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*Winter 2014/2015 - Connect - Preserve - Revitalize - Celebrate*

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## RSVP now for Regional Partner Gatherings

Each year, the D&L celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of our partners from Carbon, Luzerne, Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks counties. Join us in New Hope, Easton, or Palmerton to recognize our partners and get up-to-date on the National Canal Museum, D&L Trail, Josiah



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#### This is the D&L



#### Message from Elissa:

Today the D&L is both a multi-use trail spanning 165 miles from the mountains of northeast Pennsylvania, along rivers and through the Lehigh Valley and Bucks County and a diverse, multi-faceted organization that connects you to distinctive experiences in nature and the environment,

White II, Kids' Canal Camp and other exciting 2015 events!

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## **SAVE THE DATE: Spring Dinner & Silent Auction, April 30, 2015**

Please join us on Thursday, April 30, 2015 for our inaugural Spring Dinner and Silent Auction at Northampton Country Club, 5049 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA. The event was created to introduce the broader regional community to the many friends, staff, and donors of the D&L National Heritage Corridor and the National Canal Museum.



Proceeds from the event will support museum, trail and educational programs that teach our children reverence for our nationally significant heritage, as well as the principles of

community and economic impact, health and recreation, history, preservation, and education.

Through our alliance with Hugh Moore Park & Museums, we have literally re-opened the doors to welcome thousands of residents, students, families and other visitors to experience the National Canal Museum at the Emrick Center and ride the Josiah White II. Tales of the Towpath has become a base for education and interpretation that's fresh, fun and authentic.

Via the D&L Trail Alliance, a robust regional network of trails has been created. The D&L Trail serves as the super-highway that connects linking trails to Philadelphia via The Circuit, the Lehigh Valley, and the Anthracite Region of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Since 1988 when Congress established the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, we've been telling a vibrant story of our region's impact on America's evolution and culture. And so we look forward to 2015 with a full roster of events where you can get to know the D&L Trail, staff and programs a whole lot better.

science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Please join our passionate pursuit of preserving the environment, sharing our region's culture and positively impacting our communities.

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## New Landmark Towns Coordinator

Pam Coleman is a well-known downtown revitalization professional in Montgomery and Bucks Counties and the Lehigh Valley. Coleman is responsible for coordinating regional revitalization efforts focused on marketing the four communities, Bristol, Morrisville, Yardley and New Hope, as a destination for visitors and residents who use the D&L Trail as it connects the four towns. She will be using her 20-year background with the Main Street program in various communities to help the towns make the connection to the trail and to encourage trail users to explore the towns.



Over her 20-year career in downtown revitalization, Coleman has also worked with downtown revitalization efforts in Freehold, New Jersey and Methuen and Salem, Massachusetts. Coleman is a nationally certified Main Street manager, member of the Rural Pennsylvania Leadership (RULE IX) at Penn State and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is currently serving her second term on the Pennsylvania Downtown Center's Board of Directors, the only statewide nonprofit dedicated solely to the revitalization of the commonwealth's core communities.

Coleman lives in Bethlehem, Pa and Mystic Island, NJ with her husband, Stan Bialecki, and a small Siamese cat.

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## Kids Canal Camp

Wouldn't you like to send your kids or grandkids back in time? At least for a day?



Elissa Garofalo  
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Kids Canal Camp may be your answer. Offered Wednesdays from June 24 to August 19, the new D&L summer camp program introduces kids to canal life and early industry along the Lehigh River, all without the aid



of a computer screen. We offer multiple hands-on activities, a canal boat ride, a museum scavenger hunt, bike riding and geocaching on the D&L Trail, and a one-on-one with our boat-pulling mules, Hank and George. It's a day your kids or grandkids aren't apt to forget.

Sound good? Just choose a Wednesday between June 24 and August 19 and bring your children to the National Canal Museum in Hugh Moore Park, Easton. D&L staff and volunteer docents will immerse your kids in 19th-century canal life from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We're keeping classes cozy by enrolling only 15 students of ages 8-12 on a first-come, first-served basis...

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## Josiah White II's Bed

Christmas came back in January, at least to the National Canal Museum. We received an extraordinary gift--an 18th century bed that once belonged to Josiah White. In fact, there are indications that this is the bed he took with him to Mauch Chunk in the earliest days of the Lehigh Navigation!



