

Virtual Book Talk: A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry

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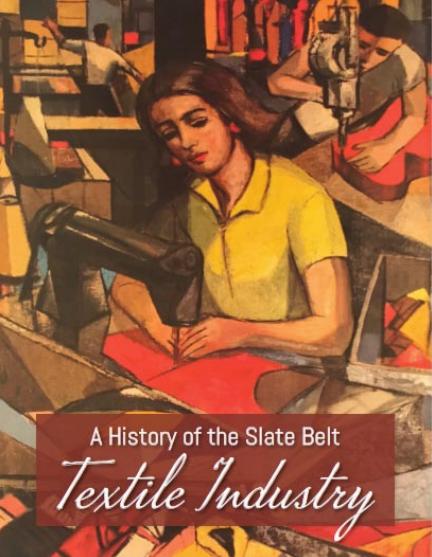
EASTON - The Enduring Fabric of a People, Their Culture and Their Unmatched Work Ethic

May 18, 2020 11:00 am, Sigal Museum Face-book.

Visit our Facebook page on Monday, May 18 for a virtual talk by the authors of A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry.

This work compiles a portrait of the many ways the textile and garment industries impacted Slate Belt life. It includes numerous photos, maps, a listing of over 375 textile and blouse mills, plus over two years of research and interviews from a number of local industry veterans and Slate Belt Heritage Center volunteers. Foreword by Adriana Trigiani.

Click here to read more about the authors: <https://sigalmuseum.org/virtual-book-talk-a-history-of-the-slate-belt-textile-industry/>. Pre-order a copy of the book via this link. Quantities are limited.



About the Authors: Marc Blau is a retired Bangor High School History teacher who presently serves as the Vice President of the Slate Belt Heritage Center. He has co-authored two other Heritage Center books, Letters to Homefront Magazine, and A Miracle Happened Here.

Karen Brewer is the Secretary of the Slate Belt Heritage Center. Karen worked as an Aide in the Bangor Elementary Schools and has recently retired. She is also active in the Bangor Public Library. Karen co-authored Letters to Homefront Magazine and is presently working on a history book of Lower Mt. Bethel Township.

Dan Carrescia is retired from the garment industry where his family owned and operated The Roseto Box Factory. Dan later converted the Box Factory into a cutting room and operated it until he retired. The textile book was Dan's idea from the start and his dream has come true. Dan was also a Pen Argyl Councilman and is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Heritage Center.

Fred Dereia is a long-time resident of Roseto and worked in the garment industry his entire life. The authors could not find a more experienced and knowledgeable man to help us put this book together. Fred's memory of the garment industry was unbelievable, because he lived and worked it. The book could have never been completed without Fred's help.

Tom Starner is a free-lance writer who was raised in Bangor and is now living near Philadelphia. Tom assisted us in the writing and editing of the book. He also served as our technology guy, since the other authors need a little assistance with the computer world.

New Online Collections: Eras of Elegance, Trade Cards, and The Cat's Meow

Browse our online exhibitions and highlights from our collection. What's new? Explore the connections between fashion and social history in our Eras of Elegance virtual exhibition. You'll find pieces from the popular NCHGS exhibit that showcased textiles from the 1700s to the 1920s.

Business Trade Cards: includes cards and advertisements for a variety of businesses, products, and services in Northampton County.

Coming Soon Re-visit the days of Prohibition with select objects from The Cat's Meow: Lehigh Valley in the Age of Art Deco and the Roaring Twenties.



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HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE MASK OUT OF FABRIC OR CLOTH



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Fabric (100% cotton is most effective)
- Fabric ties
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or a needle and thread



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Measure and cut two pieces of fabric in a rectangle pattern to fit snugly around the face (size 12 inches by 6 inches is standard for adults)
- Tightly sew both layers together on all edges
- Cut fabric ties to fit around the ears
- Sew the ties to the insides of the mask on the smaller edge, repeat on both sides
- Resew the sides to ensure a tight seal between both pieces of fabric and the earpiece

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Covid-19 Drive-thru Testing Site To Remain Open Until May 22nd

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EASTON - The Northampton County sponsored Covid-19 drive-thru testing site at Easton Hospital will remain open until May 22nd. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. The Coronavirus testing site is located in the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 S 21st Street, Easton, PA 18042. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic.

"As of Monday, 280 Northampton County residents have been tested for Covid-19 at our drive-thru site," says Lamont McClure. "We can't reopen our county until we know how prevalent the virus is in our community."

Only residents from Northampton County will be accepted for testing and they must show at least one of the following CDC recognized symptoms of Covid-19 to be eligible: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste and/or smell. A prescription from a doctor is not required. Although insurance is not required to be tested participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card, if they have one, with them.



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