UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 Members Only Tour of Scranton Public Library

with library director Jack Finnerty, 2:30 p.m. (see page 7)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 Civil War Weekend (see page 5)

Carbondale Memorial Service & Dedication St. Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale, 1 p.m. Vintage Dance Workshop, Century Club, 1 p.m.

Civil War Ball, Century Club, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 Vintage Fashion Show and Tea

Trolley Museum, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Clean Up Day at the Catlin House

Catlin House, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 NEPA Philharmonic at the Electric City

Trolley Museum, 2 p.m. (see page 9)

SATURDAY, MAY 12 Annual Places of Worship, Scranton's Hill Section

Catlin House, 10:00 a.m. (see page 11)

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Historic House Tour in the Hill

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (see page 6)

Watch for details on the June opening of the postcard exhibit at the Catlin House (see page 7)

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Revisiting Hyde Park

By Ed Osman

By the late 1700s and early 1800s, many small settlements were forming in the Lackawanna Valley. One of these early settlements was Hyde Park. Although it would eventually merge with the growing towns of Scranton and Providence in 1866, Hyde Park's early years had their own distinct story.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, only a handful of settlers populated the Lackawanna Valley. After the infamous Wyoming Massacre in 1778, many of them left. Settlers began returning after the war, but the numbers were slowed by the continuing Yankee-Pennamite War, a conflict between Pennsylvania and Connecticut over ownership of northeastern Pennsylvania.

In 1790, a Mr. Lindley reportedly cleared land and built the first cabin in what was to become Hyde Park. But it was not until 1794, coinciding with the end of the Yankee-Pennamite fighting, that more settlers began to arrive.

Most of these early inhabitants were New England Yankees. One of the first was Rev. William Bishop, who built a log home near where the old West Side Theater would later be located. The cabin was also used for worship.

Shortly thereafter, Joseph Fellows built a log home on a bluff overlooking the Lackawanna River, where Scranton Street would later meet Seventh Avenue. For a number of years, this whole area was known as Fellows Corners. Fellows is also credited



1877 view of Jackson Street looking northwest from Main Avenue

with building the first bridge over the river, a single wide plank cut by the first saw mill in Providence.

During the next few years, more New England families moved in — the Dolphs, Merrifields, Washburns, Heermans, Knapps, and Briggs, to name a few. The Dolphs were credited with clearing much of the land that became central Hyde Park. However, the whole region was still very much a wilderness. In 1804, Fellows' son Benjamin and other hunters reported killing bear and panthers in the woods between Hyde Park and Slocum Hollow.

In 1810, Philip Heerman turned his house into a tavern. Located at the corner of what is now Main Avenue and Jackson Street, it became known as the Old White Tavern and was soon one of the most popular places around. It was used Continued on page 8

SOCIETY LOSES GOOD FRIEND

On March 10th, the Lackawanna Historical Society lost a true friend. Barbara Tyler Mears joined the Society in 1983 and remained an active member throughout her life. Invited to join the Board of Trustees in 1986, she served until 2004 when she was unanimously elected Trustee Emeritus. During her years on the Board, Mrs. Mears served as a member of the House Committee and the Program Committee, and, for more than 15 years, as Chair of the Reception Committee. Those of us who were fortunate enough to taste her wonderful tea sandwiches remember the graceful touches she added to our Sunday afternoon programs. We will cherish the memory of her incisive and spirited nature.

Mrs. Mears was also an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Scranton City Chapter, for more than 50 years. Her efforts as LHS liaison to the DAR fostered a strong relationship between the two organizations. The DAR continues to use the Catlin House for its meetings.

Mrs. Mears' love of local history and dedication were true assets to the Society. She will be greatly missed.

MEMORIALS FOR MRS. MEARS

From

Mary Jane Memolo, Scranton Mr. & Mrs. Howard Griggs Sr., Clarks Summit Ella Rayburn and Her Bridge Gals

Mrs. Hannah Beynon, Clarks Summit Mrs. William Kirkindall, Dalton Mrs. Howard Griggs, Clarks Summit

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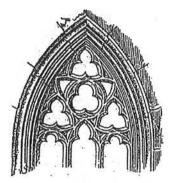
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To better serve our members, we would love to have your feedback. Tell us how we're doing, and share your ideas with us.



