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The Ambassadors' Update

A Monthly Newsletter from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority
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The Ambassadors' Update keeps you up to date on the news of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA), a National and State Heritage Area that preserves and promotes Northeastern Pennsylvania's historic, cultural, economic, and natural resources.

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Spring Symposium Offers Tips on Grants and Funding

The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and Heritage Valley Roundtable will sponsor the second annual Spring Symposium on Monday, March 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum at McDade Park in Scranton. The title of this year's Symposium is "Swimming Lessons: Staying Afloat During the Funding Crunch."

The Spring Symposium is a daylong professional enhancement workshop for staff and volunteers at cultural, environmental, and heritage sites. Topics will include effective grant seeking strategies, how to increase the odds of success, and the use of online tools to research and identify eligible government and private funding sources.

Kurt Bauman, Government Services Manager at the NEPA Alliance, will be the featured speaker. Mr. Bauman has managed programs on grant seeking, grant writing, nonprofit administration, collaborative initiatives, and strategic planning for NEPA's Nonprofit and Community Assistance Center (NCAC). He also is knowledgeable about the allocation of funds from President Obama's Economic Stimulus Package. The Symposium also will feature a session on corporate funding opportunities presented by Don Bernhard, PPL Manager of Economic Development and Community Affairs, as well as a panel of representatives from various funding agencies.



projects and programs, as well as for the Lackawanna Greenway and Lackawanna River Heritage Trail.

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Cost for the Symposium is \$20 per person, and includes refreshments, lunch, and handouts. Click [here](#) to download the workshop information sheet and registration form. Registration is required for all attendees. Completed forms with payment must be received by LHVA no later than Noon on Tuesday, March 24. Please send form and payment by hand delivery or postal mail to:

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Information: Contact Sarah Piccini, LHVA Program Officer- Interpretation & Preservation Specialist, at (570) 963-6730 x8227 or spiccini@LHVA.org.

Location:

The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum
McDade Park, 22 Bald Mountain Road, Scranton, PA 18504
(570) 963-4804
<http://www.anthracitemuseum.org/>

Directions: Click on

<http://www.anthracitemuseum.org/mappage.htm>

Update on the Lackawanna Greenway Plan & LRHT Feasibility Study

LHVA is pleased to announce that it has received grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the National Park Service to conduct the "Lackawanna Greenway Plan, Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT) Feasibility Study, and CNJ Trail Extension Master Site Plan."

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for this exciting project was issued on February 13, 2009, and was sent to more than fifty architectural, engineering, and planning organizations. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on February 25. All proposals were submitted on March 4. A selection committee will interview several firms and will award a contract by early April. It is expected that work on the project will begin immediately.

The Lackawanna Greenway is a system of interconnected trails, parks, and open spaces along the Lackawanna River. The primary trail in the Greenway is the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail (LRHT), a multi-use recreational trail that closely follows the river for forty miles from Forest City to the confluence of the Lackawanna and Susquehanna Rivers at Duryea and Pittston.

You Are Invited: Get Connected With LHVA through Facebook

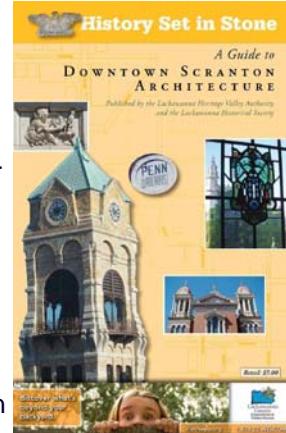
The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority has created a new way to keep up with the events and projects at the Heritage Valley.

You can now connect to LHVA on Facebook! You will be able to view photos of the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail and other LHVA programs, to learn about upcoming events, and to join or start a discussion.

Visit LHVA's page and become a Facebook fan so you can share your Lackawanna Heritage Valley experiences! To find us on Facebook, [click here](#).

Take a Walk Around Scranton

LHVA, the Lackawanna Historical Society, and the Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau recently released their new publication, "History Set in Stone: A Guide to Downtown Scranton Architecture," an annotated walking tour of the city. The twenty-page booklet provides maps, tour routes, and information about the historical and architectural details of many beautiful commercial and residential structures in Scranton. It also provides discounts to designated local sites and attractions.



The booklet is available at no charge. You can get one at the Lackawanna County Visitors' Center on Montage Mountain, as well as at Anthology New and Used Books, Outrageous, the MAC Gallery, Northern Lights Espresso Bar, Penn Security Bank, Ricochets Rapid Detail, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum, the Electric City Trolley Museum, the Everhart Museum, the Scranton Cultural Center, Steamtown National Historic Site, and the Scranton Public Library.

Sarah Piccini, LHVA's Program Officer/Interpretation and Preservation Specialist, compiled and edited this informative and readable booklet. Mary Ann Moran-Savakinus, Executive Director at the Lackawanna Historical Society, provided invaluable help with research, fact-checking, and maps. Carol Scholl, graphic artist, created its attractive design.

Spring will be here soon, so pick up your copy of "History Set in Stone" and get ready for a lovely stroll around downtown Scranton!

Living Lackawanna

To find out more about what is happening in Lackawanna County, read the winter 2008 issue of [Living Lackawanna](#), an electronic newsletter published by the Lackawanna County Commissioners.

Green Tech Tips



Do you really need to print that email message or attachment? If you do, print on both sides of the paper.

Turn off your computer and its power strip when you leave at night.

Screen savers don't save energy. During the day, set your computer to go to sleep automatically (after 10 minutes of inactivity). This can cut energy use by 70 percent.

Use digital storage solutions to cut paper and reduce clutter. One DVD can store the contents of an entire filing drawer.

Give your computer room. Make sure your computer has room for air circulation so it will retain less heat - which will save energy because

the fan won't run as much.

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