

# Narragansett Historical Society

June  
2015



## Events and Meetings for 2015

**Tuesday night at the Museum from 6-8pm**

- June:** Building open hours begin Saturdays from 1-5  
*24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Wednesday 7pm in the Document room*  
*27<sup>th</sup> First Tea in the Garden from 2-4:30 Downton Abbey*
- July:** Building is Closed 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend  
Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the First Church.  
Followed by an Ice cream social in the church hall  
**4<sup>th</sup> Templeton Elders are hosting a Mac & Cheese Day on the common**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday MAD HATTER'S Tea from 2-4:30**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Saturday BEATLES Garden Tea from 2—4:30**
- Aug.** **Craft Fair 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>** bake sale, raffle, open house, free tours.  
*26<sup>th</sup> Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm in the Document room*  
**30<sup>th</sup> Go fly a kite day on Baldwinville Rd at the Brooks Farm**
- Sept.** *23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the Document room*  
**26<sup>th</sup> Engine Show** cars, engines, tractors, music and more
- Oct.** All Month display “Death becomes her” features mourning dresses, jewelry, and hair wreaths  
*28<sup>th</sup> Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7pm in the Document room*  
**31<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Festival** watch for details
- Nov.** *18<sup>th</sup> Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the Document room*
- Dec.** **6<sup>th</sup> Jack Frost Festival Sunday** from 1-5 Parade at 4, tree lighting at 4:30. Bake sale, open house, wreath sale, raffle drawing.  
*16<sup>th</sup> Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the Document room*

On the Common  
Templeton MA

Check Us Out at: [www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.org) and on FACEBOOK

# Sponsored by

These are our 2015 sponsors. If you would like to sponsor our efforts to save the Historical Society and preserve Templeton's past, contact us at the email on the bottom of the page.

Our sponsors make it possible for us to continue our mission to preserve the artifacts handed down through the generations and to restore the building where they are displayed for the public 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

# Music on the lawn

*The Garden & Orchard Recorder Consort* played for us last Saturday during our open hours. We had all the windows opened wide and the music filled the rooms. We hope to have them back again for your enjoyment.



# Election Results

Our 2015 slate of officers were recently elected at our annual meeting in May. For those continuing to hold office, Thank you for your continued commitment to the Society. To those newly elected: 3 year Directors, Tom Hurd, Ann Lyons, and Jessie Duguay. Our new Building and Grounds position was filled by Tom Hurd. Thanks to these new members who will move the Society into the future.

Many plans are under way to improve the grounds and the building. Events are being created to excite the community and draw attention to the Museum and our fundraising efforts which keep the place going and will preserve our collection.

Check the back page of this newsletter for the full list of officers, directors, & trustees. They all could use your help, give them a call, offer your support, stop by on Saturday to see what plans are under way. Or simply stop by to visit. It gets quiet in that building if one of us is in there alone. We open it for you and for visitors out for a weekend drive.

Each participating member can take pride in their efforts to make the building look it's best. When you see one of our elected officers, give them a **Thank You**.

**July 4th Reading of the Declaration of Independence** will be held in the First Church followed by an Ice cream social to be served by volunteers Charlie Carroll, Ann Lyons, and Patty Lyons in the church hall. Thank you to Charlie from the Country store for your donation.



# The building is open

We are now open every Saturday except the 4th of July. Volunteers are needed to help host the building, we usually have a few in the store, two upstairs, and one in the civil war room.

Visitors usually tour the building and enjoy each room, you will be our eyes and ears to oversee the safety of the collection. We have created cheat sheets to highlight some of the interesting items on display. Many of our first time hosts were amazed at how easy it is to host and how much they have learned on their very first day. By their second visit they appeared to be seasoned hosts speaking to our visitors as if they have been doing this for years.

If you have a Saturday afternoon you can spare, please give us a call or email us to offer your support. Our seasoned members will give you a quick overview of the area you want to learn about and host. Stop by on Tuesday night for your private tour and see how interesting it is to share our rich history with others.

