

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

Monthly Meeting – January 13: Meetings will now begin at 6:30! First Congregational Church, State Road Eliot. **Lisa & Tom Raitt** from the Raitt Farm and **Helen Goransson** from Bondgarden Farm will be our speakers.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970965186?pwd=b0JaVFgyOFRnNW11WjRLZlZlVSRDNLdz09>

President's Prattle



As no one stepped forward to take on the Presidency, our Vice-President, Paul Johnson agreed to assume those duties as Vice-President with the help of the Board of Directors and other officers.

At our December Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected:
Vice-President: Paul Johnson
Recording Secretary: Rosanne Adams-Fisher
Treasurer: Kathy Runey

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The 3rd grade students at Eliot Elementary School helped us with our “Winter Solstice” decorations at the #8 Schoolhouse on Greenwood Street. We would like to thank them and their teachers for the wonderful “treats” they made for the birds, for our “Wildlife Tree”, which was topped with a treat for the birds made in the image of the State of Maine. We would also like to thank Cassie, at York Woods Tree in Eliot for donating the tree and to Margie Brown for the hanging suet feeders. It was great fun for all in seeing it come together!



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The children at Eliot Elementary School had fun looking at the interim display for December.



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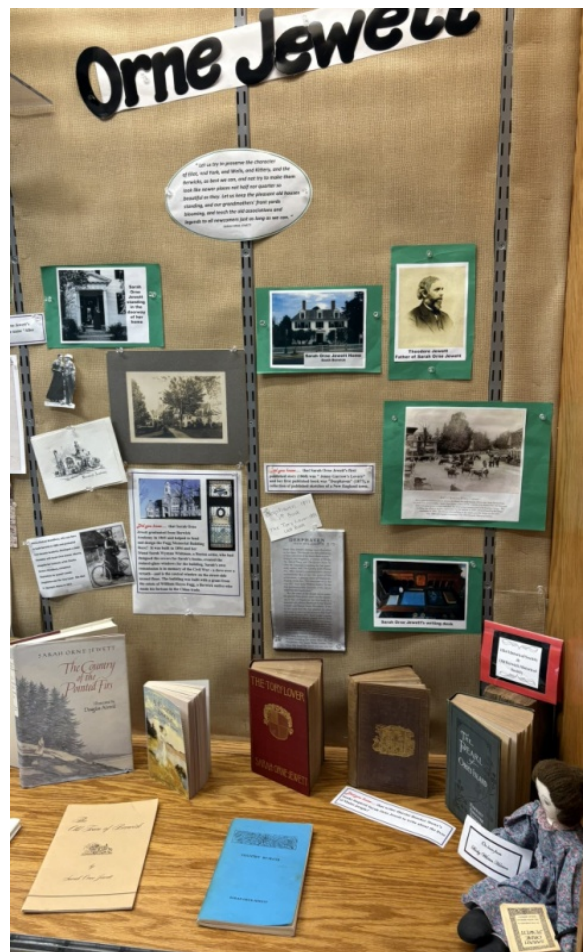
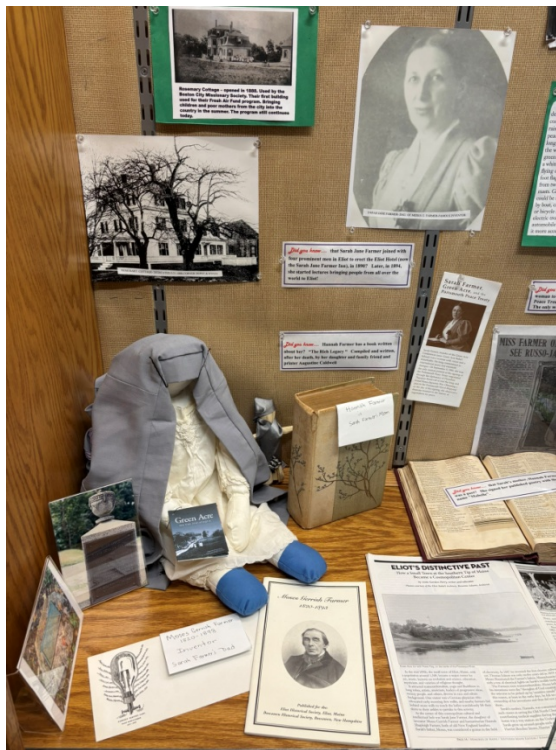
Jan Cerabona shared her collection of McDonald's Happy Meal toys that she collected back when she was teaching. These were given out when the Disney movie "Toy Story 2" was released. On the back of the paper hat was a list of all the collectables that you could check off, as you acquired them!



