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We are proud of Gene DiOrio for being the most recent recipient of the Henry A. Jordon Award for outstanding historic preservation efforts

at the local level.

It has been great to know Gene for many, many, many years. For those who don't know Gene, the camera was always a steady companion.

My favorite activities with Gene were to travel to many local and regional historic sites; including

iron furnaces, steel products, and of course historic houses. These were always memorable visits for the depth of knowledge that Gene possesses. It seemed as if Gene not only had a camera but also a photographic memory. The details he remembers are truly remarkable.

Gene's lectures were something not to be missed. We learned how to restore buildings, of course; but also to travel the world and appreciate art, literature and music.

However, it is Gene's relationships with people that are most remarkable. His tours in the Historic District were truly one of a kind because of his depth of knowledge and his certain style and charisma.

It is no wonder that when my uncle Stewart Huston met Gene at the

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opera, he invited him to help out on the Board of Primitive Hall. This 1738 Georgian Flemish-bond brick structure is the ancestral home of the Pennock family, including Rebecca Webb Pennock Lukens.

Gene quickly became involved with restoration efforts of Graystone Mansion and Terracina, both which led to the formation of the Graystone Society. He was the longtime President or Executive Director of the organization for 14 years, basically serving as a one-man staff in the early days.



Gene not only volunteered on the State Capitol Preservation Committee in Harrisburg PA, he was critical to the formation of the Coatesville Historic District and the creation of the Lukens National Historic District. He had each building individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Years ago it was my pleasure to introduce the Volunteer of the Year Award in Gene's name here at the Museum for his selfless dedication to the preservation and operation of historic sites. Gene is a remarkable person and a great asset to Coatesville. The Huston family will be forever indebted to the work that he has done to tell the story of Coatesville, the Lukens Steel Company and Chester County.

Once again, congratulations to Gene on the recognition for years of hard work and enduring commitment to places we all love.

Our Mission

The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum is a not-for-profit educational institution whose mission is to promote an understanding of the iron and steel history of Coatesville, Chester County, Southeastern Pennsylvania and the region to audiences of all ages and interests by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting iron and steel's history and its relationship to the region and nation beyond.

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

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GENE DIORIO RECEIVES THE HENRY A. JORDAN AWARD

Each year Preservation Pennsylvania presents a number of awards to individuals that leave a strong impression on the preservation of state and local history. Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only statewide, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant resources.

The Henry A. Jordan Award is presented to an individual for "outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level." Coatesville's own Gene DiOrio was the 2019 recipient, a great honor for his historic preservation work for more than thirty years.

Gene's historical preservation efforts include involvement in the formation of the Coatesville Historical Commission, restoration efforts on Hibernia Mansion while serving on the Chester County Parks & Recreation Department, serving on the board of

Preservation Pennsylvania, and authoring "Chester County: A Traveler's Album" and "Remarkable Past, Promising Future". In 1984, Gene co-founded the Graystone Society, which has grown into the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. The preservation of Coatesville's, and our nation's, steelmaking past is, in large part, due to Gene DiOrio.

The directors and staff of Preservation Pennsylvania "salute this preservation leader whose many initiatives to preserve local history is a rich legacy sure to benefit future historians." We salute Gene, as well.

Clockwise From Upper Left:

Preservation Pennsylvania's Peter Benton & Mindy Crawford, along with NISHM's Scott Huston and Jim Ziegler, present the Henry A. Jordan Award for outstanding historic preservation efforts at the local level to Gene DiOrio.



HEART AND SWEAT: LABOR IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY

We are so excited to announce our next exhibit: "Heart and Sweat: Labor in the Steel Industry." NISHM educates the public on our nation's steel making past, specifically the People, Process, and Product. "Heart and Sweat" will focus on the People, the workers themselves.

When you think of working in the steel industry, what do you envision? It could be the hot temperatures of molten steel, the constant loud noises everywhere, or maybe the danger of the large equipment. All those things are descriptive of labor in a steel mill. This exhibit will reveal the working conditions in the steel industry from Colonial America to the present-day. It will also discuss some of the minority groups that work(ed) in steel:

immigrants, African Americans, women, and children.

Included in the exhibit are expressive photographs of individuals at work and a collection of artifacts (like steel toe shoes, employee badges, and more) that represent the people who made steel. The exhibit will also be interactive, with activities like trying on safety gloves and green jackets. An opening date is coming soon, but we hope you will stop by and see "Heart and Sweat!"

