

LHVA Ambassadors' Update



INFORMATION FROM THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY

JULY 2007

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Presents



Ride the Rails

from Scranton to Carbondale for Pioneer Days

A Full Day of Fun for the Whole Family!

Enjoy entertainment, activities, and a snack on the train.
In Carbondale, watch the parade and join the scavenger hunt
before riding the train back to Scranton.

Tickets on Sale at All Lackawanna County Libraries
from July 15 to August 15

FREE for Children 12 & Under
\$5.00 for Adults
\$4.00 for Seniors 65 & Over

10 am to 4:30 pm

Train departs Steamtown National
Historic Site in Scranton at 10:00 am
and returns approximately 4:30 pm

▪ **TICKETS REQUIRED FOR ALL PASSENGERS.** ▪ Tickets sold on a first come, first served basis.
▪ Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. ▪ Train is handicapped accessible.

Project Partners

Carbondale Chamber of Commerce ▪ City of Carbondale ▪ Lackawanna County Library System
▪ Lackawanna Historical Society ▪ Steamtown National Historic Site



It's Trolley Time!

Fridays: 10 am to 4 pm
Saturdays: Noon to 4 pm

July 27 to Labor Day

The Heritage Explorer Trolley Stops program is a free shuttle bus stopping at Scranton's many cultural



and historic sites. The ride includes an audio narration with fun and interesting facts about the area.

There is no fee or ticket required to ride the trolley bus. Passengers can use the entire shuttle loop as a tour of Scranton, or they can ride the bus as a shuttle between sites and get on and off as often as they like.

The bus will arrive at each trolley stop at one hour intervals. Riders can board the trolley at any stop.

The program is sponsored by LHVA, the County of Lackawanna Transportation System (COLTS) and Lackawanna County. Info: Tom Cipriano at LHVA, (570) 963-6730

Shuttle Itinerary

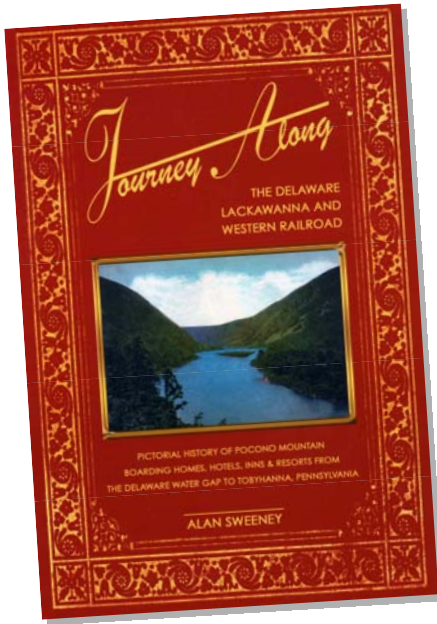
- Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel
- Hilton Scranton and Conference Center
- Courthouse Square at Spruce Street
- The Mall at Steamtown
- Steamtown National Historic Site
- Electric City Trolley Station and Museum
- Cultural District - Scranton Cultural Center, Albright Memorial Library, Children's Library, and Lackawanna College
- Courthouse Square at Linden Street
- Davis Trail at Nay Aug Park
- Everhart Museum
- Lackawanna Historical Society



Join the "First Fridays" Fun

On Friday, August 3, join art lovers and gallery walkers during First Fridays in downtown Scranton. Ride the free trolley bus or take a stroll to hip galleries and stores on the *Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures: An Artist and Artisan Trail*. Info and gallery map: www.firstfridayscranton.com.





Journey Along The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad: A Pictorial History of Pocono Mountain Boarding Homes, Hotels, Inns & Resorts from the Delaware Water Gap to Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania
by Alan Sweeney

Postcard images capture the transformation of the Pocono Mountains from secluded wilderness to vacation destinations. Recently released by Tribute Books in Eynon, PA, this work represents author Alan Sweeney's ten-year endeavor to collect postcards of the Pocono Mountains. To order: Tribute Books at (570) 876-2416 or <http://tribute-books.com/minicart/products.html>. **\$19.95**

Partners in the News



May 30, 2007

Dear Natalie,

On Saturday, May 26, 2007 Steamtown National Historic Site operated an excursion to Tobyhanna with CP2317 making its first Tobyhanna trip in several years. Steamtown's mechanical department is to be commended; No. 2317 is a credit to their expertise.

