

Next Meeting – April 13. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to our Constitution, which gave women the right to vote, Maine author Anne Gass will join us to speak about her book **“Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine’s Fight for Woman Suffrage”**. Anne’s great-grandmother Florence Whitehouse led the suffrage movement in Maine, joining forces with national leader Alice Paul, and helped to ensure the Maine legislature’s ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1919. A novelist, painter, vocalist and mother of three sons when she joined the movement in 1914, this lively program will feature many historic photographs.

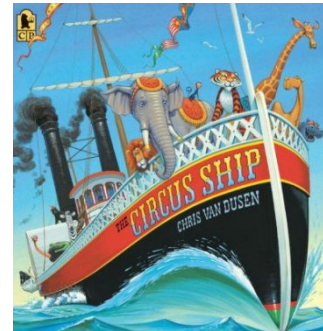


NEWS AND EVENTS

Eliot Elementary School has another fascinating display due to Jan’s efforts. The theme for February was Black History Month. Featured in the display are William Black, the Gregory family of Eliot, the Sinclair family of Kittery Point, and Oney Judge, the slave of George Washington’s family who escaped to New Hampshire and gained her freedom; William Black of Kittery (now Eliot) who owned land here and was probably the first slave in Maine to own land while still a slave; information on the “Green Book” which was

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March 10/11, author Chris Van Dusen, Eliot Elementary School. Chris will be reading his book *Circus Ship*.



March 14, Community Supper, United Methodist Church, Rt. 236. 4-6 PM.

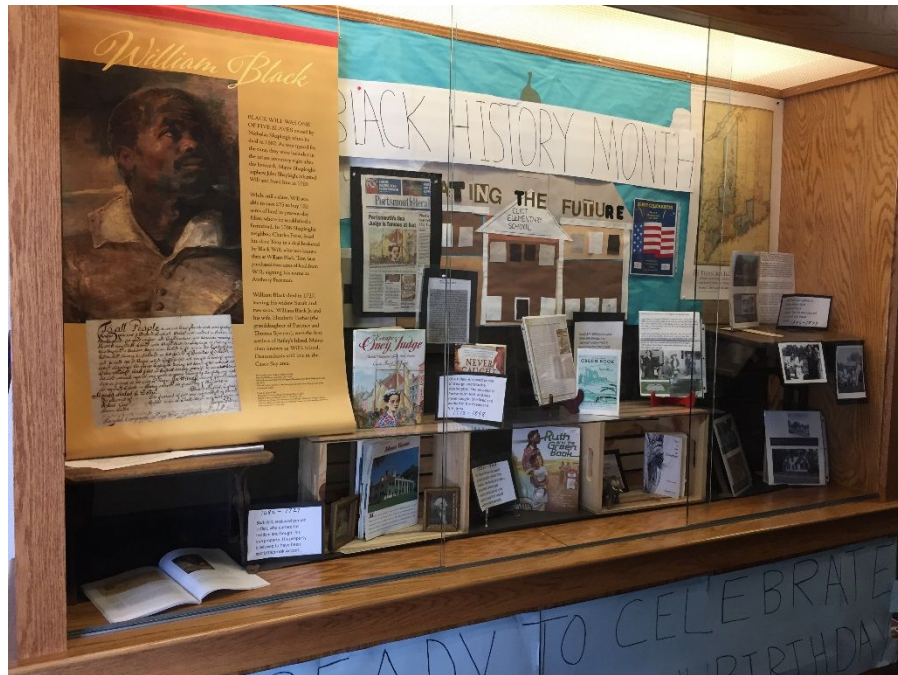
March 15, Maine Statehood Day. 1PM at the Augusta Armory, 179 Western Ave. All are invited for the historic commemoration of Maine’s 200 anniversary of statehood.

March 16, Maine Bicentennial Celebration, Eliot Elementary School, 2pm. Dedication of mural of the clipper ship *Nightingale* built here at the Hanscom Shipyard. Join the school staff and children and “dress like a Mainer”!

March 22 Maine Maple Sunday. Backfields Farm, 58 Odiorne Lane will be open.

March 31 Eliot/SoBo Day at the State House in Augusta.
10am

first published in 1936 to aid African Americans, as they traveled in finding accommodations where they would be accepted, during this time of deep racial discrimination. The “Whites Only” policies meant that black travelers often couldn’t find safe places to eat or sleep and so-called “Sundown Towns” where blacks were banned from being out after dark, were scattered across our country. Louise and Louis Gregory, an inter-racial couple who lived here in Eliot are also included in the display. Both traveled extensively to promote Racial Amity, starting in the early 1900s. “Rock Rest,” the home of the Sinclair family of Kittery Point, was opened in the late 1930s as a summer guesthouse for African-American tourists and closed in the 1970s.





York River eligible for ‘Wild and Scenic River’ designation.

The National Park Service has released the Study Report for the National Wild and Scenic Study of the York River. The report can be read at the National Park Service website: parkplanning.nps.gov/YorkRiverStudy. The public is

encouraged to visit the site to review the document and provide comments. The deadline for public comment is April 10th. Contact for National Park Service, river manager for Region 1 - Jim MacCartney at 603-226-3240.

