

THE BARKER

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF DRAKE WELL, INC.



THE FRIENDS OF DRAKE WELL, INC WELCOMES THE RETURN OF THE BARKER

After an almost two-year hiatus, The Barker is back. The team at Drake Well could never have imagined the disruption in the organization (and life in general) caused by the pandemic and we are thankful for the support of our membership during the adjustment.

As we begin 2022, we are committed to increasing our communication and continuing to provide virtual alternatives to programs whenever possible. We are also looking forward to the return of many of our in-person programs.

The Friends of Drake Well's annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The meeting was held on Zoom due to the pandemic and the annual report was reviewed through a slideshow overview.

The report gave an overview of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which was a year unlike any year the organization experienced previously due to Covid 19 pandemic's effect on the museum and all of the state's historic sites. Despite the impact of the pandemic, the last

fiscal year ended in a strong position.

During board elections, the members in attendance re-elected Emily Altomare to the board for a second term.

Members of the FDW are encouraged to attend the annual meeting each year. The board is hopeful for the return of an in-person meeting in 2022.

The annual report is available via email or mail. Please contact the Friends of Drake Well to request a copy of the report.

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MELISSA MANN APPOINTED DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS



In this position, Mann will supervise the 24 historic sites and museums owned by the state. She will lead division chiefs, site administrators, regional educators, curators, and administrative staff.

Melissa has worked in the public history field for the last 18 years. Since coming to PHMC eight years ago, Melissa has been a strong leader, not only at Drake Well Museum, but within the bureau and the agency. Mann has been a champion of inclusive and accessible history.

During Melissa's time at Drake Well, she led the revision of the site's mission and vision and the development of its new strategic plan, increasing the site's contemporary relevance and was successful in deepening its ties to its surrounding community. Titusville is a better place because of Melissa's involvement.

The Friends of Drake Well and the museum's staff know Melissa will thrive in her new position and look forward to working together to strengthen Drake Well, Pithole, and McClintock Well #1.

As you have likely heard by now, in September, Drake Well Museum's Site Administer Melissa Mann was appointed to the role of Director of Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission's Bureau of Historic Sites & Museums.



OILFIELD JOURNAL UPDATE

Our Publications Committee sent the 18th Volume of the Oilfield Journal to the printer at the end of December and is already at work on the 19th volume.

Submission guidelines will be published in a future Barker. Members will receive their issue in the mail upon publication.

DENSMORE TANK CAR EXHIBIT MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD

Progress on the Densmore Tank Car Exhibit is moving right along. Each of the individual components of the exhibit originates from a variety of sources:

The aluminum tanks were constructed at Witherup Fabrication in Kennerdell as a donation to the Friends of Drake Well, and they will be delivered this Winter.

The white oak staves from Somerset Door & Column arrived in mid-December.

The bed platform is will be constructed by the Maintenance Department at Drake Well from recycled materials found on the site.

Funding to support this exhibit has been made possible through a partnership between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Friends of Drake Well. Thank you to each donor who gave toward this important exhibit. We look forward to unveiling it in 2022!.

WALKING THE LINE TEMPORARY EXHIBIT



"Walking the Line: The Role of the Line Walker in the History and Safety of the Natural Gas Industry" is a temporary exhibit at Drake Well about the story of people employed by gas companies to check gas lines for leaks and damage in all sorts of weather.

The exhibit includes journal entries, artifacts, equipment, photographs, and interviews. The exhibit will be on display in the Visitor Center through Spring 2022. Friends of Drake Well receive free admission to the museum year round and will not want to miss this temporary exhibit.

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MEET SARAH BELL, MUSEUM COLLECTIONS INVENTORY SPECIALIST

I have been the Museum Collections Inventory Specialist for Drake Well Museum since July 7, but I also interned in Collections during the Summer of 2018.

Currently, my typical workday comprises of me checking artifacts in collections storage against the Argus database. As I go through the shelves and verify what is on each, I spend a few days on the database updating artifact locations and/or adding artifacts and photographs of each to the database. I also assist the curator.

