



**Lumber Heritage Region**

**2023**

**End of the Year  
Report**

# The Staff

Our Staff grew this year. Join us in welcoming Rowan Crisp. Rowan is a much needed addition to our staff. Her skills and knowledge will be a welcomed contribution to the forward progress of our organization.



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## Our 2023 Board of Directors

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# 2023 PROJECTS

## *Lumbering in Pennsylvania- A compilation of Thomas Taber III lumbering works.*



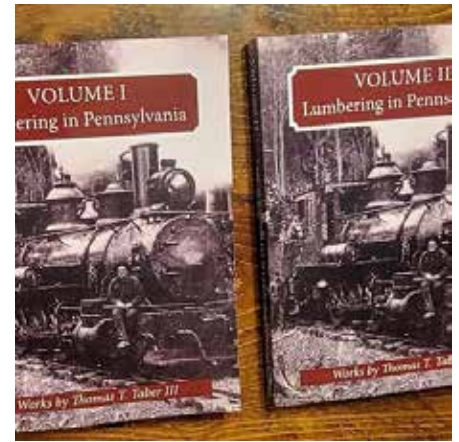
**Sample  
before reprint**

During an LHR Board Retreat in 2019, the full board stressed the necessity of reprinting the Thomas T. Taber III book series to assure the longevity of the materials about the Forest Products Industry. LHR received a grant to begin this work in 2020. In, 2022/23 the staff brought this project to fruition. Before covid in 2020 a meeting with Mr. Taber himself took place and we were given the 'go ahead' to reprint the series. Mr. Taber was elated that there was interest. Unfortunately, the project took longer than projected and Mr. Taber passed before the books were complete.

The hardest part of the project was the digital transfer from a typewriter written version to a scanned Microsoft Word document. Dozens of hours were put into finding the digital 'mistakes' while keeping the integrity of Mr. Taber's writing style. However, little to no work was needed to successfully preserve the quality of the photos

These books are loaded with personal interviews about life in lumbering camps, firsthand accounts of tragedies and stories of success and failure during the lumber boom. These books help the LHR reach a larger audience with the history and heritage from our region. In addition, these books serve as a source of funding for the work we are doing in the 15-County Region.

The books are being sold right now on our online store. We plan to expand our sales by offering them to retail locations across the region, allowing them to financially benefit from the sales. <https://lumberheritage.org/shop/>



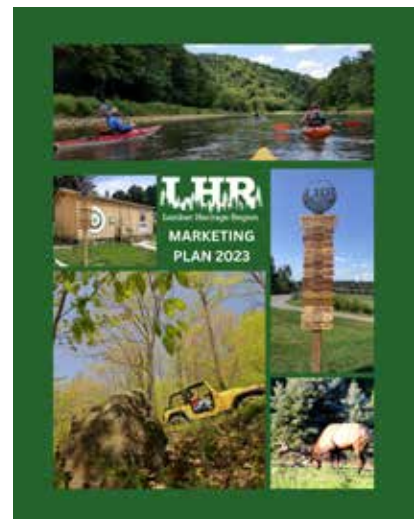
**The new two volume series!!**

## *LHR Develops a Marketing Plan*

In 2017, the LHR began a new era with a new executive director taking the helm. One of the biggest questions at that time was, "who/what is the Lumber Heritage Region". This ongoing question is being answered in several ways. The biggest being our marketing efforts. A new logo was created and the Lumber Heritage Region became the LHR. October 2020, brought on a new marketing professional... Jennifer Weld joined the team and our online and in person marketing exploded. Now the question arises internally of who/what is the LHR. Thus, we knew the need for a marketing plan became a priority.

No one knows our 15-county region better than the people who represent it. Our team created a leadership team including individuals from across the region with different experiences and insights. This team worked with Jennifer Weld at the wheel to develop our first Marketing Plan. You can find more information about the team and how you can be part of future projects on our website.

