

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

It has been a busy few months with TWO fundraisers at local eating establishments and, now, the fundraiser at Fabulous Find in Kittery that runs the month of July. The “Community Dinners” at Ore Nell’s BBQ and Loco Cocos netted almost \$2000 for our society! A thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the evening and to those who sent in donations, even though they weren’t able to attend.

One of the groups of friends at Ore Nell's - Rosanne, Jan, and Carol, who came down all the way from Portland. She also joined us at Loco Cocos!



The Fabulous Find
Resale Boutique



Donate and Shop
in JULY and Support
BEDROCK GARDENS
ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NO. HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
YORK ART ASSOCIATION

Come shop for your “Fabulous Finds”
Bring in your gently worn clothing, jewelry
and home decor

Open Wed-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm, Sun 11am-4pm,
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

* Non-Profit * 139 State Road, Kittery * (207)439-8669 *
www.thefabulousfind.org

We are presently in the midst of the **Fabulous Find** store’s July sales. The proceeds will be split among 4 non-profits that include US! Donations to the store and shoppers keep the inventory always changing and the shopping lively. Please support this fundraiser!

If you would like to help, at the Schoolhouse, by volunteering for just a few hours or have family and friends visiting who you’d like to bring to see the schoolhouse, we can open the building for you. Contact Jan Cerabona @ 207-207-450-6874.



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

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SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT AT THE #8 ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH 10AM-2PM

67 Greenwood St.



Stop by and have your silhouette cutting done by LEONA HOSACK. In a matter of minutes she will CUT your side portrait out of a black piece of paper by just looking and cutting!

An old and amazing artform!

Silhouette: An image of a person, object or scene represented as a solid shape of a single color,

usually black, its edges matching the outline of the subject.

Silhouettes were also known as SHADES.

Originated in ancient Greece, but became popular in the mid-1700's. Many silhouettists would cut a side portrait from black paper and then might adhere it to white paper, and then embellish it with added drawn lines to indicate hair or other decorations. Others draw the profile first as an outline and then paint it in. Some used some kind of tracing device to help create the image, and, yes, some probably set up a candle or some other light and traced a person's shadow.

Leona is a Silhouettist, Caricaturist, Illustrator, Writer, Singer-Songwriter and lives in Eliot.



UPCOMING SPECIAL
DAYS AT THE
SCHOOLHOUSE

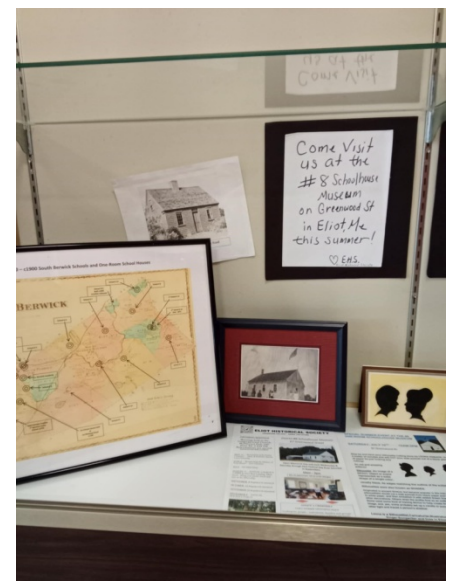
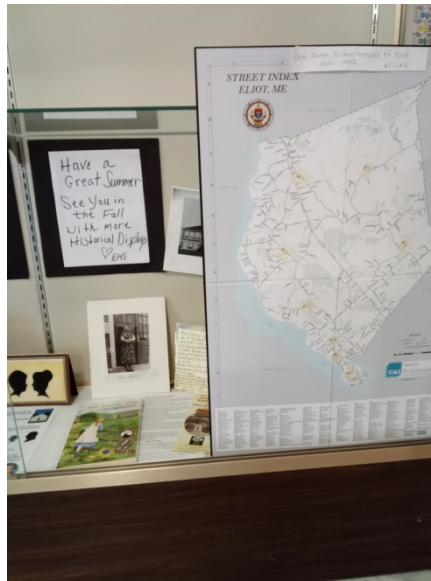
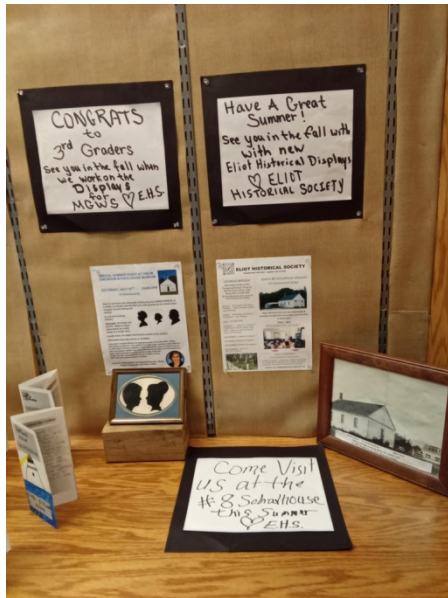
July 9 & 12
Town Employee
Appreciation

August 13 & 16
Educator Appreciation



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Jan left the students at **Eliot Elementary School** and **Marshwood Great Works School** with a “good bye”, a “see you next year”, and an invitation to come visit at the #8 Schoolhouse this summer. An invitation was also extended to our special July 19th event at the schoolhouse, where Eliot artist, Leona Hosack will create hand-cut silhouettes for anyone who would like them.