This beautiful four-post cherry bed has been in the White family from the time it was built in Burlington County, New Jersey until now. After Josiah's death, it came to one of his brother Joseph's sons, and was handed down through the generations. (Josiah's only children who lived to



adulthood were two daughters who never married.) In 1946, Joseph's great-great granddaughter, Nancy White, married Louis Henke in Chester County, Pennsylvania. As a wedding present from her parents, she requested the bed, which had been stored in a family garage for some time. She had it restored and she and Louis moved it several times in their early married years until they settled in Denver in the early 1950s.

After Mr. and Mrs. Henke passed away in recent years, their children were faced with clearing out and selling the family house. They decided that it was the perfect time for the bed to find a permanent museum home, and we are honored and grateful that they chose the National Canal Museum. We are now in the early stages of planning how to show Josiah's bed at the Museum, on the banks of the canal that he built.

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## New Research & Development Assistant

Terri Monserrat joined the D&L staff as Research & Development Assistant in February, 2015. As Research & Development Assistant, her primary responsibilities are to help develop, organize, and implement educational programs, development programs, and special events.



After a summer with the D&L as Welcome Center Host for the National Canal Museum and fall as an interpreter at the Freemansburg Canal Education Center, Terri is excited to serve as Research & Development Assistant and continue to raise awareness of the D&L's programs and mission.

Prior to joining the staff, Terri earned her B.A. and M.A. in U.S. History from Millersville University of Pennsylvania (MU). While attending MU, Terri served as an undergraduate and graduate research assistant. She also has experience in PastPerfect software and archival cataloguing, transcription and

digitization of primary source materials, photography, conference and volunteer coordination, and historical interpretation...

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## Changing Exhibit Room

The National Canal Museum in Hugh Moore Park, Easton, is undergoing several changes before its public opening on June 6.



The most noticeable improvement is the renovation of the existing class/meeting room to a changing exhibits room that will highlight important people and events what are part of the Corridor's heritage. The new room will open to the public on July 4 with an exhibit celebrating the 175th anniversary of the birth of the American Industrial Revolution, which took place at the Crane iron Company in Catasauqua, Lehigh County on July 4, 1840. It was on that day that ironmaster David Thomas supervised the first hot-air blast at an American iron furnace, using anthracite coal as fuel. Thomas's invention revolutionized the way iron was produced and began a new age in American industrialism. The exhibit will be open through September 30.

The new design of the changing exhibits room will allow the continuance of classes, lectures and meetings. A second exhibit featuring the model train collections of Allentown furniture maker, Frederick Buehler, will open November 1 and remain open to the public on weekends in November, December and January...

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## Tail on the Trail Winter Challenge

Mother Nature has surely thrown some curveballs this winter with



freezing rain, snow and very cold temperatures but in all types of weather there is beauty to be found. What better way to enjoy the natural beauty of winter than during some outdoor exercise!



From February 1st to March 2nd, we challenged participants to keep up their activity levels by logging 30 miles in 30 days at [www.tailonthetrail.org](http://www.tailonthetrail.org). The snow provided plenty of opportunity to log miles on snowshoes and cross-country skis in addition to usual means of walking, running and biking.

Many of our staff at the D&L Easton office have made an effort to walk together at lunch each day and while walking we were glad to see others in Hugh Moore Park walking and cross-country skiing even on the coldest days...

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### **March 28: Find Your Tender Match**

Have you considered joining the D&L's Tenders, people who care for the D&L Trail, National Canal Museum, and special events? Join us for a unique 'matching' event that's sure to connect you to the perfect volunteer opportunity in 10 minutes or less! Contact Loretta for more information

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### **April 30: Spring Dinner & Silent Auction**

A celebration for Lock Tenders and Trail Tenders at the Northampton Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and National Canal Museum.

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### **May 3: Bike for the Bridge**

Join us for a ride along the D&L Trail. All proceeds of this event benefit the completion of the trail and building the pedestrian bridge to connect downtown Jim Thorpe to the Lehigh Canal Towpath and Weissport. This event is supported by Pocono Biking and Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

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