

# Narragansett Historical Society

November 2015



## FINAL Events and Meetings for 2015

OPEN every **Tuesday night at the Museum**  
from 6-8pm UNTIL THE SNOW FLIES

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> **Jack Frost Festival Sunday** from 2-5 Parade at 4, tree lighting at 4:30. Bake sale, open house, wreath sale, raffle drawing.

**We turn the water off soon after the Jack Frost Festival to close for the winter.**

16<sup>th</sup> Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday *AT THE NRSD LIBRARY*

\*\*\*\*\*2016\*\*\*\*\*

*Jan 27th Meeting at the High School Library 7 PM*

*Feb 24th Meeting at the High School Library 7 PM*

*Feb 27th Cabin Fever Collectors Show at the*

*Baldwinville Legion Noon To 5pm*

**\*\*\*Get involved \*\*\* Volunteer \*\*\* You'll be glad you did! \*\*\***

**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.

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Kite day, Engine show, Pumpkin Fest, & Jack Frost

## Scotty's Potties

Pumpkin Fest and Jack Frost

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## 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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City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

*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.

# TOURS

On October 20th the Grade 2 Brownies visited the Museum to complete their "Celebrating Community Badge" requirements. President Brian Tanguay gave these spirited girls a private tour of the building.



Also on November 9th The 3rd grade students from Baldwinville Elementary School showed up for a tour. Each room had a volunteer waiting to speak to the almost 60 students who showed up 20 at a time. Each student enjoyed their visit as well as our volunteers who had a chance to share some Templeton History with our youth.

# PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2015

**A huge thank you to Jess Duguay for going all out in organizing this event. Julie, Ann, Brian, Harry, and Tom were a great support in completing what was needed to get it done. Of course there were many other volunteers who made this year a success from the Marching band who performed in the parade, then changed into monsters, ghosts, and zombies all to scare our visitors in the haunted walk. The food tent was manned serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chili, and coffee for our hungry guests. We had 10 vendors who all enjoyed the day filled with kids playing games on the common and learning science from Kosmic Kelly.**

**This afternoon raised over \$1,200.00 to help in our future. Thanks again to all who helped and visited.**



## New Event Sponsor

Scotty's Potties has been helping us a great deal all year by supplying us with an outdoor potty at each event we host. He has done this free of charge saving us hundreds of dollars and allowing our events to be more profitable. A huge thanks to Scott for his support.

# Scotty's Potties

# NEW FRONT STEPS \*\*Donation\*\*



After years of planning and working with several volunteers our front steps are complete. Removal of the old stones in the grass and picking two granite steps from the Moschetti Family, and the hard work of JDH Landscaping our steps are in and they look perfect.

This has been a project on the books for many years, especially now that the building is hosting so many events. President Brian Tanguay had a plan with the Moschetti Family to use some of their granite blocks, the only catch was how and when to install them. David Tourigny got involved early this year and met with Brian several times to discuss the plan. Eventually David talked to Heidi and David at JDH Landscaping to see what was needed to get the job done. The Bessie family including Josh, David, and Heidi decided to get involved using their expertise to complete the job in one day and in the rain. David of Chair City Oil agreed to hire JDH to do the job and offered to pay any labor fees. JDH offered to donate any materials needed as well. This project was completed by the involvement of the business community creating a safe passage for our members and visitors into the building. Thank you to everyone involved for your time, planning and hard work. Take pride in a job well done.

TEMPLETON PROUD !

## Appreciation Evening

November 14th the Museum opened up to our volunteers, visitors and sponsors for a party to celebrate our growing success over the past few years. The Garden & Orchard Recorder Consort played beautiful music throughout the night. Kamaloht donated a fine selection of hot served foods along with a cheese & cracker tray and a veggie with dip tray. Judy Smart helped our volunteers pass the food to our guests and Tanguay Jewelers donated wine from Martin Winery of Templeton.

Those in attendance were very pleased with the event commenting that it was a "fine evening" to relax and enjoy the Museum.



# Jack Frost Festival and Tree Lighting

On the Common, Templeton Center, Mass.

**Sunday, Dec. 6, from 2-5 p.m.**

## Inside at the Narragansett Historical Society:

- Photos with Santa, 2-4 p.m.
- Bake Sale of Yuletide treats; Hot Cocoa
- Gift shop with Templeton-related items
- Tour the museum to learn Templeton's past
- Meet Jack Frost, Anna, Elsa and Olaf

## Outside on The Common:

- 4 p.m., Parade down Boynton Street (Santa, Jack Frost, Anna, Elsa, Olaf and the Narragansett Warrior Marching Band)
- 4:30 p.m., Lighting of the town Christmas tree on the Common by Selectmen



*Please bring a canned good to the Festival to help the Templeton Food Pantry provide for those in need this holiday season.*

## Additional Tree Lightings

*5 p.m., East Templeton; 5:30 p.m., Otter River; 6 p.m., Baldwinville Common*



## Special Nativity Display Memorial Congregational Church, Baldwinville

Sunday, Dec. 6, 6-8 p.m., after Tree Lighting  
Offering Warm Beverages and Desserts Inside



**“A moment in time”**

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

## **John Brooks dairy farm.**

**Not many people in town realize it but there use to be a dairy farm right in the center of town. It was owned by John Brooks many years ago. It was located right next to what is now the historical society museum. I never realized how big his barn was until the other day while standing in back of the museum I noticed the ramp made out of stone that use to go into the back of it. The barn has been gone for many years now but I would guess that it was about a hundred feet long. Mr. Brooks pastured his cattle in a large field that went all the way to the rear of the trailer park below the post office in Templeton Center.**

**My grandparents lived two houses past the office and I can remember Mr. Brooks leading the cows to the lower field. There was a fenced in path that went along the edge of the pasture and it was lined with two rows of Weeping Willow trees. The trees were from the fence posts, which were Willow taking root and growing into these beautiful trees. Mr. Brooks always had knee high rubber boots. In the pasture in back of the trailer park there was a big well with a large wooden cover on it with a hand pump. Next to the pump was a big round cast iron tub that he would fill up every day for his herd.**

**Back up at the farm there was a small building that in my time was the post office. From what I have read, it was originally built to be a print shop by a Mr. Bushnell who was going to start a news paper but changed his mind and went to Gardner and started the Gardner News. It later became a small grocery store which I believe was operated by Mr. Brooks.**

**In our book *Images of America, Templeton* on page 26, you will see a picture of Leonard and Lawrance Brooks with the milk wagon on the common.**

# President's Page

By: Brian P. Tanguay



**Happy Thanksgiving everyone! 2015 is coming to a close and we have so much to be thankful for. Our Historical Society has been in the news every month throughout the year, our events have been a huge success in both fundraising and community involvement. The membership drive is bringing in great new members willing to help the Society grow and everywhere you turn people are talking about how much is happening on the common and in our Historical Society Museum. The measure of success is made in several ways as outlined above but most of all we have to ask if we can survive into the**

**future. There is only one way to achieve this success and that is to excite the youth of this town and get them interested in fun ways. I believe we have taken the first step toward that goal. Here is a quick collection of our young members and helpers from the past 18 months.**



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Find us on Facebook—Search for **Narragansett Historical**. 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 also of around town. Take a look, add a comment, or ask us a question. Friends have been sending images to us and posting online. We fill out the history to go with the photograph and post it for your enjoyment.

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



Sign up soon **1,105 friends and counting!**

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

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