

Monthly Meeting
March 11 ~ 7-9:30 pm

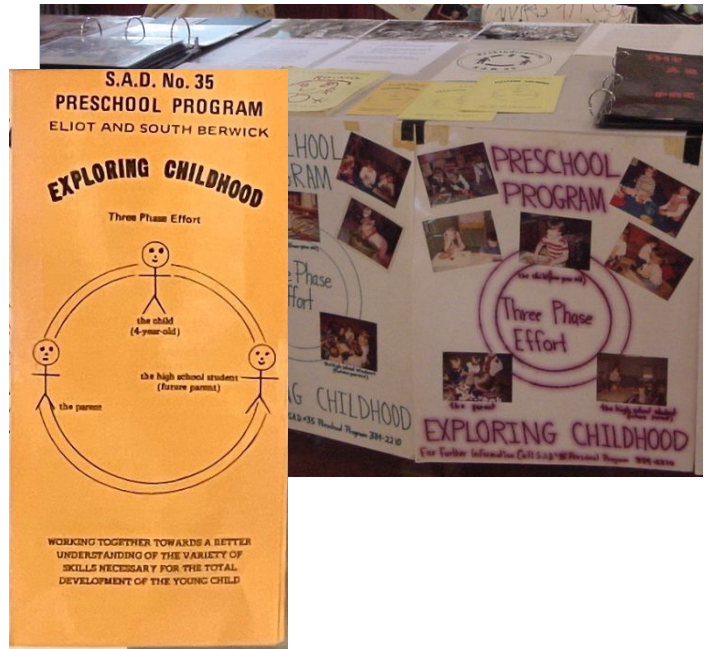
McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church and by ZOOM

HISTORY OF THE ELIOT PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!!

Jan Cerabona, who was instrumental in developing and bringing this program to Eliot & South Berwick, will share with us how it all began.

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President's Prattle

by Tracey Graffam-Dickson

Spring is in the air! Although there are a few more days until the Vernal Equinox, officially on Tuesday, March 19; here in Maine, it sure feels like it has already arrived! The snow has largely melted, and temperatures are expected to be in the mid-50s this week! We'll take it. With days longer and weather milder, I have started thinking about the spring and summer calendar and all the places I hope to visit this year. Top of the list is the Sarah Orne Jewett House in South Berwick and the much long-awaited visit to Monhegan Island. In all my years growing up and living in Maine, I have yet to visit either place. Having read a couple of Sarah's books this past winter, I am looking forward to seeing her home and imagining life for her and her family. Being a fellow lover of the sea, I have often dreamt of wintering on a remote island along the coast. I'm looking forward to testing that theory (albeit during the warmer summer months). But then there are so many other destinations to consider, rich with history and packed with intriguing stories right here in our own backyard. As we think about spring outings and future program ideas, let us know what's on your bucket list. We would love to hear from you! We hope you'll join us this Monday for our quarterly business meeting, where we will share information about progress on the initiatives for the year and learn about the 50-year history of MSAD 35 Pre-K program. We look forward to celebrating the arrival of spring and time together!

~ Tracey

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Our display at **Marshwood Great Works School** was installed in February. It focuses on the history of two of the most iconic stores of Eliot and South Berwick – **Flynn’s Market and McDaniels Store**. Using pictures from each of our Historical Society’s collections and the



postings of Rick Becker’s Facebook page “Old Time Remembrances from South Berwick, Maine” we were able to give a nice portrayal of the evolution and histories of these buildings. We also put a call out to Eliot people through our Facebook page for their memories of McDaniels Store and got a great response. These memories and those from members of Rick’s Facebook page, along with the loan of a country store model from the William Fogg Library and various store items from private collections rounded out the display.

A big thank you to all who made this display possible!