There are so many different types of artifacts that I work with, from drilling tools to clothing as well as documentary objects like books and hotel registers and even geological samples such as oil and sand/soil. I would have to say my favorites are the hotel registers and original items from the Drake Well. I worked with the hotel registers during my internship and just seeing the different names and the places that people were from who spent time in the Oil Region intrigues me: the distances they came from to take a chance on drilling oil and changing their lives.

Although it's not an artifact,



SARAH BELL

Pithole fascinates me the most. How quickly and massively the city grew in such a short amount of time, imagining what it looked like and seeing it now as an empty field with the large footprints left by buildings. Pithole will always have this effect on me.

History has always been such a passion for me; the more I learn, the more I understand about myself and life in general.

We must be able to look and learn about our past -- locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally in order to move forward with the best of intentions in the hopes of not repeating the negative aspects. We must learn from our triumphs and from our mistakes. It's an honor, to me, to be able to help preserve such an important collection and the local ties of the

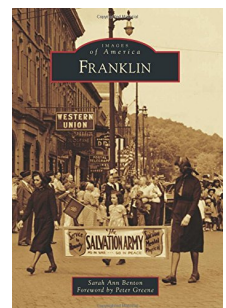
e families involved in the shaping and success of Titusville and the rest of the Oil Region.

These pieces have amazing stories to be told and shared. I often stop and think about where our society would be without some of the successes and discoveries that were made by our ancestors.

The significant sacrifices, determination and the ingenuity of this time have helped mold our lives in so many aspects that we may take for granted today. I encourage everyone to take a little bit of time out of their lives each day to look at history and appreciate what those before us have done and how their actions have affected our lives today.

With this in mind, we can make for a better future for our generation and those to come. Learning about and from our local and regional heritage makes me proud to have been born and raised in nearby Franklin.

You can find signed copies of Sarah's book: *Franklin (Images of America)* in the Museum Store.



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Sarah Bell, Museum Collections Inventory Specialist

BOARD TERMS END, SERVICE RECOGNIZED

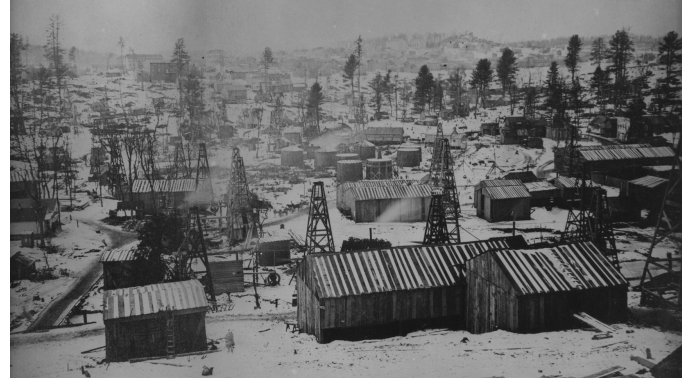
At the end of 2021, three Friends of Drake Well board members terms ended. Their extensive knowledge will be missed.

Clark Hall has been a valuable asset to FDW. Hall will retire from the board after serving three consecutive three-year terms. He has served as an FDW volunteer for 23 years and is known for always lending a helping hand.

Paul Adomites is an enthusiastic board member who will end his time on the board after serving one three-year term. Paul will continue to be actively involved in the Publications and Pithole Committees.

Dr. William Brice's extensive knowledge and expertise in the field of geology were of great impact to the board during his time on the board.

Each of the retiring board members has gratefully agreed to serve in the roles of Advisors to the Board.



MUSEUM WINTER HOURS THROUGH MARCH 31

SUNDAY - 10AM-4PM
MONDAY - CLOSED
TUESDAY - CLOSED
WEDNESDAY - CLOSED
THURSDAY - CLOSED
FRIDAY - 10AM-4PM
SATURDAY - 10AM-4PM

PUMPING MCCLINTOCK

In November, McClintock Well #1 was pumped. The Friends of Drake Well are responsible for expenses related to pumping this well, with proceeds of oil sales restricted to repairs, upkeep, and maintenance of the site.

