

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

August 2022

Next meeting September 7, Wed night at 1 Boynton Rd.

On Aug, 13, 2022 we reached a milestone by signing up our 500th member. Stephen Maloy of New Zealand and Hong Kong visited the building looking for info on his family. One in particular was Wallace Underwood, he could not believe his eyes when he viewed the 10 different photo albums, a hand painted table, and other artifacts of art created by Wallace. We were able to fill in many blanks with our genealogy report and placing a pictures to the names. Stephen was so pleased he became a life member. Knowing we were only a few away, I had stopped by KRO's on the Common to pick up a gift certificate for this pending occasion, only to find out he signed up just two hours later.



Help Wanted!

Volunteers needed to host the building during our events. Motorpalooza is coming on Sept 25th members and friends will be needed to watch over the rooms as visitors arrive. We also need help outside with the food tent and parking. Most of our volunteers helped at the Kite fest and host the building on Tuesday night and Saturday afternoon. Don't sit back and think someone else will do it. We truly want to continue offering these events for the community.

only you can prevent volunteer burnout!

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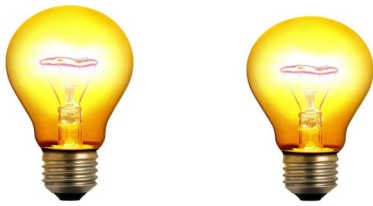
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Aug 7

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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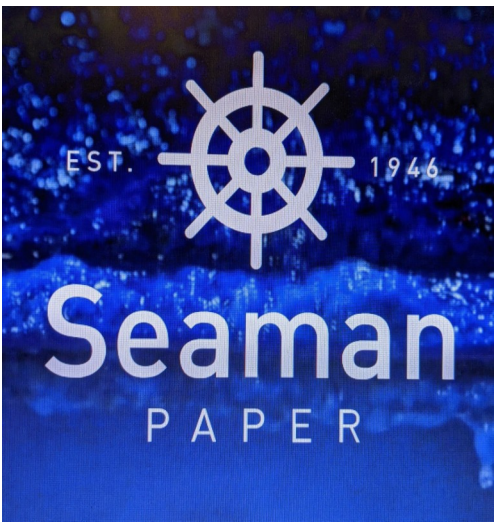
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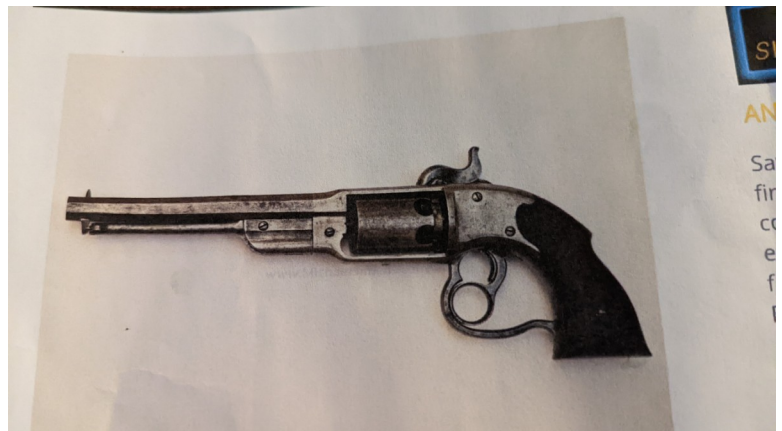
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Platinum	\$5,000.00	Gold	\$1,000.00	Silver	\$750.00
Bronze	\$500.00	Event	\$250.00		

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

Gen. George P. Hawkes

Elaine & Bob Falconer drove to Templeton Tuesday night Aug. 30th to deliver a collection passed down from her 3rd Great Grandfather George P. Hawkes. We currently have his saddle used in the Civil War, his bunk bed and other artifacts previously donated. Now the collection has grown to include a photo album, the hand gun carried by Gen. Hawkes during the war (Savage .36cal revolver 1860), and among many other artifact, his personal letters written to his wife while he was away. The historic value is too great to measure, then answers to questions we never thought would be answered are in that box. This is why we do what we do. Watch our coming newsletters as we feature the many new acquisitions to our growing collection. Thank you Elaine for knowing that this is the right place to bring your family collection. It will be shared with many and enjoyed for years to come. There were a few “huge” surprises in her story, ones she didn’t know until now. That story will be shared in the coming months.



