

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

Upcoming meetings – October 12 & November 9 @ 6:30PM at McPherson Hall, First Congregational Church, 1361 State Road.

October 12th Program - “SHARING MEMORIES Join us as members share their memories of the places & people of Eliot, focusing along State Road (but all memories are welcome!). Come and or just sit and listen.

November 9th Program – Our Veteran’s Day program will honor Military working dogs and the role they played in service to our country. **Vietnam Veteran Michael Quinlivan** will speak with us on a subject very close to his heart.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2034163951?pwd=0CyJcarpTkIwWkDBbBODxWCI2biFNe.1>

Well, sad, but true, summer is coming to a close and fall is upon us. If anyone is interested in getting together for brunch at the A&B Diner in Eliot please let either Rosanne (207-752-0174) or Jan (207-450-6874) know, along with the day in October or November that you are available, and we’ll put something together. You can also email us at info@eliothistoricalsociety.org,

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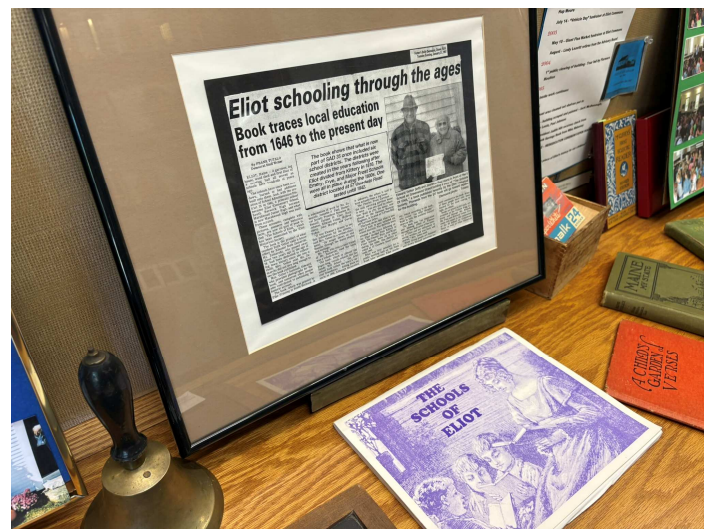


Our **Eliot Elementary School** display, for the start of school, celebrates the #8 Schoolhouse Museum’s 30th birthday under the care of the Historical Society. We looked at 3 “phases” – 1. The Restoration (1996-2006) , 2. Visits by schoolchildren (2007 to present) and 3. The various open houses, special events, talks, and activities that have taken place there over the years. The students are really enjoying the display and asking great questions.

