

Meetings – The situation with the Covid-19 pandemic have made it hard to tell you all just when we will meet in-person again.

In the mean time we will continue to keep you updated and informed by way of the newsletter and email notices. So, continue to check your email inbox.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The #8 Schoolhouse Museum at 67 Greenwood Street in Eliot, Maine is open for group visits of one to five individuals by appointment. Masks are required and a "look don't touch" visit is provided. CDC Guidelines will be followed. For more information contact Jan Cerabona at 207 748-0932 or jcerab2805@aol.com

Eliot Maine Bicentennial

Official word has been received that our State of Maine Bicentennial celebration and all the plans that had to be postponed, including the Maine State Parade, have been moved to 2021.

Here in Eliot we were just at the beginning of our events going into the Spring/Summer.

We are all looking forward to resuming and re-planning for next year so STAY-TUNED!

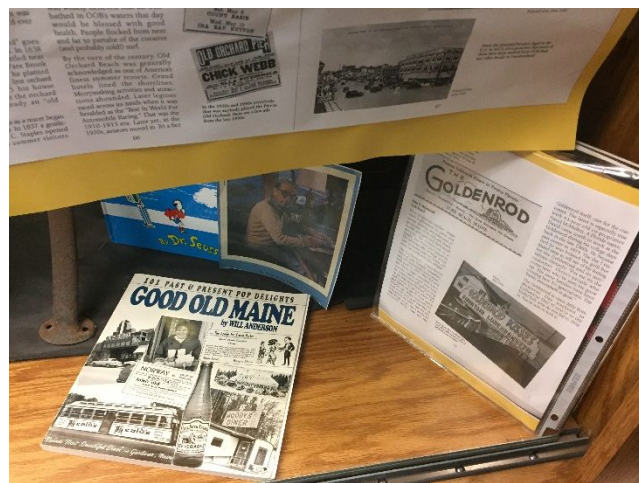
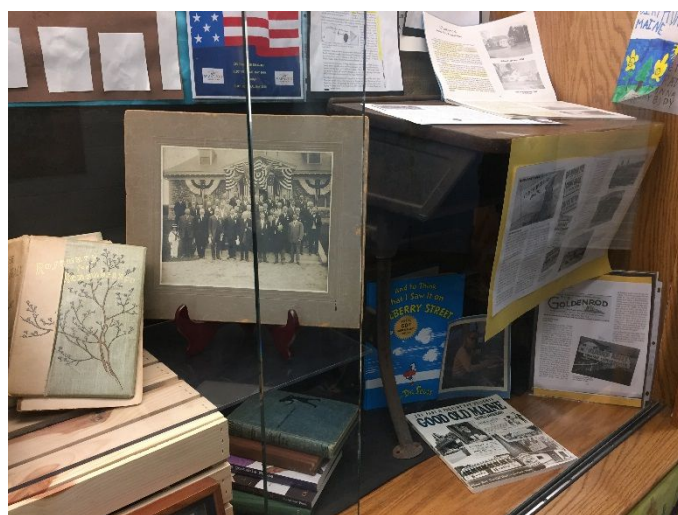
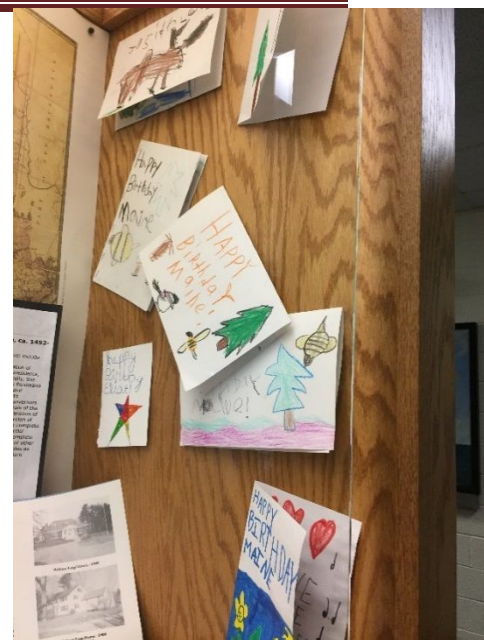


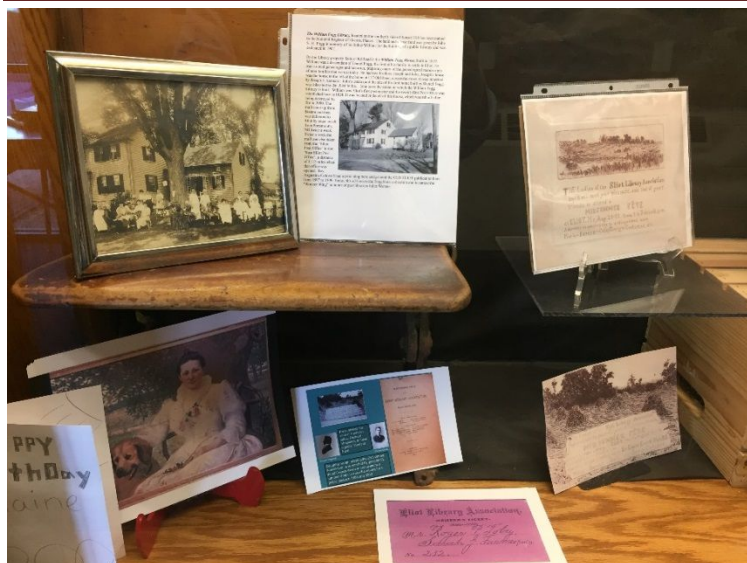
Covid-19 put a halt to many of the Maine Bicentennial events that were planned for Eliot this year, but one by the Historical Society has been completed! A beautiful mural of the clipper ship Nightingale that was built at Eliot's Hanscom Shipyard is now gracing the walls at the Eliot Elementary School!