Words from the woods

by Mary Miller, director

The logging is finally, at last, and truly done.

The second logger brought the trees to the landing zone and chipped, delimbed and cut them there. It leaves the woods tidier than leaving the tops scattered everywhere. Mother nature doesn't mind the mess at all, eventually it will all break down and nourish the next plants to come along. People mind the mess, its just not pretty for 10 years or so.

We had a trail, it's partly gone, and partly replaced by logging road. When it cools off we'll work on redoing it.

I've got 3 trails in mind. The small loop, that needs redoing, a shorter loop behind the garden, that will be well groomed, more a path than a woods trail, and a long loop, following roughly the 20 acre boundary. A bit of that is done. It's completely self- serving, I use it to get from my home to the museum through the woods.

Everyone should be so fortunate to have such a resource in their backyard.

The woods are my happy place, I feel blessed

Mary



"A moment in time"

By: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

Templeton Grange Weather Report in the 1890's

I was recently reading some old newspaper clippings that I have and came across a story written back in 1995 by a Richard J. Chaisson.

Apparently, back in the 1890's the Templeton Grange came up with a way to inform the people in the village of the coming weather with the help of the Bourn and Hadley Company. An agreement was made that the company to sound signals with their steam whistle telling people of coming weather.

The signals were as follows. The signal to attract attention was a fifteen to twenty second blast. After this long blasts of four to six seconds were sounded to refer to the weather or short blasts of one to three seconds were sounded to refer to the temperature.

For the weather, one long blast was fair weather; two long blasts were rain or snow. One short blast was lower temperature, two short blasts was higher temperature and three short blasts was a cold wave. There were several other signals for weather conditions too. The signals were sounded at ten second intervals to avoid errors in reading the signals.

The members of the Grange in the neighboring town of Winchendon were impressed with the system and asked to have it adopted in their town.

Shown below is the original factory where the signal was sounded from located on the pond across from the Candlelight Café on what was then Bourn Hadley pond.



President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



With the current grant approvals and donations arriving, we have the opportunity to do a few improvements to the garden. The dogwood tree has been in shock during this heat wave, but it looks like it's taking a turn for the better as we care for it in preparation for the coming winter months. The lawn maintenance is coming along with improved grass and less weeds.

We have been talking about rebuilding the pergola beyond the sunken garden, which could be done through a local company pending negotiations. The bricks around the herb garden have deteriorated to the point where it's time to replace them, so an estimate is being worked up to do just that, along with incorporating the memorial bricks currently resting in the wood bin.



Now that the logging is done, we thank those involved for finishing up the job, cleaning it up to some degree and giving us an income of \$33,000.00 unofficially. Thank you to Mary and Keith Miller for allowing us to use their land for a landing to remove the logs, and their patience to wait it out during the delays we've encountered. Thank you too for the donation from the John & Doris Brooks property which was logged during our project with most of the proceeds going to the Historical Society.

It has been many years that we have squeaked by and we are grateful for the support, donations, and help to bring us to a more financially secure position allowing us to get things done.

The CPC has approved our request for \$75k which now goes to the town vote on Nov. 2nd, this is from an account created specifically for historic preservation, so it should pass through as they have in the past granting us the funds to finish the second floor of the Grange hall by this winter. We can then move some of the artifacts upstairs and begin the work needed on the first floor.

I also made contact with Chris Hadsel who helped us with the Grande Drape 7 years ago, she is reworking her estimate to restore the curtain and hang it back up for us to enjoy once again. We plan on setting up a work schedule next year, the Winchendon History and Cultural Center has offered their Air BNB to Chris and her team member to stay during the 3 night work schedule. What a neighborly thing to do!



To the left are the volunteers who removed the curtain and rolled it up to preserve it from any further damage during the restoration of the hall. It is wrapped in tyvek and stored in our climate controlled archive room. Pictured are Brian, Chris, Thom, Harry, Brent, Rick, Seth, and Tina.

Above pictured are Brian and Chris in front of the curtain prior to removal.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Located at 1 Boynton Rd. and 9 Hubbardston Rd Templeton MA

Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised
Sept 7th meeting at 1 Boynton

Tuesday nights from 6-8
Saturdays from 1-5



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