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"Trains That Passed in the Night"

O. Winston Link Scholar Thomas Garver Lectures on Link's Railroad Photography

Brattleboro, Vt.— In early 1955, New York industrial photographer O. Winston Link discovered the Norfolk and Western Railway, the last large railroad in America to be operating exclusively with steam power. The image of these great engines was so powerful, and the realization that they would soon disappear so strong, that Link decided to document their last years in operation as a personal task of commitment and love. On Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m., the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center will present "Trains That Passed in the Night," a slide-lecture by O. Winston Link scholar Thomas Garver on the development of Link's railroad photography. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students, and free for BMAC members and children under 6. For more information, call 802-257-0124, ext. 101.

Early in his career Link developed a unique technique of photographing steam locomotives at night and at speed, using huge flashbulb arrays. Not satisfied to work only at night, however, Link also documented the railroad during the day, and even made recordings that are now preserved in the Library of Congress. Art historian and former museum director Thomas Garver worked with Link for a year as an assistant, making three trips with him to make photos and recordings. Later, he was Link's

business agent and wrote the text for the second book of Link's railroad photos. Following Link's death in 2001, Garver became the organizing curator for the O. Winston Link Museum in Roanoke, Virginia. Following the talk, Garver will sign copies of his book, "The Last Steam Railroad in America," available in the BMAC gift shop.

Major support for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center's 2010-2011 season is provided by BMAC members and Entergy Vermont Yankee, Foard Panel, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Sam's Outdoor Outfitters, and People's United Bank. The Museum's exhibits and gift shop are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesday and Wednesday. Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Members and children 5 and under are admitted free of charge.

Founded in 1972, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center presents art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage people of all ages. Each season features compelling new exhibits of contemporary artwork by regional and internationally acclaimed artists, complemented by lectures, artist talks, film screenings, and other public programs. Located in historic Union Station in downtown Brattleboro, at the intersection of Main Street (Route 5) and Routes 119 and 142, the Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information call 802-257-0124 or visit www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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