

Narragansett Historical Society

April
2016



May Day Basket event

April 30th 1-4pm

Otter River Sportsman's club 250 Lord Rd.

- ◆ Learn about May Day
- ◆ Create your own basket
- ◆ Participate in the May Pole ribbon dance.



\$5.00 donation per family at the door

On the Common
Templeton MA

2016 Building hours:

Tuesday nights 6-8 pm

This was a very successful night last year bringing in from 6 to 12 people, both members and visitors, to the building. Some doing research, others working on projects.

Stop by any Tuesday night throughout the year.

Saturdays 1-5 starting May 7th.



Check Us Out at: www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.org and on FACEBOOK

Sponsored by

These are our 2016 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.



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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 \$_____.

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.

Calendar 2016

Events being planned by the historical society during this year include:

May Day Celebration, Saturday, April 30; May baskets and May pole dance, Otter River Sportsman's Club.

Downton Abbey Revisited, Saturday, June 25; picnic and entertainment in the garden, Narragansett Historical Society.

Special patriotic program, Saturday, July 9, in conjunction with the 2rd Annual Mac N Cheese Festival hosted by the Friends of the Templeton Elders.

Go fly a kite! August 13 Saturday from noon to 5 * Rain date Sunday the 14th. Music, food, bubbles, kites.

4th Annual Vintage Car, Small Engine and Tractor Show, Saturday, Sept. 24, co-hosted by the Narragansett Historical Society and the Central Massachusetts Steam, Gas and Machinery Association, on the Templeton Common.

Annual Pumpkin Fest, Saturday, Oct. 29, on the Templeton Common.

4th Annual Jack Frost Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting, Sunday, Dec. 4, in conjunction with the Town of Templeton, on the Templeton Common.

The building will re-open for the season Tuesday nights from 6-8 in April, and on Saturday afternoons from 1-5 beginning in May through the fall. For exact times and dates, check the website and our Facebook page.

Sign up to help with your favorite event to make each one successful and fun.

Community Foundation of North Central Mass

If we approve our fund we open the door of opportunity in many ways. Grants are awarded annually, dividends are paid out if we need them, if not, we roll them into the fund allowing it to grow for the future, and we create a partnership with some very talented and driven "Like Minded People" who's only goal is to help us succeed.

We will fall under their 501 (c) 3 umbrella allowing us freedom of dealing with paperwork required by the IRS.

Our opportunity to receive gifts from benefactors who are looking to help historical Society groups like ours through their organization. Imagine if you can, a Templeton native who made it big in life and wants to give back to his or her small town, we would be on the list of potential recipients.

A motion will be made at our April meeting presented and approved by your Trustees. For more info:

<http://www.cfncm.org/>

NOTICE! Annual Elections 2016

Our 2016 slate of officers have all responded to continue their work in helping the Society move forward. Our one year Directors had one position open and Amy Guthrie has offered to step up and become a director. The slate will be presented to the members at our annual meeting on May 22nd Wednesday night at 7 pm.

NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SLATE OF OFFICERS UP FOR ELECTION
ELECTION DATE
MAY 22, 2016

PRESIDENT: Brian Tanguay
VICE PRESIDENT: Howard Sands
TREASURER: Debbie Cassie
SECRETARY: Christine Stone

CURATOR: Brian Tanguay

DIRECTOR 3 YEARS: Amy Guthrie
Dennis Rich
Tom Jeleniewski

DIRECTOR 2 YEARS: Tom Hurd
Jessie Duguay
Ann Lyons

DIRECTOR 1 YEAR: Karen Rich
Tom Hill
Bill Buckler

TRUSTEES: Tom Jeleniewski
John Brooks
David Huhtala
Brian Tanguay

HISTORIAN: Harry Aldrich
BUILDING and GROUNDS: Tom Hurd

This slate of officers and Board of Directors have all agreed if it is the will of the membership to serve in the capacity as stated above.

News around the building:

- ◆ Jerry Grimes has completed his project building a platform for the refrigerator just inside the civil war room.
- ◆ Our Grand curtain and the Advertising curtain on the Grange hall stage has been stored to save them from the dirt during construction of the new windows, ceiling, insulation, and cleanup. They will then be taken out, restored, and properly hung again.
- ◆ The kitchen cabinets, walls, floor and ceiling look great!
- ◆ Jim Dimaio our Forester has walked the property borders marking them. One step closer.
- ◆ Brian, Tom, and Howard moved displays, stoves, and artifacts in the Civil War Room to make a better display, and more room to move around.
- ◆ The Grand Curtain and advertising curtain in the Grange hall are properly stored.
- ◆ Reserve the garden for your small event, a bridal shower, an intimate wedding, or a special tea party with friends.
- ◆ Invite your friends to our Saturday afternoon tea or just visit the building and tour the vast collection of artifacts.
- ◆

Saturday at the Building

May 7th will mark the first Saturday for the building to be open for the 2016 season. **Tom, Harry, and Jerry** will be hosting and you are invited to come on down and learn more about the collection and the building. The more you learn, the more you will feel comfortable showing others how great this Museum is in our town.



Jerry Grimes has volunteered to host the building and while he's there, he offered to be our **“resident Carver”** carving wooden Christmas ornaments. These ornaments will also be available for sale to help raise money for the Historical Society.



