



# LancasterHistory

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## May 2019 Events & Story Ideas

*from LancasterHistory*



### ***YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!***

The four May events below all take place on Saturday, May 4! A single visit to LancasterHistory can capture most of them, plus add additional photos and video for your files and for future use!

### **Teaching American History: The Vietnam War**

**Saturday, May 4**

**9am**

This seminar for teachers will offer an intensive look at the origins and conduct of the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson's actions, and the collapse of his administration. Teachers will also get a behind-the-scenes tour of related content in LancasterHistory's collections. The seminar is designed in conjunction with LancasterHistory's upcoming exhibition: *Lancaster in the '60's*. Registration required.

LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

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### **Lancaster Spring ArtWalk**

**Saturday, May 4**

**9:30am - 5pm**

LancasterHistory is a stop on this year's Spring ArtWalk. The galleries will host walkers visiting a variety of art galleries in downtown Lancaster and the surrounding area. LancasterHistory is offering its exhibitions on *FREEDOM: "to secure the Blessings of Liberty,"* Lancastrians who sought freedom, fought for freedom, lived in freedom and were denied freedom over the course of 300 years; *Printed, Painted and Stitched*, focusing on adornment and its application across a variety of surfaces including paper, ceramic and textiles; *World War I*, Lancastrians who went to the Western Front or served at home; and *River Power*, a photo exhibit on Safe Harbor Dam.

Admission to LancasterHistory's museum exhibitions is free for ArtWalk attendees.

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**Blooms & Birds****Tanger Arboretum Nature Series****Saturday, May 4****10am**

What is blooming and singing in the Arboretum in May? Join Lancaster Central Park Naturalist Lisa Sanchez to find out and walk through the Arboretum to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring.

Advance tickets are strongly recommended as programs typically sell-out and at-door tickets are not guaranteed. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are \$5 for Adults (18+), \$3 for Children (17 and Under), and FREE for Members of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum (registration required).

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**African American Heritage Walking Tour****Saturday, May 4****11am & 2pm**

Tours depart from the Lancaster City Visitor Center, 38 Penn Square

Learn all about Lancaster's abolitionists, Underground Railroad agents, religious leaders and entrepreneurs on a tour of 14 historic sites in downtown Lancaster. Tours depart the Lancaster City Visitor Center at 11am and 2pm. Tickets are available day-of.

Lancaster City Visitor Center, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster

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***Harriet Lane's Recollections*****Living History at Wheatland****Saturday, May 4****Tours at 1, 2, & 3pm**

It's May 1862, and the Civil War is raging. During this first-person presentation, Harriet Lane, the niece of President James Buchanan and former First Lady, meets with friends at Wheatland and reveals her thoughts on the Civil War, what she has been doing to advocate for American Indian tribes, and how her life must change because of the war.

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**Film Premiere: "Buchanan's America: A Nation Divided"****Tuesday, May 7****6:30pm**

Despite having been one of America's most accomplished politicians prior to taking office, James Buchanan's presidency, marked by the struggles of an increasingly divided nation on the brink of Civil War, is ultimately considered a failure. In this film, seven historians come together to reinterpret aspects of Buchanan's life—his relationships, his presidency, his critical failure to face the issue of slavery, and his political legacy. Created, directed and shot by Aurora Productions, the story is woven together by live action reenactments, and will become the new orientation film for Wheatland visitors. A panel discussion will follow the film, and will include historians and the filmmaker.

Tickets to the premiere are free and available online or by calling (717) 392-4633. Sell-out highly likely.

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***Sophisticated Ladies*****Thirsty for History Thursday at the Fulton****Thursday, May 9****6:30pm**

The Fulton Theater mounts the glamorous, lavish, show-stopping production of "Sophisticated Ladies," celebrating jazz legend Duke Ellington. So, what does that have to do with Lancaster History? LancasterHistory CEO Tom Ryan will explain, in a most lighthearted manner, on the balcony of the lounge at the Fulton an hour before curtain.

Fulton Theatre, 12 North Prince Street, Lancaster

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## **Slavery & The Declaration of Independence**

**Thursday, May 23**

**4pm Reception**

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

Most Americans know that slavery tore the United States apart and precipitated the Civil War. But few understand how slavery very nearly sank the United States before it even declared its independence, causing many of the founders to confront - and rationalize - their own hypocrisy. University of Maryland Professor Dr. Holly Brewer talks about Thomas Jefferson's thinking, the rebellion within the rebellion over the wording of the Declaration, and the tap-dancing the founders found necessary to reach agreement.

A light reception will begin at 4pm on Thursday, May 23 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. The main presentation will begin at 4:30pm in Ryder Hall.

The program is free and open to the public but **requires advance registration to guarantee a seat at the presentation**. Register online at [www.lancasterhistory.org/lectures](http://www.lancasterhistory.org/lectures) 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.

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## **Storytime**

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

**11am**

Experience history through stories and hands-on activities! Join LancasterHistory as we introduce children to historic themes and read a book aloud. Then, stay for an activity or craft inspired by the day's theme. This hands-on learning opportunity broadens historical knowledge while establishing basic museum literacy and critical thinking skills.

This program is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 9, but all children are welcome. Storytime is free for kids and accompanying adults, but reservations are required.

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