We offered the Village Tour with our partner Coolbaugh Township Historical Association and their expert tour guides, Ruth Rarick and Bill Grumbine. We were most capably assisted by Ranger Tim O'Malley who always does everything possible to make our Tobyhanna tours successful.

LHVA had 81 tour participants out of 120 train riders making our year-to-date LHVA participants 403 people. There were no injuries or incidents regarding LHVA participants although an ambulance was called for a volunteer at the Tobyhanna Station. The incident was extremely well-handled by Steamtown and Pocono Mountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

This year marks the fifth season of LHVA tours at Tobyhanna and we are off to a great start. The next Tobyhanna excursion will be on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

I was most fortunate to have my first steam locomotive cab ride on June 6, 1953 at Scranton on DL&W #232. Until last Saturday I had never been on a steam powered trip with an engine larger than #232 for any distance without the benefit of a mechanical stoker. That's nearly 54 years!

A lubricator problem on 2317's tender stoker was detected by Steamtown's Roger Samuels, and his engine crew of Bob Patterson and Tom Shore worked very hard to keep to their fire and bring the train on time to Tobyhanna and return it to Scranton right on the money. This was truly inspirational to me, the stuff that keeps the steam era alive in Scranton. Roger, Bob, and Tom would not consider this a big deal, all in a day's work. What a great partner we have.

Dominic Keating, LHVA Volunteer



Lackawanna Heritage Valley
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The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority is a partnership of government, business, civic organizations, and individuals dedicated to the development of the region's historic, cultural, economic, and natural resources through preservation, education, and promotion of our heritage.

LHVA's goals are to tell the region's story; facilitate partnerships; preserve and enhance the physical character and economic vitality of the communities in the Lackawanna Valley; improve the visitor experience; and reconnect people to the Lackawanna River.

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Featured Partnership

Coal Mine Tour Unveils New Building at McDade Park



Need Directions?

Look for special directional cards at local cultural and historic sites to help you find your way. Designed to give specific instructions on how to travel easily from one site to another in the Lackawanna Valley. The free cards include directions, mileage counter, map, and site contact information.

The project is an initiative of the Heritage Valley Roundtable, and is produced in partnership with the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On July 6, officials cut the red ribbon to open the new \$725,000 Interpretive Center at the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour in McDade Park, Scranton.

Built in a style reminiscent of a coal breaker, the beautiful building houses a welcome and interpretive center, a gift shop, and a snack bar. It also features a surround-sound theater with a ten-minute film about coal miners and their families, and the impact coal mining had on the Lackawanna Valley.

LHVA Director of Cultural Conservation Dan Perry worked closely with Lackawanna County Director of Historic Facilities

Barbara Colangelo, Sweda Advertising, and Thomas McHugh of Edventures Consulting, to develop the site's interpretive panels and orientation film. The team will now turn their attention to creating additional panels and signage outside of the building. Future plans include restoring the coal tipple on the site.

LHVA supported the project with a \$45,000 grant. The Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour and Interpretive Center are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: (570) 963-MINE or coalmine@lackawannacounty.org.



Officials premiere the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour's new Interpretive Center at McDade Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 6, 2007.

Walk the Freedom Trail in Northeastern Pennsylvania

Put on your sturdy shoes and join *Experience the Underground Railroad*, a guided walking tour exploring the history of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) in Northeastern Pennsylvania during the mid-1800's, on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29,

2007, at Old Mill Village Museum in New Milford, PA. You will follow your conductor on a one-hour trek along the freedom trail through the swamps, creeks, woods, and grounds of Old Mill Village Museum as you make your way north from Wilkes-Barre to Montrose and then on to New York State.

The gates are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, and tours leave every half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch, snacks, gifts, and children's activities are available. Tickets: \$6 for those 12 years and older, \$3 for children 6 to 11 years.

New for this year, *Night Trek* will be offered on Saturday night from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests will enjoy a barbecue, an old-fashioned camp meeting, and a night-time walking tour of the region's UGRR history. Tickets: \$10 per person, \$8 for CASS or OMV members.

