

# LHVA Ambassadors Update

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

March, 2006



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

## LHVA Presents \$130,000 in Grant Awards

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority will host a Grant Awards Presentation on Thursday, March 23, 2006, at 2:00 pm at the Electric City Trolley Station & Museum. Executive Director Natalie Solfanelli will present over \$130,000 in Major Partnership Grant Awards to heritage partners, and municipalities, that promote our region's rich historic, industrial, and environmental resources. Representatives from the organizations will be on hand to receive their grant award certificates.

The organizations receiving funding include:

**Archbald Borough, \$35,000.** To fund a Structural Assessment of the Shifting Shanty and Fan House at the historic Gravity Slope Colliery. Because similar buildings in the region have been lost through time, preservation of this site is an important bridge to the Anthracite Era, especially its technology and labor history.

**The Center for Anti-Slavery Studies, \$40,000.** To support the program, "The Place I Call Home: Northeastern Pennsylvania's Underground Railroad History." This project will research and interpret an important aspect of the region's history using a traveling exhibit, a companion website and DVD, education materials, and research guides.

**Countryside Conservancy, \$10,000.** To improve the newly acquired nature conservation and education site, "Little Rocky Glen." This includes installation of signs and fencing, repair of several buildings, developing a small former quarry site as a potential amphitheatre, and installing renewable energy generation for educational purposes.



*Award winners from LHVA's 2006 Mini-Grants Program stand with Natalie Solfanelli (sixth from right).*

**Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour, \$45,000.** To develop interpretive exhibits at the soon to be constructed Orientation Center at the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour. It also includes fabrication of exterior exhibits, maintenance facility.

LHVA receives funding from the National Park Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It offers grants and technical

assistance to nonprofit and civic organizations, heritage attractions, and municipalities to develop heritage, cultural, environmental, and community development projects.

LHVA Ambassadors, partners, and the general public are all invited to attend this event. The Electric City Trolley Station & Museum is located at 300 Cliff Street (Steamtown National Historic Site) in Scranton, PA. For more information, contact Colleen Carter, LHVA Public Education Officer, at (570) 963-6730 extension 8211 or [ccarter@LHVA.org](mailto:ccarter@LHVA.org).

## Highlighted Events throughout the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

### Winter Lecture Series

Select Saturdays & Sundays in March  
Steamtown National Historic Site  
Info: (570) 340-5200, (888) 693-9391 or  
[www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea)

### "Like Tears in the Rain: Recent Works by David Klevinsky"

Feb. 26-Apr. 7  
Exhibition, Lecture, Reception & Workshops  
Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton  
Info: (570) 941-4214 or  
[http://matrix.scranton.edu/resources/re\\_art\\_gallery.shtml](http://matrix.scranton.edu/resources/re_art_gallery.shtml)

### Pysanky Playshop

Sat. Mar. 11 & Sat. Mar. 25 at 10 am  
Charge. Reservations required.  
PA Anthracite Heritage Museum  
Info: (570) 963-4804 or  
[www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org)



### Charter Day

Sun. Mar. 12  
A celebration of Welsh Heritage. Free admission.  
PA Anthracite Heritage Museum  
Info: (570) 963-4804 or  
[www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org)

### Family Reunion Workshop

Sat. Mar. 18, 12:30-4:30 pm  
Resources to plan a successful family reunion.  
Free admission.  
PA Anthracite Heritage Museum  
Info: (570) 963-4804 or  
[www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org)

### Laotian Exhibit Opening

Sun. Mar. 19 at 1 pm  
Catlin House, 232 Monroe Ave, Scranton  
Info: (570) 344-3841 or  
[www.lackawannahistory.org/](http://www.lackawannahistory.org/)



### Oral History Lecture:

"The 'Good War' in American Memory"  
by Dr. John Bodnar  
Tues. Mar. 21 at 7:30 pm  
Brennan Hall, University of Scranton  
Info: (570) 344-3841 or  
[www.lackawannahistory.org/](http://www.lackawannahistory.org/)

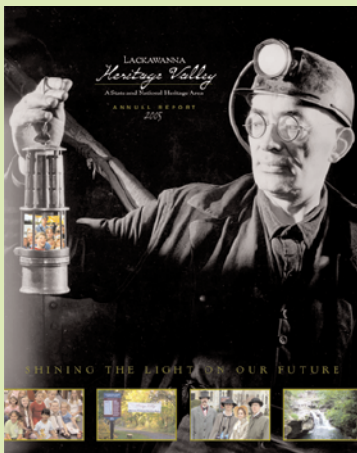
### Women of the Century Club

Sun. Mar. 26 at 2 pm  
Tickets: \$5.00  
Century Club, 612 Jefferson Ave, Scranton  
Info: (570) 344-3841 or  
[www.lackawannahistory.org/](http://www.lackawannahistory.org/)

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

# Did YOU KNOW?

LHVA recently published its 2005 Annual Report. This 16-page full-color booklet is chocked full of information about our projects, programs, and partners. It is a valuable reference guide to the good work LHVA has done with its community partners in the last year. Interested in a copy? Call (570) 963-6730 extension 8200 to request a free copy.



## Featured Partnership:

### Family Reunion Workshop at PA Anthracite Heritage Museum

Thinking of planning a family reunion? Then you don't want to miss the Family Reunion Workshop set for Saturday, March 18, 2006, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum in McDade Park, Scranton. A wealth of resources to plan a successful family event will be offered. Admission is free.

According to the Travel Industry Association of America, 34 percent of U.S. adults have traveled to a family reunion in the past three years. This local event will be part of the 15th National Family Reunion Conference in Pittsburgh. At 2:00 pm, workshop attendees will tune in via closed-circuit television to the conference's key-note address by Barbara Landis from the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.



The Anthracite Heritage Museum is also offering a "Pysanky Playshop" on Saturdays, March 11 and 25, and a day celebrating Welsh heritage on Charter Day, Sunday, March 12 (see "Highlighted Events" on page 1).

AHM is located in McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue in Scranton. For more information or directions, call (570) 963-4804 or find us on web at [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us) or [www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org).

## Online Resources: *Federal Grants*

### Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

A database of all Federal programs. You can search this database to find assistance programs, check your eligibility, and contact the office that administers the program and find out how to apply. <http://12.46.245.173/cfda/cfda.html>

### Grants.gov

An extensive website to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants. Grants.gov is the single access point for over 1,000 grant programs.

[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)



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