



LancasterHistory

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April 2024 Upcoming Events *from LancasterHistory*

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Unlawful, Immoral, & Corrupting: Censorship and the Lancaster Law and Order Society

Saturday, April 2
2pm at LancasterHistory

For more than 40 years, Lancaster's Law and Order Society made efforts to censor popular entertainment including magazines, comic books, and films. The Society aimed to keep Lancaster a "Clean and upstanding city," free from immorality and vice. In this program, attendees will view items from LancasterHistory's archives and learn more about how the Law and Order Society successfully waged campaigns to ban films and magazines in Lancaster.

In *Collections Up Close* programs, LancasterHistory staff and visiting experts highlight documents, photos, and artifacts from LancasterHistory's vast collections. In a conversational setting, participants will hear the stories of these objects and what they reveal to us about the history of Lancaster County and its place in American history.

"Censorship and the Lancaster Law and Order Society," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, April 6 at 2pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/LancasterHistory Members and \$15/Non-Members. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA.

Behind the Scenes: The Making of "Urban Legend"

Saturday, April 13

Presentations at 11am and 2pm at LancasterHistory

Join Gregory J. Scott on Saturday, April 13 at 11am and/or 2pm for an author talk on his newest publication, *Urban Legend: The Life and Legacy of C. Emlen Urban*. *Urban Legend* highlights 25 of C. Emlen Urban's architectural masterpieces, which left an indelible mark on the City of Lancaster. On the pages of this book, Scott shares insight he gathered over seven years of research—collecting from Urban's personal travel diaries, sketchbooks, and linen drawings—tracking Urban's progression and maturity through seventeen different design styles and eleven building types. Enjoy a 60-minute presentation featuring author Gregg Scott to learn "behind-the-scenes" information on how *Urban Legend* came to be! Historic artifacts belonging to Urban will also be on display, including Urban's tail-coat, traveling trunk, and a selection of architectural drawings.

Gregory J. Scott is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, partner emeritus at RLPS Architects, architectural columnist for Lancaster Newspaper LNP, recent architectural correspondent for Lancaster NBC affiliate WGAL, and twice recipient of the Journalist and Educator Award presented by the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Gregg and his wife, Terri, reside in Northeast Harbor, ME, and Lancaster, PA. They have two children and two grandchildren. Gregg's current board and community positions include the Hamilton Club, Northeast Harbor Neighborhood House, Mount Desert Island Housing Trust, and Lancaster County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services advisor. He is also an Eagle Scout.

REGISTRATION

Presentations will take place on **Saturday, April 13 at 11am and 2pm at LancasterHistory**. Copies of *Urban Legend* will be available for purchase in LancasterHistory's Museum Store. Customers may have their books signed or personalized by Scott after each presentation.

Presentations are free and open to the public, but require advance registration due to capacity availability. Sell out is likely, so advance registration is strongly encouraged.

[**REGISTER FOR THE 11AM PROGRAM**](#)

[**REGISTER FOR THE 2PM PROGRAM**](#)

This event is an encore of presentations previously given at LancasterHistory.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA.

2024 Annual Presidential Wreath Laying & Ceremony

Saturday, April 20

10am at Woodward Hill Cemetery

Join LancasterHistory at Woodward Hill Cemetery for the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony for President James Buchanan, the United States' 15th President. Taking place in the week of Buchanan's birthday, the ceremony features the laying of fresh flowers at the gravesite of the former president and remarks by the presiding officer of the Pennsylvania National Guard as well as local dignitaries.

On April 20, the ceremony and remarks will include the following individuals and groups:

- Brigadier General Mark A. Goodwill will present the ceremonial wreath at the gravesite of James Buchanan;
- The Lancaster Fencibles will fire a 21-gun salute;
- A member of Masonic Lodge No. 43, James Buchanan's lodge, will make brief remarks;
- Boy Scout Troop 58 will conduct a pre-ceremony cleaning of the gravesite and plant new flowers as well as lead those assembled for the ceremony in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
- The Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard will present a new American Flag for the gravesite and play Taps on the bugle.

This event is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For directions to the Cemetery, [please click here](#).

