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Anthracite Mining Heritage Month—Schedule of Events for January 2019

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A regional observance of Anthracite Mining Heritage Month will take place during January 2019. Featured are programs to be held in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Pittston, Port Griffith, Plymouth, Dallas, Wyoming, and Ashley. The annual event focuses on the history and culture of the anthracite region of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The events are sponsored by the Anthracite Heritage Museum, the Anthracite Heritage Foundation, King’s College, Wilkes University, Marywood University, Misericordia University, the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Luzerne County Historical Society, the Plymouth Historical Society, the Greater Pittston Historical Society, the Huber Breaker Preservation Society, the Knox Mine Disaster Memorial Committee, the Boy Scouts of America-Northeastern PA Council, and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration and its Pennsylvania Anthracite Section.

The public is cordially invited to attend all programs (except the first).

1. Saturday, Jan. 5
   Boy Scouts of America: Mining in Society Merit Badge; Venue: Mulligan Physical Science Center, Room 406, King’s College, 113 W. Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre; 9 am – 12 noon; open to members of the Boy Scouts of America

2. Saturday, Jan. 5
   Penn State-Scranton—Public Program: Screening of the Documentary Film, “Centralia: Pennsylvania's Lost Town,” (2017); followed by Q&A with Joe Sapienza II of Philadelphia, Executive Producer and Director of the film; Moderator: Phil Mosley, PSU-Scranton; Venue: Sherbine Lounge, Study Learning Center, PSU-Scranton, 120 Ridgeview Drive, Scranton; 2 – 4 pm; refreshments

3. Tuesday, Jan. 8
   Huber Breaker Preservation Society—Public Program: “Anthracite Mineworkers Speak: Stories and Reflections from Current and Retired Coal Miners;” Speakers: Bill Hastie (tentative), Tom Supey, Chester Zaremba, Chris Merli; Moderator: Bill Best, HBPS; Venue: Ashley Fire Hall, 160 Ashley Street, Ashley; 6:30 – 8 pm; refreshments

4. Thursday, Jan. 10

5. Friday, Jan. 11

6. Saturday, Jan. 12
   King’s College—Public Program: “Episodes in Anthracite Labor History;” Speakers: Thomas Mackaman, King’s College (“Labor and Industry in the Early Years of Anthracite”); Anne Flaherty, Kehoe Foundation (“The Molly Maguires: Fact vs. Fiction”); Robert Wolensky, King’s College (“The Industrial Workers of the World—The Wobblies”); Robert Schmidt, Independent Scholar (“Labor, Violence, and Dynamite in Coal Country”); Moderator: Jamie Costello, King’s College; Venue: Snyder Room, Student Center, King’s College, 133 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre; 7 – 9 pm; refreshments

7. Tuesday, Jan. 15
8. Thursday, Jan. 17  King’s College & The Anthracite Heritage Foundation—Public Program: “The Annual Msgr. John J. Curran Lecture;” Presenter: Artist Sue Hand will show and discuss images from her latest creative project on anthracite breakers, “Coal Breaker Communities: Faded Memories;” Moderator—Robert Wolensky, King’s College; Commentators: Joe Husty, Bill Best, and Bill Hastie (tentative); Venue: Burke Auditorium, McGowan School of Business, King’s College, Corner of N. River Street and W. Union Street, Wilkes-Barre; 7 – 8:30 pm; refreshments begin at 6:30 pm (See January 18th below)

9. Friday, Jan. 18  King’s College—“Meet the Artist” Public Reception: A gathering to meet artist Sue Hand and view her latest art creations on anthracite breakers, “Coal Breaker Communities: Faded Memories;” Venue: Widmann Art Gallery, Student Center, King’s College, 133 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre; Welcome: Michelle Leonard, Widmann Art Gallery; 6 – 8 pm; refreshments (See January 17th above)


11. Saturday, Jan. 19  Anthracite Heritage Museum—Public Program: “The Annual Knox Mine Disaster Commemorative Program—The 60th Anniversary;” Presenters: David Brocca and Albert Brocca showing excerpts from their documentary, “The Knox Mine Disaster;” William Lukasik speaking on “Knox Disaster Photography from the Lukasik Studio;” Music by Jimmy Waltich; Mining Memorabilia by Mike Mostardi; Moderator: John Fielding, AHM; Venue: AHM, 22 Bald Mountain Road, Scranton; 2 – 3:30 pm; refreshments; (see January 22nd program below)

12. Sunday, Jan. 20  Annual Knox Mine Disaster Mass: St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church, Pittston, 35 William Street, Pittston; 9 am

13. Sunday, Jan. 20  Annual Knox Mine Disaster Public Commemoration: Pennsylvania Historical Marker, in front of Baloga Funeral Home, Port Griffith, 1201 Main Street, Pittston; 10:30 am

14. Sunday, Jan. 20  Annual Knox Mine Disaster walk to the disaster site along the Susquehanna River in Port Griffith: Gather 11 am at Baloga Funeral Home

15. Tuesday, Jan. 22 (60th Anniversary of the Knox Mine Disaster), “The Knox Mine Disaster Documentary Premiere,” A film by David and Albert Brocca; showing followed by Q&A with the filmmakers; Music by Lex Romaine; Venue: Kirby Center for the Creative Arts at Wyoming Seminary, 260 N. Sprague Avenue, Kingston; tickets must be purchased in advance either on-line at www.knoxminedisaster.com, or by calling the box office at 570-270-2190; general admission only; doors open at 6:30 pm, premiere starts at 7 pm


19. Thursday, Jan. 31  Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) and its Pennsylvania Anthracite Section (Penn-Athracite)—Public Program: “The Contributions of SME to Anthracite Mining (The Jeddo Tunnel, Scranton Mine Cave Problems, Wilkes-Barre Historic District Homes, and other topics);” Speakers Include: John Ackerman, Chairman of Penn-Athracite Section; and Mike Korb and John Mack, Past Chairmen; Moderator: Barbara Arnold, President of the (International) SME; Venue: Rodano’s Pizza & Restaurant (back room), 53 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre; refreshments 4:30 – 5:30 pm, presentations 5:30 – 7 pm