Jan Cerabona had the pleasure, recently, of hosting **Esther Morrow**, who had the mural commissioned years ago for her then home in Eliot, and **Gordon Carlisle**, the artist, to a viewing. A huge thank you to **KENNEBUNK SAVINGS BANK-ELIOT** who funded the project and **SUNDANCE SIGNS** of Dover for mounting it for us. We're all anticipating the day when we all will be able to take a close-up look. Until then, here are some pictures of the mural and the visits of Eliot artist Gordon Carlisle and Esther Morrow with her granddaughter and daughter.



The first week of March, **Jan Cerabona** was busy at work on the display case at **Eliot Elementary School**. As part of the 2nd grade Eliot History Studies curriculum, the display focused on the history of the **William Fogg Library**. In addition, the students had made “Happy Birthday Maine” cards which were put on display. Students got sneak peeks at what she was doing when passing between the two portions of the school, but unfortunately parents and residents didn’t, since the Maine Bicentennial celebration on March 13th was cancelled. Here are some pictures of that display.





CEMETERY 101

Seems the Covid-19 pandemic has created the perfect time to clean up old family cemeteries in Eliot! It does provide the perfect combination of being outdoors, getting exercise and being able to social distance either by ones-self or in a small group! We have a few projects on-going in Eliot. If you are interested in joining the fun please contact me!

Laura Schontag reached out to the Historical Society seeking help with her desire to restore the **Emery/Chandler cemetery** that was once part of her home's history. She lives in the Caleb Emery house near Riverview Estates. Caleb Emery married Mary Ann, the daughter of Rev. Samuel Chandler. Paul Johnson, Eric Christian, Bob Fisher and I met with Laura and her husband at the cemetery to discuss what might be done. Laura has lived here since the 1970s and



remembers when the development was put in. She tells us that the plan was to dig up the cemetery and move it but she and her family were successful in having it remain in place. Two of Eliot's earliest Congregational ministers are

buried in this cemetery – Rev. Alpheus Spring and Rev. Samuel Chandler. Rev. Spring was the second minister to be settled in Eliot and he was succeeded by Rev. Chandler.

Rev. A.L. Chase speaking before the Eliot Historical Society in 1899 says that the remains of Rev. Alpheus Spring are “buried with those of Rev. Samuel Chandler in the little tomb situated on the premises of Mr. Urch. The top of the tomb is about four feet wide and three feet above the earth; and is a solid granite stone evenly cut and nicely fitted. Laying on this stone are two slate tablets, the tops of which are to the north.



Rev. Samuel Chandler's stone and site of what is remembered as the location of the stones of Annie and Edward Emery.

Laura remembers the stones of the two young children of William and Martha Emery in this location. One of these, that of Annie, who was 5 months old, can be seen lying within the tomb.

Another project is a cooperative effort between a family descendent, the town, and EHS' s "Adopt a Cemetery" project and takes in two cemeteries off Kings Highway North – **Tetherly and Spinney**. Descendant **Barry Bernard** of Portland, Maine, contacted us. The Highway Department, with Public Works Director **Steve Robinson** at the helm, offered us his assistance to help put these cemeteries, containing veterans, back into shape. The three residents whose property borders and/or encloses the cemeteries have expressed their pleasure with the project and have given their whole-hearted support. **Jan Cerabona**, Barry, and I, along with a Highway Department crew met at the cemetery and began the work in mid-July. The Tetherly cemetery is the oldest with stones dating back to 1826. The Spinney cemetery though is the largest and spans the entire back yard of **Wendy Watts'** home. I had re-documented the cemetery in 2009 when the cemeteries were then clear of brush and being well-maintained. Although many stones were down, they were easily seen. What greeted us pointed out how important it is to go in every year to take care of these cemeteries. In 11 years, the Spinney cemetery, especially, was back to being wild! Completely overgrown, this cemetery



took some major cutting to remove the brush. The initial cutting was done by Steve's crew, who took out more than 5 truckloads between the two cemeteries and will be returning to finish the other half of the Spinney Cemetery, while Jan and Barry worked on the Tetherly cemetery. Lots of cutting, pulling weeds, and raking!



Tetherly Cemetery

Before, During, and After





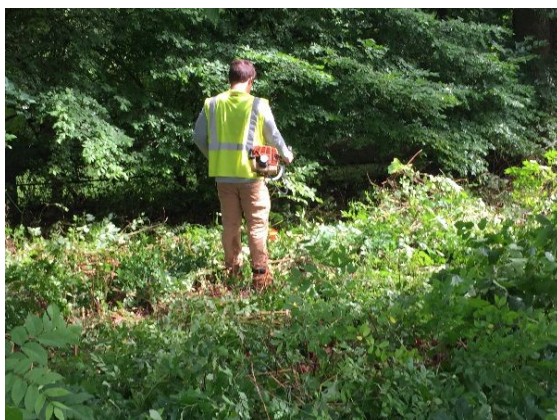
With a few more work days they both should be put back in good shape. The

next step will be to reset the fallen stones and possibly straighten others. Our next date is planned for the first week of August.



Spinney Cemetery

Before. During. and After the 1st half was cleared



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