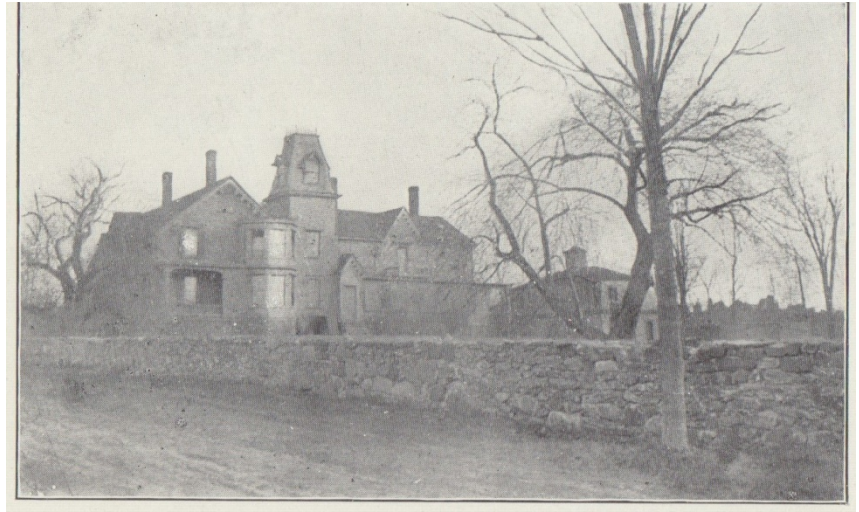
You may have noticed the work that is going on at the home that was originally the workshop of electrical inventor Moses Gerrish Farmer, on State Road, behind Sam’s Garage. The work began during the winter, with the new owner paying attention to the historical nature of the building and bringing back, as well as, enhancing its features.



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The building originally sat to the rear of the Farmer's home "Bittersweet", located to the left of the building. The Farmer's original home, burned down and was rebuilt in 1906. In this picture you can see the grand 'Bittersweet' and the workshop, which was later moved out to the road and remodeled for a home.



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SPEAKING OF CEMETERIES

It was a “family affair” at the Stacy/Hubbard cemetery, off Goodwin Road. It had taken more than 10 months to get the day arranged! **Rosanne** joined **Karina Hilynka** and family in checking out the cemetery, on their property, this past June. The boundaries had not been delineated on any surveys but, after probing for possible other stones, a boundary was agreed upon.

John E. Frost’s “Eliot Record Book” listed only inscriptions for two stones – that of James Hubbard, who died May 11, 1851, at the age of 62 and James Gowen Stacy, the son of Thomas C. and Sarah Stacy, who died Dec. 17, 1846, aged 6 years. Frost also believed that Joshua Hubbard (1744-1807) who served as a Private in the Revolutionary War and whose home passed to his nephew James Hubbard is also buried here. His recorded inscriptions and number of stones (he noted seven



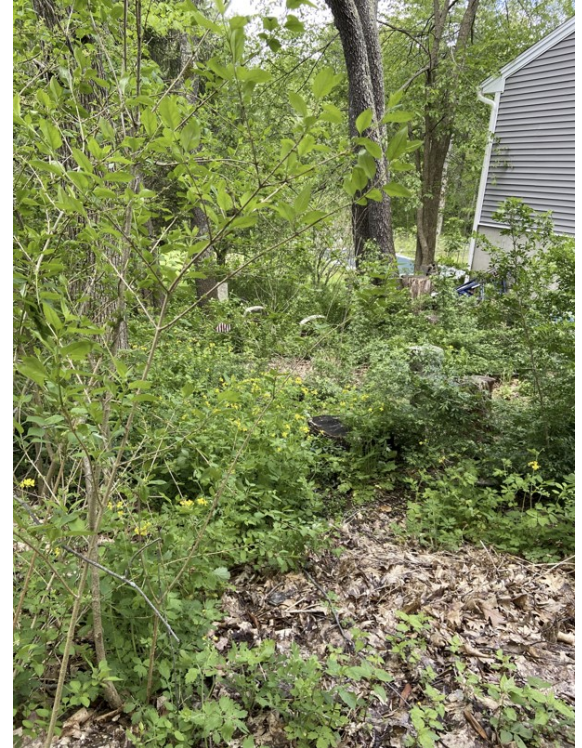
without names, as well as footstones) were based on what he was able to see, back in the 1930-50 period. Frost had not done any probing, so this was the first time that it had really been gone over. James Gowen Stacy’s stone and foot stones was easily found and the FUN part started when we probed the ground, on the chance that the broken off stone piece could be found. And find it, we did! It turned out to be that of James Hubbard.



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Earlier, in May, an old Scammon cemetery on Fore Road, where Civil War veteran Harrison Frost is laid, was brought into view, through the efforts of **Mark and Kathleen Spezia**. Obtaining the blessings of the land owners on either side, Mark and Kathleen were able to cut back the thick brush to reveal the stones that had been hidden from passerbys and covered for, at least, the past 40 years.

Located near what was the farm of George A. Twombly, it contains the bodies of Mary, wife of Levi Bracey (d. Mar. 1, 1884, aged 95 years); Eliza Flanders (1808-1896); Mary, the widow of Nathan Flanders, who died Aug. 9, 1865, aged 89 years. 5 mos. 10 das; Nathan C. Flanders, the son of Charles and Sarah Flanders, who died Feb. 8, 1858, aged 24 years.; Eliot F. Scammon (d. 1896, aged 82 years); Sally, the widow of Nicholas Scammon who died in 1860; Sarah A. Scammon, the wife of Eliot F. Scammon, who died in 1915, aged 92 years.; and Harrison Frost.



Eliot Historical Society Annual Picnic

5:30 PM

8 SCHOOLHOUSE
67 GREENWOOD STREET

11

AUGUST

Bring your picnic dinner and something to share (if you would like) and Join us! All are welcome. Drinks will be provided.



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