Early in the plan development process, the plan leadership team identified six priority areas to serve as the foundation for action. These priorities capture the current challenges and opportunities and offer recommendations for supporting outdoor recreation for all Pennsylvanians. The



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Lumber Heritage Region Marketing Plan aims to promote and preserve the rich cultural and historical significance of the Lumber Heritage Region as a designated heritage area. This executive summary provides an overview of the key elements and strategies outlined in the comprehensive marketing plan.

- Enhancing Awareness
- Promoting Heritage Stories & Themes
- Emphasizing Outdoor Recreation
- Strengthening Partnerships
- Visitor Engagement & Education
- Education & Outreach

The Lumber Heritage Region, boasts a vibrant history deeply rooted in the lumber industry, which played a pivotal role in the region's development. With its unique heritage sites, natural landscapes, and diverse recreational opportunities, the Lumber Heritage Region has tremendous potential to attract tourists and stimulate economic growth.



## *Diversity Study Ready for Delivery*

In the months since the initial release of the report on the Lumber Heritage Region's Diversity Study, there has been a significant amount of feedback regarding the findings. For many years, the contents of this report were seldom found in the dialogue surrounding the lumber industry. So many stories like these have been left out of the standard narrative for so long that some believed that many of the men and women who contributed to the success of the lumber industry never participated at all.



*This is a photo of Mary Bizzak from the private collection of the Bizzak Family. Mary would load, unload and drive these logs to the Day Chemical Plant.*

Working with Historic Researcher Hilary Jebitsch, the Lumber Heritage Region prioritized the need to document these stories in order to tell and preserve a more complete and inclusive history of the region for generations to come. As there has been very little priority given to this topic until now, the Lumber Heritage Region is grateful that so many were willing to share their stories.

Fast forward to 2023, as the LHR looks to share our meaningful findings with the world in hopes more people will become interested in the Forest Products Industry.

The research was first developed into presentations. Hilary conducted a few of the initial presentations across the region. The LHR teamed up with the Oil Region Alliance and did a presentation during women's History Month on the work of women in the Oil and Forest Products industries. (This presentation can be found on the LHR YouTube Channel). This particular presentation led to two things. One the LHR had some cookie cutter presentations done that can be used by anyone across the region. Two, the Oil Region Alliance contracted Hilary to do diversity research for their organization. If your organization is interested in hearing a presentation



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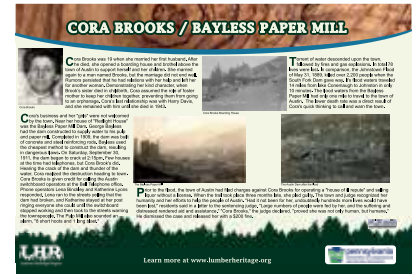
about the diversity in the region, please let the staff know.

Phase two of the diversity deliverables was to have interpretive panels designed that could be placed in high visibility areas across the region. These panels are meant to educate visitors on the diversity during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is important that all people feel a connection to the work done in the lumber industry, in hopes that the workforce can expand. The staff worked with local leaders in Tioga, Clinton, McKean, Cameron, Lycoming and Potter counties to secure a location for each of the seven panels. There are also 9 panels at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum. If you are interested in sponsoring a panel in your county, please let the staff know.



Panels like these make the history at the PA Lumber Museum more inclusive.

The final stage of the deliverables for 2023 was to design a workable document to help our partners tell a more diverse story. This document contains information on how to put together a good presentation or develop indoor or outdoor interpretive signage. There are sample forms for making sure you are collecting the materials properly. The section on what to consider when interviewing subjects for data collection proves most helpful. Our next step with this is to have copies printed that can be given to groups who are interested in broadening their messaging, like historical societies, industry, government partners and more. A copy of this document can be found on our website <https://lumberheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/LHR-Diversity-Study-Implementation-Guide-.pdf>



Sample interpretive panels you will find at visitor locations across the region.

## Mini Grant Projects - Building Communities



DuBois Historical Society, Clearfield County, interpretive panel.