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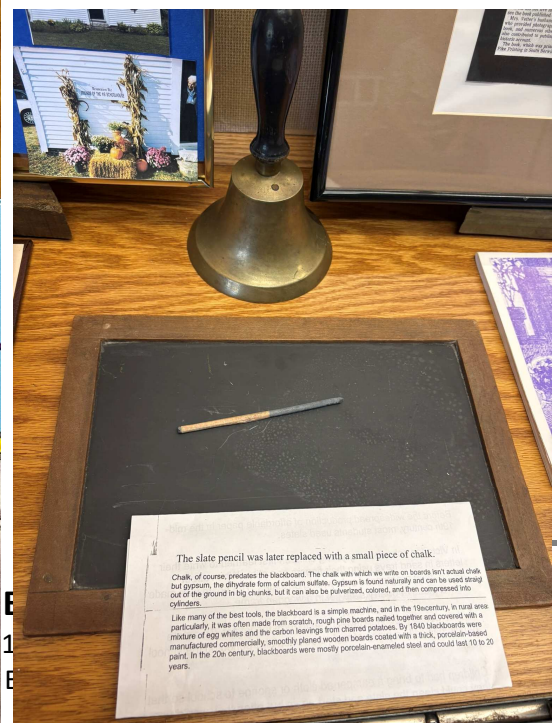