W.P.A. worker Jack Donohue shows Betty Hutchinson & Joseph Logan how to bait a hook

	the last year, what programs did you nost to your liking?
— 3. He	w can we better server our members



2007 PLACES OF WORSHIP TOUR

Join the Lackawanna Historical Society on May 12, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for our 14th Annual Places of Worship Tour.

> This year, the Society plans to focus on places of Worship in Scranton's Hill Section.

Each church will provide Historical background, and local architect and Society trustee Richard Leonori will discuss architectural styles and designs.

Members: \$15 Non Members: \$18 (includes bus transportation & boxed lunch)

Space is limited, so reserve early. Reservations must be made by May 7, 2007 through the Lackawanna Historical Society.

PLACES OF WORSHIP TOUR 2007

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PLEASE DETACH A	ND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO
The La	ckawanna Historical Society
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTIST

Science, the Arts, and Environmental Reclamation: All Necessary, None Sufficient

Speakers are:

Dr. Alan T. Camp,

Project director of Vintondale remediation project in western Pennsylvania

and

Stacy Levy,

Sculptor & Vintondale project member

Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Comerford Theater, Marywood University Free and open to the public

MEET THE AUTHORS

To celebrate National Library Week, the Albright Memorial Library will hold a Meet the Authors night on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Reference Department

Guest authors will be

Greg Matkosky, documentary filmmaker & screenwriter

Suzanne Staples, young adult novelist

Alan Sweeney, historian & raconteur

SULLIVAN'S MARCH

Join Marywood's University's
Institute for Senior Learners
On Tuesday, May 15th for a day of
Revolutionary War history
For details, visit
http://www.marywood.edu/conted

DOORS OPEN LACKAWANNA

One day only Saturday, May 5, 2007 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cultural, historic, and other interesting buildings will open their doors to the public at no charge

Each site will showcase its building's unique architecture and history through costumed presenters, tours, displays, or activities

> A project of the 2006-2007 class of Leadership Lackawanna

Watch local advertising for further details

Answers to Trivia Questions

- 1. Lackawanna, New York
- 2. Mary Archbald
- 3. Phillip Abbot was an early settler of Slocum Hollow who operated a grist mill.
- 4. Frank Beamish
- 5. Bailey's Hollow
- 6. Dickson City
- 7. Gubbio, Italy
- 8. Joe Collins
- 9. Hugh Jennings
- 10. In 1919, members of the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series. Murphy gained recognition because he was not part of that scandal.

Read our local history column online at the Sunday Times-Tribune www.thetimes-tribune.com

NEW MEMBERS

Family

Robert Altieri, Wallingford
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To date, a total of \$12,221 has been raised from this fund drive. We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

In 2007, the Society has welcomed several new volunteers and interns. We are thrilled with their energy and enthusiasm as we become more organized and expand our library and collections management efforts.

Trustee Ella Rayburn, recently retired from her position as Cultural Resource Manager at Steamtown National Historic Site, is now devoting herself to the Historical Society's collections. We greatly appreciate Ella's time and expertise. Joining Ella on her newly-established Collections Management Team are Dennis & Sharleen Martin, who have worked with Ella at Steamtown as volunteers, as well as former Steamtown volunteer Bob Morrisette. Rounding out the team is University of Scranton intern Stephanie Damiano. Kudos to Ella and her dedicated associates.

Lee Wontroski joined us in January to assist in organizing and updating our bookstore. We are grateful for his willingness to share his business experience for this task.

Jack Shean has the distinction of being our youngest volunteer. He officially joined us in February and has been photocopying Scranton City Directories with the assistance of his mom, Chris.

Jennifer Nace came to the Catlin House this year. She has been very helpful re-shelving books in our library on Saturdays.

Donna and Irwin Adler returned to their LHS volunteer posts this year and have been very helpful working with Ella's team in Collections Management and also working to cull the library collections.

Rich Howells, a Marywood University Senior, has been assisting Cheryl Kashuba with research and has been writing articles for the Society's column in the local *Melanian News*.

Carmine Spinelli, a University of Scranton Junior History Major, has been working with the photograph collection to provide proper storage of each photograph and determine that all images are correctly filed.

As always, thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who make our organization a success!

