

Eliot's Maine Bicentennial Events

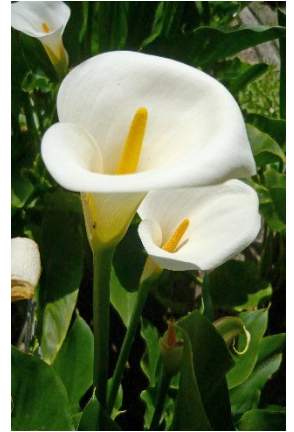
200-Plus-One

After a "Pause" year *Eliot's Maine Bicentennial Committee* announces the continuation and culmination of our town's Maine Bicentennial activities that will be taking place this summer and fall. The Committee hopes that other organizations and groups will sponsor their own activities to celebrate!

- To start things off the #8 One-room Schoolhouse, on Greenwood Street will be open on the first Saturday of each month from June thru September from 10-2PM.
- An Old Home Picnic will be held August 14th (raindate 15th) at the Eliot Elementary School upper playground.
- A time capsule is being readied, to be sealed at a ceremony, in September, on Eliot Festival Day. The Committee is asking organizations, and residents to be thinking about and offering items to be included in the time capsule. More information to come.
- Historic site tours are being developed and will be ready this month for people to go exploring and learn a little history about our town. Some are walking tours around the area of the Elementary School and others are site tours that include historic markers, buildings, and Eliot Schools.
- Please check the town website and "Eliot Celebrate's Maine's Bicentennial" facebook page for updates. www.eliotmaine.org & <https://www.facebook.com/eliotcelebrates200>

In Memoriam

We were sad to hear that our **friend Doris Grover** passed away last month. She was a long-time member of the Grange and an honorary member of the Historical Society. Doris led a fulfilling life as a mother and wife and an active member of our community. Born Doris Mae Chapman, she was the daughter of John Crane Chapman and Ruth Eleanor (Godfrey) and grew up in Greenland, NH. Her father was a fisherman. She married Vernon Leon Evans, in 1946, when she was 19 years old. Eventually making their home in Eliot, she and Vernon were active Grange members. Doris was member of the Grange for 76 years, a longtime lecturer and Past Master. She worked organizing their minstrel shows, participating in the various dinners and programs and Doris chaired their education and community service committees. She headed up Eliot's Heart Fund drives in the 1950s, was a Den Mother for Scout Troop 340 and helped both Boy and Girl Scouts with their badges; taking them on trips and camping experiences. She was a Girl Scout leader for 6 years, served on the Parent Teacher Association for many years and was vice-president of the PTA. Doris, a member of the First Congregational Church, was active in the "Mother's Club" and with children's education. In 1985 she married Carleton F. Grover, who passed away in 2004. She is probably most remembered by the more recent members of our Historical Society for that delicious chocolate and peanut butter fudge that she made for the raffle that was held at our monthly meetings!



MORE NEWS

In recognition of Maine's Bicentennial 200-Plus-One celebration this year, the May/June display at the Elementary School honors Eliot's Governor John Fremont Hill. Hill was the 45th governor of the State of Maine and served for two terms, from 1901-1905. Educated at the Frye (Number 2) School, he then went on to school at Eliot Academy and Berwick Academy. The display covers some of the contributions that Hill made to his State and more specifically to Eliot. A physician, dentist, businessman, capitalist, publisher and entrepreneur he was instrumental in the



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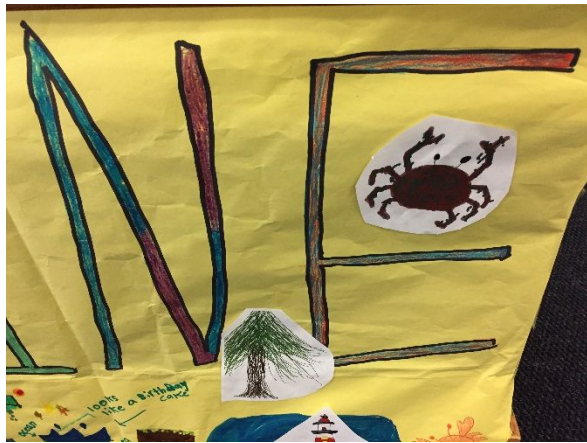
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The children helped to decorate the display sign!

