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.
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 Francestown 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
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**


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. ❦

**Acquisitions & Accessions**
Dick Boutwell, **Chair**

Wanda Welch of Conyers, Georgia, sent the Society a small 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.monomnockart.org/index.php/artists-past/gouri-ivanov-rinov](http://www.monomnockart.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.) ❦

**Membership**
Marcie Manning, **Chair**

We welcome the following new members: Amy Knight and David B. Halfpenny. ❦

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**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**

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

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**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 28:** Conant Cemetery Tour. **Thursday August 11:** Annual Meeting. **Sunday October 16:** Annual Autumn Outing, Destination TBD.
The headquarters of our hosts, the Francestown Improvement & Historical Society (FIHS). There’s a small though quite captivating local history collection inside.

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

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.

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

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