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CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS PRESS RELEASE

This is a correction of the press release delivered on November 4, 2019 at 12:00pm. "2016" was erroneously written in the final line of the third paragraph instead of "2060." Below follows the updated press release with that correction as well as a updated press release date to today's date.

LancasterHistory to open new exhibition, "Lancaster in the '60s," on November 22

Exhibition will focus on the pivotal '60s decades throughout Lancaster County's history.

Lancaster, PA (November 6, 2019) – On Friday, November 22, 2019, LancasterHistory will open the new exhibition, *Lancaster in the '60s*, to the public. *Lancaster in the '60s* examines the issues of conflict, resolution, and protest against the backdrop of four pivotal decades—the 1660s, 1760s, 1860s, and 1960s—in Lancaster County's history. *Lancaster in the 60s* will replace the previous exhibition *FREEDOM: "to secure the Blessings of Liberty"* in Groff Gallery, and will be the third major exhibition at LancasterHistory since the completion of its new facility at 230 North President Avenue in 2013.

To share the stories each '60s decade has to offer, LancasterHistory's Groff Gallery will be

transformed into a vibrant, chronological timeline that examines key issues of conflict and change within each era, supported by historic artifacts and archival materials from LancasterHistory's collections or on loan from other institutions and individuals. Highlights and topics in *Lancaster in the '60s* include:

- **1660s:** Everyday life for Native American tribes in the Susquehanna Valley, immigration from Europe, and religious tolerance in the newly-formed Pennsylvania.
- **1760s:** Life in Lancaster on the frontier, the tragic massacre of the Conestoga Indians, and the arrival of German and English refugees escaping religious persecution.
- **1860s:** The final months of James Buchanan's presidency, the Civil War, the political advocacy of Thaddeus Stevens, and the growing impact of media, consumerism, and factories.
- **1960s:** The Civil Rights Movement, urban renewal in Lancaster County, the Vietnam War, Franklin & Marshall College shifts to co-education, the Clair Brothers put Lancaster on the music industry map, and Armstrong World Industries begins to "floor America."

In addition to the four historical decades, a section of the exhibition will be devoted to the 2060s and invite visitors of all ages to engage with interactive elements as well as to predict what Lancaster will look and feel like in 2060.

Lancaster in the '60s will also feature kid-friendly elements and activities. Children will have opportunities to engage with LancasterHistory's History Explorers mascot Harpot the Cat throughout the exhibit. In colorful, cartoon illustrations, Harpo will don '60s-era outfits and encourage children to think critically about the time periods as well as put themselves in the shoes of past Lancasterians. A Discovery Cart will also be made available on select Saturdays starting November 23 from 11am to 1pm, allowing children to get up-close to and handle period clothes and artifacts.

The public is invited to visit *Lancaster in the '60s* on its opening day, November 22, 2019. In celebration of the exhibition's opening and the Extraordinary Give, admission to the exhibition is free on November 22. In lieu of admission, donations, in person or online through the Extraordinary Give, are gratefully accepted.

Lancaster in the '60s would not be possible without the support of the following community-minded partners: The National Endowment for the Humanities, The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Willow Valley Communities, Saxton & Stump, Armstrong World Industries, Franklin & Marshall College, and Clair Global. Educational activities are supported by the Abigail L. Longenecker Memorial Foundation. LancasterHistory thanks all sponsors for their support and generosity.

Hours & Admission: *Lancaster in the '60s* opens to the public on Friday, November 22, 2019 and will be available Monday - Saturday from 9:30am to 5pm. Admission to the exhibition is free on opening day (November 22). After November 22, admission is included with the purchase of a General Admissions ticket or a Galleries-Only ticket. LancasterHistory members are admitted for free. More information about LancasterHistory's hours and admission can be found online at www.lancasterhistory.org.

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Lancaster in the '60s Exhibition Logo

Lancaster in the '60s Exhibition Poster

Lancaster in the '60s exhibition logo and poster created by FoxDuck. Above links contain web-ready files.

Media outlets wishing to publicize the '60s exhibition and require print-ready files, please contact Emily Miller at emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org (email preferred).

Photography of the exhibition will be available after November 27.

Those wishing to use those photos may also contact Emily Miller.

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