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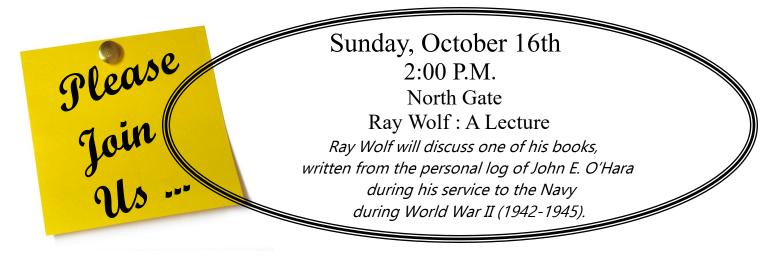
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Ray is best known for his writings on the Scituate Reservoir, because of the many poems written by his mother, one of those who had to relocate to enable the Reservoir to be built. His latest book is one on Diners in Rhode Island. Ray visited all 50 of them in the state, and took at least four photos of each diner. As to his next book, which will be number 18, Ray is driving throughout Rhode Island, in search of outhouses. So far, he has found over 50 of them, in all conditions. His goal is at least 100. We'll be looking forward to reading this.



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What are some things your mother taught you that you still carry with you today? My mom taught me not to steal, always be honest, not to smoke or drink, not to waste anything and "where there's a will there's a way". I have taught my children: "Anything your mind can conceive, and believe, you can achieve".

What (if any) mysteries do you still want to research in history of RI? This is not RI but I would like to follow the Oregon Trail from St Louis to Oregon. There are markers along the road that follows most of the trail. I think I see a book here!

One of your books deals with Foster (which is my favorite spot on Earth)... Foster was my most interesting of the six Arcadia books doing research.

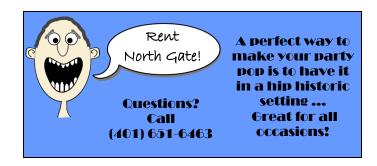
Any surprising discoveries writing that book?

Dr. Carpenter was married three times. Two of his wives left him. So when he died it was in his will to bury him and the wife that stayed with him inside an enclosure of four - 4" thick stone slabs to measure 4' high and 12' long to create a square completely enclose them. The other two wives are buried outside of the enclosure. This was to keep their spirits out.

What are some of your favorite spots in the Blackstone Valley? Traveling down Mendon Road and Diamond Hill Road. I love passing through the villages.

# Save the Date!

NOVEMBER 19 10:00 A.M 3:00 P.M. @ NORTH GATE	<b>Holiday Craft Fair</b> <i>Benefit for the Valentine Whitman House</i>
NOVEMBER 20 2:00 P.M. @ NORTH GATE	<b>C. Morgan Grefe : Executive Director of the RI Historical Society</b> Lecture on history of Triple-Deckers.
DECEMBER 11 2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M. @ NORTH GATE	<b>Christmas Open House.</b> <i>DJ Bob Ferri will be spinning some sweet tunes</i> More details to follow.
JANUARY 22 2:00 P.M. @ NORTH GATE	<ul> <li>Selections from the movie, Senetchonet to Manville: a Journey through Time</li> <li>Documentary on the history of Manville, which contains hundreds of historical photographs of Manville from the collection of Roger Gladu.</li> <li>This showing is made possible by the generous gift of Roger and Lorraine Gladu.</li> </ul>



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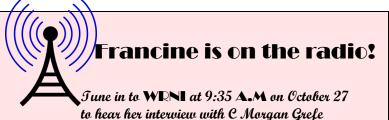
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### In Memoriam...

The BVHS board was saddened by the news of the passing of Evertt and Esther Wilbur. Both were invaluable to the organization, with Everett having served as treasurer in former years.

Before joining BVHS, they were members of the Limerock Grange, the previous caretakers of North Gate. It was there that they met, fell in love and were married.

We will miss their faces and endless knowledge.



BVHS also sadly says good-bye to Marion F. Pappas, a lifelong resident of Pawtucket before she moved to Florida 10 years ago. Marion was a member of BVHS and the Pawtucket Women's Club