

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

Monthly Meeting: December 8th, 6:30pm, at McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church, 1361 State Road. This is our Annual Meeting with election of officers and then a Holiday Party with “Show and Tell”. You are invited to bring an item to talk about that you believe we will find interesting; could be historical, or family related. Whatever you would like to share. You are also welcome to bring something for the “pot luck” dessert table, if you would like.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2034163951?pwd=0CyJcarpTkIwWkDBbBODxWCl2biFNe.1>

NEWS

Our displays at Great Works and Eliot Elementary have been changed out. At Great Works the children and staff are looking at one of their favorite displays featuring things of the past. Many of these items will be easily identifiable to us “older folks”! The children are especially interested in the old dial phone.



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See what you can find. Items include a popcorn popper, shoe shine box, old shoe lasts (the wooden forms that were used to fashion leather into shoes), clay pipes, "how a fountain pen was made" cards, kitchen items - egg beater, potato masher, sieve, old eye glasses, a bottle capper, drip coffee pot, vinyl 45 and 75 records, old smith typewriter and stenographer papers, darning "mushroom", tatting, irons and so much more!



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Looks like a book of matches
but is actually used to stop
runs in nylon stockings

At Eliot Elementary School is our annual Veterans tribute. This year we took a look at the memorials that have been erected in both Washington, DC and Eliot, which honor Veterans and the US Armed Services.

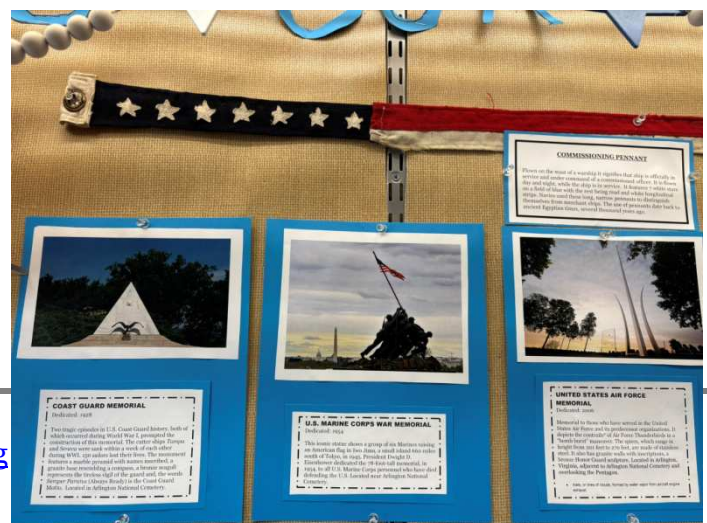
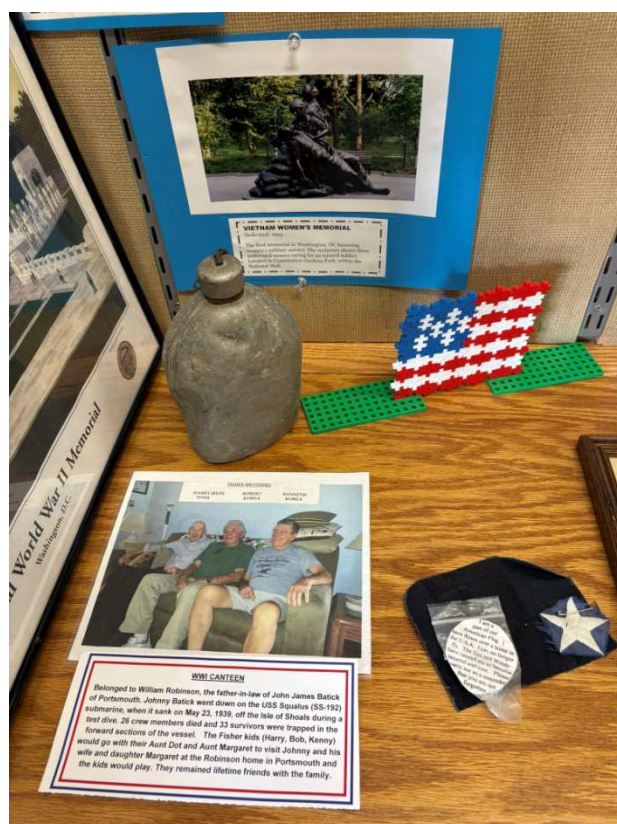
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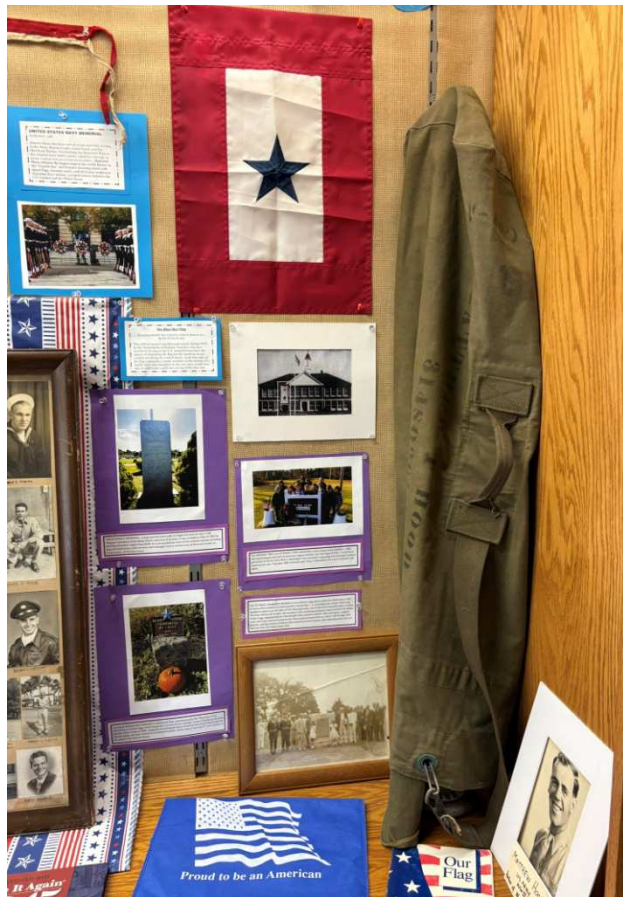
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Included is the duffle bag of Matthew Hood (Jan Cerabona's father); a WWI canteen; a navy commissioning pennant; one of the framed items honoring servicemen and women from Eliot that has been loaned to us from the American Legion Post #188; a certificate given by the Navy to Moses N. Paul, of Eliot, a civilian who remained to work at the Navy Yard during WWII. On the adjoining wall's small boards are tributes to members of the Eliot Elementary School family and community who have served or are serving and to Earle F. Mace, the first Eliot High School (built 1940) graduate to be killed in WWII.



