

County Judges on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court

By Katie Durkin

Lackawanna County has had the privilege of three men reaching the highest court in Pennsylvania from the area – Alfred Hand, George Maxey, and Michael Eagen. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania is the first and oldest supreme court in the United States, preceding even the Supreme Court of the United States in longevity.

Judge Hand was born in Honesdale in 1835 and attended the school then known as Yale College. As was the practice at the time, he read law and apprenticed in



Alfred Hand

Montrose at the law firm of William and William H. Jessup. He was admitted to the bar in 1860 and moved to Scranton that same year where he practiced law on his own. Lackawanna County was incorporated in 1878, and Judge Alfred Hand was among its first county judges. He was appointed by Governor Hoyt on March 4, 1879, and he served

in this capacity for nine years.

Governor Beaver appointed Judge Hand to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on July 31, 1888. According to Hitchcock's *History of Scranton* "He won legal honors as a jurist, and was regarded in point of learning, legal acumen and soundness of judgment, as the peer of any of his Supreme Court colleagues." Judge Hand was a Republican who also served as President of the Third National Bank. In 1895, he built a home at 505 Jefferson Avenue where he resided until his death in 1919. The family later sold the house to the St. Nicholas Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, which then remodeled the house into a church.

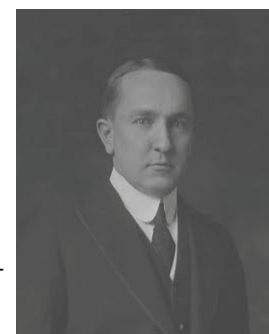
The second of the Lackawanna County judges to serve on the Supreme Court was Judge George Maxey, who was born in Forest City, Susquehanna County, on February 14, 1878. He availed himself of the local schools

while working in different capacities in the mines. He attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate studies and completed them in 1902. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania for law school. At both institutions, he participated in debate extracurricular activities where he honed his oratory skills.

Judge Maxey was elected District Attorney in 1913 and was re-elected in 1917. He first ran for the position of Lackawanna County Judge in 1919 and was elected by a large majority to a ten year term. While serving in this capacity, Judge Maxey brought international attention to the City of Scranton in 1923. Prime Minister David Lloyd George of Great Britain was on a tour of the United States and added Scranton as a destination on his tour through the persuasion of Judge Maxey. The Prime Minister stayed with the Maxeys at their home at 520 Madison Avenue, and he made an appearance at the Armory where 10,000 attended while thousands more clamored for entrance according to *The New York Times* account of the event.

In 1930, he ran for the Supreme Court and achieved a plurality statewide to ascend to the Commonwealth's highest court. Judge Maxey was also a Republican and was involved in the party's conventions for many years. In 1936, as the Pennsylvania delegation traveled by train to Cleveland for the convention, there was a campaign to have Judge Maxey as the Vice President on the national ticket. Judge Maxey declined this invitation as he did many others through the years to be anything other than a judge. Judge Maxey gave speeches criticizing the New Deal although most of his speeches dealt with history rather than politics.

He became the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on January 4,



George Maxey

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A Word from the President...

Hello everyone,

Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year! I hope that each of you reading this have enjoyed the holidays to the fullest with your family and friends. Perhaps you joined in the festivities during the holiday open house at our headquarters, the Catlin House, so beautifully decorated for the season. Many thanks to Jeff Kiefer, the Cliffords, Greg Posley, and all of the volunteers who created the decorations. Thank you also to the trustees who traditionally provide the poinsettias used throughout the rooms and Doug Forrer for buying the tree. If you didn't get a chance to take a carriage ride into the downtown from the house, put it on your list for next year. Thank you Brookvalley Farms for being with us again this year.

Speaking of the Catlin House, 2012 marks the 100th year anniversary of its construction. As stewards of the house and property, the trustees and members of the Lackawanna Historical Society remain committed to its upkeep and preservation. I respectfully ask all who recently received our "Fund for the Future" letter to consider making a donation. By doing so you are helping to generate the funds to accomplish this important task. To the many people who have responded as of this writing, thank you very much for your support. We greatly appreciate your generosity and help. Please watch for events and activities in celebration of this milestone during the coming months.