Brig. Gen. Mark A. Goodwill is the Assistant Adjutant General – Air for the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He serves as the primary assistant and advisor to the Deputy Adjutant General-Air on all matters pertaining to air operations of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. General Goodwill is a Master Navigator with other specialties in maintenance and logistics. He has flown combat missions in operations DESERT STORM, NORTHERN WATCH, and ALLIED FORCE. Prior to assuming his current position, General Goodwill served as the Chief of Staff of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Event takes place at Woodward Hill Cemetery, 508 S. Queen Str., Lancaster, PA.

Spring Blooming Trees & Flowers

Saturday, April 20

10am at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum on Saturday, April 20 at 10am for "Spring Blooming Trees & Flowers!" Presenter Lisa Sanchez, a naturalist at the Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation Environmental Center, will explore what's blooming in the spring at the Tanger Arboretum. Attendees will join Lisa for a walk about the Arboretum to see what's blooming and learn more about these fresh and bright harbingers of spring.

Lisa J. Sanchez has been a naturalist at the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation Environmental Center for 30 years. Teaching students of all ages to explore and value the wonders of nature is her passion. She enjoys helping people reconnect with the earth through education and observation. Lisa can often be found in her garden or kayaking on the river.

HOW TO REGISTER

The event, "Spring Blooming Trees & Flowers," will take place on Saturday, April 20 at 10am at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$5/Adult (18+) and \$3/Child. Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members receive complimentary admission, but should still register for the program. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance tickets recommended as the program has limited capacity. The program will begin indoors before going outdoors to explore the grounds. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum is a member of the [American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program](#). AHS Reciprocal Admission Program members may register for tickets in advance and must show a valid membership card upon checking in. AHS Members should contact Emily Miller, emily.miller@lancastrhistory.org, with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA.

Thaddeus Stevens & The Legacies of Reconstruction

Saturday, April 20

Presentations at 11am and 2pm at LancasterHistory

Thaddeus Stevens fought for civil rights and democracy in the 19th century, but his impact has been felt far beyond the three Constitutional Amendments that he helped pass during the Reconstruction Era. Join LancasterHistory's Dr. Mabel Rosenheck (Director of Education & Exhibition Planning) and Naomi Subotnick (Research & Curatorial Assistant) for a guided tour of LancasterHistory's latest exhibition "Thieves & Vagabonds" as well as a pop-up exhibit of new historic artifact acquisitions that explore the social movements of the recent past.

In *Collections Up Close* programs, LancasterHistory staff and visiting experts highlight documents, photos, and artifacts from LancasterHistory's vast collections. In a conversational setting, participants will hear the stories of these objects and what they reveal to us about the history of Lancaster County and its place in American history. This specific program is part of a new initiative by LancasterHistory to collect materials that tell the long story of freedom, equality, and democracy in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and around the nation from America's founding to today. *The Legacies of Reconstruction Collection* will be held at LancasterHistory alongside 2 million other documents, photographs, books, and artifacts that tell the story of our community. It will bring our stories into dialogue with people, organizations, and movements of national significance and foster conversations about the meaning of freedom and equality today. To learn more about this initiative or about donating to it, please visit the [Donate Objects webpage](#).

"Thaddeus Stevens & The Legacies of Reconstruction," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, April 20 with programs at 11am and 2pm at LancasterHistory. The event is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Tickets can be reserved online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

[REGISTER FOR THE 11AM PROGRAM](#)

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Ellen and William Craft: A Love Story

Tuesday, April 30

5 - 7pm at the Ware Center for the Performing Arts

On Tuesday, April 30, LancasterHistory is thrilled to welcome *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Ilyon Woo for a talk and book signing for her latest book, *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom*, at the Ware Center for the Performing Arts. Described as three epic journeys compressed into one monumental bid for freedom, *Master Slave Husband Wife* is a historical American love story—one that would challenge the nation’s core precepts of life, liberty, and justice for all—that challenges us even now.

