

**Next Meeting ~ August 2** Monday, 5 PM  
Once again, we will gather for our August cookout at the Eliot Boat Basin. Grills will be going. Please bring your own food and utensils. There will be NO shared food. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



MAINE “200-PLUS-ONE”

Join in the  
celebration!

Information in this  
newsletter

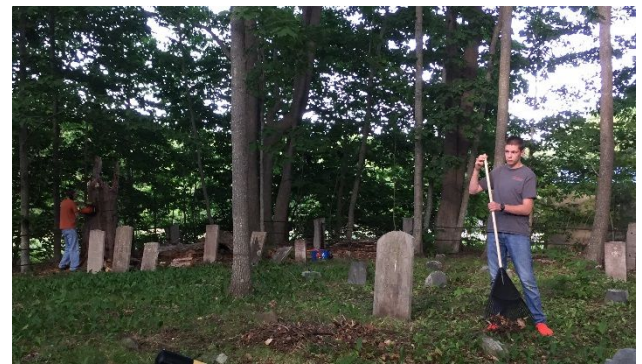
**August 14 ~ Old Home Picnic, 3-6pm**  
Eliot Elementary School, upper playground.  
Games, activities, displays, historical tours,  
music and more! Bring your picnic supper, chairs  
or blanket. Water and whoopie pies will be provided  
and steamed hotdogs available. Door prize raffles. ALL  
FREE!!



Save the date!

News around town

As part of Eliot’s Maine Bicentennial activities, we have been having a nice response to our offer of assist individuals and groups that would like to clean up our private cemeteries this summer. Recently a **youth group from the LDS Church**, looking for a community service project, got in touch with us. It just so happened, that just days before, EHS member **George Remick** had visited the school house, talked to Jan and left a message about an Aqua Ave. cemetery. When we connected, he said he was putting together help to reset and clean some stones. The stars were certainly aligned! I offered the services of the youth group and George and the owners were pleased to have them come. **Mrs. Crosier**, who has been working to clear the cemetery of debris, has made a beautiful sign to mark this rather large cemetery. She was grateful for the help as there was a huge tree downed and the cemetery needed raking up and removal of sticks and

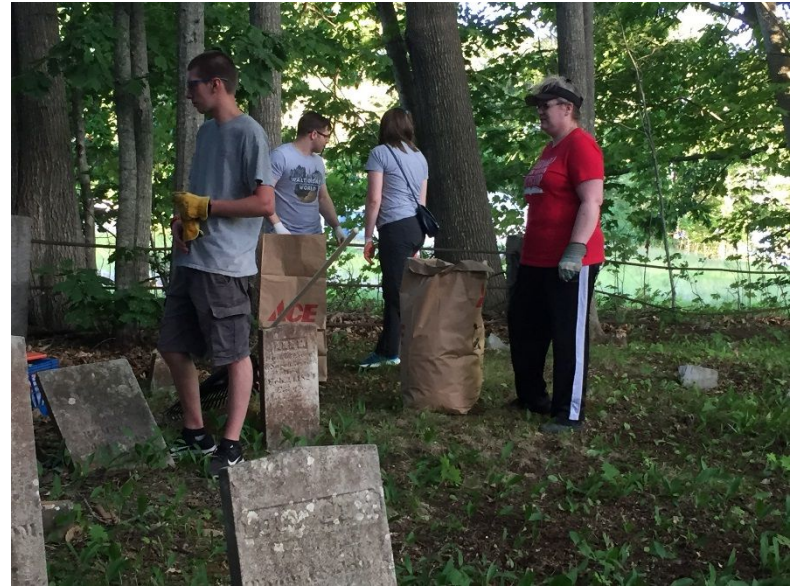
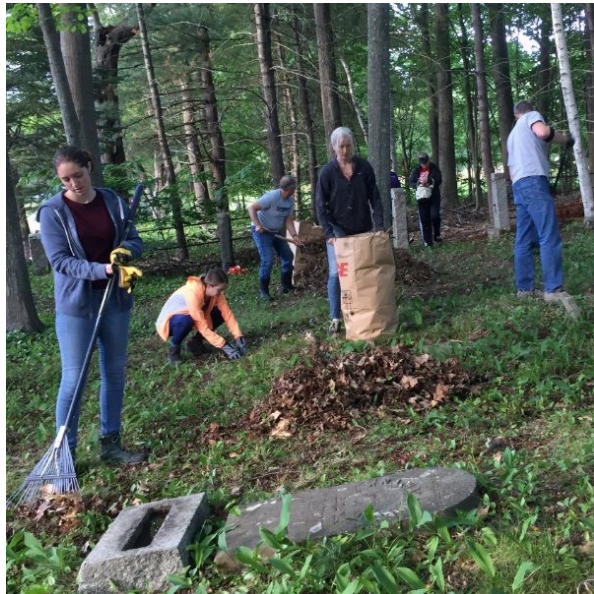


