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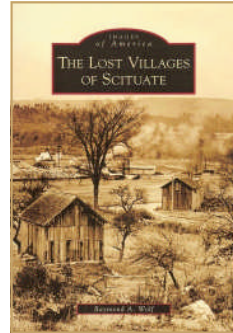
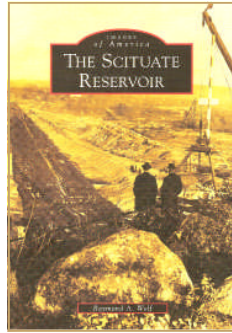
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Ray Wolf will share the history of the Scituate Reservoir and the impact on the Lost Villages of Scituate Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm in North Gate Toll House Upstairs Hall

By Francine Jackson

Early last century, Providence's quest for water became a nightmare for the town of Scituate. Among those who had to leave their homesteads to make way for this massive project was Ray Wolf's family. Through the beauty and heartbreak of his grandmother's poetry, Ray has kept alive the total change in the lives of the hundreds of families whose homes were demolished for the construction of the Scituate Reservoir.

The construction of the Reservoir,



Ray will also have copies of several of his major books, including **The Lost Villages of Scituate**, and **The Scituate Reservoir**, for purchase and autographing.

once the land was cleared, was an engineering marvel. Follow Ray through the amazing work involved in bringing water miles from its origin to its intended goal. The State of Rhode Island incredibly documented every part of the project, and photographed every building intended for demolition, every major shovelful which brought the finished product a little bit closer. And, Ray has compiled these photographs to bring that part of Rhode Island history to life. Come witness the birth of the Scituate Reservoir.

BVHS SPRING 2015 SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 26
2 pm

North Gate Downstairs Hall

**Judy Hadley talks about
Cumberlandite
the Rhode Island State rock**

Our State rock, Cumberlandite, is only found here. How can that be? Judy Hadley, of the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters, will introduce us to this unique rock, and the reason it is found nowhere else.

Sunday, May 17
1:30 pm

North Gate Upstairs Hall

**Annual Meeting & Nowak Lecture
Dave Harvey presents a
Brief History of Louisquissett**

Where did the name come from? Is it an Indian word? What is the history of the location of Louisquissett? If you are curious too, join us for the third annual Chris Nowak Lecture.

Saturday, June 13
2-4 pm

North Gate Downstairs Hall

Annual Strawberry Social

Enjoy strawberry shortcake
Tour historic North Gate Toll House
& the Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery!
There will be craft activities
for children.

What's Happening



BLACKSTONE
RIVER VALLEY

**Johnston Historical
Society Events**
7 pm
101 Putnam Pike
Johnston RI

March 25

Gloria Merchant, author of *Pirates of Colonial Newport*

April 29

Ralph Scorpio, Vietnam War and its aftermath

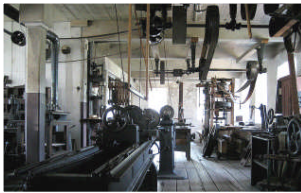
May 27

Jim Ignasher, Lost tales of Rhode Island & New England

Central Falls ♦ Cumberland ♦ Lincoln ♦ North Smithfield ♦ Pawtucket ♦ Woonsocket

The Society had a busy and productive 2014

JANUARY



Technology in the Blackstone Valley

FEBRUARY

"TUNES OF TRUE LOVE"



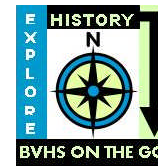
David M. Marshall

CONCERT SERIES
Live at
North Gate



Michael Di Mucci

MARCH



Lost Villages of Scituate & Smith-Appley House



Remembering the "Track"

APRIL

Central Falls Ephemera



BVHS Member Al Klyberg
Heritage Hall of Fame Inductee

MAY



Annual Membership Meeting &

Chris Nowak
Lecture Series

The Second Battle of Nipsachuck Swamp

JUNE

BLACKSTONE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL



STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Strawberry Shortcake \$5
June 21 2-4 Crafts For Kids

Make a sweet start to your summer and support this fundraising event
North Gate Toll House-1873 Old Louisquisset Pike (Rte 246)-Lincoln, RI 02865

SEPTEMBER



THREE CENTURIES IN THREE MILES



Blackstone Valley Explorer Riverboat
Cogswell Tower

OCTOBER



CONCERT SERIES
Live at
North Gate

Ken Lyon
Blues &
Jazz Night



Saylesville Labor Strike

NOVEMBER



HANK GILPIN

DECEMBER



HOLIDAY CONCERT

*Cumberland
Lincoln
Community
Chorus*



WHISTLE STOP TOUR

Our BVHS "The Train Wreck That Changed Time" program has been presented across the globe!

Barrington Library • Beijing China •
Baltimore Maryland • Muncie Indiana •
Abu Dhabi • Central Falls City Hall •
Premiered at BVHS Great Road Tour

2014 BVHS GRANTS

Champlin Grant \$59,895

North Gate exterior
repairs and painting

2014 Partnership Grant \$ 5,000

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Let's make 2015 at Blackstone Valley Historical Society even more interesting & informative as we continue the tradition & preserve history



We've got some ideas for spring & summer treks. Let us know what you think.

Loof Carousel
Limerock Kiln & Village
Moshassuck Cemetery
Trolley Track Walk



Bob Tessier, a BVHS member has received a grant from the Rhode Island Council on the Humanities to study the history of Albion, RI.

The Society wrote a letter of endorsement in support of his project. You can contact Bob if you have information to share.

www.tellmeaboutalbionri.com

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