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Upcoming Events

2013

Wed., November 20 @ 7 p.m.

*A Journey Through Time on the
Schuylkill & Susquehanna
Branch: Circa 1900 to 1910*

Presented by Brandy M. Watts Martin
Fort Hunter Mansion and Park,
Harrisburg, PA

Travel the line from Dauphin to
Auburn on a mixed train between
1900 and 1910. Then discover the life
of Leonard Craig, former resident of
Fort Hunter, and the only African-
American section foreman on the whole
Reading Railroad system at that time.

2014

Tues., March 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rausch Gap

Presented by Brandy M. Watts Martin
Richland Community Library,
Richland, PA

Tues., May 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Ruins In The Wilderness: The Coal
Mining Towns of Stony Valley*

Presented by Brandy M. Watts Martin
Annville Free Library, Annville, PA

Wed., October 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Stony Valley: A Haunting History

Presented by Brandy M. Watts Martin
Richland Community Library,
Richland, PA

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looking for presentations?
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Online Store to benefit Stony Valley research

StonyValley.com is proud to announce the opening of its Online Store (<http://www.ebay.com/usr/stonyvalleyheritage>). The store will mainly carry historical publications about the valley, and the Schuylkill & Susquehanna Railroad, which ran 54 miles from Rockville, Dauphin County to Auburn, Schuylkill County.

Looking for Christmas gifts? For the winter season, handmade scarves from Central Pennsylvania will be available to purchase in natural colors, two shades of camo, and blaze orange.

All sales from the Online Store benefit the continued research of Stony Valley and the S&S Railroad.

“Spooks” Nor Showers Scare Off Hikers

It was a blustery and wet Spook Hike on October 31, but six souls braved the weather to hear tales of haunts from the valley’s past in the Rausch Gap Cemetery.

Brandy M. Watts Martin, the hike leader stated, “Although this may have been the smallest Spook Hike, in a way it worked out wonderfully. The small group had tons of questions about the valley’s history, and with such a small group, we could answer more of them.”

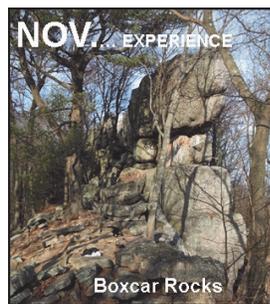
3D Model Hit at Drive Thru



Brandy M. Watts Martin, Schuylkill & Susquehanna Railroad Historian, debuted a new travelling exhibit “Stony Valley: Step Into History” at the State Game Lands 211 Drive Thru on October 20. The exhibit featured a 3D model of Stony Valley and surrounds highlighting the communities on the western end of the abandoned S&S, as well as the top ten history and nature sights to see in the valley.

“We wanted to make a display that spoke to people of all ages and interests,” Watts Martin explains. “With push buttons that correspond to LEDs on the 3D model, people who are avid explorers, as well as first-time visitors can find their way through the valley, and truly step into history.”

The model took over 200 hours to create, and seven people to research, edit and construct. Over 350 visitors viewed the model at Cold Spring during Drive Thru.



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November’s suggested hike to experience nature in Stony Valley is to Boxcar Rocks. With leafless tree tops, this is the perfect time to soak in the view of Lebanon Reservoir and the Lebanon Valley from atop Boxcar Rocks. Less than a mile from the cars, this hike is kid-friendly, but parent supervision is necessary for a safe and enjoyable time. Directions can be found at: <http://stonyvalley.com/boxcar>.



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Coming Soon!