



## QUILTING IN THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY



**During the month of October, take an adventure through the centuries in the Blackstone River Valley during the Footsteps in History celebration**

### **BVHS hosts Footsteps in History Quilt Show At Open House Saturday, October 24, 2009**

From 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM the Blackstone Valley Historical Society will host an open house and Quilt Show as part of this year's *Footsteps in History* celebration activities.

All buildings on the property at **1873 Old Louisiquett Pike (Rte 246), Lincoln, RI, 02865**, will be open for public viewing: The original North Gate Toll House, the Rice Museum Room in North Gate, the Limerock Grange No. 22 Volunteer Fire Station, the reconstruction of the original Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery. Also, on display will be the Great Road Interpretive Display and the Pawtucket Bicentennial Quilt. Informational sheets will be available for self-guided tours.

In conjunction with the OPEN HOUSE, BVHS will host the *Footsteps in History* Quilt Show.

**October's Blackstone River Valley *Footsteps in History* Program** highlights the historic and cultural attributes of the Blackstone River Valley by providing a month long celebration of the historic, cultural and artistic sites. There will be hundreds of experiences throughout the Valley. Programs, activities, and open houses will provide the opportunity for the public to enjoy and learn. This event will involve the 24 communities from Worcester, MA to Providence, RI located in the Blackstone River Valley. Enjoy 500 years of history, culture and the arts.

Based on the Preserve America designation awarded to each city and town within the Valley in June 2004, the Tourism Collaborative is directly linked to this federal program. The Preserve America program is a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of its precious natural and cultural heritage.

This year there are three special events one of which will be at North Gate: Baking in the Blackstone Valley, Quilting in the Blackstone Valley, Jeopardy in the Blackstone Valley.

For more information and to get a list of events, go to your local newspaper or <http://footstepsinhistory.com/>

### **Pawtucket Bicentennial Quilt On Display at North Gate Toll House**



### **Please Join the Celebration Be a BVHS Volunteer**

You can volunteer just two hours of your time on Saturday, October 24 welcoming visitors to view the quilts on display in North Gate, the Rice Museum Room, Fire Station or Arnold Bakery. The tours are self-guided!

#### **Available shifts are:**

10 AM – 12 Noon

12 Noon – 2 PM

2 PM – 4 PM

#### **Contact Pat Armitage to schedule:**

Call: 401-378-0328 or

Email: [bvhs58@gmail.com](mailto:bvhs58@gmail.com)

**Submit a quilt square for inclusion in  
a *Blackstone Valley Quilt*  
See details on back**

## Blackstone Valley Quilt

We are planning a **Blackstone Valley Quilt**. This quilt will be comprised of a square from each of the 24 towns and cities of the Blackstone Valley. A letter is being sent to the city manager and the Historic Society in each town or city. Coordination between local government and historical societies is the province of each city or town.

So, you are cordially invited to submit a quilt square for inclusion into the Blackstone Valley quilt. Once the squares are collected, they will be used to create the quilt. Border and backing will be the choice of the individual or group who does the actual work. Once the quilt is completed, it will be offered to each town for display. During the 2009-2010 year, the quilt will make its way around the Blackstone Valley for all to admire.

A second quilt is also planned. This quilt (or quilts, depending on the number of submissions) is open to Blackstone Valley organizations and businesses. Girl Scout troops, farms, restaurants, clubs, organizations, anyone who works or plays in the Valley can offer a square. These squares will be collected and used to make the quilt. Border and backing will be the choice of the individual or group who does the actual work. This quilt (or quilts) will be auctioned off during the Fifth Annual Footsteps in History in October 2010.

- Square details are as follows:
- Each square must have a cotton backing. No batik is allowed.
- Each square shall measure 16 inches by 16 inches. However, after piecing and trimming and squaring, only 15 inches by 15 inches will show. Plan your square accordingly.
- Squares may have appliqués, embroidery, stenciling or any other artistic representation so deemed appropriate by your city or town or organization. Imagination is the only limiting factor.
- Squares will be delivered to the Blackstone Valley Interpreter Network at the Quilt Show on October 24, 2009 between 10:00 A.M and 3:00 P.M. at the Blackstone Valley Historical Society at 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865. Squares will be displayed for the visiting public before being gathered and delivered to our designated quilting organization.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Pat Perry, Footsteps Coordinator**  
(401) 663-5612 or e-mail: [trainer304@cox.net](mailto:trainer304@cox.net)

## Rules and Regulations

1. This event is sponsored by the **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and its partner organizations**. The quilt show will take place October 24, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The location is the **Blackstone Valley Historical Society at 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865**.
2. This is a rain or shine event!!
3. This is a family event, and will be open to the general public.
4. All quilts to be displayed must be delivered no later than **October 23, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. to the Depot at One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895**. Other arrangements, prior to October 23, can be made for pick up by calling Pat Perry at (401) 663-5612.
5. When you drop off your quilt, you will be given a receipt for the quilt. Don't lose this receipt. The receipt and formal ID is how you claim your quilt at the end of the show.
6. Quilts will be laid flat on tables. The tables will be covered with disposable vinyl-backed tablecloths.
7. Each quilt needs a card of identification to accompany it. (*See Download Entry Forms*) Print it out, fill it out, and bring it with your quilt (preferably pinned on the quilt). Also bring the registration sheet completed when you drop off the quilt.
8. Voting ballots will be available for the general population to vote for their favorite quilt. This is a **People's Choice Award** and no categories or directions will be given to the voters.
9. The winner of the People's Choice Award will be posted on the **Footsteps in History** website. A photo of the winner and the quilt will accompany the announcement.
10. Quilts must be pre-registered. No quilts will be accepted on the day of the show.
11. Volunteers from either the Blackstone Valley Historical Society or the Volunteer in Parks program will be in constant attendance during the quilt show to ensure that quilts are not handled by visitors.
12. Quilts can be retrieved at the end of the show between 3:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. Quilts not claimed will be taken to the Depot in Woonsocket where they will be stored in a locked cool, dry environment, until the owner, with a receipt and ID, appears to claim it.
13. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Download Entry Forms: [Word](#) | [PDF](#)

**BVHS  
FALL 2009  
EVENT  
SCHEDULE**

Saturday, October 24, 11 AM to 3 PM  
**Open House &  
Footsteps in History Quilt Show**  
All buildings will be open

Sunday, November 8, 1:30 PM  
**"Rhode Island's Hidden History"**  
Glenn Laxton  
Upstairs Hall

Sunday, December 14, 1:30 PM  
**Members' Holiday Pot Luck**  
Downstairs Hall

**ALL EVENTS AT NORTH GATE TOLL HOUSE, 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike (Rte 246) Lincoln, RI 02865**