

Boilerplate



Autumn 2012

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

COLLECTIONS

Klaus Grutzka Collection

The Graystone Society has recently had the honor of acquiring the studio and artwork of Klaus Grutzka (1922 - 2011), who was an artist in the Industrial Precisionist school of art known for its sharply defined, austere and simplified forms. This acquisition includes

thousands of pieces of original works, some of which utilized Lukens Steel Co. and other major industrial centers as subjects.



Klaus Grutzka, self portrait.

The goal of the Graystone Society in the coming months will be to organize and arrange Mr. Grutzka's furniture and works in much the same way as his studio in Lancaster.

The Graystone Society is seeking support to preserve and display this collection, as it relates quite directly with the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum's mission of interpreting American industrial history.



Lukens Steel, 7/7/86



Lukens Electric Furnace

Savannah Family Collection

The Graystone Society recently reacquired a number of items which belonged to Harriet and Stewart Huston and had been housed inside Terracina.

Items include a bed and chest of drawers, as well as china, Harriet Huston's watercolors of the steel mill as well as other paintings, and Stewart Huston's collection of presidential letters.

We have also recently moved several pieces of Ruth Huston's bedroom furniture from Graystone to Terracina in order to allow us to better interpret Terracina as a Huston family home and open the second floor of Terracina to visitors.



Watercolor by Harriet Huston from the Savannah Family Collection



From the Savannah Family Collection

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Be a part of the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum!

We can't do it without you!

The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum is a project of the Graystone Society Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are proud to announce the acquisition of the Klaus Grutzka Collection, including the objects that made up his studio in Lancaster, PA. We will be working to recreate this studio on the second floor of the Lukens Executive Office building to display and interpret his amazing paintings depicting America's great industrial past



Scott G. Huston

We're also pleased with the numerous pieces of fine furniture acquired from the Samuel A. Cann house in Savannah GA. Many of these pieces came from Terracina, and we're very happy to be able to restore them to their original home.

We continue to improve our outreach efforts. We're working on redesigning our website and should be ready to launch sometime in the new year. We have hired a new Program Manager (see below), and have engaged students from the marketing program at Villanova to assist us with a new marketing plan.

This Fall featured more exciting activities, including a trip to the B & O Railroad Museum in Baltimore, and a lecture by Gene DiOrio. Volunteer Day and our annual Holiday Open House and food drive are still to come. I hope to see you there!

MEET THE STAFF

Jennifer Green, Program Manager

Jennifer is a native of southeast Pennsylvania, having been born in Aston, Delaware County, and raised in Landenberg, Chester County. She has a Master's degree in History from West Chester University.



Jennifer started as Program Manager in September 2012. Her field of specialty is American Industrial History, which is a natural fit for the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum.

For four years Jennifer worked as the Visitor Experience Coordinator at The Mill at Anselma. She has recently written an entry for the Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia on *Flour Milling in the Delaware River Valley*, that has just recently been published.

Jennifer is a Libra and a competitive figure skater. She can read and write Ancient Greek, loves to travel, and her favorite color is red.

DEVELOPMENT

Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal helps raise funds to meet expenses in order to maintain and restore our historic buildings and continue our series of programs.

We have again seen a significant increase in visitors to the Lukens National Historic District, with more than 887 so far this year. Even more have visited through virtual outreach:

- 887 physical visitors
- 28,134 web visitors (3,125 avg. web visitors/month)
- 1,149 video views on 3ctvlive.com
- 2,735 contacts
- 1,016 email addresses
- 201 facebook likes

The Annual Appeal is a critical part of our diverse revenue portfolio that helps us maintain the administrative levels that are necessary for us to operate and deliver quality programs.

It is now easier than ever to donate with a credit card using PayPal, on our website: www.SteelMuseum.org.

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COLLECTIONS

Volunteer Day

Please join us at the next Volunteer Day on Saturday, November 17. We will be working on cataloging, displaying and storing our newest Collections, including paintings and other objects from Klaus Grutzka, and furniture from Samuel A. Cann.



POW 1945-47
by Klaus Grutzka

This is a great opportunity to learn about collections management while helping the NISHM at the same time. You also get to work with these fascinating objects that are so historically significant here in the Lukens National Historic District.