Reservations are required for both events. Old Mill Village Museum is one mile from New Milford on Route 848 east (exit 223 off I-81). Sponsored by the Center for Anti-Slavery Studies, Inc. (CASS), this project is supported by a grant from LHVA in partnership with the Pennsylvania Quest for Freedom initiative, the PA Humanities Council, and the Bradford County Regional Arts Council. Info and reservations: Cynthia Wooden at (570) 278-3199 or www.antislaverystudies.org.



A "conductor" prepares to take his group on their quest for freedom during "Experience the Underground Railroad."



LHVA Leads Trail Clean Up Event



Image courtesy of WNEP-TV.

Ryan Leckey of WNEP-TV joins LHVA at the Southside Scranton trail clean up. From left: Colleen Carter, Tom Cipriano, Leckey, Stephanie Roberts, Beverlyann Liuzzo, Margo Tomlinson, Diane Chelik, Dan Perry, Jesse Ergott, and LHVA Executive Director Natalie Gelb Solfanelli.

The Lackawanna River Heritage Trail clean up held on July 6 for the Southside Scranton CNJ Railroad section of the trail was a success on all fronts. Organized by LHVA, the event rounded up a dozen garbage bags filled with trash as well as a car battery and a record player. The trailhead at Schmidt Field was rediscovered after an extensive weeding session, making the trail more inviting for trail users.

The event started before dawn's early light as the LHVA staff gathered on the trail to welcome WNEP-TV morning reporter Ryan Leckey. WNEP-TV gave the event extensive coverage to encourage community members to help with the clean up.

Pennsylvania American Water Company and PennDOT of Lackawanna County supported the clean up with donations of water, gloves, and garbage bags.

LHVA would like to thank all of the volunteers and organizations who made the trail clean-up a big success!



Pennsylvania's Northeast Treasures:
A Visitor's Guide to Scranton, the Lackawanna Valley, and Beyond.

Perfect for summer day trips with family and friends. Available at local book stores and heritage sites.

\$19.95

Lackawanna Railfest 2007

November 2 to 4, 2007
Steamtown National Historic Site

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Library Program in Full Swing

Kids – are you part of the *Heritage Traveling Trunks* program at the Lackawanna County libraries? It is great fun with a free Passport to local cultural and heritage sites, workshops with artists, and hands-on activities with the Traveling Trunks. The program is free to members of the libraries' summer reading club.

Your Passport is good for free admission to the Electric City Trolley Station and Museum, Steamtown National Historic Site, Lackawanna Historical Society, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Anthracite Heritage Museum, Everhart Museum, and Scranton Cultural Center. Visit all the sites, answer the clues on the Passport, and return it to your library for a prize certificate for one free pizza. Just remember: kids must present their Passport for free admission, and all other members of their group must pay appropriate admission fees.

Join the artists' workshops at your library! The first week we danced with the **One World Dance Theater**, and the second week we enjoyed skits with **Richard Grunn**. From July 23 to 27, look for portrait painter **George Strasburger**, followed by storyteller **Lisa Facciponti** the week of July 30. Each library has a visit from the artist during the week. There's more! Look through the Traveling Trunk at your library. It includes coal, hats, maps, a railway lantern, a railroad spike, and more. Ask your parents or grandparents about them. You will hear lots of cool stories.

So join in the program and get a clue about our heritage!

Summer Artist Library Schedule

Mon	1 pm	Valley Community Library, 739 River St., Peckville
Tues	11 am	Dalton Community Library, 113 E. Main St., Dalton
	1 pm	Green Ridge Library, Green Ridge at Wyoming Ave., Scranton
Wed	11 am	North Pocono Public Library, 113 Van Brunt St., Moscow
	1:30 pm	Carbondale Public Library, 5 North Main St., Carbondale
Thur	10:30 am	Taylor Community Library, 200 Union St., Taylor
	2 pm	Abington Comm. Library, 1200 W. Grove St., Clarks Summit
Fri	10:30 am	Lackawanna County Children's Library, 500 Vine St., Scranton



Image courtesy of LHVA

Children try ethnic dances at the Taylor Community Library with the One World Dance Theater.