

The Graystone Society brings you the newsletter of the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum in the Lukens National Historic District.

Events

Don't Miss the Victorian Ice Cream Festival

Please join us, your friends and families at the Victorian Ice Cream Festival on Saturday, July 12th 10 am to 5 pm.

The popular event takes place in the Lukens National Historic District on the grounds of Graystone Mansion. The Festival will be followed by the City of Coatesville's Fireworks Display in the evening.



On the day of the Ice Cream Festival we will be dedicating the new firehouse, located next to the Tenant House between Terracina and the 120 Mill (see story page 2). There will be a "Housing Ceremony," a tradition in which the fire trucks are pushed into the firehouse by hand. The public is welcome to attend.



Featured at the Ice Cream Festival this year will be a **Lukens Steel Photo Exhibit** of historic images

from our collection. These never-before shown images document the People, Places and Products of the Lukens Steel Company.



There will be plenty of entertainment, crafter and food stands, and of course ice cream! Visitors can stroll through the beautiful lawns and gardens of the Historic District, and the buildings will be open for tours. Volunteers are always welcome to help out with all aspects of this premier summer event, and sponsorship opportunities are still available (a form is available at



www.lukensnhd.org). For more information on the Ice Cream Festival: 610-384-9282 or graystone@lukensnhd.org.

Programs

Presentation of the Second Annual Rebecca Lukens Award

The Second Annual Rebecca Lukens Award was presented to **Jane L. S. Davidson** on March 20, 2008 at Graystone Mansion. Jane, who is well-known for her service to historic restoration, was the catalyst for the National Park Service designation of the Lukens Historic District as a National Historic Landmark.

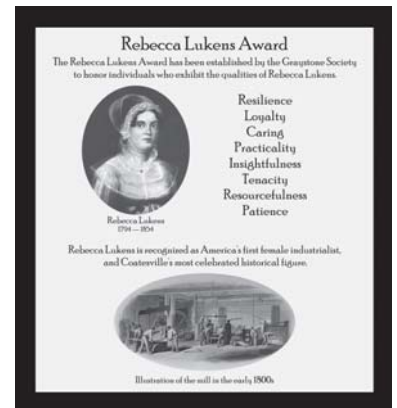


The event was attended by many of Jane's friends and family, as well as

local dignitaries and members of the Graystone Society and other invited guests.

The Rebecca Lukens award plaque is permanently housed in The Lukens National Historic District, mounted to a scale replica of the Rebecca's original rolling mill. A commemorative etching with each recipient's name is affixed to the plaque.

Congratulations Jane!



This Newsletter, the presentation of the Rebecca Lukens Award, and all of the other programs brought to you by the Graystone Society would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, and to them we offer our sincere thanks.

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Upcoming Events in the Lukens National Historic District

Thursday, June 5 — Spring Lecture #2

Living History Performance of
 Rebecca Lukens by Susannah Brody

Saturday, July 12 — Victorian Ice Cream Festival

Join us from 10 am to 5 pm on the grounds of
 Graystone Mansion for this popular community event.

Thursday, October 2 — Fall Lecture #1

Dale Frens will speak on the subject of preservation
 of Chester County industrial sites.

Thursday, November 6 — Fall Lecture #2

Steel in Coatesville —
 the G. O. Carlson story with Barbara Travaglini.

A few words with . . .

Ginia Apostolacus

Ginia joined the Graystone Society as Program Manager
 in 2007, not long before that year's Ice Cream Festival.
 As her first-ever event, the Ice Cream Festival was a real
 trial by fire, but she came through with flying colors.

The number and scope of Programs hosted by the
 Graystone Society has increased over the last few years.
 Ginia is responsible for producing and promoting these
 events, including coordination of vendors, volunteers,
 promotional materials, and all the surprises that
 inevitably crop up the day of an event. Ginia manages to
 remain calm even in the midst of chaos, a trait acquired perhaps
 from her work with the Girl Scouts.

Ginia and her husband Bill have three children. Bill and the kids all
 help out at the various events in the Lukens National Historic
 District. Ginia says being Program Manager has been very
 rewarding and a lot of fun! To become involved with our series of
 Programs, you can contact Ginia at programs@lukensnhd.org.

Interested in the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum?

With energy costs rising many are planning to stick closer to home
 this summer. If you want to stay in Pennsylvania this year why not
 explore the Poconos and our state's rich coal mining
 history by visiting the Pennsylvania Anthracite
 Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces in
 Scranton.



The anthracite coal industry powered the early
 industry in the United States. Lukens Steel used
 coal for fuel before switching to other forms of
 power. The Museum tells the story of the people
 who worked in the anthracite mining industry, and
 highlights life in the mines, mills and factories in the area, and also
 includes Eckley Miner's Village. For more information visit their
 website: www.anthracitemuseum.org.

Events

Spring Lecture Series

Our first lecture held on May 1 was a fascinating tour
 of the modern steel industry by **Ed Frey, Plant
 Manager at Arcelor/Mittal Steel**. His presentation
 gave an overview of how steel is produced today in
 Coatesville and
 Conshohocken,
 and how these
 local mills
 operate as part of
 the world's
 largest steel
 company in a
 worldwide
 marketplace.



Our second lecture will be a **Living History
 Performance of Rebecca Lukens by Susannah
 Brody on June 5**. Call 610-384-9282 or email
graystone@lukensnhd.org to reserve your seat.

Properties

Firehouse & Storage Barn Completed

Construction of the newest structure in the Lukens
 National Historic District has been completed.

The building is
 designed to house
 our safety
 equipment. There
 are three bays to
 park the 1965
 International
 Travelall
 Ambulance, the
 1964 GMC Fire
 Engine and the
 1958 Dodge Fire Engine. In addition there is space to
 hold other items in the in the Graystone Society
 collection.



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