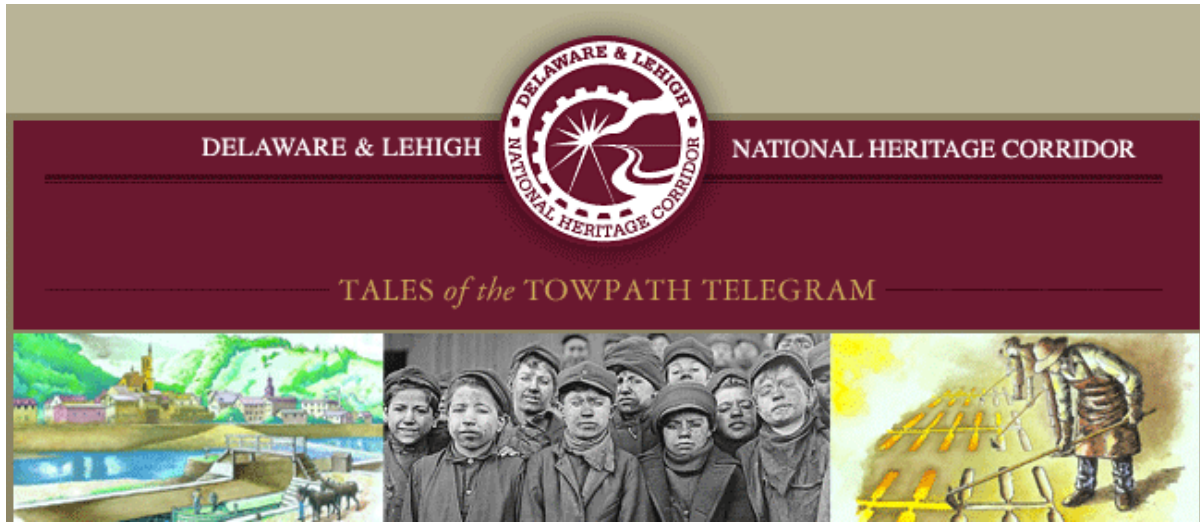


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Online Articles

The are no online articles this issue. Stay tuned for the Spring 2013 newsletter.

2013 Immersion Days Filling Up

If you have considered taking your class to the annual Immersion Days field trip at Hugh Moore Park in Easton, you better act soon. Of 25 available dates, only nine remain for bookings.



Immersion Days helps bring Tales of the Towpath to life. The day includes four stations that provide lessons on buoyancy and gravity, levers, pulleys and gears, blacksmithing and geology, and canal life. The day also includes a 40-minute narrated ride on the mule-drawn Josiah White II canal boat.

Trips begin April 22 and run each weekday through May 24. As of January 11, the following dates remain open: April 23, 24, 25, 26, 29 and 30, and May 6, 7, and 8. For field trip information or to schedule a trip, contact Kathleen Hammerstone at the National Canal Museum, 610-991-0503 or email

Please Stay in Touch



We try our best to keep our records updated in order to provide you with newsletters like this and other Tales of the Towpath communiques. But with annual retirements and grade level and career changes, it is difficult to maintain an up-to-date email list of participating Tales of the Towpath teachers.

We need your help. If you have received this newsletter and are no longer teaching Tales, or if

ncm@canals.org.

Don't Forget "Ask Finn"

"Good Gracious," Finn Gorman sighed as he looked at his empty email box. "Why have my friends forgotten me?"



You can lift the old guy's spirits by taking advantage of the "Ask Finn" tab on the [Tales of the Towpath website](#) menu bar. With a simple click of your computer mouse, an email window opens through which students can pose questions to the protagonist of Tales of the Towpath. Better yet, students' letters can help their classroom win a handsome set of four large canal posters. Finn conducts a contest every two months during the school year. The current contest ends February 28.

What's involved? Nothing more than a thoughtful question, the student's first name, and the name of the teacher and school. Finn will keep track of the letters he receives and announce the winning classroom through one of those "newfangled computer letters," as he calles them. Tarnation!

Finn is known to stay up late at night answering questions and providing links to other websites that can explain the answer in more detail. He'll even attach photos and provide names of books.

So, if you've begun Tales of the Towpath or plan to soon, don't forget the "Ask Finn" tab on the Tales website. Another contest will begin March 1 and end April 30.

Freemansburg Site Progressing

The Freemansburg Canal Education Center (FCEC), a two-acre collection of canal and canal-related structures situated along the D&L Trail (Lehigh



you know of a new Tales teacher who has not received this newsletter, please get in touch so we can update our records and send our information to the proper people.

We are now serving 70 elementary schools with more likely to join the program in 2014. We are developing a field trip site and hope to add two more in the next two years. We are anxious to expand our online content to include additional science and technology lessons. Please help us keep our records accurate so we can get the latest Tales news directly to you. If you have changes or additions to pass along, please forward them to Dennis Scholl at dennis@delawareandlehigh.org.

While we're on the subject of news, here's the date for this year's annual day of teacher training. It will be held Thursday, June 27 at the Emrick Center in Hugh Moore Park, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day's workshops will be relevant for veteran and new Tales teachers. The training will be Act 48-accredited.



Canal towpath) at Lock 44 in Freemansburg, Northampton County, will serve as a historic classroom for students studying Tales of the Towpath

The program is a cooperative venture of the D&L, Bethlehem Area School District, and the Borough of Freemansburg.

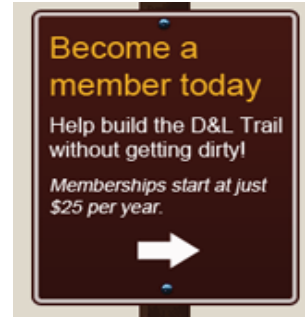
A week-long pilot program involving five BASD schools will take place from September 30 to October 4. In 2014, all 16 Bethlehem elementaries will visit the FCEC to learn about canal life and children of the 1850s.

BASD teachers currently are developing pre-trip and on-site lessons, which will be taught by costumed volunteers. All volunteers will undergo a training program this summer.

Activities will focus on the life of a locktender's family, the operation of a lock, mules and their importance to the canal, and other activities that took place at the Lock 44 area, particularly the operation of the 19th century grist mill located there. Students will perform elementary archeology activities at the grist mill ruins.

For more information, contact Dennis Scholl at 610-923-3548 x225 or dennis@delawareandlehigh.org.

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