

A note from our President:

Hello All.

As we look to 2021, we can see that there is a vaccine on the way but also, a record number of people are contracting the virus. Those two things considered and the fact that our members are “not youngsters”, I think that it’s prudent to cancel our January, February and March meetings. I will follow-up in March to talk about what to do about April’s meeting.

What has happened since the last time I emailed you:

I have submitted a budget request to the town for 2021. I just included our basic needs and did not include the funding request for Town Cemetery Software. I figured their money is really tight this coming year.

In the mean-time please enjoy our Monthly Newsletter (thanks to Rosanne). Better yet, send something to Rosanne about you or your family (projects, family history etc.) for her to include in the newsletter

Hope for a happier 2021.

Happy Holidays,

Paul and Julie

Eliot Historical Society.



A Tidbit from the past:

On Christmas Day in 1913 William A. Shapleigh (1858-1932) [wife, Marcia Spinney, 1861-1937] had an unexpected find while cutting wood on his lot. He found a hollow tree and a swarm of bees. On further investigation there was more than 60 lbs. of honey! Not bad for a day’s work.

William A. Shapleigh (1858-1932, son of Samuel and Martha Maddox Shapleigh and wife Marcia Spinney (1861-1937)

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Our website is always getting inquiries about people and places here in Eliot. As members, we know how interested you are in the history of our town and so we are reaching out to you all in hopes that perhaps you may have information about these properties or the people that lived there, that could help others. It would especially be nice to have old pictures of these properties and the people who lived there during many generations. Please check these over and contact me if you can help. You can email me at rma249@yahoo.com write to me at 657 Goodwin Rd., Eliot, Maine 03903 or just give me a call @ 207-752-0174.

The new owners of what was the Farmstead Bed and Breakfast facility at 999 Goodwin Road (formerly Lippincott) are looking for information on their home. We've been able to determine that it is the former **Stephen Worster property**, but little else about it or the land it sits on. If you have any information, they would be most grateful.



The property at 906 Goodwin Road is well-known as the home of Carl Frost, the son of Chester and Sarah (Dixon) Frost. The current owner, Bess Piergrossi tells us that the home is going to be featured in two publications about Maine Homes coming out next year. If you have any information on the house, farm, or people please let me know and I will

pass on the information to Bess and Dave.

Dave tells us that his great-great grandfather, Chester Emery Frost (son of Nathaniel) was the original owner of the farm, now owned by Fred Shultz, next door to this house. Both Carl (1908-1977) and his father Chester are buried

in the cemetery on the property, out near the side of Goodwin Road. Carl was the last one to be buried in the family cemetery. He died of hypothermia in a huge March storm.

Doing some research **Eric Christian** found that the original property upon which the house was built was acquired by Noah Emery, the lawyer, from William Gowen Sept 25, 1734. William Gowen Emery deeded the property to Nathaniel Frost October 17, 1867. William Gowen Emery was the brother of Nathaniel Frost's wife Olive Emery and had moved to Boston to work as a builder by the time his parents had died.

Eric also worked on the genealogical lines from Nathaniel back to Charles Frost and Mary Bolles

Nathaniel was the son of Joshua Frost b. 1807 and Catherine Shapleigh Paul b. 1810. [Editor note - Catherine Shapleigh Paul was the daughter of Hugh Paul, my great-great grandfather]

Joshua Frost was the son of Capt. Nathaniel Frost b. 1754 and Sarah Ferguson.

Capt. Nathaniel Frost was the son of Charles Frost b. 1726 and Sarah Raynes b. 1726

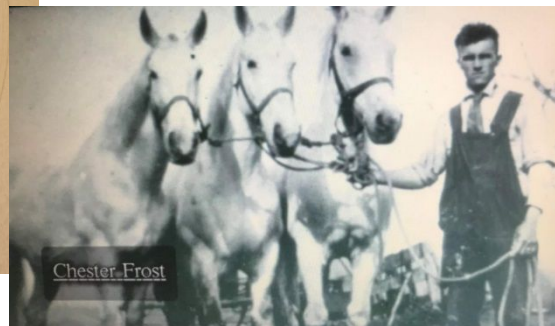
Charles Frost was the son of Charles Frost b. 1701 and Sarah Pepperell b. 1708

Charles Frost was the son of Charles Frost b. 1678 and Sarah Wainwright b. 1682

Charles Frost was the son of Charles Frost b. 1631 and Mary Bolles b. 1641



Our archivist, Julie Johnson, sends along a painting of the Chester Frost place (Schultz) and a picture of a very young Carl Frost.



