from Green Acre to Rosemary Junction, located at the foot of Rosemary Hill on Depot Road, when the one there burned in early December of 1922. It was reported that the keeper had stoked the fire and left the drafts open when he left the building to go to lunch and it burned down. After the electric railway ceased

in 1923, the waiting room was moved onto the Rosemary Cottage property.



The trolley waiting room as it stood at “Rosemary” until its move on June 1st.

The building was moved in two parts after the windows were removed.


The Eliot Police Department provided an escort.



Area meetings/events:

JUNE 20TH from 6-7:30PM – There will be an **Update and Listening Session with the York River Study Committee** on Monday evening at the York Public Library Community Room, (downstairs) 15 Long Sands Road, York. You are invited to join members of the committee to learn about, discuss, and help shape efforts to develop a community-based management plan for the York River watershed and evaluate the suitability of the York River for a Partnership Wild and Scenic River designation. Please let Jennifer Hunter, Coordinator, know if you are planning to attend. 207-641-9122

August 21st **Shapleigh Family Association Annual Meeting - Eliot Maine.** For more information contact Rosanne at 207-752-0174.



Weaving the Threads of New England History

Star Island, Isles of Shoals, NH
New England Heritage Conference 2016
August 27 to August 30 *or* to September 3

Spinning Wheel: Colonial Hearth to Modern Fiber Art with Peter Cook
Weaving in the 17th to 19th Centuries with Marjie Thompson
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