

# THE PRODUCTION LINE

## SHUTTERED Exhibition Opens



On May 8 the BMI held an opening reception for *SHUTTERED: Images from the Fall of Bethlehem Steel* featuring the photographs of J.M. Giordano. The award-winning photographer was on hand to chat with more than 200 guests about his project. The grandson of a steelworker, Giordano spent more than 15 years capturing the faces and stories of Sparrows Point as the closing of the mill pushed the vibrant, tightly knit community towards decline. The exhibition will be open until April 2020.



### INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Practice the basics of industrial photography with J. M. Giordano, whose portraits of the fall of Bethlehem Steel are on display in our temporary gallery. No special equipment needed.

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## LifeBridge Health's Neil Meltzer is BMI's Industrialist of the Year



The BMI is delighted to honor Neil Meltzer, president and CEO of LifeBridge Health, as the 2019 William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year. The award will be presented on June 12.

"Neil's commitment to the health and well-being of Baltimore's residents is second to none," says Anita Kassof, the BMI's executive director. "LifeBridge's recent acquisition of Bon Secours Hospital is a great example of his innovative approach to care delivery and dedication to providing service in areas with major health disparities. He truly exemplifies the spirit in which our Industrialist of the Year award was established."

For tickets and sponsorship information please contact Deborah Cardin at [dcardin@thebmi.org](mailto:dcardin@thebmi.org).

*LifeBridge's commitment to health extends to a generous sponsorship of the BMI's weekly farmers' market in 2019.*

*Held each Saturday through November, the market offers local produce, meats, flowers, spirits, artisanal items, and ready-to-eat delicacies in the BMI's waterfront pavilion. New this year is Bmore Flea, offering vintage treasures. Open 9am-1pm and offering free*

Check out  
the  
Farmers'  
Market

## Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project Update



On a blustery morning in March, acclaimed local union expert Bill Barry led four BMI staff members on a tour of industrial sites on and around the Sparrows Point peninsula.

"We met with Bill to gain a better understanding of the geography that shaped the steel industry in Maryland," recounted Auni Gelles, the BMI's Community Programs Manager. "We began in the post-war city neighborhood of O'Donnell Heights, stopping first at the United Auto Workers union hall just north of O'Donnell Street. We then drove by two other icons of past industries: the former General Motors plant on Broening Highway, which closed in 2004 and is now an Amazon facility, and the expansive Western Electric building featured in the museum's recently updated telecommunications exhibit."

You can read more about their tour on *From Point to Point*, the BMI's newly launched blog that will document the journey of staff members as they learn more about the legacy of Bethlehem Steel as part of the BMI's multi-year initiative to document the 125-year history of the steelmaking giant and preserve stories of the Sparrows Point community.

*Find out more about the Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project!*

**From Point  
to Point**

# Upcoming Programs at the BMI



**A MILL ON THE PATAPSCO** | Join the Baltimore Museum of Industry at the Sollers Point branch of the Baltimore County Public Library for an evening of stories about Sparrows Point. The program will include a presentation by BMI senior educator Jack Burkert followed by time to share your own stories. This will be the first of several opportunities for members of the community to participate in the BMI's Bethlehem Steel Legacy Project.

**WHEN** Wed, June 5 | 7pm-8:30pm

**WHERE** Baltimore County Public Library - Sollers Point branch | 323 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk

**COST** FREE

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**INDUSTRIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP** | Practice the basics of industrial photography with J. M. Giordano, whose portraits of the fall of Bethlehem Steel are on display in the BMI's temporary gallery. No special equipment needed.

**WHEN** Sun, June 9 | 12:30pm-2:30pm

**COST** \$15 members | \$20 non-members | Advanced registration suggested | [Register](#)

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**BOOKBINDING DEMONSTRATION** | Drop in to see a wire bookbinding demonstration by Jordan Levine of Baltimore-based Wonderbooks.

**WHEN** Sun, June 23 | 12pm-3pm

**COST** Included with museum admission

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** | Enjoy the best view of fireworks in the city from the BMI's waterfront campus. Ticket includes parking for one car and museum admission for all passengers.

**WHEN** Thurs, July 4 | 6pm-10pm

**COST** \$55 early bird until June 24 | \$65 regular | **Members 10% off** with promo code: **JULY4** | [Register](#)

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**Wee Workers** | Preschoolers will love this program just for them. Explore the BMI's galleries through stories, songs, crafts, and pint-size tours with a weekly theme.

**WHEN** Tuesdays | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

**COST** Kids: Free; Adults: \$5; BMI Members: Free. Advance registration suggested, contact [kedelmann@thebmi.org](mailto:kedelmann@thebmi.org) or 410.727.4808 x132

**UPCOMING THEMES** June 4: Flag Day | June 11: Father's Day |

June 18: End of Year Party



**Weekend Workers** | It's all about fun as you discover how things work. These engaging activities allow children of all ages to investigate the world around them.

**WHEN** Saturdays | 11 AM-2 PM unless noted

**COST** Free with museum admission

**UPCOMING THEMES** June 1: Create Your Own Bouncy Ball | June 8: Art with Math | June 15: Foil Art Creations | June 22: Create Your Own Moving Pictures | June 29: DIY Lava Lamp

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