

This watercolor view of the village hangs in the FIHS headquarters.



Annual Autumn Outing

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Let's visit Francestown!

(see the back page for more information)

IT'S TIME for our Autumn Outing again! This year we're headed to Francestown. Our host will be the **Francestown Improvement & Historical Society (FIHS)** which has its headquarters and Historical Rooms right across the street from the **Old Meetinghouse, 1801**. **Charlie Pyle**, president of the Society, will coordinate our visit. All but one of the sites we'll be seeing are a stone's throw from where we'll be congregating—opposite the **Horsesheds**. Besides the Meetinghouse, we'll see the **Town Hall** (former Francestown Academy, 1847), the **'Beehive,' 1846** (once a dormitory for the Academy and now owned by the FIHS which is raising money for its restoration after which it will be the Society's new home), the **Fairbank Scales**, and probably the most interesting for us, the **Thulander Heritage Museum**, a.k.a. the Vehicular Museum. This structure was fashioned by the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department from a barn frame brought from Weare and within is a selection of vehicles—an 1845 Concord coach, an 1850 fire department hand pumper and hose wagon, summer & winter hearses, and much more, all presented exceedingly well and a pleasure to view. Up Main Street is the former **Pacific Masonic Lodge**, now owned by the FIHS and it is here where we'll end our village tour with light refreshments. Please join us once again for our Annual Autumn Outing! 🍂

COME to the **Jaffrey Civic Center** at **1 pm** when we'll congregate, arrange some carpooling, and head on our way to Francestown. Or go on your own, arriving by the Horsesheds in the center of Francestown at around 1:45 pm. And for those who want to have a nice dinner, we'll end up at **The Toll Booth Tavern** (be sure to RSVP). Details above and on the back page. 🍂

News of your Society

GREETINGS TO ALL,

THE SOCIETY'S Annual Meeting on August 13th was very well attended, certainly not for the annual meeting part of it but for the excellent and illuminating talk by **Mark Cournoyer** on the four generations and the hundred years of the Cournoyer Funeral Home. The accompanying exhibit in the display cases focused on the 'Once and Future Park Theatre.' New Directors elected include **Bruce Hill** and **Fran McBride**. Replacing Fran as Recording Secretary is **Charlie Turcotte**.

A 'charrette' was held on Sunday, August 23rd, by the Horsesheds in Jaffrey Center to discuss the Society's proposal to build a **Hearse House** to accommodate our two historic hearses. Useful opinion was expressed which your Officers & Directors carefully considered when they met on the site on September 10th. After substantial discussion the 19 present overwhelmingly settled on a proposal which will be presented to the membership at a special meeting on October 8th. See further information in the insert to this newsletter. Also see <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/hearse.htm>

Our **Dean Murder Project** is still mostly in the information-gathering stage as it looks ahead to 2018, the centenary of this unsolved Jaffrey crime. The Dean Murder Research Group is scheduled to meet again on November 13th and before adjourning will pay a visit to the Dean Farm. See <http://www.rs41.org/jhs/dean.htm>

We've now exceeded 100 'Likes' on the Society's **Facebook** page. Have a look at <http://www.facebook.com/JaffreyHS>

Among our newest acquisitions is the painting shown below, a scene of downtown Jaffrey after a snow storm. Donated by brothers **Peter & Michael Elliston**, it's by the Dublin Art Colonist **Gouri Ivanov-Rinov** and is dated 1946. The painting now hangs in the Civic Center. Stop in and admire it over our new display cabinet.

I hope to see many of you on October 18th when we travel to Frankestown on our **Annual Autumn Outing**. (PLEASE REMEMBER TO **RSVP** TO ME IF YOU'RE JOINING US FOR DINNER AT THE **TOLL BOOTH TAVERN**. SEE BACK PAGE.)

Rob Stephenson, *President*



See above to learn more about this painting.



Mark Cournoyer at the Annual Meeting speaking on the hundred years of the Cournoyer Funeral Home.



The Society's table on the front patio of the Civic Center at the annual **Riverfest** on July 25th.



August is the month the Society mounts an exhibit in the Civic Center's display cases. This year the focus was the "Once and Future Park Theatre." **Peggy Ueda** did the planning and arrangement.



A view from the Old Burying Ground looking south with the Meetinghouse on the left and the tubular steel mock-up of the proposed Hearse House at center right. (It was moved to the west 15 feet following the Charrette on August 23rd.)