The Lumber Heritage Region has offered mini grants to communities and 501-C3 organizations since its beginning. Leveraging over 3 million dollars in project spending this 50/50 matching grant has served twelve of our fifteen counties. Any municipality or 501-C3 within the 15-county region can apply for recreational and forest industry related projects. You can learn more about our Mini Grant program by visiting our website at <https://lumberheritage.org/grants/>. As 2023 comes to a close we are wrapping up the program. It has been amazing watching the projects unfold and the communities embrace the outcomes.

The 2023 LHR Mini Grant Program received 14 applications for funding. We were able to support seven or one half of those applications. The recommended project activities were, but not limited to the following.

- Media pieces that highlight the history, heritage, diversity, and/or recreational opportunities
- Packaged itineraries and products associated with those itineraries.
- Elements from existing plans including but not limited to trails, watershed, greenway, or heritage community plans.
- Projects highlighting the LHR Diversity Study and other diversity related projects.
- Interpretive Panels highlighting History and Heritage, Forest Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, Forest Products Industry Jobs



Cameron County Dark Sky Programming

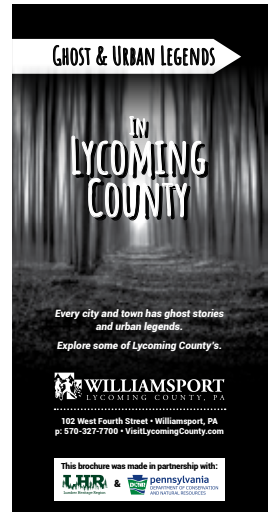


McKean County Historical Society, Fire Tower Project

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The Seven awards are as follows:

- Allegheny Hardwoods Utilization Group- Several Counties, Forest Health and Sustainability Signage, Project Cost- \$10,000/Awarded \$5,000
- Cameron County- Dark Sky Programming- Project Cost- \$4511.10/Awarded \$2255.55
- Centre County Historical Society - Explorers Passport & Interpretive Signage - Project Cost- \$10,591/ Awarded \$5,000
- DuBois Historical Society - Clearfield County, Interpretive Panel (Tannery)- Project Cost- \$2000/ Awarded \$1,000
- Lycoming County Visitors Bureau - Tourism Brochures - Project Cost- \$12,316/Awarded \$5,000
- McKean County Historical Society - Fire Tour Reconstruction - Project Cost \$13,000/Awarded \$5,000
- Muncy Historical Society- Lycoming County- Nature Trail Interpretive Panel - Project Cost \$11,000/Awarded \$5,000

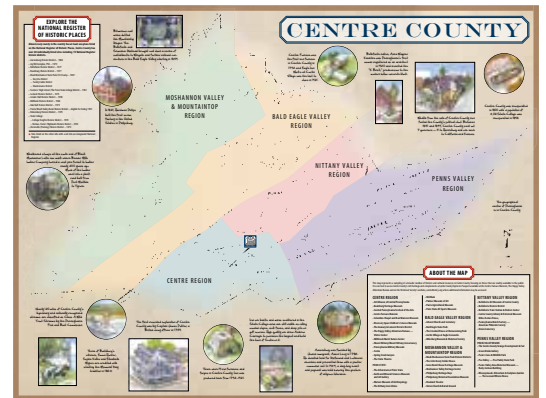


Lycoming Co. Project

The LHR was awarded \$25,000 from DCNR's Heritage Area Program to make these projects possible. The Twenty-five thousand dollars leveraged \$60,000 in project spending for our local communities. Additionally, dollars will be spent in the communities by visitors to the region on overnight stays, gas, food, and other expenses. According to a study done by DCED the average visitor spends over \$300 per person for an overnight stay. In addition a report done by the PA Wilds states, regional spending is approximately \$1.8 billion annually. Our footprint is just slightly larger than the Pa Wilds. Projects like the mini grant program is contributing to the future success of the communities in Lumber Heritage Region.

Here is a list by county, of the mini grant dollars leveraged over the years. This is not a complete list as the records are not fully complete.

