

Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

July 2022

Next meeting August 3, Wed night at 1 Boynton Rd.



**This was the view from last Tuesday night.
Stop by, take a tour and check out the sunset on the Common.
Tues from 6-8 and Saturdays from 1-5**

**A few highlights from our Cabin Fever show taking place now
through July, stop by any Tuesday night or Saturday afternoon.
New collections arriving each week.**



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Aug 7

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



Tanguay
Jewelers

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Sep 25

Motorpalooza
On the common 11-4
Anything with a motor
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**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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Items in the Museum

by Thomas Hurd Vice President

This month we have another Item of Interest, it was invented in the late 1800s when a manager at a local furniture factory in Gardner was looking for a better way of doing something, when he approached an Engineer and asked him to develop a solution, The engineer came up with a machine that worked so well that they manufactured one for each of the Departments in the factory, within a few years the Engineer asked for the patent and opened his very own successful manufacturing company. For over 100 years his family ran the company, upon his passing his son took over, dramatically increasing the size to a worldwide company, upon his passing his son took over the company and expanded even further, there is not much call for these mechanical machines anymore, however the company accidently inherited other product lines and continued the success of the company, I will explain this next month.

3 Questions.

Can you name the Original Factory in Gardner?

Can you name the company that the inventor created?

And can you name the Item?

Upcoming Events:

We have "Go fly a Kite" coming up on August 7, please join us and set aside some time to help, we need help with parking cars, in the food tent, loading up items at the Museum to bring over, we meet at the museum at 9:00am, various other things throughout the day and packing up at the end of the day, the more the merrier, this will also allow other volunteers to enjoy the day.

The next event will be the popular Motorpoloza on Sept 25 on the common Museum will be open, I am still looking for more Volunteers to help, hosts for the museum, help parking the cars, food tent setup and clean up, let me know if you would like to help or have questions.

Please help your museum have successful events by volunteering; it will be a rewarding experience.

We also have our open house on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm and Saturdays from 1 to 5 pm, this month we are featuring the Cabin Fever Collectors show in the museum, there are some interesting items on display, stop by, sit a spell check out the collections and see all our new old stuff. Until next time stay cool and hope to see you all soon.



Tom

Garden work update

Last fall we moved some good soil to fill in around the sunken garden and planted grass. It's looking so much better. This spring we dug up some invasive species bushes on the back right corner of the garden to make way for a pink Kousa Dogwood tree. With donations from the Starkey family, and help from Jim, we went to Bigelow nursery to pick out a tree in memory of his family.

A 2" tree, which stands 10 feet tall and must weigh close to 200lbs we selected for \$270.00 all paid for by the Starkey family. Jim and I backed up the truck to the pre-dug hole and dropped it in like we knew what we were doing. This will be a fine addition to the sunken garden area. Currently there is a white dogwood on the left side of the garden. I'll share pictures in the spring next year when they are both in full bloom.





"A moment in time"

by: Harry Aldrich Jr. Historian

COLLECTING POSTCARDS

One of my hobbies involving the Town of Templeton is collecting postcards of Templeton, Baldwinville, Otter River and East Templeton.

Recently, I was asked how I got started and how many cards I have in my collection. I started in 1988 after an uncle had passed away and we were sorting out some of his belongings. I came across a couple of cards that he had saved. One of them was a picture of the Templeton Inn which looked as good as the day it was printed and the second card was a card that was printed from a glass negative. The picture was of Louis Valiton, my mother's brother who passed away in 1934. He had been a fire fighter in Leominster and the picture was of him in his uniform. He had fallen off of an engine and later died from his injuries.

A little later while walking around the flea market in Hubbardston, I became acquainted with J.R. Green, a collector from Athol spent some time talking about collecting postcards. He told me about a postcard collectors club that he was involved with in Barre, MA and from there I was on my way to being a collector. As I said, all I collect is postcards of the town of Templeton and I was about to find out that there are many out there.

I joined the collectors club with a friend who collects cards of Gardner and we started attending card shows which would have collectors make a business of selling cards. It was surprising how many people from our area collect cards of one kind or another. Some just collect railroad stations, some collect Halloween cards and many others. One would very surprise at what some collectors will pay for certain cards. The real photo cards which were printed from glass negatives are very popular.

I was asked how many cards I have in my collection and my answer was about four hundred. I do manage to find cards that I do not have in my collection now and then but they are getting hard to come by. Otter River cards seem to be few and far between.

There is many of the Templeton Inn out there for sale. Many of them look the same but if you read what is printed you will see the difference. I have three cards that all have the same picture but if you read the writing on them, one card says the new Templeton Inn in Templeton. The second card is identical except it says East Templeton and the third card says Gardner
Start collecting, it is a fun hobby.

President's Page

by: Brian P. Tanguay



Applying for grants is repetitive, tedious, and repetitive. I never thought I would be the one to apply, never mind receive. The easy ones are through the town, CPC, Templeton Cultural Council, and the Community Foundation, they have people we all know who want us to succeed. Over the past 6 years or so, we've received over \$160,000.00 in grant approvals. It helped with the Grange hall and a few projects in between. It also helps with our events. The tough ones are those from outside our area, but it's worth the effort since the funding is there waiting for the right project to stand behind. So we keep trying.

Recently we applied to an "Anonymous" fund run by a group of trustees in the Gardner area, we were awarded \$6,000.00. This past month, one of the trustees (Ed Atter) walked into my jewelry store with a smile and a check for \$30,000.00, a shock to say the least. He worked hard to push this through to help our project stay on track. I've been offering information as we progress and his other trustees agreed to help fund the Grange hall project.

We are also planning on a capital campaign fundraiser searching for another \$150,000.00 from private organizations, businesses, and people in the community that want to see the Grange hall open once again. Before I even started, David Tourigny from Chair City Oil, cut a check for \$5k to help kick off the campaign.

You can see on pages two and four all of our sponsors who are offering donations both financially and with services saving the Society thousands of dollars each year, helping us grow and prosper. Watch for our campaign in the coming weeks for your chance to help with this fundraiser. Every dollar will be used to finish the hall, light it up, and show off all the artifacts from Templeton's past. You can tell your grandchildren that you were a part of this fine project and they will enjoy it for their lifetime.

Stay safe out there this summer, find time to help out our events, and remember to stop by and visit us when you can. You won't regret it and you'll want to come back for more.

If you attend the fall town meeting, be sure to stand up for us when they vote to grant our asking of \$75,000.00 to continue the restoration work at the Grange.

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<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
Aug 3 meeting at 1 Boynton
Tuesday nights are back, come on down from 6-8
Saturdays from 1-5



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