Little Red Schoolhouse

Jackie Johnson, *Chair*

THANKS to all of those who served as docents this past season at the Little Red Schoolhouse: **Dick Boutwell, Sandy & Bob Chamberlain, Helen & Archie Coll, Jackie Johnson, Sandy Kallman, Marcie Manning, Emily Preston, Kent Royce, Paul St. Pierre, Ann & Pete Sawyer, Betty Shea, Rachel Soney and Debbie Stewart.**

Some reasonably serious decay was recently discovered in the Schoolhouse and **Andy Webber** has just completed repairs. Next up is **Dennis Wright** who will paint the outside either later this fall or next year. 🍷

collection of early and mid 20th century Cutter family photos and some older images of Jaffrey scenes, a welcomed addition to our Archives. And in August a major gift came the Society's way when a painting by **Gouri Ivanov-Rinov** depicting downtown Jaffrey in the winter of 1946—see the image on the opposite page—was donated by **Peter and Michael Elliston**, the sons of the original owner, Joanne Kane, a friend of the artist. (He was a member of the Dublin Art Colony. See <http://www.monadnockart.org/index.php/artists-past/gouri-ivanov-rinov>)

(The Society accepts any Jaffrey-related items that it does not already possess and that can be stored in one of our three basement rooms.) 🍷

Acquisitions & Accessions

Dick Boutwell, *Chair*

WANDA WELCH of Conyers, Georgia, sent the Society a small

Membership

Marcie Manning, *Chair*

WE WELCOME the following new members: **Amy Knight** and **David B. Halfpenny.** 🍷

Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Rob Stephenson • *Vice Presidents:* Joe Manning & Betty Shea • *Treasurer:* Kent Royce
Corresponding Secretary: vacant • *Recording Secretary:* Charles Turcotte • *Accessions:* Dick Boutwell
Exhibits: Helen Coll • *Genealogist:* Paul St. Pierre • *Hospitality:* Pam Royce • *Little Red Schoolhouse:* Jackie Johnson
Membership: Marcie Manning • *Monadnock No. 4:* Bill Driscoll & Dave Kemp • *Publicity:* vacant

Directors

<u>2013-2016</u>	<u>2014-2017</u>	<u>2015-2018</u>
Jackie Johnson	Peter Sawyer	Archie Coll
Susan Leach	Diane Schaumann	Bruce Hill
Fran McBride	Peggy Ueda	Emily Preston
Jereme Underwood	Dennis Wright	Dan Shattuck

Past Presidents

Mark Bean • Dick Boutwell • Helen Coll • Bill Driscoll • Owen Houghton
 Dave Kemp • Marcie Manning • Kent Royce

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Mark Bean • Betty Royce • Harvey Sawyer

Upcoming Programs

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10: Annual Christmas Party jointly with the Civic Center. **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016:** Potluck & Program. **THURSDAY APRIL 14:** Scott Edwards of Scott's Clocks. **SUNDAY JUNE ?:** Conant Cemetery Tour. **THURSDAY AUGUST 11:** Annual Meeting. **SUNDAY OCTOBER 16:** Annual Autumn Outing, Destination TBD.



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The headquarters of our hosts, the **Francestown Improvement & Historical Society (FIHS)**. There's a small though quite captivating local history collection inside.

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The **Francestown Heritage Museum** highlights a variety of historical vehicles including a Concord coach restored by Jaffrey's own Lee Sawyer.

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The former **Pacific Masonic Lodge** on Main Street—now owned by the FIHS—is where we'll stop for some light refreshment at the end of our visit.

Francestown Improvement & Historical Society

THOSE who wish to carpool or go in convoy, meet at the Civic Center for a 1 pm departure. We'll park and congregate opposite the Horsesheds in the center of Francestown. It is 20 miles from Jaffrey, just over half an hour's drive. This should set our arrival in Francestown at about 1:45.

<http://www.francestownhistory.info>



Crotched Mountain Golf Club

ALL are invited to repair to **The Toll Booth Tavern** for an early dinner. It's at the Crotched Mountain Golf Club, 740 Second NH Turnpike North, about 4 miles from the center of Francestown, off of Route 47 (Main Street). You'll take care of your own food and drink tab and be able to order off the menu. Consult the Club's website to see the choices.

Please **RSVP** to Rob: jhs@rs41.org
<http://www.crotchedmountaingolfclub.com>