

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

## Collections

### Citadel Federal Credit Union Donates Watercolors

Citadel Federal Credit Union recently donated two watercolors to the Graystone Society. The paintings, painted in 1964 by Charles X. Carlson, were hung in Citadel's South Coatesville branch for several years. One shows a rollout at one of the Lukens Mills, and the other a spun head being formed.

Citadel has a long history with Lukens Steel. Originally created in 1937 as Lukens Federal Credit Union for Lukens' employees, it became Citadel in 1983 and expanded its customer base to the general public, and now has over 100,000 members. Citadel has always been involved in the local community and has many community outreach programs which combine financial support and volunteerism.

The paintings were formally presented by Steve Miller, Director of Retail Delivery for Citadel, to Scott G. Huston, President of the Graystone Society. They are currently on display at the Lukens Executive Office Building.



Donated watercolors flanked by Steve Miller (left) and Scott G. Huston.

## Events

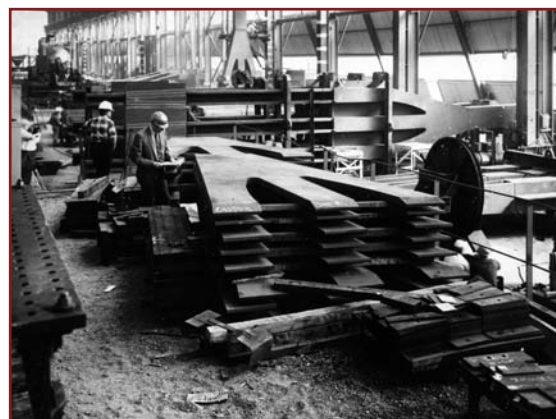
### Lukens Steel Photo Display at the 2008 Victorian Ice Cream Festival

One of the main attractions at this year's Victorian Ice Cream Festival was the **Lukens Steel Photo Exhibit** of historic images from our collection. Over 100 never-before shown photos were displayed at both Graystone Mansion and the Lukens Executive Office Building. The images, mostly from between 1950 and 1990, document the People, Places and Products of the Lukens



Visitors viewed the photo display during the Victorian Ice Cream Festival.

Steel Company. Featured subjects included bridges, submarines, sonarspheres, and the World Trade Center Trees (shown below). If you missed the exhibit at the Ice Cream Festival, it can be viewed on the web at [Lukensnhd.org](http://Lukensnhd.org).



Fabrication of "Trees" at Lukens Steel, used in construction of the World Trade Center.

## 2008 Lecture Series Concluded

The final lecture for the 2008 season featured Barbara Travaglini who discussed her book *Gunnar O. Carlson, Blacksmith Entrepreneur*. Ms. Travaglini possesses a unique view of the local steel industry, being the daughter of Gunnar Carlson. He founded G.O. Carlson Inc. which rolled stainless steel, nickel alloys and titanium in Thorndale and in what is now known as *the flats* in Coatesville. The company has a facility in Oil City, PA where, for the first time, the company melts steel.

The success of the 2008 Lecture Series was due in large part to the quality of our presenters. We wish to thank Ed Frey of Arcelor/Mittal who spoke about how steel is produced in Coatesville today; Susannah Brody who portrayed Rebecca Lukens; Dale Frens with his talk on Chester County Industrial Sites; and of course Barbara Travaglini. Please make plans to join us next year for our 2009 series.

## Programs

### 2008 Holiday House Tours

The Holiday House Tour and Canned Food Drive will be held on the evening of December 13 from 4 to 7 pm. All of the buildings will be decorated for the season. In addition to Santa, there will be refreshments available, and music will be provided by the North Brandywine Middle School and the Lukens Band.

We are also having a food drive at the Lukens Executive Office Building to benefit the Coatesville Food Cupboard. They are asking for items from their Thanksgiving menu: stuffing, instant potatoes, string beans, peas, corn, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit cocktail and cookies. Cost of the House Tour is \$8 per person, but if you bring a food item cost is just \$3.

## Be a part of the Graystone Society!

It's easy — go to [www.lukensnhd.org](http://www.lukensnhd.org) and click on the **Donate, Join** or **Sponsorship** tabs or call today 610-384-9282.

We can't do it without you!

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## Programs

### Upcoming Events in the Lukens National Historic District

**Saturday, December 13, 4 – 7 pm**

#### Holiday House Tours

The historic buildings will be decorated for the Holidays. There will also be a Food Drive at the Lukens Executive Office Building to benefit the Coatesville Food Co-op.

