

Next Meeting: May 2nd 7:00 via ZOOM

Eliot Historical Society News

Jan Cerabona, with the help of **Helen Goransson**, EHS Grant chairperson, submitted and received a Mini-Grant from the **Marshwood Education Foundation**. The funds will be used for two projects. The most immediate is the mounting some of the old desks at our Schoolhouse onto slider boards, in order to improve the safety and ease of movement of them. Labor is being donated and the plan is to have these in-place by May, anticipating the visit of the elementary school children. The second is help provide the initial resources to help extend our partnership with the district schools to also include the Marshwood Middle School staff and students. We have a vast selection of books, brochures and newsletters that we could make available and/or be reproduced, as well as very knowledgeable EHS members, many whose families have long histories in the town, who could speak on various topics of Eliot history and we have several displays that could be set up in the school. We would like to thank the **Marshwood Education Foundation** for their support.

#8 One-room Schoolhouse Museum We will open our #8 One room Schoolhouse Museum for the 2022 season, on the first and third Saturdays of the month, June through September, from 10 am-2 pm and by appointment. We will also be open following the Memorial Day ceremony at the Mt. Pleasant and Brooks cemeteries. If you would like to join us, during the open house, please let Jan or I know. We'd love the company!

Volunteers help guide visitors through the displays, maps and artifacts that speak to the histories of Eliot's one-room schoolhouses, from 1810-1941, as well as other pieces of the town's history. This restored one-room schoolhouse is used as a teaching tool in a partnership with the second-grade staff and students that has spanned over 20 years. Since 2007 the students have visited our No. 8 Schoolhouse, a one-room (the last 2 years virtually) with many students returning with family and friends.



Maine Historical Society Museum. We are exploring what the interest might be in traveling, as a group, to visit the MHS Museum Gallery in Portland, Maine, sometime this year. Please contact Jan or Rosanne, if you are interested. [See more information in this newsletter]

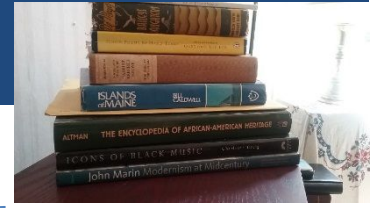
The Historical Society was recently given pictures from Mary Carter. Her mother, Jeanette Gordon Mitchell, taught at the Laura V. Dame school 1938-40. **Julie Johnson**, our collection chair, has been searching for information about some of the pictures. **Helen Sullivan** was able to help identify the people in this picture using her mother's picture album. We are excited to receive this collection which will greatly augment the sparse information we have about the school. If you have any pictures or information to share please contact us. More to come....

L to R back row: William McCue, superintendent, Jeanne Gordon, teacher, Eugene Norton, Principal, Front row: Dorothy Hobart teacher, Verna Staples, teacher.



AREA NEWS AND EVENTS

ELIOT CONNECTS ~ There are a few more days left to either make a few **Care Kits** or get some materials to 38 Sawgrass Lane, Eliot! They are hoping to distribute 300 Care Kits into the community. Last winter there were 178+! Accepting: March 28-April 9th. [Eliot Connects FB page]



Book Recommendations

Editor Note: Member Tom O'Leary gave us the idea to have a column for book reviews and recommendations (area history related, of course). This first is from Tom. Please submit YOUR good reads!

J. Dennis Robinson's novel **MYSTERY on the ISLES OF SHOALS**. I read the 400-page book in 3 sittings. It was so intriguing, which is what I wanted to know about his writing style. It kept my interest, since it was historically accurate and he told the story of a famous murder case like a trained lawyer (??), an experienced fisherman, like a super detective and not ashamed to be a name dropper of experts he relies on; in addition his ability to chronologically blend in mercantile history that helps connect the dots. His style adds details that could be classed as bar room trivia, which is fun.