IN THE BOOKSTORE



A History of Scranton
Professional Baseball
1865-1953
By Nicholas E. Petula
\$15.00 plus tax

It's baseball season, and everyone is buzzing about the area's new team. Now is a good time to revisit the city's baseball history.

Both amateur and professional versions of America's sport thrived here. Nicholas Petula's book starts with the early days, providing the reader with a synopsis of the history of baseball in the United States before focusing on Scranton. The first chapter covers the years 1865 to 1923, and includes details about such classics as Athletic Park and the Scranton Miners.

Chapter 2 covers the glory days of 1923 to 1953, when the Scranton Red Sox gained championship status. The third and final chapter "A Stop on the Way to the Top," details the likes of Christy Mathewson, Joe Collins, and Jimmy Piersall.

Photographs and old newspaper clippings add a dimension of interest to this well-researched and detailed book.

This book makes a wonderful addition to the collection of any sports fan. Get your copy now, and enjoy it throughout baseball season. Dancing Along the Deadline: the Andersonville Memoir of a Prisoner of the Confederacy Edited by Mark A. Snell \$19.95 plus tax

Ezra Hoyt Ripple, a private in the 52nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment NS, was captured during a bloody battle with rebel troops near Charleston, South Carolina. He spent six months as a prisoner of war in Georgia's infamous Andersonville Prison.

Mark A. Snell, director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, has put together in book form Ripple's memoirs from his days as a prisoner.

Andersonville prison was grossly overcrowded and conditions were fierce. Ripple's talent as a violinist played a key role in his incarceration, even allowing him to play at social functions outside the prison.

Ripple spoke publicly during the postwar years, and he commissioned wellknown Civil War artist James E. Taylor, to create lantern slides to illustrate his many speaking engagements. These illustrations are reproduced in the book.

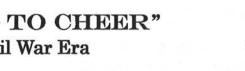


Did you remember to renew your membership for 2007??



"GIVE US A SONG TO CHEER"

Songs from the Civil War Era



The Trolley Troubadours have collected 22 of the classic songs of the period, including "My Old Kentucky Home," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Thanks to Tucker Dempsey for donating the CD's.

The Trolley Troubadours are Carol Bianci, Soprano; Ann Marie Brojack, Alto, Keyboard, Melodica, Glockenspiel; Tucker Dempsey, Baritone, Tuba, Bass Recorder, Tenor Banjo, Irish Bazouki, Percussion; Wendy Mayernick, Alto; James Salva, Tenor, Glockenspiel, Percussion.

NEW MUSICAL PIECE REFLECTS NEPA HERITAGE

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The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic presents a newlycommissioned piece of music created exclusively to reflect the heritage of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Join the Philharmonic at the Electric City Trolley Station and Museum on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 p.m. as Lawrence Lob and Lincoln Hanks engage the audience in a lively discussion and presentation of the newly-commissioned piece. A reception will follow. Both are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Philharmonic office at (570) 457-8301.

CASTING CALL

Auditions will be held For

"1877 Riot on Lackawanna Avenue," a living history production by Dominick and Margo Azzarelli

on

Saturday, May 5 From 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. At the Iron Furnaces, Scranton

Production dates: August 4th & 5th
At 2:00 p.m.
Scranton Iron Furnaces

For more information, contact Margo at (570) 346-6179 or 1877@comcast.net

Lackawanna County Trivia

We continue with our new feature showcasing our county's history. How many of these questions can you answer correctly?

- 1. Where did the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company relocate to after it left Scranton?
- 2. What is the maiden name of George Catlin's first wife? (hint: a mid-valley town carries her family name).
- 3. Who was Phillip Abbot?
- 4. Who was mayor of Scranton when the first Electric Trolley ran in 1886?
- 5. What was the town of Dalton previously known as?
- 6. What mid-valley town was once known as Priceburg?

- 7. In May, the town of Jessup celebrates the Feast of St. Ubaldo. What is the name of Jessup sister city in Italy where this festival originated?
- 8. What famous Scrantonian played first base for the New York Yankees during the era of Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford, and Yogi Berra?
- 9. What famous Lackawanna County citizen who is a relative of mayor Chris Dougherty was inducted into the baseball hall of fame?
- . 10. How did baseball's Honest Eddie Murphy earn his nickname?



What was in Your Grandfather's Lunchbox?