Bring your high school children as part of their community involvement. They will and do enjoy time spent in the building. Each visitor is amazed at the scope of our collection and several have found family connections. You may find your great grandfather's name on a map from 1895 or the deed to his land.



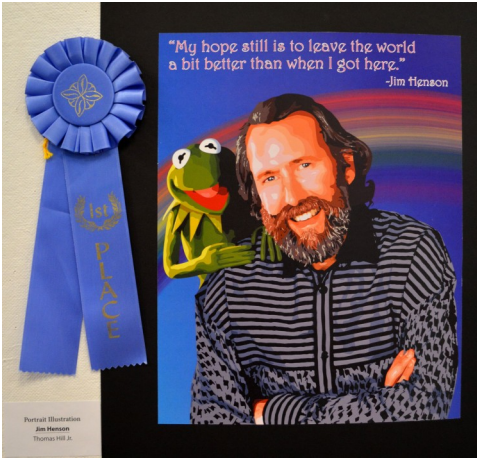
## Phillipston Historical Society Meeting Tuesday night 7pm June 30th

We have invited the Phillipston Historical Society to use our building for meetings. Since they are not able to use their building yet at its new location, they have been meeting at various places in surrounding towns. We are open every Tuesday night and enjoy having voices heard throughout the building. The document room will be reserved for their meeting at 7pm. We will also present them with a few of our artifacts during that meeting. Items once stored in our building years ago when they did not have a Museum. These two books and a pair of symbols will finally move to the location they once originated from.

***Congratulations to the new directors and officers recently elected headed by their new President, Jane French. Good luck with your events and projects during this entire year.***

# MWCC awards

Congratulations to Tom Hill Jr. and Virginia Strahan, who received awards recently during the 2015 Graphic and Interactive Design Spring Exhibit at Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner. The exhibit proudly honors the best student designers, animators, illustrators and web designers from the Graphic and Interactive Design program at MWCC. Tom received first place for his illustration of "Jim Henson" in the Illustrated Poster category, while Virginia won an honorable mention for her stop-smoking Public Service Announcement, "Don't Leave Home without Them."



Both Tom Jr. and Virginia are former fine arts majors at MWCC. Virginia is a member of the Narragansett Historical Society, while Tom is the son of member and Director Tom Hill. For more information about the GID program at MWCC, go to [www.mwcc.edu/gid](http://www.mwcc.edu/gid).



## Downton Abbey Picnic June 27th

**You are cordially invited**

To attend our *Downton Abbey Themed Garden Picnic* Which will include Savories, Sweets, Tea and assorted cold Drinks. A tour of the Main building is included. View our collections at your leisure. You may also enjoy Games on the Common Including Bocce, Croquet and Badminton. Enjoy an afternoon with your neighbors in Templeton Center at the Narragansett Historical Society.

June 27th Building is open from 1 to 5  
*Tea is served from 2pm to 4:30*  
\$10.00 donation at the gate.



## Go Fly a Kite day, August 30th



John and Doris Brooks have offered their field on Baldwinville Rd. Parking will be in the field with two entrances open. Bring your kite and be a part of our first try at flying 100 kites at the same time. Bring your camera. Fun begins at noon.



# “A moment in time”

by: **Harry Aldrich Jr.** *Historian*

## LEAVING TOWN [ part 1 ]

In 1962, I decided to enlist into the U.S. Coast Guard and on the morning February 6, 1962, I left Templeton heading for Cape May, NJ for boot Camp. This would be the furthest that I had been from Templeton in my entire life.

I was not too sure what I was in for but I had a pretty good idea. One of the main things I was told by people that I knew that had been in the service was to keep my mouth shut and don't volunteer for anything. I went down on a Greyhound bus and was dropped off at a point in Cape May where we were supposed to call someone from. There were six of us that got dropped off. After calling the number that we were given, a small grey bus came and got us and brought us to the base. Once the bus got to the base everything changed. We were put into a group called forming company and a few guys were picked to have their hair cut off. Next, they were handed the clippers and they became the barbers. Later, a guy came in and asked who liked dogs. I remembered what I was told and kept my mouth shut. The first one that responded was told that he was the mail man. Next we were marched to a building where we were measured and issued our clothing etc.

