Annual Autumn Outing
Sunday, September 29, 2013
We’re off to Worcester!

This year we’re off to Worcester, Massachusetts. Why Worcester, you might ask? There’s a lot to see and do there but in this instance we are visiting the Higgins Armory Museum before it closes forever at the end of the year. Don’t miss what could be your last opportunity to view this world-class collection of some 3,000 examples of arms and armor dating from medieval times to the present day set in a purpose-built five-story art-deco building erected in 1929 by John Woodman Higgins, a prominent Worcester industrialist. This distinctive building “was one of the first all steel and glass curtain-wall structures built in America; it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Inside the Museum’s Great Hall, high ceilings and gothic arches are reminiscent of a medieval castle and offer a powerful setting for the museum’s collection.” Learn more at http://www.higgins.org

We’ll plan to arrive at the Museum by 2:15. There will be a presentation at 2:30 then we’ll be on our own until closing time at 4 pm (gift shop open to 4:30 pm in case you want to buy full body armor). Reservations are necessary. The cost will be $5 per person (the Society will pick up the remaining $2 of the $7 group rate). You can pay on the day itself or mail a check to the Jaffrey Historical Society, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452. In any event, let us know if you plan to come. (See further details on the back page.)

・ On the way home, for those who are interested, we will stop in Westminster, Massachusetts, to enjoy an early dinner at the The Old Mill restaurant. We’ll be able to order off the menu, partake of our favorite beverages and receive separate checks. The place has a lot of charm and has been around since 1761. Learn more at http://www.1761oldmill.com

・ We will need to know ahead of time how many will be attending the dinner so please let Rob Stephenson know at 532-6066 or jhs@rs41.org by Monday the 23rd.

See further details and photographs on the back page. ☞
Those who wish to carpool or go in convoy, meet at the Civic Center for a 1 pm departure. The Higgins Armory Museum is somewhat complicated to get to though it’s visible from a distance. The address is 100 Barber Avenue which is north of the center of Worcester and east of I-190. The phone number is 508-853-6015. Here are the directions from the Museum’s website:

“Take I-190 South to Exit 1, Rt. 12 South. Take second left and then left again onto Gold Star Boulevard/Rt. 12 North. Follow Rt. 12 North for ¼ mile, Greendale Mall will be on the right. Stay in right lane over the railroad bridge. Take first right after bridge onto Barber Avenue (no street sign). Travel less than ¼ mile straight ahead to the Museum, a four-story glass and steel building with pennants and a knight on the roof.”

Those who are stopping at The Old Mill for an early dinner following the Museum visit, should drive north on I-190 and take Exit 5 onto Route 140 north. Pass under Route 2 (at which point the road becomes Route 2A) and a few hundred feet further on you will find The Old Mill on the right.