

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025



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Eliot Historical Society's June Fundraising Event



THE ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1897 Eliot, Maine

- Tuesday, June 17, 2025
- 4-8 PM
- Loco Cocos, 36 Walker St., Kittery, ME



Join us at Loco Cocos in Kittery for a special Friends Night for Non-Profits event in support of our organization.

On Tuesday, June 17th, they are donating 20 % of all dine-in and takeout sales to help support our mission of protecting historic sites, collecting and preserving artifacts, maintaining our District #8 One-Room Schoolhouse Museum, and educating the community

about Eliot's rich past.

Good food, good company and all while supporting a great local business and our non-profit organization!

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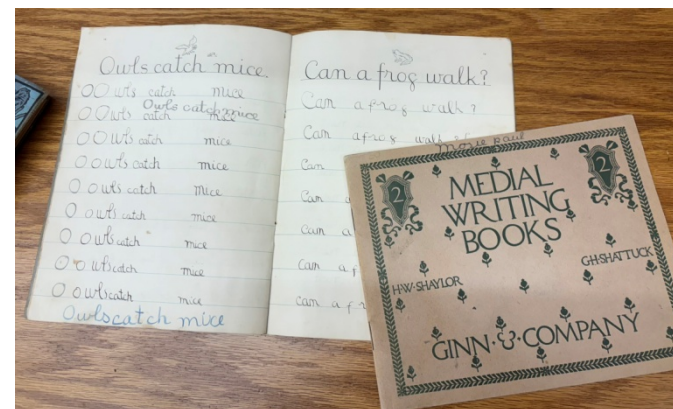
Too much information to include in the last newsletter so we wanted to catch everyone up before the summer officially begins....



Street, today is an apartment house, but looks the same on the outside as it did when it was a school.



Jan and **Rosanne** installed the last display of the year at **Eliot Elementary School**. We took a look at **Eliot's Early Schools**. Included are the one room schoolhouses and some of the teachers who taught there; the 1906 Eliot High School that later was Central School and the Laura V. Dame School which celebrates the 100th anniversary year of its building this year! (1925-2025). The Laura V. Dame School, located on Main



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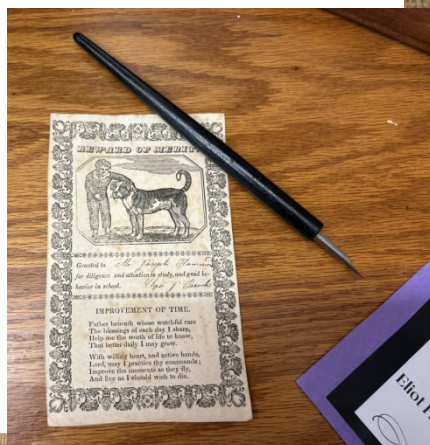
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School), Alta W. Paul (# 5 School), Verna Staples (Laura V. Dame School), Jeanette Gordon (Laura V. Dame School) and Edna Paul (#3 School).

There was also a special tribute to Florence Moulton & Jeanette Paul, who supported the restoration of the #8 Schoolhouse which began in 1996 and then went on to become the "teachers" who greeted the school children each year.



The teachers featured were Florence Wood Moulton (#2 School), Florence Raitt Trefethen (#2 School), Altie J. Paul (#1,3, & 6 Schools), Edythe Littlefield (Laura V. Dame School), Mrs. Berylson (Eliot High

Schools of Eliot Timeline

District No.1 Emery School	938 Goodwin Rd. Torn down in 1940	1810-1934
District No.2 Frye/Lincoln	1714 and 1721 State Rd. Burned in a controlled fire Oct. 1965	1810-1941
District No.3 Major Frost	97 Brixham Rd. Closed as a school	1810-1941
District No.4	167/198 Goodwin Rd. Moved and used as a residence	1810-1942
District No.5	25 Pine Avenue Condemned 26, closed in 28, property sold in 38	1804-1928
District No.6	709 Main Street Closed, sold and remodeled as a home	1810-1928
District No.7	200 Pleasant Street Sold, used as storage, remodeled as a home	1823-1926
District No.8	67 Greenwood St. Used as storage, meeting place, fire station and In 1996 deeded to the Eliot Historical society	1841-1912
Eliot Academy	1389 State Rd.	1839-1875
Eliot Free High School	1293 State Rd.	1888-1901
Eliot High School	1333 State Rd.	1906-1940
Laura V. Dame	525 Main Street	1925-1966
Eliot High School	1298 State Rd.	1940-1966
Became the Eliot Elementary School when:		
Marshwood High School	Dow Highway	1966-1999

