



LancasterHistory

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August 2024 Upcoming Events

from LancasterHistory

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Discovering A Gentleman's Farm: A History of the Wheatland Grounds

Saturday, August 10

10am at LancasterHistory

James Buchanan is best-known as our nation's 15th President, but he was also a gentleman farmer. From 1848-1868, Buchanan lived at Wheatland, which sat upon 22.5 acres of meadows, orchards, gardens, and more. Join Museum Associate Stephanie Celiberti for a presentation on how the grounds of Wheatland functioned as a farm and green space over the course of Buchanan's life.

The first part of the program will take place in Ryder Hall with a 40-minute presentation. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The second part of the program is an optional, outdoor tour of the places on the Wheatland grounds previously discussed in the presentation.

The event, "Discovering A Gentleman's Farm: A History of the Wheatland Grounds," will take place on Saturday, August 10 at 10am at LancasterHistory. Tickets to attend the program are \$5 for Adults (18+), \$3 for Students (11-17 or College ID), and free for LancasterHistory and Friends of the Tanger Arboretum Members. Members are still encouraged to register in advance to guarantee their seat at the program. To get tickets, please register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Music on the Lawn, feat. Vinegar Creek Constituency

Saturday, August 31

5-7pm at LancasterHistory

(Rain Date September 1 from 1-3pm)

Music on the Lawn continues in August with another great local band in James Buchanan's backyard! This family (and dog) friendly event welcomes attendees to relax and enjoy an evening outdoors with live music. August's concert features Vinegar Creek Constituency, an uplifting, high-energy band that draws in elements of bluegrass, early swing, outlaw country, and ragtime.

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 (cash preferred).

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@lancasterhistory.org in advance. Restrooms available onsite. In the event of inclement weather, the call will be made at noon on August 31 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 1 from 1-3pm.

Thank you to our generous 2024 Music on the Lawn season sponsors: Mosaic by Willow Valley Communities, Ville Painters, and EHD Insurance!

This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

Looking Ahead to September

Wine & Cheese and a Walk in the Trees

Friday, September 6

5-7pm at the Carriage House Patio, LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for a delightful, late summer social on Friday, September 6 at LancasterHistory! Enjoying refreshing drinks and light bites while taking a leisurely stroll through the many stately trees in the Tanger Arboretum. There will also be a brief presentation about the Tanger Arboretum alongside various tours of the Arboretum throughout the evening led by members.

Wine & Cheese and a Walk in the Trees is free for Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members. Tickets for non-members are \$20/Adult (18+) and \$10/Children. Ticket purchase includes access to the event, beverages, and appetizers. Must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages. Non-alcoholic options will be available.

The event will take place at the Carriage House at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, on Friday, September 6 from 5-7pm. The event is rain or shine.

RSVP by August 30 by purchasing your tickets [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633, ext. 133.

This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA

The Buchanan Sisters

Saturday, September 7

Tours 10am - 3pm at LancasterHistory

On this special living history tour of Wheatland, explore how James Buchanan's nieces, Annie, Harriet, and Henrietta Buchanan, forged new life paths that ran counter to the traditional expectations for 19th-century women. During the tour, visitors will "time travel" to 1868 and 1906 to eavesdrop on the Buchanan sisters as they chat about beaux, fashion, and their life goals.

The Buchanan Sisters, a special living history tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, September 7. 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 not be Buchanan-focused. Living History Tours are an immersive and interactive experience that can incorporate historical tools, activities, and dress to give observers or**

participants a sense of stepping back in time.

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but must reserve their tickets in advance.

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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 - ***Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Central Pennsylvania***

On Display through September 14, 2024

Dutchirican tells the story of the Latinx community in central Pennsylvania through photographs and artifacts, including a reproduction *casita*, or "little house," like the kind lived in by migrant workers in the 1950s. The exhibit traces the history of a diverse community from the American Revolution to the present and explores the rich contributions Latinx peoples have made to Lancaster County and the surrounding region.

Admission to the exhibit is included with the purchase of a General Admission ticket or Exhibitions-Only ticket. LancasterHistory Members receive complimentary admission.

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

AUGUST 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.