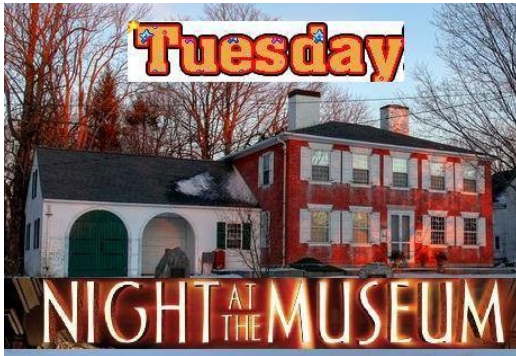


# *Narragansett Historical Society*

*On the Common in Templeton MA*

## *April 2022*

**Next meeting May 4 at 1 Boynton Rd.**



**Tuesday nights from 6-8 and Saturdays from 1-4**

**Our hope is to open both buildings as soon as the work is done at the Grange. Give us a vote of support at the town meetings so we can continue to receive grants from the CPC and the Templeton Cultural Council.**

**Consider a donation to the Grange hall restoration project.**

**Volunteer to help with the many projects or events you see.**

**Turn off the computer, laptop, or phone and spend some time to discover the great collection inside. See you soon.**

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Templeton MA**



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**2022  
Events!**

**June 5**

*Concert on the common  
Templeton Cultural Council  
Museum Open house 12-4  
Serving pop corn / water*



**June 11**

*Garden tea party  
Old fashioned tea and  
Treats served from 2-4*



**June 26**

*Cabin Fever Collectors show  
Baldwinville Legion  
3 Central St noon to 4pm*



**Aug 7**

*Go fly a kite  
324 Baldwinville Rd  
Brooks field noon-4  
The William's Brothers*



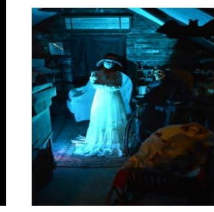
**Sep 25**

*Motorpalooza  
On the common 11-4  
Anything with a motor  
Boothill Express*



**Oct 28 & 29**

*Haunted Walk  
Boynton Rd to Cemetery  
Learn about the past*



**Dec 4**

*Tree lighting  
Bake sale / Wreath sale  
Santa, Marching band  
Sing along*



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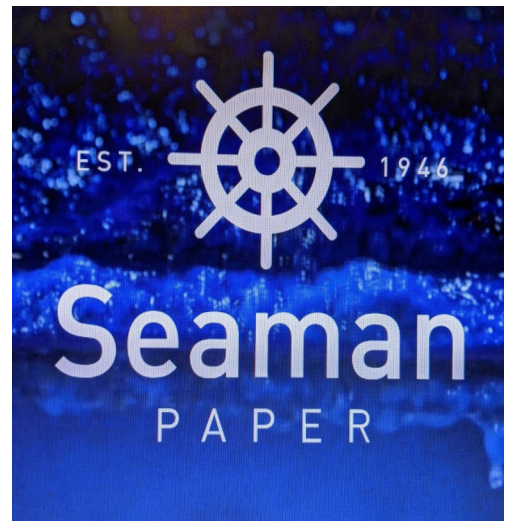
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Lifetime memberships are still only \$100.00 sign up a friend to-

# Items in the Museum

by Thomas Hurd Vice President

## What is it?

It is good to see the warmer weather has returned, I spent the weekend out in the Yard burning some brush and spent some time in the garage, had a good visit with 2 of my Neighbors, so nice to be back outside.

We are planning for the 2022 season, I am sure most of you have seen the calendar posted on Facebook, if not it may be somewhere within the newsletter, it looks to be a great year, check it out and let us know if you would like to help with any of the events, we always welcome new volunteers to help the Society Succeed, Sadly though, if we don't feel there are enough volunteers for an event we will have no choice to cancel the event.

By the time you read this we may be already open for the season, and I would like to welcome you all to stop by for a visit, say hi, and see what new old things we received over the winter, our Collection continues to grow.



This month we feature a device that has helped many people since its first use sometime in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, by the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century they were very common, Granny may have used one.

They had a wide range of styles and designs, today the design pictured has been replaced by technology and even though there are so many in use today they are barely seen.

The second Item we have also goes back a way, it is said to have originated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, but there are references to Romans having used them long before that. You could say the country was Built using these in some shape or form.

If you walk into any older building including our main building or the grange hall you can see the results of one or more of these being used.

Thoughts, or any Ideas of what they are?

Have a good Month and hope to see you around the building.

**Tom**



## Words from the woods

by Mary Miller, director

There are some invasive bushes out in the woods. One is flame bush, also called burning bush. It has bright red leaves in the fall and is very striking. In the yard, it's an ornamental. As an escapee in the woods it is considered an invasive, taking the place of a native plant. Barberry is another escapee. It's often used as a hedge as it handles being trimmed and has pretty red berries. Some have thorns. Glossy Buckthorn is the hardest to remove, and spreads aggressively.

