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April Meeting Notice

The April Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 20th at 6:00 pm. The location is Johnny Prescott Oil Co., 122 Airport Road in Concord.

Items to be discussed include the report of the nominating committee, progress by the Education Committee with the school curriculum, and coming events.



The Thirty Coaches Painting

Many of you are familiar with the painting by John Burgum of the train leaving Concord in April 1868 with Wells Fargo's order of 30 coaches. What you may not have seen is the photograph from which John Burgum painted the scene shown here below Burgum's painting.

The original of the painting is in the collection of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Education Committee Making Great Progress

The Education committee is pleased to announce that the plan to involve third and fourth graders in the Abbot-Downing Historical Society has begun. The committee made twenty trunks complete with leather handles and brass name plates, and filled them with activities like: bingo, a game board, vocabulary cards, a scavenger hunt, lots of interesting facts, pictures for bulletin boards, even a drawing of a coach for the students to label the parts of a coach. There are also membership cards and stickers. On April 3, 2017 each participating class received a trunk and there will be a trunk available at the next meeting for you to look at. Be sure to come to the next meeting and check out all the fun things our students will be learning. There will be a trunk on display at the barn for the Hopkinton Fair. We hope other teachers will be interested in joining us as we celebrate an important part of N.H. History.

Cynthia Maimone and Cathy Furlong



The "Trunks" with the complete kit for each classroom. Each trunk contains everything that the teacher will need to do a lesson on Abbot and Downing and the importance of the Concord Coach in American and world history.

Summer is Coming!

After a long and snowy winter, spring is finally here and summer is on its way. The Society has several activities and projects planned and we hope that many of you will participate. We have had some coach displays requested and there are some upkeep projects at the barn that need to be done. There is a job for everyone and we look forward to having you join us in these activities. Come and be part of the fun!

On another note, in future newsletters, there will be more articles by some new authors. This is exciting and we hope that it will encourage others to sit and put together something for the newsletter, too. You do not need to be a professional writer to add to the newsletter.