Stay safe and be healthy in the new year.

Best regards,

Michael Gilmartin

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From Josh Felter
in memory of Bob Booth

Corrections and Clarifications

In the Summer issue of The Lackawanna Historical Society Journal (Volume 41, No. 3), we incorrectly listed a name in our article about East Mountain. The correct name is Jack and Dora Stange. We sincerely regret the error.

GRANTS RECEIVED



The Lackawanna Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received \$3,287.00 in support of its arts-related programs in 2012 from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency, through the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), its regional arts funding partnership. State government funding depends upon an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania's General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Pocono Arts Council.

The Lackawanna Historical Society is grateful to the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority for its recent support to the Society for much needed computer upgrades. Funding comes through the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the National Park Service.



Capital Improvements Continue

Interior improvements have begun at the Catlin House and are being undertaken as we prepare to name the main hall on the first floor in memory of Alan Sweeney, who served as LHS president from 1996 to 2008. Work will include parquet floor repairs and a fresh coat of paint.

The Catlin Prints, which have been displayed in the first floor hallway for more than 20 years, will be moved to another location for display and copies of Architect Edward Langley's original drawings of the Catlin House will be hung in their place. These drawings were completed in 1911 and detail the layout of each room as first conceived by Langley when he designed the residence for LHS benefactor George Catlin.

The trustees agreed that these changes will be the perfect way to mark the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Catlin House this year.

ORNATE SILVER SALVER RETURNS TO THE COUNTY

By Ella S. Rayburn

On July 13, 1854, *The Lackawanna Herald* reported that George W. Scranton received a "Valuable Testimonial" from gentlemen of note and esteem. Scranton had stepped away from the recently formed Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, which he founded along with the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Co. Mr. Scranton received a silver tea service and a silver salver. The 10 pound tray was ornately but tastefully engraved and bears a testimonial to Scranton for his "developing and rendering available the resources of the Valley of the Lackawanna, whence great and durable public good and private advantage will ever result."

The silver service remained in the family until October 5, 2011 when the historical society purchased the tray at an auction in Epsom, NH. The tea set went to another bidder. George W's great grandson, William Maxwell Scranton moved to Keene, NH after college, where he died at age 90 just two days before the auction. The family had consigned many heirlooms to auction. The auction house owner alerted the Society as well as *The*

Times-Tribune by sending photographs and descriptions.

After reviewing the photos, we recognized an opportunity not to be lost even though we did not know the occasion of the tray's presentation. We hired a local representative to bid and, if we won, to deliver the tray. We won. Our chief competitor was a silver scrapper. After the tray's arrival, Darlene Miller Lanning, Ph.D., former assistant director of LHS, remembered reading about it in the few surviving Scranton papers. She went right to the newspaper account! She also found hand written copies of the letters quoted in the newspaper. And, this is interesting; we have the receipt from the American Express Co. for shipping the service on June 22, 1854 from the makers Ball, Black & Co. in New York to Col. Geo. W. Scranton, in Scranton, Luzerne Co., Pa., value \$1,000.00

At the same time, Board Vice President and solicitor Don Frederickson, Jr. pursued a green marble shelf clock that a Scranton family tradition related as a gift from the Erie Railroad. He also won his bid. The clock was placed on loan to LHS until early December.

