



ROEBLING CHAPTER

Society for Industrial Archeology

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Greetings!

We will periodically send out links and (virtual) tour information while we are unable to do in-person events. Here are a few:

Did you miss our tour of the Newtown Creek Digester Eggs back in 2016? Now you can catch it online! The NYC Department of Environment Protection (DEP) and Open House New York (OHNY) are offering a virtual tour on Wednesday, February 17th at 5:30pm. Full details and registration information (\$5) are [here](#). We suggest you register quickly as this tour seems to be very popular.



Bierce Riley offers pointers to a couple of films on steelmaking, and reports:

While many of us have seen this process several times over the years, these two films incorporate a much larger picture with views we'd never get to see. Two video links below.

Bethlehem's Blast Furnaces, Bethlehem, PA, 1995 12:56 min
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdzDKa1_6ro&feature=youtu.be

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How Steel is Made – The Drama of Steel – 1946 Educational Documentary – filmed at Inland Steel Mines and Plant – CharlieDeanArchives 33:00 min

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh8Y5ys_Kq8

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This educational documentary was produced by the Inland Steel Company and United States Bureau of Mines in 1946. It starts with the history of the steelmaking process, explaining the operation of the blast furnace and the open hearth furnace. It goes on to cover the mining of ore and limestone, transportation and coking of coal, open hearth and rolling mill operations, and plating and finishing. In addition, it also illustrates many of the applications of steel mill products. There are many scenes of the steel mills in action, as well as related infrastructure such as transporting the raw and finished products by rail and ship.

OHNY also offers a number of videos and virtual tours from the OHNY Weekend last October, at <https://ohny.org/posts/explore-new-york-from-home>. In particular, there's a tour of the new residential spaces in the Woolworth Building tower (though it doesn't include the iconic office tower lobby that we still plan to tour when this is possible again.)

Lastly, the National SIA is offering the next session in the SIA Online series on Tuesday, February 17th at 2pm Eastern time. Full details are [here](#). National SIA members will

automatically receive an invite to the Zoom session.

All of these programs are recorded and freely available on the [SIA's Youtube channel](#).

Secretary's note: We'll be periodically sending out links and online events of interest. If you have any to suggest, please forward them to me at RCSIA.Sec@gmail.com . Thanks!