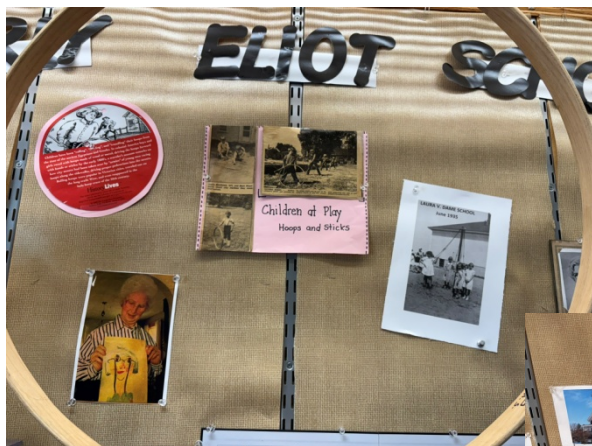


Edna Paul (1880-1941), daughter of Moses N. and Ida (Frost) Paul, attended school in District # 3 in Eliot and Portsmouth High School, but because of health problems, did not graduate. She attended summer school sessions at Gorham Normal School and then taught, on and off, in the District #3 School, until the middle 1930's, where she had a specialty of producing plays and skits; making the costumes herself.

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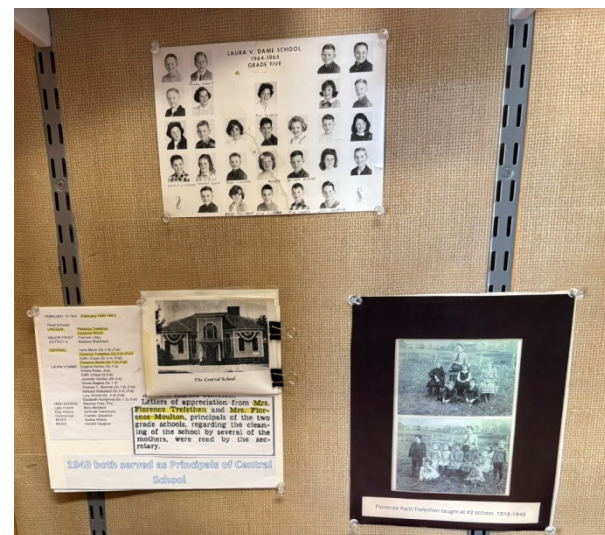
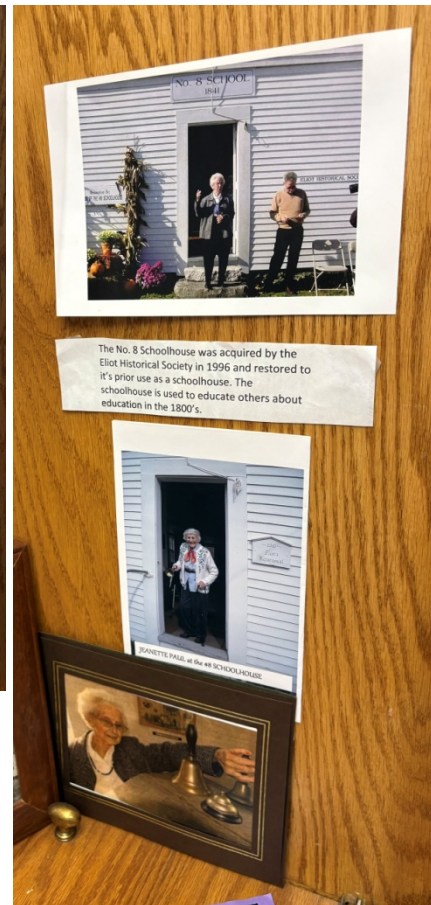
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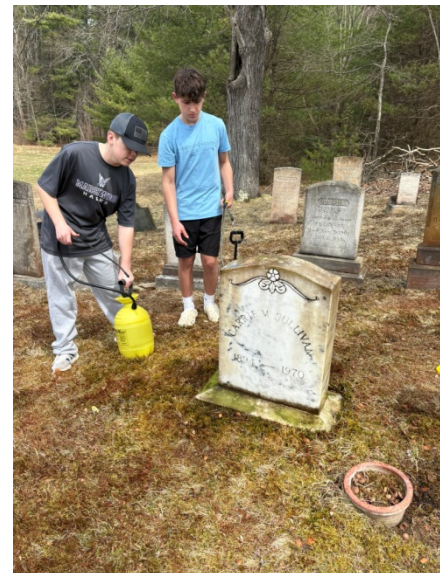
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Connor Hanson, a student at Marshwood Middle School, and his friend **Aiden** and parents **Eric** and **Megan** tackled the Ferguson Cemetery where family members of our Society's Helen and Sally Sullivan's families are also laid to rest. Accompanied by **Jan Cerabona** and **Rosanne Adams**, they raked the area up, straightened 4 leaning stones, and cleaned 11. It took about 2 hours. As they say, "Many hands make light work". Thank you Connor for organizing this and congratulations on a job well done. Plans are to return and finish straightening the remaining tipped stones.