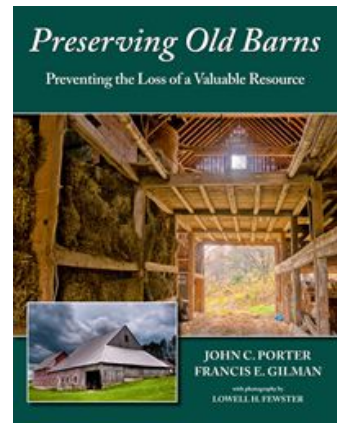
March 11 - Abenaki and Archaeology: Digging up Manchester’s

Past. Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford Street, downtown Manchester. The presence of the Merrimack River is the most important reason for the early settlement of this area, first by the Paleo-Indians, then by the Native Americans, called the Abenaki. The Manchester Historic Association has nearly 20,000 artifacts recovered from local Native American sites. This is one of the most important archaeological collections of Native American materials in New England. This collection represents every phase in the habitation timeline of the Merrimack Valley since the first known peoples arrived more than 11,000 years ago. You will see here some fine examples of stone artifacts, some quite ancient, as well as pottery sherds and a more recent item made of quillwork and birch bark. Guided 45-minute, group tour begins at 10:30 am. Museum admission is included with the tour and guests are invited to visit the entire museum after the tour please feel free to visit the entire Millyard Museum at your leisure. AARP members and guests can enjoy special pricing of \$3 per person. Reservations are recommended by calling 603.622.7531 and using the code MILLYARD to access the discount.



March 12 - Preserving Old Barns. 7:00 pm at the Counting House Museum, Old Berwick Historical Society. Presented by: John Porter, University of New Hampshire, and Arron Sturgis, Preservation Timber Framing.

This talk will be based on the recently released second edition of the book co-authored by Porter, *Preserving Old Barns*. It will offer guests the chance to ask questions about their own barn preservation concerns.

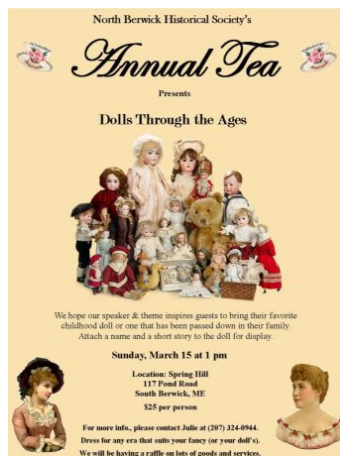


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MAINE
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COMMUNITY SUPPER**

– 4 to 6 PM, United Methodist Church, Rt. 236.

**March 15 – North
Berwick Historical
Society Annual Tea -
Doll’s Through the**

Ages – 1pm, Spring Hill, 117 Pond Road, South Berwick, ME. \$25/person. For more info.: Julie @ 207-324-0944.



March 22 – Maine Maple

Sunday. Backfields Farm, 58 Odiorne Lane. 9-4 Jay Meyer welcomes you to come see and learn about his operation, and have a taste. Syrup will be for sale. website: Backfieldsfarm.org



March 28 – Colonial Tavern Dinner –

The Red Barn at Outlook Farm. 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour. Meal begins at 7:00. \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members. Period dress is encouraged, dressy-casual attire suggested. Enjoy sumptuous courses of authentic colonial fare prepared by local chefs Christopher Viaud, Julie Cutting Kelly, and the Red Barn chefs. Generously hosted by the Red Barn, and coordinated by Paula Bennett, author of *Imagining Ichabod*



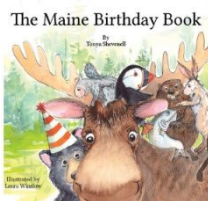
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 – 10AM - JOIN US FOR ELIOT/SOUTH BERWICK DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE IN AUGUSTA! Representatives Michele Meyer, Tiffany Roberts, and Senator Mark Lawrence have organized a special day for all residents. Meet 8:30 - 9:00 AM in the State House Welcome Center. View the House and Senate in session; lunch with legislators; formal tour of the capitol building. Space is limited. Please email Rosanne Adams rma249@yahoo.com to secure your spot!



April 3 – Geo-Quiz! 6 PM. Great Works School, South Berwick. Sponsored by the South Berwick/Eliot Rotary. Raffles, food, & fun!

**April 4 – Sandy Hill Farm Easter Egg Hunt.** 10-1.

Sponsored by Sandy Hill Farm and the Eliot Community Service Department.

Celebrating Maine's Bicentennial – Some great books for children (and adults)!

Author Tonya Shevenell. Birthday stories abound when a thoughtful chickadee asks his friends, from each of Maine's 16 counties; from Maine's woods, waterways and wilderness a special question: what do you wish for?

Author Lynn Plourde. Maine is turning 200 and Paul Bunyan and his friend Moose want to throw a party as big as they are. With the help of their friends they plan a spectacular bash and invite every Mainer, as well as anyone from away who would like to attend. Culminating in a grand celebration, this book, weaving in elements of Maine facts and history!

