

MONONGAHELA RIVER, RAILROAD & TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

412 Church Street
Brownsville, PA 15417
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The free museum will be featuring a G-scale six-train layout by the Pittsburgh Garden Railway Society.



MILLSBORO RAILROAD MUSEUM

Rear 119 Lark Avenue
Millsboro, PA 15348
724-366-4963
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1902 Victorian railroad station built using a copy of original P&LE blueprints. Displays include a model of the Connellsville B&O train station, artifacts from the West Penn Railways, and more.



The 2023 Fayette County Train Day will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

If you have a display located in Fayette County you'd like to include in the tour, please contact:

Fayette County Cultural Trust
139 W. Crawford Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425

Email fcctrust@zoominternet.net
or call 724-320-6392.

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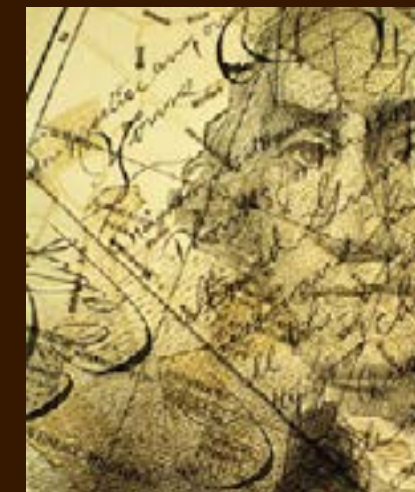
FAYETTE COUNTY Cultural Trust

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The Mission of the Fayette County Cultural Trust is to enrich the area's quality of life by promoting our cultural, artistic, historic, and natural assets, and by creating partnerships to revitalize communities and further economic development.



Connellsville Canteen Café & Museum
❖ Café open Mon.- Fri., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
❖ World War II Museum



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FayetteCounty TRAIN DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2023

★ Open Houses ★

FREE ADMISSION!



HARRY CLARK'S INDIAN CREEK VALLEY RAILROAD DISPLAY

Connellsville Canteen
131 West Crawford Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-603-2093 | ConnellsvilleCanteen.org
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

It took Harry Clark 40 years to produce this phenomenal display. Everything is scratch-built, including the tracks! Seeing this 25' x 55' display will take you back to a simpler time.



HOBO CLUB RAILROAD DISPLAY West Virginia Northern

Connellsville Community Center
201 East Fairview Avenue, Room 112
Connellsville, PA 15425
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Hobo Club started in 1953, and the display at the Connellsville Community Center is its 4th. The track layout depicts the route, businesses and scenery from Connellsville to West Virginia.



HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS - CONNELLSVILLE, PA

In the 1870's the National Locomotive Works, of Connellsville Pennsylvania was formed by John Y Smith. John was not new to locomotive design and construction having co-founded the firm of Smith & Porter in 1866 (precursor of the famous HK Porter & Co.).

In 1872 John Smith formed a new alliance with George Dawson and the firm reorganized as 'Smith & Dawson'. The partnership was short lived when Smith redrew from the firm a year later. The new reorganization brought William Bailey into partnership to form the new firm of 'Dawson & Bailey'. D&B was founded with a view to entering into the lucrative narrow-gauge market, in competition with Porter Bell & Co. and the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Porter built narrow gauge locomotives for industrial as well as mainline purposes, D&B focused on the growing narrow-gauge boom associated with mainline narrow-gauge development.

Through the 1870s, the firm of D&B became known as the 'National Locomotive Works' or 'National Locomotive & Machine Works' of Connellsville.

National locomotives were generally small machines, of size consistent with the work of Porter, but with a level of finish and elegance in keeping with the better known and established firms on the east coast. Through the 1870s the small firm out-shopped some 20-30 locomotives per year. It is said during the slowest years of 1875, 76 and 77, National turned out more narrow-gauge locomotives than Rogers, Grant and Danforth Combined. In 1875, Dawson left the firm amidst financial troubles, when the firm's major financial supporter fell on hard times. Bailey reorganized the firm as "W.H. Bailey & Co", and maintained business under the National Locomotive Works banner. At this time narrow gauge markets began to slow and the financial stability of the firm was never again secure. The firm ultimately failed in May 1878.



DAVID GARLICK RAILROAD DISPLAY HO Scale

209 W. Allegheny Ave.
Basement (Behind Lynn's Pub & Grill)
Connellsville, PA 15425
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Although still under construction, the trains are running on David Garlick's HO scale layout. See Dave's different method of benchwork for supporting the track right-of-way on his layout.



TRI TOWN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY S SCALE

201 Main and Howell Streets
Dawson, PA 15428
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Scale-S modeler Sam Powell modeled his display after Southwestern Pennsylvania. Donated by his family, the layout was moved from Gaithersburg, MD to Dawson in 2016.

