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Lancaster County's Historical Society & President James Buchanan's Wheatland

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July 2017 Story Ideas

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Saturday, July 1, 11am & 2pm **African-American Heritage Walking Tours**

Learn about abolitionists, Underground Railroad agents, preachers and entrepreneurs in downtown Lancaster. An expert tour guide takes visitors to the important places in African-American history. Sites include Black businesses on Penn Square, the site of the Elite Hotel, the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith historic site, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster County Courthouse, St. James Episcopal Church, site of the old Lancaster Train Station, Shreiner-Concord Cemetery, Fulton Hall/Old Jail and Central Market. Tours last 60-90 minutes.

Tours will be given the first Saturday of every month through October.

Tours depart July 1 from the Lancaster City Visitor Center, 38 Penn Square.

Saturday, July 1, Tours 12 - 3pm **Domestic Help Wanted** **Living History at Wheatland**

You just can't get good help these days. Or can you? Wheatland Housekeeper Esther Parker--- Miss Hetty as she was known county-wide---faces a dilemma. Staffing at Wheatland is at a critical stage. In 1861, Former President James Buchanan has returned from Washington, and his First Lady, Harriet Lane, will be following shortly. The house has been a dormitory for Franklin and Marshall College these last four years and now Miss Hetty faces a shortage of domestic help; a number of domestic servants have left for other jobs. She must begin the task of interviewing applicants. Meet Mr. Buchanan's domestic staff and experience daily life "downstairs" at Wheatland during July's Living History program.

Presentations are on the hour and last about 30 minutes. Coverage can be arranged for any tour.

President James Buchanan's Wheatland, 230 President Avenue, Lancaster

Saturday, July 22, 7pm **Allegro at Wheatland**

Lancaster's Allegro Chamber Orchestra performs on the lawn of President James Buchanan's Wheatland in a sunset, summertime concert. The evening's repertoire includes: Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, Prokofiev's *Summer Day Suite*, Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4, The Italian*, and a Ralph Lehman premiere, *Laudo Per Gaudium*. Allegro is celebrating its 15th Anniversary. "Doors" open at 6pm, followed by the concert at 7pm.

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