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# STONY VALLEY HERITAGE

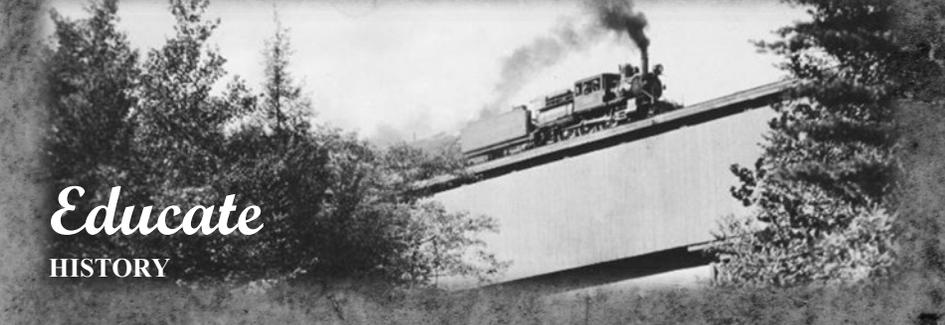
Connecting People with History and Wilderness in Their Backyard



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HISTORY

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# Explore • Experience • Educate

Thousands of people have explored Stony Valley and surrounds, part of the second largest road-less wilderness tract of land in Pennsylvania located just minutes from the state capitol, but this is a chance for *you* to bring Stony Valley to them with cost-effective educational programs.

Stony Valley is part of Saint Anthony's Wilderness, a name that was given to the mountains between the Susquehanna and Schuylkill Rivers by Moravian Missionaries during the

18th century. Coal was discovered in the section of the region called Stony Valley around the time of the American Revolution. Stony Valley, today, is part of Dauphin and Lebanon Counties in the area of State Game Lands No. 211. In order to remove the coal, and later lumber, from the valley, a railroad was constructed for 54 miles between Rockville, Dauphin County and Auburn, Schuylkill County, eventually including 27 stations on the route.

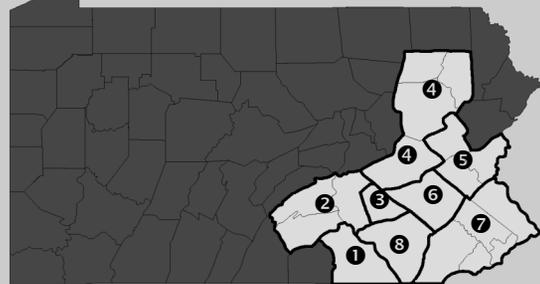
The educational programs primarily focus on one or all of these areas, utilizing a variety of topics including nature, history, genealogy and ghost stories. Depending on the venue and publicity for the program, these programs have drawn standing-room only audiences, with upwards of 130+ individuals.

Programs within this brochure are geared primarily towards teenage-adult audiences, although children have certainly attended these programs with their families in the past. We hope you consider introducing even more people to the wonders of Stony Valley and surrounds.

## Why Choose A Program On Stony Valley?

Stony Valley and StonyValley.com have visitors from across the state of Pennsylvania, and the US, that love the region. With so many visitors, there are sure to be individuals from your community who want to learn more about Stony Valley!

### StonyValley.com's Pennsylvania Visitors Come From:



37%	Capitol Region ⑧
13%	Lebanon Area ③
13%	Lancaster Area ⑥
10%	Greater Philadelphia ⑦
7%	Anthracite Region ④
6%	York-Hanover Area ①
3%	Allentown-Lehigh Valley ⑤
3%	Reading Area ②

**To Schedule:** Presentations are offered at a nominal fee of a suggested \$40.00, reflecting the average payment of the presenter in the past, and includes an up-to one hour question and answer session after the program. For organizations who may desire a smaller fee due to economic circumstances, please do not hesitate to discuss your situation with Brandy M. Watts Martin when you are scheduling your presentation. Payment is expected at time of presentation. Please schedule *at least* a month in advance to insure the date and time is available.

### CONTACT

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## Don't have electricity at your venue? Don't worry!

Brandy M. Watts Martin offers options that don't require electricity as well. From displays, to lectures without slideshows, there will be plenty of options for your organization to choose from. Contact Brandy for more details.

## About The Historian

**BRANDY M. WATTS MARTIN** has been studying the Schuylkill & Susquehanna Railroad, its twenty-seven stations, and related industries since 1997, when she was in third grade. Fascinated with the idea that a resort hotel could have existed at the then briar-covered ruins in Cold Spring, Lebanon County, she decided to find out what *really* sat there herself. Becoming aware of the whole railroad soon after, she expanded her studies.