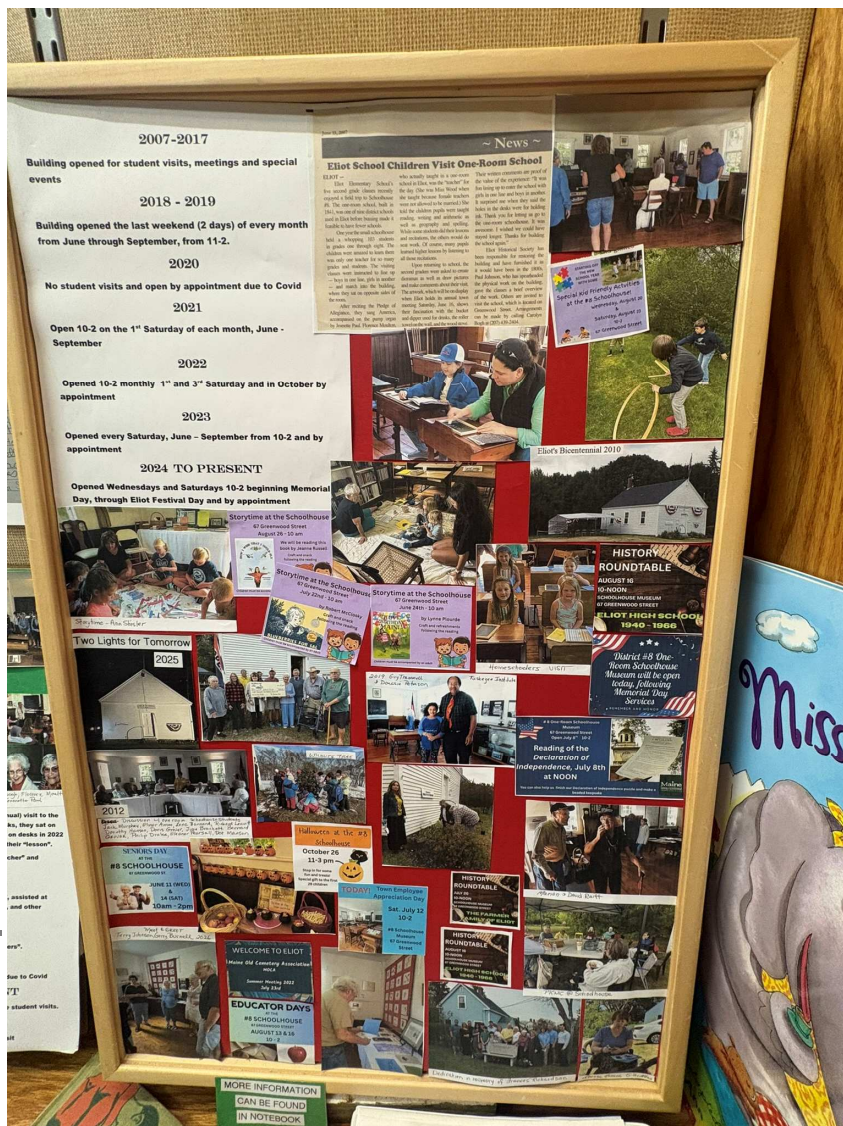
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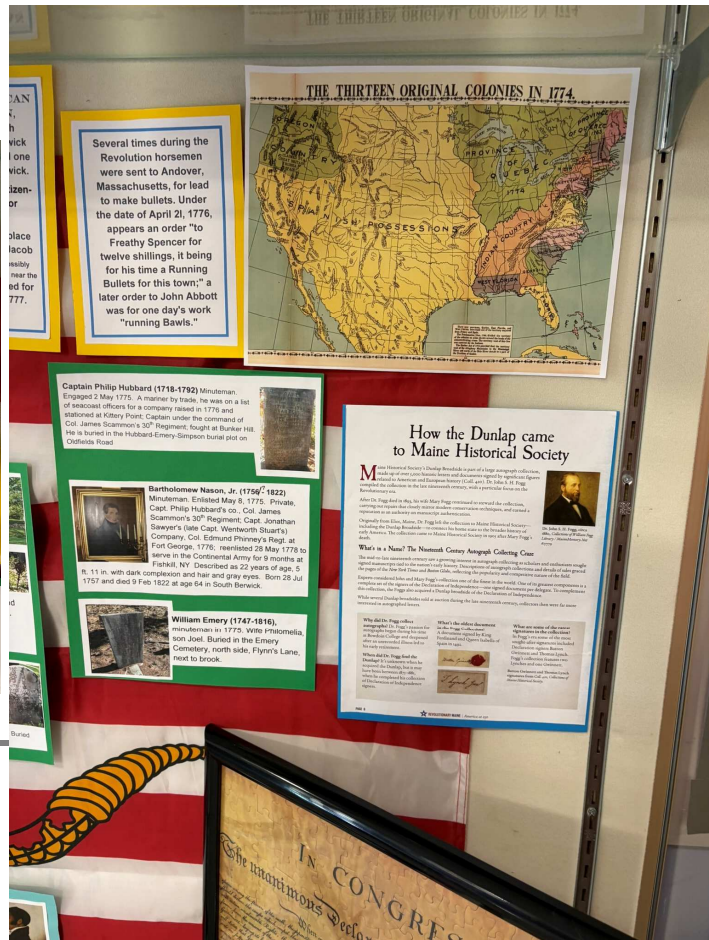
