

Anthracite Mining Heritage Month—January 2021 Schedule of Events

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A regional observance of **Anthracite Mining Heritage Month** will take place during January 2021. The annual event focuses on the history and culture of Northeastern Pennsylvania's anthracite region. Because of health concerns this year, all events will be conducted online via ZOOM. The connecting ZOOM information for each event is listed below. (Note: Most of the programs will be recorded and saved for future viewing. Please contact the organizing group for information about the recordings).

The events are sponsored by the Anthracite Heritage Museum, the Anthracite Heritage Foundation, King's College, WVIA Public Broadcasting, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Luzerne County Historical Society, the Knox Mine Disaster Memorial Committee, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration—The Pennsylvania Anthracite Section, and the National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem, PA.

Throughout the Month of January 2021 WVIA, Public Radio & Television in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, will organize a special series of programs:

1. **Chris Norton** of WVIA has initiated a special website link (www.via.org/mining) containing information about the following programming:
2. WVIA will post links to video and audio features dealing with regional history; interested persons can watch/listen to these programs at their convenience.
3. WVIA will broadcast *The Knox Mine Disaster* documentary, written and narrated by Erika Funke in 1984, as part of the station's afternoon "Learning at Home" schedule, and will promote the film to teachers as a local history lesson.
4. **Erika Funke** will post several anthracite-related interviews and other features on ArtScene and The Keystone Edition.

Sunday, Jan. 17 **The Annual Knox Mine Disaster Memorial Mass:** *St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church*, 35 William Street, Pittston, 9 am (**NOTE:** There will be no annual public commemoration at the Knox Disaster's PHMC marker following the mass, nor will the annual walk to the disaster site be held this year); The mass can also be seen at:
<https://stjohnspittston.com>.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 **National Industrial History Museum (Bethlehem, PA), Public Program;**
Speaker: **Dane Rhys**, International Center of Photography, New York; Topic:
Anthracite Today: A Photographic Narrative; Time: 7 pm; To join the ZOOM meeting:
<https://www.nmih.org/event/anthracite-today/>

Thursday, Jan. 21 **King's College and the Anthracite Heritage Foundation, Public Program:**
The Annual Msgr. John J. Curran Lecture, Speaker: **Paul Shackel**, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland; Topic: *Remembering The Lattimer Massacre of 1897;* Time: 7 pm; Moderator: **Thomas Mackaman**, Department of History, King's College; To join the ZOOM meeting: <https://kings.zoom.us/j/91903750024>

Friday, Jan. 22 **Luzerne County Historical Society, Public Program:** *Family Life in the Coal Region*; **Speakers and Topics:** **Mark Riccetti**, Director of Operations & Programs, LCHS, *Women and Children, The Other Side of Anthracite Life*; **Tristin Millazzo**, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, PA, *The Lives of Mining Wives*; **Nicole Kolessar**, Department of History, University of Delaware, *Ellen Webster Palmer and the Breaker Boys*; **Time:** 7 p.m.; **To Join ZOOM Meeting, Click Here**

Saturday, Jan. 23 **Anthracite Heritage Museum, Public Program:** *The Annual Knox Mine Disaster Commemoration*; **Speaker:** **Bode Morin**, Historic Site Administrator, Anthracite Heritage Museum; **Topic:** *After Knox: Remediation, Heritage, and Regeneration Values on the Anthracite Landscape*; plus anthracite music by **Jay Smar**; and a tribute to the late William A. Hastie Sr. (persons can sign up in advance to say a few words about Bill Hastie); **Moderator:** **Bob Wolensky**, Department of History, King's College; **Time:** 2:00 p.m.; **For registration to join the ZOOM meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C1hKvQIuRf6fuyJwrrG-FA

Monday, Jan. 25 **American Institute of Mining Engineers—Anthracite Division, Public Program;** **Speaker:** **Michael Korb**, AIME-Anthracite Division Past President; **Topic:** *The Carnegie Hero Medal in Northeastern Pennsylvania Mining*; **Time:** 7 p.m. **Contact person:** **Mike Korb** mikekorb@tetrattech.com; **To join the ZOOM meeting:**
<https://zoom.us/j/4502134358?pwd=OUINM3p2MjhNNGhTRUp6V29mT05wZz09>
 ID 450 213; ZOOM Meeting ID 450 213 4358

Wednesday, Jan. 27 **Lackawanna Historical Society, Public Program;** **Speaker:** **Richard G. Healey**, Professor of Geography, School of the Environment, Geography, and Geosciences, University of Portsmouth, UK; **Topic:** *The Miners of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Coal Department during the Civil War Era: Some Recent Findings*; **Time:** 2 p.m.; **Moderator:** **Mary Ann Savakinas**, Executive Director, LHS; **To get the ZOOM meeting link please email** lackawannahistory@gmail.com in advance of the program.

Saturday, Jan. 30 **Anthracite Heritage Museum, Public Information Program;** **Topic:** *An Industrial History Tour of Scotland, England, and Wales, June 25 – July 7, 2021*; for anyone interested in next summer's industrial history tour of the UK, sponsored by the Anthracite Heritage Museum; **Speakers:** **Beth Landmesser**, **Bode Morin**, **Robert Wolensky**, tour leaders; Plus a person from our travel agency in Cardiff, Wales; **Time:** 2 pm; for advanced information about the tour please call: 570-963-4804; **To join the Zoom program:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84150554092?pwd=alc4RnJKNmpvd20zOUIBOUtoeGxUQT09>