Wanting to share the history she learned with others, she held her first presentation in 2004. She continues to share her research through presentations, historical hikes, and her website, StonyValley.com, which was expanded in 2012 to celebrate her 15th Anniversary of studying the line.

In 2011, Brandy graduated from Penn State University with a B.H. in

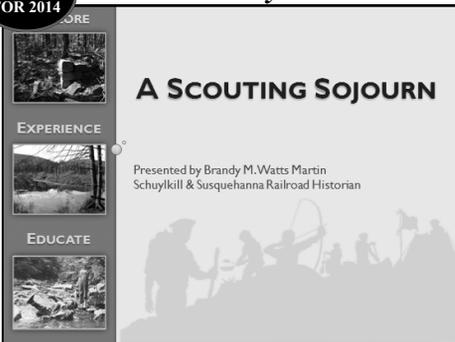


American Studies, and class focus on Museum Studies and Public Heritage. She presently lives in view of her beloved mountains in Central Pennsylvania with her husband Seth.

## A SCOUTING SOJOURN

**NEW!**  
FOR 2014

*Scout-Friendly Presentation!*



Available for Boy Scouts and other youth groups planning to hike in Stony Valley, this presentation includes a brief history of the valley. The rest of the presentation can be tailored to your group's planned trip, to teach them more about that specific area's history. Slideshow presentation is about 30 minutes long.

*Order Code: Scouting*

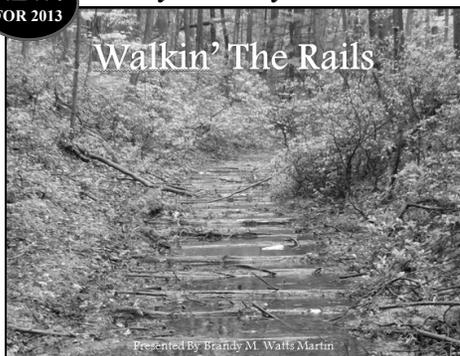
## Experience... NATURE

### WALKIN' THE RAILS:

#### A TRIP DOWN THE STONY VALLEY RAIL-TRAIL

**NEW!**  
FOR 2013

*Family-Friendly Presentation!*



the Stony Valley Rail-Trail runs 19.5 miles in Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties, winding its way through the heart of the second largest road-less wilderness tract of land in Pennsylvania. A family-friendly program, this approximately 30-minute slideshow, takes the first-time family explorer to the avid hiker in a trip down the rail-trail discovering the history and nature you can see along the way.

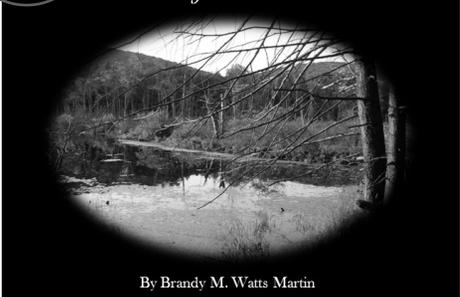
*Order Code: Rail-Trail*

One of the first rails-to-trails in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

### WONDERS OF THE WILDERNESS

**NEW!**  
FOR 2014

*Wonders of the Wilderness*



Discover the natural wonders of Saint Anthony's Wilderness including Boxcar Rocks north of Stony Valley, the flowering garden of Rattlesnake Shack in Clarks Valley, and highlights from the breathtaking mountainous terrain in between during this approximately 30-minute slideshow.

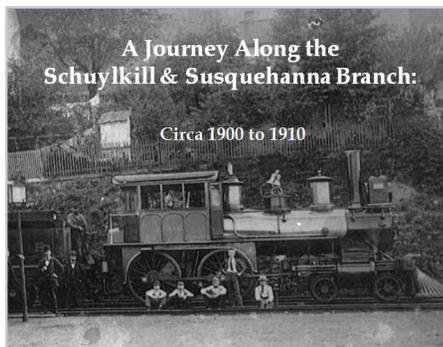
*Order Code: Wonders*

# Available Presentations

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## Educate... HISTORY

### A JOURNEY ALONG THE SCHUYLKILL & SUSQUEHANNA BRANCH: CIRCA 1900 TO 1910



sengers and freight) down the S&S Branch from Dauphin to Auburn between 1900 and 1910, during Philadelphia & Reading Railroad's operation of the line. Pass by businesses and industries of yesteryear and landscapes common along the line. This trip back in time takes approximately 30 minutes in slideshow format.

