

2015

On the Common
Templeton MA

HAPPY NEW YEAR

What a great year! Our biggest achievement was to introduce 48 new members to our Society a tribute to the momentum of excitement and interest in our building and it's collection. The community driven events throughout the year had a huge part in that excitement. Many have offered positive comments and appreciation for hosting each event.

Everyone had fun! Games, food tent, raffles, bake sales, Tea parties, visits from the Whitehouse, pumpkin carving, parades, music, and Santa all created a buzz around town unlike anything we've seen in years. This is exactly what we needed to put us on the map and keep us in the conversations of our visitors.

We welcome three new sponsors (Tanguay Jewelers, GFA Federal Credit Union, and Data Guide Cable of Gardner) plus we are awaiting confirmation from several others who see that we need support in our efforts to preserve the collection and keep it in a safe home.

Look at your schedule for 2015 and please make some time to help us grow this year. From the simplest of tasks to becoming a Director we could always use your help.

If you are helping...

THANK YOU

from all of us

Financial Health

Together we have made great strides in coming out of the economic crisis we shared with the country. Interest in our Society was down, fresh blood was needed, and money was tight. Each month was difficult trying to pay the basic bills. In the past year and a half, we have come out of the depression and into a new growth period hosting vibrant and exciting events. People are coming to the building doing research, restoration, and cleaning up the place. We have gone from losing money on an annual basis to being able to pay the bills, pay for maintenance, and start to rebuild the savings we so desperately need.

There are several reasons for this new growth, membership has grown to new levels, sponsors are signing up, communication is better than ever, and everyone is truly enjoying what has been in our collection for over 135 years. From the first documents stored by Hosea Lane, to the organization and purchase of our main building in 1934 by Mrs. Parkhurst, Mrs. White, and Adelaide Howland's bequest giving us the funding to finally have a home. So many others were responsible for our beginning as you can see in our hallway listing the Charter members who took it upon themselves to create and save a place for Templeton's rich history.

To continue this momentum is just as important as it was to start the ball rolling. Each year will be a challenge to insure our Museum will not fail. There are many simple ways to be a part of this Society, from simply becoming a member or signing up a new member, getting involved with an event, or bringing your ideas to the table to keep it new and fresh for the community 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 \$_____.

Name_____

Address_____

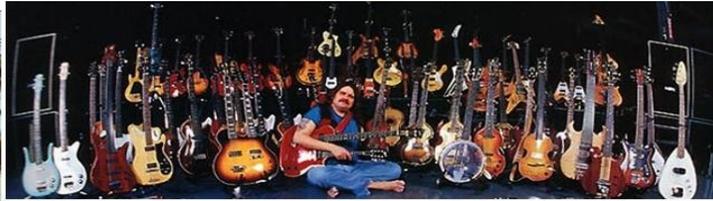
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Thank You

Narragansett Historical Society and send to
NHS, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Cabin Fever Collectors Showcase



Show off Your
collection



1st annual Cabin Fever Show
Sponsored by the
Narragansett Historical Society
Templeton MA



Dust off your collection and display it for all to enjoy.

Donation at the door, bring a food pantry item for a discount
To benefit the Templeton Museum

Saturday Feb. 28th from noon to 5
In East Templeton
At **Kamaloh**



Advanced registration required to showcase your collection
Send a message to narragansethistoricalsociety@yahoo.com for application.

2015 Calendar

Events and Meetings

Jan. 28th Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm at the High School Library

Feb. 25th Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm at the High School Library

28th Cabin Fever Collectors showcase: Kamaloht Saturday

Mar. 25th Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm at the High School Library

April 22nd Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm at the Document room

25th May Day basket making at the Otter River Sportsman Club

May Tuesday night at the Museum begins. Every Tuesday from 6-8pm

27th Annual Meeting Elections 4th Wednesday 7pm in the Document room

June: Building open hours begin Saturdays from 12-5

27th First Tea in the Garden from 2-5 Downton Abbey

24th Meeting Wednesday 7pm in the Document room

July: Closed 4th of July weekend

Golf Tournament at Templewoods. Look for details to follow

Aug. Craft Fair 15th and 16th bake sale, raffle, open house, free tours.

26th Meeting 4th Wednesday 7pm in the Document room

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

May Day

What ever happened to those May baskets? Our members are planning a May basket-making day on April 25th at the Otter River Sportsman Club. Your children will be able to make a May basket for Mom, Grandmother, or their favorite teacher.

There may even be a May pole set up for the kids to enjoy and create new memories of Templeton.



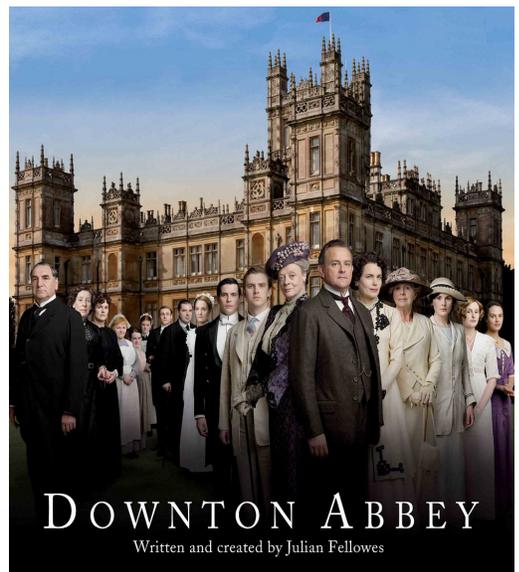
June Tea with a kick

This year our Tea in the garden begins with a tribute to Downton Abbey. Our staff will suggest you come dressed best to fit the theme. The plans are still in the works for the June 27th start to our summer season of Saturday afternoon teas.

