

JUNE 6 MEETING, 7PM: As of the writing of this newsletter, we will be meeting in-person at the Congregational Church meeting hall as well as by ZOOM. The link follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970965186?pwd=b0JaVFgyOFRnNW11WjRLZFVSRDNLdz09>

Meeting ID: 899 7096 5186

Passcode: 762365

July is our “OFF” month. Our August meeting will be at Eliot Boat Basin Pavilion. More information will be provided in our July Newsletter.

8 One Room School House Museum

OPEN ~ 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month thru the summer. 10am-2pm. Greenwood Street. Come stop by and visit. Or volunteer with us for a fun, few hours.!



With a grant from **Marshwood Educational Foundation** and the labor provided by the **Herrin family**, the #8 Schoolhouse is set for visits this summer. Recently installed were “sliders” for the desks to sit on, providing stability and safety for children and adults as they



adults as they

experience sitting at the old school desks. A huge thank you to **Larisa, Doug, Jared and Joshua**, the **Marshwood Educational Foundation**, and **Jan Cerabona** for making a dream, a reality!

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Our final display this year, at the

Elementary School, took the theme “Memories and Celebrations” Featured in the display case were events relating to the history of the town and the school. Included are the Town’s Centennial (1810), Sesquicentennial (1960) and Bicentennial Celebrations (2010), newly built school (1940) the history of the start of the Pre-Kindergarten

Program, celebrating its 40th Anniversary (2014), the Pre-K visit to the fire station (1980) and pictures of the students on the first day of school (2001-2), school books from various years including “Dick and Jane”

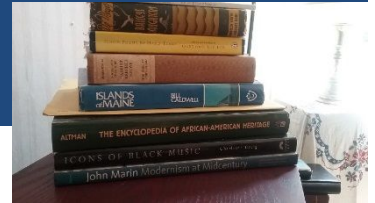


(1940s-50s), math books from the 1970s, Governor King’s wife reading to children at Eliot Elementary School, during Read Across America (2001), books about our school district, book about the Bicentennial quilt made by the students at EES in

1976, opening of the Verna Staples Wing in 1952 and the Mildred Obrey Wing in 1982 at EES, pictures of the 5 sets of twins that attended kindergarten in 1988-1989; the last years for EES principals Bradbury (1990) and Burnell (1991-1999) – the kids loved to see the ties he wore!

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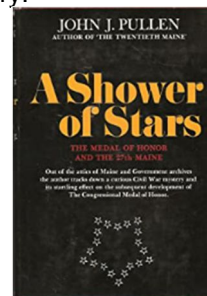


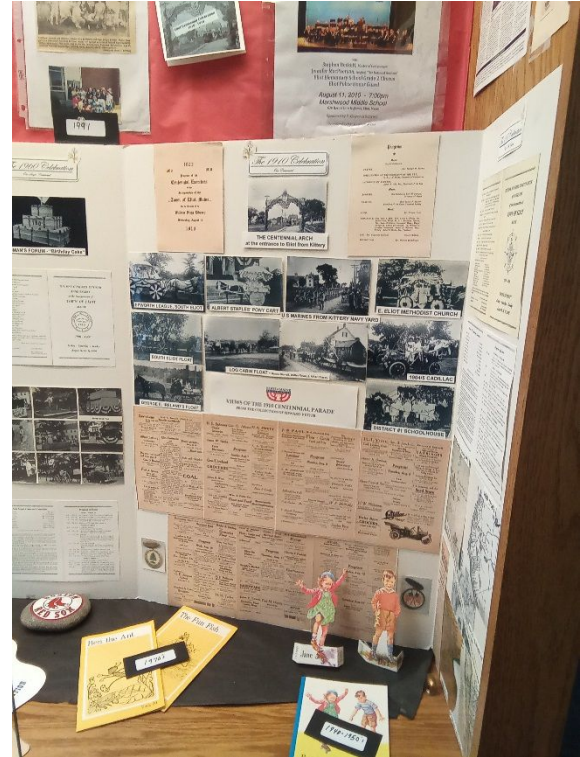
Book Recommendations

Editor Note: Member Tom O’Leary gave us the idea to have a column for book reviews and recommendations (area history related, of course). Please share your good reads!

Shower of Stars: The Medals of Honor and the 27th Maine, by John J. Pullen (1966)

If you like a good mystery, this is a really fascinating and easy to read book with more twists and turns than the Snake River as it tries to uncover the mystery of why so many Medals of Honor (864) were awarded to the men of the 27th Maine and what happened to hundreds of those that were not then given to the men, by Col. Mark F. Wentworth, in his defiant act to preserve the integrity of the Medals. Was the giving out of so many an enormous blunder? Why did Col. Wentworth give out so few and what did he do with the rest? Plenty of stories cropped up over the years speculating on where they had gone - they were found in a box in the barn; they were melted down and buried under the flagpole at his house; at one reunion the men found them and distributed them among themselves; children, playing at the house found them and carried them off. Through document research and interviews Pullen goes on the hunt, exploring legend and lore to solve the mystery and explain Col. Wentworth’s role in it all. A great mystery adventure - and the neat thing is it is a true story!





