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Great Road Day at Northgate

Visit Northgate and the Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery on Lincoln's free historic open house day



THREE CENTURIES IN THREE MILES

Saturday, September 21

**Great Road Historic District
Lincoln, Rhode Island**

Sites Open:

Arnold House: 11-4 p.m. 487 Great Road

Blackstone Valley Historical Society & Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery: 11-4 p.m. 1873 Old Louisquisset Pike

Hannaway Blacksmith Shop: 11-4 p.m. 671 Great Road

Hearthside House Museum: 11-4 p.m. 677 Great Road

Moffett Mill: 11-4 p.m. accessible only by shuttle bus transport from Chase Farm Park

Pullen Corner Schoolhouse: 11-4 p.m. 671 Great Road

Mount Moriah Lodge: 11-4 p.m. 1093 Great Road

Saylesville Friends Meeting-house: 11-4 p.m. 374 Great Road

Exhibits

BVHS will be displaying some new and old selections from its collection on Great Road Day on Saturday, September 21.

Last year, Alan Laird of Lincoln donated six large aerial photographs of Saylesville Highlands to BVHS. Laird believed that a developer had commissioned them. The prints were marked on the back "Avery Lord: Advertising Commercial and Industrial Photography, Motion Pictures and Aerial Views." The date of the photographs has not yet been determined, and conservation work still needs to be done.

The Bicentennial Quilt given to the Society by the City of Pawtucket will be hung downstairs. The quilt blocks were made by different quilters and feature landmarks around the Blackstone Valley, such as Lincoln Woods, the Monastery, the Moffett Mill, and Slater Mill. A chart of the scenes and the known quilters will be displayed next to the quilt. BVHS welcomes any additional



Aerial photograph of Saylesville Highlands



Area from Google Maps

information about the quilt and its makers.

Upstairs some of BVHS's historic signs relating to North Gate, the Grange and the Society will

on display, together with a folk art dollhouse hand made by Claire Boutiette from Manville. It was recently given to the BVHS by the Woonsocket Historical Society.

Help BVHS Learn About the 1976 Pawtucket Quilt



1976 Pawtucket Quilt, Photograph by Bob Evans

MAY 1871 LIMERICK LINCOLN	?	ISLAND THE OCEAN STATE PEG BOUFFARD	?	76
Susan Coelho				
DESIGN	CITY HALL	MONASTERY (CUMBERLAND) BERTHA JACOBE	1234 WHITE BLUE LODGE ?	CENTRAL FALLS MAP
COBESWELL TOWER CENTRAL FALLS	CITY OF PAWTUCKET INCORPORATED 1886			RED ROOSTER M. HEALY 1976
GREAT ROAD				GREAT ROAD E. McCAATHY
DESIGN	BELL ELAINE HUNT	GRATA CLUB PAWTUCKET N. V.M.G. 12-75	SLATER MILL KIM McCAATHY	DRUM
SYLVANUS BROWN HOUSE	TREE	LIST OF NAMES	CHURCH	HONORABLE MAYOR DEWIS M. LYNCH

Diagram of Quilt Blocks

By Gail Harris

There is no record of when the Pawtucket Bi-centennial quilt was donated and hung in the auditorium at Northgate. The quilt could be viewed once you entered the room, turned and looked up at the wall, but it was too high for close study. In the interest of preserving the quilt, it was removed from the wall last year.

Quilts like this cannot be dry cleaned or washed. The best way to remove all the dust was to put it in a dryer on no heat. The transformation was amazing. A special archival quality storage box and tissue paper were purchased for storage.

The quilt will be on display at North Gate during the Great Road Tour Open House Day on September 21st. There is a chart showing all the

squares shown above. Some are missing the identification of the quilter. It is a challenge to decipher some of the names in the bottom center square, which seems to be a list of prominent citizens of Pawtucket. It is our hope visitors will be able to provide information about the quilt and possibly identify the missing information, so please stop by on September 21 for a closer look!

Embroidered Names

(center bottom square)

Bernard McCaughey
David Wilkinson
James L. Wheaton, M.D.
Oziel Wilkinson
Joseph J. Jenks Jr.
Hannah W. Slater
Darius Goff
Sylvanus Brown
Samuel Slater
Alfred M. Coats
Jacob S. _____
F. C. Sayles

Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery Open on Great Road Day

BVHS Mourns Two Extraordinary Members



Jim Bethel

James W. Bethel, 85, of Lincoln passed away on

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Joyce A. (Roberts) Bethel. Mr. and Mrs. Bethel were married over 60 years.

