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Anniversary of 1889 Great Johnstown Flood approaches

*Commemorative events to include luminaria,
grand opening of “Iron & Steel Gallery”
at the Heritage Discovery Center*

The 1889 Johnstown Flood was a defining event in the history of this region – and for our entire nation. Once again, the Johnstown Area Heritage Association (JAHA), the National Park Service and the Friends of Johnstown Flood National Memorial are preparing a full slate of events to mark the anniversary of this disaster, which occurred May 31, 1889. In chronological order, events include:

Friday, May 30

Presentation of the film “Black Friday”

Location: Johnstown Flood National Memorial

Time: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m

For information, please call (814) 494-4643

Sponsor: National Park Service

FREE and open to the public

An hourly presentation of the film “Black Friday” will be shown at the Visitors Center starting at 9:15 a.m. No admission fee will be charged. The final showing will start at 9:15 p.m.

Friday, May 30

Guided tour of the Club House

Location: The Club House of the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club

Time: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sponsor: National Park Service

For information and directions, please call (814) 494-4643

FREE and open to the public

The National Park Service has begun rehabilitation work on the clubhouse of the South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club. Park staff and volunteers will explain the restoration work to the visitors. In the evening, tour guides, dressed in full costume, will lead guests through the St. Michael Historic District. The tour will allow visitors to learn about the club's history and its role in the Johnstown Flood and its aftermath.

Friday, May 30

A Commemorative Luminaria

Start time: 7 p.m.

Place: Johnstown Flood National Memorial

Sponsor: The National Park Service

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FREE and open to the public

More than 2,209 candles will be lit at 7 p.m. and glow until 10:30 p.m. at the Johnstown Flood National Memorial to remember the lives of each man, woman and child killed in the disaster.

The luminaria will be placed on the ruins of the South Fork Dam and near the park's visitors center, which is located on a historic farm that once belonged to the South Fishing & Hunting Club president.

Saturday, May 31

Open House

Place: Johnstown Flood National Memorial

Times: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FREE and open to the public

The visitor center of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial will host an open house from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., where guests can view an hourly showing of the park film. No admission will be charged.

Saturday, May 31

Open House

Place: Johnstown Flood Museum
Times: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sponsor: JAHA
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FREE and open to the public

The Johnstown Flood Museum will be hosting an open house. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Saturday, May 31
Tours of the clubhouse
Time: Noon to 5 p.m.
Place: The clubhouse of the South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club
Sponsor: National Park Service
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FREE and open to the public

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Saturday, May 31
Grand Opening of the Iron & Steel Gallery, featuring the "Steel: Made in Pennsylvania" Exhibit
Time: 7 p.m.
The Heritage Discovery Center
Sponsor: JAHA
For more information and directions, please call (814) 539-1889
FREE and open to the public

The public is invited to the grand opening of the "Steel: Made in Pennsylvania" exhibit at the Iron & Steel Gallery at the Heritage Discovery Center, located on Broad Street (see enclosed for more on the exhibit). This exhibit is sponsored by the State Museum of Pennsylvania and made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

Afterward, guests are welcome to “a shot and a beer” in the new Social Club on the Heritage Discovery Center’s fourth floor. There will be a cash bar and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages.

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