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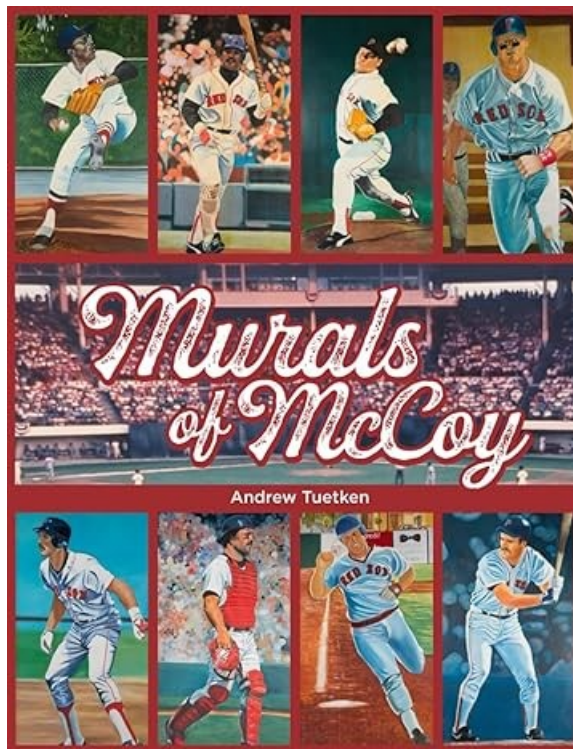
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Remembering History: the Murals of McCoy Stadium

Andy Tuetken will give a presentation about the murals of famous baseball players that used to cover the walls of McCoy Stadium and the book he wrote about them on Sunday, April 21 at BVHS..

Tuetken loved to attend games in McCoy Stadium when he was growing up, and part of the experience was seeing the murals of the great baseball players. The 95 murals at McCoy Stadium featured PawSox players who made it to major league baseball, including Carlton Fisk, Jim Rice, and Wade Boggs.

The murals were commissioned in 1977 by Ben Mondor, the former owner of the Pawtucket Red Sox. Carol "Tayo" Heuser, who studied at RISD, painted the original murals directly on the concourse walls. They were replaced in 1990 with 4-foot by 8-foot hand-painted murals, also by Heuser. The murals were removed in 1999 during renovations to the stadium, but were eventually put back at popular request with 45 digital replicas. An additional 41 digital photographs were added to the concourse



Andy Tuetken's book, *Murals of McCoy*., available on Amazon.

walls. Many of these were taken by Pawtucket Red Sox team photographer Lourianne Mardo-Zayat. The total would eventually grow to 95 murals.

When it was announced that the Pawtucket Red Sox were officially moving, Tuetken wanted to know what was going to happen to the murals when the stadium closed. He began researching

the murals and the Sox, and after nearly three years of work, wrote the *Murals of McCoy* with the assistance of Carolyn Couto, who designed the beautiful coffee table book.

Some of the murals were recently auctioned off. See this [Valley Breeze article](#) by Ethan Shorey. The rest will be auctioned this spring and summer.

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2:00 pm Sunday,
April 21

Murals of McCoy

Presentation by

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BVHS Annual Meeting on May 19

The Nominating Committee for the BVHS, led by Don Coelho, Bob Ferri, and Rick Walker, under the direction of Don Coelho, Nominating Committee Chairman, announces that the slate of officer nominees for *Continued on p. 2.*

**Don't forget to renew
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up North Gate, the Fire
Station and the Bakery!**
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**Most events are free.
Everyone is welcome.
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Upcoming Events

2:00 pm, Sunday, April 21: **Andy Tuetken**, author of the *Murals of McCoy* will talk about his book on the history of the murals done by Carol “Tayo” Heuser, a former RISD student, at McCoy Stadium. The well-known murals featured famous PawSox players. The book blends Tuetken’s love of baseball and history. All profits from the book benefit Pawtucket Youth Baseball.

1: 30 pm Annual Meeting; 2:00 pm Christine Nowak Lecture, Sunday, May 19: **Marta V. Martinez** will talk about Latino history in Central Falls. Martinez is an oral historian who is the author of *Latino History in Rhode Island*, which inspired the recent Trinity Rep production of La Broa’ (Broad Street) which ended February 18.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, September 21: Great Road Open House Day.

6:30-7:30 pm. Monday, October 14: **Ashley Selima**, Director of RI State Archives & Public Records Administration, will give a talk on *RI Civic Participation, Voting, and Voter Suppression*.

BVHS Annual Meeting

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2024-2025 remains the same:

Jason Dionne - President

Lori Melucci -Vice President

Francine Jackson - Secretary

John Houghton - Treasurer

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Gail Harris

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Don Coelho

awareness and community around the historical origins of the Blackstone Valley, please contact the committee chairman, Don Coelho at don.coelhojr@icloud.com. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during our annual meeting on May 19.

All are welcome to attend board meetings, which are usually the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Northgate.

If you are interested in joining the board, which organizes historically-related activities, lectures, and exhibits, cares for North Gate and its artifacts and collections, and works to build

Murals of McCoy

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Tuetken, a lifelong Pawtucket Red Sox fan and public school history teacher, also sees the book as a way to give back to the City of Pawtucket for all it has done for the baseball community in the state of Rhode Island. All profits from the book are donated to Pawtucket Youth baseball.

RI Cemetery Week Events

The Rhode Island Advisory Commission on Historic Cemeteries and the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission are sponsoring cleanups and events in April and May. The calendar is at <https://preservation.ri.gov/ricw-events>.



Mystery gravestone of James Wormsley, found in Jamestown RI given to Ken Postle. The [Facebook group at River Road, Blackstone River Valley Cemeteries](#) is researching its original location.

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