

## REBECCA LUKENS AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

The National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum is proud to announce the recipient of its 8th Annual Rebecca Lukens Award-noted conservationist strategist Molly Keim Morrison.

The Rebecca Lukens Award honors individuals who exhibit the qualities of Rebecca Lukens, America's first female industrialist-resilience, leadership, courage, and strategic outlook.

A Chester County native, Ms. Morrison learned to appreciate the importance of land conservation by spending time on her grandparents' northern Chester County farm, where her immigrant German ancestors had been farming since the early 1700s.

Ms. Morrison has served in a number of roles at the Brandywine Valley Association and then for Chester County, where she served in diverse positions over a 21-year period.

As President of the Natural Lands Trust, she has been instrumental in creating conservation strategies for complex land transactions, including the acquisition of the 1263-acre ChesLen Preserve in Newlin Township. In addition to providing strategic leadership and fundraising for a staff of 60, Ms. Morrison oversees a network of 42 nature preserves and 361 conservation easements, totaling more than 44,000 acres.

Ms. Morrison has also served on a variety of boards, including the YMCA of Greater West Chester, the Chester County Art Association, and the Chester County United Way, among others.

"As a Chester County native, I have always been inspired by those

individuals in our county's history who have emerged as leaders to take on all manner of challenging roles- in women's and civil rights, in business, in education, in government and in conservation," said Morrison. "Rebecca Lukens is the epitome of that spirit of transformation and commitment. Receiving an award in her name is an incredible honor for me."

James D. Ziegler, NISHM's executive director, applauds this year's choice for the award. "Molly is a visionary, a doer, and a strategic leader. Her actions mirror those of Rebecca in her dedication to the land, community, and family. Like others before her, she has contributed to a better Chester County- one that has benefited from her dedication and vision."

The Rebecca Lukens Award will be presented to Molly K. Morrison at a reception in the Lukens National Historic District, on March 19th, 2014 from 5pm to 8pm. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax deductible) and reservations are required.



## COLLECTIONS **Brandywine Mansion**

Brandywine Mansion has many stories to tell due its various uses throughout the years as the home of Moses Coates, the family home of Rebecca Lukens, and then as the Lukens Cooperative Store and a historic landmark.

Recent studies, however, have provided the property with an additional layer of historical significance. Previously thought to be dated to 1747, the property held the title as the oldest existing structure in Coatesville. However, Frens and Frens LLC,

Restoration Architects, and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory have conducted a study on the property using dendrochronological methods and have found that the property's oldest structures date earlier, to 1739.

Dendrochronology is the science of analyzing and dating annual growth rings in trees. The wood samples taken from the Brandywine Mansion were tested in the Tree-Ring Laboratory by Dr. Edward Cook. To reveal the annual tree rings more clearly, the core samples



were glued to grooved mounts and sanded to a high polish to expose the annual tree rings clearly. Under the precision of a microscope, the rings were measured and cross-examined with other samples of trees in the northeastern United States to reveal the exact date of the wood.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Despite the unforgiving weather we've had this season, the Museum has continued to thrive in new and exciting ways.

We are especially pleased to welcome Molly Keim Morrison as the Rebecca Lukens Award recipient for 2014. Her achievements as a conservation strategist in the region as well as her unstinting devotion to our community will seamlessly continue the tradition of Rebecca Lukens. The museum is delighted to take the opportunity to celebrate her achievements at the award ceremony on March 19th in the Lukens National Historic District.

The award ceremony will also provide the perfect opportunity to display the museum's ongoing efforts to categorize, conserve, study, and celebrate works of our Klaus Grutzka collection. Select works will be on display that will reveal new and fascinating aspects of the work of this important local artist. These paintings will be available for "adoption" at this event to help us to continue the conservation of the collection.

Additionally, we are very proud to welcome community advocate Martha Skiadas to the board of NISHM. Ms. Skiadas has been involved in

community revitalization, with a long legacy of leadership and involvement in our area. In fact, Ms. Skiadas was present at one of the very first lectures hosted at the Graystone Society! NISHM is honored to have an individual demonstrating excellence in the community join the Board.