This is the earliest the building has been open in years. A testament to the commitment of our volunteers to keep the museum open to the public to enjoy, along with our successful **“Tuesday Night at the Museum”** which runs from April to December allowing access from 6 to 8 pm. There have been an average of 8 people in the building every Tuesday night, let's create an equally successful Saturday afternoon this year.

Grange hall “Grand Curtain”

Christine Hadsel from Curtains without Borders of Vermont was here on April 11th along with our volunteer work crew to properly take down and store the two curtains on the stage.



Brian, Christine, Tom, Harry, Brent Barrett, Rick Moulton, Seth, and Tina Tanguay.



Pictured are our volunteers, the Grand curtain, the two curtains all rolled up and wrapped and the advertising curtain are pictured here. The project took about two hours in addition to the hard work from Tom Hurd and Brian Tanguay prior to the day of the project. A table was made measuring 20 X 12 feet in the center of the room to properly lay out the curtains and roll them up onto rug tubes. The stage was cleared of the display and the side walls had to be taken down to make room to move the curtains from their location. Once the room was prepared, 4 members climbed ladders to remove the top cross beam from the top of the stage frame, then 4 other members rolled up the curtain as it was lowered.

Once removed from the stage, the curtain was removed from the cross member and the roll on the bottom, then it was rolled up sideways onto the rug tube and wrapped in Tyvek to seal out the dust and dirt soon to be generated by the restoration of the room.



“A moment in time”

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

STARTING SCHOOL

When I started school in 1946 grades one through eight all went to the school in the precinct we lived in, so for me that was Templeton Center. My first year was not the greatest. The first week in school I was not happy at all. There were several times when I ran out the door and cut across the field in back of the Grange and ran home, only to have my mother bring me back. After a week or so I guess I got settled in a little better but my first year was not a good experience as I remember it. They kept changing teachers and by the end of the year there were some of us that got held back one of which was me. I only remember the name of one of them and her name was Sax. I can remember some of the older students calling her Sax Sax, battle ax Sax. I do not think she was very popular with them. My second year I had a teacher named Mrs. Murdock. She was very nice and things were much better.

Another teacher that I remember that was liked by all the students was Mrs. Knight. She lived across the street in the Templeton Inn for many years. There was also a teacher that came from St. Paul, MN that use to like to talk about living in St. Paul and what it was like with the tornados out there. She also liked what I guess you would call classical music. She would bring in a phonograph and have us listen to music by Bach and other people that I fail to remember now. She would tell us how some of them were blind and what great music they wrote. When I got older, I use to call the music, long hair stuff.

One person I do remember was one of our principals whose name I will not mention. We were outside during recess one day and a friend and I were wrestling. That was a popular thing on TV at the time. He came and grabbed both of us and took us into the boiler room. We told him we were playing but he would not listen and told us we were fighting. He made both of us bend down and hold our ankles while he hit us with a board. That afternoon when I got home my father noticed that there was something bothering me and asked me what it was. I told him what the principal had done and the next morning when I went to school, dad went with me. He went over to him and laid the law down. Dad told him, if you want him hit, you call me and tell me what he did and I will do the hitting. The principal never hit me again but I got yelled at for every little thing that I did. The following year there was a new principal named Mr. Scanlon and things were much better.

President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



Wrapping up my second year as president I can honestly say that I'm having fun watching and helping out with each project or event. To see the excitement on the faces of those who've never been in the building or come to one of our events is worth every moment spent. I'm more impressed with our many members who have accomplished great things in and around the Museum. Their pride shows through as they complete each task, take a picture, bring a friend to show off what they've done, or sit back and enjoy it. A lot has happened in these past two years and looking forward, I see so much more on the horizon.

New members, officers, directors, trustees, and neighbors are all taking notice of the historic happenings on the common. Cars parked out front almost every day and everyone knows we are here and growing. Our financial position is getting better every month, I look forward to Deb's treasurer's report and can't wait to share it with you at the monthly meetings. What we have accomplished in less than two years is monumental compared to so many other organizations like us. You know it's only the start if we want to become self sufficient and create a portfolio that will finance the monthly bills to run our two buildings.

The foundation is there, pieces of the puzzle are on the table and ready to be locked in, Sponsors are helping out to make sure we succeed, and all we have left to do is build our membership to include those interested in making sure this organization will not fail.

Our membership has grown over the past two years from 220 to 370. Adding 150 new members is a great accomplishment and we have found many who participate and contribute to our success, even if it's just paying your dues, we are better off now than ever before.

Again I ask you to;

- ◆ consider helping out at one of our events
- ◆ host the building on a Saturday afternoon
- ◆ set up a tea party in the garden
- ◆ ask your neighbor to join or give a gift of membership to a loved one.

This is how a small town historical society survives.



Quiz. Who is this?
What did she do to save Templeton's history?
Where did she live?

narragansethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com to email questions or

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

DIRECTORS:

3 year	2 year	1 year
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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.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Sign up soon **1,195 friends and counting!**

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

April 27th at the building. Document Room 7pm

May 24th Annual meeting with Elections Document room 7pm

June 22nd Document Room with the Central Mass Genealogy Club 7pm

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