



# LancasterHistory

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## August 2023 Upcoming Events

*from LancasterHistory*

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### The Trans-Atlantic Cable

**Saturday, August 5**

**Tours 10am - 3pm | LancasterHistory**

***\*\*NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "The Trans-Atlantic Cable" was disseminated on July 27. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.\*\****

On August 16, 1858, President James Buchanan received the first public message sent across the Trans-Atlantic Telegraph Cable. Queen Victoria's 98-word message took 16.5 hours to travel from Ireland to Newfoundland. In this Special Subject Tour, attendees will learn how such a feat was achieved and the diplomatic impact it had on the UK and the USA.

*The Trans-Atlantic Cable*, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, August 5. Tours will be available on the hour, beginning at 10am and continuing until the last tour at 3pm. **Please Note: These tours are not our regular General Admission tours and will be more focused on a particular topic than a general history of Buchanan and the home.**

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. When booking online, be sure to first select the date of August 5, followed by the tour time of your choice. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but should reserve their tickets in advance to guarantee the tour time of their choice.

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

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## The Basics of Bonsai

**Saturday, August 12**

**10am** at LancasterHistory

On Saturday, August 12 at 10am, join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and presenter Dr. Ryan Wagner for “The Basics of Bonsai.” At this presentation, participants will learn a brief history of bonsai, the aesthetics and horticulture of bonsai, and tips on how to care for developing bonsai. Participants will also learn tips on the “dos” and “don’ts” of bonsai with attention to aesthetics and general health. Dr. Wagner will demonstrate some techniques for those picking up their new bonsais at garden centers to shape these readily available plants.

**Please Note:** This program was originally scheduled for June 3 but was postponed. August 12 is the new, rescheduled date for this program.

**Ryan Wagner, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Biology at Millersville University. Prior to joining the faculty at MU, Dr. Wagner completed his post-Doctoral work at Iowa State University, Ames, IA, and his Ph.D. at Washington State University, Pullman, WA, where he studied plant physiology. Having grown up in South Dakota, Dr. Wagner has long held an interest in all botanical areas, including the horticultural art of bonsai. Dr. Wagner has given numerous lectures aimed at introducing bonsai to the public and to provide newcomers and experienced bonsai artists alike with practical information aimed at developing/improving their creations.

### HOW TO REGISTER

The event, “The Basics of Bonsai,” will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2023 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 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](mailto:emily.miller@lancastrhistory.org), with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

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

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## Music on the Lawn

**Saturday, August 19**

**5 - 7pm** at LancasterHistory

**\*\*NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about the Music on the Lawn was disseminated on July 5. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.\*\***

Music on the Lawn is back this summer with more fantastic local bands in James Buchanan's backyard! This family (and dog) friendly event is an opportunity to relax and enjoy an evening outdoors at LancasterHistory. August's concert features salsa, Latin jazz, and cumbia music from a Sonora Los Fantasticos trio.

Tickets are free for LancasterHistory Members, \$10/Adult (18+) Non-Members, and free for Children 17 & Under. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are also available at-the-door with cash or card.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, foldable chairs, and picnics. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. If you require any special accommodations to attend, please notify Annie Weeks at (717) 392-4633, ext. 134 or [annie.weeks@lancastrhistory.org](mailto:annie.weeks@lancastrhistory.org) in advance. Restrooms available onsite. In the event of inclement weather, the call will be made at noon on July 29 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is July 30 from 1-3pm.

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

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## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Main Exhibition - ***Lancaster in the '60s***

Over the course of more than 350 years, the physical and cultural landscapes of Lancaster County have undergone transformative change. *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. The pivotal events that transpired in each of these decades changed the lives of those who experienced them, and continue to impact the way we live our lives today.

**- On Display through September 16, 2023 -**

Special Exhibition - ***The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania***

Pennsylvania does not yet have statewide legislation that protects LGBTQ people from discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations. For more than five decades, activists have been working to obtain these protections one battle at a time, one municipality at a time, and the work continues. *The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania* chronicles these and other efforts to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people. Enhanced with photographs and artifacts from the LancasterHistory collections, this special, traveling exhibition highlights not just the political struggles for civil rights, but the personal stories as well.

**- On Display through September 2, 2023 -**

## **LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION**

**AUGUST 2023**

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 Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.