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December 2019 Events & Story Ideas

from LancasterHistory

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Yuletide at Wheatland: Christmas Below Stairs

November 25 - December 30, 2019

Tours from 10am - 3pm

Experience the Yuletide traditions of years past at President James Buchanan's Wheatland! *Yuletide at Wheatland* will take visitors "below stairs" to learn about Buchanan's domestic servants and how they would have celebrated the holidays in the mid-1800s. From advent calendars to mistletoe, enjoy a glimpse into merry Christmas traditions cherished by the German and Irish domestics at *Yuletide at Wheatland: Christmas Below Stairs*.

Yuletide at Wheatland: Christmas Below Stairs began Monday, November 25, 2019 and runs through Monday, December 30, 2019. Tours are available Monday – Saturday, on the hour, starting at 10am until the last tour at 3pm.

More information and tickets are available at www.lancasterhistory.org/yuletide.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

A Revolutionary Idea: The Birth of Freedom of Speech in America

Regional History Colloquium**Thursday, December 5****4pm Reception & Book Signing | 4:30pm Main Presentation**

New York University Journalism Professor Stephen Solomon brings alive a world of colorful and stormy protests of the nation's beginnings that included effigies, pamphlets, songs, sermons, cartoons, letters and liberty trees. Solomon explores through a series of chronological narratives how Americans of the Revolutionary period employed robust speech against the British and against each other. Uninhibited dissent provided a distinctly American meaning to the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of speech and press at a time when the legal doctrine inherited from England allowed prosecutions of those who criticized government, and connects it the satirists of today like Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, pundits like Rush Limbaugh and Keith Olbermann, and protests like flag burning and street demonstrations.

A casual reception and book signing by the author will begin at 4pm on Thursday, December 5 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. The main presentation will begin at 4:30pm in Ryder Hall.

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration to guarantee a seat at the presentation. Register online at www.lancasterhistory.org or by calling (717) 392-4633. Questions and accessibility requests may be directed to info@lancasterhistory.org or (717) 392-4633.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

Yuletide at Wheatland: Candlelight Tours**Friday, December 20****6-8pm**

Experience the warmth and festivity of Yuletide at Wheatland with evening, candlelight tours of President James Buchanan's Wheatland. Yuletide at Wheatland will take visitors "below stairs" to hear the stories of Buchanan's German and Irish domestic servants and learn how they would have celebrated the holidays in the mid-1800s.

Candlelight Tours of Yuletide at Wheatland is a unique opportunity for visitors to get their Yuletide at Wheatland experience by glow of candlelight. Tours are available on the half hour from 6 to 8pm (last tour at 7:30pm). Tickets are available for purchase online or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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Yuletide Family Day**Saturday, December 21****10am - 3pm**

Join LancasterHistory on Saturday, December 21 for our first annual Yuletide Family Day! LancasterHistory educators will host free, kid-friendly workshops and programs throughout the day from 10am to 3pm, including a Holiday Storytime and some visits from historic holiday characters!

Yuletide Family Day is a drop-in event, and is free and open to the public while supplies last.

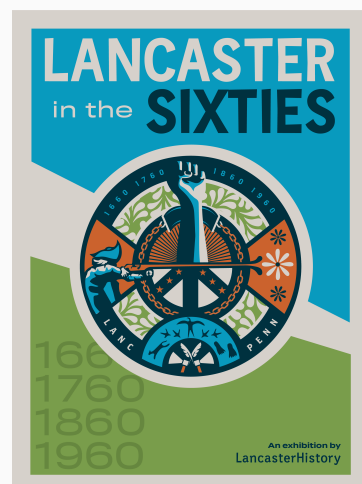
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ONGOING EXHIBITIONS AT LANCASTERHISTORY

Lancaster in the '60s

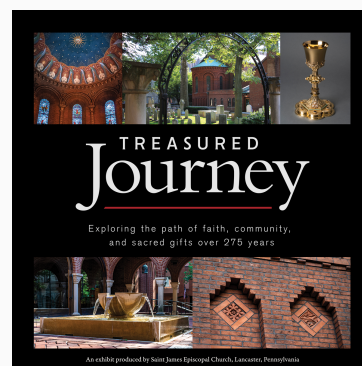
Lancaster in the '60s examines the issues of conflict, resolution, and protest against the backdrop of four pivotal decades—the 1660s, 1760s, 1860s, and 1960s—in Lancaster County's history. Follow the stories of ordinary Lancastrians who lived through extraordinary times in LancasterHistory's latest exhibition, *Lancaster in the '60s*.

Lancaster in the '60s opened Friday, November 22, 2019 to the public. Admission is available at Visitor Services with the purchase of a General Admission ticket (includes a tour of Pres. James Buchanan's Wheatland) or Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.



Treasured Journey

Few churches in North America have such a long and well-documented history as Saint James Episcopal Church in the heart of downtown Lancaster. The archives, treasures, and stories of Saint James offer a unique local lens through which to see how ordinary people of faith in Lancaster understood their religious identity and beliefs in relation to their family, community, country, and the world.



Treasured Journey is currently on display at LancasterHistory in Gerhart Gallery, and will remain on display until March 30, 2020. Admission to this exhibit is included with a purchase of a General Admission ticket or Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.

St. James

In addition to Saint James Episcopal Church's 275th Anniversary exhibit, [*Treasured Journey*](#), in LancasterHistory's Gerhart Gallery, a small exhibit of historic photographs

depicting the church throughout history is on display in the museum's lower level.

St. James, a photograph exhibit, is on display in the LancasterHistory museum lower level through the end of 2019. Admission to this exhibit is included in the purchase of a General Admission ticket or a Gallery-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.



Admission Prices for Exhibitions Only

- \$10/Adult
- \$8/Seniors (65+)
- \$6/Student (11-17)
- Children 10 & Under receive FREE admission

DECEMBER AND END OF YEAR HOURS & CLOSINGS

On Wednesday, December 4 at 3pm, LancasterHistory will be closing early for an event. The last Yuletide tour of Wheatland will be at 2pm.

All operations of LancasterHistory, including President James Buchanan's Wheatland, will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2019
- Wednesday, December 25, 2019
- Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - Sunday, January 12, 2020

All operations will reopen on Monday, January 13 for the 2020 Season.

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