Do you remember what was in your Grandfather's or your father's lunchbox? Perhaps you remember what your mother or grandmother prepared for the hard day's work. If you have any details to share, please drop us a line and let us know.



"Hyde Park" continued from page 1 for town meetings and elections, and was reportedly the "scene of many a fierce and exciting contest." It was also a dinner stop on the stage coach route from Wilkes-Barre to Carbondale. At that time, what is now Main Avenue was a major north-south route, and four-horse stage coaches traveled it daily.

Despite this center of activity, growth came slowly to Hyde Park. The first school house was built in 1816. Homes continued to be constructed, and a blacksmith and a wagon shop were added. A second tavern opened in 1831 and became known as the Yellow Tayern. A post office was established in 1832, and the first general store was opened in 1834 by John Merrifield.

The actual naming of Hyde Park came during this period in a rather unusual way. No one seems to know the exact date, since this was neither planned nor formal, but some time between 1825 and 1830, a man named Harvey Chase moved here from Hyde Park, New York. He lettered the name "Hyde Park" on a board and put it up in the vard of one of his neighbors. People began referring to the area by that name, and for some reason, it stuck!

By 1840, Hyde Park was a thriving, though still small, community which had a church, a school, two stores, two taverns, two blacksmith and wagon shops, a cabinetmaker, and one or two shoemaking shops. Of course, 1840 was the year the Scrantons arrived in Slocum Hollow, and the area's growth really took off. In 1852, the borough of Hyde Park was incorporated. Its first elected leaders were, not surprisingly, the Merrifields, Fellows, and Heermans, the same families that had first settled the area.

Hyde Park's rapid growth continued, now fueled by large numbers of immigrants drawn to the coal mines, iron works, and railroads. In 1866, it merged with the Providence and Scranton, but its unique identity remains.

LOCAL HISTORY COLUMN BRINGS RAVE REVIEWS

Our Local History Column debuted in the Sunday Times-Tribune back in October. Ever since, we have been receiving wonderful feedback from our readers. It's great to know that so many area residents appreciate their history. Below are a few excerpts from some of the letters we have received from readers.

"Wanted to thank you for your article on Feb. 4th positively addressing the contributions made by African Americans from Scranton.

"...this is the first article of its kind presenting local blacks in such a positive manner that I have seen in my 58 years."

"Your article in the Jan. 28 issue (Perspectives) of the Times-Tribune on the role of Catholic sisters in this region was just beautifully written.

"I wish to thank you for your thoughtful and accurate portrayal of us and the wonderful women who've gone before us in our IHM Congregation."

"I look forward to your local history stories in The Sunday Times. They are so enlightening and interesting... Thank you for educating me and so many others about our local history and heritage.

Read our local history column online at the Sunday Times Tribune:

www.thetimes-tribune.com

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

Victorian Fashion Show & Tea

Join us for a special event, new to Civil War Weekend this year. See for yourself what ladies and gents wore in times past.

Both women's and men's fashions from the 19th century through the early 20th century will be presented.

During intermission, an elegant tea luncheon will be served.

Vintage dance band Spare Parts will play period music throughout the afternoon.



Sunday April 22, 2007, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. The Electric City Trolley Museum \$25 per person



Seating is limited Advanced registration required through the LHS at (570) 344-3841

Memorial Service & Flag Pole Dedication

On Saturday, April 21st at 1 p.m., a memorial service with The Carbondale Ministerium will be held at Saint Rose of Lima Church, Carbondale. Immediately following the memorial service, the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the Carbondale Historical Society will conduct a flag pole dedication ceremony at Saint Rose Cemetery, South Main Street, Carbondale. Location: Saint Rose of Lima Church, 6 N. Church Street, Carbondale.

> Special thanks to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley for their funding support for this event

3rd Annual Grand Civil War Ball

Saturday April 21, 2007

The Century Club, 612 Jefferson Ave., Scranton

\$35 per person or \$60 per couple

Dancing begins at 8 p.m. sharp with music provided by Spare Parts

Period dress and dress blues greatly admired but not required



Shall we dance?

