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LancasterHistory, Shot & Bottle to host Presidents' Day History Happy Hour

Special, themed cocktails to accompany historical tidbits on First Lady Harriet Lane

Lancaster, PA (January 31, 2020) – On Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17, LancasterHistory will host a Presidents' Day History Happy Hour at Shot & Bottle, 2 North Queen Street, in Lancaster. The event will focus on First Lady Harriet Lane's life and legacy.

While President Buchanan is frequently placed in the bottom tier of United State presidents, there is little doubt that his niece, Harriet Lane, is one of America's finest First Ladies. Pioneering in her time, Harriet deftly navigated Washington society, charmed everyone from European royalty to the American public, and became a generous philanthropist for causes including education, art, and pediatric medicine.

Attendees to February 17th's event will have the opportunity to purchase and drink a rose cocktail, inspired by Harriet's love of roses and designed by the mixologists at Shot & Bottle, and learn about Lancaster's First Lady from LancasterHistory's Stephanie Townrow. Reflecting on Harriet Lane's legacy in 1903, the Lancaster Examiner said, "If her uncle had done his part as well as she did hers, history of a different sort would be written." In her remarks, Townrow will highlight thematic aspects of Harriet's life and legacy to give attendees an understanding and appreciation of her remarkable life.
"The Harriet" rose cocktail and "The Buchanan" old-fashioned will be available for purchase, along with custom drinks and a special menu of small bites. Merchandise created for the occasion will also be available for purchase, including a limited run of drink coasters emblazoned with "Support Local History" and illustrations of the evening's special occasion cocktails, designed by local designer and printer Megan Zettlemoyer of Typothecary Letterpress.

The 2020 Presidents' Day History Happy Hour will begin at 5:30pm on Monday, February 17 at Shot & Bottle, 2 North Queen Street in Lancaster. Stephanie Townrow will begin her remarks around 6:15pm. Attendees are welcome to stay until 7:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase in advance online through LancasterHistory for $8/person or $10/person at the door. Proceeds from History Happy Hour ticket sales support LancasterHistory's educational programs. Advance tickets are highly recommended and at-door space is limited/not guaranteed. Please note that drinks, food, and merchandise are not included in the purchase of a ticket.

For more information and to purchase advance tickets, please visit www.lancasterhistory.org/historyhappy.

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