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## Programs

### Upcoming Events in the Lukens National Historic District

- September 11, 7:30 - 10:30 am — Free Event**  
World Trade Center Commemoration
- September 22, 6:30 pm — Free Event**  
Slide Show by Eugene L. DiOrio:  
Cruising the Mediterranean
- October 7, 5:30 to 7:30 pm — Free Event**  
Fall Lecture #1: Susannah Brody as Rebecca Lukens
- October 20, 8 am to 3pm — Free Event**  
Field trip to Cornwall Furnace State Historical Site
- November 4, 5:30 to 7:30 pm — Free Event**  
Fall Lecture #2: Eugene L. DiOrio will discuss and show photos  
from the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events of the past year.
- November 19, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm — Free Event**  
Volunteer Day: Collections Management
- December 10, 4 to 7 pm — Free Event**  
Santa, Holiday Tours and Food Drive

### The Fifth Annual Rebecca Lukens Award

**Nominations are now open!**  
Contact us at 610-384-9282 by November 17, 2010  
with your choice for this prestigious award.

The Rebecca Lukens Award has been established to honor individuals  
who exhibit the qualities of Rebecca Lukens:

Resilience	Insightfulness
Loyalty	Tenacity
Caring	Resourcefulness
Practicality	Patience

## Events

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from the community. All of the buildings in the Historic district were open, each with period-appropriate food, special exhibits and era re-enactors. For the first time visitors were also able to visit Brandywine Mansion, home of Rebecca Lukens, now returned to its original footprint. One of the World Trade Center Steel "Trees" was also on display next to the Sonarsphere outside the Executive building.

Celebrations continued on July 2, the actual 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary date. Dignitaries, including US Representative Joe Sestak, first gathered at Terracina for a light breakfast, followed by the planting ceremony at Brandywine Mansion. The Bicentennial date was marked by the replanting of Rebecca Lukens' Rose Garden in



Steel making tool exhibit on display at the Executive Building.

front of the Mansion. All in attendance were encouraged to be part of the ceremony by helping to plant a rosebush.

Following the ceremony Rich Smith, Manager of Process and Product Design of ArcelorMittal, discussed, "Two Hundred Years of Rolling Iron and Steel on the Brandywine."

ArcelorMittal hosted a barbeque reunion on July 5<sup>th</sup> at the ARC building with over 1,200 people in attendance.

Celebrate Coatesville on July 10<sup>th</sup> was capped off by the annual fireworks display by The City of Coatesville, considered by many to be the best in the area.



Reenactors at the Garden Party.

# Boilerplate



Summer 2010

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

## Events

### Inaugural 9/11 Remembrance Event

The Graystone Society, the trustees of the largest collection of 9/11 relics outside of New York City, plans to honor those lost on September 11, 2001 with a ceremony in Coatesville's Gateway Park at the corner of South First Avenue and Business Route 30. This ceremony will honor all those who lost their lives on 9/11, as well as local law enforcement and firefighters who aided the recovery effort in New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and remotely in Chester County.



A tree rolls under an American Flag held aloft by local firefighters.

The Graystone Society secured 500 tons of steel "trees" from The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. On April 14, 2010, in a memorable 28 tractor-trailer convoy from New York City, they came home to Coatesville. The steel trees (which were part of the lobby of the World Trade Center), were originally made at Lukens Steel of Coatesville in the late 1960's. Some of those trees will be on display at the 9/11-memorial service.

This free event will run from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be punctuated by bell ringing during significant time periods from that historic morning of September 11, 2001. Local children will be selected to ring the bells. County, State and Federal politicians are expected to attend, along with law enforcement, fire fighters, school children and civic groups. Music will be provided by The Lukens Band, local choirs and singers. Refreshments will be served. The event will be held rain or shine.

### 2010 Lead Sponsors

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## Events

### 200th Anniversary Celebration

The Graystone Society marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Lukens Steel with a two week long celebration in The Lukens National Historic District. It began with a Garden Party on June 26<sup>th</sup>, which featured a historic marker



Ed Frye, C. L. Huston III, Eugene L. DiOrio and Scott G. Huston at the Marker Dedication Ceremony.

dedication. Speakers included State Representative Tim Hennessey, State Senator Andrew Dinnaman, and Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone, as well as Graystone Society members and directors, and people

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### Lukens – 1890 to 1940 Part Three History Corner

The history of Lukens at this period is intimately connected with big steel and the age of vertical integration. In 1890 Lukens installed two 30-ton open hearth furnaces — for the first time the company was able to produce it's own steel. Since



Open hearth furnace pour.

raw materials were needed, Lukens purchased land near Newcastle, DE in order to have access to port facilities. They also bought Allegheny Ore in southwestern Virginia for iron ore mining.

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**President's Message**  
**Upcoming 911 Event**

We always knew that 2010 was going to be a very significant year here in the Lukens Historic District, and accordingly had made plans to mark 200 Years of Iron and Steel in Coatesville. These plans took on added significance with the return of the World Trade Center trees in April.



Scott G. Huston

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, nine years after the event, we will gather at Gateway Park. We are asking fire companies from across the region to help us commemorate the tragedy in New York, honoring the victims, first responders, and the steel workers who helped build the twin towers. A select group of the trees will be on display to give attendees an opportunity to connect with 9/11 history.

