



Steamtown National Historic Site Hosts Mid-Winter Events

Winter Lecture Series

This popular series offers guests a connection to the exciting past of steam railroading. All programs take place in the Park's theater, located at the museum complex.

"America's Legacy-National Parks!"

Presentation by Steamtown NHS Park Ranger Bill Clark
Sat, Jan 7 at 1 & 3 pm

"Railroading during the American Civil War"

Lecture by historian Bob Kise
Sun, Jan 15 at 1 & 3 pm

"Travels of a Railroad Magazine Editor"

Slideshow by Steve Barry, Managing Editor of Railfan & Railroad Magazine
Sat, Jan 21 at 1 & 3 pm

"Railroad Photography Seminar"

Hands-on seminar by Steamtown NHS Park Ranger Ken Ganz
Sat, Jan 28 1 to 4 pm
Limited to 25 participants. Pre-registration is required (this seminar only). Contact Glenn Smith at (570) 340-5339 or Glenn_Smith@nps.gov.

"A World Tour of Famous Railroad Museums"

Slideshow by John P. Hankey, a former curator at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, MD.
Sun, Jan 29 at 1 & 3 pm

Tours of the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Locomotive Shops

Daily during the winter months at Steamtown NHS

Tobyhanna Ice Harvest

On Saturday, January 14, 2006, Steamtown NHS will offer a steam train excursion to the annual Ice Harvest Festival and Demonstration at Tobyhanna, PA. The event includes a visit to the Tobyhanna train station, built in 1908, and transportation to Mill Pond

No. 1. Historic tools will be used to cut and gather blocks of ice from the pond. The Pocono Mountains Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will offer light refreshments.



View of the Steamtown NHS Ice House Excursion in 2005. Photo by Alan Sweeney.

The excursion departs at 10 am, with return at approximately 2:45 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for those 62 and older, and \$15 for children 6 to 12 years old. Under 6 requires a ticket, but no admission charge.

Steamtown NHS is open 9 am to 4 pm from January to mid-April, 2006. For more information on events, directions, and weather-related cancellations, call (570) 340-5200, toll free (888) 693-9391, or visit the website at www.nps.gov/stea.

Lackawanna River Corridor Association Honors LHVA

Natalie Gelb Solfanelli and John W. Cosgrove, current and former Executive Directors of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley, will be honored at the Lackawanna River Corridor Association's 2006 Soiree for the River on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at Genetti Manor in Dickson City. The evening will recognize the shared missions of the LRCA and LHVA who have worked closely together to develop the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail as a strategic link in the economic and environmental revitalization of communities along the River. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, awards, and dancing with Paul Labelle and the Exact Change Orchestra. Tickets: \$50 each, \$40 each for LRCA members. **RSVP by January 6. Call the LRCA at (570) 347-6311 or contact lrca@epix.net.**

Highlighted Events throughout the Lackawanna Heritage Valley

"Anthracite Incorporated: Contemporary Art and Local History"

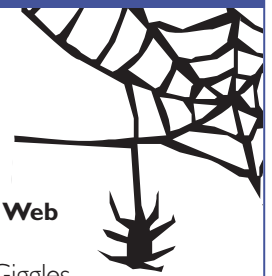
Now through Feb 24
Melberger Arts Center Gallery
123 Wyoming Ave, Scranton
Info: (570) 343-2300

"The Many Voices of the Knox Mine Disaster"

Sun, Jan 22 at 2 pm
Tickets: \$5 each, free for PA AHM Associates members.
PA Anthracite Heritage Museum
Bald Mountain Road, Scranton
Info: (570) 963-4804

Charlotte's Web

Sat, Jan 28
Wiggles & Giggles workshop at 10 am
Performance at 11 am
Scranton Cultural Center
N. Washington Ave, Scranton
Info: (570) 344-1111



Did YOU KNOW?

The Electric City Trolley Station & Museum announces the reprinting of *Laurel Line - An Anthracite Region Railway* by James N.J. Henwood and John G. Muncie. Based on the Laurel Line's surviving corporate records, authors Henwood and Muncie make the most out of this historical treasure. The railway's history emerges in human terms of strife, struggle, victory, and defeat. The second edition has improved photo reproduction and includes many classic photographs from Edward S. Miller and other rail photographers as well as maps, car plans, and other memorabilia. A must-read for all trolley buffs!

Softcover: \$39.95

Copies now available at the Electric City Trolley Station & Museum, Cliff Street, Scranton. For hours, call (570) 963-6590.

Featured Partnership:

Santa Train a Great Success

By Alan Sweeney, President of the Lackawanna Historical Society, and Chair of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority.

This year's Santa Train excursion on Saturday, December 3 marked the ninth year for this holiday season kick-off event. Riding in style aboard a train from Steamtown National Historic Site, Santa Claus and his helpers arrived in Carbondale, Archbald, Jessup, and Olyphant, all towns along the main line of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.



Each community had a celebration to welcome Santa to town. Their success could be seen on the delighted faces of children as they watched Santa alight from the Santa Train. Heading up the celebrations were Bernadette Lepre in Carbondale, Ken Propst in Archbald, Jeannie Lupini in Jessup, and Dave Weber in Olyphant.

The train crew included Mark Brennan and Ken Ganz from SNHS; Dominic Keating, Earl Trygar, Jan McDonald, Bernie O'Brian, Jim Yarwood, Leo Czereck, Roger Samuels, and Justin Sulla from the Lackawanna County Transportation Council; Lori Ransom from D&L Railroad; Hugh and Charlene Doyle from Lackawanna County Railroad; and the Doug Smith Quartet, Bob the Juggler, Jeff Moran, and Alan Sweeney.

LHVA and all the Santa Train partners extend a big thanks to everyone who made the event a huge success!

Online Resources: *History & Heritage*

National Park Service: NPS uses properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places to enliven history, social studies, geography, civics, and other subjects. The Teaching with Historic Places (TwHP) website offers 14 lesson plans that focus on the unique history of individual communities. Visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/>.

Pennsylvania: The Explore PA History website is a virtual gateway to Pennsylvania both past and present. Use it to explore the rich heritage of the Keystone State. Visit www.explorepahistory.com/.

Online Humanities Resources: EDSITEment is a collection of valuable humanities resources from some of the world's great museums, libraries, and cultural institutions. Featuring English, history, art history, foreign languages and more, it has a powerful search engine and many lesson plans. Visit www.edsite.net/neh.gov/.

American History: "History Now" is a quarterly online journal of American history from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History with extensive resources, lesson plans, and essays. Visit www.historynow.org.

US Dept. of Education: The Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE) website has educational materials from more than 30 federal agencies. Visit www.ed.gov/free/index.html.



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