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RI Legislative grant of \$1,825 awarded to BVHS for 2009-2010

“With the award of a state legislative grant for the year 2009/2010,” reports Al Klyberg, BVHS Ways and Means Chairman, “Blackstone Valley Historical Society will return to work on the Lime Rock Fire Station. Previous grants have enabled us to put on a new roof and add a dehumidifier.”

This year's grant is \$1,825. It will be used to pay partially for a heating unit and air conditioner. Making the space more suitable for housing the Society's library and archives collection.

“One of the results of the library inventory and space study which was a function of the Society's 50th anniversary celebration was the discussion of whether the present library room was adequate to the importance of the collection,” Klyberg stated. “The library is

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IN MEMORIAM

MILDRED (SMITH) LAXTON



She was a charter member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society and a member of the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Rhode Island Genealogical Society.

Well known local author Glenn Laxton to share some of “Rhode Island’s Hidden History” at the next Historical Society meeting Sunday Nov. 8

Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 pm in the North Gate Upstairs Hall, Glenn Laxton will present *Rhode Island's Hidden History*, excerpts from his second book to be published in December of this year.

“I wrote the book over the past three years since I retired from Channel 12 news” Laxton commented. It is based on a series of stories Laxton produced called *Not To Be Forgotten*. “The book is still at the printers” Laxton said “but I can still talk about the war heroes, a Hermit named Robert, Rhode Island women who survived the sinking of the Titanic, and some horrific train crashes.

Laxton spent 41 years as a radio and television reporter working mostly for WPRI Channel 12 in Providence. He is a member of the BVHS Board of Directors and the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, where he produces videos of the deceased Hall inductees. He wrote, narrated and produced



Author & Lecturer Glenn Laxton

In Your Own Backyard, a history of the BVHS tracing its 50 year impact on the Blackstone Valley.

Autographed copies of Laxton's first book *Rhode Island: A Genial History* published by New River Press will be for sale after his talk.

Light refreshments will be served in the downstairs hall following the program.

“In Your Own Backyard” DVD goes on Sale!

A must-have addition to any collection of Blackstone Valley history, this DVD commissioned by the BVHS chronicles the 50 year history of the society with photographs and narration. First copies available at **Nov. 8 Society meeting**.

Get your copy NOW!

BVHS Member Price is \$15
Non-Member price is \$20

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currently located on the second floor of North Gate, and is not accessible to everyone who wants to use it." Furthermore, the library

is in a 200 year old and lacks the environmental conditions needed to preserve such a collection. "Relocating the library and archives to the fire station," contin-

ued Klyberg, "offered a better solution. With heating and cooling apparatus now being installed, the first step of the change is about to take place."

SAVE THESE DATES 2009 - 2010 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Sunday afternoon, November 8, 1:30 PM

"Rhode Island's Hidden History"

Noted author and Lincoln Resident **Glenn Laxton** will share his historical insights

UPSTAIRS HALL

Sunday afternoon, December 14, 1:30 PM

Members' Holiday Pot Luck

Entertainment by
Tea4Two Cabaret
DOWNSTAIRS HALL

January 2010 - No Meeting

Wednesday evening, February 3, 7:00 PM

Author **Robert Grandchamp** will talk on

"The Boys of Adams' Battery G"

This is the first ever publication on this unit which fought in many bloody engagements in the war and saw seven men awarded the Medal of Honor

Wednesday evening, March 10, 7:00 PM

Al Klyberg will talk on

One Hundred Years of State Parks

Wednesday evening, February 3, 7:00 PM

Dan Bethel, Lincoln resident & noted collector

Blackstone Valley Ephemera

Featuring calendars from Arnold's Bakery, milk bottles, maps, bottle caps, and much more

Sunday afternoon, May 16, 1:30 PM

Blackstone Valley Historical Society Elections

And a talk by **Ranger Chuck Arning** of the **National Park Service**

North Gate to host first of three public programs regarding King Phillip's War and Nipsachuck site



King Phillip rendering courtesy of Wikipedia

On December 2, at North Gate, BVHS will host the first of three public programs regarding the archaeological investigation of the Nipsachuck historic site. This is where two battles took place in an Indian swamp during King Phillip's War (1675-1676). The war eventually swept through all the towns south of Boston into Rhode Island and then west along the Connecticut River towns near Springfield, MA.

Not much is know about the Nipsachuck site even though it was significant for R.I. Indian policy.

KUDOS

Jim & Joyce Bethel and **Greg & Marion Dale** for all their hard work in keeping the North side of the property clear of brush.

Gail Harris for all the extras that she does, particularly in keeping the Bakery and Fire Station all spiffed up.

Sue Nicewander getting the *Landmark* out in spite of a broken wrist.

All Events at North Gate Toll House 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike (Rte 246) Lincoln, RI 02865