McClintock Well #1 was one of the hundreds of wells drilled along Oil Creek during the frenzy that followed the success of the Drake Well. Brewer, Watson and Company leased land on the Hamilton McClintock Farm and commenced drilling in August 1861. Using leg power, they "kicked down" the well until it struck oil at a depth of 620 feet. McClintock Well #1 initially produced 175 barrels of oil a day but was down to half a barrel a day in 1920. What makes the site remarkable is that it has continued to produce oil for over 150 years.

Over the decades, McClintock Well #1 changed ownership a number of times. Owners have included:

Brewer, Watson and Co. - 1860
 McClintockville Petroleum Co. - 1865
 Robinson Oil Co. - 1892
 Brundred Oil Corporation - 1927
 Quaker State Corporation - 1952
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission - 2000

The well is located off Route 8 just north of Oil City, Pennsylvania. In addition to interpreting the early days of Pennsylvania's oil industry, the McClintock Well #1 site serves as a trailhead on the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail.

The McClintock Well #1 interpretive area and trailhead are open dawn to dusk year-round and admission to the site is free.

To watch a video of the McClintock Well's most recent pumping, filmed by Drake Well Site Foreman Stewart McKinley visit the Drake Well YouTube channel. If you are reading this newsletter on a computer, click on the image below to be connected to the video.



DID YOU KNOW?

When you purchase a bottle of oil from the Drake Well Museum Store, the oil in the bottle is from McClintock Well #1. Many people collect these bottles during their visit to the museum.

CURATOR'S CORNER, BY SUSAN BEATES, MUSEUM CURATOR

MOTOR SPORTS FANS, GATHER ROUND

A new temporary exhibit is being planned at Drake Well. Focused on Pennsylvania refinery sponsored motorsports. According to Sue Beates, Pennsylvania has at least 74 racetracks which prove that many Pennsylvanians love motor sports in its many forms.

Pennsylvania is the 4th largest state in the nation for number of racetracks including over 540 racing events taking place annually and home to nearly one-hundred businesses that rely on the racing industry.

For example, a study by East Stroudsburg University (ESU) found that Pocono Raceway contributed \$257 million to the income of Northeast residents, created 2,700 new jobs and generated \$23 million in local, state and federal tax revenue in 2013 alone.

The popularity of race cars show the loyalty people and corporations have for their PA oil and its companies and how the advertising for those companies has evolved over the years to keep up with changing markets.

THE REFINERY COMPANIES' MOST VISIBLE AND EXCITING MARKETING VENUE IS RACING.

Sponsoring famous race car drivers helped boost sales for Pennsylvania refineries while "driving" chemists to improve lubricating oils and fuels from the 1920s to today. Pennzoil sponsored drivers such as Jerry Eckman, Steve Park, Danny Earnhardt, Johnny Rutherford and

dragster Eddie Hill. Indy driver Rick Mears won at the Pocono Raceway a number of times. Since the mid-1960s, Sunoco chemists worked to create high performance best racing fuels to help Roger Penske Racing Team win.

Quaker State sponsored Hendricks Motor Sports and drivers Michael Waltrip, Kenny Bernstein, Jeff Gordon, Sprint Car driver Steve Kinser (also sponsored by Valvoline at one point) and Motorcyclist Steve Johnson. Mark Martin drove a Valvoline sponsored Stock Car and Chuck Etchells was sponsored by Kendall.

2022's motor sports exhibit will be located in the Multipurpose Room of Drake Well's Visitor Center and will focus on Pennsylvania refinery sponsored motorsports. If there are any readers interested in helping to put this temporary exhibit together, please contact Museum Curator Sue Beates.

Friends of Drake Well Members who know anyone in the racing industry who would have memorabilia or a vehicle to display are invited to contact Sue Beates at sbeates@pa.gov or by calling the museum at 814-827-2797.