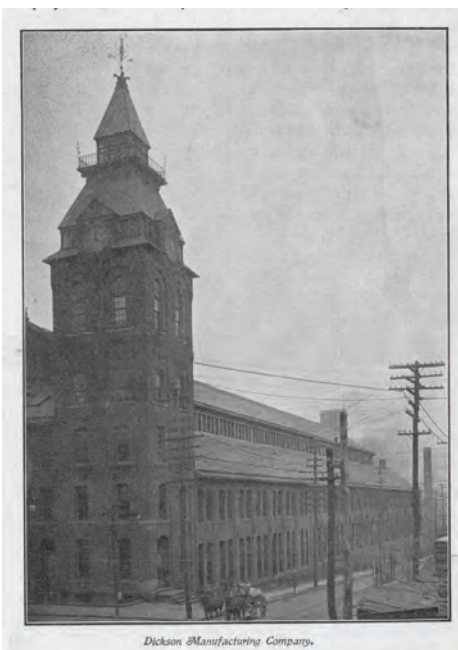
Dickson Manufacturing Company

By Dennis Martin

In 1863, the Dickson Manufacturing Company of Scranton, originally formed to make and repair mining equipment, bought the "Cliff Works" and turned out its first locomotive. By 1870, it could produce four locomotives per month. As the building of locomotives became profitable, the capacity was subsequently increased.

The first steam locomotive produced by the Dickson Company was the "John Brisbin," a 4-6-0 coal burner bought by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad and named for its president. Subsequently, 197 more locomotives were built for the D. L. & W. and its leased lines.

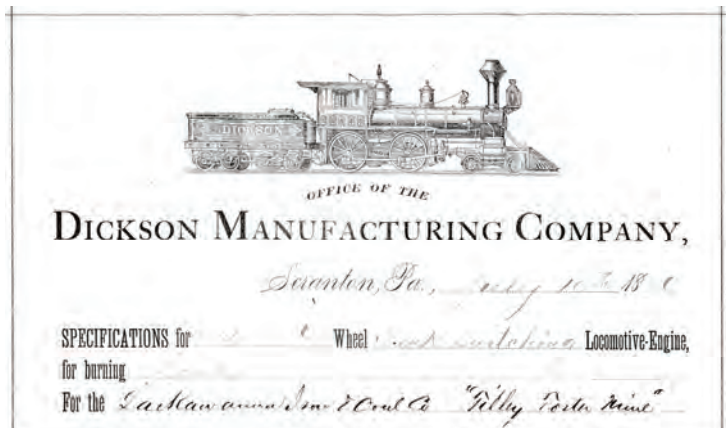
In the Society's collection is the specification for a small 4-4-0 tank engine built in 1880 for the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company to be used at the Telley Foster Coal



Dickson Manufacturing Company.

Mine moving coal cars around as they were filled. (In a tank engine, the water was stored in a tank around the boiler instead of in a tender). The heading for the specification is shown here as is a postcard photo of the Dickson Manufacturing Company on Penn and Vine.

From Thomas Townsend Taber's
The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad
in the Nineteenth Century, page 171



Continued from Page 1 1943. The position is determined by seniority. He served as Chief Justice to the day he died, which was March 22, 1950. *The Scranton Tribune* was filled with tributes to him from all corners of Lackawanna County after his death, and his legacy of being true and loyal to his convictions without regard for their popularity are evidenced in his legal opinions.

The third Lackawanna County man to serve on the Supreme Court was Michael J. Eagen, who was born in Jermyn on May 9, 1907 to Michael J. Eagen and Sarah Nallin Eagen. He attended local schools in Jermyn followed by St. Thomas High School in Scranton. He then matriculated at St. Thomas College (now known as The University of Scranton) and graduated in 1927. He was accepted at Harvard Law School, which he attended for one year, but he returned to Scranton before graduating due to a change in the family finances from the Great Depression. He



Michael Eagen

taught for a while to earn money and then went to clerk for Attorney James Powell. After his clerkship, he was admitted to the bar in 1931.

At the time, Lackawanna County was predominantly Republican, having six times the number of registered Republicans as compared to Democrats – a difference of more than 80,000 voters. Judge Eagen, being a young Democrat lawyer eager for service, tried to defy the odds and threw his hat into the ring for District Attorney in 1932. By a plurality of 507 votes, Michael Eagen became District Attorney of Lackawanna County at the age of 25.

