

Narragansett Historical Society



Events and Meetings for 2015

Summer / Fall

OPEN every **Tuesday night at the Museum from 6-8pm**

- July** 18th Saturday **BEATLES Garden Tea** from 2—4:30
22nd **Membership meeting 7pm Document room**
- Aug.** 15th and 16th **Craft Fair** bake sale, raffle, open house, free tours.:
NEW DATE:
22nd Saturday **MAD HATTER'S Tea from 2-4:30**
26th **Metal Detecting presentation in the garden 6pm With Erin Stevens**
Meeting to follow at 7pm in the Document room
30th **Go fly a kite day on Baldwinville Rd at the Brooks Farm**
- Sept.** 23rd **Meeting 4th Wednesday in the Document room**
26th **Engine Show** cars, engines, tractors, music and more
- Oct.** All Month display "Death becomes her" features mourning dresses, jewelry, and hair wreaths
28th **Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm in the Document room**
31st **Pumpkin Festival** watch for details
- Nov.** 18th **Meeting 3rd Wednesday in the Document room**
- Dec.** 6th **Jack Frost Festival Sunday** from 1-5 Parade at 4, tree lighting at 4:30. Bake sale, open house, wreath sale, raffle drawing.
16th **Meeting 3rd Wednesday in the Document room**

On the Common
Templeton MA

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These are our 2015 sponsors. If you would like to sponsor our efforts to save the Historical Society and preserve Templeton's past, contact us at the email on the bottom of the page.

Our sponsors make it possible for us to continue our mission to preserve the artifacts handed down through the generations and to restore the building where they are displayed for the public to enjoy.



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
NHS, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Downton Abbey

A British invasion of sorts filled the garden Saturday afternoon June 27th with volunteers and visitors all dressed the part of the famous series now in it's 7th season.



The household staff filled the food tent with the finest collection of sweets and savories to please the pallet.



The drink special was a green tea mojito along with lemonade and the traditional tea.



Visitors made the day arriving in groups all dressed to the nines in 1920 era clothing complete with hats and parasols.

Everyone enjoyed the perfect weather and one of the finest gardens on the common. Our own professional photographer Mike Therriault was on hand to take photographs as souvenirs to those in attendance. Printed on the spot by Harry Aldrich creating a great fundraising opportunity to help support the Society.



Everyone pulled together to make this afternoon a huge success. Thank you for your volunteer hours and for creating a fun way to spend the day at the Museum.

Visitors and members toured the building learning something new about our rich past.



This day could not have been planned better. Thank you Mary Grimes for creating this event.

Phillipston Historical Society Meeting June 30th

We opened our doors to the Phillipston Historical Society offering to them our document room to hold their June meeting. It was well attended and each member was pleased with our hospitality. Some have never been to our building before others may have visited but never got the nickel tour. Our members who frequent the Tuesday night at the Museum were on hand to answer questions and show our neighbors around the building.

We took a moment during their meeting to present the Phillipston Historical Society with two artifacts from our collection. It was discovered that in the early years, many artifacts that came from Phillipston were given to Templeton or Athol since Phillipston did not have a Museum. Now that they do, our directors and members unanimously voted to give them back. Our focus is to collect and document historic events and artifacts pertaining to Templeton, Surrounding Museums are following suit. We have traded several items with Gardner and we have received several from out of our area, Ashburnham and Nashua NH.

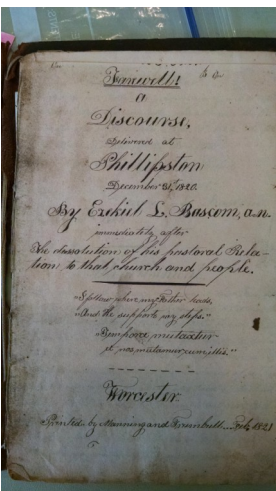
Quoted from the Phillipston Facebook page:

We met in the conference meeting room. Brian Tanguay, President of Narragansett, presented us with some artifacts that originally came from Phillipston. The first gift was a pair of cymbals used in the Phillipston band by members Hiram Dunton and John Roberts.



The second artifact is a book, "Farewell! A Discourse Delivered at Phillipston, Dec. 31, 1820, Immediately after the Dissolution of his Pastoral Relation to the Church and People" written by Ezekiel Lysander Bascom.

After the presentation, our members were given a guided tour of the Templeton artifacts housed in the building. We are thankful to the Narragansett Historical for the use of their building and the tour of the many artifacts they have. We look forward to inviting Narragansett to our next meeting.



Digital copies of the book will be printed and On display in our building for those interested in viewing this historic document.



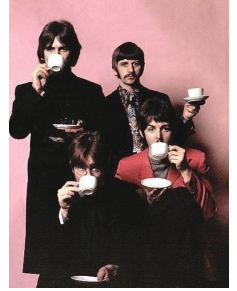
Beatles Tea in the Garden

July 18th from 2 to 4:30

Relax in our garden while listening to the sounds of the Beatles.

Hosted by: Arianna Winters

This is sure to be an enjoyable afternoon. The menu will please your pallet as you drift away the hours in the octopus' garden in the shade.