Chester Frost - contributed by
Dave Constine

News – Around and About

Adopt-A-Shelf – Footprints Food Pantry

Our neighbor, **Holly Hornor Cleary** is spearheading a project to help Footprints Food Pantry. She's signed Eliot up for their Adopt-A-Shelf Program. The way it works is that a group, school, organization, etc. adopts a specific shelf at the food pantry and donates a specific food item for that shelf each month. These consist of popular items that they need a lot of and so this helps keep the shelves stocked! The first donation month was such a success that it stocked the shelves for 2 months!

If you'd like to help "stock the shelf" at Footprints you can mail or drop off items to Holly at 38 Sawgrass Lane, on February 15th. Please put on her porch. **Items requested for February/March are laundry detergent, canned chicken, and canned tomato sauce.**



Kittery Fuel and More Michele Meyer, our neighbor and State Representative, who started the ELIOT STRONG Facebook page writes -

You may not know that *Kittery Fuel & More* serves Eliot citizens as well. Demand is up. They are funded only with private donations. Need help or want to donate? Go to their website <https://www.fuelandmore.org/> or call: (207) 703-8288.

New Park Benches Installed at the Boat Basin in Eliot, ME



Our *Eliot Aging in Place Committee* (AIP) recently received

a 2020 AARP Challenge Grant to purchase and install five park benches. It was a community effort with volunteers putting the benches together, transporting them to the Boat Basin, and the Public Works department installing them. Several benches are located at the waterfront, others are in the playground area.



The benches are an invitation for anyone, but particularly for older adults, to walk safely, socialize, enjoy nature, and observe the river without fear of vehicular traffic. They're also easily accessible, furthering AIP's commitment to build on Eliot's strengths to enhance residents' ability to age in place, regardless of age. -AIG website

Elementary School launches its Eliot Mail postal service - "E-Mail"

The pandemic has changed the way many things are done in schools. For safety reasons, class sizes are significantly reduced and students stay within their cohorts for the duration of the day. This means that recess and lunch no longer provide opportunities for students to connect with peers from other cohorts. The reduced class size provides many great opportunities for learning. However, students, parents, and staff were feeling the impact of the loss of broader social connections, "cohort fatigue". With the support of a Marshwood Education Foundation (MEF) mini-grant, the E-Mail system came to life! Each room in EES now has its own street name and mailbox. Some of our unique street names include Inclusivity Highway, BandAid Way, Knockturn Alley, Love Corner, Virtual Place, and Penny Lane. Several third-grade students created beautiful artwork for our address book. Student helpers are responsible for collecting, sorting, and delivering the mail daily following safety precautions. The E-Mail system is just one of the ways EES is working to spread kindness and build connections throughout our school and community. While always a focus, during these times finding ways to support students' sense of belonging and connectedness is essential. – rsu35 website



ELIOT CONNECTS

A new non-profit group is forming in Eliot – **ELIOT CONNECTS**. The goal is to support the well-being of Eliot and all its citizens by bringing together neighbors, organizations, and initiatives to serve our flourishing community. In the early stages of organization, we are looking for Eliot folks that can lend their expertise, time and positive energy to make this happen. Please connect with us at eliotconnects@gmail.com to learn more.

The Village Nest Cooperative School at 1412 State Road,



Eliot offers programs for children ages 2-5, as well as a micro school program for K-3rd. Hours a day are spent fully immersed in nature play with the natural elements and they teach our village how to engage with what the natural world has to offer while



teaching sustainability and conservation. “Our program encourages children to be free-thinkers and to act out their wishes without having to constantly say “no” or “stop”. We choose to educate them on a safe way to do what they want to do and encourage them to try things on their own which will in-turn develop their critical thinking skills in the long term”. At the time of this writing they have one Full-Time preschool (2.5-5) spot open and several Wednesday-Friday Part-time openings (2.5-5). You can contact them at (207) 251-1011 and



<https://sites.google.com/view/village-nest-coop/home>

Upcoming Events



Tri-Town Farmer’s Market – 1651 State Road - 11am to 2pm

First and third Sundays Held in the old barn, there are a variety of vendors offering baked goods, veggies, meat soap, herbals and SO MUCH more! Outside you can visit with the animals on this working farm. If you haven’t been yet then

you’re in for a treat! Next dates are Feb. 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21.



