

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA



February 2018
Cabin Fever



Scenes from past collectors shows

Please take some time, bring a friend, and enjoy the show

Feb 24th noon to 5

Thanks to the Baldwinville Legion Post 373 for having us!

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(Narr Hist Society)



More work and more help

Members are interested in helping out, some reach out on Facebook, others via email, and some will strike up a conversation on the street or in the store. Our document room, made possible with donations from the Hadley family, is taking shape. All insulation and wall boards are down, nails are removed and we are ready to for next step.



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

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

YES! I would like to make a donation to the
Narragansett Historical Society
I/We have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____.

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Thank You

Narragansett Historical Society and send to
PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

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NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS

**2018 CABIN FEVER
COLLECTORS
SHOW
FEBRUARY 24TH
12-5PM**

**SHOW
COLLECTORS**

CABIN FEVER



**\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR
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Bronze	\$500.00
Event	\$250.00

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Schedule 2018

Feb 24. noon to 5 Cabin Fever at the Baldwinville Legion

April 3. starts Tuesday night at the Museum 6-8pm continues all year

May 5. Begins our Saturday from 1-5 open hours. Sign up now.

June 23. First Tea in the Garden, details to follow

July 4. Reading of the Declaration at the First Church

Aug 18-19. Craft Fair on the Common. We open both days. Help needed

Aug 5. Go Fly A Kite day at Baptist Common Brooks field

Sept 22. MOTORPALOOZA 2018 on the common noon to 5

Our next meeting should button down these dates and more.

Lend a hand when you can.





“A moment in time”

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian*

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS-- part 2

Last month I talked about some of the pranks that some of the kids pulled but I don't want to make it sound like that was the norm. During this time of the year many of us would take snow shovels and head out trying to earn a few cents cleaning driveways and sidewalks for people. The winters were quite different than they are nowadays. Getting a foot of snow during a storm was the norm. We did not charge a lot in today's numbers. Maybe fifty cents or a dollar depending how long the walk or driveway was. You have to remember that back then; a dollar per hour in a shop was what many people received. If we got a few cents to buy candy or soda with we were satisfied. Most of the people that we shoveled for were elderly and couldn't afford much anyway.

Another way we earned money in the summer time was picking blueberries. One of the best places that we had to pick them was out in back of the historical society museum. It is pretty well filled in with trees and brush but back then there was an abundance of bushes out there. We would get a pail with a handle on it, (usually a peanut butter pail). We would take a piece of clothes line and tie it around our waist with the pail hanging in front and pick with two hands. Many times we had the quart sold before we had even picked them.

Another little business we would have was selling night crawlers for fishing. When it rained, we could be found picking night crawlers in front of the inn, on the common, or in front of the school. We could each fill a can in no time. We stored them in old wash tubs or some other type of container and sold them for a penny each. Of course we enjoyed fishing too so we used some of them.

The area where we went fishing is pretty well forgotten now. We would walk to East Templeton and fish out of what was known then as First Pond. It was in front of the old Edgewater Café. Where is that??? The café was the old power plant for the electric cars when they were running. The building is gone today. The area where we sat and fished is now a parking lot for the package store across from Hultala Oil Co. Much of the land has been filled in and the pond sits empty with brush growing in it. The dam was blown out years ago and never replaced. The town had taken land with plans to replace the dam and make a recreation area around the pond but never went any further than taking the land. I believe it was going to be state funded at the time. The pond was also a popular ice skating area. Mr. Lajoie on North Main St. used to have a small building on the shore of the pond. He would heat it and let the skaters use it to put their skates on.



President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



With Cabin Fever setting in, we are all getting anxious to get back to work. Our first event of the year will be on the 24th at the Baldwinville Legion. Our collectors 18 signed up at this moment all ready to get out and begin our 2018 schedule. Temperatures are finally rising to a point where we can continue our work in the Grange hall document room. We put in over 15 hours and then the cold set in. It was at least 20 below inside and we had to go outside into 8 degree weather to warm up. Forecasts of close to 70 during School vacation might bring out the determination in all of us to get things done.

I'm just receiving our February report from the Trustees stating our total portfolio has just exceeded \$50,000.00 in total investments, checking account, and our Fund at the Community Foundation. A truly heart warming goal indeed, one that gives us hope that we can continue this growth and see the light at the end of a very long tunnel. For those who are not up to speed, the goal of our administration is to build our fund or total portfolio to surpass \$100,000.00 creating a sustainable income that will pay us dividends equal to our annual bills. Leaving our fundraising and sponsorships to go directly into projects, preservation, and restoration of our artifacts, artwork, buildings, and document digitization. I can foresee in the near future where we will have computers, scanners, and flat screen monitors in our document room bringing in the digital age to store and preserve our treasures. Those "baby steps" I've spoken of, over the past 4 years, now appear to be giant steps as we look back.

We have created a great community of friends who gather together enjoying the time invested in creating events & presentations. I'm thankful for every member who answers the call to finish a project. Each one enjoying their time spent, knowing it was for a good, no great, cause. This summer will bring many opportunities for you to get your hands dirty, or simply spend a few hours in the building talking to visitors or taking them through the building to show off all the accomplishments of the recent past.

The forestry plan has obviously taken a hit with the unpredictable weather we have here in Templeton. We hope for a time this spring or summer for them to get in there and get the job done, otherwise, it looks like we could be waiting for winter again. Either way, it's money in the bank when it gets done. We can then plan our Chestnut tree planting for a sustainable forest that can generate income for decades to come.

The winter will soon pass through town as it always does, and the water will be turned back on in the building and we will soon fill the rooms with voices. It would be nice to hear your voice echo in the halls this season. Don't be shy, those of us who have taken the time to get to know what's inside, are now itching to share that knowledge with visitors, members, and friends. We plan on keeping the place open "free to the public", a proven victory for our Historical Society as you can tell by the reports from the Trustees, and the increase in our membership. People love a positive atmosphere with family values instilled in our events and our presentations. If you have an idea for us, come to a meeting or share it on Facebook, (did you notice we have a new "group page"?)

Search *Templeton Museum (Narr Hist Soc)* It's very interactive and many have contributed already. Email us anytime or walk to the center, drive if it's too far, open that huge front door and step inside.

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<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.

February 28th Senior Center Baldwinville 7pm

March 28th Senior Center Baldwinville 7pm

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