PROPERTY

Brandywine Mansion

Efforts are currently underway to stabilize and restore Brandywine Mansion, the home of Rebecca Lukens, the first female industrialist in America. A Historic Structures Report (HSR) will include a full historical investigation, as well

as a structural and architectural plan for the building.

The project is spearheaded by **Dale Frens of Frens and Frens**, a firm specializing in architectural restoration.



Brandywine Mansion

We hope to begin the physical restoration of the Brandywine Mansion by this time next year.

Thank you to **Barbara Travaglini and Family**, who donated \$50,000 toward the project with the hope that her contribution will be matched by other generous donors.

INTERESTED IN . . .

Seattle Space Needle

The Seattle Space Needle turns 50 this year. It was constructed in 1961 to be the focal point for the 1962 World's Fair. The tower is 605 feet tall and 138 feet wide at its widest point, and weighs 9,550 tons. When it was completed it was the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River.

The Space Needle is built to withstand winds of up to 200 miles per hour and earthquakes of up to 9.1 magnitude. This is possible because its center of gravity is just above ground level. The tower's foundation was built by digging a hole 30 feet deep and 120 feet across, and then filling it with concrete. This foundation weighs 5,850 tons, which includes 250 tons of reinforcing steel base plates, specially made by Lukens Steel for this project. The structure is bolted to the foundation with 72 bolts, each 30 feet long.

To find out more about the Space Needle go to www.spaceneedle.com/

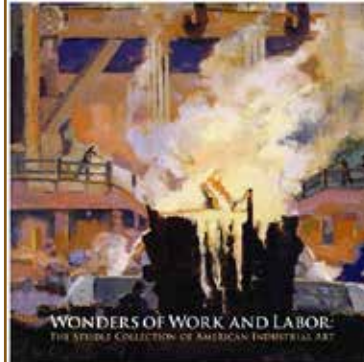


BOOK NOOK

Wonders of Work and Labor:

The Steidle Collection of American Industrial Art

By *Betsy Fahlman and Eric J. Schruers*



The Steidle collection is an incredibly comprehensive assemblage of American industrial art. These images capture the power and beauty of industrial development in America in the period between the stock market crash of 1929 and World War II. The collection

sheds light on Pennsylvania's most important industries, including the steel industry. The images in this collection show the power these industries held in the culture and economy of Pennsylvania.

This is a wonderful presentation of a specialty art collection with 76 full page color plates and 153 black and white thumbnail plates.

The book is available in NISHM's gift shop at a cost of \$65. Members always get a 15% discount in our gift shop.

RECENT EVENTS

B & O Railroad Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Industry

Thursday, September 18, 2012



Part of the group on our guided



View from the Baltimore Museum of Industry,



A newly restored locomotive rejoining the collection.



Roundhouse at the B&O Railroad Museum.



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2012 Lukens Reunion and Barbecue
Saturday, October 13, 2012



Pat and Tom McFadden getting food



John Wickman and Art Sweatman



Volunteers Dick Scott and Patti Hudock at the sign-in table

**2012 — 2013 Events in the
Lukens National Historic District**

- November 1 — Lecture - Along the Delaware by Gene Diorio**
6 — 8 pm (\$5, Members Free).
- November 17 — Volunteer Day**
10 am — 3 pm (Free Event).
- December 7 — Holiday Open House: Santa, Food Drive**
5 — 8 pm (Free Event, Food Donation Requested).
- January 10 — Rebecca Lukens' Birthday**
6 — 8 pm (\$5, Members Free).
- February 7 — Black History Month Lecture**
6 — 8 pm (\$5, Members Free).
- March 21 — 7th Annual Rebecca Lukens Award Presentation**
5 — 8 pm (\$50).

RECENT EVENTS

Coatesville Remembers

Tuesday, September 11, 2012



Coatesville High School Air Force Jr. ROTC present the colors.



Nylia Dalton, South Brandywine Middle School, winner in the Poetry category



NISHM member Dorrie DePedro (center) with visitors from Calne England

Irons for Steel Golf Outing
Merion Golf Club - West Course

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

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