He served as prosecutor until 1941, when he was

elected to the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas. At the age of 34, he became the youngest man to fill that position. In reflection of this time of Judge Eagen's career, Judge William J. Nealon said of him: "When I was a young man, the name Michael Eagen was a household word in Lackawanna County. His popularity knew no bounds. Everyone regardless of party or position respected and truly adored him. He had a personal warmth, a quick wit, and a zest for life that was contagious. He could literally light up a room."

In 1959, Judge Eagen ran for the Supreme Court and was victorious. He seldom spoke during oral arguments in front of the court, reserving his comments for his incisive opinions either in support or dissent. He was known as an intellectual giant of the court, preparing all night for sessions in court. In February 1977, he became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The swearing in ceremony was held at what later became Eagen Auditorium, at the University of Scranton, and court was held there for the occasion. This was the first and only time that court has been in session in Scranton. Judge Eagen served as Chief Justice until 1980, and he oversaw a reorganization of the appellate courts during this time, which would become one of his many lasting legacies on the Pennsylvania Justice system.

These three men served Lackawanna County with pride and rose to the highest court in this Commonwealth, an impressive accomplishment for each to achieve as judges coming from Scranton. Judges in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia had an advantage at the ballot box in that far more citizens were familiar with their work, but Hand, Maxey, and Eagen were able to overcome this challenge through their great skill and perseverance, and Lackawanna County should remember them with honor.

Festooning the Catlin House

A special thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Catlin House for the Holiday season, especially Jeff Kiefer and all of his elves including Pat Tobin, Bob Savakinus, Michael Gilmartin, Brian Clark, Ann Marie O'Hara, Mary Ann Gavern, the Posleys, Cathy Chamoni, John Farkas, Olivia Bernardi, Elaine Carroll, Brandon Castellano, Linda Lynett, Arlene Devereaux O'Hara, Dalida O'Malley, the Martins, Joe McTiernan, and the Cliffords. We are also very grateful to Arlene O'Malley for leading the Kissing Ball making workshop and Shannon Forrer for reading stories. Thanks also to everyone who brought baked goods and volunteered at our Open House.

Jeff Kiefer works his Christmas magic at the Catlin House!



Ted Baird to Present Illustrated Talk on 1904 Railroad Safety Project



In 1904 President William Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad oversaw numerous projects on the line that not only made the railroad more efficient, but greatly improved the safety of the entire route from Hoboken, NJ to Buffalo, NY. One of the major goals of the work was to eliminate

February 26 at 2 p.m.
at the Catlin House

as many of the at grade crossings as possible. An at grade crossing was where pedestrian, horse drawn, and vehicular traffic would have to cross directly over the railroad tracks. One of the places where a particularly dangerous crossing existed was on West Lackawanna Avenue in Scranton. This

problem was alleviated by the building of the Lackawanna Avenue viaduct between 7th and 9th Streets. Most major projects on the D. L. & W. were documented photographically on a weekly basis as work progressed. The West Lackawanna Avenue viaduct was no exception.

Three years ago, Ted Baird was asked to scan the original 1904 glass negatives from this interesting engineering feat for the Lackawanna Historical Society. The result was some surprisingly clear images that show how the work was done, the men who did the work, and how the construction impacted on the residents. While the photographs were taken primarily to show progress to the railroad executives, the end result for us is a window to urban life over 100 years ago. We will be able to look into the past with a fascinating Power Point slide presentation.

Ted Baird is a member and current treasurer of the Frances Dorrance Chapter of the Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology and of the Lackawanna County Historical Society. Ted was born in Moscow, PA and raised in Baltimore, MD but moved back to the area he loves 33 years ago. He has a Bachelors Degree in Biology from Towson State College and worked for the Social Security Administration for 32 years.

If You Can Play Scranton: A Theatrical History 1871-2010

This Revised Edition is now available for sale at our gift shop.

