

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

August 2021

Next meeting Wednesday night 7pm September 1st.

This year's kite festival was a great success. The multitudes of family and friends who came to Brooks Field to attempt to fly their kite was greater than previous years. Vendors filled the area with tents and made the time a bit more interesting. Kro's on the Common provided great sandwiches and cookies for us to feed on and our hearty volunteers worked the day so everyone could enjoy the event. The William's Brothers Band filled the air with great tunes and even though the winds did not cooperate, we had a great time with the kids making giant bubbles and just playing outside. With a few suggestions provided, we'll have an even better event next year. Hope you had fun!



*Contact us via email to obtain tickets to sell or to purchase
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Artifacts in the news: We recently shared the story of the swift yarn winder on Facebook. Made around the middle to the end of the 1800's, this was carved by a whaling captain during his time away from home. Using whale bone, walrus tusk, and whale teeth, over 170 pieces were created to make around 84 "X's" and tie them together in a manner so they would close up into a small cylinder shape and expand into a large holder for yarn.

In the post, I mentioned that we are missing 18 pieces to complete it to the original design. It was suggested to contact the New Bedford Whaling Museum and I promptly sent an email explaining our project, they replied within hours and were excited to hear of this great historic project and offered a few suggestions to get started. I was offered a meeting on Tuesday Sept. 2nd to show the piece to their forensic scrimshaw expert. Once properly identified, we can then search their "bone yard" for pieces to finish the project. If they don't have what we need, I've also contacted our Commissioner Ron Amidon of the Mass fish & Game, and he referred me to the marine fish & Game for others to help us if needed.

I found this almost completely taken apart in a drawer in the attic of the Museum in 2015, with my Daughter in Law's help, we figured out how to get it back to whatever it was and in 2018 I finally found the silk ribbons in the original colors to replace every pink and green alternating bow. Stay tuned as we get closer to finishing this project.

Summer is here and the time is right for Saturday afternoon rides in and around town. Our volunteers are sharing their time to open the building for you to visit. As you drive by and see the cars out front, stop in for a quick visit, listen to a story or two, or just explore the vast collection of artifacts and photographs on display. History dating back to the days of farming and splitting wood for winter. Before TV and the internet when you were busy from sun up to sun down. Sitting by the fire and telling stories to your kids that your grandparents told you. See the wagon, fire pumper, and Civil War artifacts that you won't see anywhere else. If you have time, offer to help out on a Saturday of your choice. You will be thrilled with what you learn.



The Loom Room:

This room is filled with tools and items commonly used in the 1800's in almost every home.

Looms were popular and came in many sizes, some so large they were stored in the barn.

Quilts were often made as a common past time using patches of materials saved from discarded clothing or blankets. Check out the many artifacts in this room when you visit the building. Look in every corner as you take the tour, there is always something you've missed on the last visit.

If you don't know what an item is, ask the volunteers, if they don't know, we'll do the research and get back to you in a day or so.

The last question was about a musical instrument on display in the Bride's bedroom. After a quick search, we discovered it was called a Zither, or lap harp. Seen to the right.



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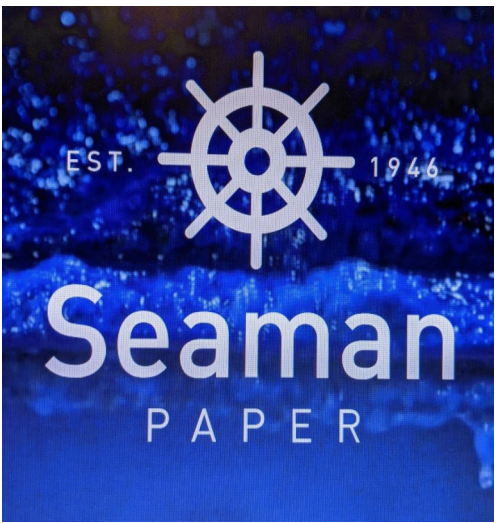
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"A moment in time"

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

REMEMBERING DAD'S RV

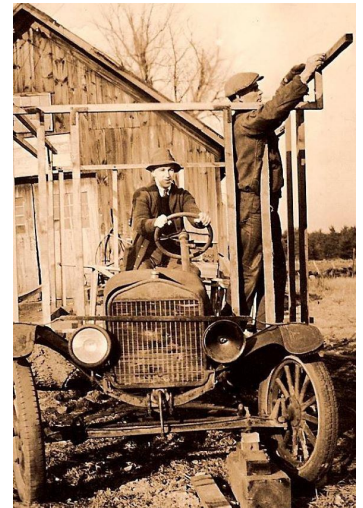
Back in the late 1940's when I was growing up; I had a cabin that I played in. Back then, it was just a cabin to play in not knowing the history of where it had come from or what it was doing in our back yard. In later years, I learned how it came to be. It was something my father had built years ago before he met my mother when he had first moved to this area from Keene, NH. It was a home built on wheels, what we now call an RV or motor home. Dad had taken a Model T Ford truck and built this contraption for travel. He actually drove it to Florida after he built it, this all being before he met mom. Apparently after they got married in 1935 and built their home on Hubbardston Rd. he put it out in the field out back and salvaged any parts that could be used and left the rest to be used for storage.

I remember growing; dad would talk about Florida quite often and about traveling. One of the things he would talk about most was traveling. His saying was, we should hit the road. We never did any traveling though other than going to visit family in New Hampshire or some friends in western Massachusetts.

My father passed away in 1978 back when I had very little interest about the past. Today, I would probably drive him crazy with all the questions I would have about that rig.

Many years later, my wife and I purchased a used RV and we hit the road as dad would have put it. We made several trips across the United States. Not everything went smoothly but we survived the problems and enjoyed traveling. On our first trip we had a part seize up in Paxico, Kansas, a small town with a population 175. We stopped at a garage and asked the old gent that operated it if he could help us and he told us he thought his helper could but he had not come in yet. We waited and a little later the old gent came out and said it didn't look like the boy was coming in today. I asked if he could get me road service he said he could but it would be a toll call and he would have to charge me to which I agreed. About a half hour later a man arrived driving a fairly new wrecker. Around an hour later we were all repaired and on our way. The total cost for this experience \$55.00 for the road service and \$5.00 for the call.

Pictured is a picture of my father building his home on wheels and what it looked like after. The after picture was taken in 1932 when a movie was made for the Narragansett Historical Society. The inscription that was with the picture in the movie said, off to Florida. If I still had this machine today, I would donate it to the society.



President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



I'm going to take a break from writing something on this page, I think I'll just share some more pictures of the Kite festival. Picture credits: Molly Brooks



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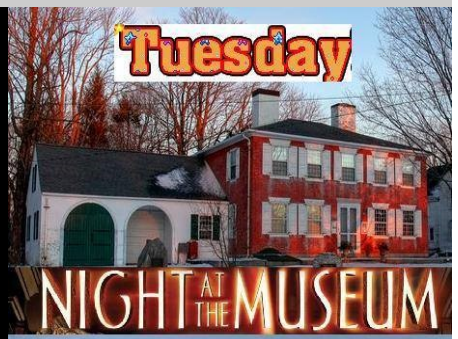
Find us on Facebook—Search for **TempletonMuseum (Narr Hist Society)** It's filled with the History of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton. Pictures, stories, and faces of the people who lived here years ago. Some new images will be shared from around the town. We have created a "page" instead of a "profile" 1800 members following
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



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Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised
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