We are also very excited to announce new staff member LeAnne Zolovich, who has filled the position of Sales & Marketing Associate. LeAnne will be furthering the museum's efforts to increase membership services, provide tours, and other marketing efforts to increase our organizational capacity. NISHM is thrilled to welcome her to the staff!



Scott G. Huston

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum's organizational capacity is increasing to further improve outreach initiatives. To accommodate growing audiences interested in our mission to promote an understanding of the iron and steel history of the region, two staff positions of sales manager and sales/marketing assistant are being added.

The Sales Manager implements our fundraising activities, such as the annual appeal, the membership drive, sponsorships and programs. The Sales & Marketing Associate provides secretarial and distribution support for

the Board and committees, and offers visitor services.

Both new positions assist in our marketing outreach efforts in local magazines, newspapers and traditional publications, as well as using the social media channels of Facebook and Twitter. We look forward to bringing awareness of our vision, as a vibrant place where people may encounter, explore and learn about the past, to our expanding audience.



Jim Ziegler

## DEVELOPMENT

### Membership Drive

Our 2014 Membership drive is underway, and we're looking forward to surpassing our 2013 numbers of 142 members donating \$15,141 in revenues.

Our goals for 2014 are 257 members giving \$30,000, which will provide for organizational improvements. Benefits of membership include discounts on trips, at events and in the museum store.

The Graystone Society and the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum put up some impressive statistics in 2013:

3894 visitors came to the Historic District (1153 in 2012, 1,763 in 2011, 1,529 in 2010, 541 in of 2009)

793,349 hits on our website (737,557 in 2011, 1,018,176 in 2010 due to return of World Trade Center Trees)

3,729 visitors to our website [www.steelmuseum.org](http://www.steelmuseum.org)

3,477 views of our videos on 3CTVLive.com, [steelmuseum.com](http://steelmuseum.com), and YouTube

A list of 3,334 contacts, which we would like to increase to 3,500 this year

963 active email addresses

170,128 number of Facebook users we have reached

1603 volunteer hours donated by our core of active volunteers

Please join us as we grow by becoming a new member, or renew your current membership. Please return the Membership packet you will receive in the mail, or you can join, renew and pay online at [SteelMuseum.org](http://SteelMuseum.org). We accept checks, Master Card, Visa, Discover, American Express and PayPal as payment options.

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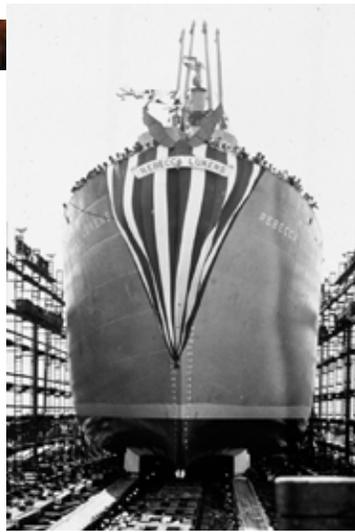
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## INTERESTED IN....

### S.S. REBECCA LUKENS

This winter, the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum will be celebrating an important piece of the history of World War II and the role of Rebecca Lukens. Liberty Ships were cargo ships built for lend-lease deliveries of war material to England and the Soviet Union between 1941 and 1945. Eighteen American shipyards built 2,710 liberty ships for the war effort, easily the largest number of ships produced to a single design. One such liberty ship was named after America's first female industrialist, Rebecca Lukens. The SS Rebecca Lukens began her maiden voyage on March 4, 1944. As such, this spring we celebrate the 70th anniversary of her launch. On May 1st, the museum will host a lecture with local community resident and scholar Larry Freedman on the role of the notable John Brown Liberty Ship, which is currently open for tours in Baltimore. A Spring Bus Trip to the ship is planned to take place on May 15th, open to all interested in touring the ship and local attractions. Engage in this inspiring history at the museum this spring!



## COLLECTIONS

### Grutzka Exhibit

A selection of paintings from NISHM's recent acquisition of original works by Industrial artist Klaus Grutzka will be on display at the Henry Gallery at Penn State Great Valley from January 27 through March 14. The exhibit, *PENNSYLVANIA: Made of Steel*, includes Grutzka paintings which use Lukens Steel Co. and other regional industrial centers as subjects. Grutzka (1922 – 2011) was an artist in the Industrial Precisionist School of art known for its sharply defined, austere and simplified forms.