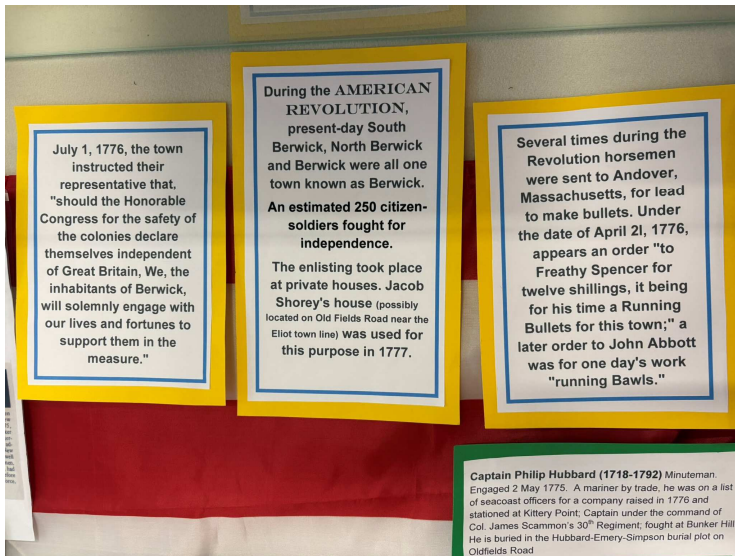
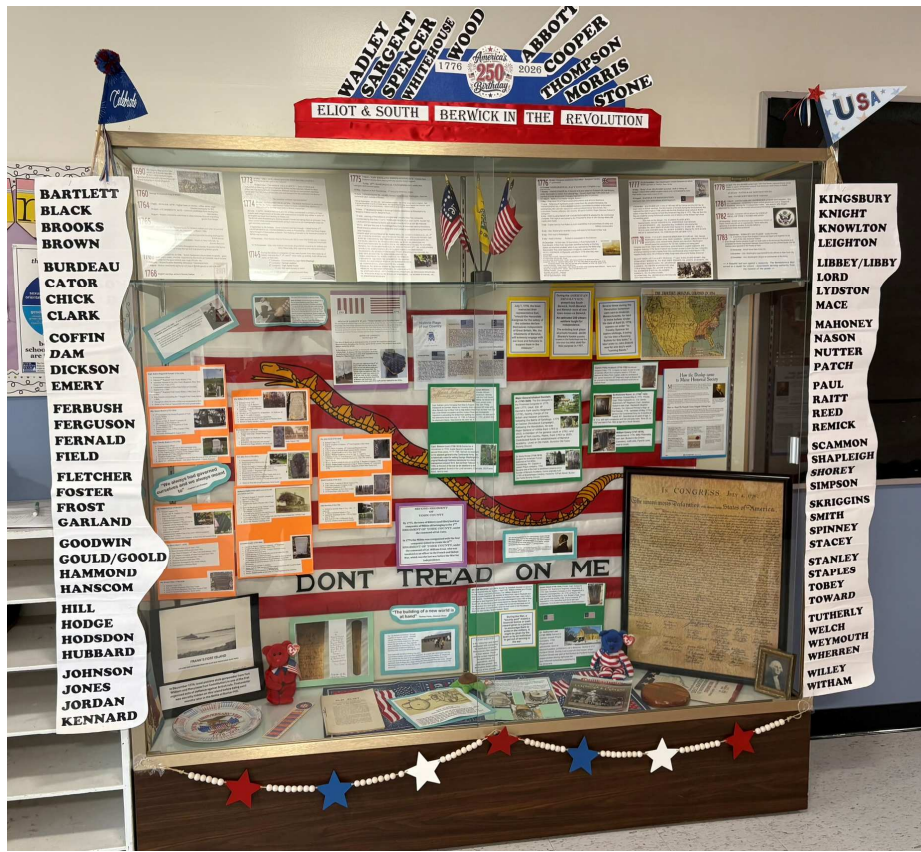


