

Lizzie Borden B&B Museum Visit...If These Walls Could Talk!



The Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast Museum located at 230 Second Street in Fall River

By Kaylie Krauzyk

A ouija board was propped up against the wall with letters facing the room. Stolen by an overnight guest some years ago, it was fedex'd back a few days later with a handwritten note that said: "Make it stop." I've never believed in the stigma of a ouija board or ghosts but in an occult place, expect the unexpected.

On a drizzly Wednesday afternoon, a visit to the Lizzie Borden

Bed & Breakfast Museum in Fall River was a fun way to spend some time downtown. About twelve other folks and myself, from young kids to adults, were each interested in the mystery of the "Murder House" and the popular story that dates back to August 4, 1892.



Lizzie Andrew Borden (July 19, 1860 – June 1, 1927) passed away of pneumonia and is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, Fall River

Our tour guide Robin led us around the house, giving an in-depth account of the Borden family history. All of the furniture has been replaced except for the original couch where Andrew Borden was killed. Newer sofas and lounge chairs still feel like classic late eighteenth century style with floral prints and dark hues. Black and white pictures of family members can be found in each room.

All of the original wood still holds the house together and I never knew that it used to be a two-family home before Andrew Borden bought it. A penny-pincher, he wouldn't pay for gas

lighting or working indoor plumbing. An outhouse in the yard and basins in all of the rooms got the job done. I cringe at the thought of what that must've been like.

During the infamous trial in New Bedford that lasted for 13 days, Lizzie Borden had been held in the Taunton jail and was acquitted within fifteen minutes after an hour of court deliberation. Biases of the time were strong and some believed that because she was a woman, she couldn't have possibly committed such heinous crimes. Or could she?

Moving into the dining room, Robin told us about a case of food poisoning that had hit the family during a summer heatwave. As I listened, I couldn't help but stare at what I thought was a washboard that the maids probably used. Actually, it was an autopsy board with numerous holes in it that would let the blood drain from bodies that were examined in that very room. Talk about putting rooms to "other uses".

Sound travels quickly as Robin stomped one foot that shook the entire house. These were private people we're talking about. Andrew Borden locked all the doors, even if someone was home. Speculation as to how the murderer could've made their way around without being noticed still remains questionable.



*The Borden Household
circa 1895.*

Moving to the bedrooms, a portrait of Andrew Borden filled a frame between two doorways. Visitors wondered if he ever smiled, looked stern all the time, or maybe didn't have any

teeth. Actually, he and his wife, Abby Borden, wore upper dentures that aligned their mouths differently. For a man that didn't want working indoor plumbing or lighting, dental work was certainly a priority.

All three doors near the master bedroom had been locked on the day of the murder. A female volunteer from the group laid face down in the same way Abby Borden's body had been found in a staged reenactment. 19 strong blows, leaving deep 4" gashes, spun Abby Borden around and knocked her face down. She died an hour and a half before her husband. I bet the killer had been fueled with an intense rage that empowered them to kill Andrew Borden in a similar way.

Antique portraits of Lizzie and her sister Emma with their biological mother, Sarah Anthony (Morse) Borden, fill frames atop one table in what used to be Emma's bedroom. Lizzie is a spitting image of Sarah and the photo of them together feels like a happier time. Sarah died during childbirth when Emma was only 12 years old. During the murders, Emma had been in Europe, absent from the tragedies at home.

Ascending to the third floor felt a little dangerous as the old staircase creaked and barely gave our feet enough room to step on. The ceiling slanted as we were close to the rooftop and if I didn't pay attention, I think I could've easily banged my head. A dimly lit bedroom in the corner reminded me "Paranormal Activity" with its lack of lighting and coldness; overnight guests get the privilege of sleeping in there. The room right near the stairs was where the family's maid, Bridget "Maggie" Sullivan, slept. Maggie disappeared after the trial and went to live with her Irish family in Montana. I'd say it's a fair guess that she wanted to get away from all the horror she had witnessed. Her room was silent and empty with a small window that let in a little ray of sunshine. I couldn't shake the feeling that staying up there could make you feel pretty isolated.



Who's ready to spend the night and confirm or debunk the haunting anecdotes?

If these floral papered walls could talk to us today, I think they would have a lot to say about what happened on August 4, 1892. Is it possible that a schoolteacher of wealthy status and influence could have done such terrible things out of rage or contempt? Or was it something else altogether? Regardless, interpretations of this case come from many ideas and theories change over time. It's unique that the notoriety of the Lizzie Borden murders continues to this day, over 100 years later. I wonder what else could come to light one day.

The Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast Museum is located on 230 Second Street in Fall River. Tours are offered daily on the hour from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This bed and breakfast museum is open all year round and closed major holidays. B&B guests can stay overnight for an extended tour and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast in the dining room of "many uses". Group tours are available by appointment only. Check out the gift shop located behind the house for unique items and mementos. All major credit cards accepted. Visit lizzie-borden.com or call (508) 675-7333 for more information.

