

December 3: ANNUAL ELECTION

OF OFFICERS. Meeting will be held at the John F. Hill Grange Hall on State Road beginning at 7pm. There is a 3-year position open for a member of our Board of Directors. Contact Ernie Bruneau [barbarabruneau@comcast.net] if you are interested in serving. Our program will feature our annual Show and Tell followed by a holiday party. We look forward to sharing our memories and/or items of interest. Refreshments will be served by Sylvia Moynahan and Carol Zamarchi.

BAKERS WANTED!

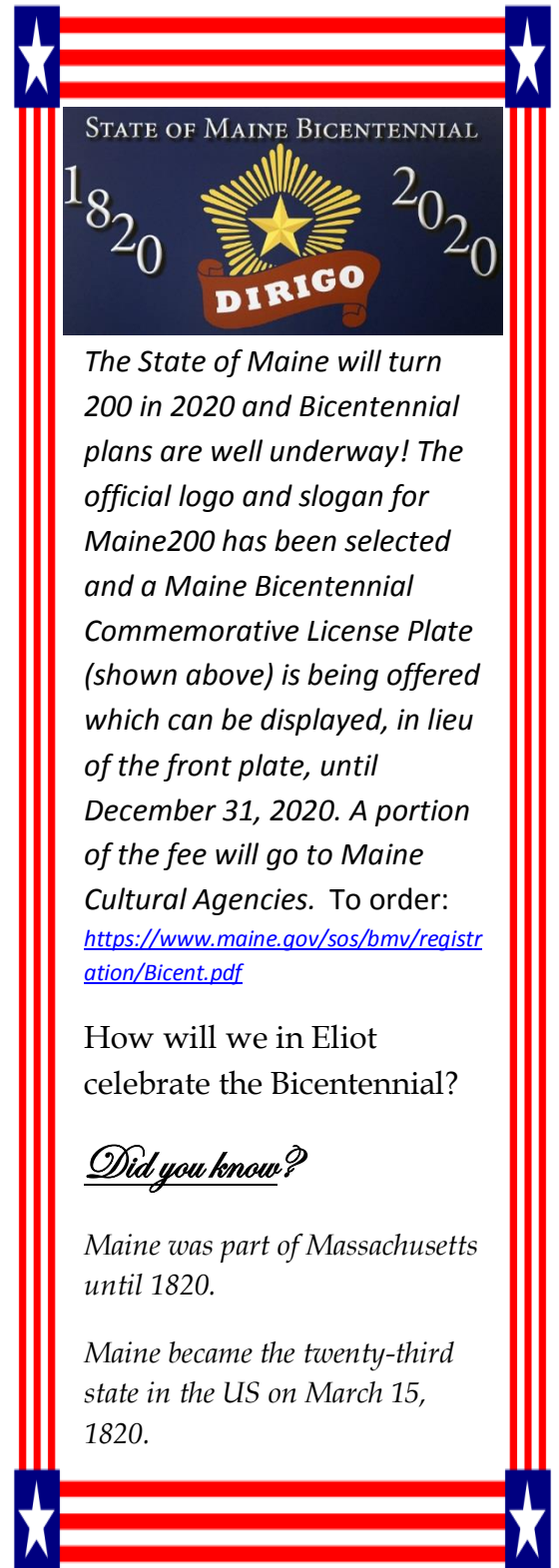
**Marshwood Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 1st
9am - 3pm. Marshwood High School.**

Once again, the Eliot Historical Society will have a table at the annual Marshwood Holiday! We are calling all our wonderful bakers to fill our table with their delicious baked goods - cookies, cupcakes - anything that can be easily handled and packaged.

Baked goods can be dropped off at Julie Johnson's or Sylvia Moynahan's the day before (Friday, November 30th) or brought to the school on Saturday.

Please contact Julie or Paul Johnson (439-2542) for more information and/or to let them know you will be doing some baking for the event!

We will also have our raffle items: A 3 volume set of bound issues of the OLD ELIOT magazines produced in the late 1800's/early 1900's, edited by Dr. J.L.M. Willis which were donated by Eric Christian and a framed picture of a schoolhouse donated by Marion and David Raitt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winners will be drawn at our December meeting.



The State of Maine will turn 200 in 2020 and Bicentennial plans are well underway! The official logo and slogan for Maine200 has been selected and a Maine Bicentennial Commemorative License Plate (shown above) is being offered which can be displayed, in lieu of the front plate, until December 31, 2020. A portion of the fee will go to Maine Cultural Agencies. To order: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/registration/Bicent.pdf>

How will we in Eliot celebrate the Bicentennial?

Did you know?

Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820.

Maine became the twenty-third state in the US on March 15, 1820.



Eliot Town Flags will be available for pre-order until November 10th. Cost is \$50. Send your order to Debbie Scribner, 30 Forest Ave, Eliot, ME

03903 Money will be returned if an order of 50 flags is not achieved.

Society News

As you are no doubt aware Eliot saw a record turnout for the November election and so did we at our table! Along with our own publications we featured the donations of books by Society member **Helen Goransson** and **Jim Staples**, giving many new residents a great selection of reading material about our history. We also offered the town flags for pre-sale and hopefully we can get them printed as many people were excited about getting them. In addition, the **2nd grade teachers and children** produced several times for sale with the proceeds going to our educational programs at for the #8 Schoolhouse. Notecards, featuring the artwork of the students, figured soaps, homemade shoulder bags and aprons, and homemade strawberry sauce went quickly netting us over \$300! We extend our sincere thanks for their contribution and we are looking forward to our continued collaboration this year. Also, a huge thank you to **Jan Cerabona** and **Debbie Scribner** who manned our booth. We all had a really great time talking with people.