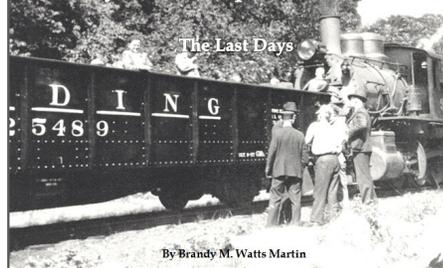
*Order Code: Journey1900*

Discover what it was like to ride a mixed train (train hauling both pas-

### A JOURNEY ALONG THE SCHUYLKILL & SUSQUEHANNA BRANCH: THE LAST DAYS

**NEW!**  
FOR 2013

*A Journey Along the Schuylkill & Susquehanna Branch:*



road with automobiles, the S&S Branch began to grow silent. Eventually only one train going west, and another east, each day became its fate. With sites familiar to many who once lived along the line, take a trip over the line during its last days under the Reading Company's ownership with this approximately 30-minute slideshow.

*Order Code: JourneyLast*

As the industries along the line dwindled and passengers took to the

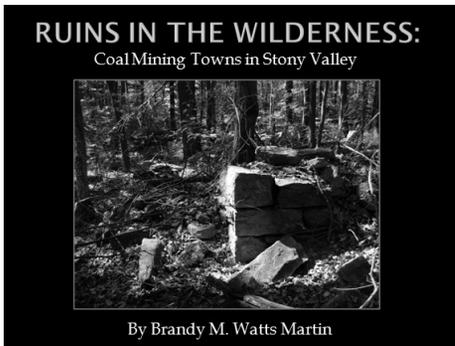
## STONY VALLEY: A HAUNTING HISTORY



From ghosts and ghouls, witches and warlocks, a murderer and mischief-maker or two, hear the haunting tales of Stony Valley's past. Ten historically-based tales, immersed in the history of Stony Valley, help to relay the darker side of history in this approximately 30-minute slideshow.

*Order Code: Haunting*

## RUINS IN THE WILDERNESS: COAL MINING TOWNS IN STONY VALLEY

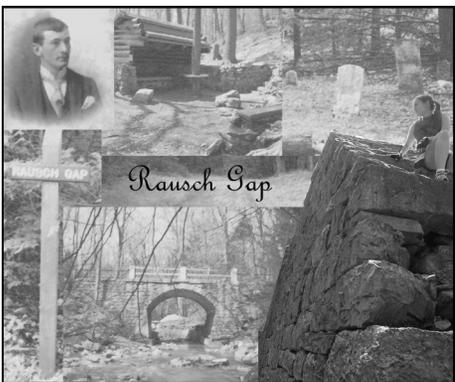


southernmost portion of the Lower Anthracite Region in Pennsylvania. During the mid-1800s, the communities of Rattling Run, Dauphin County and Yellow Spring, Rausch Gap Gold Mine and Mount Eagle, Lebanon County were thriving industrial towns, now explore their ruins from your seat in this approximately 30-minute slideshow.

*Order Code: Ruins*

In a recent revamp of the old favorite, explore the former coal mining towns of Stony Valley, part of the

## RAUSCH GAP



Highly popular since its release in 2005, *Rausch Gap* explores the largest of the industrial communities of Stony Valley, Rausch Gap, Lebanon County, boasting nearly 1,000 residents during its heyday. A coal mining patch town turned railroad headquarters, Rausch Gap's ruins can be explored from your seat in this approximately 30-minute slideshow.

*Order Code: Rausch*

# STONY VALLEY KIDS

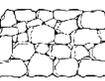
Help children you know EXPLORE the wonders of Stony Valley!

## EXPLORE... Stony Valley

Help children explore Stony Valley Rail-Trail and surrounds with games and activities they can do on the trail. Aside from the activity on the right, a simple activity you can do without pen and paper is for each of the kid-friendly hikes below, is also available online.

**Directions:** Put an "X" on each of the things you find as you are out exploring, and try to get 4 in a row! All things can be seen from the Stony Valley Rail-Trail.

## Rail-Trail Bingo

 PRINTS	 DEER	 FLOWER	 COAL
 FISH	 SPIKE	 GATE	 LODGE
 WATER	 RUINS	 HIKERS	 LEAF
 SIGN	 TREE	 BIRD	 TRAIL

## EXPERIENCE... Nature

Children can find out about nature by experiencing Stony Valley on one of the kid-friendly hikes found on StonyValley.com. Hikes go to:

- Boxcar Rocks
- Evening Branch Beaver Swamp
- Inscription Tree
- Rattlesnake Shack
- Sand Spring(s)
- Second Mountain Hawk Watch
- The Spot

## EDUCATE... History

Children can educate themselves in Stony Valley's history with one of these kid-friendly hikes found on StonyValley.com. Hikes go to:

- Cold Spring
- Summit Siding
- Trail of Ties
- Victoria Iron Furnace

