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LancasterHistory to Host 'Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Central Pennsylvania' Exhibit

Explore the Rich Contributions of the Latinx Community in Central Pennsylvania through Photos, Artifacts, and More

LANCASTER, PA — LancasterHistory is proud to announce the opening of a special exhibit, ***Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Central Pennsylvania***, on display from June 10 to September 14, 2024, at its 230 North President Avenue headquarters.

Dutchirican explores the rich history and contributions of the Latinx community in central Pennsylvania through a unique collection of photographs, artifacts, and a reproduction *casita* (little house) of the kind migrant workers lived in during the 1950s.

Developed by **Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala** and **Dr. John Hinshaw** of Lebanon Valley College, *Dutchirican* traces the diverse Latinx community's history in central Pennsylvania from the American Revolution to the present, exploring how Puerto Ricans and other Latinx groups, living alongside Mennonites in a place shaped by Pennsylvania German history, have found new hybrid identities as "Dutchiricans." From the *tomateros* who came to pick fruits and vegetables in the

1950s to more recent arrivals drawn to the region by affordable housing, Latinx people have long been a part of the rich community fabric of central Pennsylvania. Visitors to the exhibit will learn how Latinx people have both shaped and been shaped by the diverse community of Lancaster County and the surrounding region.

"LancasterHistory is thrilled to host *Dutchirican* and spotlight the remarkable history of the Latinx community in central Pennsylvania," said **Mabel Rosenheck**, Director of Education and Exhibition Planning. "These particular stories may be new to many visitors, but they'll be familiar to all of us who come from migrant or immigrant backgrounds and claim multiple identities that bring Lancaster County together with other parts of the United States and the world."

Admission to *Dutchirican* is included with the purchase of a General Admission ticket or an Exhibitions-Only ticket to LancasterHistory. Members of LancasterHistory receive complimentary admission.

Special Event: *Dutchirican* Open House & Curator Tours

LancasterHistory will host a special evening celebration of the *Dutchirican* exhibition on Thursday, June 27, from 5-7 p.m. Visitors can view the exhibit and take a tour with curators Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala and Dr. John Hinshaw. They will share their research on the migration of Latinx peoples to Central Pennsylvania over the past 75 years. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets for the *Dutchirican* Open House & Curator Tours are priced at \$10 for adults (18+), \$8 for seniors (65+), \$6 for students (11-17 or with a college ID), and free for children 10 and under. LancasterHistory members receive complimentary admission. Walk-ins are welcome, but attendees are encouraged to register in advance. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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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