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March 2025 Upcoming Events

from LancasterHistory

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History Happy Hour at Decades

Monday, March 10

5:30-7:30pm at Decades Lancaster

What do Super Mario, March Madness, and the National Guard have in common? They're all part of the history of the Stahr Armory, which is now home to Decades Lancaster, the host for this spring's History Happy Hour!

Join LancasterHistory for specialty drinks and light bites while we explore the history of a building that has been home to Lancaster's military reserves, the Lancaster Red Roses basketball team, and the area's best vintage arcade!

History Happy Hour will take place on Monday, March 10 from 5:30-7:30pm at [Decades Lancaster](#), 438 North Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

This event is currently sold out.

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An Adopted Son of America: Perspectives on the Marquis de Lafayette

Thursday, March 20

5pm Reception | 5:30pm Panel Discussion

50 years after fighting for the American cause in the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to the United States. Lafayette visited all 24 states on a 13-month farewell tour that included three days of festivities in Lancaster. Join LancasterHistory and a panel of local historians for an exploration of who Lafayette was, what he believed, and what he did here when he passed through Central Pennsylvania in July 1825. This event is co-hosted with [Lafayette200 Bicentennial Planning Committee of Lancaster and Western Chester Counties](#).

Speakers include Bruce E. Mowday, Louise Stevenson, Ph.D., Ben Webber, and Sarah Alberico. For full speaker bios, [please visit our website](#).

This event will take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, March 20, 2025**. Doors open and a reception begins at 5pm. The panel discussion will begin at 5:30pm. The presentation will also be streamed to Zoom at 5:30pm for those who wish to join us virtually.

This program is free and open to the public. In-person attendance requires advance registration in order to guarantee a seat. Due to capacity restrictions, tickets may not be available at the door. Virtual attendance requires advance registration in order to receive the Zoom link. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants before the event. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, March 20 at 5:30pm.

[Register to Attend In Person](#)

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This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA and on Zoom.

These Plants Are For The Birds

Saturday, March 29

10am at LancasterHistory

As we emerge from winter and into spring, its time to combine two common interests for nature lovers: gardening and birding! Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum on Saturday, March 29 as we welcome presenter Holly List for "These Plants Are For The Birds!" Learn about how we can share our landscape with birds, pursuing plants that support our feathered friends while providing seasonal interest and joy to our homes and community. Plus, get tips on how to ID

common resident birds as well as those migrating through our area.

Holly List is a long-time gardener and an avid bird watcher who gardens to attract and support birds. List loves helping others pursue similar interests and enjoys sharing research, trends, and best practices to support everyone's love of nature. List is a Master Gardener Emerita. She is an experienced business educator and is retired from banking and consulting. List lives with her husband and cat in Willow Street, PA.

HOW TO REGISTER

The event, "These Plants Are For The Birds" will take place on Saturday, March 29 at 10am at LancasterHistory. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$10/Adults and \$5/Children (17 & Under). Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members receive complimentary admission, but should still register for the program. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Advance tickets recommended as walk-in tickets are not guaranteed.

This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA.

COMING IN APRIL

Congressman George S. Boutwell: Radical Republican & Champion of Democracy

Thursday, April 3

5pm Reception | 5:30pm Lecture

While Congressman George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts interacted with James Buchanan during the Antebellum Era and worked with Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War and Thaddeus Stevens during Reconstruction, he remains the most consequential American political figure you've never heard of. In this lecture, the Congressman's distant relative, Dr. Jeffrey Boutwell, traces a life that offers an insider's view of the pivotal moments that laid the groundwork for modern America.

Dr. Jeffrey Boutwell is a writer, historian, and policy specialist whose forty-year career spanned journalism, government, and international scientific cooperation. He has a B.A. in history from Yale University, a Ph.D. in political science from MIT, and has written widely on nuclear weapons arms control, Middle East security issues, and environmental degradation and civil conflict. He lives in Columbia, Maryland. His book, *Boutwell: Radical Republican and Champion of Democracy* (2025, W.W. Norton) was published on January 21, 2025.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**. Doors open and a reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm. The lecture will also be

streamed to Zoom at 5:30pm for those who wish to join us virtually.

This program is free and open to the public. In-person attendance requires advance registration in order to guarantee a seat. Due to capacity restrictions, tickets may not be available at the door. Virtual attendance requires advance registration in order to receive the Zoom link. The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants before the event. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, April 3 at 5:30pm.

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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 - *Pathways of Persistence: AANHPI Legacies in Lancaster County*

On Display Through May 31, 2025

Wherever you go in Lancaster County —up Route 30, down quiet country roads, or along bustling city streets—you'll encounter the rich and enduring legacy of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. Lancaster's AANHPI residents have contributed to the county's cultural, economic, and social landscape, adapting to challenges and thriving across generations. *Pathways of Persistence*, a collaboration between Lancaster Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders and LancasterHistory, celebrates these stories of resilience, perseverance, and impact. Through this exhibit, we honor the voices and experiences that have helped shape Lancaster, bringing to light the multifaceted contributions AANHPI individuals have made in business, culture, and beyond.

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

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LancasterHistory is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30am to 5pm to the public. Tours of President James Buchanan's Wheatland are available from 10am to 3pm. The Research Center is open Wednesdays - Fridays and the first Saturday of the month from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.



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