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AWARD CEREMONY FOR THE IRON FURNACES SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Scranton, PA — Scranton Iron Furnaces, Scranton, PA, has been selected for a 2015 ASM Historical Landmark Award, the citation reads, *“The Scranton Iron Furnaces spurred the nation’s industrial revolution in iron and coal through the use of anthracite. Locally produced rails contributed to the growth of America’s 19th century railroads.”*



The award ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 2 p.m., at the Scranton Iron Furnaces, 159 Cedar Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505. For information or directions please call 570.963.4804. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 at the Anthracite Heritage Museum, 22 Bald Mountain Road, McDade Park, Scranton, PA 18504.

In 1969, the ASM Historical Landmarks Designation was established to identify permanently the many sites and events that have played a prominent part in the discovery, development, and growth of metals and metalworking. In 1987, the scope of this award broadened to include all engineered materials.

ASM International was founded in 1913 as the American Society for Metals. Today, ASM is the world’s largest association of metals-centric materials scientists and engineers with over 30,000 members worldwide. ASM is dedicated to informing, educating and connecting the materials community to solve problems and stimulate innovation around the world.

As a member and volunteer based organization, ASM International serves as a central resource that gathers the latest applied information from the field and disseminates it back to industry, academia and government through published content, classes, events and local chapter engagement.

By acting as a catalyst for vigorous professional activities, ASM International fuels a passionate sense of community, energizes members to aspire to new levels of success and satisfaction, advances the development of materials and ultimately elevates the importance of related professions.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates. Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodations to visit the Museum should call **570-963-4804**, in advance to discuss their needs. Pennsylvania TDD relay service is available at **(800) 654-5984**.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is on the Pennsylvania Trail of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. For information visit www.PATrailsofHistory.com.

The Scranton Iron Furnaces is a four-acre historic site operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates. An important part of both northeast Pennsylvania and U.S. industrial history, the site helped fuel the industrial revolution through the production of rails for the nation’s railroads. By the 1880s, the furnaces ranked as the second-largest iron producer in the U.S. Today, the four massive furnace stone stacks, built between 1848 and 1857, recall the titan the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information contact **Chester Kulesa** at **570-963-4804**, or visit www.anthracitemuseum.org.