

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

Educational Mini-Grants Program

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority is pleased to announce the second round of its Educational Mini-Grant Program. LHVA will award ten grants of \$500 each to preschool, elementary, and secondary teachers in the Northeast Intermediate Unit 19. LHVA ran this very successful program in spring 2006 with ten projects in seven school districts and two nonprofit schools. Over 630 students and 20 teachers from preschool to grade twelve were involved in the projects.

Educators are encouraged to develop projects or activities that either promote the students' understanding and appreciation of the Lackawanna Valley's rich heritage and how it contributed to the development of our nation, and/or develop an understanding of the students' role as caretakers of the environment. A proposal may be submitted by a single teacher or by a collaborative team. The projects should take place any time between November 15, 2006 to June 15, 2007.

The grant deadline is Friday, October 6, 2006. All applications must be received by LHVA by 4:30 PM on October 6 to be considered for funding. Notifications will be sent out the third week of October. LHVA will host an awards presentation for the ten finalists on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Electric City Trolley Station and Museum. This new timetable will allow many projects to begin before the holidays.

Program guidelines and the application form are available on LHVA's website, www.LHVA.org. Click on "Funding," and then click on "Grant Application Guidelines" and/or "Electronic Forms and Resources." For more information about the Educational Mini-Grant Program or to have the guidelines and application mail to you, contact Colleen Carter at (570) 963-6730 ext. 8211 or ccarter@LHVA.org.



Ms. Byron's first grade class from Neil Armstrong Elementary School enjoys a trip to Steamtown National Historic Site during their Educational Mini-Grant Project, "From Great-Grandpa to Me."

Highlighted Events throughout the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

The Lackawanna County Council on the Arts Announces 2007 Grants Program

Grant funding is available for artists and arts organizations in Lackawanna County. Programming must occur from January 1 to December 31, 2007, and requests may not exceed \$3,000. The application deadline for the 2007 Lackawanna County Arts and Cultural Grants is Wednesday, October 11, 2006. The application is available at www.lackawannacounty.org. For information, contact Regina Peters, Executive Director of the Council on Education and Culture, at (570) 963-6800.



Luzerne Foundation 2006 Fall Grant Cycle

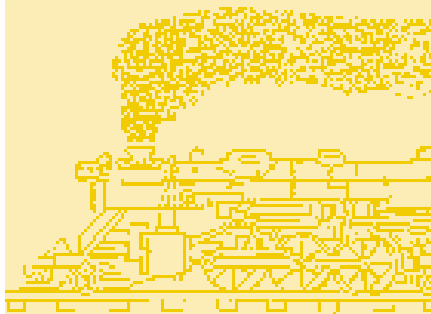
The Luzerne Foundation's 2006 Grant Cycle has begun. All non-profit organizations operating in Luzerne County are eligible. Average grants are expected to be \$1,500. Grant guidelines are available at <http://www.LuzFdn.org>. Completed applications must reach the foundation by Monday, October 16, 2006. Please call (570) 822-5420 or (877) 589-3386 for assistance or clarification.



Visit www.visitnepa.org for more regional events.

Did YOU KNOW?

The Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad over Moosic Mountain opened in 1820. It hauled 7,000 tons of coal each year. By 1841, the year the Scrantons build their first iron furnace, the D & H Railroad was carrying 200,000 tons of coal annually from the Lackawanna Valley over the mountain to Honesdale.



Featured Partnership:

Steamtown National Historic Site

Steamtown National Historic Site announces eight fall foliage excursions to the Pocono Mountains in October. The eight steam-powered train trips will depart from the Steamtown NHS Boarding Platform headed for two destinations. Reservations are highly recommended for these popular trips. Please call (570) 340-5204.



Tobyhanna Excursions

Steamtown will run three excursions to the quaint village of Tobyhanna in the Pocono Mountains. The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association will conduct brief walking tours during each of the one-hour layovers.

Dates: October 8, 22 and 28.

Times: All trains depart at 11:00 am with an expected return at 3:00 pm.

Tickets: \$31 for adults 17 to 61, \$26 for seniors 62 and older, and \$20 for children aged 6 to 16. Children 5 and younger require a "no-charge" ticket. First Class accommodations are also available at \$56 per rider, all ages (limited seating).

Moscow Excursions

The Scranton to Moscow ride is a lovely 26-mile round trip. The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, which leases the Moscow train stations, will offer light refreshments during the train's layover period.

Dates: October 7, 9 (Columbus Day), 15, 21, and 29.

Times: All trains depart at 1:00 pm with an expected return at 3:30 pm.

Tickets: \$21 for adults 17 to 61, \$19 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for children aged 6 to 16. Children 5 and younger require a "no-charge" ticket. First Class accommodations are also available at \$36 per rider, all ages (limited seating).

Online Resources:

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC)



PHMC is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created in 1945, it is responsible for the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania's historic heritage. PHMC's website has a wealth of information on historic research, historic sites and museums, programs and events, records management, and historic preservation. Click on www.phmc.state.pa.us.

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