County	Dollars Leveraged
Cameron	\$69,105
Centre	\$36,105
Clarion	\$10,000
Clearfield	\$13,400
Clinton	\$60,000
Elk	\$246,000
Forest	\$42,000
Jefferson	\$13,878
Lycoming	\$234,500
McKean	\$115,765
Potter	\$10,000
Warren	\$56,000



Centre County Historical Society Project

A new round of mini grants will be accepting applications until February 8, 2024. Watch for details and share this information with your county leaders. The application is available on our website @ [www.lumberheritage.org/grants](http://www.lumberheritage.org/grants).



# 2023 Education and Outreach

We don't always work in our office. Or maybe our office just isn't always indoors. In 2023, the LHR was able to reach thousands of people with our education and outreach efforts. Over 1,200 third and fourth graders saw the history of the industry come to life with the wood on glass photos. Thousands of people saw our booth and display at events across the region and hundreds more were educated on the diversity in lumbering industry. The LHR staff is visible throughout the region all year long. Below are some examples of the work done outside the offices. Contact us for a presentation at your event or meetings.





# Our Partners



In 2023, the Lumber Heritage Region welcomed 36 new partners, further enriching the collaborative efforts aimed at preserving and celebrating the rich history of the lumber industry. These partners, comprising of various businesses, local communities, historical societies, and environmental organizations, reflect a shared vision of honoring the contributions of the lumber industry to the cultural and economic tapestry of the Lumber Heritage Region.



The diverse range of our partners brings unique perspectives and expertise, fostering a dynamic network that will enhance educational initiatives, promote tourism, and support environmental stewardship. Most every business and organization in the LHR Region is a potential LHR partner and we pride ourselves on asking the question; Would you like to be a LHR Partner? During a Women in Timber luncheon, I sat beside a lady from the forest product industry. In getting to know her, it came to find out that her husband is a 2nd generation logger from McKean County. She began to tell the story of her Father-in-Law, Gus Crissman, who started Crissman Lumber in 1964, and how he had been in the forestry product industry all of his life, starting out with a sawmill and a few logging crews. Now his son, Tim Crissman runs Rocky Ridge Trading Company and now Rocky Ridge is one of the first companies in Pennsylvania to employ a tethered, winch-assisted traction solution. Being a LHR Partner was an easy choice for Rocky Ridge Trading and in becoming a partner, they have recommended other businesses in the area to join the LHR.



The LHR covers 15 counties, and it is our partners that help to share our mission, tell our story and help to keep the lumber heritage of the area in the forefront. By nurturing a sense of pride in the lumber heritage, the partners aspire to weave a narrative that transcends generations, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the historical significance of the lumber industry in the Lumber Heritage Region.

Through joint partnerships, the Lumber Heritage Region aims to create engaging experiences for visitors, highlighting the significance of the lumber industry in shaping the region's identity. Collaborative projects may include the restoration of historic sites, the development of interactive exhibits, and the establishment of educational programs that showcase the evolution of lumber-related technologies. The LHR received a grant to create interpretive panels tell the diverse story of Women and Black History in the Forest Product Industry. The series of panels needed to be placed in high traffic tourism areas to make the biggest impact, so we reached out to our partners for options and input. The response was overwhelming and the partners we contacted were excited to help with the placement of the panels. Although, being a LHR Partner offers many benefits to the Partner, the benefit to having these business and organizations as Partners is just as important.

Connect With Us!

Website: [www.lumberheritage.org](http://www.lumberheritage.org)

facebook

Search: Lumber Heritage Region  
[www.facebook.com/LumberHeritageRegion](http://www.facebook.com/LumberHeritageRegion)

LinkedIn

Search: Lumber Heritage Region of Pennsylvania  
[www.linkedin.com/company/15475762](http://www.linkedin.com/company/15475762)

Instagram

Search: lhr\_pa15  
[www.instagram.com/lhr\\_pa15](http://www.instagram.com/lhr_pa15)

Looking ahead, the Lumber Heritage Region envisions a future where its partners continue to deepen their involvement in preserving and promoting the lumber heritage. Plans include expanding outreach efforts to connect with new audiences, leveraging technology to create virtual experiences, and fostering sustainable practices to ensure the long-term viability of the region's natural resources.

