



# LancasterHistory

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## March 2020 Events & Story Ideas

*from LancasterHistory*

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### ***I Carry It About With Me Always***

**Living History at Wheatland**

**Saturday, March 7**

**Tours at 1, 2, & 3pm**

In this first person presentation, James Buchanan “Buck” Henry, the President’s nephew and ward, and Buck’s friend and Princeton classmate Christian Scharff meet. They discuss the tension between Buck and his uncle, James Buchanan, and Buck’s melancholy over his temporary separation from soon-to-be wife, Mary Nicholson.

Wheatland Living History presentations are interpretive reenactments of historical events and people, giving visitors an immersive history experience and a tour of the Wheatland mansion.

President James Buchanan’s Wheatland at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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### ***Ghost River: The Rise & Fall of the Conestoga***

**Thursday, March 12**

**4pm Reception & Book Signing**  
**4:30 - 5:30pm Main Presentation**

Join LancasterHistory and The Library Company of Philadelphia for the Lancaster launch of the graphic novel that chronicles the last days of the Conestoga People and brings to light their story of despair and hope, loss and love, ancestors, and ghosts. It is 120 pages of interpretive material written by Lee Francis IV, illustrations by the incomparable Weshoyot Alvitre, edited by Will Fenton, and published by Red Planet Books and Comics.

**This program is currently sold out.**

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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***Kinky Boots***

**Thirsty for History Thursday at the Fulton**  
**Thursday, March 12**  
**6:30pm at the Fulton Theatre**

Before curtain on the second Thursday of each major Fulton production, LancasterHistory makes the connection between each play and local history. So, what does *Kinky Boots* have to do with Lancaster's history? Find out by joining LancasterHistory for Thirsty for History Thursday at the Fulton Theatre on Thursday, March 12!

To enjoy a fantastic performance and an entertaining historical social hour, purchase your tickets by calling the Fulton Theatre at 717-397-7425. If you are member of LancasterHistory, mention your membership to receive a 10% discount. (Members must call to receive the discount.) A wine and cheese reception begins at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 12, followed by a presentation by Dr. Tom Ryan at 6:45pm. The main performance will begin at 7:30pm.

The Fulton Theatre, 12 North Prince Street, Lancaster

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**Piecing Together the Histories of Lancaster County Quilts**  
**Material Culture Conversations**  
**Wednesday, March 25**  
**5:30 - 6:30pm**

Join LancasterHistory on Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30pm for a close look at the social and personal histories layered into quilts. Participants will get to see several quilts from LancasterHistory's renowned quilt collection, and enjoy a discussion about the histories of these beautiful objects. Assistant Curator Tori Pyle, in conversation with Director of Education Stephanie Townrow, will educate participants about several Lancaster County quilts, while conducting a "white glove" quilt turning. The program will highlight a diverse sampling of quilts

from the late 1700s to the 1900s.

Tickets are \$15 for LancasterHistory Members and \$20 for Non-Members. The event is capped at 20 participants, so advance tickets are highly recommended.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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***Thomas Jefferson in Free Black Political Thought***

**Regional History Colloquium**

**Thursday, March 26**

**4pm Reception & Book Signing**

**4:30 - 5:30pm Main Presentation**

Although a slaveholder, Thomas Jefferson was one of the central architects of an American democratic tradition that held an early and abiding appeal for African Americans. As such, he became a central, if unlikely, figure in the African American freedom struggle that took shape alongside the American Revolution. University of Pennsylvania history professor Dr. Mia Bay discusses how, starting in the 1790s, black authors began to talk back to Jefferson in letters, orations, and pamphlets that both praised Jefferson and took him to task.

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration to guarantee a seat at the presentation. Register online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Questions and accessibility requests may be directed to [info@lancasterhistory.org](mailto:info@lancasterhistory.org) or (717) 392-4633.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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**'60s Storytime**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**11am**

Listen to a history story read aloud; then create a craft inspired by the story. We invite children 3-9 years old and their families to develop literacy and creative skills while learning about Lancaster's history. This season's Storytime programs will connect thematically with our *Lancaster in the '60s* exhibit.

This program is free, but reservations are encouraged to ensure we have enough craft supplies for all who wish to participate. Reserve for free by visiting [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org) or by calling 717.392.4633.