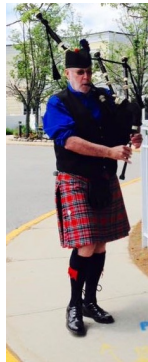


August 15 & 16 Craft Fair

The Templeton Craft Fair will fill the common again this year, as usual we will be open to the public for free tours. We are offering a bake sale as our main fundraiser so to all bakers out there, please let us know if you are planning on baking for us. Each year is better than the last, so we are hoping we will break records with this years two day event.

Bob Gillis has offered to attend Sunday afternoon and play the bag pipes for us, dressed in traditional Scottish kilt he is sure to bring some cheer to our afternoon. Any other bag pipe players are encourage to participate.

With the building being open, we will certainly need a few members to help keep the place safe. Volunteer to be a building host and monitor.



Go Fly a Kite day, August 30th

John and Doris Brooks have offered their field on Baldwinville Rd. Parking will be in the field with two entrances open. Bring your kite and be a part of our first try at flying 100 kites at the same time. Bring your camera. Fun begins at noon. Vendors will be on site to offer kites.

MOC will offer free kites to families in need.

There is no charge to attend this event. Hosted by the NHSociety.





“A moment in time”

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

LEAVING TOWN [part 2]

Continued from last month

After having the weekend to be home with my folks I returned to Base Boston and was about to get my first experience of sea life. I had never been on a ship before or seen what the ocean was like other than fishing on a party boat once.

Once the ship got underway, It took a few days to learn how to walk straight or get my sea legs as they called it. At first you are bumping against things and walking like you were drunk. When first reporting onboard a ship you are supposed to check what is called the Billet Board. This tells you where to report when a general quarters alarm is sounded . This could be anything from a fire to a man over board or any other emergency. My station was a loader in the 5 inch gun mount.

We were heading out on a weather patrol to a point known as Ocean Station Bravo which was noted for rough weather. On about the fourth day out the Captain sounded General Quarters and announced that President Kennedy at ordered a blockade around Cuba and that we were to arm our weapons and man them. This was at three o'clock in the morning. He explained that we were in the shipping lanes and if Russia was to do anything we would probably run into them. Needless to say, I was wondering what I had gotten myself into. We immediately started moving ammunition from the magazines below to the weapons and arming them. We started standing watch in the guns which meant 4 hours on and 4 hours off. There were a total of eight of us in the 5 inch gun and it got pretty stuffy in there. Shortly after we arrived on station this ended

Ocean Station, Brave proved to be pretty much as it was described to me by some of the crew members. It would be calm one day and the next day we would have waves 25 or 30 feet high beating us. We had to string what they called life line around the ship top side and you would hook or hold on to them if you had to go above deck. Otherwise you remained below.

I lived on this ship for two and a half years and got to see 50 foot wave and ice bergs ten time as big as the ship. I became a Boatswains Mate and learned to splice rope and sable, seamen ship, navigation and much more.

We escorted the cutter Eagle on a training cruise to Europe with stops in Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Madera, and Bermuda.

For my last year in the Coast Guard, I worked with the reserves as a Station Keeper . I worked with the Worcester and Cambridge units and worked on their summer training in Rockland, ME.

All I can say is that enlisting was not a bad thing. I went in a boy and came out a man.

Engine Show is coming



Spread the word, invite your friends who may enjoy an afternoon of motors, engines, cars, trucks, and tractors. Vendors Welcome. 10am to 4pm

Saturday September 26th on the Templeton Common.

Share this with other car clubs



President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



Summer time is here again, pool parties, kayaking in your favorite lake, or just sitting in your favorite hammock swinging in the breezy shade. Truly an enjoyable time here in New England who could blame us for spoiling ourselves after the winter we just went through and the one that's coming.

With these great weekends we also realize that we need to keep our Museum open every Saturday from 1-5. With so many new members, there has to be at least a few that could spare one of those glorious afternoons sharing their time with our visitors from out of town, many have waited all year to get inside to enjoy the many historic documents or artifacts in our vast collection. Some will sit in the store and tell interesting stories passed down from their parents or grandparents, others have lived through some interesting times and are proud to share them with us.

So far we can thank Tom, Harry, & Virginia for taking their precious time to host the building, we have projects to keep us busy if the place is quiet, but we truly enjoy new visitors as well as lifetime members who stop by to see what's changed. This is your building, your garden, and your collection. We encourage you to get involved especially with new ideas for displays, events, or projects.

The building is always open Tuesday nights from 6-8 for any reason you can think of. Sometimes we have delectable treats, other times we are so busy with questions asked by visitors, the time sure flies by when we are busy.

When you visit, please take a membership application home with you and pass it along to a friend. Every new member gives us that little push to keep up our commitment and dedication. Who knows, you may be the one to sign up our future President.

Remember that we are all volunteers, this is not our job so use kind words when you suggest something.

Mad Hatter's Tea August 22

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we moved the Mad Hatter's Tea party to August 22nd from 2 to 4:30.



Take a trip down the rabbit hole and see what Alice encountered. The Rabbit, the Cat, and the Mad Hatter will be on hand enjoying tea and lemonade in our garden. Keep an eye out for the Queen of hearts and who knows what else you will discover in our sunken garden.

Hosted by Ann Lyons and Jessie Duguay along with a cast of volunteers ready to make your afternoon an enjoyable one.



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Sign up soon.

985 friends and counting!

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



Meeting Notice:

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

July 22nd in the Document Room 7pm

August 26th Metal Detecting at 6pm, followed by meeting at 7pm

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