- Jennifer Weld, Project Manager

**MISSION:** The Lumber Heritage Region of Pennsylvania is a partnership dedicated to promoting the heritage of Pennsylvania's internationally significant forest region and recognizing its value as a sustainable asset. The LHR promotes to work throughout the 15-county region utilizing the past to create a better place to live, work and play.

<p><b>Impactful Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lumber Heritage Trail</b> - This 16 point trail winds you across the region allowing you to experience some of the top attractions in the region. Send us your selfies.</li> <li><b>Forest County Historical Society Lumber Camp Replica</b> - This replica cabin is a great asset to the western part of our 15-County Region, allowing visitors to get a firsthand experience of the Boom Lumber Industry.</li> <li><b>Wood Stick and Bark Pickers Book</b> - This hardback book with a collection of photos by William T. Clarke allows the LHR to provide forest education to anyone wanting to learn and share.</li> <li><b>Interpretive Panels</b> - The LHR has provided interpretive panels across the region. You can find signs along stream banks, in the Lumber Museum, along trails and more.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Education and Outreach</b></li> <li><b>Board Member Recruitment</b></li> <li><b>Marketing and Promotion</b></li> <li><b>Partner Support and Assistance</b></li> <li><b>New Working Projects</b></li> <li><b>Marketing Plans</b> - There will be a Marketing advisory committee formed to create a marketing plan, brand awareness, and co-operative advertising strategy.</li> <li><b>Thomas Wake Book Series Reprint</b> - The LHR will work with a publisher to reproduce the Wake Book Series.</li> <li><b>Diversity Study Phase II</b> - Work will be done to include a library of presentations that can be used by partners and agencies to tell a more inclusive story about the LHR. This work will also include interpretive panels with diversity information.</li> </ul>
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**STAFF:** Holly Komonczak (Executive Director), Jennifer Swanson (Project Manager)

**BECOME AN LHR PARTNER AND SUPPORT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE REGION!**

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**YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO OUR MISSION!**

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# OUR PARTNERS

## CAMBRIA COUNTY

FOX/ABC WWCP-TC  
Greater Johnstown/Cambria County CVB  
Northern Cambria Community Dev Corp  
Rock Run Recreational Area  
\*Tacketts County Cottage  
\*Tacketts by the Lake  
WJAC TV

## CAMERON COUNTY

Aroma Café  
Bearded Brewing  
Borough of Driftwood  
Cameron County Chamber of Commerce & Artisan Center  
\*Cameron County Historical Society  
Cameron County Recreation  
\*Cameron County Outdoor Youth Activities  
County of Cameron  
Driftwood Saloon and Grill  
Emporium Hardwoods  
Hometown Mentors  
Hygrade Inn  
Rich Valley Apiary  
\*The Little Museum

## CENTRE COUNTY

\*Armistead Wood Design, LLC  
Centerline Golf  
Centre County Historical Society  
Clearwater Conservancy  
Dream Makers Event Planning and Bartending  
Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village  
Full Circle Ranch Equine Haven  
Ice House Cafe  
\*John Henry Simler House  
Local Historia  
PA SFI Implementation Committee  
\*Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation  
\*Union 'Mud' Church

## CLARION COUNTY

\*Clarion County Economic Development Corporation  
Cook Forest Sawmill Center for the Arts  
\*County of Clarion  
\*Hopper Corp.  
\*Kahle's Custom Wood Products  
North Central PA Pheasants Forever Chapter 630

