



# JULY 2014

## Craft Fair August 16 and 17

The annual Craft fair is coming August 16 and 17 and is the perfect time to put in some time at the building. We will have a full house of visitors and those of you who just joined can learn a lot in a short time. Hosting the building is fun and a great learning experience along with keeping the collection safe.

The building will be open all day from 10-5 during the event. Our traditional cookie and bread sale takes place which is a great success.

*Contact us at our email if you can work or bake.*

With your participation the day will be a success. See you all there.

## Cemetery Tour Sept 20th

Starting at 1pm at the First church and continuing each hour until 3 pm. Re-enactors will give a 15 minute speech throughout the cemetery. For more information contact Beth Arsenault. More details will be available by the end of this month.

## Engine Show Sept 27th

Our second annual Engine, car, truck and tractor show will be held on the common.

Food tent is going to be much larger this year with the help of Tom O'Brien of Crossroads in East Templeton. Karen Rich and Mary Grimes are in charge of the food.

The entire common will be filled with classic cars and engines. Vendors will be welcome and must register with us via our email.

A swap meet will be set up in the area in front of the fire station, only engine, car and truck related items can be sold. NO FLEA MARKET ITEMS will be allowed. A \$15.00 set up fee will be charged per section.

The main focus will be to create interest in our museum, it will be open all day to allow visitors to explore our great collections. Copy our email posters and post them up at work and at your favorite stores. We need your help to get the word out.



**The building is now open every Sat from 1-5**

**Meeting Time is 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each Month**

Check Us Out at: [www.narragansethistoricalsociety.org](http://www.narragansethistoricalsociety.org) and on FACEBOOK

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**Narragansett Historical Society**

## Help us fill our email list

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail, we need your help. We have reduced our cost of postage from \$90.00 to \$25.00. We have also cut down on printing costs as well. But we could do better. We are currently working towards 100% digital communication.

*You can help.* Send us an email with name, your current phone and email address so we can keep you up to date on all the great events and changes going on in your Historical Society.

Our address is listed on the bottom of every other page in this newsletter, simply send us your name and we will update our list. We have added over 100 emails to our list saving us hundreds each year.

Don't settle for the black and white version. Get yours in brilliant color today! Thank you.

## WGAW1340.com

Virginia Strahan has set up an interview style meeting with Steve Wendell, owner of WGAW1340.com Radio station in Gardner.

Each month on the 3rd Saturday at 1:15 pm a member of our Historical Society will talk live on the radio with Steve to discuss current events, future events, and stories from days gone by. This month will feature Kerry Bettez who will talk about our Tea tradition.

If you are interested in participating either through telling your story, or sharing it with us so we can tell your story contact Virginia through our email listed on the bottom of the page.

Stay tuned for many historic memories and an up to date conversation of things to come.

### Support your Museum

Donate needed funds to help pay the bills, or  
Check your closet for interesting artifacts to share with our visitors.

<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 _____			
City _____		State _____	Zip _____
THANK YOU			
Narragansett Historical Society and send to NHS, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.			
Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.			

# Winchendon Parade

**Our participation in the Winchendon Parade was full of excitement. Everyone loved seeing the car, bikes, and our vintage hand tub pulled by our own fire chief and two dedicated firefighters.**



## Finishing up the Room

**All that is left are the windows and shades. The room is ready for our summer hours and we already started the season with a full house. We must have seen over 30 visitors tour the building and most ended up attending the tea in our garden to kick off the season. Research was done finding missing links in family trees, discovering images of great grandfathers never before seen and having two of our high school students attend their first time hosting the building showing our visitors each room and at the same time, they learned so much about Templeton and it's rich past. See you on Saturday afternoon all summer long from 1-5pm.**



# 80th Anniversary with Eleanor and Anne

If you missed our 80th anniversary party, well let me tell you, it was a great event to attend. Our own Virginia Strahan took on the role of Eleanor Roosevelt and stayed in character all afternoon talking to guests, and taking hold of the pie server and offering our visitors a slice of pie. She even gave a spirited speech to our friends who all welcomed her as they would the real first lady.

Many gathered on the back lawn to talk about the time Eleanor stopped at the Chetwood inn back in 1941 and was offered a slice of pie, she enjoyed it so much that she took the recipe back to the White house and added it to the menu.

Sen. Anne Gobi showed up with two documents to present to the Society for their 80th celebration one from the House signed by Robert DeLeo, and the other from our Senator Stephen Brewer. It was a great surprise to have Anne visit our garden, she enjoyed a drink and a piece of pie. Thanks Anne for making the stop on your busy schedule.