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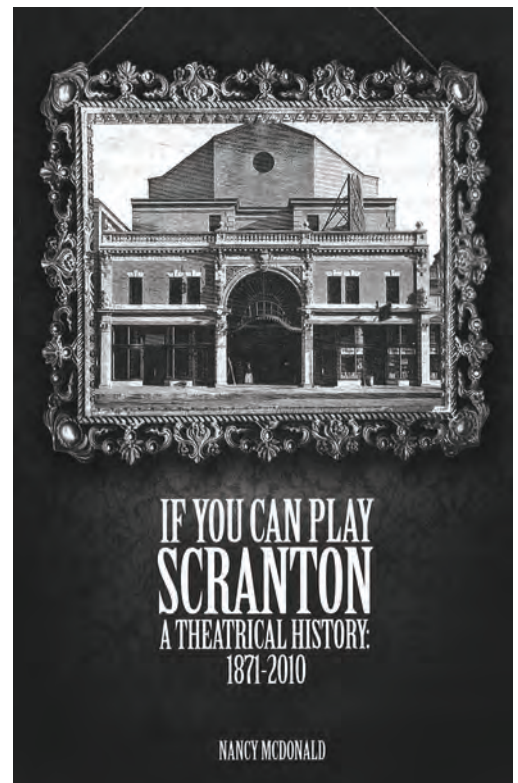
If You Can Play Scranton is a theatrical history of America as seen through the famous performers who came to Scranton, Pennsylvania. It discusses performances by the best known actors and actresses of the tragic and comic stage, ethnic performers, vaudevillians, musical comedy, concert, orchestra and band performers from 1871-2010. At the turn of the 20th century, Scranton was one of the most famous try-out towns for legitimate stage productions. The sophisticated taste of its audience, created by extensive exposure to world renown talent, continues to this day.

For more information go to <http://ifyoucanplayscranton.blogspot.com/>

"If you can play Scranton, you can play anywhere." That well-known saying arose during the hey-day of vaudeville, when performers made their living by traveling the country's cities and entertaining the crowds.

Scranton audiences had a reputation as a tough lot who had little patience for stale material, were suspicious of anything new, and demanded to be entertained for their hard-earned money.

The saying gave Nancy McDonald the title for her book on Scranton's theater history. Published this year by Tribute Books, If You Can Play Scranton is more than 250 pages of factual information, anecdotes, photographs, humor, and charm.



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Lackawanna Historical Society & Steamtown National Historic Site Celebrate *Model Trains through the Ages*



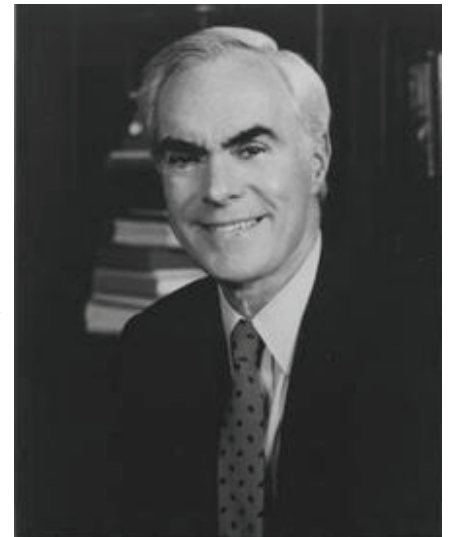
Model train "Doctor" Dan Emick discusses his collection with Chuck Rogers of Nolan and Rogers.

The Lackawanna Historical Society was delighted to present *Model Trains through the Ages* in partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site in December. The program, which received sponsorship support from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, focused on model railroading as a holiday tradition and included a full schedule: a Märklin winter display by LHS volunteer Pat Tobin and local Märklin Digital Dealers Nolan & Rogers, a photograph exhibit of the work of Angela Trotta Thomas, a *live steam* garden railroad display by Clem O'Jevitch of Warrior Run Loco, an "Ask the Expert" session with local model train "doctor" Dan Emick, and a 1950s Lionel Christmas display created by a group of dedicated model railroad enthusiasts including Frank Gardner, Ron Moore, Ron Moskalczak, and Mike Passero. A free raffle for a Lionel Starter set was sponsored by Penn Security.