leaves. Buried here are Remick’s and a few other members of their aligned families – Hanscom, Paul, Jones, Tuttle, Warland, Brooks, Brown, Dion, Hurd, and Kennard.





With a crew of 18, within an hour, the cemetery, both inside and out, was raked, the tree cut up, low lying and dead limbs removed and debris bagged up! They did a tremendous job. As was commented – many hands make light work.



A HUGE thank you to George Remick, the youth group and their families of the *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* and the Crosiers.

Presently, we are working with the town and land owner to clean up a cemetery containing a war veteran. More news to come!



*If you are interested in "adopting" a cemetery and cleaning it up, or would like to volunteer for the next project call Jan (748-0932) or Rosanne.*

## **Eliot's American Legion Post # 188 is on "the move" again!**

You might not have been aware but the organization almost disbanded. Thanks to the efforts of Dana Norton and the Veterans who came forward to keep the organization going, they will continue to occupy the American Legion building at the corner of Cross and Main Street. One of their first goals is to do the necessary repairs to the building.

They are looking for people willing to step up and help with the restoration and will need carpenters, painters, electricians and other repair peoples to restore this wonderful piece of our town's history. If you and/or your business can donate some time please contact Post Commander Dana Norton at Norton's Garage. Monetary donations are also welcome as they proceed with fundraising.



Here doing some scraping and painting, this past week, is **Peter Donavan**.



A little history ~ On February 7, 1950 veterans in the town held a meeting at the John F. Hill Grange Hall, conducted by County Commander Dana Huntress of South Berwick. Temporary officers were chosen and on February 21st enough veterans had signified their desire to form an American Legion Post and an application for a charter was submitted. March 7<sup>th</sup> the officers were elected and the Post officially became part of the

Department of Maine, American Legion. Among its first charter members were three Past Commanders of other posts – Fabyan R. Drake, George E. Jones, and Harold A. Marston. To be continued..... From: History of Post 188, American Legion, Eliot, Maine by Robert Leavitt.

## Events

### **July 3 ~ #8 Schoolhouse Open House, 10 -**

**2.** Also, by appointment. Call Jan @ 748-0932. 67 Greenwood Street.



### **July 10 ~ 2021 Bicycle Rodeo, 10:00AM**

Eliot Elementary School. Decorate your bikes and come on down! PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED! A member of the Police Department will be on hand to teach about the basic rules of the road and Legion Commander, Dana Norton will show how to maintain your bike. A path will be set up to practice,

followed by a parade and the judging. Sponsored by Eliot Maine Bicentennial Committee and Eliot Police Department for the benefit of the Kittery-Eliot American Legion Post 188.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> Honoring Sarah Farmer ~ online event. Please register through Green Acre @**

<https://www.greenacre.org/event/honoring-sarah-farmer/> Join us as we celebrate the birthday of the founder of Green Acre. This free ZOOM event will include music, drama, and short tributes by Dr. Anne Perry and friends, with time for brief interactive discussion



**August 7 ~ #8 Schoolhouse Open House, 10 -2.** Also, by appointment by calling Jan @ 748-0932. 67 Greenwood Street.

Maine Historical Society presents ***Begin Again: reckoning with intolerance in Maine***, May 27-December 31 at their Portland Gallery, 489 Congress Street. “The exhibition in our Portland gallery invites the public to re-evaluate ideas, items, and policies of the past 500 years, and an entrenched system which has led to today’s civil, economic and environmental upheaval. The exhibition provides a framework to consider perspectives other than the dominant narrative, and envision a more inclusive and equitable future for all Maine’s residents.”

