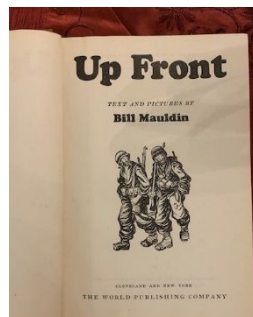


Next Meeting: February 3, 7pm,
Grange Hall. In celebration of Black History
Month, scholar and author Tammi Truax will join
us to speak about *Ona Judge Staines: Her life
before and after her 1796 escape to NH.*

SOCIETY NEWS & NOTES

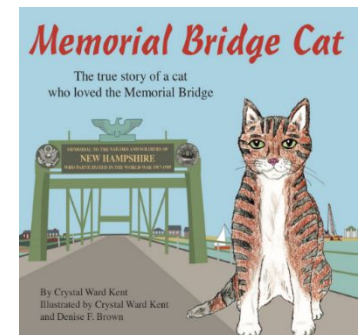
A HUGE thank you to **Sylvia Moynahan** and
Cindy Lentz who decorated and provided
wonderful refreshments for our annual Holiday
Party held last month! The group had a fun time
with the "Show and Tell" discussing the items
that people brought, some of which are shown
here.



Eliot's Maine Bicentennial Events

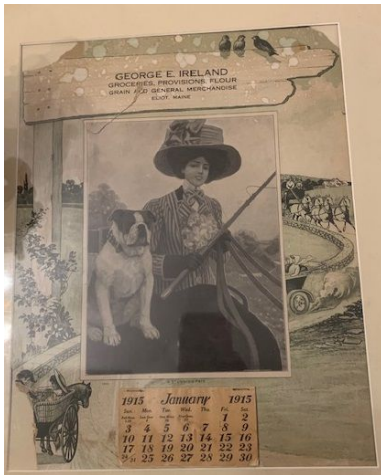
continue to be finalized and new
ones added to our town's
celebration of Maine's 200th
Anniversary! If you would like to
be added to update emails let
Rosanne know.

January 13 & 14 – Eliot, Maine
author, Crystal Kent will read
with the children at **Eliot
Elementary School** her book
Memorial Bridge Cat. Various
times during the day – check with
the school.



February 5th & 7th – SEACOAST
SCIENCE – THE NORTH AMERICAN
LOBSTER, will be at Eliot
Elementary School, throughout the
day.

February 14th & 18th - READ
ACROSS AMERICA and
BEYOND/SERVICE-LEARNING
PROJECT – at the Eliot Elementary
School, gym.



Our Officers for this coming year are:

President: Paul Johnson

Vice President: Dennis Lentz

Secretary: Tracey Graffam-Dickson

Treasurer: Pam Ashley

Board of Directors: Kathy Runey, Bob Fisher, Tracey Graffam- Dickson



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HUGE thank you to **Julie Johnson**, all her helpers, and those who contributed goodies to our fundraising table at the Marshwood Bazaar in December!

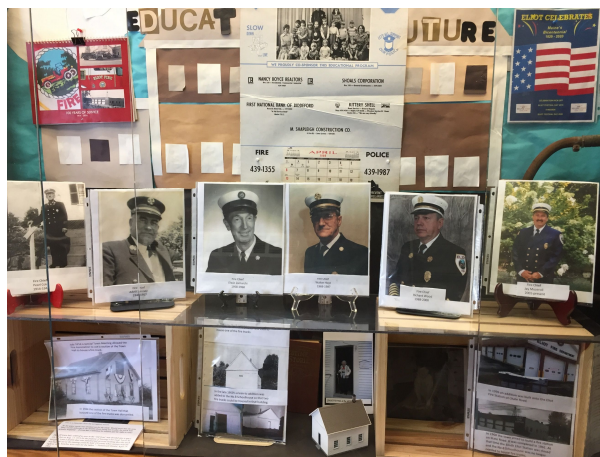
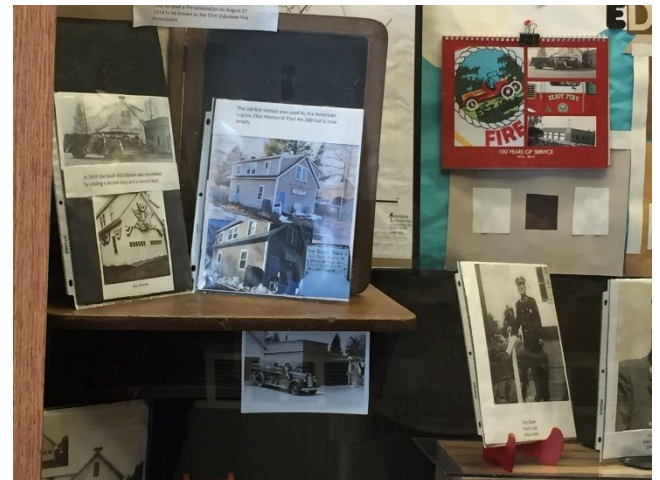
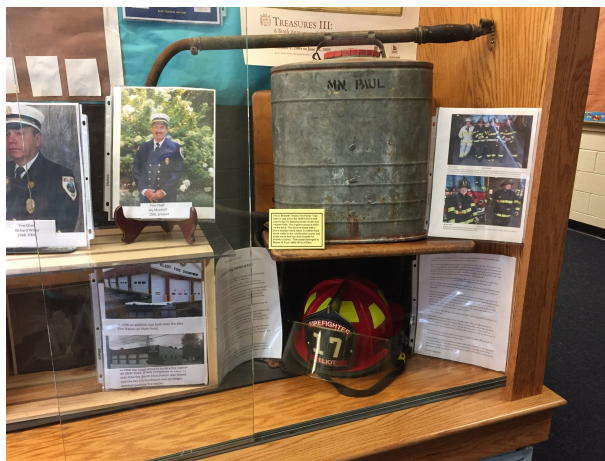


