

The stained glass ocular window in the dome of Wilton's Public & Gregg Free Library.



Annual Autumn Outing

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Wilton, New Hampshire

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AUTUMN is fast approaching which means we'll soon be headed off on the Society's ANNUAL AUTUMN OUTING. Wilton is our destination this year and our host will be the **Wilton Historical Society** which has its headquarters in the architecturally grand **Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library**. **David Potter**, president of the Society, and his colleagues will welcome us to the Society's Historical Rooms on the top floor. You'll be taken by their very interesting collections including some items that you won't likely find anywhere else. (You can see some photos on the back page.) ¶ We'll end our visit with some refreshments provided by the Society, then we'll travel north to **Frye's Measure Mill**, "Colonial & Shaker Boxmakers since 1858." We're hoping for a demonstration of how this mill has worked for many years turning out wood items. And they still do. You might find a gift or two to take home. ¶ We'll next wend our way to Wilton Center, the original settlement of Wilton and now a pleasant, largely residential village. It was here that the great Meetinghouse Disaster occurred in 1773—killing five and injuring 48. The Meetinghouse got built in the end but burned to the ground in 1859. (There's a model of it in the Historical Rooms.) It stood next to its successor, the First Unitarian Congregational Society Church.

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 Wilton. Or go on your own, arriving at the rear entrance to the Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library in Wilton (Gregg Street) at around 1:45 pm. ☺



Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library

WILTON'S library is an architectural gem, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It's address is 7 Forest Road which the front faces on; but we'll be going in the back door (pictured on the left) which is accessed from Gregg Street.

The neo-classical building was designed by the Boston firm of McLean & Wright and opened in 1907. The entire cost, over \$100,000, was donated by David Gregg of Nashua, a summer resident of Wilton.

The Rotunda is a particularly impressive space. The photograph on the front page is what one sees looking up.

The Historical Rooms take up the top floor. Its two display rooms are pictured below. 🏠



Frye's Measure Mill

LYING just under three miles from downtown Wilton is the Measure Mill, not surprisingly located at Frye Mill Road. Like the library it's listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "Some of the Mill's first products—including round and oval pantry boxes, measures, and piggins—are still being produced on much of the original water powered machinery. Examples of Frye's oldest woodenware can be found in museums throughout the country."

See www.fryesmeasuremill.com