INVENTORY UNDERWAY

Drake Well Museum and Park recently began an inventory of all artifacts at the site. The last inventory was done in 2005.

Contractor Sarah Bell was hired in the position of Museum Collections Inventory Specialist and began inventorying the entire collection at Drake Well Museum and Park in early July 2021.

Bell graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in May 2017 with a B.A. in History and a B.S. in Liberal Studies: English. She then attained her M.A. in History from Slippery Rock University in January 2020 and earned a Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation from the University of Kentucky in December 2020.

Bell has been assisting Curator Sue Beates in the process which began in Collections Storage. The pair has completed all three-dimensional artifacts in Collections Storage, the Museum Grounds, and all artifacts at Pithole.

Recently, they have begun inventorying the Gallery. As of the end of November, they have inventoried almost 4,000 items by the end of December.

Along with Bell's involvement at Drake Well Museum and Park, she has also been a member of Venango Archaeology, SPA Chapter #30 since 2016 and has been the Chapter Secretary since 2017.

PITHOLE MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER UPDATE

BY ART JENNINGS, FDW BOARD MEMBER AND PITHOLE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

While the grounds at Historic Pithole City have been open throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the Museum and Visitor Center has been closed the past two summers due to restrictions and regulations. That does not mean that there have not been improvements made to the site during this period of closure.

A portion of the parking area was paved and all necessary adaptations have been made to provide separate accessible parking spaces and enhanced access to the Museum and Visitor Center. An ADA-accessible bathroom was been added to the main floor of the building. Additionally, new and upgraded exterior lighting and doors have been installed.

Even though normal use of the Pithole site was precluded, the very popular after dark Pithole Lantern Tour returned this past October. The number of guests permitted for the event was limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. When tickets were placed on sale the event was almost immediately sold out. Our 25 volunteers rose to the occasion and the evening was a great success!

The reopening of the Pithole Museum and Visitor Center is currently planned for June 4, 2022. The major event of the summer, the Wildcatter Festival is planned for Saturday, June 11, 2022. Activities will include demonstrations by Blacksmiths, Coopers, Civil War re-enactors, period crafts people and others.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER ACTORS WHO MADE THE 2021 PITHOLE LANTERN TOURS A SUCCESS!

A new attraction for this year's Wildcatter Day will be a Civil War era surgeon re-enactor. More information will be posted as planning moves forward.

All of these events, even the operation of Museum and Visitor Center, depend on volunteers. There are a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers. A commitment can be as short as an hour or two. Volunteer roles include greeters, store sales, assistants to staff, research, media assistance as well as guides. Opportunities will be available to learn the fascinating history of Pithole in brief or in depth. The next Pithole Lantern Tour is in the planning stage for October 2022. This living history event requires volunteer actors, costume help, advertising, store help,

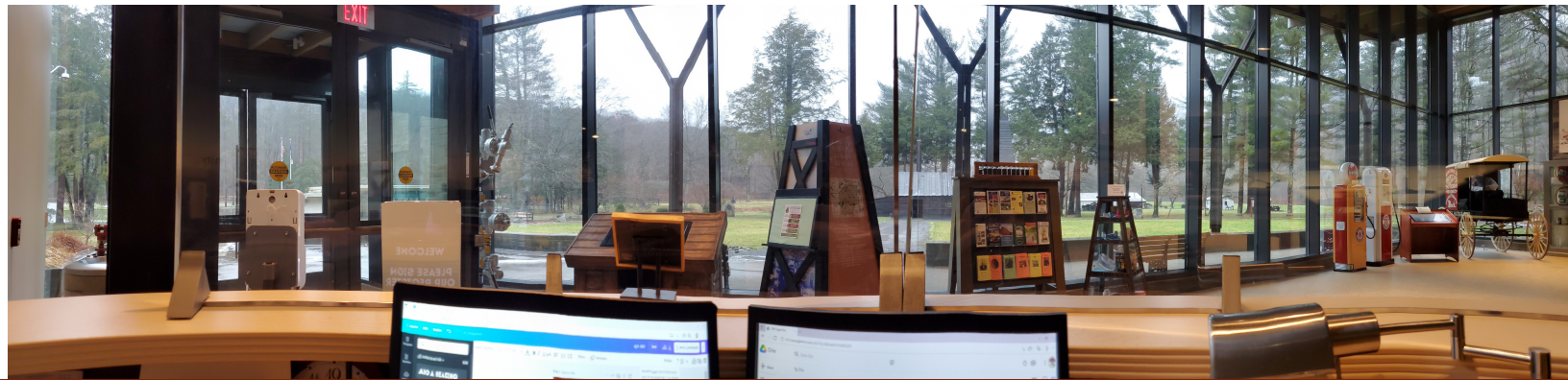
set up and tear down assistance, and much more.