The Ladies' Holiday Luncheon was recently held at Robert's Grill in Kittery. Great food and lots of laughter!

The January display at the Eliot Elementary School honors the Eliot Volunteer

Fire Department. With the assistance of Donald Webber, Jr. and Jay Muzeroll, Jan and Rosanne have documented the buildings that have been used by the Fire Department and the succession of Fire Chiefs, since the department was formed in 1914. Did you know that the town has only had 6 fire chiefs! Of special interest is a model of the South Eliot Station on Main Street (recently used by the American Legion) that was made by Don

Webber's father; an Eliot Fire Department helmet, and a Smith Indian Fire Pump used to fight brush, woodland and rubbish fires.

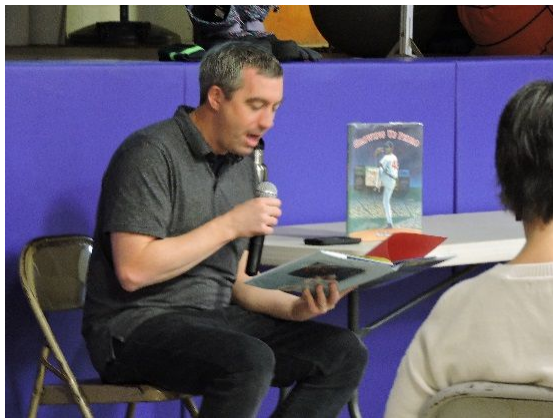


ELIOT MAINE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Jan Cerabona and **Rosanne Adams**, representing the Society, along with members from the **Old Berwick Historical Society** and **Marshwood students** served as guides at the ***Eat, Shop and take a Walk***, event at Marshwood High School Bazaar. There were 35-40 people who came by, some who took the time to walk the whole tour, or visit for a few minutes and take information. Guides led them to the historical panels that were created by members of the Eliot and South Berwick communities and incorporated into the design features of the school when it was built in 1999.



Friday, December 6th Maine author **Matt Tavares** treated the students at Eliot Elementary



School to a reading of his new book *Dasher*. Matt's tenth book, it tells the story of a reindeer called Dasher whose fascination with the North Star led her to Santa and to become the first of his reindeer. Following the



reading Matt shared with the children the process of writing a book, and, in this case, also the illustrations.

Wreaths Across America arrived at the Kittery Trading Post on December 9th. 10,000 donated Christmas wreaths from the state of Maine, loaded on enormous trailers, made the stop on their way to Arlington National Cemetery. Escorted by vehicles of the Patriot Guard Riders they reached their final destination on December 14th where the wreaths were placed on the graves of each veteran.