Send reservations & payment for the Ball and/or Fashion Show & Tea to The Lackawanna Historical Society, 232 Monroe Ave., Scranton, PA 18510 Visit the web site: www.scrantoncivilwarday.com

Vintage Dance Lessons

April 4th, 11th, & 18th

\$10 per person per lesson or \$15 per couple per lesson

For details

reservations

call Jennifer (570) 655-6340

HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 3RD

The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to present

The Historic House Tour in the Hill

Sunday, June 3rd, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Don't miss this year's exciting tour of 5 distinguished homes in Scranton's Historic Hill Section

\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

Shuttle service will be available, with regular stops at all tour sites.

Lunch can be purchased at the Catlin House, 232 Monroe Avenue in Scranton.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call the Society at (570) 344-3841

MEMBER SUPPORT NEEDED

You can help support this year's Historic House Tour in the Hill in two ways:

Purchase an ad for our program booklet and/or

Solicit businesses or individuals who would be interested in purchasing an ad

Advertising costs:

Back cover \$250 Full page \$125

Half page \$75 Quarter page \$50

Submit your artwork and payment to the Lackawanna Historical Society by May 3

You can also support the tour by purchasing your ticket and by spreading the word!

KING TUT

Join us on September 8th for a one-day bus trip to The King Tut Exhibit at the Franklin Institute

and

Amarna: Ancient Egypt's Place in the Sun at the University of Pennsylvania Both in Philadelphia, PA

Bus leaves the Catlin House at 8:00 a.m.

Timed tickets for King Tut are for 11:00 a.m.

We'll tour Tut for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours Lunch (on your own) from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

We'll visit Amarna from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Leave Philadelphia no later than 4:30 p.m. Arrive back at the Catlin House by 8:00 p.m.

> Cost: \$75.00 per person Includes bus, tickets to Tut, and entrance to Amarna

Tickets are limited, so get yours soon.

Make checks payable to:

Lackawanna Historical Society.

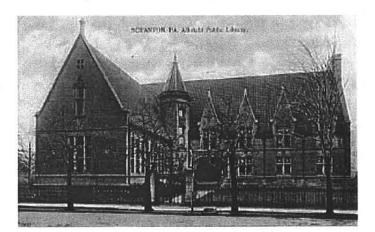
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MEMORIAL DEDICATED

The Olyphant Coal Miners Association will unveil its monument honoring the men who toiled to supply the world with anthracite coal. The monument will feature a bronze statue crafted by local sculptor Frank Wyso.

The unveiling will take place at the monument site, near the bridge in Olyphant, on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us there.

MEMBERS ONLY TOUR: ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY



On Sunday, April 15th, LHS members will have an exclusive tour of Scranton's Albright Memorial Library. Conducted by library Director Jack Finnerty, the tour will begin (weather permitting) with the building's exterior. The interior tour will reveal interesting and significant details of the building and its history, including changes in the services offered by the library. Time permitting, we will also tour the Children's Library.

Tour begins at 2:30, free of charge with active LHS membership.

PLEASED TO PARTNER

The Society is pleased to announce a partnership with playwright Maureen McGuigan and filmmaker Mark Migliore. The LHS is assisting in the research phase of the project, offering use of its primary and secondary resources on the garment industry.

The project will result in both a play and a documentary about this important local industry.

The project is funded through the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and a Lackawanna County Arts grant.

SOCIETY RECEIVES COUNTY ARTS GRANT

The Historical Society received a Lackawanna County Arts Grant in the amount of \$1,958 to commission ten images of county scenes that will be appropriate for use as postcards.

Five area photographers will employ their individual creative styles to capture the images. They include Ivana Pavelka, Tim Butler, Ward Rowe, Michael Thomas, and Liz Parry-Faist.

The images will be featured in an exhibit at the Catlin House, opening in June. More details will follow as the event draws near.

This project is supported by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency, through its regional arts funding partnership, Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA). State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Scranton Area Foundation.

And by a Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant, a program of the Lackawanna County Commissioners and the Lackawanna County Council on the Arts.

SPECIAL THANKS

On Friday evening, March 23rd, the Society hosted its first ever night at the theater, in cooperation with TNT. The production, "An American Wife," was well attended. Special thanks for their excellent planning and organizing go to co-chairs Dalida O'Malley, LHS Trustee, and Eileen Barrett, her co-worker at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, and to their committee.

The LHS offers special thanks to Sherman Wooden for his February talk on Judge Wright, and to Josephine Dunn for her March talk on the women of NEPA.

Very special thanks to Program Chairperson Mary Jane Memolo for her excellent work in planning this year's events!