Helen Goransson, Jan Cerabona and myself, with help from **Anne Shisler**, submitted a grant to the Horizon Foundation. We should be hearing if we have received the grant by our December meeting. The grant was written, asking for monies to be used to supplement the educational programs that we host in collaboration with the 2nd grade teachers for their Eliot history curriculum. The teachers have also submitted their own grant request to another foundation and should hear those results soon also.

President Paul Johnson has been talking with the town manager and the budget committee about our monetary request to the town for the coming year. We will be including monies for software to track and catalogue Eliot's cemeteries. The database would help the public work department keep track of the state of our cemeteries as they continue the work of caring for the gravesites of veterans and, because the information would be online, people could look up a cemetery and see pictures of the cemeteries and of the stones.

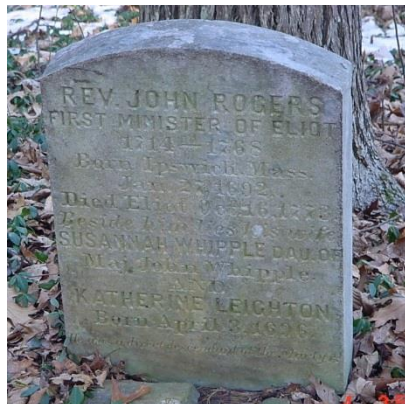
The Society would take responsibility for creating and updating the database for the town using the material that has already been gathered in the updating of John Frost's *Record Book*.

On Eliot Festival Day **Eric Christian** was recently host to David and Cheryl Gray of Arizona. Cheryl is a direct descendant of Capt. William Leighton who settled in Kittery in the mid-17th century. They were in town for a few days and looking for a local historian to show them any known family cemeteries, lands where the family lived and any other information that is known about Capt. William Leighton. Eric met up with them at Frosts-Tufts Park and from there



went down Old Road and visited the old Parish Cemetery, where he surmises William and some of the early Leightons are buried, and showed them the homesite of William Leighton (William Everett's Tavern) and adjacent lands of some of his descendants (site of the town's first library). They then traveled up to Goodwin Road where his grand-son Tobias Leighton, Sr.

(1701-1748) was granted 118 acres of land and visited the Samuel Leighton cemetery. Eric, who once lived on some of the Leighton lands shared with them his knowledge of the family. They Grays were very appreciative of the tour and sent to us a very generous contribution.



Although the grave of Capt. William Leighton and his wife Katherine (Frost) are not marked in the Parish cemetery, it is probable that they and members of their family are buried here, it being the earliest Parish cemetery and "just around the corner from" their early church site. There are several stones for later generations of the family.

The **Eliot Fire Department's** thermal imaging camera fundraiser is well underway. They are seeing to raise \$25,000 to purchase 9 thermal imaging cameras. Currently they only have one camera that they purchased with donations from a previous fundraiser years earlier. Their hope is to purchase 7 for every riding position on Engine's 4 and 3 and two for officer spot. Our volunteer fire department would appreciate any amount you can donate to the Eliot Firefighters Association. You can send your contributions or make a donation through their website - http://www.eliotfire.com/Thermal_Imager_Donations.html



AREA NEWS and EVENTS

November 11: Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats at the Berwick Police Department. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. COST: \$15.00 CASH ONLY. Please Bring prior rabies certificate if available. Questions – please email Carol Harris at berwickaco@berwickpd.org

December 5: Wednesday Wanderings – Rocky Hills Preserve and Old Punkintown Road to York Pond. 9-noon. Sam's Lane, South Berwick (new parking area and trail). All outdoor adventures are open to the public and free to members of Great Works. A \$5 donation per person or \$10 donation per family is suggested for non-members. Space on hikes is limited to 20 people. Reservations required. Visit <http://www.gwrlt.org>, call 207-646-3604 or email info@gwrlt.org for more information.



December 9: Victorian Tea. Hosted by the Friends of the William Fogg Library and the William Fogg Library. 1:30-4:30 pm.



For Sale

All proceeds benefit the Society

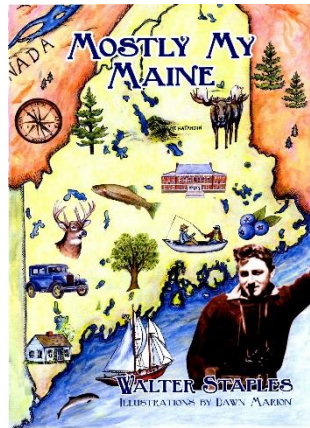
Mostly My Maine

by

Walter S. Staples

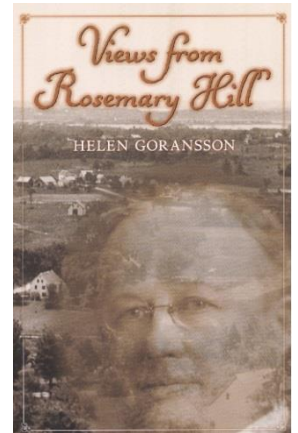
Limited number

available! \$20



Views from Rosemary Hill

Helen Goransson \$20



Contact Julie @ pjrunners@comcast.net or come to the Marshwood Holiday Bazaar or one of our meetings to get a copy.



East Eliot Railroad Depot