

THE SPEAKING TRUMPET

NEWSLETTER OF THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

WINTER 2018



LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

IN OUR LAST SPEAKING TRUMPET NEWSLETTER, OUR PAST PRESIDENT DAVE CLARK TOLD HIS STORY ABOUT HOW HIS MEMBERSHIP STARTED AT THE HERSEY HOUSE BARN ON A WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN 1980 AND HE REFLECTED ON HIS 12 YEARS OF PRESIDENCY. MY JOURNEY WITH THE MUSEUM STARTED WITH A VERY SIMILAR STORY. ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER 2016, A RIDE ON THE ON THE FOX LED TO DAVE AND RUSSELL CLARK ASKING FOR \$35. AT FIRST I WASN'T SURE IF IT WAS THE COST OF THE RIDE OR THEY WERE ASKING ME TO JOIN. I AM HAPPY IT WAS THE LATTER AND THEY ASKED ME TO BE A MEMBER.

ALTHOUGH I ONLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE MUSEUM FOR A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AND A HALF, I AM LEARNING A LOT FROM OUR FOUNDERS, MEMBERS, AND CURRENT AND PAST LEADERSHIP. I EXPECT MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE MUSEUM WILL BE JUST AS FULFILLING AS IT HAS BEEN FOR EVERYONE ELSE. I ALSO HOPE I HAVE JUST AS MANY STORIES IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE MUSEUM AS OUR MEMBERS DID WITH BUILDING IT.

2017 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE MUSEUM AND I EXPECT WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD ON IT THROUGH 2018. WE HAD QUITE THE RUN OF SUCCESSFUL EVENTS — BARN SALES, FIREHOUSE NIGHT, SOME OPEN HOUSES, A FEW PARADES, RESURRECTION OF THE BUNNY WAGON RESTORATION, THE START A BRICK FUNDRAISER, THE RE-LAUNCH OF OUR WEBSITE, AND WE HAD OUR FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC WITH MAFAA.

THROUGH ALL THIS I HAVE LEARNED THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT TAKES PLACE BEHIND THE SCENES AND IT SPECIFICALLY STARTS WITH OUR CLERK GERI DUFF. GERI IS THE BACKBONE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HER.

IN ADDITION TO GERI, MANY OF OUR MEMBERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR THE MUSEUM ON A REGULAR BASIS. WHILE WE DON'T HAVE THE SPACE TO RECOGNIZE EVERYONE, I DO WANT TO POINT OUT SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT WERE MADE OVER THE PAST YEAR.

MARK DUFF WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HARASSING VERIZON TO GET OUR PHONE LINE BACK IN OPERATION. AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS THE MUSEUM MADE IT TO THE 21ST CENTURY WITH HIGH SPEED INTERNET AND CABLE TELEVISION.

THANK YOU TO VICTOR AND THE CREW TURNING THE “BARN” INTO BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM’S TIRE SERVICE CENTER. ENGINE 4 HAS FOUR NEW “SNEAKERS” AND THE BUNNY WAGON

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Pack 27 Bear Scouts worked on their Whittling Chip Award at the museum.

**BOARD MEMBERS
ELECTED OFFICERS**

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GARY TONDORF-DICK

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JUSTIN HOLSTROM

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DAVE CLARK

CLERK

GERI DUFF

TREASURER

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DIRECTORS AT LARGE

RUSSELL CLARK

TRACY GAUDET

JACLYN HOWARD

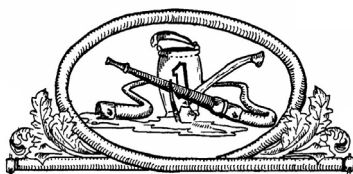
DONALD LINCOLN

BARN SALE MANAGER

TARA GALLO

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

TRACY GAUDET



TIRES ARE ALSO LOOKING GOOD ON THE RIMS. ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE RETAINING WALL AROUND THE FLAGPOLE, WHAT A PERFECT SPOT TO INSTALL OUR BRICKS.

MATT MCCORMACK WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING HINGHAM'S SEAGRAVE LADDER AND BROCKTON'S MACK OUT OF STORAGE FOR A LITTLE SHOW AND TELL FOR THE PICNIC IN OCTOBER.

MATT SHERMAN TOOK THE LEAD IN DISMANTLING AND CLEANING SOME OF THE GLASS CASES. I HOPE WE CONTINUE WITH THE DEEP CLEANING WE HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING LATELY. FEEL FREE TO STOP BY AND GRAB A RAG FOR SOME POLISHING!

