

**ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026**

Announcement: We will not be holding a meeting in January or February. At our December meeting, it was voted to forgo these months due to anticipated winter conditions. See you again on March 9th!

As we prepare for the second installment of the display highlighting the history of Eliot High School/Eliot Elementary School, we are looking for information/pictures, from 1966 to present, to add to what we have. Some of the events we've come across but have little information on include the EGG DROP, ODYSSEY OF THE MIND, and HAWK'S WAY, and the various play ground renovations. If you have any class pictures or pictures or information about any other events at Eliot Elementary, please write to us through our website or contact Jan or Rosanne. We can make copies and return any papers to you. Thank you for your help!

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For our interim display, at **Eliot Elementary School** the students of Donna Whitman's 3rd grade and Colleen Carson's 2nd grade classes helped us by writing down their thoughts, with colorful illustrations, of what they were looking forward to in this New Year.

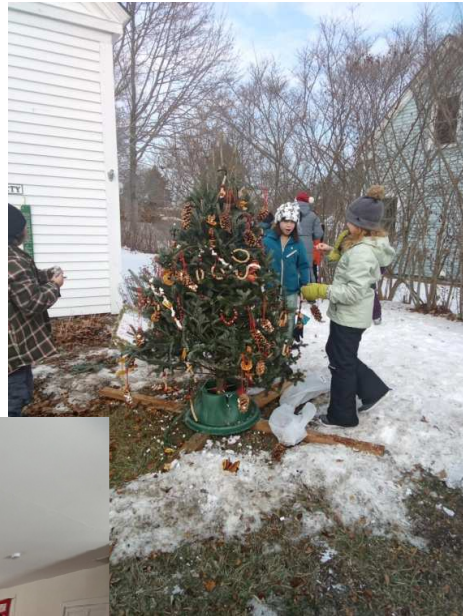


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Students from **Donna Whitman's 3rd grade class** at Eliot Elementary School helped us make edible decorations for our "Wildlife Tree" at the #8 Schoolhouse. Following the decoration of the tree, with their decorations and the ones made by EHS members at our December meeting, the children had hot chocolate and a snack, while Jan Cerabona read them a story. Thank you to everyone and especially **Cassie** and **York Woods Tree & Products** of Eliot, once again, for this year's donated tree and **Aroma Joe's** for the hot chocolate!

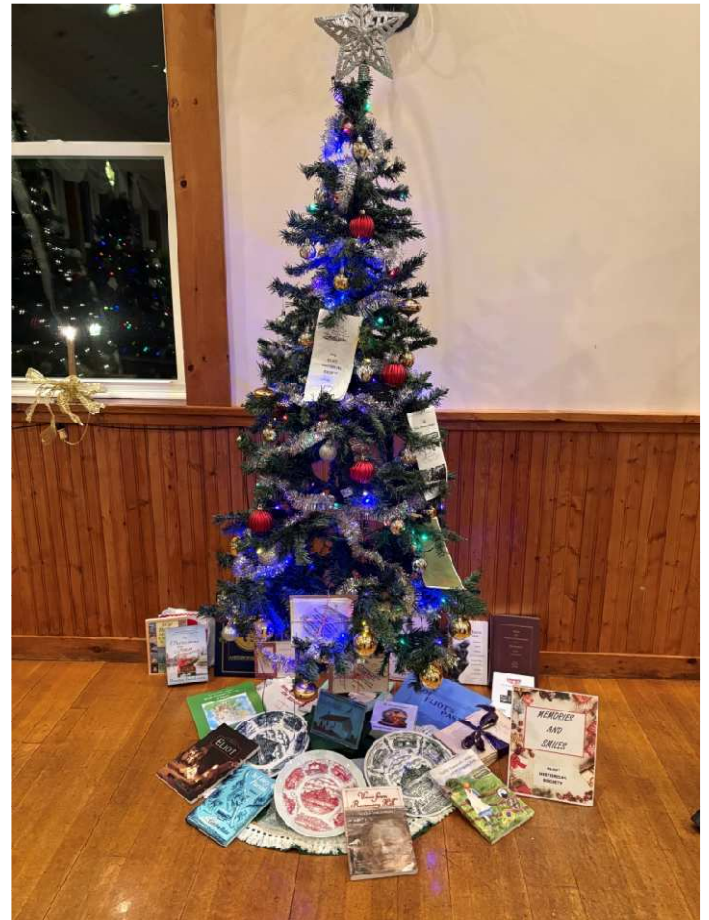


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At Marshwood Education

Foundation's *Merry Tree Fest*

December 10-13, at Spring Hill in South Berwick, Eliot Historical Society contributed a tree with gifts using the theme "Memories and Smiles". Jan and Rosanne chose a selection of EHS publications and books related to Maine and area history, our schoolhouse restoration, genealogy and Eliot Bicentennial CDs, and commemorative plates along with informational brochures on our society and cemetery program.



Member **Margaret Morse**, who recently moved to Rhode Island to be closer to her family, has donated some items to our collection. They include some farm tools, an oxen yoke, an old peavey or cant hook, used for moving logs by hand, and a wooden hand cart that came from the old Langley Farm on Bolt Hill.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Keith Searles. Keith and his wife Toni have been long-time members and supporters of our organization. His wake will be held Thursday, January 8th, 4-6pm at the J.S. Pelkey Funeral Home in Kittery. Funeral will be held on January 9th, 1 pm, at the Living Waters United Methodist Church in Eliot, with a reception to follow.