

# Narragansett Historical Society

## On the Common in Templeton MA

### April 2018

Cabin Fever 2018 was held in February on a sunny day in the 60's, hardly what you would expect, and if we knew better, we should have had it this week, where it's snowing, sleet, and in the 20's.

A record breaking day with 20 collectors showing 25 different collections filling the Legion hall in Baldwinville.



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# \*\*\*\*Officers and Directors\*\*\*\*

We are truly growing, events are planned, projects in the works, and investments in the future are in place. The strain of each is weighing on our Board of Governors and with elections coming in May, we need a few good people to stand with us.

**Directors** willing to help during our events, organizing them, and putting all the pieces together are needed. We have a few vacancies and they should be filled. Nominate or volunteer for our committee to review and select. If you volunteer, you should bring to the table ideas and plans to implement them. **Your name will not be placed on the Directors position just to fill the blank.** Ideas are great and appreciated, but plans are also needed to make less work for those already burdened with the current tasks.

**Secretary:** We have a great recording secretary who takes minutes better than any I've seen. We need a second if you will, to help with filing, Facebook, email, newsletters, and work closely with the President on many aspects of the position.

**Vice President:** We may not find one this season, but this position should go to an active volunteer already in a position who stands out from the rest, works on many projects, and shows leadership during our events. I know you are out there, it's just taking the next step. Who wouldn't want to be involved with such a dynamic organization leading the Society in a great community like ours.

**Treasurer:** Due to work and personal reasons, our Treasurer is stepping down as of May 2018. We only send out 8 to 10 checks a month, and a monthly report at our meetings.

Your commitment is validated when you see so many thankful townspeople enjoying our Museum, our community events, and our display of history of the four precincts.

## Gift DONATIONS

**The Society is proposing anyone interested in donating items to the Society in the future consider having it in Archival Condition. This will better preserve the item for future years**

<b>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</b>		
<b>YES!</b> I would like to make a donation to the <b>Narragansett Historical Society</b> I/We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____.		
Name_____		
Address_____		
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<i>Thank You</i>		
Narragansett Historical Society and send to PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.		
Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.		

# Golf Tournament

## The 18th annual Templeton Lion's Club Golf Tournament is slated for June 16th 2018 Templewood Golf Course 160 Brooks Rd Templeton MA

This year, the Lion's have offered to hold this benefit for the Narragansett Historical Society. Specifically helping to complete the Hadley Document room in the Grange hall.

For more information, call Linda Columbus 978-939-1095

\$100.00 per golfer, golf, cart, breakfast, dinner, prizes, & hole in 1 prize.

Thank you to the Lion's club for considering us in your fundraising efforts

## Community Service

A group of boys and girls from the Narragansett Spring Track 2018 team showed up in full force to help us out with some of our spring cleanup duties.

Headed up by Director Amy Guthrie, Coach Joe Dimucci, coach Christina Fredericksen, and Coach Rich Marion we had a dozen girls spend almost 2 hours inside the building last Tuesday night making it sparkle after a long winter.

Thank you to: Ashlin G, Sierra H, Olivia R, Ana F, Chloe C, Lauren C, Andrea P, Samantha G, Josie P, Madison A, & Taniel H. for all of your help in every room throughout the Museum.

On Saturday afternoon, the boys from the track team guided by Director Tom Hurd and coach Rich Marion, took down all of our falling and damaged fence sections most of which have been propped up by numerous sticks and boards over the past few years by our great neighbors George Couillard and Pam & Steve Skorko.

The list of the boys names who got the job done in an hour filling my trailer to about 6 feet tall x 16 feet long are: Jake L, Connor G, Dylan H, Hunter M, Alex S, Anthony C, Nico D, Brian O, Noah W, John W, Dylan C, Elijah H, Alex M, Assistant coach Joe Capps, & Coach Rich Marion.

**Thanks to all of the High School students for their help saving us hours and cleaning the place for the 2018 season.**





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### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION



Platinum	\$5,000.00
Gold	\$1,000.00
Silver	\$750.00
Bronze	\$500.00
Event	\$250.00

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# Cabin Fever 2018







## “A moment in time”

by: **Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian***

### SPRING IS HERE, SUGAR SEASON

Well we have made it through the worst of the winter and spring is here according to the calendar. The Maple trees have been tapped and by now most of the sap has been boiled down into syrup. Years ago when I was growing up, a few people in town tapped the Maple trees in their neighborhood. Roy and Roland Woodbury would tap the trees around their farm on Barre Road. I don't know where they boiled it down but I can remember, they put pails all around both farms.