## CLEARFIELD COUNTY

4M Hay & Beef  
A&R Tree Removal and Trimming  
Aaron Rowles Logging  
Angry Goat  
Animal Graphics & Signs  
\*Aperitif Personal Bartending Service  
Arbor Pros Tree Service  
Bilgers Rocks  
\*Black Diamond Riding Ranch  
Blue Moon Media  
Clearfield Co Career and Technology Center  
\*Clearfield County Historical Society  
\*Coalport Area Coal Museum  
Crystal City Ranch  
Curry Racing Team  
Curwensville Pike Township Historical Soc  
Curwensville Regional Development Corporation  
Doolittle Station  
\*Downtown DuBois  
DuBois Area Historical Society  
\*Greater Clearfield Chamber of Commerce  
Greater DuBois Chamber of Commerce  
Heart of the Earth Crystals & Jewelry  
Holly's Crafty Cakes  
\*Irvin Manor  
Jordan's Chalk Couture  
KM Jewelry  
\*Keystone Real Estate Photgrpahy  
Larry's Barbeque

## Mud Bird Studio

Narrow-Beam LLC  
North Central PA Building & Construction Trades Council  
Pennsylvania Grain Processing  
\*Pike Power Wash  
\*Pine Grove Nursery  
Prismatic Rose  
\*Redden Tile & Flooring  
RJ Swatsworth & Sons Logging and Lumber  
Rustic Memory Photography  
Lisa's Sew Crafty  
\*Spring Valley Maple  
Starr Hill Winery  
Super 322 Drive-In Theatre  
The Strawberry Tree & Tea Room  
\*The Woodland Wonderland  
Visit Clearfield County  
Winkler Gallery & Art Education Center  
Wisor Photography

## CLINTON COUNTY

Broken Axe Brew House  
Castanea Rail Road Station  
City of Lock Haven  
Clinton County Arts Council - Station Gallery  
Clinton County Historical Society  
Clinton County Visitors Bureau  
\*Cross Life Ventures  
Fastidious Detailing, LLC  
Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park  
LH Jams Jazz & Arts Festival  
Little Red Barn Farm B&B  
PA State Flaming Foliage Festival  
Piper Aviation Museum  
Poorman Gallery  
QWIK Rock  
Restless Oaks Family Restaurant  
\*Ridge & Valley Woodworking, LLC  
Schlesinger Communications  
The Avenue Bed & Breakfast & Catering  
\*Well House Candle Co  
Wine in the Wilds  
WBLF  
WBPZ  
WSQV

## ELK COUNTY

At Home Printing  
Castle Garden Bed & Breakfast  
County of Elk  
Elk County Council for the Arts  
\*PA Made Clothing & Arts Co  
Printing Plus  
Ridgway -Elk County Chamber of Commerce  
St Marys Lumber Company  
Straub Beer  
The Winery at Wilcox  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

## FOREST COUNTY

Forest County Historical Society  
J&C Workshop  
North Clarion County School

## INDIANA COUNTY

Smicksburg Area Heritage Society

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Historical Center  
North Central PA Pheasants Forever Chapter 630  
Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau  
Punxsutawney Area Communtiy Foundation  
Punxsutawney Borough  
Punxsutawney Ground Hog Club  
Scripture Rocks Heritage Park  
Sweet Dreams Snack Shack

## LYCOMING COUNTY

Beech Creek/March Creek Watershed Heritage Museum  
Derone's Dynamite Dogs  
Hampton Inn Williamsport - Downtown  
Hatchet House  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Williamsport  
Holiday Inn Williamsport  
Keystone Wood Products Association  
Lycoming County Visitors Bureau  
Montoursville Borough  
Muncy Historical Society  
New Trail Brewing Company  
PA Liberty Mountain  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Real Taste Taqueria & Catering  
The James Restaurant  
Williamsport Crosscutters  
Woodrich "Trees for Life"

## McKEAN COUNTY

Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau  
Art in the Wilds  
CJ Spirits  
County of McKean  
Flickerwood Wine Cellars  
Hiking to Beer  
Kane Lawn and Garden  
Lutheran Home at Kane  
McKean County Conservation District  
McKean County Historical Society  
Mt Jewett to Kinzua Bridge Trail Club  
Penn Brad Oil Museum  
\*Rocky Ridge Trading Company  
Stroup's Pure Maple Syrup  
The Kane Manor  
Three Rivers Forest Management  
Wilds Sunshine Factory

