

JULY – No meeting but we are planning an excursion to see the “Forgotten Frontiers” exhibit at the Counting House in South Berwick. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Bogh at cadbogh@aol.com or 439-2404. See you at the annual cookout in August at the Eliot Boat Basin!

ELIOT STORIES PROJECT UPDATE

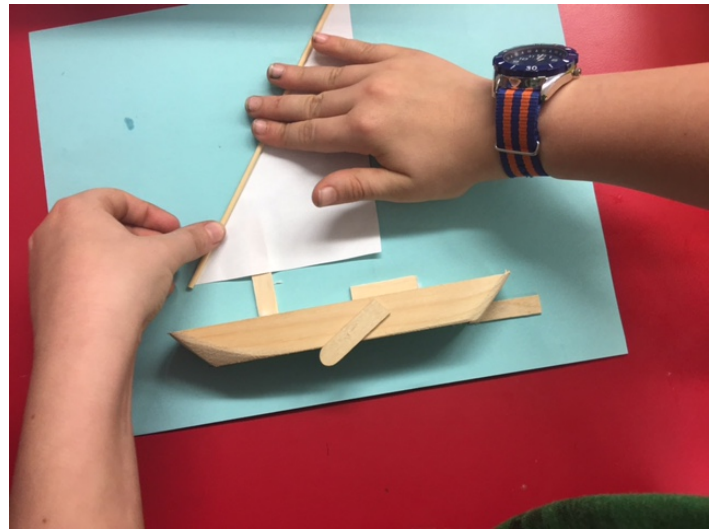


On May 3rd **Lena Morin Bernard** shared information about Eliot’s brickyards.

May 8th and 9th the children learned about the gundalows that provided transportation on the Piscataqua River



of bricks, lumber and other commodities. They were able to view a replica of the gundalow, explore its uses from their first appearance in the 1600s right up to the 1900s.



They “built” their own as well as being treated to an opportunity to sail on a real gundalow. What wonderful adventures in learning they have had during this project!





On May 18th **Connie Weeks** of Backfields Farm talked with the third graders at the Elementary school about farming and the importance of setting aside land for future use. She used her beautiful quilt as a backdrop, as she talked about the types of activities she and her late husband Silas had on their farm. Among these were the raising of pigs and chickens, raising

vegetables, making maple syrup and jelly, raising bees and harvesting the honey as well as tending her beautiful flower gardens and enjoying the birds and animals that roamed on her property. She brought with her a copy of her book and a bag of hand-ground cornmeal in hopes that they will be able to work with Mrs. Emerson in the cafeteria to make cornbread. She did a great job and the students were amazing. Students and staff enjoyed the visit.

-Reported by Jan Cerabona

Please join the children and their teachers on June 12th at 6:00PM and see what they have learned! (attached is the flyer)



Local Stories Project

Please join our

Eliot Elementary School Second Graders on

June 12, 2017 at 6:00

For months EES second graders have been working diligently researching local history with community collaborations. On this special evening students will perform lively theater performances and reveal a permanent in-school mural.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

April 29th the Historical Society was invited to a community open house at Green Acre Baha'i School. **Paul Johnson**, with only days away, organized and manned a table for us. This community event included displays by the Library, 68 Hours of Hunger and the Eliot Garden Club, children's activities, focusing on virtues and games, historical tours



and presentations as well as a free cookout for lunch and free

dinner and concert in the evening. **Jack Murphy** took part in the skit performed as part of the afternoon's offerings.

Organized by **Anne Perry** of Texas, who took on the role of Sarah Jane Farmer, the group related Eliot stories both humorous and historical. - Reported by Paul Johnson and Rosanne





Recently our President **Paul Johnson** provided a tour of our #8 Schoolhouse to Jeanne' McCartin. She is doing a series for the newspaper on small, unknown museums in the seacoast and wanted to include our schoolhouse. She was very amazed and impressed as to how nice our little museum is and enjoyed hearing about how the 2nd graders visit the school and experience what it was like to go to school in the 1800s/early 1900s. She also visited the William Fogg House. - Reported by Paul Johnson



Special Invitation

To a celebration
of the life of
Cynthia (Cyndi) Sullivan
Saturday, June 17, 2017
Sullivan Family Home
747 Goodwin Road
12:30pm to 4pm

*We cannot look back without a smile. Just knowing her being here
was really worth while.*

*The memories you have will bring smiles to your face. Those beautiful
memories nothing can erase.*

*A memory brings laughter and sometimes brings tears. Brings
"Thanks" for her presence these many years.*

*These thoughts to you I must convey. The sun shines for our dear
"Cyndi" in another way.*

Written with Love by Jeanette Paul

***All guests are welcome to share their happy memories of Cyndi when the
festivities start.***

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AREA NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

While looking for interesting things to read about the history of this area I stumbled upon ***The New England Historical Society*** website.

It is an online site

which it says “exists to promote interest in New England history and tell the fascinating stories that are unique to our region.” Some great articles to read and a place where you can submit your own for others to read as well.

