

2014 ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

An annual tradition returned to the Lukens National Historic District on June 19, 2014 from 6–8pm. Our much-anticipated Garden Party featured Sheila Fleming, Senior Planner for Conservation Design at the Brandywine Conservancy, as our keynote speaker. The title of her very interactive presentation was “The Brandywine Creek Greenway: the Heart and Soul of Chester County.”



Keynote speaker Sheila Fleming

The most anticipated part of our Garden Party was the awarding of the Charles Lukens Huston Scholarship Award. Named after the innovative grandson of Rebecca Lukens, two \$1,000 scholarships are distributed annually to graduating Coatesville seniors pursuing degrees in the science and engineering fields. This year's recipients are Morgan Flynn and Steven McFarland. Ms. Flynn will pursue an engineering degree at Penn State University and Mr. McFarland will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Widener University.

In addition to highlighting these two young scholars, the

Garden Party afforded us the opportunity to celebrate a museum volunteer who has rendered exceptional service to our organization. The recipient of this year's Eugene L. DiOrio Volunteer of the Year Award is Sharon Bowyer.

Sharon is a dedicated volunteer of the museum, serving over 300 hours in the past year. She has spent the majority of her time in the Gift Shop as the Volunteer Manager with remarkable success. Before volunteering at the museum, Sharon gained 40 years of experience in the healthcare field, the majority of which was spent as a nurse at the Coatesville VA. Sharon is a lifetime member of the Coatesville Auxiliary Fire Company, and has participated for 20 years in the March of Dimes.

When not volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her son, four grandchildren, and collecting stuffed bears. In regards to her volunteerism, Sharon notes, “My happiest times are volunteering and giving back to the community.”

Guests at the Garden Party enjoyed light summer fare by Brandywine Prime Caterers, as well as an open bar and music by Mason Delpino & Sally DiLodovico, aka “Forte & Piano.”



Sharon Bowyer accepts the Eugene L. DiOrio Volunteer of the Year Award from Gene.

PROGRAMS

REBECCA LUKENS AWARD: A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 75 guests attended our 2014 Rebecca Lukens Award ceremony honoring Molly Morrison, CEO of the Natural Lands Trust. The fine weather and beautiful venue — the Graystone Mansion — contributed to a general feeling of celebration as guests enjoyed the fine food and drink provided by the

Brandywine Prime Caterers. Guests also viewed paintings selected from the museum's collection of original artwork by Klaus Grutzka, which were on display in the Lukens Executive Office Building. The highlight of the evening was the riveting speech by the guest of honor herself, as she spoke about success of the Natural



Lands Trust, and her devotion to preservation. Molly Morrison personifies the resilience, courage, leadership and strategic outlook to which we all aspire, and serves as a fantastic example of the true heart of environmental preservation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe what a busy spring we've had, but I am proud to say that the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum is growing in ways I could not have predicted even one year ago. This spring we welcomed Molly Morrison to the ranks of our Rebecca Lukens Award recipients. Molly represents everything Rebecca would have admired — tenacity, compassion, strength beyond belief, and unparalleled business acumen. I look forward to working with Molly on future projects.

Here in the historic district, "past" and "future" can quite proudly mean very similar things. One example is the central reason for our annual Garden Party, which features the presentation of the Charles Lukens Huston Scholarship Award to two worthy Coatesville High School graduates who have chosen to pursue science and technology in college. Both recipients this year —Morgan Flynn and Steven McFarland — will be working toward degrees in engineering. My great grandfather, Charles Lukens Huston, was passionate about science and learning, as was his grandmother, Rebecca Lukens. He was awarded several patents for his inven-

tions to improve steel mill technology. He would have been very happy to see how we continue to foster the love of science that he and my great-great- great-great grandmother shared.

In much the same way that the mill today never stops rolling, we here at NISHM continue to explore new and better ways to engage audiences and educate the public about America's iron and steel heritage. On August 4-8 we will host a Science Explorers day camp. On September 11th we will once again bring our World Trade Center tridents out for the public to see, touch, and remember.

To see our full calendar of events, please visit our website at www.steelmuseum.org, or better yet become a fan of our Facebook page, which is updated almost daily with new events, information, and historical tidbits. And thank you for your support!



Scott G. Huston

DEVELOPMENT

Membership Drive

The 2014 Membership drive is underway, and through the end of May we have had 59 members renew and 4 new members join the NISHM family. Our goal is to have 257 members giving \$27,000 each year.

A special welcome to: Our Newest Members:

- Donna Adams
- William Beible
- Douglas Blount
- William Chatman
- Jeanne Cochran
- Jean D'Adamo
- Brian Dluhy
- Martha Edwards
- David Griffith
- Ronald Griffith
- Joseph Guldan
- Franklin Hackman
- Robert Jennings
- Robert D. Jennings
- Tony Johnson
- Stephen McNeill
- Marguerite Martin
- Michael Racz
- Vivienne Rice
- Mary Ann Shumway
- Marian Simpson
- William Strapple
- Joseph Zabaga

Our Newest Sponsors:

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- Thomas Comitta Associates, Inc.
- Harry's Hotdogs
- The Desmond Hotel

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have been very busy this spring with membership, sponsorship, and event promotion activities. By contacting our existing members and reaching out to new friends, our marketing and outreach efforts have brought us new members and business sponsors.

In spite of the stormy weather, we have enjoyed a growing number of tour visitors. "A Proud Past Kindles a Strong Future" is our slogan for a brochure distribution campaign we have initiated in area attractions, hotels and restaurants. We look forward to hosting tours for va-

cationers visiting the region.