Eat Your Heart Out Katniss Everdeen: Trader Jan's Pro-Shop Taught Me Everything I Need To Know About Archery



By Kaylie Krauzyk

A carved statue of a bear standing upright holding a fish in its mouth is tucked in the corner. Directly across, large cube and bag-shaped targets sit piled together adjacent to a wide counter filled with fishing hooks and lures. Bulls-eye mats and arrows made of fiberglass and plastic, some decorated with feathers, stand neatly packed in a row alongside carrying cases and totes. An entire wall is decorated with bows of all different shapes, sizes, and makes.

"Serving the Archery community proudly since 1991"

That's the guarantee of Trader Jan's Archery Pro-Shop where veteran shooters and newcomers like myself are encouraged to learn and grow in the sport of archery. This isn't your typical gym class experience. Proper stance, head straight, fingers tucked, and opposite arm up and out are just a few of the many things to remember when getting into the groove. Aim too high, and your arrow whizzes right over the mark and into the wall beyond. Aim too low, and your arrow could just make the outer rim of the oval, or fall with a thud to the floor.

With careful, steady aim and a quick release, move your elbow as if you were nudging someone out of the way. Get this down and you could be hitting your target in no time.



Being at Trader Jan's feels like stepping into a small scale version of Bass Pro Shops, minus most of the deer heads, hunting weapons, and all-terrain outdoor clothing. Various string, bow, arrow, and target accessories are available for purchase. Compound, long, and recurve bows are neatly hooked and tagged along the wall. This display reminds me of a shoe display from Olympia Sports or Dick's Sporting Goods.

Archery isn't easy. I can't even imagine how a stunt double managed to backflip and jump around a training course in The Hunger Games: Catching Fire movie (maybe it was just movie magic?). I'd poke an eye out like Ralphie from The Christmas Story for sure. Your arms and especially biceps, get a workout from holding the bow steady while you practice shoot four arrows at a time. The indoor range covers 20 to 40 yards of space. And we're going for short range targets here on first visits. Nothing like the woods decor and advanced hunting targets that are staged next to the practice area.

Trader Jan's offers range rates are \$10.00 an hour and \$5.00 a half hour with your own gear, per person. \$20.00 an hour and \$13.00 per half hour with our rental gear, per person. Tuesday's is their half price shooting day; the rates are \$5.00 an hour and \$3.00 a half hour with your own gear, per person and \$10.00 an hour and \$7.00 a half hour with their rental gear, per person. Off-season hours (from January to August) are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:30 PM to 8 PM and Saturday 11 AM to 5 PM. They are closed Sunday, Monday, and Thursday. Busy season hours (August to end of December) they are open Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 PM to 9 PM and Saturday 11 AM to 5 PM. Closed Sunday & Monday.



A visit to Trader Jan's Archery Pro-Shop could be the idea you haven't thought of when it comes to making plans with friends or even for a date night. Staff are courteous and professional, facilities are well-maintained, and you go at your own pace. Be care with those long bows and arrows; you don't want to put an eye out!

Trader Jan's Archery Pro-Shop is located at 288 Plymouth Avenue in Fall River within the mill; it's just floors apart from Lazer Gate and Straight Shooters Billiards. Call (774) 627-7743 or check out <http://www.traderjans.com/> for more information on their offerings which include bow repair services, hunting gear, and custom archery equipment options.

Beat The Summer Heat With These Local South Coast Ice Cream Shops



*Hmmm...how to spend this 50 cents best?
(tribelocal.com)*

By Kaylie Krauzyk

Somerset Creamery

A hometown favorite where the sweet aroma of freshly baked waffle cones and homemade ice cream starts at the door. Inventors of the Cranberry Bog flavor, Somerset Creamery has been in business since 1937, serving the Somerset and Cataumet, Cape Cod communities. Take some frozen goodness home in a hand-packed pint or quart or treat your sweet tooth to a wicked banana split. My recent visit ended in a sugar coma after having a brownie sundae served with two scoops of your choice ice cream, a fudgy brownie, chopped nuts, whipped cream, and cherry.

Somerset, MA

1931 GAR Hwy

Sunday – Thursday: 12 – 9:30PM

Friday & Saturday: 12 – 10:00PM

(508) 672-5510

146 County St.

Sunday – Thursday: 12:00 – 9:30PM

Friday & Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00PM

(508) 673-0700

Payment: Cash only

<http://www.somersetcreamery.com/index.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Somerset-Creamery/200570046637427>

Mister Peepers' Ice Cream

Since 2001, owner Wayne Menezes has been creating custom ice cream cakes and handmade hard and soft ice cream. Edible, gel, shaped, and holiday cakes are just an order away. "Dream" cakes filled with rich, intense flavors include fudge brownie, strawberry shortcake, and bittersweet ecstasy. Take home some fun with a "walk-away" sundae or jimmy-dipped fresh waffle cone for only \$2.50! Do the twist with chocolate and vanilla or mix flavors to create a custom swirl.