<http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com>



MASSACHUSETTS

The Nightingale of Boston and the Last Gasps of American Slave Trade

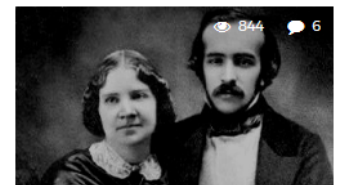
In early spring of 1861, the Nightingale of Boston set sail for Liverpool. Her cargo was grain, bread and barrels, broken down...



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6 Stops on the Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad was a network of people who hid fugitives from slavery in their homes during the day and moved them...



ARTS AND LEISURE

Jenny Lind Gets Married Secretly in Boston

In late January 1852, the 'Swedish Nightingale' Jenny Lind and her German fiancé Otto Goldschmidt walked into the Tremont Row studio of...

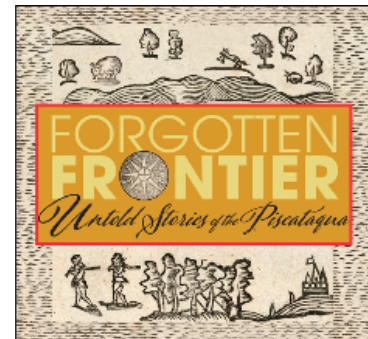
OLD BERWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Forgotten

Frontier - Untold Stories of the

Piscataqua exhibit will be open on weekends this coming summer from Noon to 4 pm at the Counting House in South Berwick.

JUNE 17 - Frontier Alive! A French and Native Raiding Party Returns to Salmon

Falls - David Ledoyen and the company of “Les Mousquets du Roi,” French militia re-enactors from Montreal, Quebec, along with Ken Hamilton, a Penobscot interpreter from Corinth, Maine, will bring to life the world of allies and combatants on the Piscataqua frontier in the late 1600s. See the conflict through enemy eyes by visiting the English camp at nearby Wentworth House in Rollingsford.

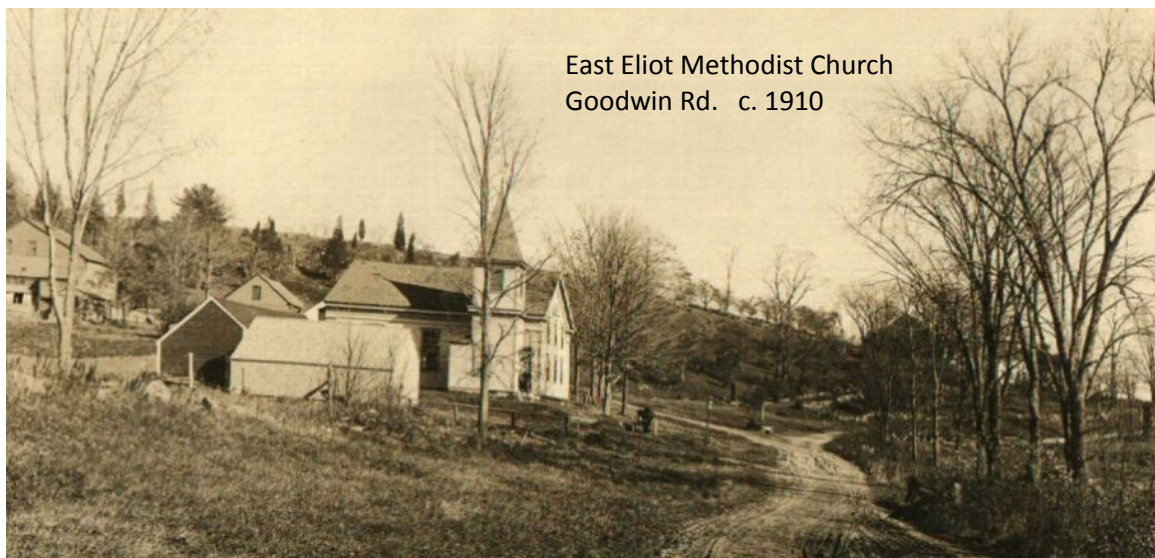


YORK RIVER STUDY:

June 20th – Monthly resource topic meeting, 10:00AM, York Public Library. The topic will be watershed conservation lands: natural resource protection objectives, stewardship/management plans, public access and recreation, and other conservation priorities. Please let Jennifer Hunter know if you plan to attend. jh.yorkriver@gmail.com

June 24 – June 27 – Be an Archaeologist for a Day! Volunteers are wanted. The York River Study Committee's contractor is conducting historic resource surveys in the watershed and invites the public to participate in an archaeological dig (weather permitting) at locations to be determined. Contact project director Gemma Hudgell, Northeast Archaeology Center for more details or to sign up. (207) 860-4032 or hudgell@nearchaeology.com

JULY 8 - The **Maine Genealogical Society** (MGS) will present the 2017 Maine Genealogical Fair on Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 9am to 2pm at the Maine State Library, 230 State Street, Augusta, Maine. Admission is free. The Fair will feature Maine genealogical and historical organizations. Attendees will have a chance to meet one on one with a seasoned researcher for tips on finding that one elusive ancestor. For more information see the MGS web site at www.maineroots.org.



East Eliot Methodist Church
Goodwin Rd. c. 1910