



# LancasterHistory

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## LancasterHistory to Host History Happy Hour at the Iconic Horse Inn

*Learn About the History and Secrets of Lancaster's Horse Inn*

**LANCASTER, PA** — LancasterHistory invites the community to a special History Happy Hour at the Horse Inn, a beloved 104-year-old landmark in Lancaster City. The event, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, features **Dr. Mabel Meigs Rosenheck**, LancasterHistory's Director of Education and Exhibition Planning, as the guest speaker.

This unique event promises an evening of discovery and enjoyment, focusing on the rich history of the Horse Inn. Ever wonder why the Horse Inn is down an alley and up a steep flight of stairs? Or why it looks like it was once a stable? The answers lie in the restaurant's origins during the Prohibition Era when alcohol was illegal, but good times were not. Over delicious drinks and tasty snacks, guests will learn about a cast of characters that includes the women of the temperance movement, Congressman William Walton Griest, and William Shaub whose stable became this beloved restaurant. Dr. Rosenheck will put the Horse Inn in context by sharing the story of the activism that led to the 18th Amendment, the corruption that followed its passage, and the impact that the ban on alcohol had on American society.

"The Horse Inn is not just a building, it's a chronicle of Lancaster's vibrant history," Rosenheck said. "Our History Happy Hour will be a toast to the stories embedded in its walls. It's an honor to share these tales and help the community connect with the gastronomic and entrepreneurial history of the city. I look forward to unveiling the layers of history that make the Horse Inn a local treasure."

Attendees will be treated to light refreshments and a complimentary beverage, set against the backdrop of the Horse Inn's rustic charm, complete with its distinctive chandeliers and historical ambiance.

This event is an excellent opportunity for those passionate about local history, architecture, and community heritage. With limited seating, interested individuals are encouraged to purchase their tickets early. Tickets are anticipated to sell out quickly and, at this time, tickets will not be available at the door.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [lancasterhistory.org/events](http://lancasterhistory.org/events) or contact LancasterHistory at (717) 392-4633.

#### **Event Details:**

- Date: Monday, January 29
- Time: Doors and bar open at 5:30 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m., event concludes at 7 p.m.
- Location: The Horse Inn, 540 E. Fulton St., Lancaster, Pa.
- Price: \$30 per person
- Includes: Admission to the limited capacity event, light refreshments, and one complimentary beverage

#### **About the Horse Inn**

With over a century of history, the Horse Inn stands as a symbol of Lancaster City's evolving narrative. From its origins as a stable to a speakeasy during Prohibition to its current status as a renowned restaurant, the Horse Inn is a living piece of the city's history.

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#### **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.*