establishment of the electric railway in Eliot, and the telephone system to the State and to our town. When the Grange building was being contemplated, he gave monies in support of its establishment. As Governor he advocated for the state's development of railroads, utilities, and roads. He brought tax revenues to the town, when, as one of the company directors of the Atlantic Steamship Company he saw that the offices were relocated from Bath, Maine to Eliot. The office was in the old town hall that was located across from the Elementary School. It is reported that the first year the revenues completely wiped out the town's debt! As reported in a previous newsletter, he left his fish hatchery in Augusta to the people of Maine. Although he died and is buried in Augusta, his family cemetery is on the lands of his birth on what is now Governor Hill Road. A plaque marks the homestead where he



was born in 1855. Up until the 1960s the road ended at the old Stacey house just before Knoll Road and then was just a path over to River Road. It is not clear when the road was named for Governor John F. Hill, but did you know that, at least until 1940, the road was called Toad Lane? If anyone has any ideas as to why the name please share!



Lydia Goodwin, librarian at the William Fogg Library, was quite surprised that the Time Capsule came so quickly! **Jan Cerabona**, whose car has been christened the Historical Society's "mobile bookstore" gave the capsule a ride to the Elementary School where it has been made part of the display. The Time Capsule will be on display at the Library and Town Hall during the summer and fall.

Items offered for the Time Capsule will be put into the display case at the Eliot Elementary School, where you will have the opportunity to view them at the August Old Home Picnic!



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME

Summer is fast upon us and we are ready to get out again and clean up some cemeteries. If you would like to join us contact Jan or Rosanne



ELIOT CONNECTS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Eliot Connects is a group of community-minded members that support the well-being of Eliot and all its citizens by bringing together neighbors, organizations, and initiatives to serve our flourishing community. This non-profit, community organization's goals are to -

- provide a central contact where the public can find resources and information for the variety of assistance programs available to Eliot residents and to aid in connecting everyone in our community to these resources.

- to aid and assist our Eliot community members with resources or tangible help as needed, if unable to obtain relief from other assistance agencies.

- to collaborate, facilitate or host programs, events and offer resources to help to connect Eliot Residents virtually and in person (in the future) by neighbors helping neighbors.

- to offer a common umbrella for groups serving Eliot providing non-profit status and insurance.

<https://www.facebook.com/eliotconnects>

If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/d5aa32406db9/join-the-eliot-conne-cts-newsletter> Write to them at: eliotconnects@gmail.com

UPDATE on the STATE of MAINE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

- Fall, 2021 STATEHOOD DAY, This event, originally planned as an in-person ceremony on Statehood Day 2020, will now be a broadcast production featuring music, poems, official recognition statements and much more.
- Summer, 2021 SALING SHIPS FESTIVAL Visits from a variety of sailing vessels from around the world, at multiple ports along the Maine coast, with associated festivals and activities.
- August 21 STATE OF MAINE BICENTENNIAL PARADE, Auburn/Lewiston
- November 20 INNOVATION EXPO, Portland A hands-on experience, viewing awe-inspiring demonstrations of new technologies and more.
- December, 2021 TIME CAPSULE SEALING, Maine State Library, Augusta

EVENTS

June 13th – the opening of William Fogg Library

Community Market! 10-1 Fun events for the whole family on opening day! No application fees for the 2021 season. The Community Market will be held every other Sunday until October 3rd. Visit www.WilliamFogglibrary.org or stop by the library for more information.



June 13th - 2021 Bicycle Rodeo 11AM, William Fogg Library

Decorate your bike and come on down to the William Fogg Library Community Market. A representative of the Eliot Police Department will be there to teach some of the basic rules of the road for bikes. There will be a path set up to practice, and a parade at the end, showcasing your decorated bikes. The best decorated bike will win a prize! **Sponsored by the American Legion Post 188**



ELIOT FESTIVAL DAYS 2021

September 25th

Booth Application for the 40th annual Eliot Festival is now available.

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