



# LancasterHistory

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## March 2024 Upcoming Events *from LancasterHistory*

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### The Rich Uncle We Always Wanted

**Saturday, March 2**

**Special Subject Tours from 10am - 3pm**

Discover the compassionate side of one of America's historical figures, James Buchanan, in LancasterHistory's upcoming special subject tour, "The Rich Uncle We Always Wanted." This unique event, set to take place at Buchanan's beloved residence, Wheatland, explores the familial devotion and support provided by Buchanan following a devastating tuberculosis outbreak that left many of his nieces and nephews orphaned.

Scheduled for Saturday, March 2, the tour offers attendees a rare glimpse into the life of the 15th President of the United States as a nurturing family patriarch. This event departs from the regular General Admission tours by focusing specifically on Buchanan's role within his extended family, highlighting his efforts to provide a stable, loving home, ensure access to quality education, and maintain the well-being of his kin.

Tours will commence on the hour from 10am to 3pm, providing multiple opportunities for guests to participate in this enlightening experience. Given the specialized nature of this tour, which differs significantly from the general historical presentations of Buchanan and his home, attendees will gain new insights into the personal challenges and commitments faced by the former president outside the political arena.

Advance purchase of tickets is strongly recommended, as space is limited and tours are

expected to sell out. Tickets can be obtained online or by phone at (717) 392-4633. Visitors should select March 2, followed by their preferred tour time when booking online.

LancasterHistory members are entitled to complimentary admission but are advised to reserve their spots to secure their desired tour schedule.

Don't miss this opportunity to step back in time and explore the lesser-known aspects of James Buchanan's life and legacy. Join us at LancasterHistory for "The Rich Uncle We Always Wanted" and learn about the private life of a historical figure often overshadowed by his political career.

For more information and to reserve tickets, please visit [lancasterhistory.org/events](https://lancasterhistory.org/events) or call (717) 392-4633.

*Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA*

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## Behind the Bars: 19th-Century Female Criminals of Lancaster County & Southeastern Pennsylvania

**Thursday, March 14**

**5:30pm Online Lecture (Zoom)**

Delve into the untold stories of 19th-century women entangled in the criminal justice system with LancasterHistory's upcoming virtual presentation, "Behind the Bars: 19th-Century Female Criminals of Lancaster County & Southeastern Pennsylvania." This enlightening event, featuring Dr. Erica Hayden of Trevecca Nazarene University, will take place online via Zoom on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Dr. Hayden, an associate professor of history specializing in 19th-century United States social history, will explore women's experiences in Lancaster County and the broader southeastern Pennsylvania region who navigated through the state courts and prisons during the 1800s. Despite representing a smaller fraction of the criminal population, the stories of these women provide critical perspectives on the intersection of gender, race, class, and law during this era.

The presentation on March 14 will highlight individual narratives and place these women at the forefront of the broader discourse on criminal justice in America. Stemming from her extensive research and her acclaimed book, *Troublesome Women: Gender, Crime, and Punishment in Antebellum Pennsylvania*, Dr. Hayden's lecture promises to offer attendees a nuanced view of the historical intersection between women's lives and the penal system.

The event is free and open to the public; however, advance registration is required to obtain the Zoom link. Interested participants are encouraged to register before the deadline on Thursday, January 25, at 5:30pm. Those unable to attend the live session can view the recorded program on LancasterHistory's YouTube channel in the days after the event.

Dr. Hayden's academic journey, from her Pennsylvania roots to her scholarly accomplishments, offers a unique lens through which to examine these historical narratives. Her work sheds light on the marginalized experiences of incarcerated women, contributing significantly to our understanding of America's social and penal history.

To register for this insightful presentation and more information, please visit [lancasterhistory.org/events](https://lancasterhistory.org/events) or contact (717) 392-4633. Join us in uncovering the hidden histories of 19th-century female criminals and their complex interactions with the evolving American justice system.

Event takes place online via Zoom.

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## Lancaster County Amish Quilts from the Esprit Quilt Collection

**Saturday, March 23**

**Presentations at 11am and 2pm**

Doug Tompkins, American businessman and co-founder of Esprit Clothing, assembled a large collection of Amish quilts including 82 made in Lancaster County between 1880 and 1950. Join LancasterHistory for a special Esprit Quilt showing to view a selection of these iconic quilts and learn more about their history, cultural significance, and the women who made them.