## POTTER COUNTY

\*Frosty Hollow Bed & Breakfast  
Galeton Area Rotary Club  
\*Highland Chocolates  
\*Mountain Graphics  
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum  
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum Assoc  
Potter County Education Council  
Tioga County, PA Historical Society  
Visit Potter Tioga PA Visitors Bureau

## TIOGA COUNTY

Knoxville Public Library & Historical Museum  
Patterson Lumber Co  
\*Tioga County, PA Historical Society  
Visit Potter Tioga PA Visitors Bureau

## WARREN COUNTY

Knoxville Public Library & Historical Museum  
Patterson Lumber Co  
Tioga County, PA Historical Society  
Visit Potter Tioga PA Visitors Bureau

## MISC

Beyond Spots & Dots  
\*Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor  
Michael Shultz  
\*North Central Regional Planning & Development Commission  
North Country Crafts and Creations  
Northern PA Regional College  
Pennsylvania Hickory Syrup  
Pixel & Hammer  
Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society  
Seven Mountains Media  
Susquehanna Greenway Partnership  
The Lyme Timber Company  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

*\* Denotes New 2023 Partners*

# BEING CONNECTED

## Facebook



2023 was a big year for the LHR facebook page. We had several posts go viral! This was all done at no cost to the LHR. The ROI on our facebook is 100%.

## Our Newsletter

### WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THE NEWSLETTER

- Stories by county based on the LHT- (2023 theme)
- Themed articles and stories about Lumber Heritage
- Partners section
- Fun Facts



MONTH	RECIPIENTS	OPEN RATE	TOTAL OPENS	CLICK RATE	TOTAL CLICKS
JANUARY	502	33.3%	311	3.4%	37
FEBRUARY	501	30.9%	262	6.2%	70
MARCH	497	33.2%	336	3.8%	36
APRIL	501	33.1%	298	7.0%	106
MAY	503	33.2%	319	4.6%	144
JUNE	503	27.4%	251	2.6%	28
JULY	501	25.7%	241	5.2%	73
AUGUST	505	31.5%	255	3.8%	66
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	502	34.3%	303	10.6%	104
NOVEMBER	505	36.8%	334	4.6%	32
DECEMBER	500	27.8%	229	2.4%	28
<b>2023 AVERAGE</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>4.92%</b>	<b>65.8</b>
<b>INDUSTRY AVE.</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>28.59%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3.29%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>2022 AVERAGE</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>4.45%</b>	<b>81</b>



# WHAT'S NEXT

The LHR is currently working on three major projects, outside of the marketing, education and partnership building being done every day.

The first of these projects is an APP that will tell the history of each of our stops on the LHT (Lumber Heritage Trail). Jennifer has been working hard to capture the voices of people from across the region so our visitors can hear an oral depiction of what was going on in the area during the lumber boom. Rowan has been capturing the interesting things about each county to get visitors moving about the region. This app will help meet the DCNR goal of relating history to recreation as noted in their SCORP plan.

Another big undertaking for the staff is the Management Action Plan (MAP) update. This work is a collaborative effort of partners across the region as well as LHR staff and board members, DCNR partners and Mackin Engineering, our contracted partner. This important project holds the key to the next several years of the LHR's work. If you have information to share as we build our plan, please email and let us know.

Work has also started on the strategic plan for the Cameron County Dark Sky Park. Two proposals were received and are being reviewed by the Dark Sky Committee. This committee consists of Holly Komoncz, Rowan Crisp, Josh Zucal, Sophia Fragale, Joe Kellert, Randy Flament, Robert Kanter, and Don Bickford. Work will begin once a contractor is in place. Input into what you would like to see at this park will be much appreciated. Feel free to share your input or join our team as we build this future site for in the Lumber Heritage Region.



*The LHT APP*

Moving into the latter half of 2024, a mini grant round will be in place, work on resurrecting a fire tower at the PA Lumber Museum will begin, interactive display designs will take effect, and the new Educator will be actively looking for new schools to present our lumber history to.



Once again, thank you for your continued support. This work would not be complete without the assistance of our partners and friends. Have a GREAT 2024.