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Dr. Richard Langlois will talk about “Technology in the Blackstone Valley” including the water wheel, Ashton’s Okonite factory and even amateur radio



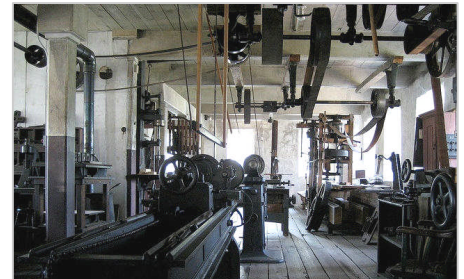
Sunday, January 12th at 2 p.m. in the Upstairs Hall of North Gate Toll House Dr. Richard Langlois will speak on *An Introduction to Technology in the Blackstone Valley*. He will let us know its relation to, among other inventions,

the water wheel, in addition to the use of ham radio and its applications. He will also speak of his days working at Okonite, the world's largest wire company and its part in history.

Did you know the Ashton, RI

Okonite Company was founded in 1878 making it one of the original insulators of electrical wire and cable in the United States. Earliest customers included Samuel F.B. Morse for his telegraph network and Thomas A. Edison for the Pearl Street Generating Station, the nation's first, built in New York City in 1882.

Richard N. Langlois is Professor of Economics at the University of Connecticut. He was educated at



Interior of the water powered Wilkinson Machine Shop Slater Mill Historic Site

Williams, Yale, and Stanford. Another focus of Professor Langlois’s work has been the economic history of technology. He has written on such industries as computers, semiconductors, semiconductor manufacturing and equipment, and computer software.

SAVE THE DATE	Sunday, January 12 2 pm Upstairs Hall	Dr. Richard Langlois	<i>Technology in the Blackstone Valley</i>
	Sunday, February 9 3 pm Upstairs Hall	Michael Di Mucci & David M Marshall	<i>Love Songs</i>
	Sunday, March 9 2 pm Upstairs Hall	Bob Kinch	<i>Lincoln Downs</i>
	Sunday, April 6 2 pm Downstairs Hall	Dan Bethel	<i>Central Falls Ephemera</i>
	Sunday, May 18 1:30 pm Downstairs Hall	Annual Meeting & Dr. Kevin Mc Bride	<i>Chris Nowak Lecture</i>
	Saturday, June 21 Downstairs Hall	Strawberry Social	<i>Returning to BVHS</i>

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King Phillip's War, 1675-1676 ~ A Brief History ~ Part 1

The first major war between colonists and Native Americans broke out in 1675. Philip was the English name given to Metacom, the chief of the Wampanoag tribe and the son of Massasoit, the Native American leader who famously helped the Plymouth settlers survive their first winter in the New World. The Wampanoag and other tribes made a stand against the Europeans' continuing territorial expansion, and in December 1675 the settlers launched an attack on the previously neutral Narragansetts. Some 700 Narragansett, including many women and children, were killed in the single battle known as the Great Swamp Massacre. King Philip's War of 1675-1676 (also known as Metacom's Rebellion) marked the last major effort by the Indians of southern New England to drive out the English settlers. Led by Metacom, the Pokunoket chief called 'King Philip' by the English, the bands known today as Wampanoag Indians joined with the Nipmucks, Pocumtucks, and Narragansetts in a bloody uprising. It lasted fourteen months and destroyed twelve frontier towns. In the 17th century, the Narragansett was the largest of the Native American tribes living in pre-colonial Rhode Island.

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CONCERT
SERIES
*Live at
North
Gate*

Michael Di Mucci & David M. Marshall

BVHS Benefit Concert

Sun., Feb. 9 at 3 pm North Gate Upstairs Hall

Tickets: \$15 BVHS Members \$12

*Love
Songs*



Clipping Bee

FROM the BVHS



ARCHIVES

- The Clipping Bee will meet again in March. Watch here or our website for dates and times. You can get started now, and here are a few hints as you compile materials for BVHS and your own family archives:
- What happens today will be history tomorrow - save articles of important happenings in the Blackstone Valley.
- BVHS has the ability to scan articles, so save the whole page(s) to include both the publication name and publication date. It is important to know the date and source of each item clipped.

Did you miss our presentation "Train Wreck that Changed Time" at the September Open House? It was a great success! But don't worry, we are going to serialize the information prepared by BVHS member Lori Melucci in future issues of THE LANDMARK. So, stay tuned. Also, there are plans to go on the road with Lori's display and the Power-Point presentation by BVHS member Francine Jackson. We hope to visit libraries and fellow historical societies to share this fascinating story that began in the Blackstone Valley.

IN MEMORIAM



Ruth (Lovely) McDermott, 91, of Bristol, died Thursday, November 21, 2013. She was a member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society, the RI Historical Society, volunteered at the RI Veterans Home, served as a docent at the John Brown House in Providence. was the wife of the late Edwin B. McDermott.

BVHS Needs You



Are you a poet, an author, or just someone who would like to contribute an article to The Landmark? Contact Sue Nicewander 401-729-0818 or sudi123@msn.com

Would you like to learn more about the Blackstone Valley? Join us for Clipping Bees starting in March.

Do you have genealogy questions about your family? Use BVHS *Connections* to help you in your search.

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