In *Collections Up Close* programs, LancasterHistory staff and visiting experts highlight documents, photos, and artifacts from LancasterHistory's vast collections. In a conversational setting, participants will hear the stories of these objects and what they reveal to us about the history of Lancaster County and its place in American history.

"Lancaster County Amish Quilts from the Esprit Quilt Collection," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, March 23 with two presentations, one at 11am and one at 2pm, at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/LancasterHistory Members and \$15/Non-Members. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

**NOTE FOR MEDIA:** As of February 26, both the 11am and 2pm time slots have sold out.

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## Exploring Climate & Health

**Saturday, March 30**

**10am**

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum at LancasterHistory will launch their 2024 Nature Series with a vital and timely program titled "Exploring Climate & Health." This engaging session, featuring Dr. Alan Peterson, Emeritus Director of Environmental and Community Medicine for Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, will delve into the recent shifts in our planet's climate and the consequential effects on human and animal health. Scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at 10 am at LancasterHistory, this event promises to enlighten attendees on the urgent climate challenges facing our world.

With over 50 years of experience in family medicine and a long-standing commitment to environmental health, Dr. Peterson will provide insights into how changes such as global warming, rising sea levels, and the spread of vector-borne diseases are impacting animal and human lifespans and well-being. His expertise and passion for the subject matter make him an ideal speaker to address these crucial issues.

The presentation aims to educate and motivate individuals to contribute positively to their environment, enhancing the planet's health, their communities, and themselves. This event is an

essential opportunity for those looking to deepen their understanding of the intricate links between climate change and health.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults (18 and older) and \$3 for children. Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members will enjoy complimentary admission but must register in advance. Due to limited seating, advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended to ensure participation.

Additionally, members of gardens or organizations that participate in the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program are eligible to attend and should reach out to Emily Miller at [emily.miller@lancastrhistory.org](mailto:emily.miller@lancastrhistory.org) to register.

The March 30th talk on "Exploring Climate & Health" is an excellent opportunity for community members to engage with an expert on an increasingly critical topic and to learn more about the actionable steps they can take to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

To register for the event or more information, please visit [lancastrhistory.org/events](https://lancastrhistory.org/events) or call (717) 392-4633. Join us in taking a step forward in understanding and addressing the complex relationship between our climate and our health.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL...

### Unlawful, Immoral, & Corrupting: Censorship and the Lancaster Law and Order Society

**Saturday, April 2**

**Presentation at 2pm**

For more than 40 years, Lancaster's Law and Order Society made efforts to censor popular entertainment including magazines, comic books, and films. The Society aimed to keep Lancaster a "Clean and upstanding city," free from immorality and vice. In this program, attendees will view items from LancasterHistory's archives and learn more about how the Law and Order Society successfully waged campaigns to ban films and magazines in Lancaster.

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"Censorship and the Lancaster Law and Order Society," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, April 6 at 2pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/LancasterHistory Members and \$15/Non-Members. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

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## EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY

### Main Exhibition - ***Thieves & Vagabonds: A History of Law and Justice in Lancaster County***

LancasterHistory's newest major exhibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds*, chronicles key moments in the history of law and justice in Lancaster County from the 18th century to the 20th century. From prisons to prohibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds* explores the making, breaking, and remaking of laws over 300 years of Lancaster County's history. Visit LancasterHistory's newest exhibition for a deep dive into crime and punishment as well as reform and repair in the Lancaster community.

### Special Exhibition - ***Black Lancasterians in the Arts: A Lasting Legacy***

Explore the enduring work of African American artists in Lancaster County. This new photo exhibit highlights the music, films, and performances of artists like Madeline Anderson and The Tranells through historical images in LancasterHistory's archives. Examine how these individuals navigated Lancaster from the Fulton Opera House to J.P. McCaskey High School and the impact they left on local, national, and international institutions.

## LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

### MARCH HOURS 2024

LancasterHistory is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30am to 5pm to the public. Tours of Wheatland are available from 10am to 3pm. The Research Center is open Wednesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.



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