Pennsylvania State Historical Marker Dedicated in Honor of Governor Robert P. Casey (1932-2000)

The Lackawanna Historical Society sponsored the dedication of a state historical marker honoring Governor Robert P. Casey on January 9. The event was supported in part by the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority and took place on the 80th birthday of the late governor. In attendance were several members of the Casey Family including Mrs. Ellen Casey and U.S. Senator Robert Casey, as well as several local and state dignitaries. Pennsylvania State Senator John Blake and First Lady Susan Corbett were also at the dedication and offered their congratulations to Mrs. Casey for this well-deserved tribute. The marker was installed at a small park near the Governor's former Scranton residence in the city's Green Ridge section and reads:

Pennsylvania public official and lifelong Scranton resident, Casey served as State Senator, 1962-66; First Vice President of Pa. Constitutional Convention, 1967-68; Auditor General, 1969-77; and Governor, 1987-95. As governor he pioneered the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a national model, and landmark environmental reforms such as the PENNVEST clean water program. He achieved national stature for his ardent pro-life stance.



Show Us What You Know

The Lackawanna Historical Society is looking for teams for its third annual *You Live Here You Should Know This* local history quiz show. Teams should include three energetic, eager, vivacious people who represent your association, group, or organization. To apply please send a list of your team members, organization affiliation, and short biography for each person. Completed information should be sent to the Society, 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, PA 18510 by February 13, 2012.

Final teams will be selected by a planning committee consisting of local students from Valley View and Riverside high schools. We are looking for dynamic, recognizable personalities from the Lackawanna County communities who have a basic knowledge of the area.

Acceptance and notifications will be sent by the end of February. The show will be held May 11 and 12 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Shopland Hall in the Scranton Cultural Center.

Cocktails, photos, and a meet and greet will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Teams of four will compete in a *Family Feud/Jeopardy* style format, answering questions about people, events, and happenings in our county. Winners will have the exclusive bragging rights for one whole year of holding the status of Local Lackawanna History Legends of Lore.



Community Calendars

The Taylor Historical Society is excited for its field trip to the Historical Scranton Iron Furnaces on Cedar Avenue. Dominick Azzarelli will be conducting a tour of the beautiful site Saturday March 24 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Margo at 346-6179 or by e-mail at historykeepers@yahoo.com.

Allentown Art Museum's *Gothic to Goth: Embracing the Dark Side* exhibit includes several pieces on loan from the Lackawanna Historical Society. The Society loaned mourning costumes and hair jewelry for the exhibit in the Goodman Gallery. The exhibit will run through April 29, 2012, and the Society is considering running a bus trip to the exhibit. Call the Catlin House at 344-3841 to let us know that you're interested so we can plan the details. For more information about the Allentown Art Museum and its other exhibits, call 610-432-4333.

Scranton Tomorrow is hosting Winter in the City Friday February 10, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Trolley Museum, 300 Cliff Street, Scranton, PA 18503. Winter in the City is a fundraiser for Scranton Tomorrow and Main Street Scranton and the hottest party in town. Live music, food sampling from more than 40 local restaurants, cocktails, great auction items, and a fantastic time! The event is \$15.00 per person. Call 963-1575 or visit www.scrantontomorrow.org for more information.

Don't miss *The View with a Scranton Attitude* featuring the Society's Executive Director Mary Ann Moran Savakinus Friday, February 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center. Other panelists are Evie McNulty, Marissa Burke, Brenda Bistocchi, and Sue Barre. Call at 346-7369 for details.

Request for Information

Donna Adler continues her research about Mountain Lake, East Mountain. She is looking for photos and additional information about that area. If you can help, please call the Catlin House at 570-344-3841.

Dinner By Design

A Visual Indulgence

for the eyes, mind and soul

Dinner by Design is a unique weekend event to benefit the Lackawanna Historical Society and the Scranton Cultural Center. Please join these two organizations as they combine to showcase the opportunity to enjoy what our community has to offer. *Dinner by Design* will be presented in Scranton the first weekend in March 2012 (March 2, 3, & 4).

