



Come Celebrate With Us

We have much to be thankful for
as we end 2007 and look forward to 2008.

Sunday, December 9, 2007**
North Gate Downstairs at 1:30 PM
Holiday Pot Luck

Join us for good food, good company and
entertainment of “T for Two”.

Gloria Turner (353-2190), our hospitality chair, is coordinating the menu.
Check with her to see what to bring: appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert.

**in case of bad weather listen to radio or TV for cancellation.



*May the Peace and Joy
Of the Season
Be with you and yours
Throughout the New
Year.*

BVHS Executive Committee

There will be no meeting in January, 2008.



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Blackstone Valley Historical Society Receives Legislative Grant for \$3,649

By *Chris Nowak*

The Blackstone Valley Historical Society was recently presented with a check for \$3,649 to be used to upgrade and maintain the Society's property, located at 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike (Route 246).

The check was presented by Edward F. Sanderson, executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. The award represents a Legislative Grant appropriated under the 2007/2008 Appropriations Act for the Society's continued efforts to preserve the history of the Blackstone Valley.

According to Albert Klyberg, vice president of the Society, the grant was used for three projects:

- To repaint the Arnold Bakery in its original yellow color.
- To refurbish the foyer of North Gate, the Society's headquarters. The foyer area is the oldest part of the building, dating to around 1807.

Special Speaking Event

Wednesday, November 28

7:00 p.m.

Downstairs at North Gate

Bryan T. Peck,

Final Weeks of the Berlin Wall

Bryan, University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK, International Education Expert and member of BVHS, was personally there when the Berlin Wall came down. He will

- To upgrade the former Lime Rock Volunteer Fire Department Station.

The fire house, now the Dick and Anne Buckley Museum, houses displays of the fire department, the former Lime Rock Grange, and the lime stone industry.

"This is the third grant we have received which has enabled us to upkeep our properties. Previous grants have been used to replace the roof on the fire station, replaced deteriorated doors and windows, repair gutters on North Gate, and pay for the removal of trees on the property," Klyberg said.

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From the desk of the President:

I am happy to report that all 3 buildings on our property were open to visitors at the OPEN HOUSE on Sunday afternoon, October 28, including the Buckley building, the old Lime Rock Grange Fire Station. Through the hard work of Gail Harris with considerable help from Stacy Harris, both BOD members, the fire station has been restored to a semblance of its original purpose when opened.

As you see in these last two mailings, **LANDMARK** is being revived thanks to Sue Nicewander, a new member, who is the new editor. If you would like to write an article to be printed in or have an idea for the **LANDMARK** let Sue know.



GOLD STARS AND MANY THANKS to these people. They have earned my undying gratitude and praise for all the time, work and effort that they have been giving on behalf of BVHS in the last few months.

- **Gail Harris** and **Stacy Harris** for thoroughly cleaning out the Fire Station. You can't believe how dirty it was!!!
- **Gail Harris** for so many things – putting new captions on the Alma Knott paintings; for taking up the old rugs and putting down newer ones in foyer; for the new curtains in the foyer; for putting the finishing touches in the bakery for the open house; and generally putting in lots of hours getting the all buildings ready for today's open house.
- **Al Klyberg** for so many things – who spent pretty much every Monday and Thursday (Gail helped on some Thursdays) during summer opening North Gate and working on the archiving project; keeping on top of the legislative grants and the several other projects that require interfacing with the state.
- **Sharon Zagorsky**, a Lincoln resident and a student at Tufts, who is spending her

200 hour internship organizing and listing all of the archives of the Society, working under the aegis of Al.

- **Jim and Joyce Bethel** with some help from **Greg** and **Marion Dale** for clearing out all the brush over the summer and into the fall to the north of the fire station and bakery and keeping it clear.
- ☐ **Jim Bethel** for cleaning and making the bakery presentable for open house.
- **John Houghton, Jim Bethel, Jason Dionne, Peter Moreau, Greg** and **Marion Dale** for the painting the exterior of the bakery and priming the doors of North Gate October 21.
- ☐ **John Houghton** for keeping a continuously watchful eye on the property.
- **Jason Dionne** for taking care of the arrangements for the concert in November.
- ☐ **Stacy Harris** for overseeing the refreshments at the September meeting.

So much work has been done! There is still more to do.

Your help is **ALWAYS** greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the Holidays, **Pat**

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

- **Receives member applications, renewals, and dues**
- **Prepares and distributes Membership cards acknowledging receipt of dues and denoting membership term**
- **Maintains membership database and accurate address list for mailings**
- **Establish a committee to actively promote membership growth of the Society**

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Rhode Island's state office for historic preservation and heritage programs – The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission – administers and oversees the distribution of legislative grants for projects concerned with preservation and cultural heritage. It is Rhode Island's only statewide historic preservation program that identifies and protects historic buildings, districts and archaeological sites. The Commission also is responsible for developing and carrying out programs to document, support and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Rhode Island.

Members of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society are interested in the history and antiquities of the northern Rhode Island communities of Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland, North Smithfield and Woonsocket.

New members are welcome.