January 7 marked the 157th anniversary of the striking of oil on the Holmden Farm and the beginning of the fantastic 500 days of Pithole City. The incredible story of Pithole, a city and a people, lives on through the efforts of our volunteers. You can help continue the story by becoming a volunteer.

To learn more about volunteering to support Pithole, call 814-827-2797 or you may email Drake Well's Volunteer Coordinator and Educator Sarah Goodman at sargoodman@pa.gov.

HISTORIC PITHOLE CITY IS ADMINISTERED BY DRAKE WELL MUSEUM, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC MUSEUM COMMISSION.

VOLUNTEER WITH US IN 2022



Front Desk Volunteers have the pleasure of enjoying this view from inside Drake Well's Visitor Center.

You are invited to join the many members of the Friends of Drake Well who are also volunteers for the organization! Below is a list of opportunities. To learn more about getting involved or to join the team, contact Sarah Goodman, Museum Educator at sargoodman@pa.gov or (814)827-2797 ext. 111.

- **Tour Docent:** Docents are trained to interpret the founding of the oil industry in Pennsylvania for groups

- **Historic Interpreter:** In historic attire or Drake Well shirt, volunteers are trained to demonstrate historic activities.
- **Curatorial Volunteer:** Curatorial volunteers work with curatorial staff to do a variety of tasks with artifacts, documents, and materials.
- **Outreach Volunteer:** Outreach volunteers spread awareness and assist the Education Department by going out into the community and teaching the rich history of the oil region and the oil industry through presentations and activities.

- **Event Maintenance Volunteer:** Help prepare for special events.
- **Gardening Volunteer:** Help maintain the site's flower/plant beds throughout the grounds.
- **Front Desk Volunteer:** As the first person visitors encounter at the museum, you will greet visitors, provide information, and answer questions about the site.
- **Pithole Volunteer:** Help the staff member at Historic Pithole City.
- **Clerical Volunteer:** Assist with data entry, newsletters, mailings and more.

THANK YOU SARAH GOODMAN, MUSEUM EDUCATOR

The staff of Drake Well Museum and Park can not thank the volunteers enough for all that they do. We especially are thankful for our volunteers throughout the pandemic. It has been very chaotic times, but our volunteers have risen to the occasion and stepped in and helped with so many things!

As the saying goes "They rolled with the punches." Even during our closure, volunteers aided with developing and implementing virtual programs and once reopened, helped implement the guidelines to keep everyone safe. Thank you, Drake Well Museum and Park Volunteers for all that you do.

BRUCE PETERSON RECOGNIZED

As you may remember, Bruce Peterson was the 2019 FDW Volunteer of the Year. Bruce was recently honored at the delayed annual PHMC Council of Associate Governors meeting along with honorees from the other historic sites in Pennsylvania. The recognition took place on Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The team at FDW and Drake Well Museum is grateful for his service. Bruce has been a dedicated and dependable volunteer for over 20 years.