WE PUT OUR NEWEST MEMBER DANIEL SOUTH TO WORK RATHER QUICKLY WITH RUNNING SOME CAT 5 AND TELEPHONE WIRES FROM ONE END OF THE BUILDING TO THE OTHER. AT THE END OF THE NIGHT DANIEL WAS THE DIRTIEST, AS WE SENT HIM INTO THE NOT-SO-CLEAN CRAWL SPACE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE OPEN HOUSES, PARADES, AND EVENTS IN 2018. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE MUSEUM WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU. PLEASE CHECK OUR CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/21 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

3/10 — BCFM OPEN HOUSE WITH SOUTH SHORE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB OPEN HOUSE

3/14 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

3/18 — SCITUATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

4/08 — MARTIN RICHARD FOUNDATION 5K IN BARE COVE PARK

4/11 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

5/06 — WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY

5/09 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

MAY — FIRE HOUSE NIGHT (DATE TBD)

5/20 — TRI STATE FIREFIGHTERS MEET, WEBSTER, MA

6/02 — SPRING BARN SALE

6/09 — QUINCY FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

6/09 — LYNNFIELD APPARATUS SHOW & FIREMATIC FLEA MARKET

6/13 — ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 PM, ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

6/23-24 — BOSTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FIELD DAY AT BCFM

6/30 — BRAINTREE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

7/03 — RANDOLPH NIGHT BEFORE THE 4TH PARADE

7/04 — HINGHAM 4TH OF JULY PARADE

9/12 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

10/7 — MAFAA & BCFM PICNIC

10/7-13 — FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

10/10 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

11/14 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

11/24 — QUINCY CHRISTMAS PARADE

12/12 — BCFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM

AROUND THE MUSEUM

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, Dave Clark retired from his long tenure as museum president. The museum members elected Gary Tondorf-Dick as president for the 2018 fiscal year.

Gary brings years of expertise in the preservation of historical buildings and artifacts and will be an asset to the museum in the coming years.

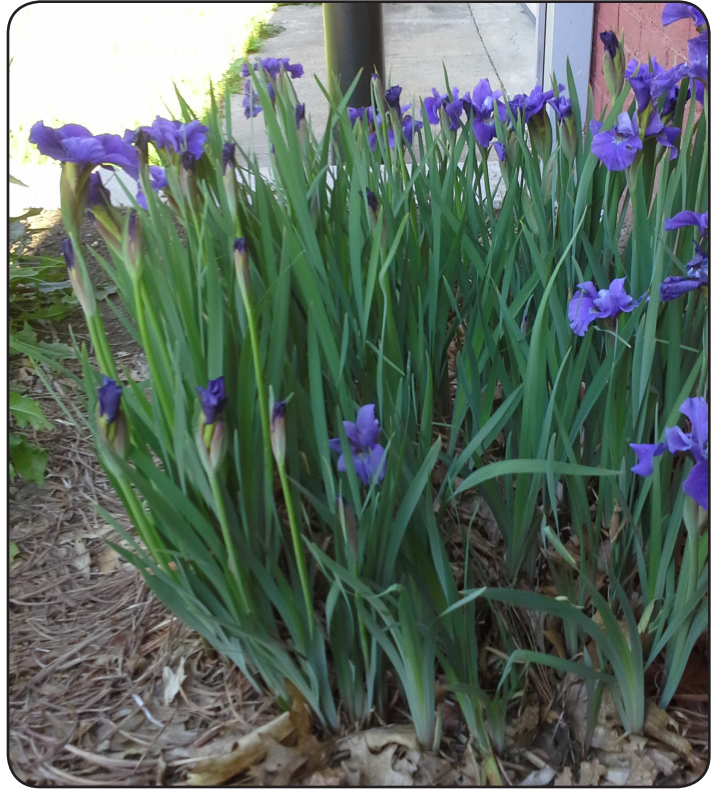
Dave now has the title of Past President and will remain on the board of directors.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM GROUNDS

Lifetime member Lisa Andre planted these flowers back when she was our treasurer, showing that any little thing one does for the museum will go a long way. The front of the museum looks great!



The board of directors voted to approve a proposal from Hingham Girl Scout Troop 74829 to create a community garden at the southern section of the museum. Anna Wagner and her leader Pauline Bogle displayed a diagram of the plan to the board of directors. The girls hope to be able to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to those in need. They will have the soil tested, develop a compost pile, build raised bed and place a sign of explanation. The three tire gardens are just a start. The plan is to have several raised beds, a trellis or two and benches for quiet contemplation.