A friendly reminder... museum members get FREE admission, which includes access to exhibits such as this one. For non-members, access to this exhibit is included with museum admission.



2019 REBECCA LUKENS AWARD CEREMONY

On May 15, NISHM presented the thirteenth annual Rebecca Lukens Award to Ms. Sandra Momyer. This award is presented to an individual in the regional community that demonstrates the same characteristics as Rebecca Lukens, our nation's first female industrialist: courage, resilience, leadership and strategic outlook.

As a preservationist and archivist, Sandy has devoted most of her life to preserving the history of the people, places, and heritage of Chester County. She has dedicated much of her career to Historic Yellow Springs, where she was once the Executive Director and is presently the Archivist. She also serves the Schuylkill Township Historical Commission and the Schuylkill River Heritage Center.

The night of the ceremony, a crowd enjoyed socialization prior to a ceremony that honored Ms. Momyer. The program was full of stories about her important work in preservation. Thank you, Sandy, for all your hard work and dedication!

Thank you, also, to Harry's Hotdogs and our sponsors PECO, Stewart Huston Charitable Trust, Coatesville Savings Bank, Wegmans, and Pete and Ruth Nunn for such a great event.

Clockwise From Upper Left:

Barbara Cohen, 2016 RLA recipient, introduces Sandy. Rebecca Lukens, as portrayed by Susannah Brody. NISHM president Scott Huston presents the award to Sandy. Guests gathered to honor Sandy. David Blackburn, Site Manager at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site with Sandy.



RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE NISHM COLLECTIONS

The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum recently acquired three different and unique collections, all containing items dating to the first half of the 20th century. The first donation is a collection of 26 journal books containing the minutes of the Lukens Steel Company Board from 1923-1987. The 1923 minutes include a discussion of establishing a new plant in New Orleans, the start-up of the #3 open hearth, and the purchase of additional uniforms for the Lukens Band at a cost of \$1,000. They also discussed installing overhead coal bins at the no. 2 and no. 3 open hearths to "improve conditions" and "improve the quality and quantity of the steel produced." Each page provides a wonderful glimpse into the history of Lukens Steel.

5 The second collection was given to us

by Ann Fayles. It is a box of issues of the daily newspaper, the Coatesville Record. This includes issues from 1911, 1915, and 1949-1960. Articles in the 1915 issue focus on such news items as the burning of Edge's sawmill, a rave review of the "moving picture" Serial Story The Exploits of Elaine, as well as a successful surprise birthday party.

The third collection is a group of publications called Red and Black. This was a monthly publication by the students of Coatesville High School. Donated by Ellen and Eric Kuhn, these 1912 and 1913 issues discuss a variety of topics such as "woman suffrage", a new school building, and the more mundane "Rules for Freshmen". Each issue provides a fun and enlightening glimpse into times gone by.



CYI SUMMER INTERNS LEARN NISHM COLLECTION PROCESS

Each summer, NISHM hosts two interns from the Coatesville Youth Initiative. The Mission of the Coatesville Youth Initiative is “to contribute to a vibrant future for Coatesville by engaging youth in experiences that support their success in school and in life, and by uniting a wide range of partners to make the community better for everyone.”

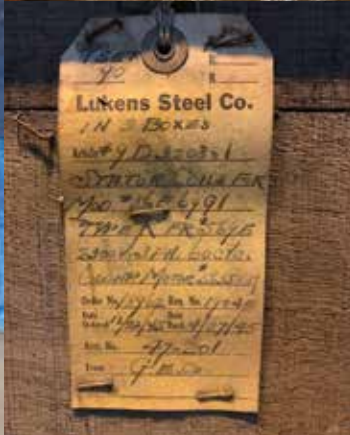
CYI takes Coatesville students (entering ninth through twelfth grades) and places them in organizations such as ours throughout the city. They help staff complete tasks and work over the summer and receive a workplace education that prepares them for the future.

This summer, our interns are Marcus Blunt and Elyse Hansel, both entering the ninth grade. Marcus’ interests include music, singing, acting, and gaming. He loves history and is interested in learning about different cultures and people. Elyse’s interests include listening to podcasts, journaling, drawing, reading, politics, history, and foreign languages.

Marcus says “I learned so much working at the museum. I saw and accessioned so many objects, all of which had so much history. I like the people I work with, especially Elyse.”

Elyse feels “Working at the museum this summer has been a really enjoyable introduction to the workforce. I’ve enjoyed getting a deeper knowledge of the history of our area and working with artifacts which hold history from Coatesville and the iron and steel industry.”