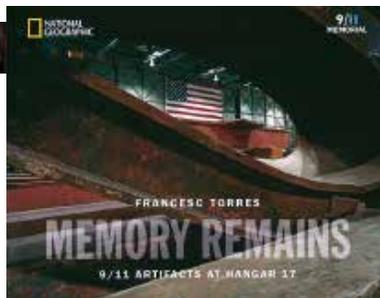


The exhibit also includes steel sculptures by three local artists: Karen Delaney, David Haines and Steve Blackburn of the Chester County Art Association. The Henry Gallery is located in the Conference Center at Penn State Great Valley, 30 E. Swedesford Rd, Malvern, PA and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## STORE CORNER

### Memory Remains

Each year, local residents gather at the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum to honor those affected by September 11th, 2001. NISHM has acquired *Memory Remains: 9/11 Artifacts at Hangar 17* by noted photographer Francesco Torres, a book that provides a stunning visual journey of the aftermath. Torres captures scenes of Hangar 17, the location within the JFK International Airport where the last remains of the Twin Towers were brought after the tragedy. Compelling stories of heroism and tragedy accompany the photographs that are both visually stunning and emotionally chilling. In these photographs of the last remains of the towers, these profound images will hold a significant place in the story of America. Available in the gift shop for \$30.



## RECENT EVENTS



**Dr. Susan Humphris  
Submersibles Lecture  
November 7, 2013**



**Holiday Open House  
December 13, 2013**



**Susannah Brody as  
Rebecca Lukens  
January 9, 2014**

## Upcoming Events

- March 6  
Lecture: Flo Williams—  
Coatesville Ladies Aid Society
- March 19  
8th Annual Rebecca Lukens Award  
Presentation to Molly K. Morrison
- April 3  
Lecture: Ross Kershey
- April 12  
Volunteer Day: Collections management
- April 18  
State of Society Reception



## MEET THE STAFF

### Martha Skiadas Joins Board of Directors

As an educator, supporter of local culture and the arts, and influential member of many groups in the area, Martha Skiadas has advanced community improvement in Coatesville for many years.

The Graystone Society is honored to welcome a woman of such distinction in the community as a Board member.

Mrs. Skiadas moved to Coatesville at the beginning of her career as a teacher at

Coatesville Area Senior High School. She met her husband, Ted, and soon after their marriage they immediately delved into many community causes.

She assisted her husband by managing City Clock Associates apartment building on East Lincoln Highway while getting involved with many organizations, including serving as president of the Coatesville Rotary Club and as a member of the Coatesville Christmas

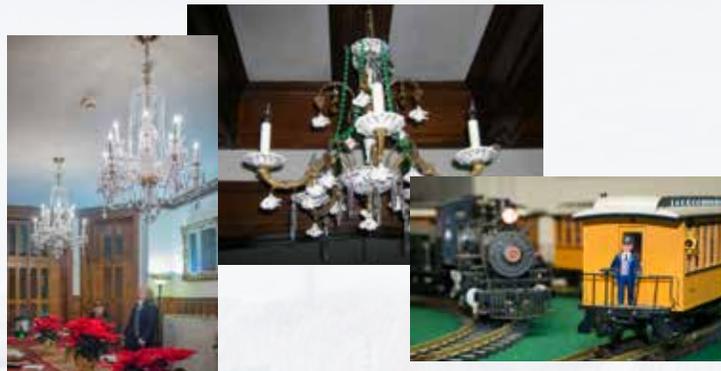


Parade Committee among others.

Martha's achievements in the community and her unwavering commitment will be a great benefit to the Society.

## COLLECTIONS Donations

The Graystone Society is the beneficiary of a large number of items donated by Dr. Dorothy M. DiOrio, cousin of our own Gene DiOrio, in memory of her brother Joseph F. DiOrio. Joseph, a retired professor of foreign languages from York PA, was an avid collector of music, art, & trains. Six crystal chandeliers from Joseph's family home have been installed at Graystone Mansion. 83 "G" gauge, along with wooden cases for their display, and 45 "HO" gauge train models have been added to our collection. Also donated from Joseph's home is china, furniture and household items.



## PENNSYLVANIA: Made of Steel Opening Reception