The Bare Cove Fire Museum will not be responsible for upkeep. Water will be supplied independently by the scouts.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

BARN SALE

The semi-annual barn sale has been a museum main event for more than 30 years. Raising \$2,000 per year, the sale has been vital to the funding of the museum. The well-known sale brings visitors to the museum that might not otherwise be aware of its existence. Additionally, other non-profit organizations, teachers, and other charities have been beneficiaries of barn sale donated goods. Teachers have picked up books and other supplies for their classrooms. Girl Scouts, and the Hingham Historical Society have received office supplies and equipment for their buildings. The First Baptist Church has been picking all the books that don't sell and through the Got Books program has received funds to send packages to service personnel overseas.



Member Geri Duff has organized the two Barn Sales a year for the past 25 years. She announced that the October 2017 sale will be her final one and she has stepped down. Geri will still be around to assist and share her knowledge should another museum member offer to take over this important museum fundraiser. If interested, contact the board of directors.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

VISITORS

The Hingham Quint 1 got fuel at the town depot and then drove by the Bare Cove Fire Museum for a visit. Both the 1935 Ahren-Fox and the 1999 Seagrave are in fine form.



Wednesday night after the July 4th parade we had a visitor from the Czech Republic. We don't usually allow visitors on the trucks but when you cross the Atlantic Ocean to see the 1939 Ahrens-Fox you deserve a treat.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

DONATION

Amanda J. Bosworth Rebekah Lodge 186 made a monetary donation to the museum to recognize the work the museum does to educate children about firefighting history and fire safety. Noble Grand Lynne Hersey and Lodge Chaplain and Financial Officer Michael Linscott dropped off the check to Past President Dave Clark and Clerk/Archivist Geri Duff.

Lynne and Michael were given a tour after the presentation of the museum and were pleased to see the preservation of firefighting history as both had family members in the Hingham fire service.



NOTICE

**2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY 6/1/18.
NEW THIS YEAR, DUES CAN NOW BE PAID ON
THE MUSEUM WEBSITE UNDER THE "NEW
MEMBERSHIP" LINK. THEY STILL CAN BE PAID
BY CHECK OR CASH AS WELL. CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM.**

AROUND THE MUSEUM

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

We opened the doors on the first Saturday in August and it was too lovely to stay inside so Russell Clark had the duty to move the trucks out of the building!



FALL OPEN HOUSE

During the October Open House Member Jim McCann studied the records of the Niagara Fire Company. The Niagara was stationed in Hingham Center from 1846 to 1905. The records that were laid out on the tables in the apparatus floor contained the appointments made by the company and approved by first the selectmen and later the Board of Fire Engineers in Hingham. An extremely valuable resource for historians and genealogists.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

BUNNY WAGON

Progress is being made with the restoration of Hingham's Forest Wagon known as the "Bunny Wagon." Since this picture was taken in October, the wheel rims have been painted and new tires put on. Drop in on a Wednesday night to learn more.



BROCKTON MACK

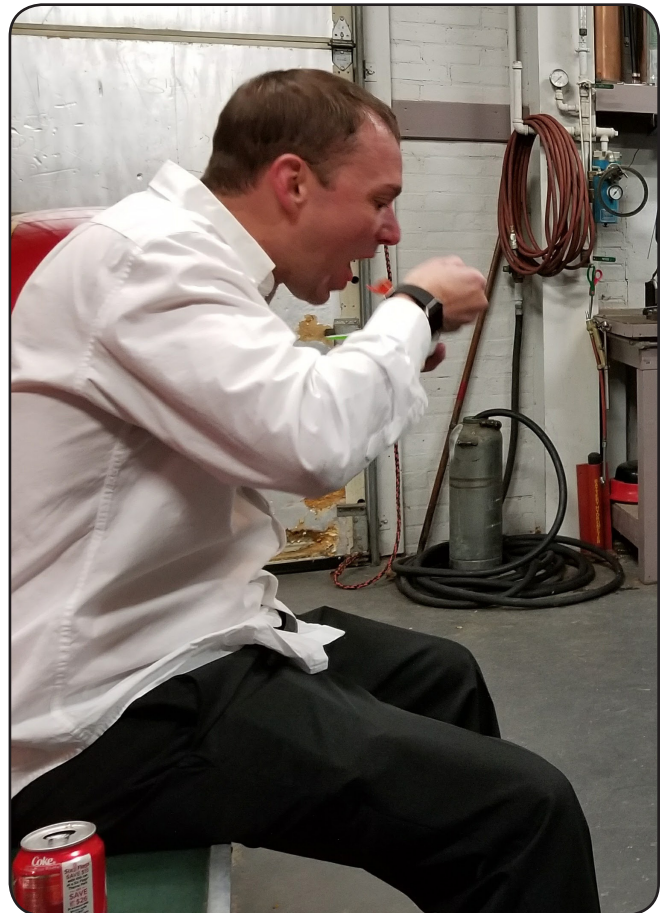
After many years of storing Brockton's Engine 10 in Building #52, the Brockton Fire Chief has decided to bring her home and possibly trade her in or sell her. While the mechanics could get her up and running, they decided to have her trailered for safety reasons. Hopefully someone will be able to buy and restore her to her former glory.



