

LHVA Ambassadors' Update



INFORMATION FROM THE LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY JUNE/JULY 2008

LHVA Receives Regional Award

The Nonprofit Community Assistance Center (NCAC) awarded its Arts and Culture Award to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority at the 2008 NCAC Annual Awards dinner in June for LHVA's Summer Heritage Passport Program.

The Summer Heritage Passport Program (see accompanying box), a partnership between LHVA and the Lackawanna County Library System, is designed to familiarize children with their community, their heritage, and their environment.

This award-winning educational program is in its fourth year, and it has been extraordinarily successful in helping the participants develop a sense of place through interactive, fun activities.

The project brings the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority's Traveling Trunks to eight public libraries in the Lackawanna County Library System (LCLS). The items in each trunk represent aspects of life one hundred years ago in the Lackawanna Valley.

Every week, a different artist performs at each of the eight county libraries, presenting story-telling, dance, poetry, artwork and music to interpret local heritage. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug," and it emphasizes the children's connections to their environment and, particularly, to the Lackawanna River.

Every child who enrolls in the Library's Summer Reading Club receives a passport for free admission to local cultural and heritage sites. The program offers families

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an affordable opportunity to enjoy visits to Steamtown National Historic Site, Electric City Trolley Museum, Anthracite Heritage Museum, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Scranton Cultural Center, Everhart Museum, and Lackawanna Historical Society. For many, it is the first time the family has been able to visit the sites that

reflect the industrial and cultural heritage of the region. The Summer Heritage Passport Program, free to members of the LCLS, is open to children from pre-school through grade six.

LHVA is proud of the Passport Program and is especially pleased to have been in the company of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, runner-up for the award, for its "Tune into Heritage" family concert series, another LHVA partnership program.

A nonprofit affiliate agency of the NEPA Alliance in Pittston, PA, NCAC provides assistance to nonprofit organizations and communities in Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill and Wayne Counties. The NCAC Community Awards were created 26 years ago to highlight programs and projects that are making a positive impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"Catch the Reading Bug" This Summer!

There is still time for kids to sign up for the summer reading program at any Lackawanna County library and receive a Summer Heritage Passport. The passport entitles each child to one free admission to seven local cultural and heritage sites. The passport program runs until August 24. Guest presenters are visiting the libraries until August 1 to help children explore the program's theme through stories, music, art, and hands-on activities. Visit your local library for more details.



Landmark Amusement Park Honored with New Historic Marker, Celebration

The Rocky Glen amusement park was conceived and built by Arthur Frothingham in 1886. Located in Moosic, the park was a popular recreational venue that featured special ethnic celebrations reflecting the region's diversity. For many years, the park was a favorite stop on the Laurel Line electric trolley system. The park closed in 1987 after 101 years of operation. Little remains today, and the site is part of Glenmaura National Golf Club.

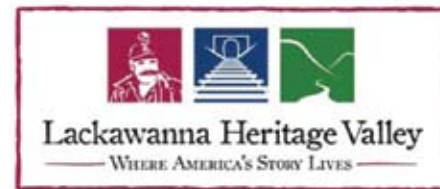


The Laurel Line trolley passes the roller coaster at Rocky Glen Amusement Park.

The site has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) for its historic significance with a public marker. The Lackawanna Historical Society will unveil the Rocky Glen Pennsylvania Historical Marker on Saturday, August 9th during a day of special events. The marker will provide a permanent reminder of this important part of our local heritage.

The Society will host a "Day of Amusement" to observe the dedication of the new marker. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Catlin House, a festival will feature a special sale on maps, books, and other interesting ephemera, as well as a twenty percent discount on all items in the Society's gift shop. At 2 p.m., the Society will hold the official marker dedication ceremony at Rocky Glen. The day will conclude with a reception at the Electric City Trolley Museum to celebrate a new exhibit on Rocky Glen. The exhibit features the original bronze plaque from the park's Swiss Cottage. The plaque was donated to the Society in June.

For additional information, call the Lackawanna Historical Society at (570) 344-3841.



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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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LHVA Changes

LHVA announces that **Tom Bell** has resigned his position as a member of LHVA's Board of Directors effective at the June board meeting. A board member since 2006, Tom is relocating to the Chicago area to pursue new employment opportunities. We wish him all the best with his new move.

