



LancasterHistory

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May 2022 Events & Story Ideas

from LancasterHistory

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*****Our hours are changing in May!*****

Storytime

**Every Thursday in May
10am at LancasterHistory**

Gather 'round with LancasterHistory every Thursday in May at 10am for Storytime! Storytime at LancasterHistory takes place among historic buildings, giving children an immersive history experience. A passionate museum educator will read aloud from a book centered on a historical theme, and then lead a craft or activity inspired by the theme.

This month we'll be reading...

- May 5: *I Don't Want To Be A Frog* by Dev Petty
- May 12: *Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta
- May 19: *L is for Liberty* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
- May 26: *My Golden Book about Abraham Lincoln* by Bonnie Bader

This program broadens kids' historical knowledge, and establishes museum literacy and critical thinking skills. The program is free, and registration is required to ensure we have craft supplies for everyone. Suggested for ages 6 and under. Register for all four Storytime programs or

individual programs [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633.

Storytime will take place outdoors unless it rains, in which case it will be moved indoors. All attendees should abide by LancasterHistory's [Heath & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#). We kindly ask that at least one (1) adult, parent, or guardian attend per child.

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

Harriet Lane: America's First Fair Lady of the Land

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Tours from 10am - 3pm

Harriet Lane is considered to be the originator of the term “First Lady” as she was neither the wife or sibling of the president. It was a role that she would flourish in and define. In May's Special Subject Tour, go back to Harriet Lane's roots to learn about her life and experiences growing up at Wheatland. Discover what her childhood and time in the White House was like with Uncle James Buchanan, her travels and friendship with one of Europe's most powerful monarchs, Queen Victoria, and the loss she experienced later in life.

Harriet Lane: America's Fair First Lady of the Land, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, May 7. Tours will be available on the half hour, beginning at 10am and continuing until the last tour at 3pm. **Please Note: These tours are not our regular General Admission tours and are not Buchanan-focused.**

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. When booking online, be sure to first select the date of May 7, followed by the time of your choice. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but must reserve their tickets in advance. All visitors must abide by LancasterHistory's [Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#).

Event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

Ghost River: From Colonial Past to Native Present

Thursday, May 12, 2022

7pm ET Online via Zoom

On Thursday, May 12, editor Will Fenton will join LancasterHistory virtually for a lecture on *Ghost River: The Fall and Rise of the Conestoga*, an educational graphic novel about the final days of

the Conestoga People.

In December 1763, a mob of white settlers, the so-called “Paxton Boys,” murdered 20 unarmed Conestoga People in a genocidal campaign that reshaped Pennsylvania settlement politics. *Ghost River* reimagines this difficult history through an educational graphic novel that introduces new bodies of evidence to highlight Indigenous victims, survivors, and kin. Editor Will Fenton will discuss the origins, archival materials, and the collaborative process that made the project possible.

Will Fenton is Program Officer in the Office of Challenge Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Editor of [*Ghost River: The Fall and Rise of the Conestoga*](#) (Red Planet Books & Comics, 2019), which received the [*American Association for State and Local History’s 2021 Leadership in History Award*](#). He earned his Ph.D. from Fordham University in August 2018 (Department of English).

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.**

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. **Your link to the Zoom event will be emailed to you upon successful registration.** If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, we highly recommend reading our [Virtual Event Guide & FAQ](#) in advance the of the event. Registration will close online on May 12 at 6:50pm ET.

Event takes place on Zoom.

LancasterHistory Celebrity Bartending Happy Hour

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

4:30 - 7pm at The Beer Wall On Prince

Join LancasterHistory at the Beer Wall on Prince Street for an evening of local celebrity bartending benefitting our education and public history programs! On Wednesday, May 18 from 4:30 – 7pm, LancasterHistory staff and volunteers will be behind the bar and serving up some tidbits about LancasterHistory and our upcoming programming. Your Celebrity Bartenders for the evening include Tom Ryan, Robin Sarratt, Annie Weeks, and Doug O’Brien. All tips received during the event will be donated to LancasterHistory.

[The Beer Wall On Prince](#) features over 35 self-service taps and a variety of local wine and spirits options. They also offer a unique and upscale gastropub menu with shareable bar appetizers as well as classics such as tacos and burgers. Plus, don’t miss their Game Room, featuring a mix of old school arcade games and table top games which are free for guests to play.

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

Beginning May 1, LancasterHistory is expanding its hours of operation. LancasterHistory will be open to the public Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am - 5pm. Tours of President James Buchanan's Wheatland will also be available Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10am - 3pm. The Research Center will continue to operate Wednesdays - Saturdays with specific timeslot appointments.

Limited-capacity | Reservations recommended
Plan your visit by reviewing LancasterHistory's
[Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) and [FAQs](#).