AROUND THE MUSEUM

QUINCY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The museum was again invited to participate in the annual Quincy Christmas Parade. Vice President Justin Holston and Rick Pegurri drove Engine 2 and Ladder 1 with Matthew Sherman and Past President Dave Clark as passengers. When they returned to the museum, they were greeted with Justin's chili and Geri Duff's sausage soup to help warm them up after driving in open cab trucks in the cold.



AROUND TOWN

HINGHAM HERITAGE MUSEUM

Here is a photo of Clerk Geri Duff dressed as Molly Williams the first “official” female firefighter from the early 1800s who lived in New York City and was a servant of a member of the Oceanus Engine Company No. 11.

Geri read the story at the Hingham Heritage Museum in the display room where the remains of Hingham’s Precedent hand tub is on loan from the museum.



HINGHAM TOWN HALL

In the Bare Cove Fire Museum is the original station sign from the Torrent Fire House. While the sign itself has yet to be restored, Town of Hingham had the little man who stood at the top of it refurbished and placed under glass. A specially hand crafted table and base display him beautifully. You can see him at Hingham Town Hall.



IN MEMORIUM

GINNY GRAY

Lifetime museum member Virginia “Ginny” Gray passed away on January 5, 2018. Ginny was involved in many organizations around the Town of Hingham and the museum was honored to have her as a member.

JOHN STODDARD

Longtime museum member John Stoddard passed away on January 18, 2018. John was a Hingham Fire Department master mechanic for more than thirty years and a proud supporter of the museum. The museum will miss having him in our ranks.

MEMBERSHIP

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OR RENEWING A MEMBERSHIP?
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR AN APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO THE BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM, 45 BARE COVE PARK DRIVE
HINGHAM, MA 02043, OR PAY ONLINE.

- ☐ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35
- ☐ FAMILY MEMBER (NO VOTING PRIVILEGES) \$15
- ☐ LIFETIME MEMBER \$500 (MAY BE PAID \$100/YEAR OVER 5 YEARS)

DONATIONS

THE MUSEUM ALWAYS WELCOMES DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT
TO HELP WITH OUR DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES AND OUR ONGOING
PROJECTS. YOU MAY ALSO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE.

- ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00
- ☐ \$100.00 ☐ OTHER _____



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45 BARE COVE PARK DRIVE, HINGHAM, MA 02043

OPEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

BE A PART OF HISTORY

SUPPORT THE BARE COVE MUSEUM

Since 1974, the Bare Cove Fire Museum has accumulated an extraordinary collection of artifacts, equipment, and documents that tell the story of the New England people who worked heroically to save lives and property.

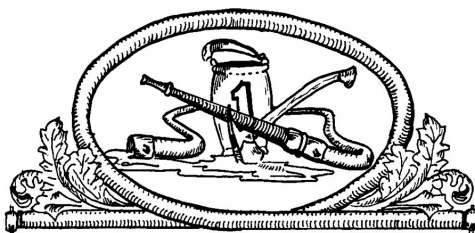
Our latest restoration project at the museum is our Bunny Wagon. This 1938 Dodge/Maxim Forest Wagon gained its nickname because it is small and could “hop” over rough ground to fight brush, woods, and grass field fires.

To raise funds for this restoration and to help us improve the museum grounds, we are creating a brick garden at our front entrance. Please consider a tax-deductible purchase of a brick in support of the museum. The bricks can be engraved per your instruction, which could include your name, a friend or family member's name, a business name, or any other sort of tribute.



Please visit our website www.barecovefiremuseum.org to place an order or stop by the museum any Wednesday night from 7 pm to 9 pm to order in person.

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BARE COVE FIRE MUSEUM

SEMI-ANNUAL

BARN SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2018, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE — INDOORS

DISHES ✦ BOOKS ✦ TOYS ✦ PICTURES ✦
FLATWARE ✦ FURNITURE ✦ POTS ✦ PANS
✦ SKIS ✦ COSTUME JEWELRY ✦ GLASSES
✦ VIDEOS ✦ LAMPS ✦ VASES ✦ FRAMES ✦
BASKETS ✦ HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ✦ PUZZLES ✦
COFFEE MUGS ✦ RECORDS ✦ PLAYER PIANO ROLLS

**LOOK FOR BUILDING #52
IN BARE COVE PARK**



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