

# The Landmark

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## 2007-2008 THE YEAR OF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

### OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> MEETING

1:00 – 1:20 PM    A brief membership meeting in the **downstairs hall**.

1:30 – 2:30 PM    The celebration will continue in the **upstairs meeting hall** with  
“A Look Back at North Gate” presented by Marcia Green,  
editor of the Valley Breeze.

2:30 – 4:00 PM    Refreshments will be served downstairs at the conclusion of the  
presentation, and the buildings on site will be open for viewing until 4:00 p.m.

### SAVE THESE DATES

**November 18** BVHS is hosting a concert with Michael DiMucci, tenor, and Diane Gualtieri,  
piano. An announcement will be mailed to members listing the time and special member ticket  
prices.

**December 9** BVHS Holiday Potluck with entertainment by “T for Two”

Did You Know that\*

The original North Gate toll house was 20’ x 26’ and two stories high?

Winsor Aldrich was allowed \$319.23 for building the toll house and shed?

Stephen Arnold was paid \$4.00 to draw stone for the well, and “finding same.”

On April 3, 1810 Stephen Thornton, the new resident toll collector, was given the  
privilege of building a kitchen.

\*Excerpt from *A Love Letter to the Blackstone Valley Historical Society* by Hope A. Wood

At the SEPTEMBER MEETING

Al Klyberg, historian and current vice-president of **BVHS**, began the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the **North Gate Toll House** gave a presentation on “Taverns, Turnpikes, and Tollgates.” Members, friends and guests learned about the history of turnpikes and tollgates – including funding schemes, costs, and the development of taverns to support the needs of travelers. A map marking the locations of some twenty-two turnpikes and even more taverns was distributed to the audience.