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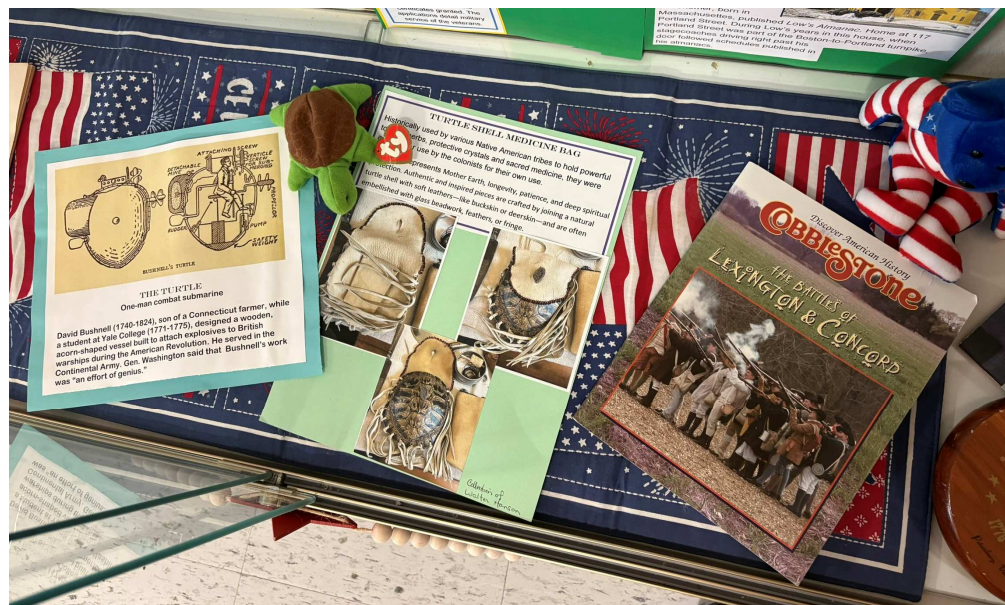
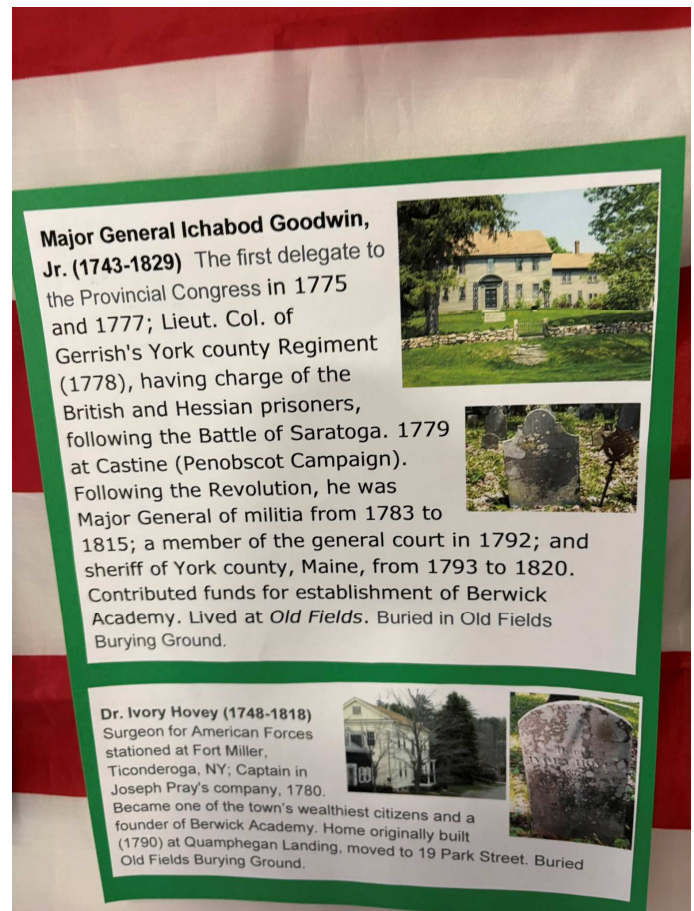
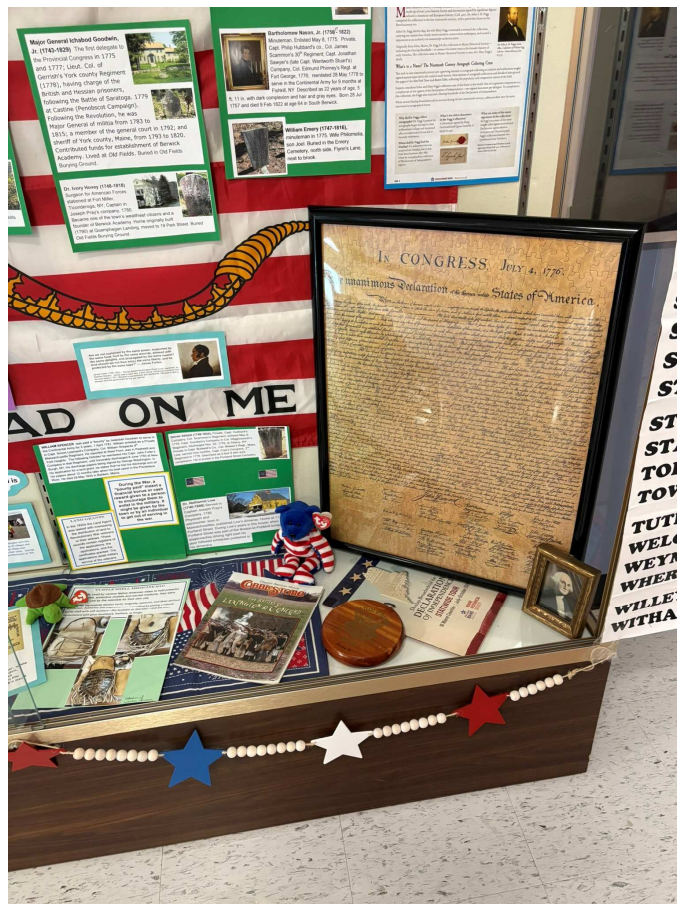
At the **Jerry Burnell Great Works School** in South Berwick the students and staff were greeted with a display honoring South Berwick & Eliot's role in the Revolutionary War, as part of our Celebration of Americans 250th birthday!