Born in Providence, a son of the late William and Ivy (Carroll) Bethel, he had lived in Lincoln all of his life.

Jim was the former owner of Lime Rock Fuel Oil Company and was a truck driver for Fairlawn Oil Company. He was

also the General Manager of the Conklin Limestone Company for many years. Jim was also a member of the Lincoln Police Department and later worked for the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department before retiring. He was the Grand Marshall of the 2015 Lincoln Memorial Day Parade.

He was a member of Christ Church in Lincoln and the Blackstone Valley Historical Society. He was a 53 year member of

Mount Moriah Lodge #8, F. & A.M., Lincoln.

He joined BVHS on February 26, 1976, and has been a member for 43 years. He and his wife Joyce have supported the Society in every way, with friendship and encouragement, much needed donations, and sheer enjoyment of all activities. He was always generous in sharing his profound knowledge of Lincoln and its history.



Hope Boott

Hope (Strachan) Boott, formerly of Pawtucket and Lincoln, RI, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2019. She was 96 years old. She was married to the late William Albert Boott of Pawtucket. Born March 14, 1923 in Pawtucket, RI, she was the daughter of the late George Douglas MacKenzie and Ethel Jackson

(Foulkes) Strachan.

Hope was a nurse at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital for 34 years. In 1985, she retired as the Night Nursing Supervisor.

She was a member of the Blackstone Valley Historical Society in Lincoln, and St. Paul's

Episcopal Church in Pawtucket. She joined BVHS on April 29, 1981, and was a member for 38 years. She was chair of hospitality at BVHS for many years. She will be greatly missed.

Biographical information: Obituaries, Bellows Funeral Chapel website.

Dan Bethel Exhibits at Chase Farm Visitor's Center Sept 21



Getting Ready for the Exhibit

Danny Bethel will exhibit his collection of ephemera relating to Moffett Mill at the Visitor Center at Chase Farm on Great Road Day. A great opportunity to see the Mill and this exhibit on the same day.

Francine Jackson Wins Award



Francine Jackson
Photo by Jim Hendrikson

Francine Jackson, a BVHS Board Member,

who is an astronomer, was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society for her outstanding, long-term service and dedication to the planetarium field, demonstrating leadership, inspiration, vision, and a commitment to excellence. Congratulations, Francine.

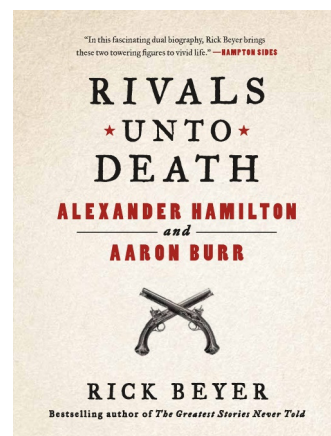
Upcoming Events at North Gate

**Most events are free.
Everyone is welcome.
Donations are gratefully accepted.**

11:00-4:00 pm, Saturday, September 21: Great Road Open House Day. Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery will be open. Visitors are invited to stop by for a Toll House cookie!

2:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, October 20: *Rivals Unto Death*. Rick Beyer, author of *The Ghost Army*, will give a talk about his book on Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr and the three decades of their intertwined political careers and rivalry leading up to the famous duel.

2:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, November 17: National Park Ranger Josh Bell will introduce the work of William Draper, listed as a combat artist, from Hopedale, MA, who was embedded during World War II. He will explain how Draper was given this incredible opportunity, and show much of his beautiful artwork, both during and after the war.



Mark your calendar for Rick's talk on October 20!

Volunteers Rescue Cemeteries in Woonsocket and North Providence



Photo on left:
Volunteers discover Farrar Family Monument in St James/Bernon Cemetery on September 7.

summer in Woonsocket and North Providence cleaning up neglected historic cemeteries. Follow their work and discoveries on Facebook on the River Road and Blackstone River Valley Cemeteries page.

Ken Postle and Greg Duhamel, with many other volunteers, have been making great progress this

Ken Postle has been working with the city of North Providence Depart-

ment of Public Works on the North Providence cemeteries. They have been working on NP09, which is a Smith and Angell Lot near Salem Drive. Many thanks to the City of North Providence for this amazing support.

Greg Duhamel with a crew of wonderful volunteers including Mar-

garet Farrar-Paquette, Johnelle Bergeron, Christine Williams, Denise Brandenburg, and Bing Kubaska, have been working for about eight weeks at St. James/Bernon Cemetery #9 in Woonsocket, which is bordered by Logee St., Park Ave., Pine St., and Front St.

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North Providence Historical Cemetery 09 (NP09) August 24
Photo by Ken Postle



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