With the theme idea, we will probably have one or two teas a month instead of every week allowing our volunteers the time needed to set up and bring their ideas to life.

If you have an idea for a tea and would like to host one, please contact us soon so we can advertise and help make it a successful afternoon.

As always, the building will be open for a tour during the tea and with our new volunteers we plan on being open every Saturday for visitors to enjoy the building and it's artifacts. Hosts are always needed to keep the building safe so please let us know if you have a Saturday with nothing to do, you will be welcome as a volunteer. While you are hosting the building you will also enjoy the many photo albums and documents on display. Maps, deeds, genealogy, town records, and paintings are just the beginning of what you will find in the document room.



July Golf Tournament

This year we are planning a golf tournament with Templewoods, slated for July. Plans are under way now to bring our first tourney to Templeton. If you are an avid golfer you will want to get involved with this one. There will be plenty of fun in the sun and prizes. Your ideas are welcome. Thanks to the staff at Templewoods for helping us create a fun event along with a chance to improve our game.





“A moment in time”

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. *Historian*



2013 Engine Show

TEMPLETON FAIR ON THE COMMON

The Small Engine Show and the Pumpkin Festival the society recently held reminded me of the country fairs that were always held in September on the common. There was always something for everyone young and old and everyone looked forward to having it. It was put on by the Templeton Grange and the agriculture class at the high school.

The material used in setting it up was stored at the Grange Hall and under The First Church. The boys at the school would help in setting everything up. There were games for the youngsters, farm animals on display, and refreshments for sale. One of the favorite games of the kids was the Lucky Strike board which is still at the hall. It consisted of a 4x4 sheet of plywood with Lucky Strike labels glued on to it. The idea was to pitch pennys on to the board and get it in the circle so that the red label showed all around it. The guys would use floor waxing mops to sweep the coins off the board. There were several other games also. Mr. Rod on Wellington Rd. would always show his rabbits and many of the farmers such as Charlie Henshaw, Walter Dwelly, Ken Lawrence, Clarence Lovell, The Couillard farm and many more would show their livestock. The Henshaw farm had one of the largest herds of Brown Swiss in the state. None of these farms exist today.

At the Grange Hall, there would be vegetables on display along with canned goods [preserved foods] and different type of crafts made by people in town. At the end of the week the entries were judged and ribbons were given to the winners.

The picture shown to the right is a post-card from 1909 so as you can see, it was a function that was put on for many years.



President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



GFA Sponsor

Thank you to the GFA Federal Credit Union of Central MA for becoming a 2015 sponsor.

GFA is actually owned by the people who bank here. Every person with a Membership account has equal ownership in the credit union. There are no stockholders. As such we make decisions that are in the best long-term interest of the people who use our services. It's Better Banking. Better for you. Better for our community.

Pictured to the right is Brian Tanguay, President of the Society accepting a \$500.00 check from Tammy Garcia, Branch Manager of the Pearson Blvd location.



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A special thank you to Tina Sbrega President & CEO of the GFA since 2009 for her support with our mission.



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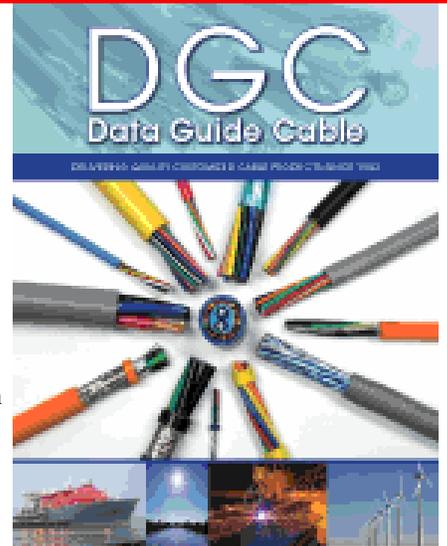
Data Guide Cable's modern 125,000 square foot manufacturing facility is located in Gardner, Massachusetts with easy access to major highways, rail and airfreight services.

Since 1984 Data Guide Cable has established itself as a quality manufacturer of specialty electronic and electrical cable products for a variety of applications. Major markets serviced include data communications, instrumentation, robotics, broadcast/studio, computer, utility, shipboard, and factory automation among others.



Owner Don Irving pictured with his wife Karen is an avid clock enthusiast who makes clocks and restores them as a hobby. His talent as a clockmaker came in handy in helping us restore our E. Howard tower clock in 2013 and he has offered to help us install it once the Grange hall is finished.

A \$500.00 check was presented to the Society.



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ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.



Sign up soon.

900 friends and counting!

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

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