Over the past years, he has served as a tour guide, outreach educator, Pithole re-enactor and grill master and has provided significant insights regarding the museum's ongoing exterior exhibit upgrades. Whether leading a tour or manning the grill, Bruce always faces each task with enthusiasm and a fantastic sense of humor. He is one of the first volunteers to step up when we put out a call for assistance and he is an exceptional Drake Well ambassador, strengthening the museum's relationships with other community service organizations with which he is involved. He has become a vital asset to Drake Well Museum and Park and we are extremely grateful for his contributions and service.



VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOURS OF DRAKE WELL MUSEUM & PARK AVAILABLE



Members of the Friends of Drake Well are invited to spread the word about Virtual School Tours of Drake Well Museum and Park available to students at K-12 schools as well as colleges.

Virtual and in-person trips to Drake Well allow classrooms to interact with museum professionals. Programs are adaptable to classrooms from grades K-12 to students at the university-level.

Interactive educational virtual school tours allow students and educators to partake in hands-on instruction. The following programs can be customized:

OPTION 1: THE NEED FOR OIL

Students will learn why there was a need for crude oil, how crude oil was discovered and how it is part of their everyday life

OPTION 2: STORING AND MOVING OIL

Students will learn the various ways oil is transported from the well site to the refinery

OPTION 3: REFINING OIL

Students will learn the process of turning crude oil into the products they use everyday and the impact it has on our lives.

OPTION 4: ARTIFACT DISCOVERY

Students will learn about the role of a Museum Curator, the accession and documentation of an artifact, and critical thinking when designing an exhibit

FACTS FOR EDUCATORS ABOUT DRAKE WELL VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOURS

- Available Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- K-12 and college/university students only
- Programs featuring the entire exterior exhibit are not currently available, although some features are highlighted as tour options
- Pre-visit and post-visit materials are available via email
- Reservations are required at least two weeks in advance of tour date
- Programs are customizable and run 30-90 minutes
- Cost is \$100.00 (up to 50 students). Additional students \$1.00 each
Two same-day programs \$90.00 each (10% discount per program).
Three same-day programs \$80.00 each (20% discount per program)
- The following technology is required for virtual participation: - high speed internet connection, camera and microphone - Skype®, Zoom® or Microsoft Teams® software
- School must be available for a five-minute test call upon booking and another five-minute test call one week before scheduled program date

For Tour Reservations:

Heather McFadden - Ext. 101 or hemcfadden@pa.gov

For Tour Content Information:

Sarah Goodman, Museum Educator- Ext. 111 or sargoodman@pa.gov



ATTENTION VENANGO COUNTY EDUCATORS

Grants are available to cover the cost of your classroom's virtual school tour, thanks to funding from the Bridge Builders Foundation and the United Way of Venango County.

To learn more about this opportunity, contact: Sarah Goodman, Museum Educator sargoodman@pa.gov / 814-827-2797 Ext 101



Calendar of Events

JAN 13 Virtual Winter Academy:
Recycling the Right Way

JAN 20 Virtual Winter Academy:
Stacking Up the Facts
About Firewood

FEB 10 Virtual Winter Academy:
William "Uncle Billy"
Smith

FEB 17 Virtual Winter Academy:
Abandoned Oil Well
Study Results

MAR 10 Wisdom and Wine:
Historic Oil Boom History
Dr. Charles E. William

MAR 13 Pennsylvania Charter Day

MAR 17 Wisdom and Wine:
Dressmaking: Civil War
Fashion
Jan Lauer

MAR 24 Wisdom and Wine:
Enganglement of Church
and Oil
Dr. Barry Cressman

MAR 31 Wisdom and Wine:
Recipes of the Oil
Region
William Moore

MAY 7 Spring Gas Up with
Pioneer Steam & Gas
Engine Society

UPCOMING EVENTS AT DRAKE WELL

BY SARAH GOODMAN, MUSEUM EDUCATOR

2022 is going to be an amazing year at Drake Well Museum and Park and Historic Pithole City! We are back to in person programs and will continue to offer virtual programs and virtual options at our in-person events.

2022 starts off with a brand-new program, Winter Academy. Combat the winter blues in January and February with these virtual classes. Each class is designed to help you that will help you discover more about the oil industry and region. Registration is required for these interactive classes and space is limited. To find out more details, visit our website at www.drakewell.org or check us out on Facebook.

