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Festive, Family-Friendly, and Fun Events to Celebrate the Season at LancasterHistory

Multiple Events, Greens Sale, and Watt & Shand Exhibit to Take Place in December

LANCASTER, PA — **LancasterHistory** invites the community to celebrate the holiday season with multiple family-friendly events and activities this December at its Campus of History.

On Saturday, LancasterHistory will come alive with the magic of the holiday season from 5-7pm for ***Campus of History Cheer***. This special holiday event is family-friendly with a range of activities for all ages including twilight, self-guided tours of Wheatland, live music, sweet treats, nature crafts for kids, and holiday shopping with the **Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen!**

Earlier in the day on Saturday, December 7, LancasterHistory will welcome local author and architect **Gregory J. Scott** for a book signing of his books, *Urban Legend* and *Urban Alphabet*, from 10am - 2pm. *Urban Alphabet* is the latest book from Scott, and is comprised of an illustrated dictionary detailing the work of C. Emlen Urban, the architectural legend responsible for many of well-known and well-loved buildings across the City of Lancaster. Both of Scott's books will be available for purchase at LancasterHistory's Museum Store while supplies last.

The **Friends of the Tanger Arboretum** will also host a Holiday Greens Sale at LancasterHistory on December 7. Visitors can peruse a selection of fresh greenery from 1-5pm or until sold out. Cash only accepted, and proceeds from the sale benefit the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary of LancasterHistory dedicated to the care and conservation of the **Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum**.

On Saturday, December 14 at 10am, bring your family to LancasterHistory for a delightful candy cane hunt and more at **Candy Canes & Cocoa on Campus**. The event features a story read aloud, a holiday craft to take home, and a sweet hot cup of cocoa. Suggested for ages 12 and under.

A new special exhibit will also be on display for the holiday season at LancasterHistory. From November 18 through December 30, visitors can view "The Store With More: Lancaster's Watt & Shand, 1878-1995."

"The Store with More" explores the history of the **Watt & Shand Department Store** from its founding in 1878 until its closing in 1995 through photographs and artifacts including gift boxes, clothing, and other Watt & Shand ephemera from the collections of LancasterHistory and **Nancy Groff**. There are good reasons to be critical of the commercialization of holidays like Christmas and Chanukah. However, there is also joy to be found in gift-giving, and there are meaningful memories attached to the presents we receive and the experiences of shopping at landmark institutions like Watt & Shand.

Tickets

All events will take place at LancasterHistory. Prices vary. Tickets are available for purchase in advance [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance tickets are recommended and preferred, but tickets will also be available at-the-door while supplies last. Tickets are not required for those who wish to attend the Gregory Scott book signing or the Holiday Greens Sale.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the

United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.

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