

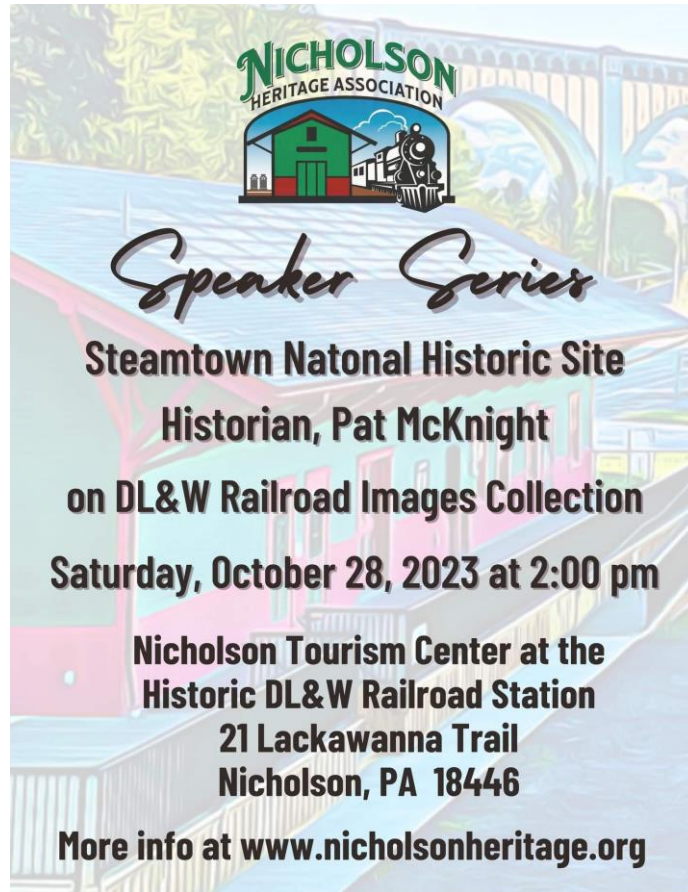
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**Steamtown National Historic Site Historian is First Speaker of the
Nicholson Heritage Association's Speaker Series**

NICHOLSON, PA – The Nicholson Heritage Association is excited to announce that Pat McKnight, Steamtown National Historic Site Historian, will be the first speaker of the Association's Speaker Series, to be held at the Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic Delaware, Lackawanna and Western (DL&W) Railroad Station at 2 pm on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Mr. McKnight will give a presentation on Steamtown's collection of DL&W images, that include the construction of the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct, also known as the Tunkhannock Viaduct or Nicholson Bridge.



The Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station is a rehabilitated 1849 railroad station that is now a museum, open to the public. The Nicholson Heritage Association purchased the station in June 2012 with donations from individuals, businesses, and a Pepsi Refresh Project grant. The Association held two public meetings in 2014 to present and discuss the results of the feasibility study, funded in large part by a grant from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region with Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funds.

In late 2014, this historic transportation facility preservation and community economic revitalization project received a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for preservation and rehabilitation of the historic railroad station. In September 2018, Perry's General Contracting of Dunmore was selected as the general contractor. The Association received multiple donations and grants, including from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau and the Wyoming County Room Tax Fund, and the Tom E. Dailey Foundation, to cover NHA's required project costs, which included the completed designs by Reuther+Bowen of Dunmore.

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