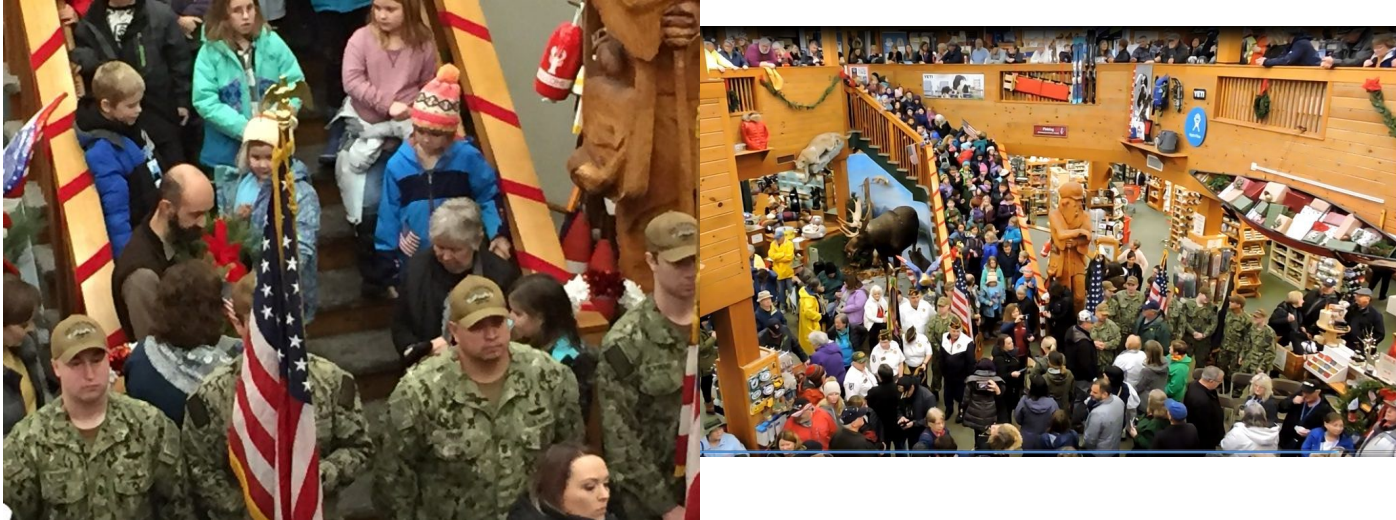


Second grade students of Eliot Elementary School were invited to participate. They stood in the cold rain with their hand flags waving and greeted the arrival of the trucks and escorts.

Inside, they took part in a very moving tribute, which included color guards, wreath presentations to those groups



participating, music from our second-grade students, a fife and drum corps, and singer Don Campbell. In complete silence hundreds stood at attention while Jan Cerabona led the children in signing the Pledge of Allegiance. The children, gathered on the stairway and led by their music teacher Bryan Killough (Mr. K.), sang a tribute to Wreaths Across America which he had written especially for their visit.



Following last month's hosting of *Wreaths Across America* during its program honoring veterans, first responders, and active military, the children of Eliot Elementary School placed the wreath they had made at the veteran's memorial at Hammond Park.



Wreaths Across America - Official Page

December 9 at 1:52 PM · 🌐

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Thank you to these students at Eliot Elementary School in Maine who learned how to make a veteran's wreath and placed the wreath in honor of local veterans. #RememberHonorTEACH!

AREA EVENTS

January 11- *Tributary Brewing Company Beer Tasting*, 6pm. Old York Museum Center. Enjoy a flight of four of Tributary's beers--including a brand-new IPA--accompanied by hearth-cooked nibbles prepared by Chef Bill Irish over the hearth in historic Jefferds Tavern. \$45 / \$40 members. Reservations are required. Tickets are available online or by calling 207-363-4974. Please note that you must be 21 years of age or older to attend this event.



January 11 – *Seacoast Environmental Film Festival*, Star Theater, Kittery Community Center, 8:30am – 8pm. Day-long event, brought to you by the Kittery Land Trust. Featuring award-winning documentaries about environmental issues globally and locally relevant, providing the opportunity for discussion. For more information: kitterylandtrust.org

January 11 & February 8 Don't forget the **Eliot Fire Department's Pancake Breakfasts!** The doors open at 7:30 am. Great food and conversation for a great price! Did you know that noted electrical inventor Moses Gerrish Farmer (1820-1893), who lived here in Eliot in his later years, invented the fire alarm pull box that is still in use today? In 1852, Moses and partner William F. Channing patented the first electric fire alarm system and installed it in Boston that same year.



January 15 - *Links to America: Wedgwood's History of Global Reach*. 6 pm Jefferds Tavern, York.



Enjoy a scholarly lecture, immediately followed by a simple supper of soup and bread in historic Jefferds Tavern. **Adele Ierubino Barnett**, historian and preeminent collector of Wedgwood pottery. Sponsored by Old York Museums. 207-363-4974