

# Narragansett Historical Society

## On the Common in Templeton MA

# July 2021

**Next meeting Wednesday night 7pm August 4th**

The newest donation comes from The Anderson Family in Gardner. This sleigh has been in their family for generations going back to the Partridges who moved to Gardner from Reading, it is possible that some of the family members lived in East Templeton where Partridgeville got its name. Research will one day tell the whole story, but in the meantime, we will enjoy this unusual sleigh with a double beveled glass windshield. The wood has been cleaned and the leather treated, now to address the steel frame and find a spot in our collection or at least display it during our outdoor events.



Contact us via email to obtain tickets to sell or to purchase for your chance to win.



## **CORD WOOD RAFFLE**

***Narragansett Historical Society***

Over 3 Cords of split and seasoned wood

All proceeds benefit the Historical Society in Templeton.

\$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

Drawing Date: November 1, 2021

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During day one of the Senior Center re-opening we heard from speakers, Cindy Shea, Jan Lefebvre, Jackie Prime, Adam LaMontagne, Mike Currie, State Senator Ann Gobi, State Rep Susannah Whipps, Selectwoman Theresa Griffis, & Brian Tanguay from the Narragansett Historical Society as well as music by Dennis D'Ambroise! In addition to that we had Rita Tkaczyk, the eldest Templeton resident at 100 years old, presented with the Boston Post Cane Award!!

A tradition since 1909, it was an honor to present the Cane to Rita, she was very happy to accept it along with a hand made cane created by Rene Goguen with a Massachusetts quarter mounted in the top handle. The original cane was returned to the display case and is currently on display in the document room of the Historical Society. A small lapel pin with the engraving on the cane was created by Tanguay Jewelers and given to Rita to wear.




NARRAGANSETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
IS HAVING  
~~ FUN IN 21 ~~

# LET'S FLY A KITE

Featuring Live Music by the Williams Brothers Band  
Giant Bubbles  
Food, Fudge and Ice Cream  
Hay Rides and More!  
Star Winds Kites for sale

**AUGUST 15TH - 12PM-4PM**  
**BROOKS FIELD - 342 BALDWINVILLE RD**  
**TEMPLETON, MA**

INTERESTED VENDORS  
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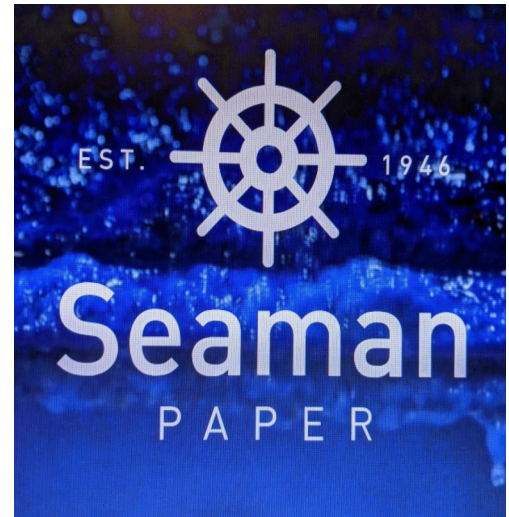
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### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

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 today!



# Motorpalooza 2021

September 26, 2021 on the *Templeton Common 12 to 4pm*

Vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles & engines

Music by: *Boothill Express*

Food tent & open house **Narragansett Historical Society**

*Sponsored in part by: the Templeton Cultural Council Grant*



**Join today! You could be the 500th Member**



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SOCIETY RECORD TO BE TURNED INTO SECRETARY

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MY MEMBERSHIP LEVEL • Annual  \$15.00 Student  \$5.00 Family  \$25.00 Life  \$100.00

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_

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*“A moment in time”*

*by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian*

## OVER 100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

It was one hundred and thirty one years ago when “three men stepped off the trolley by the Templeton Inn and proceeded to make themselves at home on the common yelling profanity and acting like a bunch of wild Indians in the middle of the night.” This is taken from a write up in the Gardner News in July 1910.

After a while their yelling aroused Constable Arthur Hawkes who went out to see what was going on. After seeing what he had to encounter, he summoned his sons, Edwin and Ralph to assist him. Meanwhile two of the three men had gotten into a fist fight and things were getting warm. Constable Hawkes had gotten the hand cuffs on one of the men but he managed to break them and dealt Constable Hawkes a blow to the back of his head making him see stars. At this time, his son, Edwin jumped in with a Billy club and eventually got the man handcuffed.

Meanwhile Constable Hawkes other son, Ralph ran down the Otter River Road in pursuit of one of the other men and convinced him to give up. The third individual was considered harmless and allowed to return home to Gardner while the other two were brought back to the Templeton Inn stable where a team and wagon were procured and they were brought to the Gardner lock up.

In another event that same month, the Village Improvement Society, owners of the Templeton Inn went to Superior court in Boston and asked for an injunction against a lady who kept chickens next door to the inn. It seems that the roosters were crowing between 1:00 and 7:00 every morning and was unbearable. The case ended with the owner of the chickens agreeing to remove them to another location from May 1st to November 1st.

Constable Hawke’s son Ralph pictured Right, in later years became the first police chief of the Town of Templeton



# President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



## What are the stages of membership?

The first step is to simply become a member, our best deal is becoming a life member at the crazy price of only \$100.00, That's it, you've done it. Congratulations.

Now you will receive our monthly newsletter with as much as we can fit to alert you of what has happened and what's coming. Providing you the opportunity to get involved with events or happenings that you are comfortable with or what interests you. Like Motorpalooza, the Kite fest, Christmas celebrations, a tea party in the garden, or The Cabin Fever Collectors show. Even if you just attend the event, you've taken the first step as a new member.

The next step is to become an active member, one who shows up to help, host the building during an event, (this activity will actually educate you as you share our collection with visitors and become more familiar with all that is on display) Active members are our largest group, at times we see as many as 100 active members a year getting involved with projects, events, or just open houses on Tuesday nights. The more they attend, the more they learn. It's addicting as I have been an active member for over 30 years now and I'm still learning.

Once you get involved in several projects, you get the feeling that you belong and you begin to feel a little more warmed up to the collection, you find certain items you become attached to and want to learn more about it. Mine was the Sarah and Eliza Goodridge miniature portraits painted on Ivory, I've spent hundreds of hours organizing, learning, and sharing their story with visitors and I've filmed segments on Templeton TV so others who cannot access the building will have the opportunity to learn about these interesting Templeton Women.

Soon your passion and determination will mature to insure that this collection will be enjoyed for generations to come, it's important to preserve the artifacts, display them properly, and take action where you see it is needed most. This is the next step where you want to have a say in how things are done, you become involved as a Director, Trustee, or Officer.

So, take it slow, one step at a time, and come grow with us as we secure this organization for the next generation. It all started in the mid to late 1800's with a few individuals preserving what they thought should be shared with others. Documents that are over 240 years old, furniture dating back to 1620 in England which made it's way to Templeton. I could go on and on and on



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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.**



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

**Meeting Notice: 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
**August 4th Monthly Membership meeting!**  
*Tuesday nights we are open from 6-8pm*



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

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