Thank you, Elyse and Marcus, for all your hard work this summer!



120" MOTOR HOUSE CLEANOUT

In 2016, ArcelorMittal (the present owner of the Coatesville steel site) generously donated the 120" Rolling Mill Complex to NISHM. Built in World War II, the Motor House and the 120" Rolling Mill buildings rolled steel for our nation's ships and other products. Steel processing in the complex stopped in 1983.

The 120" Rolling Mill Complex will be the future home of the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. It will house expanded and larger exhibits, as well as a visitor center. The first step in the transformation process began on Monday, July 15.

The Motor House basement was full of old equipment and scrap metal, that had not been used for decades. City Construction Company helped NISHM clear the



basement out. We used the still-active Motor House crane (built in 1942) to lift the heavy pieces out of the basement. Some pieces remained and were moved around, while others were trashed or scrapped.

The Motor House and 120" Rolling mill buildings can be part of the guided tours at NISHM, so if you haven't seen them yet, please stop by and take a tour!

UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS



September 11, 2019
Coatesville Remembers
September 11, 2001

8:30 AM | Free Event &
Museum Admission

October 10, 2019

Lecture
United Steelworker Union
in Coatesville

6:00 PM | \$5, Members Free



November 7, 2019

Lecture
Utopia for Workers: Housing &
Planned Industrial Communities

6:00 PM | \$5, Members Free

Fall 2019

Bus Trips
Primitive Hall & Other Local
Historical Destinations
Details Coming Soon



THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHO JOINED OR RENEWED FROM APRIL 1, 2019 TO JULY 31, 2019

RENEWING MEMBERS

(* DENOTES 5+ CONSECUTIVE YEARS, BOLD DENOTES 120" MILL CLUB MEMBER & ABOVE)

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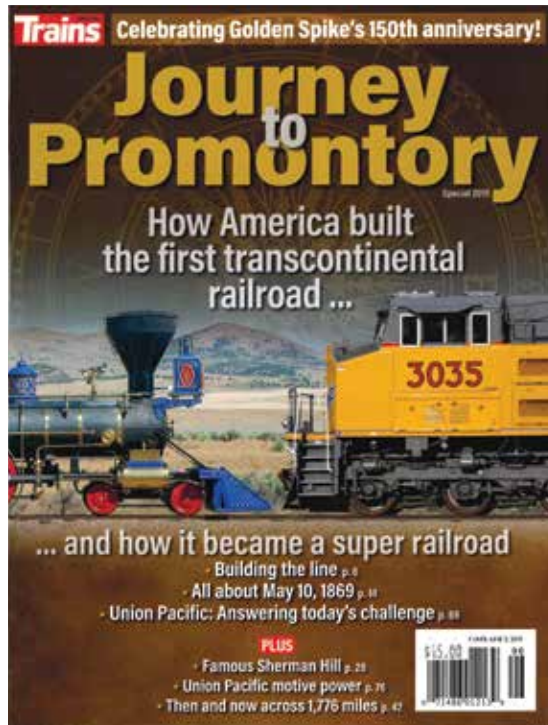
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NEW! IN THE MUSEUM STORE

Iron & Steel Museum Magnets were just added to our museum store. Show your support of NISHM by displaying one on your car or on your refrigerator at home, for others to see. Stop by today and pick one up! \$1.00



Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad! In 1869, the transcontinental railroad was completed with a Golden Spike ceremony, finally linking eastern and western United States. NISHM offers various books on railroads in our store. Shown is the special edition Trains magazine, which focuses on the history of America's transcontinental railroad. \$15.00



YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

At Graystone Mansion, history, architecture, and modern conveniences combine to create a timeless elegance. Built in 1889, designed by Cope and Stewardson, Graystone Mansion is a classic example of the American Collegiate Gothic style of architecture. The exterior gray stone and interior dark wood paneling, carved fireplaces, and grand staircase provide a magnificent setting for your special event. The extensive grounds include a large variety of flowers, trees, and other plants, which create a gorgeous backdrop for photographs.

Host your next event here, and we promise that your event will be spectacular! Contact Sharon Tandarich at admin@houstonproperties.org or 610-384-2666 if interested.

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A 1970s aerial view of Coatesville and Lukens Steel Company. Spot the group of trees in the center of the photograph...note the Lukens Main Office building just to the left and the Employee Store just to the right.