## Gardner Museum

All summer long the Gardner Museum will host surrounding historical Society collections. We are well represented with the famous horseshoe showcases, all three are filled with a selection of our artifacts and books to showcase our fine collection to their visitors. Stop by when you have a few minutes to spare, you will certainly be pleased with their display. Thanks to our neighbors for giving us some much needed exposure.



# Member Profile Janet Haley

I am pretty much a life-long resident of Templeton, as I spent the first three months of my life in East Templeton, was raised in Gardner, and then returned to Templeton in 1985. My mother, Evelyn (Salvas) was raised as a foster child of Pearl and Orville Winch, who lived at the Barrett Farm on South Main Street. My father, James R. Aylward, Jr. grew up in Templeton, Otter River, Baldwinville, and Gardner. His father, James R. Aylward, Sr. was a foster child raised by Nellie Robbins on Baldwinville Road in Templeton (formerly South Main Street, Baldwinville) .

I was never interested in history until I met my husband, Jonathan Haley, who had a keen interest in all history, especially his family history. In 1985, we purchased his family home on Baldwinville Road, which brought him back to the very neighborhood, Baptist Common, from which his ancestry began. In 2000, we purchased his grandfather Robert Whitney's home, which began on one of Templeton's land grant lots and was originally owned by Benjamin Brown. Jon is the 7<sup>th</sup> generation owner of the property. His grandfather's first wife, Jon's grandmother, was Norma Brown, whose ancestors thru Benjamin Brown gave rise to several of Templeton's families. Starting out in what is now John and Doris Brooks' home were the families of Brooks, Henshaws, Whitney, Haleys, and Barnes.

I became involved in the Narragansett Historical in 1990, when Shirley Barnes, a second cousin to Jon, gave us a Lifetime membership to the Society as a wedding gift. I was most interested at the time in seeking out pictures and perusing genealogies of our families and began helping with teas and manning the building when needed. In 2006, I was elected President of the Society and held the position for 2 years until 2008. I continued as Director for the Society following that and am once, again, a Director and hope to help in any capacity that I am able for years to come.



## Great Volunteer help

It's exciting to see the activity buzzing around our great building. Garden work, weeding and mowing, painting rooms and windows, filing bricks with mortar to waterproof them, new displays being set up, shelving for our books, and now helpers in our garden for Saturday afternoon tea parties plus our building hosts. This has been the busiest year we have seen in a long time. Thanks to all of you who took time off from your busy lives to help in both big and small ways. All added up it amounts to a successful cooperative effort to create a Museum interesting enough to spend a Saturday afternoon.

People on the common have asked what was going on? They haven't seen that many people going in and out of the building in years. This is what we need to be a viable community driven Society. On behalf of the entire Historical Society,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

You are an inspiration to every member who reads this newsletter and to our community who is watching and joining us one by one, to make sure our building stays open and safe.

# One Ton Pellet Raffle

Thanks to Agway of Gardner who donated one ton of wood pellets for our raffle.

5 winning tickets will be drawn on December 7th after the Jack Frost Festival  
Each lucky winner will receive a Gift certificate to the Gardner Agway worth 10 forty pound bags of pellets

Call any Director for tickets.



Lisa and Al from Agway of Gardner

## School Volunteers

We have had the pleasure of two volunteers help us host the building this summer, one more is slated to attend. Such a positive gesture to have our young high school students finding our historical society an interesting place to spend a summer afternoon. The Rho Kappa Social studies honor society is going to be our starting point in finding the next generation of volunteers needed to continue our mission in preserving Templeton's rich history.

**Shirley and David Peabody getting a good look at the Tower clock at the Presentation last month. Shirley was responsible for alerting us about the clock, David was one of the caretakers when the clock was working. They enjoyed the show and were excited to see the clock in its new light.**



## Save the Date:

*July 26th, Aug. 2nd, and Aug 16th are our scheduled Teas in the Garden*

*August 16th and 17th Craft Fair on the Common*

*Sept 20, Cemetery Tour*

*Sept 27th 2nd annual Engine/Tractor/Car and Truck show*

*October 26th Pumpkin Festival*

*Dec 6 & 7 Christmas Tree Lighting/cookie Sale/ Jack Frost Festival*

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



Find us on Facebook—Search for **Narragansett Historical**. It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared also of around town. Take a look, add a comment, or ask us a question. Friends have been sending images to us and posting online. We fill out the history to go with the photograph and post it for your enjoyment. Sign up soon. **702 friends and counting!**

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

- July 23rd Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the Document room
- August 27th Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the Document room
- September 24th Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in the Document room

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