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## February 2020 Events & Story Ideas

*from LancasterHistory*

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### **Exploring Fraktur: Calligraphy, Folk Art, & Joseph McGlaughlin**

#### **Lunchtime Lecture Series**

**Friday, February 7**

**12 - 1pm**

What a sampler is to needlepoint, Fraktur is to typeface. Franklin & Marshall anthropology and studio art student Sarah Kurland-Hill will explore Fraktur as both a calligraphic font type and a celebrated Pennsylvania German folk art. A specific emphasis will be put on distinguished Lancaster calligrapher Joseph McGlaughlin (1867-1942) and his personal belongings that are housed in the collections at LancasterHistory. This presentation and conversation will take place in the Carriage House at LancasterHistory. No reservations required.

The Carriage House at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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

**Monday, February 17**

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

Unlike modern political campaigns, candidates in the 1800s did not go out on the campaign trail.

James Buchanan was no different. Buchanan and his Democratic supporters ran Buchanan's bid for the White House out of Wheatland, making the presidential hopeful's home one of the busiest places in the county. In this first-person presentation, visitors will experience the hustle and bustle of Buchanan's busy political campaign and learn about the challenges and opportunities that await Buchanan as time marches ever closer to the November General Elections.

The Presidents' Day Living History program takes place on Monday, February 17, 2020 with tours starting on the hour at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. There will be no 12pm tour. Advance tickets recommended.

President James Buchanan's Wheatland at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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### **2020 Presidents' Day History Happy Hour**

**Monday, February 17**

**5:30 - 7:30pm at Shot & Bottle**

President Buchanan may be in the bottom tier of U.S. presidents, but there is little doubt that Harriet Lane is one of our finest First Ladies. Pioneering in her time, Harriet deftly navigated Washington society and championed important social causes such as Native American rights, all while wearing a hoop skirt. Drink a Harriet-inspired rose cocktail designed by the mixologists at Shot & Bottle and learn about Lancaster's First Lady from LancasterHistory's resident Harriet Lane enthusiast Stephanie Townrow at this year's Presidents' Day History Happy Hour.

Tickets (cover charge) are \$8/person in advance online, \$10/person at the door. Proceeds from History Happy Hour tickets support LancasterHistory's educational programs. Event capacity is 120 people, so advance tickets are highly recommended. Door sales are subject to space and may sell-out. (Please note that drinks, food, and merchandise are *not* included in the purchase of a ticket.)

Shot & Bottle, 2 North Queen Street, Lancaster

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### ***Washington Brotherhood: Politics, Social Life, and the Coming of the Civil War***

**Thursday, February 20**

**4pm Reception & Book Signing**

**4:30 - 5:30pm Main Presentation**

Traditional portrayals of politicians in antebellum Washington, D.C. describe a violent and divisive society, full of angry debates and violent duels that would cause ripples throughout the country. In

*Washington Brotherhood*, Dr. Rachel Sheldon paints a more nuanced portrait of Washington as a less fractious city with a vibrant social and cultural life and engagement among key political figures. This comradery would have consequences for how lawmakers dealt with sectional disputes, especially those involving slavery in the territories, and ultimately lead to disarray.

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

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***"A Slave for Life If I So Chuse": Abolition and Slavery in Lancaster County***

**Black History Month Lecture**

**Thursday, February 27**

**4pm Reception & Book Signing**

**4:30 - 5:30pm Main Presentation**

In 1780, Pennsylvania became the first state to enact gradual emancipation. The statutes, while no doubt revolutionary, were deliberately limited in scope and aimed more at curtailing the expansion of slavery than eliminating it. As late as 1857, Lancaster newspapers still reported enslaved people living in Lancaster County. In his talk, Ph.D. candidate Cory James Young will examine some common misconceptions about northern slavery and gradual abolition, as well as share the stories of several remarkable Pennsylvanians, black and white.

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**'60s Storytime**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**11am**

Join LancasterHistory on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11am for '60s Storytime! Listen to a history story read aloud; then create a craft inspired by the story. We invite children 3-9 years old and their families to develop literacy and creative skills while learning about Lancaster's history. This season's Storytime programs will connect thematically with our *Lancaster in the '60s* exhibit.

This program is free, but reservations are encouraged to ensure we have enough craft supplies for all who wish to participate. Reserve for free by visiting [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org) or by calling 717.392.4633.

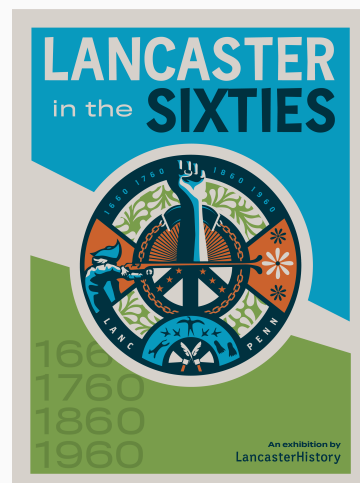
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## ONGOING EXHIBITIONS AT LANCASTERHISTORY

### ***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* is currently on display in Groff Gallery, and will remain on display through the end of 2020. 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.



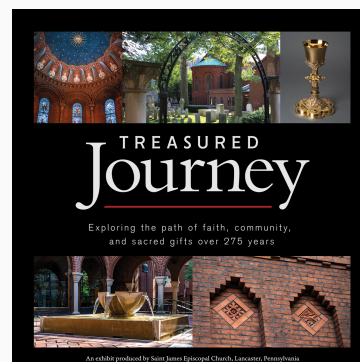
### ***Here There Is Welcome: 300 Years of Refugees in Lancaster County***

Created in partnership with the Lancaster County Community Foundation and Church World Service, *Here There Is Welcome* showcases the long-standing tradition of refuge and welcome in Lancaster County. Since 1710, Lancaster has served as a safe haven for those fleeing religious persecution, famine, or warfare throughout the world. This exhibition gives voice to stories of all Lancastrians, whether newly arrived or established here for generations.

*Here There Is Welcome* is currently on display at LancasterHistory in Stoudt Gallery. Admission to this exhibit is included with a purchase of a General Admission ticket or a 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.

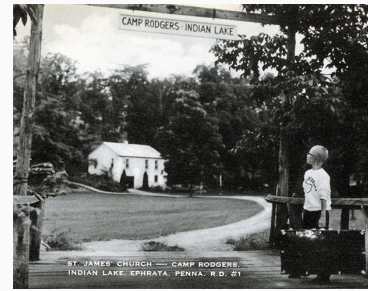


*Treasured Journey* is currently on display at LancasterHistory in Gerhart Gallery, and will remain on display until March 30, 2020. Admission to this exhibit is included with a purchase of a General Admission ticket or Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for

LancasterHistory members.

### **St. James**

In addition to Saint James Episcopal Church's 275th Anniversary exhibit, *Treasured Journey*, a small, complementary 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.

### **General Admission Prices (includes tour of Wheatland)**

*Prices valid January 13 - November 14, 2020*

- \$15/Adult
- \$13/Seniors (65+)
- \$8/Student (11-17)
- Children 10 & Under receive FREE admission

### **Admission Prices for Exhibitions-Only**

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

## **FEBRUARY HOURS & CLOSINGS**

### **Presidents' Day**

On Monday, February 17, 2020, President James Buchanan's Wheatland will be **open** for tours. The museum exhibitions and Museum Store will also be open. The Research Center and Administrative Offices will be **closed**.

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