

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

Heritage Valley Press Publishes First-Ever Guidebook to Scranton and the Lackawanna Valley

“This book helps accomplish our goal of ‘tying it all together,’ creating a comprehensive package which highlights all of our attractions.” Commissioner Robert C. Cordaro

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority announces the release of a new guidebook to the region, “Pennsylvania’s Northeast Treasures: A Visitor’s Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond.” This is LHVA’s first publishing venture under its new imprint, the Heritage Valley Press.

Author Daniel K. Perry takes readers on a wide-ranging tour of the beautiful Lackawanna Valley, including its visitor attractions, outdoor recreational opportunities, ethnic festivals, tasty delicacies, and more. From the tops of the ridgelines to the subterranean world of the anthracite miner, the guide is a fascinating and comprehensive look at Scranton and the surrounding communities.

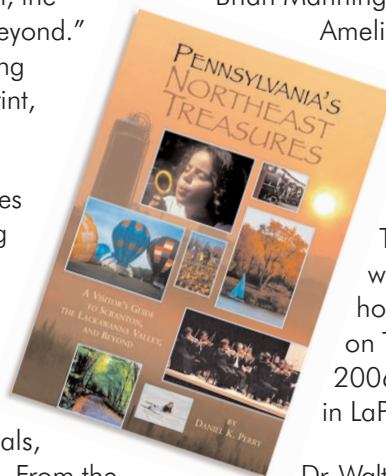
The guidebook includes over 150 spectacular photos by a dozen local

photographers many of whom donated their work to the project. The photographers included Jack Carling, Kenny Ganz, Pat Rokos Henneforth, Brian Manning, Greg Raymond, Amelia Suraci, Mel Wolk,

Guy Cali, and Rich Banick. Their combined talent add immeasurably to the book’s visual appeal.

The photographers were recognized and honored at a celebration on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA.

Dr. Walter Barbe also was honored at the event. Dr. Barbe was the editor-in-chief of the new guidebook, and he brought extraordinary expertise as an author and editor to the project. A prolific author and renowned educator, Dr. Barbe was the editor-in-chief of “Highlights for Children” magazine for twenty-five years.



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority presents its new guidebook, “Pennsylvania’s Northeast Treasures,” to the Lackawanna County Commissioners on November 14, 2006. Pictured from left: Commissioner A.J. Munchak; guidebook author, Daniel K. Perry; Commissioner Robert C. Cordaro; LVHA Executive Director Natalie G. Solfanelli; and Commissioner Michael J. Washo.

“Pennsylvania’s Northeast Treasures: A Visitor’s Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond” retails for \$19.95. Perfect for holiday giving, the book is available locally at the PA Anthracite Heritage Museum, the Lackawanna County Trolley Museum, the Everhart Museum, the Lackawanna Historical Society, Borders Books in Dickson City, Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Wilkes-Barre, and Tudor Books in Kingston. In addition, it can be ordered from Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) or Stourbridge Distributors in Honesdale (570-253-3225 x106, 800-228-9345 x106, or www.stourbridgedist.com).

Funding and support for the guidebook was provided by the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Lackawanna County Commissioners. LHVA appreciates the underwriting support of First National Community Bank.

Meet the Author!

Daniel K. Perry, the author of “Pennsylvania’s Northeast Treasures”, will present a book talk and signing at the Tudor Bookshop and Café, 651 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston, on Sunday afternoon, December 10th, at 2 pm. Info: 570-714-1752.

Visit www.visitnepa.org for more regional events.

Did YOU KNOW?

Executive Director Natalie G. Solfanelli represented LHVA and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) at the national *Preserve America* Summit on October 19-20, 2006 in New Orleans. This important summit marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. She also recently returned from France where she was part of a delegation from ANHA to the French Federation of Regional Nature Parks. The delegation visited with the president and executive staff of the Federation as well as with the directors of regional parks and members of their governing councils.



Featured Partnership:

LHVA and Partners Host Two Environmental Events for Kids

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority recently hosted two successful environmental events in partnership with members of the Conservation Alliance, a forum of over 50 environmental and conservation groups in the Northeastern Pennsylvania, and LHVA educational partners, Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19, Lackawanna College, and St. Rose Academy.

On October 12, 2006, over 600 sixth grade students from area schools descended on the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Center in Mayfield for a series of hands-on environmental activities. St. Rose Academy served as a gracious host for the event, which was organized by Jamie Reeger, Environmental Outreach Coordinator at Lackawanna College. On November 15, 2006, Steamtown National Historic Site generously offered their facility for LHVA's Environmental Career Fair. Over 125 high schoolers attended to learn about future career options in environmental and conservation fields.



"Students from St. Rose Academy at the LHVA Environmental Fair"

These events were made possible by LHVA's strong community partners, and we would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment to educating our area's youth about stewardship of the Lackawanna River and our natural resources.

Online Resources:

Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau



Located in the heart of the Pocono and Endless Mountains, Lackawanna County is home to a wide variety of historic attractions, sporting venues, natural areas and some of the best ethnic food in the northeastern United States. The Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau will show you where to go and what to do. There is something for everyone, so plan a trip today! Call 570-963-6363, 1-800-22-WELCOME, or click on www.visitnepa.org.

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