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Lancaster County's Historical Society & President James Buchanan's Wheatland

## For Immediate Release

*All events are camera friendly, and principals will be available for interviews.*

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## February 2018 Story Ideas

*from LancasterHistory.org*

**Thursday, February 1, 3:30pm**

### **Curator's Tour: A New Year, A New Look at Old Favorites**

\*Back by Popular Demand!\* A wig that belonged to Thaddeus Stevens (the same which he handed to a young lady who wanted a lock of his hair), objects found in recent local archaeological digs, and a magnificent quilt. Assistant Curator Tori Pyle will give guests a fresh look at favorite objects in the LancasterHistory.org collections and reveal new perspectives and discoveries about them.

Advance tickets are required. Tickets available online at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org).

LancasterHistory.org, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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**Thursday, February 15, 5:30pm**

### **History Happy Hour**

Join LancasterHistory.org for the kickoff of the new History Happy Hour series! LancasterHistory.org has partnered with Fetish Brewing Co. to create a special Madeira Stout inspired by James Buchanan. On February 15 at 5:30pm, join us at Pod 2 at Rock Lititz to ring in Presidents Day weekend with pints of Buchanan Madeira Stout, a free tasting (while supplies last!), a short talk on President Buchanan's drinking habits, and more information on upcoming History Happy Hours. This event is free and open to the public.

Pod 2 at Rock Lititz, 201 Rock Lititz Blvd, Lititz

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### **Monday, February 19**

#### ***The Trans-Atlantic Cable: The Eighth Wonder of the World***

#### **Presidents Day Living History at Wheatland**

#### **Tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm**

Experience history this Presidents Day at President James Buchanan's Wheatland! In this first-person presentation, visitors will be transported back to August 1858 as Buchanan and family celebrate the completion of the Trans-Atlantic Cable. The completion of the cable connected President Buchanan in the United States with Queen Victoria in the United Kingdom, a feat that many newspapers called the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Join Buchanan and First Lady Harriet Lane as they celebrate and inform guests about this latest technological achievement!

Tours available at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm. Advance tickets highly recommended. Tickets available online at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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### **Thursday, February 22, 3pm**

#### **Curator's Tour of FREEDOM: "to secure the Blessings of Liberty"**

Join Assistant Curator Tori Pyle for a tour of the exhibition FREEDOM: *"to secure the Blessings of Liberty,"* plus artifacts not currently on display! The tour will focus on the theme of Race and Freedom, and give context to February 22's Colloquium [\*Demystifying the Underground Railroad\*](#).

Advance tickets are required. Tickets available online at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org).

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### **Thursday, February 22**

#### **Reception 4pm | Presentation 4:30pm**

#### ***Demystifying the Underground Railroad***

#### **Regional History Colloquium**

The Underground Railroad (UGRR) was the first interracial activist movement in the United States. It brought together people of diverse backgrounds and from a variety of regions, including Pennsylvania, in defiance of the institution of slavery. There are many myths which surround its operation. However, it becomes less mysterious upon understanding how it operated, the dangers faced by participants, and its impact upon both the South and the North. As this talk examines the effectiveness of the Underground Railroad, it also will offer insights into its

significance as a catalyst for the Civil War.

A speaker's reception begins at 4pm, followed by the main presentation at 4:30pm at LancasterHistory.org. The event is free and open to the public.

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## Holiday Hours for February 2018

### Presidents Day

Wheatland & The Museum Store OPEN

The Research Library, Archives, & Administrative Offices CLOSED

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