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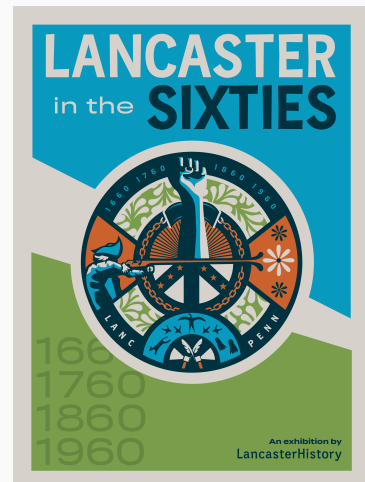
## ONGOING EXHIBITIONS AT LANCASTERHISTORY

### ***Lancaster in the '60s***

*Lancaster in the '60s* examines the issues of conflict, resolution, and protest against the backdrop of four pivotal decades—the 1660s, 1760s, 1860s, and 1960s—in Lancaster County's history. Follow the stories of ordinary Lancastrians who lived through extraordinary times in LancasterHistory's latest exhibition, *Lancaster in the '60s*.

*Lancaster in the '60s* is currently on display in Groff Gallery, and will remain on display through the end of 2020.

Admission is available at Visitor Services with the purchase of a General Admission ticket (includes a tour of Pres. James Buchanan's Wheatland) or Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.



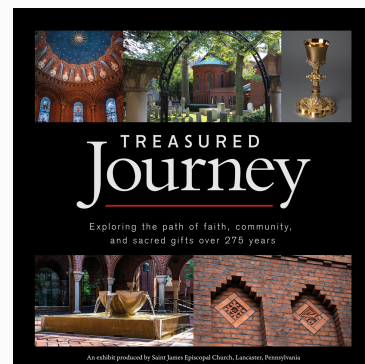
### ***Here There Is Welcome: 300 Years of Refugees in Lancaster County***

Created in partnership with the Lancaster County Community Foundation and Church World Service, *Here There Is Welcome* showcases the long-standing tradition of refuge and welcome in Lancaster County. Since 1710, Lancaster has served as a safe haven for those fleeing religious persecution, famine, or warfare throughout the world. This exhibition gives voice to stories of all Lancastrians, whether newly arrived or established here for generations.

*Here There Is Welcome* is currently on display at LancasterHistory in Stoudt Gallery. Admission to this exhibit is included with a purchase of a General Admission ticket or a Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.

### ***Treasured Journey***

Few churches in North America have such a long and well-documented history as Saint James Episcopal Church in the heart of downtown Lancaster. The archives, treasures, and stories of Saint James offer a unique local lens through which to see how ordinary people of faith in Lancaster understood their religious identity and beliefs in relation to their family, community, country, and the world.



*Treasured Journey* is currently on display at LancasterHistory in Gerhart Gallery, and will remain **on display until March 30, 2020**. Admission to this exhibit is included with a purchase of a General Admission ticket or Galleries-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.

### ***Aftermath***

Bridging off *Lancaster in the '60s*, *Aftermath* takes a look at the construction and reconstruction of Lancaster Square in the 1970s. Now known as Binns Park and Ewell

Plaza, this was once Lancaster's theater row, as well as home to many retail establishments and nightclubs. It was transformed in the 1960s, razing a portion of Lancaster's history and architecture, and continues to be a hot topic today.

*Aftermath*, a historic photograph exhibit, is on display in the LancasterHistory museum lower level. Admission to this exhibit is included in the purchase of a General Admission ticket or a Gallery-Only ticket. Free admission for LancasterHistory members.

### **General Admission Prices (includes tour of Wheatland)**

*Prices valid January 13 - November 14, 2020*

- \$15/Adult
- \$13/Seniors (65+)
- \$8/Student (11-17)
- Children 10 & Under receive FREE admission

### **Admission Prices for Exhibitions-Only**

- \$10/Adult
- \$8/Seniors (65+)
- \$6/Student (11-17)
- Children 10 & Under receive FREE admission

## **MARCH CLOSINGS**

On Wednesday, March 25, all operations of LancasterHistory will be closing early at 4pm. The last Wheatland tour of the day will be at 2pm. The Material Culture Conversation event, *Piecing Together the Histories of Quilts*, will take place at 5:30pm.

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