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## Society will officially unveil Great Road Panel September 16 at North Gate

On the evening of September 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM we will have the “official” unveiling of the Great Road Panel in the foyer of North Gate. This panel was designed and made by the state of Rhode Island Public Archeological Laboratory (PAL). **Dr. Stephen Olausen**, Executive Director/Sr. Architectural Historian of PAL will relate to us the reason for the Panel and the process behind the making of the panel. After this ceremony Mr. Olausen will then continue his talk in the upstairs hall.

Light refreshments will be served downstairs immediately after the evening program.

## President's Message

*Pat Armitage*

Believe it or not, Fall will soon be here and another year of BVHS events are in the works. The Executive Committee has been hard at work over the summer, among other things, planning for 2009 – 2010. An exciting schedule of events is already in place with others to come. Soooo....**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US.**

The year begins September 16 with the unveiling of the Great Road Panel with a talk by Dr. Stephen Olausen.

We are again one of the participants in the “Footsteps in History”. This year a month long series of events are planned throughout the BLACKSTONE VALLEY from Worcester to Pawtucket. BVHS is hosting the Quilt show and hosting an OPEN HOUSE on October 24—all our buildings will be open.

On November 8 one of our own, **Glen Laxton** will

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## BVHS joins project to locate King Phillip's War battlefields



Photograph taken of one of the possible sites to be studied by project researchers.

Courtesy *Joseph P. Naudeau*

The BVHS is partnering with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office to find the likely locations of two battles in King Philip's War (1675-76).

Although the precise locations of the battles are unknown, eye-witness accounts and official colonial records indicate that both took place at Nipsachuck, an area of hills and swamps in North Smithfield and Smithfield. Narragansett Indian Tribal oral history recounts that Nipsachuck was a regional place of significant ceremony. During times of great crisis, Nipsachuck's traditional spiritual usage would have been heightened. This factor may have created a predictable place for colonial military interception.

Project researchers will examine documentary records and archaeological collections, collect oral histories and use military terrain analysis to identify likely places where the two battles took place. With landowner permission, archaeological verification of the battle locations will take place in a later project.

**Paul Robinson**, RIHPHC archaeologist, and **Doug Harris**,

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speak on his new book, *Rhode Island's Hidden History*, and we'll round out the year with our traditional Holiday Party.

### Volunteers Needed Saturday Oct. 24

Help explain our various exhibits to the public:

- Rice Room
- Arnold Bakery
- Fire Station

Contact Pat at 401-378-0324 or [bvhs58@gmail.com](mailto:bvhs58@gmail.com)

## BVHS Friends Remembered

Lastly, it is with sadness that we note the passing of two very active, long time members: **Natalie B. Havens** of Pawtucket on May 24, 2009. Natalie is remembered as having served on the Board of Directors as secretary and newsletter editor.

**James F. Clarke, Sr.** of Cumberland on July 21, 2009. Jim is remembered for all his help, dishwashing expertise at the various suppers and for stepping in to serve on the BOD in 2006 when we needed to form a board to bring BVHS out of a hole.

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Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, will discuss the project at the December, 2009 meeting. Please contact Paul Robinson at 401-222-4139 or by email: [probinson@preservation.ri.gov](mailto:probinson@preservation.ri.gov) with any questions or if you have any information that might pertain to the battles.

The project is funded by the American Battlefield Protection Program in the National Park Service.

**Have you received your 2009-2010 Membership Card? If not, it is time to RENEW!**

## SAVE THESE DATES 2009 FALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Wednesday evening, September 16, 7:00 PM	Sunday afternoon, November 8, 1:30 PM
<p><b>“Unveiling of the Great Road Panel”</b></p> <p>with a talk by <b>Dr. Stephen Olausen</b></p> <p>Executive Director/ Sr. Architectural Historian</p> <p>Public Archeology Laboratory on the Great Road Panel</p> <p><b>FOYER AND UPSTAIRS HALL</b></p>	<p><b>“Rhode Island’s Hidden History”</b></p> <p>Noted author and Lincoln Resident <b>Glenn Laxton</b></p> <p>will share his historical insights</p> <p><b>UPSTAIRS HALL</b></p>
Saturday, October 24, 11 AM to 3 PM	December 14, Sunday afternoon, 1:30 PM
<p><b>Open House and Footsteps in History: Quilt Show</b></p> <p>All buildings will be open</p>	<p><b>Members’ Holiday Pot Luck</b></p> <p><b>DOWNSTAIRS HALL</b></p>

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