One of our featured classes this year will be a class presented by the Butler County Historical Society on William "Uncle Billy" Smith. 2022, marks Billy's 209th Birthday! Register for the February 10th class and learn all about the man who drilled Drake Well from Jennifer Ford, the Executive Director of the Butler County Historical Society. If you are unable to attend a Winter Academy class, you can watch them any time after the event on the Drake Well YouTube channel.

Every Thursday evening in March, come to the Well for Wisdom and Wine where adults can enjoy wine from Brokenstraw Winery and a presentation about the rich history of the Oil Region.

Brokenstraw Valley Winery will be offering wine sampling and guests will be able to purchase from a selection of their fine wines. The event will be held March 10, 17, 24 and 30 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. Special admission fees apply for this event.

Finally, Discovery Summer Day Camp for youth will return this summer! Children ages 8-12 can participate in this day long, hands-on program and learn about the Oil Region's rich history and environment. Registration information will be published in our next newsletter in April.

To keep up with the most up-to-date event information, visit drakewell.org/events.

If your company is interested in sponsoring an event this year, please contact Erin Wincek at 814-827-2797 to learn more about corporate sponsorship opportunities.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM & PARK 2022 WINTER ACADEMY FREE VIRTUAL CLASSES



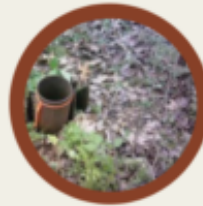
January 13 6:30-7:30 PM
Recycling the Right Way
Lecturer: Andy Lammott, Founder,
Do Your Part Recycling



January 20, 6:30-7:30 PM
Stacking Up the Facts About Firewood
Lecturer: Cecile Stelter, Forest District Manager,
Department of Conservation & National Resources



February 10, 6:30-7:30 PM
William "Uncle Billy" Smith
Lecturer: Jennifer Roth, Executive Director,
Butler County Historical Society



February 17, 6:30-7:30 PM
Abandoned Oil Well Study
Lecturer: Natalie Pekney, Environmental Engineer,
US Department of Energy

DRAKE WELL WINTER ACADEMY

Combat the winter blues with free virtual classes designed to help you discover more about the oil industry and region. The classes take place online via Zoom and registration is required for each individual class. Register at drakewell.org/events/winter-academy or call 814-827-2797. All classes will be available on the Drake Well YouTube channel following the event.

JANUARY 13, 6:30-7:30PM - RECYCLING THE RIGHT WAY

Andy Lamont will share his story of founding the Do Your Part Recycling Drop-Off in Benton, Illinois. Participants will learn how to start a recycling program and how to properly recycle all types of materials, including plastic – one of the most common products made from petroleum.

JANUARY 20, 6:30-7:30PM - STACKING UP THE FACTS ABOUT FIREWOOD

Find out the facts about firewood from District Forester Cecile Stelter. Participants will learn what species of trees make the best firewood, how to estimate volume of firewood, and compare the pros and cons of heating between wood and alternatives.

FEBRUARY 10, 6:30-7:30PM - WILLIAM "UNCLE BILLY" SMITH

Learn all about William "Uncle Billy" Smith's important role in the first oil strike at Drake Well with lecturer Jennifer Ford, Executive Director of the Butler County Historical Society.

FEBRUARY 17, 6:30-7:30PM - ABANDONED OIL WELL STUDY

Explore the results of an abandoned oil well study at Oil Creek State Park conducted by the National Energy Technology Laboratory using helicopter and drone survey methods. Lecturer Natalie Pekney is an Environmental Engineer on the Field Monitoring Team in the Geological and Environmental Systems Directorate of the U.S. Dept. of Energy National Energy Technology Laboratory.