We recently received a beautifully framed collection of the poetry of Jeanette Paul, that was donated by the daughter of the late Barbara Sullivan, who lived on Pleasant Street, in the old District 7 school house building.



At our last meeting Don Webber offered some items from his collection. We discussed what we might do with them, since, at this time, we don't, presently, have the display room. One is a grinding wheel and the other items are large models that his father made – the South Eliot Methodist Church (now Sanctuary Arts) and the William



Fogg Library. The Library is not finished and so we are looking for someone who might be able to complete the model. Please let us know if you can help.

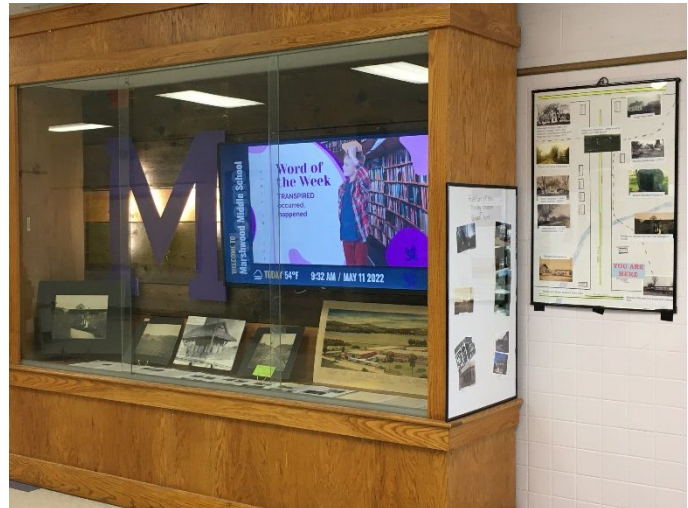


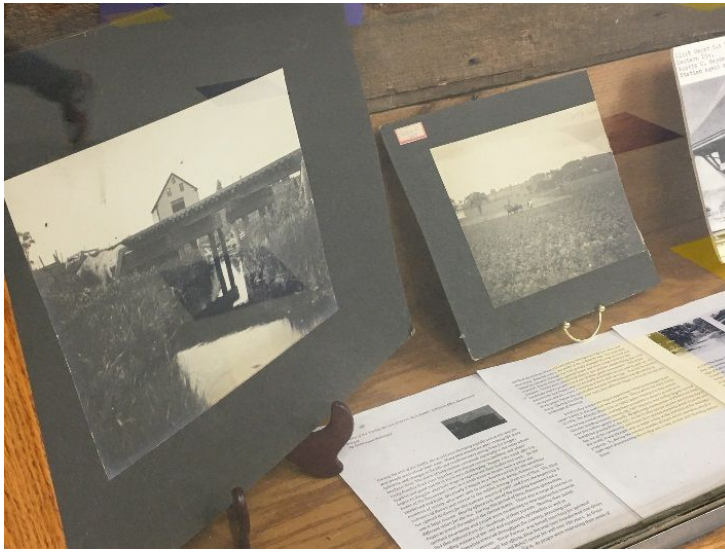
Eliot Historical Society Expanding Horizons ~~~

Bringing history to Middle School children!

It has long been a desire of Society members **Ann Shisler** and **Jan Cerabona** to find a way to further expand our involvement with the school district, work with the “Hike through History” program and explore other ways to highlight Eliot’s history for the students. This is seen as a very positive start as we look to the future to work with the schools, and Old Berwick Historical Society, as well as Rollinsford in sharing all of our town’s histories.

To start the conversation, **Jan Cerabona** contacted **Tracey LaPointe** at Marshwood Middle School and arranged to have a display put up in the lobby. This simple display focuses on the historical sites located on their side of Depot Road - the B&M train station, the electric trolley lines and Rosemary Junction, the historic Bartlett and Heard garrison properties, the Heard/Bartlett cemetery, Rosemary Cottage and the Hugh Paul Farm. Pictures from the EHS collection, Paul family and Helen Sullivan. We’d like to thank **Tracey** and **principal David Creech** for the opportunity to share our history with the students and faculty.





Jan and Tracey

EHS Display at Sturgeon Creek Farm!

The history of the town and of her farm and surrounding area has not been lost on **Leslie**, the owner of Sturgeon Creek Farm. One discussion led to another and Jan and Rosanne were invited to put up their display on the B&M Railroad and



Electric Trolley Car Line in the barn. It should spark some interesting conversations about the area! Come in and take a look. While you are there check out the produce, baked goods and other sourced items that are offered.

And its history continues!



Helen Sullivan brought to our attention a new sign on the building that is historically known as “Rosemary Cottage”. Located at the top of Rosemary Hill (Just above Marshwood Middle School), it was built in 1888 and more recently had been an apartment house run by Donald Jones and then son Bruce. It was recently restored.