Named as a best book of 2023 by *The New Yorker*, *Time*, NPR, *Smithsonian Magazine*, and *Oprah Daily*, *Master Slave Husband Wife* tells the remarkable true story of Ellen and William Craft, who escaped slavery through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled white man and William posing as “his” slave. Posing as master and slave, while sustained by their love as husband and wife, they made their escape together across more than 1,000 miles, riding out in the open on steamboats, carriages, and trains that took them from bondage in Georgia to the free states of the North.

Along the way, they dodged slave traders, military officers, and even friends of their enslavers who might have revealed their true identities. The tale of their adventure soon made them celebrities and generated headlines around the country. Americans could not get enough of this charismatic young couple who traveled another 1,000 miles criss-crossing New England and drawing thunderous applause as they spoke alongside some of the greatest abolitionist luminaries of the day—among them Frederick Douglass and William Wells Brown.

But even then, they were not out of danger. With the passage of the infamous Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, all Americans became accountable for returning refugees like the Crafts to slavery. Then yet another adventure began as slave hunters came up from Georgia, forcing the Crafts to flee once again—this time from the United States—with their lives and thousands more on the line and the stakes never higher.

Dr. Ilyon Woo is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom* and *The Great Divorce: A Nineteenth-Century Mother’s Extraordinary Fight Against Her Husband, the Shakers, and Her Times*. Her writing has appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, and *The New York Times*. She has received support for her research from the Whiting Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Antiquarian Society, among other institutions. She holds a BA in the Humanities from Yale College and a Ph.D. in English from Columbia University.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place in person at the Ware Center, 42 N. Prince Street in Lancaster, on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. Doors open at 5pm, followed by the lecture at 5:30pm in Steinman Hall. Post-lecture (~6:30pm), Ilyon Woo will be available for a book signing of her book, *Master Slave Husband Wife*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

This event is free and open to the public but requires advance registration and tickets to attend. To attend this program, please register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Individuals may only purchase a maximum of four (4) tickets per transaction. If you do not receive a confirmation email for registering, please check your junk/spam folders before contacting support@lancasterhistory.org. **Advance registration is strongly encouraged.** We are not accepting a waitlist.

Please note that this is an in-person event only. LancasterHistory will not be recording or livestreaming this lecture.

This event is made possible through a partnership with Millersville University's History Department and by generous supporters, Anne G. Gardner and the Musser-Lyons Endowment for Equity and Education at LancasterHistory.

Event takes place at The Ware Center for the Performing Arts, 42 N. Prince Str., Lancaster, PA.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY...

Storytime

**Every Thursday in May
10am at LancasterHistory**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature this May during Storytime! Each week, we'll read aloud from a book centered on a historical or environmental topic, and then lead a craft or activity. This May, we'll explore gardening, growing, and other springtime themes!

Storytime is free, and registration is required to ensure we have craft supplies for everyone. Storytime is designed for young readers, ages 2-6, but older and younger siblings or friends are welcome to attend. Register for all Storytime programs or individual programs [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633.

Storytime will take place outdoors unless it rains, in which case it will be moved indoors. All attendees should abide by LancasterHistory's [Heath & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#). We kindly ask that at least one (1) adult 18 years or older attend for every household.

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EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY

Main Exhibition - ***Thieves & Vagabonds: A History of Law and Justice in Lancaster County***

LancasterHistory's newest major exhibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds*, chronicles key moments in the history of law and justice in Lancaster County from the 18th century to the 20th century. From prisons to prohibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds* explores the making, breaking, and remaking of laws over 300 years of Lancaster County's history. Visit LancasterHistory's newest exhibition for a deep dive into crime and punishment as well as reform and repair in the Lancaster community.

Special Exhibition - ***Black Lancastrians in the Arts: A Lasting Legacy***

Explore the enduring work of African American artists in Lancaster County. This new photo exhibit highlights the music, films, and performances of artists like Madeline Anderson and The Tranells through historical images in LancasterHistory's archives. Examine how these individuals navigated Lancaster from the Fulton Opera House to J.P. McCaskey High School and the impact they left on local, national, and international institutions.

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

APRIL HOURS 2024

LancasterHistory is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30am to 5pm to the public.

Tours of Wheatland are available from 10am to 3pm. The Research Center is open Wednesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.