Thank you to **Old Berwick Historical Society, Rick Becker** and his Facebook group - **Old Time Memories of South Berwick**, and Revolutionary War re-enactor **Walter Hanson** for their contributions.

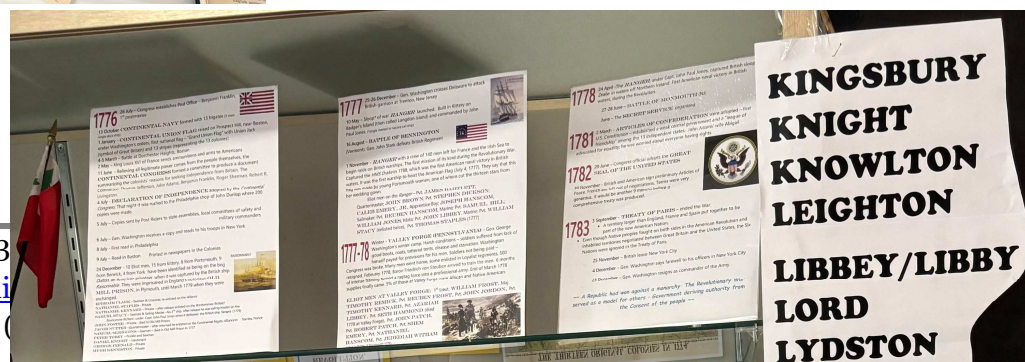
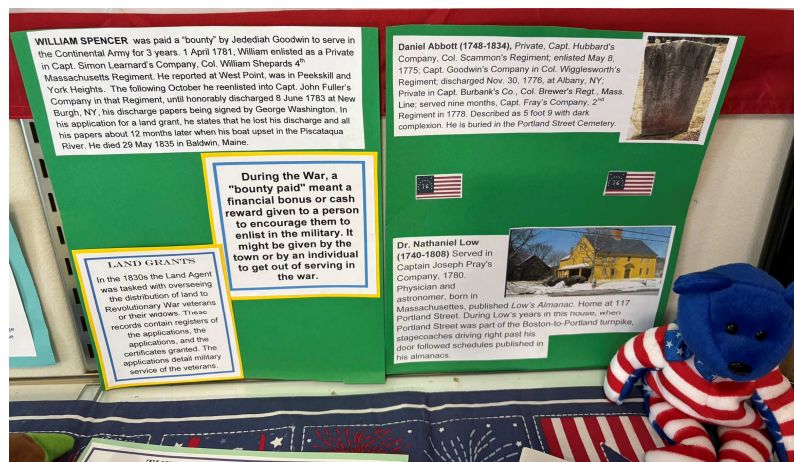
A special shout out to **Kennebunk Savings Bank** for their grant which has allowed us to do the many displays and activities both in the school and elsewhere during this 250th celebration.



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We had a very nice visitor to our #8 Schoolhouse Museum this month. Robert Frost stopped by. We had thought he might be coming to read some poetry but, instead, came with an offer to take care Ambush Rock and marker on Goodwin Road. Here you can see the wonderful job that he did cleaning it up! Thank you Bob!

At our #8 One-Room Schoolhouse Museum, in August, celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, member **Walter Hanson**, a Revolutionary War re-enactor, stopped by and shared some of his collection of period items (replicas). While there, Deb Cram, came and interviewed him and took some great pictures and videos for the Seacoast Media Group. Asking very interesting questions, Walter explained, not only about the items, but his research and how he got interested in re-enacting.



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Our story times, talks and building openings brought in people just “passing through” or running by, people looking for something to do, and those who always wanted to come in but just hadn’t found the time – until now. We always have interesting talks with everyone who comes through the door and, at times there is a lull, we get a chance to talk and make our plans for the next part of the year. Eliot musician, **Larry Hosack**, who played for our August 8th open house, has been back to play for us this summer. We thank him for spending time with us and sharing his music. Hope to see him next season at the schoolhouse. Here are some more pictures from 2026.