The Lackawanna County Commissioners have appointed **Robert Savakinus** as LHVA's newest board member. Robert Savakinus is a Transition Education Specialist for the Luzerne County Intermediate Unit #18, and he lives in Carbondale with his wife, Mary Ann Moran-Savakinus. Bob often has used local sites and attractions, such as Steamtown National Historic Site, the Lackawanna County Coal Mine Tour and the Trolley Museum, to enhance his students' learning experience. He is very familiar with Lackawanna County's tourism and cultural resources, and he appreciates how they can be used in education. As a volunteer at the Lackawanna Historical Society, Bob has been involved in the installation of two exhibits at the Catlin House and several of the Society's annual programs.



Amy Rogato has joined LHVA as a summer intern. Amy is a biology major at Millersville University in Millersville, PA. She assists LHVA's staff with general administrative duties and various marketing tasks. *Welcome, Amy!*

News from the Anthracite Heritage Museum

Friends at the Anthracite Heritage Museum

FDay was held at the Museum on Sunday, July 13th, to dedicate the renovated auditorium and the new Anthracite Heritage Garden. The garden includes many plants that were grown by immigrant and mining families for both their beauty and their medicinal qualities. The Museum offers a guidebook for the garden written by intern Eleanor Mattern. The event included a reception for "The Station Master's Office," a mural for the Moscow Train Station by artist Mark S. Ciocca.



Eleanor Mattern, a graduate student at Syracuse University, is working as a summer intern at the Anthracite Heritage Museum through the Keystone Internship program. During her time at the Museum, Nora will be giving tours and completing a variety of interesting museum projects. For more information about the Museum and its new garden, call (570) 963-4804 or click on www.anthracitemuseum.org.



TAKE A RIDE!

Steamtown National Historic Site offers several steam-powered passenger train excursions along the former Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad's Pocono mainline. All trains leave from the boarding platform at Steamtown NHS in Scranton. Excursion dates are as follows:

To Tobyhanna: July 19, August 9, and October 4, 11, 19 and 25.

To Moscow: July 26, August 2, 16, 23 and 30, and October 5, 12, 18 and 26.

Pre-paid reservations are required. For more information, ticket prices, and reservations, call the park at (570) 340-5204 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or visit www.nps.gov/stea.



Iron Furnaces Summer Update

The Scranton Iron Furnaces welcomes Summer Seasonal Worker Kyle Cicilioni, a resident of Peckville and a student at Lock Haven University. During his time at the Iron Furnaces, Kyle will be conducting tours and completing a variety of interesting historic site

maintenance projects.

The Scranton Iron Furnaces historic site is open for the summer. The site is open to walk-in visitors interested in a self-guided tour. Special guided tours also are available; please call the Anthracite Heritage Museum at (570) 963-4804 for reservations. As a special treat, the 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. trolley excursions from the Electric City Trolley Museum will stop at the Scranton Iron Furnaces so that passengers can take a brief guided tour.

Inspirational Fiction Writers to Meet Fans during Railfest 2008

The Erie Lackawanna Dining Car Preservation Society is pleased to bring four outstanding inspirational fiction authors to Steamtown National Historic Site in conjunction with Lackawanna Railfest 2008. On Sunday, August 31st, authors Judith Miller, Tracie Peterson, Cathy Marie Hake, and Kim Vogel Sawyer will meet fans and sign books in the unique venue of an original Pullman sleeping car. The book-signing will run from 1 to 3 p.m. For details, visit www.eldcps.org.



Conference to Focus on Mine Heritage

This year's Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation and Coal Mining Heritage Conference will focus on preserving our coal mining heritage throughout the state. The conference includes presentations on historical topics and an optional bus tour of abandoned mine reclamation sites.

The conference will be on August 12 to 14, 2008, at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in State College, PA. For information and registration, visit: www.treatminewater.com.

LHVA Seeks Two VISTA Volunteers

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, in partnership with the Lackawanna County Conservation District (LCCD) and the Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA), is offering two OSM/VISTA (Office of Surface Mining/Volunteers in Service to America) positions this year. The candidates will work with community volunteers to create programs for lasting environmental changes at a local level. Each full-time position (35 hours per week) includes a modest stipend as well as other benefits. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in any field. All ages are welcome. For information about the positions, please contact Stephanie Milewski at (570) 963-6730 ext. 8203, or email her at smilewski@LHVA.org.



ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Preservation Awards 2008

AHA's annual awards recognize the restoration, historic rehabilitation, historic reconstruction and maintenance of architecturally-significant properties in and around Scranton, as well as recognize new or renovated properties which are architecturally sensitive to their context.

The awards were presented at Scranton's City Hall on May 23, 2008.

NORTH SCRANTON

608 Race Street *City of Scranton*

DOWNTOWN

300 Block Penn Avenue *Gerald P. Joyce*
224 Wyoming Avenue *Two Hundred Twenty Four Wyoming DE*
Scranton Prep Addition *Scranton Prep School*
DeNaples Center *University of Scranton*

GREEN RIDGE - 18509

1708 Sanderson Ave. *Kathleen Wasserman*
1703 Sanderson Ave. *Dolores H. Ellsworth*
1020 Electric St. *John F. Foley*
1015 Sunset St. *David E. & Mary A. Heisler*
916 Sunset St. *Joseph Joyce*
1745 Capouse Ave. *Jack R. & Christie C. Dempsey*
1558 Capouse Ave. *John A. Laco*
1106 Fisk Ave. *Joseph & Christine Zwick*
2420 N. Washington Ave. *Thomas & Margaret McLane*
2107 N. Washington Ave. *James R. & Margaret M. Cutinello*
1920 N. Washington Ave. *Gary & Helen A. Scott*
1701 N. Washington Ave. *Albert A. Hazzouri, Jr.*
1620 N. Washington Ave. *James A. & Judith C. Doherty*
824 Grandview St. *Christina M. Keller*
1007 Grandview St. *Patrick & Mary Elizabeth Laffey*
1101 Grandview St. *Timothy N. & Rebecca C. McMullen*
823 Electric St. *AJ & Joan S. Cross*
820 Electric St. *Joseph P. & Janet E. Murray*
1118 Columbia St. *Stephen & Margo Opsasnick*
1123 Columbia St. *Michael J. & Rosemary Gavigan*
906 Woodlawn

SCRANTON HILL SECTION

535 Wheeler Ave. *James & Maryann Cooney*
311 Wheeler Ave. *Gregory Hinson & Peter Dangio*
638 Wheeler Ave. *Barbara B. O'Malley*
601 N. Webster Ave. *Elma Starr*
801 N. Webster Ave. *Charles & Valerie Burke*
835 N. Webster Ave. *Ryan S. Tara E. Kozsza*
914 N Webster Ave. *Christian & Daniela Digregorio*
916 Taylor Ave. *James H. & Cynthia Timko*
826 Taylor Ave. *Lance M. & Karen O. Tost*
1213 E. Gibson St. *Lackawanna Properties, LLC*
700 N. Webster Ave. *Richard A. & Kathryn H. Cogley*
914 Quincy Ave. *Beverly Ann Debarros*
1021-23 Mulberry St. *One Thousand Twenty One Mulberry*
919 N Webster Ave. *William & Jane Yeomans*
720 N. Webster Ave. *Adam & Jacqueline Katz*
232 Monroe Ave. *Lackawanna Historical Society*
530-32 Colfax Ave. *James W. & Denise R. Allan*

WEST SCRANTON

1412 Oram St. *James J. Dellacave*
1419 Schlager St. *Brian T. & Jennifer E. Moran*
1215 Schlager St. *Jane E. McGowty*
1603 Schlager St. *Joseph A & Marie A Salvatori*
1219-21 Schlager St. *Thomas J. Norton*
1126 Bryn Mawr St. *Ellen M. Moore*
1115 Bryn Mawr St. *Mary C. & Karen M. Hape*
1132 Bryn Mawr St. *Joesph Joyce*
1417-19 Washburn St. *Elizabeth Daquino*
1114 Washburn St. *Michael F. & Clementine T. Moran*
1107-09 Washburn St. *Edward Charles Dagostino*
1502 Luzerne St. *Anthony & Nancy Pusateri*

SCRANTON SOUTH SIDE

1419 Brook St.
100 Cleveland Ave.
920 Front St.
26 Crown Ave.