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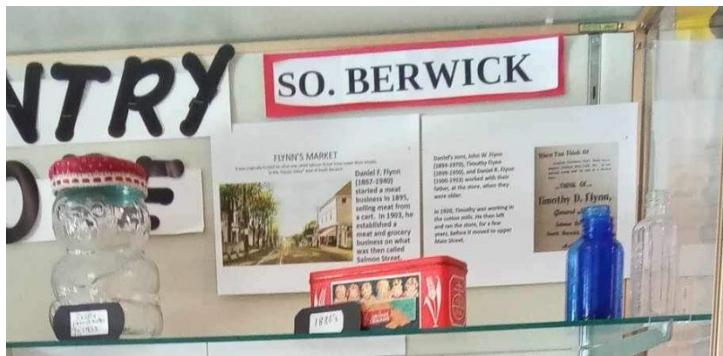
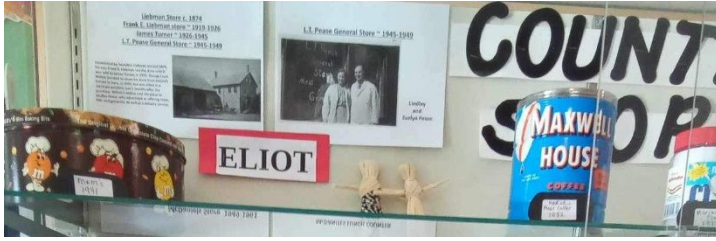
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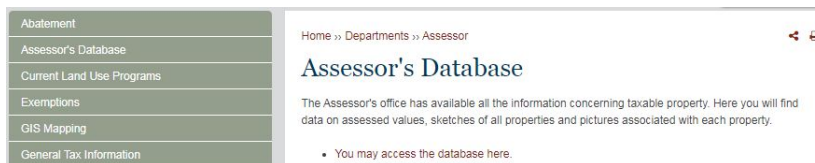
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Speaking of Cemeteries


As we prepare to map out our work for the coming year we wanted to remind you about our collaboration with the Town in maintaining a listing of the locations and burials throughout the town of Eliot. The town helps with the annual fee to maintain this site, and when used in conjunction with the GIS mapping program on the Assessors Page (<https://www.eliotmaine.org/assessor/pages/assessors-database>), it is a great resource in locating the many private family cemeteries and those in the Mt. Pleasant and Brooks Memorial Cemeteries. You can find the site through the town website or go to <https://mosersoft.com/cenv8/lotsearch.aspx> (149 – Mt. Pleasant, 151- Brooks, 152- Private cemeteries) In addition, if you'd like to see the stones in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (updated to 2013) you can find PDF pages at www.thenegoodwinproject.com look under "PDF Books" and you will find them shown by sections in the cemetery, with the designation "Eliot Record Book". This was the result of our project to update Dr. John E. Frost's "Eliot Record Book", for the town's bicentennial, in 2010. An ongoing process, I took pictures of all the burial stones in both the public and private cemeteries throughout the town and updated the listings in Dr. Frost's work. *The Goodwin Family Association*, who has the rights to Dr. Frost's publications, then took over the publishing of this information and pictures. They also have plans to do the same for the private family cemeteries and Brooks Memorial Cemetery. We will keep you posted and let you know when those pictures are available. If you are interested in helping with cleaning private cemeteries this coming year please let me know! - Rosanne



Update

Preliminary copy - DONE!! Go to Photos and Documents - **PDF Books** page.. It's a BIG file (4.9 MB), with around 5,000 people indexed. There will be some final clean-up over the next couple of months before offering.

Goodwin website

Eliot Record Book, Section A	16.7 MB	
Eliot Record Book, Section B	11.7 MB	
Eliot Record Book, Section C	8.6 MB	

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

The recent photo of the class trip that was included in the write-up on Virginia Woods Bellamy and her daughter Jane was NOT the class of 1949. It was the class of 1948 and the tall girl was not Jane Bellamy. *We'd like to thank Sally Sullivan for the correction and encourage anyone who sees something that is not right to let us know. We endeavor to report and document history correctly!*

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