The January/February display at Eliot Elementary School takes a look at the lives of two women named "Sarah" who were born within a few years of each other, had similar experiences growing up and, in later life became good friends - Sarah Jane Farmer of Eliot and Sarah Orne Jewett of South Berwick.



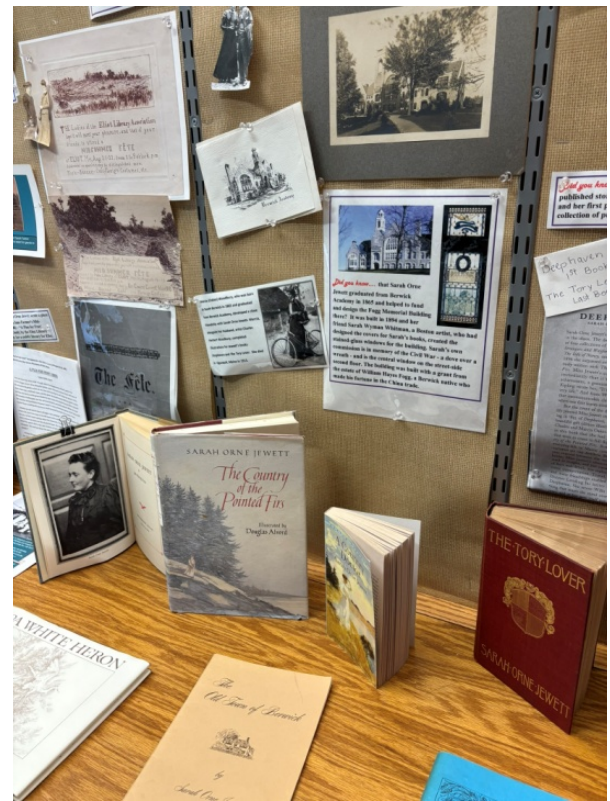
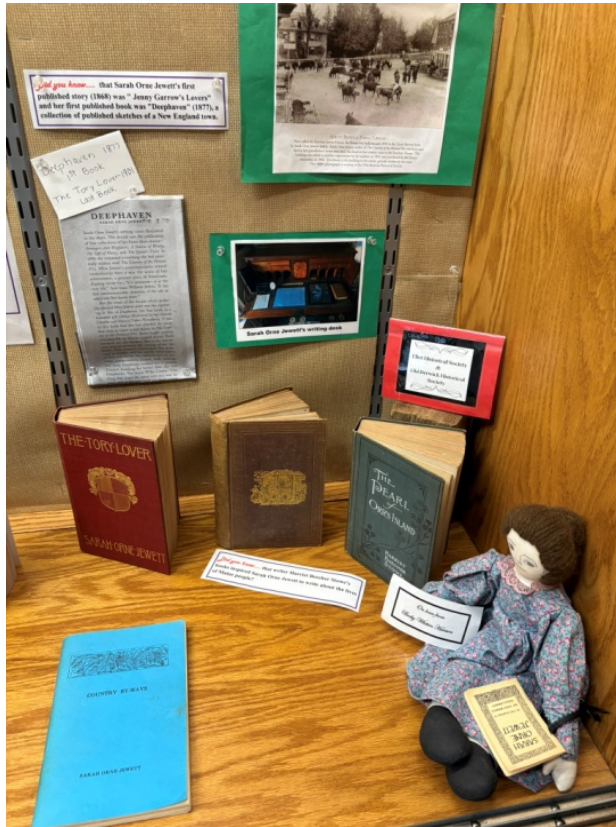
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At Great Works School, the children and staff were greeted with their own display asking what their favorite Disney movie was. Again, Jan's collection is featured along with some additional pieces.



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On December 7th Eliot Historical Society joined with the American Legion for a special program featuring Gwyneth Wykes. The American Legion Hall, in Eliot, was standing room only as people listened intently to Gwyneth tell about her teen age years during the bombings in Coventry, England, during WW2. Germany bombed the town of Coventry 17 times, dropping over 198 tons of explosives, almost destroying the whole city. Gwyneth told about her days and nights there in the bomb shelters and the terrible things she witnessed.



Tracey made a video recording of the event and we will let you know when it is posted to our website for viewing.

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