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Al Klyberg inaugurates BVHS Annual Chris Nowak Lecture Series Sunday May 19 with a talk about the Blackstone Valley Writers Guild



THE LEGACY

Blackstone Valley Historical Society

Chris Nowak Lecture Series



“The main themes of my talk” says Al Klyberg “are that it is difficult, believe it or not, to get members of an historical society to attend an annual meeting; and that it is difficult for historical agencies to actually find money in a budget loaded with building costs to direct funds to *history*.” “Chris’s bequest” he adds “allows us to do both.

Chris’s career was in the tradition of the Blackstone Valley Writer’s Guild, which was the inspiration for the Blackstone Valley Historical Society more than 50 years ago. With Chris’s bequest, her legacy, it is now possible to encourage budding historians to focus on the ‘un-done’ work of Blackstone Valley History. “The bulk of my talk” explains Klyberg, “describes what some of the future Chris Nowak lectures could be about.”

This talk, in the North Gate Upstairs Hall, will follow the BVHS Annual Meeting in the Downstairs Hall. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Annual BVHS Member Meeting & Elections Sunday, May 19 at 1:30 in North Gate Downstairs Hall

Society Nominating Committee Announces 2013-14 Slate of Officers

President	Jason Dionne
Vice President	John Houghton
Secretary	Francine Jackson
Treasurer	Lori Melucci
Members at Large	Gail Harris
	Glenn Laxton
	Bob Ferri
Past President	Pat Armitage

IN MEMORIAM

Ann R. (Hunter) Buckley, 94, passed away on April 10, 2013 at Elmhurst Extended Care, Providence after an illness. She was the wife of the late Richard I. Buckley, Sr. and the daughter of the late Thomas F. and Jane (Campbell) Hunter and the stepdaughter of the late Mary (Neil) Hunter, and the sister of the late William J. Hunter.



Ann R. Buckley

Ann was a longtime member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society and was very involved in the Society until a few years ago. She served on many committees in the Society and had served as Vice President. In addition, the 1921 Lime Rock Grange Volunteer Fire Station was renamed the Buckley Building on June 27, 1999 to honor Ann’s dedication to the Society. This building is currently used as a museum and archival storage.

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Clipping Bee

WHAT HAPPENS AT A BVHS CLIPPING BEE?

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

Monday, May 13

Call us and to let us know you are coming

Jason Dionne ~ 401-862-4202

Clipping bees have usually consisted of people with scissors cutting and clipping out articles deemed worth saving regarding Blackstone Valley's history. But recently, the clipping was completed and the articles were placed in boxes labeled according to their corresponding city or town. When I arrived with my son and his girlfriend at the most recent clipping bee, I was surprised that there were only three other people who could make it there that night. It turned out to be a very intimate and personal night of discovery. First of all, I must confess, that my son only came with me because his girlfriend was interested in seeing the inside of the historical North Gate building. But this night had something special in store for them.

Upon glancing at the group of boxes, we chose to work with the "Lincoln" box as this is the town we live in. We each placed our hands into the box, one at a time, to gather a handful of articles and

categorize them under the card titles that streamed down the middle of an old wooden table. Buildings, People, Parks, Transportation, Government, and Events were just some of the headings we were referring to. We were all double checking with each other to make sure that we were finding the best fit for our articles. We were learning about all sorts of events and recognizing people in the articles and of course we would laugh and share stories.

My son's girlfriend found a picture of her house when it caught fire and it brought back many fond memories of her earlier childhood growing up there. She didn't think she would connect so closely with a newspaper article but she did. Just then, my son shouts from his corner of the table and holds up his article. He instantly smiles and shows me the Providence Journal article dated June, 1998 which featured an article about the totem pole marking the Wenscott Reservoir Jogging Trail. This article had

an extraordinary significance to my son. The article was about the totem pole carvers. One of the carvers was Joseph Taylor Sr. My son is Joseph Taylor Jr. Joseph Sr. died in June 2011. He worked for the town of Lincoln for almost twenty five years and was passionate about his work and he loved to create things with his hands. He loved carving this totem pole. He loved it so much that he carved another one that still stands in my backyard today. As my son read the article, he discovered that the totem pole was erected on June 10th. June 10th is my son's birthday.

People leave their marks in our lives in different ways. This clipping bee reminded me of that. You just never know what's waiting to be discovered. What will you find when you search through them? You'll never know if you don't come. All are welcome to attend our clipping bees.

By Laurie Taylor

SAVE THESE DATES

MONDAY, MAY 27

BVHS Parade Float

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

BVHS Honors
Lime Rock Grange
WWII Veterans &
USO Revisited Dance



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