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On November 5th we joined the students and staff as they paid tribute to Veterans in our communities with a very moving ceremony. The ceremony was opened with a welcome by EES principal Ann Shisler, followed by the pledge of Allegiance as it was being “signed” by the children. Two of the students did the school “morning welcome”, followed by a welcome by John Richardson, representing the American Legion Post #188. Each of the grades, led by music teacher Michele Ma, presented a patriot song for the occasion and each of the branches of the Armed Forces was honored with their anthem. In closing, all silently watched as “In Flanders Fields” was played and the children, followed by those present, who wished, placed flags around the Elementary School flagpole.



special presentation by historical re-enactor Rita dedication and more. Rosanne has been working with a York County group of historical societies and museums that will co-operate in the promotion of each organization’s events and our Historical Society will be working with the William Fogg Library, for a July event; American Legion Post #188 and appropriate town officials and departments. More news to come.....



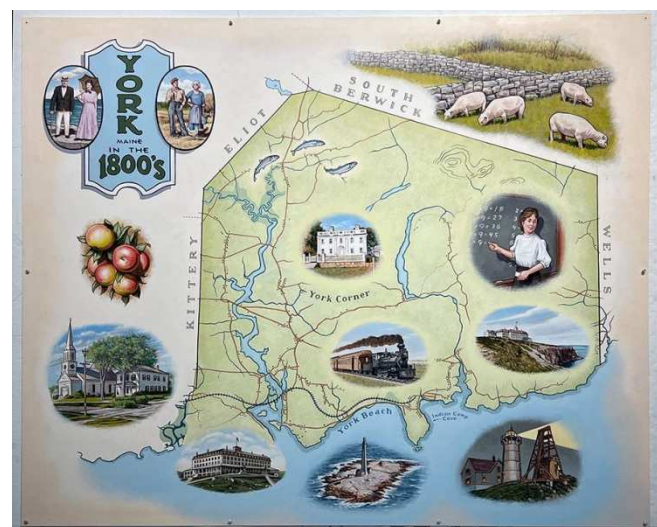
In case you haven’t heard, we have started to plan for the celebration of the United States’ 250th birthday. A grant application has been submitted to the *Maine State Sesquicentennial Committee* that includes funds for special talks at the #8 Schoolhouse, a Parisi, and ceremonies, monument

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The unveiling of the York, Maine town hall historical murals, painted by Eliot artist Gordon Carlisle, was recently held. These 4 murals each cover a century (16th, 17th 18th, 19th) with each having a map showing how the town looked at the time and pointing out important places of interest. Included were “QR CODES” which allow people, using their cell phone, to scan and will lead them to a website where they can learn more about the places and events shown on the maps. You can visit the town website to see the murals for yourselves at <https://www.yorkmaine.org/684/York-Town-Hall-Mural> Included on the website, for each century is a timeline constructed by James Kences, the Town of York Historian.



Gordon will host an open house at his studio at 111 Fore Road, in Eliot, where you can see more of his work, purchase items and talk with the artist. The date is December **12th** from **5-8 PM.**



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While at the York Town Hall, Jan and Rosanne took a look at the display case at the end of the hallway. If you haven't had a chance, stop and take a look.



Once again we will be doing a "wildlife tree" for the birds at our #8 Schoolhouse, this year. At our December meeting, as part of the "Show and Tell", Jan and Rosanne will have some supplies for you to make some things for the tree!!



Marshwood Education Foundation will be holding their *Merry Tree Fest* December 10-13 at Spring Hill in South Berwick. This year, Eliot Historical Society will be contributing a tree with gifts using the theme "Memories and Smiles". Admission is free. Come stop by and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to take home your favorite tree!

