

# Narragansett Historical Society

On the Common in Templeton MA

## November 2018

The haunted Walk took place in the Narragansett High School this year, with the Drama Club students. We shared the proceeds which reached \$800.00 , the rain on Saturday kept some visitors away, but Sunday was a great success. A special Thank you to Kate Cote, her husband, and children for doing an excellent job in designing the event, The Drama club students, and to our Members Ann Lyons, Jessie Duguay, and Julie Crosby for getting things done to make this event a success.



**No Monthly meetings  
During November and December**

Due to the holidays, we will cancel our monthly meetings and resume in January.

Our normal Tuesday nights will continue from 6-8 until it's just too cold.

Any committee meetings for events, like the tree lighting can be held  
On any given Tuesday night.

Check both buildings, we might be at the Grange hall.

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# Calendar of events

Open house reminder, every Tuesday night from 6-8 closed Saturdays

Help is always needed to give our volunteers a break,

Let us know if you can help

Jack Frost December 2nd 2-5pm

Cabin Fever Collectors show / Organizers needed

## 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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*Thank You*

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

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

# Annual Tree Lighting and Bake Sale

Sunday December 2, 2018

Parade featuring Santa and the NRHS  
Marching Band



Bake Sale and Open  
House 2-4pm

Parade starts at 4pm  
Tree Lighting 4:30pm



Narragansett Historical Society  
1 Boynton Road  
Templeton Center



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# Hadley room

It's been a full year since we began demolition of the back stage area in the Grange hall to create a climate controlled room for storing our precious collection. Thanks to the generous donations brought in by the entire Hadley family, the Templeton Lion's Club, and the hundreds of hours devoted to completing this year long project. Joe Croteau came to our aid with aluminum to cover the wooden shelves 12 feet wide climbing the wall to reach 12 feet high.

Last month Jim Hadley gathered his collection of family history to begin filling the cabinets and shelves with his donation to the room. Our members have been working to organize our 90 year collection of paperwork, donations, glass negatives, civil war items, and more to store in the safety of this "state of the art" room.

Horrigan flooring of Westminster had a collection of rug tiles to cover the floor donating half of them along with the adhesive needed to secure them to the floor. Another generous donation to go along with the entire project.

To our volunteers, Brian Drury, Thomas Hurd, Brian Tanguay, Tom Jeleniewski, Larry Burke, Joe Croteau, and Roger Couillard **THANK YOU** for all of the time you put in to making the room. To Amy Guthrie and Eileen Bouvier for your help in boxing up everything.

This room will guarantee all future donations will be recorded and stored properly for generations to come. If you have a collection of photographs, documents, or anything Templeton, we want to hear from you.



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# “A moment in time”

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

## MY FIRST JOB

I started my first job working for Sears Roebuck when I was a junior in high school. The store was located at 35 Parker Street in Gardner. Not very many today realize that Sears even had a good size store in Gardner. I had a friend that was working for them installing automotive items in a garage that they operated on Graham Street and he had gotten promoted to repairing appliances. He put a word in for me and I was hired to work days after school and Saturdays. My job consisted of mounting tires, installing exhaust systems, oil changes and grease jobs and installing shocks and seat covers.

This was in 1957 and after I graduated the following year, they made me full time with benefits. I was paid \$1.00 per hour. My boss was a gentleman named Joe Zub who was in charge of the automotive section of the store. Shortly after I was made full time, the store got a new manager. This was something that Sears did, transferring store managers every so many years. The new manager that we got was what I considered very sneaky. While working in the garage which was a metal building, every once in a while, I would hear someone or something out side. One of the times that I heard it, I opened the door and ran over to see what was going on and spotted the manager walking down alley to the store and figured he was for some reason, eavesdropping. The next time I heard what I figured was him I took a tire iron and hit the metal wall as hard as I could and ran outside and looked down the alley to see him running back to the store after that, I never caught him doing that again.

About a year later they hired another young man to work in the garage and after he had learned the job, I was given a job working in shipping and receiving. I really enjoyed working in shipping and receiving and I learned fast that you did not put much trust in the truck drivers when it came to damaged goods or shortages. My first lesson happened just before winter when we received an order of sleds. The sleds cam in bundles of two and we were supposed to get 144 bundles. Well I had received 72 bundles and the driver convinced me that it was 144 sleds and not bundles. It was not long after the truck left that I was told how wrong I was. Fortunately it was a Sears's truck that came in everyday so he was made to sign for the shortage the following day. The rule was if they refuse to sign for a shortage or damage, we don't accept the shipment and the driver can take it back.

There are a couple of thing that I learned from Joe that I always remembered. One day I was complaining about what I had to do. Joe heard me and came over and asked if I got paid last week. I said yes and he asked me if I was planning on getting paid next week to which I said yes. He said well then all you can do is be quiet and do your job, why are you complaining? The other thing was, whenever I told him I was mad about anything, his answer was only dogs get mad, people get angry and you don't hate anyone, you despise them.



# President's Page

by: **Brian P. Tanguay**



**These past few months have been our busiest, leaving little time for administrative work. Enjoy the holiday season in any way you celebrate. We strive to preserve the history of Templeton let's also put the same efforts in keeping peace in our town. Come to our events, share an hour or two with us when you can, and do your part to make Templeton a better place to live. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.**

## Moving the tin wagon

**Why did we move the wagon? With the renovation of the Grange hall, new windows and doors, it was evident that once the new side double doors were replaced with a single door, the wagon would be trapped up there forever. We could always remove the door, cut the wall out and remove the wagon, but doing it now just made sense.**

**The Civil War room was dismantled to accommodate the wagon, which is better suited for the carriage shed type environment of extreme cold in the winter and the occasional mouse that might find shelter.**

**Since we acquired the Civil War memorial frames from the old GAR hall, and the only place to display them was the stage on the second floor of the Grange hall, it made sense to create a new Civil War area centered around the frames. If the Grange hall restoration project goes the distance, it will be heated and cooled to be more desirable for our Civil War collection. Our main goal as the caretakers for this vast collection is the preservation of each item, and to showcase everything in a manner to be enjoyed by our visitors. While we wait for the completion of the Grange hall, many of the delicate items in our collection will be safely stored in the Hadley room where it is sealed, heated, and clean.**



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2021191824825853/>

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



**Located at 1 Boynton Rd. Templeton MA**

**Meeting Notice: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise advertised**  
**No meetings in November or December, we are at the building on Tuesday nights if you want to get involved.**

**Thank you to the Templeton Senior Community Center for helping us print 45 copies of our newsletters each month for those without email accounts.**



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