**Mid-March, 2009** — (date to be announced)

#### Rebecca Lukens Award Ceremony

Presentation of the Third Annual Rebecca Lukens Award.

### A few words with . . .

#### Wayne “Ted” Reed

Ted Reed first came to Coatesville from his native Virginia in 1987 when he took on the job of City Manager. He later moved on to become Executive Director of the Coatesville Authority, and then Pennsylvania America Water where he remains Chairman today.

Ted has been on the Board of Directors of the Graystone Society since 1989, and was President from 1998 to 2004. He became involved with the Graystone Society after meeting Eugene DiOrio at a Coatesville Historical Society meeting. He was impressed with efforts being

made to save the historic structures in what is now the Lukens National Historic District, and has been a part of Graystone ever since.

“I am proud of the work the Board has done to help revitalize Terracina,” says Ted, “and the efforts to maintain a strong historical presence in the community through the Graystone Society.” He also noted that he is pleased with the contributions of the Huston Foundation and the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust toward these preservation efforts.

One interesting fact: even if you have never met Ted, you may have heard him — he’s been doing the announcements at the Victorian Ice Cream Festival for the last ten years!

### Interested in . . .

#### . . . The USS Yorktown?



If you’re planning a trip to Charleston, South Carolina this winter, be sure to visit Patriot’s Point Naval & Maritime Museum, home of the aircraft carrier USS *Yorktown*, as well as the destroyer USS *Laffey* and the submarine *Clamagore*.

The *Yorktown*, commissioned in 1943, was built in just 16 ½ months at the Newport News shipyard. Originally to be named the *Bon Homme Richard*, it was renamed in honor of the ship sunk at the Battle of Midway in 1942.

Lukens Steel was an important supplier of steel for hulls and flight decks during World War II, and much of that steel went to Newport News. The men and women who melted and rolled the steel used by the Navy and other services were an important part of the war effort. For more information visit [PatriotsPoint.org](http://PatriotsPoint.org).

## Programs

### Help Wanted

The Graystone Society is seeking a new **Program Manager** to replace *Ginia Apostolacus*, who has done such a fine job for us over the last two years. Ginia was offered and accepted a full-time position at QVC, and will be unable to continue at Graystone. The part-time position involves the planning and execution of our series of events, and the coordination of our volunteers. If you know someone who might be interested, please call 610-384-9282 or email graystone@lukensnhd.org.

## Collections

### Volunteers Wanted

Most people don’t realize that when they donate an item to a museum, a very complicated process is put into play. Each item must be identified and catalogued, and it has to properly handled and stored. In addition, detailed records have to be entered into a database. To help with this process, the Graystone Society uses a software program called *PastPerfect*.

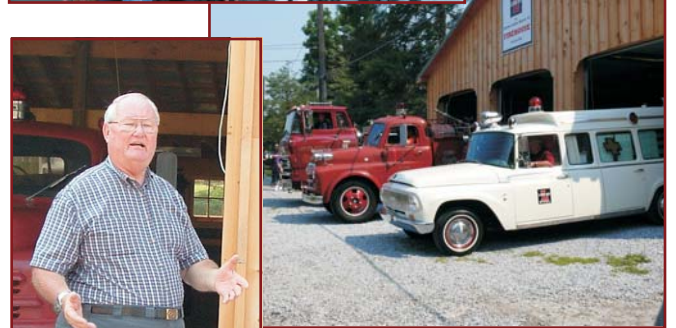
On the afternoon of December 5<sup>th</sup>, the people who developed the PastPerfect software will be coming to the Lukens National Historic District, and will be teaching how to handle incoming collections. They will help interested volunteers become acquainted with the accessioning process: how these items are handled, catalogued and stored. This hands-on program should be not just informative, but fun as well. If you are interested in working with the collections here at Graystone, please call 610-384-9282 or email graystone@lukensnhd.org.

## Properties

### Barn Dedication and Housing Ceremony

The Charles L. Huston III Firehouse was officially dedicated on July 12 prior to the Victorian Ice Cream Festival. Mr. Huston was instrumental in saving and acquiring the 1965 International Travelall Ambulance, the 1964 GMC Fire Engine and the 1958 Dodge Fire Engine. The three pieces of safety equipment were officially “Housed” a ceremony in which firefighters from neighboring companies push the equipment into the new building. On

hand for the event were firefighters from Arcelor/Mittal and from the Washington Hose Company of Coatesville (the Washies!)



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