The few flame bush and fewer barberries will be fairly easy to remove. The buckthorn will require vigilance. It should be pulled out by the roots if it's small enough. If not, it can be cut, and the cut painted with a chemical to kill it. If it is cut and not treated, it will send up 4 – 10 sprouts that will need to be dealt with. I have been marking them with yellow tape. If you can rip it out, great ! If not, leave it be, we'll get it on a work crew sometime.

I'll be keeping an eye out for you.



## *"A moment in time"*

*by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

# Gasoline, Yesterday and Today

I was just thinking about how much a gallon of gas cost today compared to back in time and where it can be purchased. I can remember when I was a boy being with my father stopping for gas and having the attendant coming up to the car and saying, how much and dad usual answer was, put in a dollar's worth. I so not know what the price was per gallon at the time. The lowest price can remember seeing posted on a gas pump was 25 cents a gallon. I am sure back then it would have been lower. At today's prices, for a quarter you would probably get to sniff the nozzle on the pump.

As for where you were going to purchase your gas, there were many options. I will go so far as to say today, Route 2A, now Patriots Road would be called Gasoline Alley. There were what was called hilling station all the way through East Templeton and Templeton. As you came into East Templeton center from Gardner, there was a filling station on the right just after North Main Street. Next, across from the Methodist Church was Lovell's Garage operated by Pearly Lovell. A few hundred feet up the road at what is now the Wiley property, was Brooks's filling station. A little further up the street where Cumberland Farm's is now located stood another station which I cannot identify. As you go over Ladder Hill and head down the

Templeton side, there was another station that was operated by the Hendrickson family. This is now where B.T. Seamless Guttering store there material... A little further down on the left was Shaw's Filling Station. The station has since been taken down and was replaced with a full service garage later Pat's Farm Stand. It is now part of C.O & S Auto Repair. Further up on the right was a garage built by Sheldon Evens that sold gas and did auto repair. After several different owners, it is now owned by Jeff Lawrence and used to store heavy equipment. Just out of the center of Templeton on the left stands what used to be a full service station that has not been used for many years. As you go down the hill you come to a café known as the Candlelight which at one time many years ago also served as a filling station. Further up the road just before you enter into Phillipston, there is a location on the left where Jeannie's Lunch once stood. Many years ago this too was a filling Station. A picture of this station is shown below. There were many others throughout the town also.



# President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Let's go over what's going on lately.

**Logging.** The 23 acres is about 3/4 of the way completed with the cutting, some logs are piled up at the landing, many have been removed with the rest to be picked up in the next few days. Checks are in the mail as of Thursday the 28th. The total paid so far for delivered logs is approximately \$10,000.00, exact numbers will be reported at the next meeting. We are now in a holding pattern to allow the grounds to dry up so they can resume the cutting and move the rest of the wood to the landing. Some deep ruts have been dug due to the high water table but those will be filled in upon completion of the project. What will be left is the slash, or tree tops. Work crews are being formed to begin creating a walking trail hopefully wide enough to bring out a small tractor with a wood chipper. We hope to chip away most of the branches left in the trails system area and leave the rest to let mother nature handle it in the coming years. The Chestnut trees were put on hold due to the delay in the completion of the logging. Planting will be planned for the 2023 spring season.

**Grange Hall.** We are waiting for the roughing in of the wiring to begin the insulation process of the second floor. Once that is completed, we will have used up the CPC grant money allocated for those jobs. Grant applications are being submitted in the next week or so to prepare the board for the fall town meeting with hopes we get approval to move this project forward. We have also been receiving private donations for the Grange project of almost \$9,000.00 to date. Thank you to Chair City Oil for their generous 5k donation along with an anonymous estate gift of \$3,250.00 from a diamond sale brokered by Tanguay Jewelers, and several donations from our members who want to see this project completed. It's truly an exciting time to be part of this wonderful plan to open the Grange hall after almost 60 years of hibernation.

**Open house.** We have begun the regular open house every Tuesday night from 6-8pm and we are starting to open up on Saturday from 1-5 depending on participation. Check our calendar on page 3 for coming events contingent on the Selectman's approval and volunteer participation. We will also try to be open if there are any events on the common such as the Cultural Council's band concerts planned.

**Endowment fund.** Even though we are focused on restoring the Grange hall, we are still adding to our endowment fund, now over \$25,000.00 and we will soon convert our stock certificates into the endowment fund adding another \$22,000.00. The goal for this endowment fund is to have an income capable of paying our annual bills to maintain the buildings. It is well on its way in doing just that. We are here forever and we need to plan accordingly. Those of us in office must leave the organization in a sustainable position for the next generation. The struggle to achieve this goal only needs to be done once, let's make it a pleasure to serve in this organization where we can focus on education, genealogy, and preservation of the artifacts and not the fear of running out of fuel or electricity. We will have a much easier time finding volunteers who know the Society is strong and growing. Thanks to all of you for your support and your membership.

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



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**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
*May 4th meeting at 1 Boynton*  
*Tuesday nights are back, come on down from 6-8*



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