We had a relative that lived in Surrey, NH that had a very large sugar orchard as they were called and we would go up there during the season and spend the day watching them run it. The sugar house had a large tank on the back of it that they would pump the sap into and let it slowly flow into the boiler to boil down. If there was snow on the ground, we would take some out of the boiler and pour it in the snow and make maple taffy. It was always a fun day when we went up there and we always came home with a gallon of maple syrup

When I was younger, we had a neighbor that would tap all the Maple trees in front of his house along the side of the road. I use to watch him tapping them. He made his own spouts which was a piece of wood with a hole drilled in it for the sap to flow through. He would then drill a hole into the tree and hammer the spout into the hole and hang a pail on the spout to catch the sap. After seeing this I went home with the idea of tapping some of our trees out back. I asked my dad and he helped me make the spouts. He let me use his hand drill and bit and I set out to start my new adventure. I used some of moms canning jars for pails. I tapped several fairly large trees out back and was ready to make maple syrup. Every day I would go out to collect the sap but I couldn't figure out why some of the jars were always empty, not even wet. I asked my dad why they were empty and he and mom started laughing. Then he explained that not all trees were maple. I had tapped a couple of big Ash trees. I never forgot that. I also never made much maple syrup as dad later explained to me, it takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup so when you see what the price of a quart of maple syrup is, you can understand why.



# President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



Rumor has it, spring is here! So, either I forgot to change the calendar, or Mother nature is playing a joke on us all. (pause) I had to run down to the building to add antifreeze in the toilet since we turned on the water for our Tuesday nights at the Museum. OK, I'm back...

April now marks the start of our season, not to forget the Cabin Fever show, which I must apologize for not covering in the March issue of our newsletter. Tuesday night at the Museum opened with a full house of helpers, as noted on page 3 along with a Saturday afternoon workout in the garden removing the old fencing.

Weekends have been busy with demolition and preparation of the Hadley/Storage room where Brian Drury, Tom Hurd and I have been taking down the old wall boards, insulation, and flooring. The wiring is going in as I type this letter. The snow/sleet/rain/& cold will delay the wiring for the heating / cooling system, but that won't delay the progress since it's outside, so we can now put up the new wall, and build up the floor to prepare for the insulation and sheetrock. Anyone interested in helping don't be shy, our volunteers have made it possible to jump start this project due to rising costs of construction and services. There simply was not enough funding to complete this job and we couldn't wait much longer to proceed. Thank you to our volunteers for their time and energy.

One thing leads to another is probably the most fitting phrase we have encountered in our daily assessment of both buildings. For years, we have been confronted with that age old saying and I don't see it letting up any time soon. We have hundreds of plans, ideas, and projects that need to be worked on and grant money is drying up or getting harder to obtain due to others in the same situation applying for the same money. So without grants and no large bequests being earmarked for the Historical Society, how do we get the funding to complete these plans?

We need to get serious about our schedule for 2018, a survey will be emailed out to ask if you are available for hosting the building on Saturday afternoon or during one of our many events, especially the craft fair where we are open for both days from 10-5. Please don't leave it up to someone else, that usually means the same people will be there all day, both days. We have enough members now to pick up that slack and give some of us a break. If you don't have email and can sit with us in the building to keep an eye on the place, please let us know. Stop by any Tuesday night or Saturday to sign up.

I hope you get a chance to stop by the building soon, if you are out of town or not mobile enough to navigate the trip, then I'll do my best to keep you up to date with our newsletters and with our Facebook group page (Templeton Museum (Narr Hist Society) ) Thanks for all of your kind words of support, they truly go a long way, more than you know.

**OFFICERS:**  
**President:** Brian Tanguay  
**Vice Pres.** Vacant  
**Secretary** Christine Stone  
**Treasurer** Debbie Caisse  
**Curator:** Brian Tanguay  
**Historian:** Harry Aldrich

**DIRECTORS:**

<b>3 year</b>	<b>2 year</b>	<b>1 year</b>
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 1188 members

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

**Located at 1 Boynton Rd. Templeton MA**

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.**



**Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised.**

**April 25th Home again in the Document room! Mark your calendars**

**May 23rd in the Document room**

**Thank you to the Templeton Senior Community Center for helping us print 45 copies of our newsletters each month for those without email accounts.**

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