**Begin Again: reckoning with intolerance in Maine**

May 27, 2021 - December 31, 2021  
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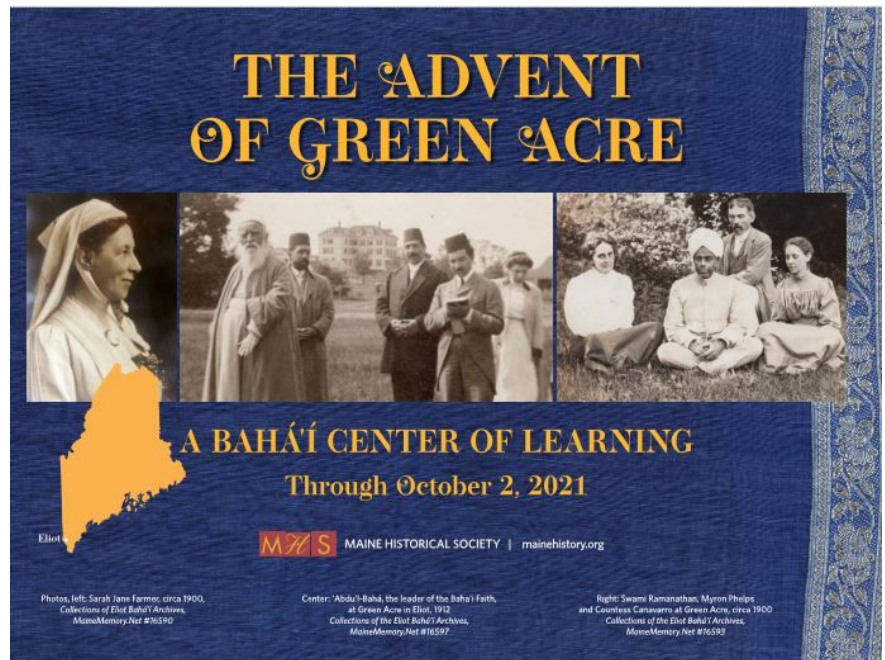
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**July 7 – October 2**  
***The Advent of Green Acre, A Bahá'í Center of Learning***

This exhibit is in conjunction with Maine Historical Society's *Begin Again: reckoning with intolerance in Maine*, and will be presented in the Shettleworth Lecture Hall. Both exhibits are online. Visit

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**Celebrating Maine's Bicentennial ~**

Explore Eliot's History!

The advertisement shows several brochures for "Eliot, Maine" under the "MAINE 200 PLUS-ONE HISTORIC SITE TOURS" banner. The brochures include: "MOSES GERRISH FARMER ROAD-MAIN STREET", "HISTORIC BUILDINGS", "SCHOOLS", and "HISTORIC MARKERS". A central "HISTORY WALK TOUR" brochure features a photo of a building and text describing its history. At the bottom, there is a logo for "MAINE 200 LEADING THE WAY" with the dates 1820 and 2020, and the website "MAINE200.ORG".

Brochures available at the William Fogg Library, the Town Hall, and other places, to be announced.

You can also write to [info@eliothistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@eliothistoricalsociety.org) and ask for any or all to be emailed to you.

Have fun exploring our town!

Eliot Maine Bicentennial Committee

*Don't miss out on the opportunity to own an*

# Eliot Town Flag

*Pre-orders being taken now!*

**\$50**



**3' x 5' nylon flag with canvas border and grommets**

Order can be placed by contacting Deb, 439-5233, EHS members Jan 748-0932 or Rosanne 752-0174, at William Fogg Library or #8 Schoolhouse (first Saturday of month, 10-2). Also look for us at the Old Home Picnic, August 14 and Eliot Festival Day! Delivery early December.

*Payment must be made by cash or check at time of order. Checks should be made out to Eliot Historical Society*

*Minimum of 50 flags needed. If 50 are not ordered your money will be returned.*

Sponsored by Debbie Scribner, the Eliot Historical Society and the Eliot Maine Bicentennial Committee



For activity updates be sure to subscribe to the town e-alert system and check the town website [eliotmaine.org](http://eliotmaine.org), and the Committee Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eliotcelebrates200>



## Eliot Time Capsule

MAINE 200-PLUS ONE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- The Eliot Maine Bicentennial Committee invites all organizations, groups, businesses and residents to offer a contribution to the Time Capsule for Maine's "200-Plus-One" celebration this year.
- The capsule will be filled over the summer months, to be completed on Eliot Festival Day September 2021.
- There should be a brief statement about why you think your item should be in the time capsule.
- As each group, family, business or organization decides on their item, it will be added to the display case at the Elementary School, where you will be able to see all the items selected at our Old Home Picnic on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Have fun deciding what you would like someone in the future to know about what it was like to live in 2020-2021!