The concept involved in *Dinner by Design* is to view the unexpected and inventive ideas of professional designers as they present venues for dinner parties within the Scranton Cultural Center setting. From an intimate dinner for two to an exotic celebration for sixteen, the area's best designing minds will surprise and delight you. As guests tour the many *Dinner by Design* venues, they will have an opportunity to gather ideas for their own use as well as see examples of what area designers can do for their entertaining plans.

Dinner by Design will open on Friday evening, March 2, 2012 with a festive benefit preview party in the ballroom of the Scranton Cultural Center from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Price is \$60 (or \$70 for a combination ticket which provides admission to the Friday Preview Party and on Saturday and Sunday for exhibit tours). The catered event will include a silent auction, raffle prizes and touring the prepared dinner venues throughout the Cultural Center rooms. Following the preview night, *Dinner by Design* will be open to the public for touring on Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, from Noon - 5:00 p.m. Tickets for Saturday and Sunday will be sold in advance for \$15 and at the door for \$20. On both days of public viewing, a food and beverage concession and Marketplace will be available in the main ballroom and lobby.

Tickets go on sale starting in February and will be available through the Scranton Cultural Center. Call 346-7369 for tickets details or call the Lackawanna Historical Society for more information.



LHS TROLLEY HAUNT ... A FRIGHTENING GOOD TIME

In October, the Society joined forces with the Electric City Trolley Museum to sponsor a haunted trolley ride. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated. In addition to those pictured,



(left to right) trolley haunter Christine Panzitta, the gypsy fortune teller Brittany Collins, writer and narrator Tony Bernardi, Jim the conductor, trolley haunter Elaine Carroll, Jediah Sparks played by Brandon Castellano, chain saw operator Bob Savakinus, Miss Ellie played by Marnie Azzarelli, and Hotz Carlton as portrayed by Dominic Azzarelli.

we want to thank Margo Azzarelli for handling registration; Pat Tobin for assistance in decorating and for acting as security; tour guides Juliana Piccini and Chrissy Grunza; and the man with the ax, *Collin Langston* as played by Doug Forrer; additional haunter Stephanie Bennett; and to all of our willing (and not-so-willing!) victims: John Rogan, Alysia Scafafabo, Jeff Kiefer and Lynn Gano. We are very grateful to the staff of the Electric City Trolley, especially Wayne Hiller, for their cooperation and assistance with this program. We

especially want to thank Olivia Bernardi for her exhausting work to design each scene and handle the sound and lighting plan!



Sarah Piccini leads a walking tour before the Trolley Haunt.

It's time to renew your membership. Active members are a driving force for the Society and help us fulfill our mission of preserving, promoting, and teaching the history and heritage of Lackawanna County and its citizens. Please renew your membership by completing the renewal form below and returning it with your dues payment to the Catlin House at 232 Monroe Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510. Please keep the membership card for your records. Thank you for your continued membership and support.

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***U*PCOMING *P*ROGRAMS AND *E*VENTS**

SUN., FEB. 26, 2 PM

LACKAWANNA AVENUE VIADUCT

Program by Ted Baird at the Catlin House. See Page 8 for details

**FRI./SAT./SUN.,
MAR. 2-4**

DINNER BY DESIGN

Joint fundraiser with the Scranton Cultural Center. See Page 10 for details

SUN., MAR. 25, 2 PM

THE PLACE I CALL HOME

Book signing by Sherman Wooden at the Catlin House

SAT., APR. 14, 7 PM

CIVIL WAR BALL

At the Century Club

SUN., APR. 15, TBA

TITANIC LUNCHEON

At the Catlin House

SUN., APR. 29, 2 PM

CIVIL WAR

Lecture by Robert Harris at the Catlin House

**FRI./SAT.,
MAY 11/12, 7 PM**

YOU LIVE HERE YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!

Local History Game Show at the Scranton Cultural Center
Competitors wanted. See Page 9

**FRI./SAT./SUN.,
JUNE 1-3**

ARTS ON FIRE

Details Coming Soon

SAT., JUNE 9

CIVIL WAR TRAIN

Details Coming Soon

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