

Upcoming Meeting – September 10th. 7:00pm at the John F. Hill Grange Hall. Note the change to the 2nd Monday evening due to the Labor Day holiday. At the time of this printing the program was not available. Refreshments will be served by Ruth Drake-Benedict and Skip and Margie Brown.

SOCIETY NEWS



At our **annual August cookout**, we had as a special treat Mr. K, the music director of the Eliot Elementary School, and some of his former 2nd grade students perform songs from last year's Eliot history studies along with others that they have learned.

There were several new faces joining us at our tables. Friends and family from surrounding



towns and guests who saw the announcement in



the newspaper, added to the sense of comradery for the evening. Among those joining us were members of Lydia Ogilby's family who were here from Belmont, Mass. Lydia's family has a



summer home on River Road in Eliot and she and her family were here to celebrate her 97th birthday the next night. Although she could not join us Lydia's grandson and family joined us at the cookout. Her mother Grace

Phippen, a contemporary of Carolyn Lanier, was a great supporter of the William Fogg Library.

During the years that Lydia spent her summers in Eliot she was an active and devoted member of the Eliot Historical Society. The postcards of Stacy Creek that we have for sale are ones she produced and gave to us probably 30 years ago. In her hometown of Belmont, Mass she was, throughout her life and is still very active in the government of the town, their historical society and in the preservation work of the town's Historic Preservation on which she still serves. In 2014 she received the Belmont Historical Society *David R. Johnson Preservation Award* for the preservation of the Richardson farm for open space and in 2004 she received the State of Massachusetts' highest award – a lifetime achievement award for her preservationist work.



Our Grants chair, **Helen Goransson** is working with **Jan Cerabona** and **Rosanne Adams** to prepare a grant which will supplement our involvement with the Eliot Elementary School's 2nd grade Eliot history studies. More details will be available at our September meeting.

OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 25 and 26

#8 SCHOOLHOUSE

Greenwood Street

11:00AM – 2:00pm



AREA EVENTS

August 10 – Portsmouth Historic Sights Twilight Tour, 4:30-8pm. For just one evening every year, eight of the Portsmouth Historic Sites open their doors and gardens for the Twilight Tour. To make this evening memorable, the theme is “Entertainment.” Each site offers a special focus: brief talks on collections, tours and historical games. **Each ticket is good for one admission to each of the 8 participating sites on the night of the Twilight**

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Tour and is also valid for the balance of the 2018 season for admission to any houses that visitors don't visit on the night of the Tour. *Proceeds of the tour benefit the member sites of the Portsmouth Historic Sites Associates, Inc. (PHSA), and PHSA joint programming.* Participating in the Twilight Tour are: The "Vice" exhibit in the Rowland Gallery at the Strawberry Banke Museum; the Wentworth-Gardner House; Gov. John Langdon House; Rundlet-May House; Warner House; John Paul Jones House; Moffatt-Ladd House; Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion. Tickets are: **Adults:** \$25 (\$20 in advance); **Children 12 and under:** \$10 (\$8 in advance) and are available online from the Strawberry Banke Museum website or at Discover Portsmouth at 10 Middle Street and at each of the member museums. The ticket also includes, for use in the balance of the season, a 'buy one get one' admission to the USS Albacore and sail on the gundalow Piscataqua.

August 15 – "How to have a good death"- Baran

Place meeting room, Beech Road, 6:00pm. Presented by

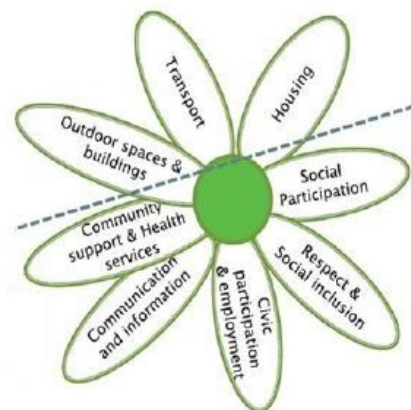
Eliot Aging in Place Committee and *Amedisys Agency*.

How we define a good death differs for each individual, just as a good birth plan differs for each prospective parent.

Whether one chooses to forgo intense medical interventions and focus on quality time or elects to continue trying new therapies right to the end, we need to define what a good death looks like and create a plan that supports that vision.

Leaving these critical decisions to a care giver or loved one is not only an emotional burden to them, but it also may

mean that your wishes are not followed. Join Cristina Hepburn and Chrissy Gemme, Beacon Hospice Community Liaisons, for this informative discussion about dying well.



August 18-19: Shapleigh Family Association Annual Reunion.

The reunion will be held at the Danvers

Congregational First Church where the Salem witch trials all

began! Tad Baker, Salem State University professor of history

and author of *A Storm of Witchcraft* and *The Devil of Great Island:*

Witchcraft and Conflict in Early New England, will speak about his

research around this topic and explore the Shapleigh family

connections to the people and events. For more information call 752-0174.