The plaque reads:

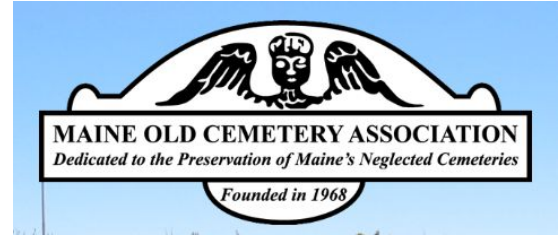
NORA ANN HOUSE

1888 Established by Hannah Farmer on a hilltop in Eliot, Maine. Rosemary Cottage was originally designated as a refuge for underserved urban women and girls. This humanitarian and benefactor graciously offered 2 weeks reprieves in a country setting, for victims of post New England industrialism caught up in the bondage of sweat shops and poor labor practices.

2019 Lovingly restored by the Airey brothers Benjamin and Matthew of Portsmouth, NH seeing a need for high end suburban housing offering a respite from urban fatigue much like bygone days, named in honor of their mother Nora Ann Airey.

Editor note: More about the moving of the trolley stop in 2016 at Rosemary Cottage can be found in our February 2018 newsletter on our website

EHS will be hosting the Spring meeting of the *Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA)* on July 23rd



Looking for volunteers to organize the morning refreshments and lunch for those attending. We receive ½ of the registration fee and proceeds, if any, from the lunch.

AREA NEWS AND EVENTS



Sandy Hill Farm OPEN

DAILY 8am-8pm. They are self-serve and accept, cash, checks and Venmo. Offerings include spring mix, baby spinach and kale, broccoli, asparagus, beets and apple chips and a host of partner farm products including eggs, green bean, carrots, apples and potatoes. Check their website and Facebook page for updates, pictures and some great videos of

their farming operation, and more!

<https://www.sandyhillmaine.com>

Sturgeon Creek Farm

The STORE IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON! 7 days a week 9-5. They have a new self-checkout system and the store is freshly stocked with baked goods, pork, cheese, greens, taters and more! If you are looking for seedlings for your own garden, the list is now available. Sales will go through June or until they run out ☺

<http://sturgeoncreekfarm.com/>



[Sturgeon Creek Farm Facebook page]

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Editor note: There recently, along with the fresh salad greens I discovered this from BACKYARD GARLIC, another Eliot based small business! Absolutely delicious! Owners, **Margaret and Rebecca** process fresh garlic at their farm at 1336 State Road here in Eliot! You can check them out at www.backyardgarlic.farm



July 9, 2022
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Kittery Historical & Naval Society presents

KITTERY SEASIDE GARDENS
Through the Centuries

Sites featured in John Frost's 1947 book *Colonial Village*
Lady Pepperrell Mansion | Hooke House | Follett House
First Congregational Church Cemetery | 1796 House
Ft. McClary Demonstration Gardens | Moore's Island Lane
Sir William Pepperrell Mansion | Bray House | Kerswell Ordinary

Tickets: \$20 (20% discount for KHNS members)
Online at www.kitterygardens.ticketleap.com/375tour
or in person at the Kittery Historical and Naval Museum



VOTING

State of Maine Primary Election, Annual Town Election & Referendum, and MSAD #35 Budget Validation Referendum

When: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Opening Ceremonies & Election of Moderator: 7:30AM to 8:00AM

Polling Hours: 8:00AM to 8:00PM

Location: Marshwood Middle School Gymnasium

Election information including Notice of Election, Town Warrant, Proposed Town Code Amendments, and all other election related material is available on the town website www.eliotmaine.org

Town Clerk's Office will hold additional hours on the 9th between 5:00pm and 7:00pm for absentee ballots and voter registration only.

Absentee Ballots - Deadline to request an absentee ballot 06/09/2022. Absentee Ballot Applications can be mailed to or dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office, 1333 State Road, Eliot, ME 03903 for processing. For additional information and options to request a ballot contact the staff in the Clerk's Office at 207-439-1817.

Interested in what is going on with town government, but aren't able to get to meetings? There is a wealth of information on the town website www.eliotmaine.org and you can sign up to receive emails about meetings, job opportunities, voting, etc. Recently two of our Select Board members, Lauren Dow and William Widi, have been posting information about the Select Board meetings and information on town government (respectively) for the public on Facebook. Take advantage of all that is offered and BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN!

Janice Cerabona was recently honored by the Maine Principal Association as their 2022 Volunteer of the year. Congratulations Jan!



As a non-profit organization the work toward preserving the past would not be possible without you. A membership costs \$10.00 per person per year, \$50.00 per member for a lifetime membership or \$75.00 for a lifetime family membership which includes immediate family and children living at home under the age of 21.

Please send your name, address, email and membership level information, along with a check to our Membership Chairperson: Sylvia Moynihan, 1471 State Road, Eliot, ME 03903

Donations and Memorial gifts are always welcome