



Drake Well Museum and Park

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“Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Petroleum Program Series: Coal Fire Power”

On Thursday, May 19, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host a presentation by Rich Hall entitled “Coal Fire Power.” This installment of the museum’s annual Petroleum Program Series, formerly the Heritage Lecture Series, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this special event is \$5.00 for adults (12-64 years), \$4.00 for seniors (65+ years) and Free for children and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. members.

Did you know that the Erie Maritime Museum is housed in the former home of the Pennsylvania Electric Company’s Generating Station? Rich Hall, a Volunteer at the Erie Maritime Museum will share his knowledge about the history of the generator and how it works. The coal-fired station provided Erie with electricity from 1917 until 1991 when it was closed. The station also supplied steam for Erie’s steam heat system. Mr. Hall is a retired engineer; he designed components that were used on the station’s generator.

Sarah Goodman, Museum Educator stated, “Drake Well is excited to learn about an alternate source of energy. Attendees will enjoy Mr. Hall extensive knowledge of the coal industry.”

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Spring/Summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsOfHistory.com).

Additional information about museum programs and special events is available at www.drakewell.org, by calling (814) 827-2797, or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum and Park.

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