

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

Monthly Meeting: March 10 – 6:30pm at the First Congregational Church. This is our quarterly business meeting. We will be reviewing the plans for our #8 One-Room Schoolhouse Museum and other matters that members would like to discuss.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89970965186?pwd=b0JaVFgyOFRnNW11WjRlZlZlVSRDNLdz09>

Eliot Historical Society's Spring Fundraising Event



- Thursday, March 27, 2025
- 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Ore Nell's Barbecue, 2 Badgers Island West, Kittery, ME

Join us at Ore Nells in Kittery for a special Community Night in support of our organization.



On Thursday, March 27th, they are donating 20% of all dine-in sales to support our mission of protecting historic sites, collecting artifacts, and educating the community about Eliot's rich past.

Enjoy a night of delicious BBQ while giving back to an organization that keeps local history alive.

Good food, good company, great cause.

To ensure a place at the table, go to their website to reserve: www.orenellsbbq.com/events

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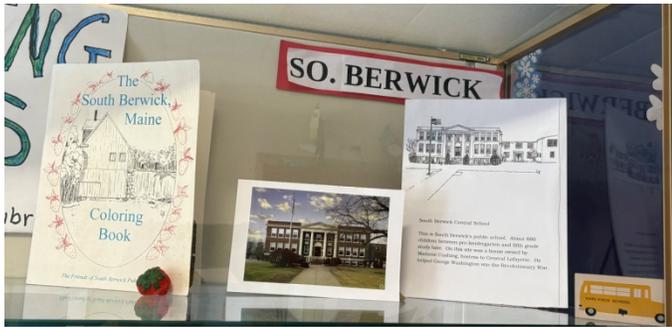
To start out the New Year, we have had some very exciting exhibits in the schools. At **Marshwood Great Works School** in South Berwick we looked at the respective coloring books, created in the late 1980s by the libraries of both towns. Taking pages out of each book we then showed a picture of what the building or site looks like today, along with a bit of history.



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At Eliot Elementary School we just finished installing another “Eliot Farms” exhibit. This one showcases *Sandy Hill Farm*, *Sturgeon Creek Farm* (the old George Ireland Farm) and *Morning Glory Farm Camp*, along with a short exhibit about *Backyard Garlic Farm*.



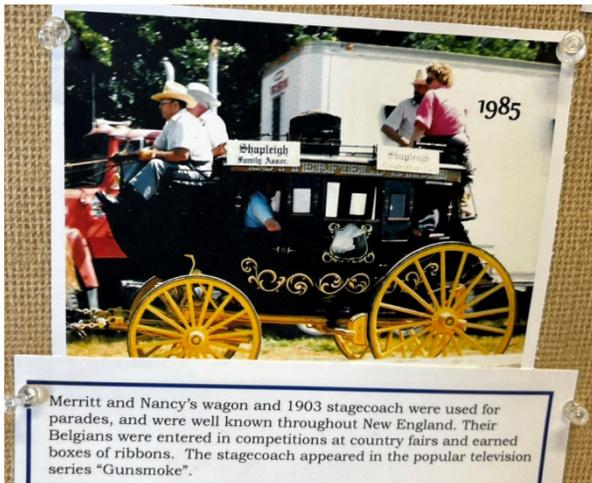
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A big thank you to Bill Widi, Ann Shisler and Leigh Robinson for their help collecting artifacts and pictures from the farms.



Ann and Bill



**Ann competing.
The only girl,
she came in 1st
place!**



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STURGEON CREEK FARM
1651 STATE ROAD

STURGEON CREEK FARM'S MISSION – to grow healthy food using organic, sustainable, regenerative methods and to continue to share their knowledge with the community.

Located on what was part of the historic 800 acre tract of Alexander Shapleigh. This property was later the home of George Ireland whose farm also featured a store. They host workshops teaching the community how to grow food and offer organically grown vegetable seedlings in the Spring. Farm visits are always welcome.

The FARM STORE is open daily. They grow much of what is offered in the farm STORE, including blueberries, strawberries, and veggies, as well as raised meat and eggs. They also offer locally sourced products including honey, jams and jellies, milk, hand and skin care products, baked goods, crafts, teas, soaps, spices and maple syrup.

SPRING AT THE FARM – "VISIT A LAMB" DAYS – these special days are held in the Spring. Come for a visit to see and hold the newly born lambs. Because of the interest, there is a sign up schedule. You can also visit their chickens and turkeys as well as the baby chicks and bunnies in the barn!

Background – Leslie Stevens and her family began Sidewalk Farms, a small urban farm in Portsmouth, New Hampshire that specialized in growing food interested in an urban setting. Looking to expand, in July 2018 their dream came true and they purchased this 18-acre farm across the river in Eliot, Maine. Because their new home had no sidewalks, it only seemed appropriate for a name change. The name Sturgeon Creek came from the original name of their adopted town of Eliot, Maine as well as the actual creek just down the road from the farm.



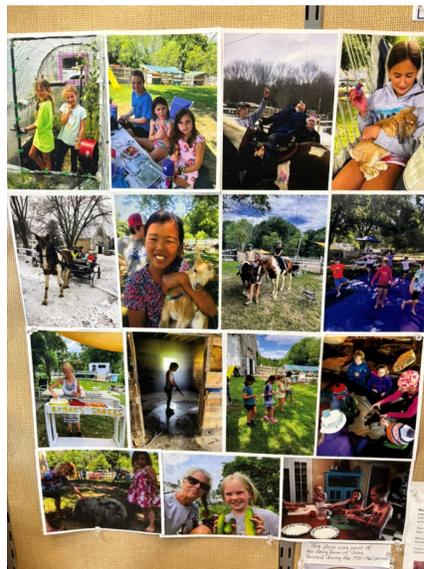

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Sandy Hill Farm's (34 Sandy Hill Lane)
"Winter Wonders" light shows have come to a

close, but be sure to check their website for other events and the opening of their Farm Stand. www.sandyhillmaine.com **Sturgeon Creek Farm** (1651 State Road) will be having "Visit a Lamb Days" on March 22nd & 29th and April 5th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Sign up is required by there is no charge! Their farm store will open for the season in March and

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they carry the **Backyard Garlic Farm** dried garlic grinders. **Morning Glory Farm Camp** (744 Main Street) can be found on Facebook and at www.morninggloryfarmcamp.com. They will be posting their camp dates soon!

#8 One-Room Schoolhouse Museum

The building is being prepared for the installation of an incinerating toilet. It involves converting the present small storage room for that space. The work will be done by Keith Leavitt and it is anticipated that it will be ready for the visit of the school children April/May. We are presently waiting on a determination from the South Berwick/Eliot Rotary as to whether they will help by funding the purchase of the toilet. Our fingers are crossed! More on this and the anticipated opening of the building and schedule will be discussed at the upcoming March business meeting. If you would like to help and volunteer for just a few hours to keep the building open, please let Jan know. It really is a lot of fun meeting and talking with people!



Found this in our family collection. It is a pastel done by Henry Martin Frost, the father of Joseph Frost*. He writes,



in a note of the gift to his neighbor Moses Paul that it was done by him in the style of Eliot artist Marion Jack. Henry, aka Martin, was a student of Grace Prime, who lived on Old Road (up on the hill across from Frost-Tufts Park). Marion's house, which was "built on stilts", was on what is now Moses Gerrish Farmer Road in Eliot. Martin lived at "Frost Garrisons" – Rosanne

*Joseph Frost gave me several pastels done by Marion Jack. There is also a sizable collection of paintings in the Eliot Baha'i Archives.

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