Green Acre Baha'i School – Online programs

You can register, join their mailing list and find more information about this and other online programs at <https://www.greenacre.org/events/>



January 30 – 10:00am – The Pandemic and the Path to the Lesser Peace | Dr. John Hatcher

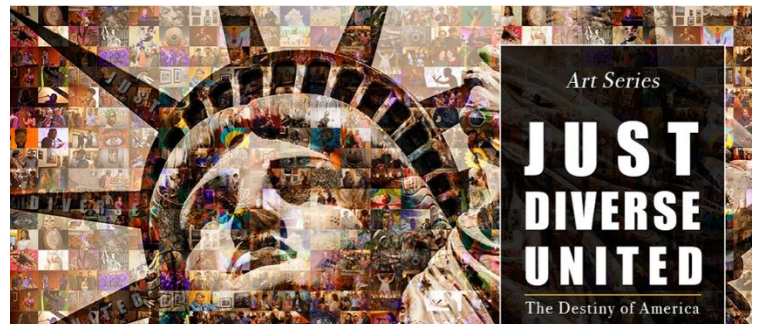
The Baha'i Writings talk about how the Lesser Peace will not come about until humanity has experienced world engulfing tribulation. The present pandemic demonstrates how such an unexpected transformative event could occur and how quickly the circumstances of the nations and people of the world could suddenly become changed. Conversations of the Heart is an online weekend workshop series in collaboration between the Baha'i Publishing Trust and Green Acre.

February 12 – 7 to 8:30 - A Brief History of the Baha'i Faith

Utilizing the art of story-telling to capture a bit of the truly extraordinary and historically unique lives of the three Central Figures of the Bahá'í Faith. This virtual meeting is intended for residents of the Maine/New Hampshire Seacoast area. Registration is required and free of charge.

February 20 – 7 to 8:30pm – Visual Arts: Contributing to a Just, Diverse & United Society.

Explore the role that the visual arts can play in the creation of a society described in the title of Green Acre's current art show: *Just, Diverse, United: The Destiny of America*. Featured artists will share how they use visual arts in service to humanity, followed by break out sessions in which we'll engage in guided and meaningful conversation about the creation of this long-awaited society. Registration for this ZOOM event is required and free of charge.



Old Berwick Historical Society - Online Lectures

Note: All lectures are held online through ZOOM. Registration is required.

- https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsf-ugpjMpHdwAt_ez4aneMrdQ3hHA0XUK

FMI Call 207-384-0000

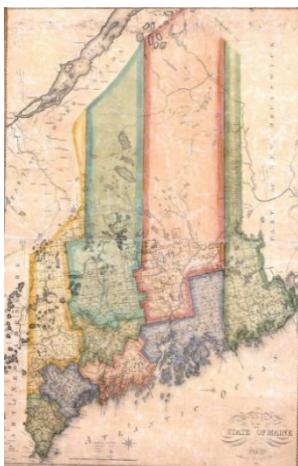
January 28 – 7:30pm - Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine’s Fight for Woman Suffrage.

Author **Anne B. Gass**, Whitehouse’s great-granddaughter, explores Florence’s life up to 1914 and her leadership in moving suffrage forward in Maine, joining forces with national leader Alice Paul in a desperate, last-ditch effort to ensure that the Maine legislature ratified the 19th Amendment that would give women voting rights. Slides of historic photos accompany this lecture.



February 25 – 7:30pm – Maine’s Malaga Island Community

In 1912 the State of Maine evicted a community of African American and white residents from their homes on Malaga Island. Racism, economic struggles and eugenics all led to the devastation of this group of people. **Kate McBrien** explores the history behind a story that has been hidden for decades.



March 25 – 7:30pm – Commemorating Maine Statehood: What can we learn from the Bicentennial? **Dr. Liam Riordan’s** illustrated presentation and discussion explores the statehood process in Maine that culminated, in 1820, with formal separation from Massachusetts. That struggle engaged a range of challenging public issues that are still recognizable today.