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“Ghost Trains of Scranton” Photography Exhibit to Open at Steamtown NHS

SCRANTON, Pa - Photographer Kathryn Scott Adams, was born in Scranton. Her mother, Ruth Palmer Conrad was a local artist and historical preservation advocate. Her father LeRoy Lucian Scott Jr. was a local business owner and photography hobbyist. Kathryn adopted Lucian Palmer as her nom de plume to pay tribute to her parents and family, who still reside in Scranton and the surrounding areas. Steamtown NHS will host her digital photo exhibit, titled “Ghost Trains of Scranton,” at its Changing Exhibits Gallery from November 4 through December 31; the exhibit is included in the Park’s daily Entrance Fee.

Using high dynamic range (HDR) digital image capture, which reveals an extended range of tones, highlights and shadows to each photograph, Mrs. Adams presents both the innocence and the grandeur of steam-era railroad locomotives and train cars. “The older [trains] are especially majestic looking,” Adams says. “They are so strong. In fact, I think they’re so beautiful – the colors, the grit, the rust, not to mention the history. They are truly amazing.”

Colleen Creamer, B&W + Color Magazine, states that, “To better convey a sense of the trains’ powerful character and time-tempered beauty, Adams combined different exposures of the same subject, which gives her photographs an almost vertiginous depth. This is especially apparent in images like “Ghost Car,” which pulls the eye irresistibly down a long, narrow corridor, past a jumble of upended, decaying seats, to a door at the far end leading to another compartment and another corridor, as if one were traveling further and further back in time.”

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The exhibit will also be available during the park’s Veterans’ Day Fee Free weekend, November 10 – 12. Steamtown NHS will honor our military veterans and their families by waiving the park’s daily Entrance Fee for everyone on those days. The fee free Veteran’s Day weekend includes complimentary admission to the Park grounds, museum complex and exhibits, and scheduled walking tours, but will not include train rides and/or other amenity fees charged by the Park. Additionally, all active duty military members and their dependents are able to obtain the \$80 annual pass, at no charge, during their visit. The America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass provides entrance to all national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests, and many other Federal lands – more than 2,000 in all! Information about the free military pass, and all National Park passes, is available at www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm.

Located in downtown Scranton, Pa., Steamtown NHS is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. From I-81 follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the brown and white signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues (GPS: N 41.41, W 75.67). Additional general park information is available by phoning (570) 340-5200 during regular business hours, or by visiting the Park website at www.nps.gov/stea anytime!

- Digital images for media purposes are available -

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