After a few days we were formed into a company and became Quebec 48 and moved into another barracks which would be our home for 13 weeks. This would include a lot of being yelled at, exercise, schooling, and training, all worthwhile I might add.

After boot camp, I put in for Radio School and got accepted. I had to report to Groton, CT and started school the following week. After about four month, I flunked out of radio school because I could not take Morse Code fast enough. From there, I was transferred to a ship in Boston named Castle Rock, a 311 foot cutter.

I reported on board the Castle Rock on a Friday and was told that she was leaving for ocean station, Bravo on Monday morning. I was given the weekend off and had to be back by 7:00 AM Monday morning. This was in mid October and I was about to start a whole new lifestyle like nothing I would have ever imagined.

More next month.

## Engine Show is coming



Spread the word, invite your friends who may enjoy an afternoon of motors, engines, cars, trucks, and tractors. Vendors Welcome.

Saturday September 26th on the Templeton Common.

Share this with other car clubs



# President's Page

**By: Brian P. Tanguay**



## JUST ONE !

With our season under way, we must remember that each person we come in contact with is a potential new member waiting to be asked to join. Every member should have at least one application with them at all times. I travel with at least a dozen applications in my truck and pass them out to everyone I come in contact with. Recently I was scouting a place to hold the "Go fly a Kite day" I asked The Houston's if their field was available for our event, unfortunately it was not the best option, but within a few minutes into our conversation, they expressed an interest in our Museum, I brought out some applications and we will soon have several new lifetime members willing to offer help and anxious to visit the building. Don't be shy. If all of our members could simply sign up "Just One" lifetime member it would help us to build a stronger foundation to finally stand on solid financial ground. Along with our newsletter this month, you will also receive an application to print and offer to your friend, neighbor, children, grandchildren, or co-worker. Think about it, you could be the one to sign up our future President!

The "Just One" campaign

## Building and Grounds Report by: Tom Hurd

### Building and grounds update for June

To start I would like to thank you all for entrusting me with the task of Building and grounds for such a wonderful building, I hope I can meet your expectations.

I would like to thank Martin Haley for stepping up and mowing the lawn and would like to ask for volunteers to help him out, it is always a lighter burden if we have a few people rather than one person doing it every week, so step up and Help Marty and the Society out, it only takes about an hour to do it, Also want to thank the folks work on making the grounds come alive with the many Beautiful plants, I would have listed by name but don't want to miss anyone, so thank you all.

We have a list of projects we want to do, so if you would like to help out let Brian or myself know. I know some folks are busy with life, so if you would like to donate material to any of the projects please let us know.

#### Projects:

Reset the front steps, to be done later in the season so that it does not affect the building being open or the teas, we have some volunteers already and we could always use more.

Scraping & painting the rear of the building, can be done nights and weekends other than when there are Garden teas.

Shelves in the basement, we need a place to store misc. items that should not be left out in the cold Garage area, left over cans of paint being one, looking for a few shelves, so if you have any that you no longer need let me know, I can pick them up if needed.

We have the Downton Abby Tea coming up on June 27, I would like to see if someone with a small push mower could mow (or let me borrow one) in the sunken Garden for the event, also if you are available that morning 8-9ish please stop by and help set up tables, chairs, games and anything else that Mary and the Tea crew needs.

If you have any other items or suggestions related to buildings and grounds please let me know.

Tom

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**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME any time.**



Sign up soon.

**965 friends and counting!**

**Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised.  
 June 24th in the Document Room 7pm**

**June 30th Phillipston Historical Society meeting 7pm Document room**

**July 22nd in the Document Room 7pm**

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