



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Anthracite Heritage Museum Marks Knox Mine Disaster's 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Scranton**—The Anthracite Heritage Museum in McDade Park will commemorate the powerful story of the Knox Mine Disaster on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at 2 p.m., marking 57 years since January 22, 1959, when the ice-laden waters of the Susquehanna River broke into the Knox Mine at Port Griffith, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania sweeping away twelve men.

The program will feature guest speaker David Brocca of Los Angeles, California. He will speak about and show a preview of a new Knox Mine Disaster documentary film. A special tribute to Myron Thomas will also be featured. Myron Thomas was an assistant foreman for the Knox Coal Company. A hero of the disaster, he led a group of 25 men on a seven hour search, fraught with numerous difficulties, to the Eagle Air Shaft through which they escaped to the surface.

A large needlework designed and embroidered by Audrey Baloga Calvey, as a tribute to her father, victim John Baloga, and the other men lost that day, will be exhibited. Refreshments will be served following the program.

The Knox disaster program is open free of charge to the public. Admission is charged for the Museum's main exhibit, *Anthracite People: Immigration & Ethnicity in Pennsylvania's Hard Coal Region*, and temporary exhibitions.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The museum is operated in partnership with the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is located in McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue, in Scranton (Exits 182 or 191-B off I-81, and Exit 122, Keyser Avenue, from I-476).

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Anthracite Heritage Museum visit [www.anthracitemuseum.org](http://www.anthracitemuseum.org) or call 570-963-4804.

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