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February 2021 Events & Story Ideas

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The 17th Annual Valentine's "Stay-at-Home" Gala --To Benefit Education & Public Programs at LancasterHistory--

Saturday, February 13, 2021

7pm Eastern | Online

Join LancasterHistory for the 17th Annual Valentine's "Stay-at-Home" Gala, an evening of romance and history! LancasterHistory's yearly fundraising event, which benefits its education and public programs, has gone virtual with a celebratory virtual event at 7pm Eastern. Details for viewing the virtual event will be sent to registrants' email inboxes prior to the event.

Multiple ticket levels are available with different benefits according to both. All tickets receive a Stay-at-Home Gala Gift Bag, which contains a long-sleeve, unisex LancasterHistory Valentine's Gala t-shirt (designed by FoxDuck), Wheatland chocolates from Miesse's Candies, and "Support Local History" stickers.

To purchase a ticket and secure your swag bag, please visit lancasterhistory.org/valentine. Gift bag pick up will be available at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, on Saturday, February 13 from 10am-4pm.

Presidents' Day Virtual Tours of Wheatland

Monday, February 15, 2021

Tours at 10am and 1pm Eastern | Online via Zoom

Visit President James Buchanan's Wheatland virtually on Presidents' Day, February 15, for a special tour of the historic mansion! In real-time, a costumed tour guide will lead you through the mansion and share the history of the home as well as the public and private life of President Buchanan. During the tour, your guide will perform a brief, first-person living history conversation where you'll be transported back to 1864 and "meet" the retired 15th president and his close friend and guest, Mrs. Cornelia Van Ness Roosevelt of Oyster Bay, New York. Viewers can listen in on their conversation and ask them questions through Zoom's Q&A feature as they chat about mutual friends and James Buchanan's perspectives about his beloved Democratic Party and who was responsible for the hastening of the catastrophe of the southern states' rebellion. After the conversation, your guide will continue the tour throughout the rest of the house. The entire program should last approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Presidents' Day Virtual Tours of Wheatland are available on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 10am and 1pm Eastern on Zoom. Connections are \$15 each and may be [purchased online](#). Upon successful registration and purchase, an email with the special Zoom weblink will be sent. Virtual tours are live and viewers are encouraged to ask questions of the guide via Zoom's Q&A feature. We love questions!

Down Along with That Devil's Bones: A Reckoning with Monuments, Memory, and the Legacy of White Supremacy

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Virtual Lecture at 7pm Eastern | Online via Zoom

On Thursday, February 18, 2021, journalist Connor Towne O'Neill will join LancasterHistory virtually for a discussion on his book, *Down Along with That Devil's Bones: A Reckoning with Monuments, Memory, and the Legacy of White Supremacy*, a deep dive into American history, exposing the still-raging battles over monuments dedicated to one of the most notorious Confederate generals, Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Connor Towne O'Neill's writing has appeared in *New York* magazine, *Vulture*, *Slate*, *RBMA*, and the *Village Voice*, and he works as a producer on the NPR podcast *White Lies*, which was a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in Audio Reporting. Originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, he lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and teaches at Auburn University and with the Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project. *Down Along with That Devil's Bones: A Reckoning with Monuments, Memory, and the Legacy of White Supremacy* is his first book.

The virtual lecture is free, open to the public, and virtual. To register, visit [lancasterhistory.org/events](https://mailchi.mp/lancasterhistory/feb-2021-calendar).

ONGOING VIRTUAL TOURS

Wheatland Virtual Tours

Join us on hour-long, virtual tours of the historic halls and rooms of President James Buchanan's Wheatland. A knowledgeable tour guide will lead you, in real-time, through both floors of the mansion. Attendees will learn about James Buchanan, his family, and his presidency during one of the most fraught eras of American history.

Tours are available Thursdays and Saturdays at 10am and 1pm beginning February 4. **Please note:** These are virtual tours, *not* in-person tours. Tours are facilitated through Zoom.

Tickets available online at lancahistory.org/tickets.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Last Updated January 8, 2021

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