Spring is in the air and it certainly has been a busy Spring at **STURGEON CREEK FARM**, where it has enjoyed quite a few lamb births this spring. If you would like to come visit with those adorable lambs you are invited to come over on Saturdays 9:30-4 and “snuggle up”! If you are on Facebook you can keep up with all the doings there!

Sturgeon Creek Farm FB page



WILLIAM FOGG LIBRARY NEW HOURS

New Hours

Starting January 4th 2022

Monday:	CLOSED
Tuesday:	10am-5pm
Wednesday:	11am - 6pm
Thursday:	10am - 5pm
Friday:	9am - 4pm
Saturday:	9am - 4pm
Sunday:	Closed

(207) 439-9437
www.williamfogglibrary.org



UPDATED ELIOT TOWN HALL HOURS

~ Eliot Town Hall will be open to the public, and as available, between **8:30 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday**. You are encouraged to call ahead for an appointment if you wish to speak to a specific person. Please call for available appointment times @ 207-439-1817 and choose one of the following extensions for your needs, Town Manager-107, Town Clerk-100, Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector-101, Assistant Clerk's-102 & 103, Admin./GA-108, Treasurer-106, Code

Enforcement-110, Assessor-111, Planner-112, Land Use Asst.- 109 [Town Website]

APRIL 23 ~ 9-4 ~ ANNUAL CHICK SALE at **Sturgeon Creek Farm**, 1651 State Road. **Eliot Agway and Small Engine** are partnering with the farm. Breeds Available: Easter and Oliver eggers, Welsummers, White Leghorns, Speckled Sussex, Silkies, Bielefelders, Silver Laced Wyandottes, Brahmas, Buff Orpingtons, Cornish Cross meat chickens as well



as supplies including grain, heat lamps, feeders, waterers and bulbs. The farm store will also be open. 603-767-8545 leslie@sturgeoncreekfarm.com

Maine Historical Society Museum Gallery.

489 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

OPENING MARCH 16, 2022: ***NORTHERN THREADS: TWO CENTURIES OF DRESS AT MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY***, a multi-faceted exhibition exploring Maine history through fashion; and ***MAINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN PICTURES***, commemorating MHS' 200th anniversary, and ***REPRESENTING EVERY PARTICULAR: JOHN MARTIN'S 19TH CENTURY FASHION ILLUSTRATIONS***.

The Gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00am-5:00pm and requires purchasing tickets, in advance, which give 90-minute windows of time to view the exhibition. Cost is \$10 for a Gallery ticket. The tickets for the Wadsworth-Longfellow House have to be purchased separately or through a House & Gallery combo ticket.

Guidelines are in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, and maintain as safe an environment as possible for people and collections.

You can find online tours of past exhibitions on their website - https://www.mainehistory.org/museum_past.shtml These are only a few of those you can view online!

Sagadahoc County through the Eastern Eye: Selections from the Penobscot Marine Museum.
Shettleworth Lecture Hall. October 6–December 31, 2021.

Passing the time: artwork by World War II German Prisoners of War in Aroostook County.
Showcase Gallery. August 11–December 31, 2021.

Begin Again: reckoning with intolerance in Maine. Museum Gallery. May 27, 2021–December 31, 2021.

The Advent of Green Acre, A Bahá'í Center of Learning: Selections from the Eliot Bahá'í Archives. Shettleworth Lecture Hall. July 7, 2020 – October 2, 2021.

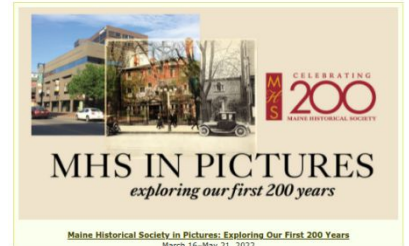
State of Mind: Becoming Maine. Museum Gallery. March 13, 2020 – January 30, 2021.

REDACT: Obscuring the Maine Constitution. Shettleworth Lecture Hall. September 23, 2020 – January 30, 2021.