Please join us for this very special inaugural commemoration "Coatesville Remembers."

**Book Nook**

**Here Is New York:  
 A Democracy of Photographs**

*Gilles Peress, Michael Shulan,  
 Charles Traub, Alice Rose George*

In response to the World Trade Center tragedy, two friends decided to hang pictures of the city by anybody who submitted them. The exhibition opened in a storefront about 20 blocks from Ground Zero. The flood of images resulted in a unique exhibition.



This was a new concept, a show tailored to the nature of the event, and to the response it has elicited. Anyone who has taken pictures relating to the tragedy was invited to submit their images where they were displayed on the walls alongside the work of professional photographers.

This beautiful book presents 880 portraits of the city in crisis. The pictures convey an array of different responses, personal and political, to the tragedy.

There is more information about Here is New York at the website: [multitudes.http://hereisnewyork.org/](http://multitudes.http://hereisnewyork.org/).

**Development**

**Annual Appeal**

The Graystone 2010 Annual Appeal will soon be underway. Annual Appeal donations are earmarked for general operating expenses.

It is now easier than ever to donate with a credit card using PayPal, available on our website: [www.SteelMuseum.org](http://www.SteelMuseum.org), and remember to follow us on FaceBook.

**Graystone Society Store**

We have recently added hats, shirts and many other new items to the Graystone Society Store which help commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iron and Steel in Coatesville. These items can be purchased at the store in the Historic District, and will soon be online and available for sale using PayPal.



**Collections**

**Object Categorization and Sorting**

Our dedicated volunteers gathered last May 19<sup>th</sup> to separate, organize, and categorize historically important objects from the Lukens Store. This important work insures that these items will be preserved for research and display purposes in the future. A special mention of thanks to volunteer **Dick Scott**, who has been helping us catalog many of our collections.



**Digitalizing Lukens Life**

We are making progress in our effort to digitalize the issues of the Lukens Company newsletter *Lukens Life* from 1930 to 1989. This is a large project that will take time to finish. Digitalization will make back issues more accessible to the public, and will facilitate our next project: **Families of Steel**, a database of the men and women who made and rolled the steel at Lukens.

**Volunteer Day**

The Next Volunteer Day will be in May of 2011. We will come together to finish boxing the collection from the Lukens Store, and assembling shelving units for storage. We also hope to begin boxing the G. O. Carlson collection as well.

**Property**



At the Rose Garden Dedication Ceremony, Scott G. Huston, President of the Graystone Society, is shown assisting Susannah Brody (in Character as Rebecca Lukens).

**Historic District Grounds**

The Graystone Society focused a great deal of effort this summer on making sure the grounds of the Lukens National Historic District were looking their best for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. Some of the major improvements in the past few months include the addition of a new gazebo and the dedication of the new Rose Garden next to Brandywine Mansion. See Events story on page 1 for more on this story.



The gazebo was also an Eagle Scout project by Joel Baldwin of Coatesville Troop 16.

**Interested in the  
 Pentagon 911 National Memorial,  
 Washington, DC**

The Pentagon Memorial, located outside of The Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia, is a permanent outdoor memorial to the 184 people killed in the building and on American Airlines Flight 77 in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The memorial opened to the public on September 11, 2008. An area near where the plane hit has been landscaped with pea gravel and maple trees. A bench for each victim has been arranged depending on whether they were in the building or on the flight.



To take a guided tour of the Pentagon, you must make a reservation in advance. Tour schedules can fill up quickly, so it is advisable to book your tour well in advance of your visit.

Reserve a tour by contacting your Congressional and Senate Representative. The Congressional office staffs often submit requests for constituents. Contact information for state representatives can be found at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) for your Congressional office or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) for your Senator's office.

**History**

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While World War I was raging in Europe steel production soared in the United States. Lukens built the 206 mill in 1916, at the time the largest rolling mill in the world. After the war demand slowed, but Lukens continued to grow during the 1920's.

The Great Depression caused very difficult times financially for Lukens, yet still the company advanced, launching the Credit Union, By-Products Steel Corporation, and most importantly Lukenweld.

The history of Lukens in this period is also the history of A.F. Huston and C.L. Huston (the sons of Dr. Charles Huston and Isabella Lukens Huston); and Robert Wolcott, who married Alice, daughter of A.F.

A.F. Huston became vice president of the company in 1890 when the company shifted from a family business to a stock company. He was elected president in 1897 and held that position for twenty-eight years. In 1925 he was chosen as the first Chairman of the Board.



A. F. Huston

His brother Charles Lukens Huston, Sr. took partnership into the business in 1879 and was placed in charge of the puddling furnace where pig iron was converted into wrought iron. In 1882 he took over the management of all plants in 1882 and continued in sole charge of the operation until 1925.



C.L. Huston

Robert Wolcott succeeded A.F. Huston as president at the age of 32, and managed to keep the company afloat during rough years that included the depression and wars. He was president from 1925-1949.



Robert Wolcott

Look for our fourth and final installment in our next newsletter issue: *WWII, Postwar expansion and the eventual sale of the company.*

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