WISDOM & WINE: HOME IN THE OIL REGION

Spend four Thursday evenings learning at Drake Well Museum and Park engaging in the people, places and events of petroleum history while sampling charcuterie and wine from Brokenstraw Winery. The doors to the museum will open at 5:30 p.m., and the lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

MARCH 10 - PIPELINES, PUMPJACKS, AND POWERHOUSES: VIGNETTES OF NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S HISTORIC OIL BOOM LANDSCAPES

LECTURER: DR. CHARLES (CHUCK) E. WILLIAMS

Learn about the author's journey to document and understand the historic oil boom landscapes of northwestern Pennsylvania, which culminated in the book *Western Pennsylvania's Oil Heritage*.

MARCH 17 - DRESSMAKING: CIVIL WAR FASHIONS AND SEWING MACHINES IN 1860'S, LECTURER: JAN LAUER

The presentation will describe dress making and fashions during the civil war including highlighting Elizabeth Keckly, the most famous dressmaker during the civil war and her rise from slavery to the White House. Dressmaking with the use of the sewing machine made the occupation more productive. The presentation will discuss the more famous sewing machine companies and their histories during the Civil War. Original documentation and original time period sewing machines will be displayed.

MARCH 24 - THE SOMETIMES UNHOLY ENTANGLEMENT OF CHURCH AND OIL: THE LOCAL CHURCH'S SELDOM MENTIONED IMPACT ON THE OIL BOOM AND THE MIXED LEGACY THE OIL BOOM BEQUEATHED TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

LECTURER: DR. BARRY CRESSMAN

At the time that Colonel Drake struck oil, there were two churches in Titusville -- the Presbyterian (founded by the first settlers in 1802) and the Universalist. Between 1860 and 1872, ten more congregations erected permanent houses of worship in the city. Even before the drilling of the Drake Well, the church was indirectly impacting the quest for oil; and after Drake's successful first well, the church impacted the course the oil boom would take as well as John D. Rockefeller's efforts to bring "order" to the "chaos" he found in oildom. In this lecture we will explore the various ways in which the local church impacted Titusville's oil boom and the variety of ways -- both negative and positive -- in which oil impacted the local church.

MARCH 31 - RECIPES OF THE OIL REGION

LECTURER: WILLIAM MOORE

Looking at what people in the Pennsylvania Oil Region in general, and Titusville in particular, ate in the period 1870 through 1905, as evidenced by the local cookbooks of the time. This program will explore research about historic cookbooks and recipes of the era. Learn about why people ate the foods of the time period, who ate particular foods. Moore recently contributed to volume 17 of the Oil Field Journal with his exploration of recipes from church cookbooks and the women who contributed the recipes.

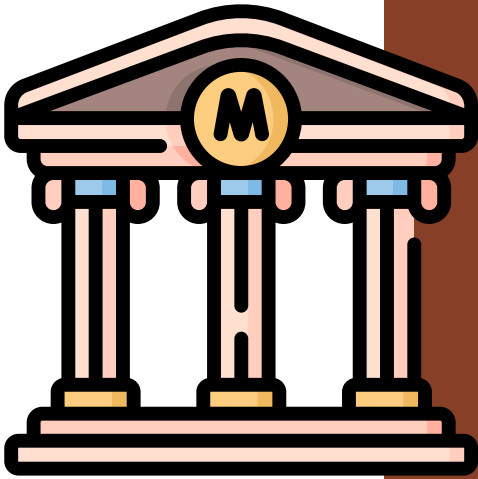


Registration Begins February 1, 2022
 Admission to each Wisdom and Wine event is:
 \$10 for the public / \$5 for members of FDW
 Register after February 1 by calling 814-827-2797 or by visiting
drakewell.org/events/wisdom-and-wine





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SUMMER MUSEUM INTERNSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AVAILABLE

The Friends of Drake Well is pleased to announce two full-time (37.5 hour each week) internships at Drake Well Museum and Historic Pithole City during the summer of 2022. Currently-enrolled University students who have completed their freshman year of school are encouraged to contact Sarah Goodman at sargoodman@pa.gov to learn more about the opportunity to intern at an historic site this Summer.

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