

The Dime Bank Supports Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary



White Mills, PA / January 29, 2018 / The Dime Bank donated \$10,000.00 to the Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. The Dime Bank President and Chief Executive Officer said, "I am thrilled that The Dime Bank is able to contribute to bringing this wonderful resource to our local children." Todd Stephens, The Dime Bank Board Member and President of Dorflinger added, "The funds will primarily be used for student educational trips to or about the Sanctuary including the worker's house, glass museum, and especially working displays of glass blowing with the new mobile unit."

The Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary's Dorflinger Glass Museum has two innovative educational programs approved by the EITC program. The first program is a Local History of Northeastern Pennsylvania Tour where elementary students learn about White Mills, canal transportation, glass making and life in the 19th century from high school students who act as guides. About 500 students participate in this tour each year.

The second program, in partnership with Keystone College, is a mobile glass blowing studio that travels to local schools to teach science through glass making. Since October 2016, more than 8,000 students have attended 40 minute demonstrations on material science, stress in materials, centrifugal force, electrical conductivity and more. The furnace, designed by Keystone College Professor Jim Harmon, is one of only a few like it in the country. Students from the College's glass blowing department conduct the demonstrations.



Hank Loftus, Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary Program Coordinator said, "I can't say how much The Dime Bank's EITC donation means to our educational programs. The Local History tours wouldn't be possible without it. With the mobile glass studio, it's interesting to see how engaged the students are with the demonstrations. It doesn't matter which grade they're in, they're fascinated. I've seen kids jump out of their seats in amazement when a molten glass bowl flattens into a plate as it's spun on the end of a metal pipe."

The EITC program, which is administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, provides a tax rebate program. The Dime Bank has been participating in the EITC program since 2001 and is dedicated to supporting education in our communities through the sponsorship of many different programs and venues. Serving its primary market of Northeastern Pennsylvania since 1905, the bank offers a full array of financial services and solutions. For more information, visit www.thedimebank.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Pictured left to right: Todd Stephens, The Dime Bank Board Member and Dorflinger Board President; Amy Lacinski, Dorflinger Trustee; Judi Mortensen, Dorflinger Trustee; Gary Beilman, The Dime Bank President & Chief Executive Officer; Hank Loftus, Dorflinger Program Coordinator.

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