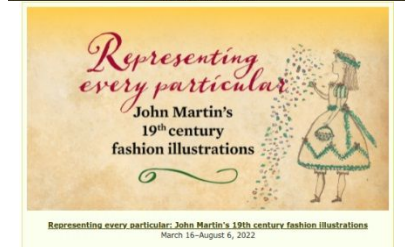
A Convenient Soldier: The Black Guards of Maine. Showcase Gallery. August 30, 2020 – January 30, 2021.



NORTHERN THREADS: Two Centuries of Dress at Maine Historical Society
Part I: Clothing circa 1780-1889 : March 16-July 30, 2022
Part II: Clothing circa 1890-1980 : August 12-December 31, 2022



Maine Historical Society in Pictures: Exploring Our First 200 Years
March 16-May 21, 2022



Representing every particular: John Martin's 19th century fashion illustrations
March 16-August 6, 2022

Webinars/Zoom

meetings are a wonderful way to explore area history in the comfort of your home.

I recently had the opportunity to attend Old York Historical Society's Webinar: *The Rise and Fall of Tide Mills in York*. If you have an interest in their history and present use, I urge you to go to their website

<https://tidemillinstitute.org> where you will find all things tide mill and energy related including the more recent developments in the use of tidal energy. One of the features of the site is a database that includes the location of more than 600 tide mill sites in North America, Western Europe and Australia, and some have more detailed information including, history, pictures and video. Using a google maps platform you can zoom into a site and learn more about it. You can also search by location or a name or an event. There is also a timeline! You will also find the latest tidal energy development news hosted by David Hoyle, which delves into the future of tide mills as part of the renewable energy equation, giving updates. It's a large project, still in process so check out their website and the link to the tide mill database ~

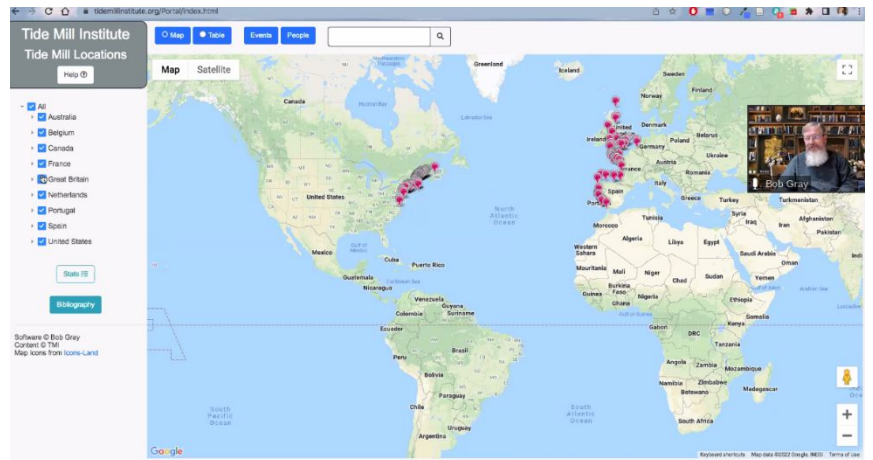
<https://tidemillinstitute.org/Portal> and check back often for updates. To see a video discussing the world's earliest dated tide mill (AD 691-621) that serviced an early medieval monastery in Nendrum, Ireland go

to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6vFo6BuQTc&t=6s>

Jim White's video on the *Tide mills of Kittery Maine* is available

at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Puov5_AyoM

To sign up for Old York program updates go to <https://oldyork.org> - Rosanne



CEMETERIES!

We are lining up some private cemeteries for the 2022 season. We are looking at the Knight and Spinney cemeteries, near Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and hopefully the Scammon cemetery on Fore Road. Work will continue on the stones at the Tetherly and Spinney Cemeteries. If you would like to join us or know of someone who would be interested, have them contact us through info@eliothistoricalsociety.org or call me. The work ranges from raking and cutting brush to working with the stones (we provide the help). Great activity for families and groups, as well as individuals. AND if you have a cemetery you'd like to clean, let us know and we can help get you started! - Rosanne