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PLEASE NOTE:

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
AT 6:00 PM AT THE BARN IN HOPKINTON

Greetings,

Well, August has been a super busy month for the Abbot-Downing Historical Society. A dedicated group worked on updating the barn interior with new walls to create display areas for the blacksmith shop, the woodworking shop and for Maria Putnam's work area. New lights were installed in the center aisle and a whole new gift shop was created. The results are spectacular!!

On August 18th and 19th, we took the coach to Hillsborough for the Living History event. Two presentations were made in the community building and the coach was on display on the church lawn. We sold raffle tickets and items from the gift shop. There were many interested people who came and asked lots of questions.

The next Sunday, August 26th, we took the coach to Concord for the ribbon cutting at the new Abbot-Downing School. We were instrumental in convincing the School Board to choose this name and have been following its construction as it progressed. For this special occasion, Brian Erickson brought two of his fine matched black horses to pull our coach. Riding inside were Concord's Mayor, the Chairman of the School Board, and the Superintendent of the Concord School District. They were delivered to the front of the school where a large crowd awaited their arrival. They then proceeded up the stairs for the ribbon cutting.

And then came the fair! Many of our members helped in setting up the barn and the other displays as well as manning the barn and gift shop for the five days of the fair. The changes that have been made were appreciated by the many, many people who came through. The traffic pattern that resulted from the changes has more people stopping to view the displays and to take the time to read the explanations. This was gratifying to those who worked so hard doing the construction and setup.

All of this activity helps us to fulfill our mission of educating the public on Abbot & Downing and their role in our history.

If you want to participate in the raffle, contact, Peter James at 603 863-7330 and he will get you tickets for the items that you are interested in. See the photograph on the back for the items.

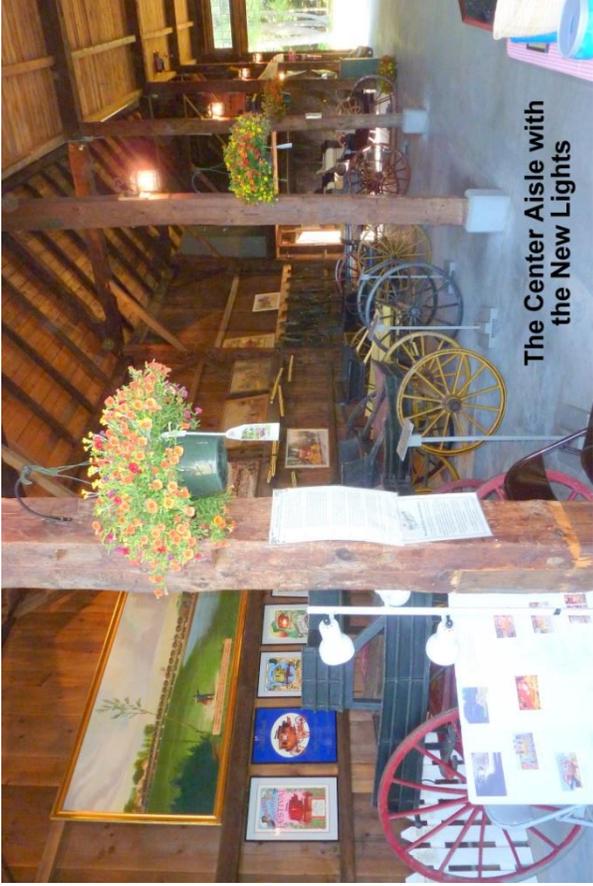
The meeting will start with a quick work session covering up the wagons and carriages with Tyvek to protect them for the winter.



Maria Putham's Work Area



The Raffle Table



The Center Aisle with the New Lights



The New Gift Shop