Swansea, MA

179 GAR Highway

Corner of Gardner's Neck Road and Route 6

Monday – Friday: 11:00 – 8:00PM

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 – 8:00PM

(508) 324- 0742

Payment: Cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover

<http://mrpeepersicecream.com/peepers.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mister-Peepers-ice-cream/202918596398755>

Kathy's Coffee Shop & Creamery

Kathy's is a good old-fashioned place that makes a hearty breakfast and delicious ice cream sundaes. The warm taste of a

home-cooked meal is packed into the overwhelming amount of food you're served; you'll be stuffed walking out the door. It's a great place to cool off with a scoop of cake batter or strawberry cheesecake in a waffle cone or cup. The brownie sundae is packed with two scoops of ice cream, nuts, whipped cream, fudge, and a warm, gooey brownie that melts in your mouth. Next time, I'm getting my own!

Assonet, MA

66 S Main St.

Monday – Friday: 5:15 AM – 9:30 PM

Saturday: 5:30 AM – 9:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM – 9:30 PM

(508) 644-3396

Payment: Cash, All Major Cards

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kathys-Coffee-Shop/269639424742>



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best? (tribelocal.com)

The Ice Cream Barn

“From the cow to the cone!”

The Ice Cream Barn in Swansea, MA on the Baker Farm serves up homemade ice cream everyday using the freshest ingredients possible. Since September 2012, Tom and Jocelyn Seiter have partnered with farm owner Kenny Baker to create the ice cream parlor of their dreams. 95% fat-free frozen yogurt and no sugar added hard and soft ice cream options are churned out on a “barn-made” basis. Apple Crisp. Kahlua Brownie. Maple Walnut. Chocolate Peanutbutter. Cool down with a scoop of your favorite!

Swansea, MA

289 Locust St.

Sunday – Thursday: 12 Noon – 9:30 PM

Friday & Saturday: 12 Noon – 10:00 PM

(508) 567-6278

<http://www.theicecreambarn.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ice-Cream-Barn-Baker-Farm/160727481521>

Payment: Cash only

Moose Cafe

Previously called “The Muddy Moose”, The Moose Cafe Coffee & Ice Cream joint is a hometown favorite that’ll always be close to my heart. Growing up in Fall River before moving to Somerset, the Moose Cafe was the place for me to stop for some ice cream on the way to Westport or Dartmouth. They have over 300 flavors of ice cream to choose from, fresh bakery treats and sandwiches, hot soups, explosive sundaes, and holiday pies to share back home (or keep for yourself!). On the go? Zip around the drive through for lunch or relax indoors at the

high tables or beside the fireplace. Try a specialty sandwich like the Blat; a stuffed BLT served with generous layers of avocado. Vegetarian options, deluxe grilled cheese, and dessert sandwiches like the Nutella Banana panini are available. Wash it all down with a signature hot or iced drink like the espresso-infused Iced Mooseacino.

“Moose Card” gift cards are great for any occasion and make 300+ flavors worth trying!

Tiverton, RI

1160 Stafford Rd.

Monday – Friday: 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

(401) 625-2442

****New Location Now Open****

720 South Main St.

Fall River, MA

Hours: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

<http://www.themoosecafe.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Moose-Cafe/112178629691>

<https://twitter.com/themoosecafe>

Payment: Cash, All Major Cards

Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream

Open all year round, rain or shine, Peaceful Meadows in Middleboro, MA is one of the funnest ways to grab a cone and relax with friends. It's has the classic, old-school vibe of sitting at a drive-in theatre; ready to chill and put your feet up? Monthly special flavors. Sundae “Paks” with all the fixings to made eight great desserts at home. And pile high Mud, Fudgernutter, Banana, Reese's, Lickety, and Brownie Boat splits are available. Support local farmers by making a purchase at the farm's dairy store which offers fresh eggs, 1% whole/low fat/skim milk, cream, bacon, country bread, fruit

pies, and a whole lot more!

The following 3 chill spots are open Monday to Sunday, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM;

Whitman, MA

60 Bedford St.
(781) 447-3889

Middleboro, MA

109 West Grove St.
(508) 947-1322

Plymouth, MA

170 Water St.
(508) 746-2362

<http://www.peacefulmeadows.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PeacefulMeadowsIC/timeline>

Tweets by PMIceCream

Payment: Cash, All Major Cards

Newport Creamery

Heard of the Awful Awful? At Newport Creamery, it's anything but! Slimming reduced fat and outrageously smooth and creamy drinks are a great treat after a diner style munch. Malted frappes, freezes, and coolers combine yogurt, ice cream, and milk into a supreme slurp. 3 scoop waffle cones, perfectly packed frozen yogurt, and "Super Chipper" chocolate chip cookie ice cream sandwiches beat the supermarket freezer section any day of the week. Sundae boats and petite kids' dishes are fun for all ages with traditional toppings and candy "fancies" of your choice.

Fall River, MA

1670 President Ave.

Sunday – Thursday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
(508) 678-6346

Seekonk, MA

701 Fall River Ave.

Sunday – Thursday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
(508) 336-4519

Providence, RI

673 Smith St.

Sunday – Thursday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
(401) 351-4677

<http://www.newportcreamery.com/index.asp>

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