Our events have been very well attended, including the Lecture Series, Rebecca Lukens Award Presentation, Victorian Tea, the Baltimore trip to the S.S. John Brown Liberty Ship, and Garden Party. Science Explorers Camp and the Irons for Steel Golf Outing are upcoming. We hope that you will join us at these events.



Jim Ziegler

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INTERESTED IN....

U.S.S. INTREPID

This summer, the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum celebrates another World War II ship that assisted the United States in the war effort. Commissioned in August of 1943, the Intrepid enjoyed an expansive career in the Pacific Theater—most notably in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Although decommissioned shortly after the war, the ship was modernized and re-commissioned in the early 1950s as an attack carrier, and eventually transformed into an anti-submarine carrier. The Intrepid displayed a unique history by serving mostly in the Atlantic in her second career, but also came to serve in the Vietnam War. Other notable achievements of the Intrepid include her service as the recovery ship for the Mercury and Gemini space missions. Decommissioned permanently in 1974, the Intrepid became the foundation of the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum in New York City in 1982.

A fall bus trip to the U.S.S. Intrepid is planned in conjunction with a visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum on October 16th, open to all interested in touring the museums and local attractions. Discover more about this incredible ship at the museum this fall!



COLLECTIONS

Grutzka Exhibit

This winter, NISHM displayed original works from the Klaus Grutzka art collection at the Henry Gallery at Penn State Great Valley from January 27th through March 14th. The exhibit, PENNSYLVANIA; Made of Steel, highlighted Grutzka paintings featured the Lukens Steel Company and other regional industrial centers, Bethlehem and Phoenixville.

In continuation of the exhibit, NISHM has opened new exhibit space in the Lukens Executive Office Building. The original works exhibited in the Henry Gallery are now on display here, featuring new text panels. The exhibit space is open to visitors during normal hours of operation. This summer, don't miss the opportunity to bring friends and family members to see the artwork Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



STORE CORNER

U.S.S. Intrepid Model Kit

Nicknamed the "Fighting I," the U.S.S. Intrepid was the third of twenty-four Essex-class carriers built for the U.S. Navy during WWII. Kit features a textured flight deck, superstructures with radar equipment, a shipboard cannon, anti-aircraft guns, aircraft, four propellers and decal markings for the flight deck and aircraft.

Suitable for ages 10 & older. This 1/720 scale model produced by Revell is 369 mm long and features injection molded parts with realistic surface details. Textured flight deck superstructure with radar equipment. Two different type of aircraft. Four propellers, shipboard cannon, anti-aircraft guns, and decal markings for the flight deck and aircraft.

Available for \$20.99.



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RECENT EVENTS



Volunteer Day, April 12



Victorian Tea, May 10



Baltimore Trip, May 15

Upcoming Events

August 4 - 8
Science Explorers Camp

September 11
Coatesville Remembers 9/11

September 23
Irons for Steel Golf Outing

October 2
Fall Lecture #1

October 4
Lukens Reunion, Barbecue & Service Pin Awards

October 16
Fall Trip: 9/11 Memorial Museum & U.S.S. Intrepid

MEET THE STAFF

LeAnne Zolovich

LeAnne is a native of Chester County, moving to the neighboring town of iron and steel, Phoenixville, twenty years ago. After falling in love with history in high school due to an influential teacher, she decided to pursue history at West Chester University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in 2010 and her Master's Degree in 2013.

During her undergraduate study, she participated in an internship that solidified her desire to work in the historical field. She has been a longtime volunteer of the

Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area and currently serves on the Board. Shortly after receiving her Master's Degree in December 2013, she joined the NISHM as the Sales and Marketing Associate. She feels lucky to be in the historical field, and hopes to use her achievements and love for history to serve NISHM and to continue to preserve the rich history of Chester County.



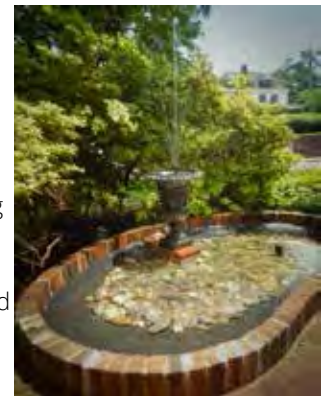
LeAnne Zolovich

AROUND THE GROUNDS



Its been a busy spring and summer in the Lukens National Historic Distict with a number of projects undertaken to improve the grounds. Two major projects were the installation of informational signs at Graystone Mansion and rebuilding the fountain outside of Terracina. Additionally porch railings and new doors were installed at Graystone

Mansion. Basement doors and railings for the exterior steps leading to the summer kitchen were installed at Terracina.



COLLECTIONS

Recent Donations

- Baseball team photograph - Bettina Heffner
- Lukens Fire Department photograph, Allen Wood employee badge, watch fob - Bill Taggart
- Pewter plate, 1942 flood photographs - John Ross
- Pitcher, basin, platter, Jars & lid - Barbara Huston
- Lukens tumblers - Arthur & Carole Burt
- "World's Largest Plate Mill" book - Tom Robinson
- Lukens Pewter plate - Brenda Ross



19th Century water pitcher donated by Barbara Huston.

- Atlas - Mary Boros
- "Roots of Steel" book, April 1965 "Steel Facts" issue, 1977-1981 "American Preservation" magazines, & 35mm slides of Terracina renovation - Gene DiOrio

2014 Garden Party



Inclimate weather did not dampen the festivities as the party was moved indoors to Graystone Mansion.



Bob & Carol Poinier



Bill Handy and Scott Huston

The parents of Morgan Flynn and Steven McFarland accept their scholarship awards on their children's behalf.



(R-L) Gene DiOrio and Kathy Franciscus greet Janet and John Pawlowski



Eliza Dering and Barbara Huston with Sam & Anna Mathews. Great-great-great-great-grandchildren of Rebecca Lukens.