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Paul Johnson, past president and current vice-president of the Eliot Historical Society was honored with the 2025 recipient of the Fabyan Drake Good Citizenship Award at the Memorial Day services at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Paul was recognized for his dedication to maintaining the memorials and grounds of our departed with pride and care. Paul is the caretaker for the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



He stopped by the #8 Schoolhouse Museum's open house, after the ceremonies, and got his "official" picture taken!



The *Fabyan Drake Good Citizenship Award* is given, annually, by the Eliot American Legion, Post #188, to a resident of Eliot, nominated by the citizens, who has gone above and beyond what is to be expected in service to others.

SENIORS DAY
AT THE
#8 SCHOOLHOUSE
67 GREENWOOD ST.



**JUNE 11 (WED)
&
14 (SAT)
10am - 2pm**

**District #8
Schoolhouse Museum
67 Greenwood Street
Open Wednesday &
Saturday
10-2
June - through Eliot
Festival Day (last
Saturday in September)**

If you would like to help and volunteer for just a few hours to keep the building open, this summer, please contact Jan Cerabona @ 207-450-6874.

During the summer, you can also schedule a time to come see the building, during our off hours. Provides you the opportunity to show out of town guests this wonderful building! Just contact Jan to schedule.

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#8 One-Room Schoolhouse Museum



The 2nd grade students of Eliot Elementary School were welcomed in May to our schoolhouse. Over the two days, each of the three classes were introduced to the history of the building and what it would have been like to be taught in a one-room schoolhouse. Jan and Rosanne look forward, each year to their visit. It is a wonderful experience for both them and us!



At the end of May the students held their annual “Eliot History Night”, where they share with the community what they have learned about the history of their town. Each of the 2nd grade teachers takes a subject to present to the class and then these lessons, activities, and conversations are translated into presentations. This year’s included “Did You Know” questions centering around the Schools, Brickyards, clipper ship *Nightingale*, and Gundalow’s of Eliot; audio-visual and musical



presentations and a display of the artwork of the students.



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After Life Care LLC
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A few years ago, I had the fortune to meet **Amanda Cote**, when she happened to ride by and seeing the state of my family cemetery, posted some pictures and comment on Facebook, offering to help clean it up. My daughter, Shannon, and I joined Amanda and had it done in a few hours. She said she had had an injury and had started cemetery photography as a hobby. Fast forward 3 years and she now has her own company! Amanda is owner and operator of *After Life Care LLC*. A gravestone and monument cleaning service based in Rockingham County, New Hampshire. She has attended NHOGA meetings and has had training in the care of headstones. Over the summer of 2024, she volunteered with the Kingston, New Hampshire heritage committee, and became a crucial part in

the Plains Cemetery preservation project. Amanda has worked in the historic cemetery in Gloucester, Mass and is a volunteer with the Valley Cemetery in Manchester, NH, with experience in the cleaning of stones from Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans, to modern day. She writes that she “treats every stone with the same amount of love, care and respect” and “takes pride in keeping their memories alive”. If you need help caring for your cemetery stones, please contact her at 978-347-6610 or

AfterLifeCareLLC@hotmail.com -Rosanne

*REMINDER – No meeting in July.
See you at the annual picnic, in
August!*



Footprints exists to reduce the impact of hunger throughout the Seacoast Region, share resources, and support the lives of those who have joined the Footprints Community.

M: 9am-11am
T: 10am-1pm & 5-7pm
W: 2pm-6pm
Th: 10:30am-1:30pm
F: 10am-1:00pm



7-9am | Tuesdays & Thursdays
in the Footprints Market located at
22 Shapleigh Road, Kittery, ME

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