

# LHVA Ambassadors Update

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

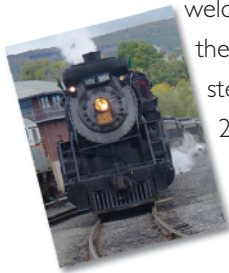
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A S O U R C E O F I N F O R M A T I O N F R O M T H E L H V A

## The Trains are Back

On Sunday, April 16 at 9:30 am, Steamtown National Historic Site



welcomes spring with the first official day of steam operations in 2006. The popular Scranton Limited train ride will run at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm daily from Wednesdays to Sundays. Turntable

demonstrations, historic tours and programs are offered daily. Info: (570) 340-5200, (888) 693-9391, or [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

## The Trolleys and Coal Cars are Running, Too!

Lackawanna County's trolley excursions and coal mine tour both opened on April 1.

Trolley rides depart on Wednesdays to Sundays at 10:30 am, Noon, 1:30 and 3:00 pm. The trolley museum is open seven days a week from 9 am to 5 pm. The coal mine tour runs seven days a

# Signs of Spring



week, and is open 10 am to 4:20 pm daily. Check out the "Shifting Shanty" for gifts and snacks. Info: Trolley Museum-(570) 963-6590 for excursion fees or [www.ectma.org](http://www.ectma.org); Coal Mine Tour-(570) 963-MINE, (800) 22WELCOME, or [www.thecoalminetour.com](http://www.thecoalminetour.com).

## Celebrate RiverFest 2006!

Join the fun on Saturday, May 13 at RiverFest. Sponsored by the Lackawanna River Corridor Association, it is a full day of fun on the river with music, games, Regatta, and Duck-A-Thon. The Canoe-A-Thon begins at 8 am in Blakely (canoes and kayaks available for rent). Other events will be by the Ice Box, Olive Street, Scranton. Info: (570) 347-6311 or [www.lrca.org](http://www.lrca.org).



## Highlighted Events throughout the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

### Exhibit

#### Capturing the Light: Masterworks of Contemporary Glass

Through June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Everhart Museum  
Info: (570) 346-7186

#### Free Art Workshops for Grades 4-6

Tuesdays in April from 4 to 5 pm  
Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock  
Info: (570) 996-1500



#### Nature Series Lectures

Tuesdays in April from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Fee.  
Lackawanna College  
Info: (570) 961-7891

#### Family Gallery Tours

Sundays from 1 to 1:45 pm  
Family tours of museum. Free with admission.  
Info: (570) 346-7186

#### Family Day: Ap-Wool Showers (Bring Lots Of Fun!)

Sun. Apr. 9 from 1 to 4 pm  
With textile artist Claire Marcus.  
Everhart Museum  
Info: (570) 346-7186

#### Project OwlNet

Thur. Apr. 13 from 7 to 9 pm  
With Pocono Avian Research Center. Fee.  
Lacawac Sanctuary  
Info: (570) 689-9494



#### Lacawac Garden Club

Thur. Apr. 20 at 7 pm  
Info: (570) 689-9494

#### Scranton Civil War Day

Sat. Apr. 22 All Day Events  
Service, Luncheon, Concert & Ball  
Lackawanna Historical Society  
Info: (570) 344-3841

#### Comedy Pet Theatre

Sat. Apr. 22 at 7 pm.  
Juggling & comedy with performing cats and dogs.  
Scranton Cultural Center  
Info: (570) 344-1111

#### Earth Day Clean-Up

Sun. Apr. 23 at Noon  
Lacawac Sanctuary  
Info: (570) 689-9494



#### Lecture & Reception

"Art and Survival: Patricia Johanson's Environmental Projects"  
Tues. Apr. 25 at 7 pm  
Free & open to the public.  
Marywood University  
Info: (570) 348-6278

Visit [www.visitnepa.org](http://www.visitnepa.org) for more regional events.

# Did YOU KNOW?

## May is "Watershed Awareness Month"

Celebrate our accomplishments in restoring and protecting the watershed!

The good news:

- Since 1999 over 400 local watershed groups have reclaimed 5,000 acres of abandoned mines, planted 1,000 miles of stream buffers, and created or restored 3,000 acres of wetlands.
- For every \$1 of state money invested in watershed protection, watershed groups match it with \$1.25 of their own!
- Over 11,000 volunteers are actively involved in water quality sampling across the state.

Positive action, collaboration, and education are the keys to a better environment for all of us. Help a watershed or conservation group today!

## Featured Partnership:

### *The Center for Anti-Slavery Studies* Underground Railroad Bus Tour Series Begins

New research shows that this region was a hotbed of Underground Railroad (UGRR) activities in the 1800s. Beginning in April, the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority will offer a series of heritage bus tours that travel along the very routes used by escaping slaves and staunch Abolitionists. The trips will feature narrated walking tours, living history presentations, and musical programs.

All excursions include a visit to the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies in Montrose and a tour of a 19th century UGRR settlement currently under renovations. Several trips include a walking tour of the historic Waverly Cemetery, and special July tours include a unique UGRR experience at Old Mill Village, a 19th century living history museum in New Milford, PA.

The two-day excursions also offer a welcome reception, dinner, and a special UGRR program on Saturday evening. On Sunday, these tours will



explore the region's many industries with visits to the PA Anthracite Heritage Museum, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, historic Wilkes-Barre, and Hillside Farms.

Tickets are \$62 per person for the one-day tours (includes lunch and admission fees), and \$245 per person for the two-day tours (includes

meals, dbl. occup. lodging, and admission fees). These heritage tours are best suited for adults, and may not fit the interest levels of children. Info: (570) 942-4656 or [www.antislaverystudies.org](http://www.antislaverystudies.org)

These bus tours are sponsored by LHVA and CASS in a special partnership with the Lackawanna County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Luzerne County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, the PA Route 6 Tourist Association, the historical societies of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties, the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, the PA Route 6 Heritage Corridor, and the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development.

#### TOUR SCHEDULE

Sat. April 29	Wilkes-Barre - Waverly - Montrose - Return to Wilkes Barre
Sat. May 20	Tunkhannock - Montrose - Towanda - Return to Tunkhannock
June 24-25	Clarks Summit - Waverly - Montrose - Return to Clarks Summit
Sat. July 29	Scranton - "Exploring the Underground Railroad" at Old Mill Village, New Milford, PA - Montrose - Return to Scranton
Sun. July 29	Wilkes-Barre - "Exploring the Underground Railroad" at Old Mill Village, New Milford, PA - Montrose - Return to Wilkes-Barre
Aug 19-20	Clarks Summit - Waverly - Montrose - Return to Clarks Summit
Sat. Sept 16	Wilkes-Barre - Waverly - Montrose - Return to Wilkes Barre
Sat. Oct 28	Tunkhannock - Montrose - Towanda - Return to Tunkhannock

## Online Resources: *Watershed Resources*

### The Lackawanna River Corridor Association

The LRCA is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization promoting the river through education, public involvement, partnerships, and hands-on opportunities. [www.lrca.org](http://www.lrca.org)

### PA Environment Digest

An update on environmental issues in Pennsylvania with a free newsletter and search engine. [www.PaEnvironmentDigest.com](http://www.PaEnvironmentDigest.com)

### The Countryside Conservancy

The Conservancy is dedicated to conserving lands and waters in and around the Tunkhannock Creek Watershed for the public benefit now and for the future. <http://www.countrysideconservancy.org/>



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