



LancasterHistory

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May 2023 Upcoming Events

from LancasterHistory

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Spring Seasonal Gathering Tour

Saturday, May 6

11am at LancasterHistory

*****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A press release for "Spring Seasonal Gathering Tour" will be disseminated by April 24, 2023. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.*****

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for their Spring Seasonal Gathering Tour on Saturday, May 6 at 11am. Horticulturist Jeffrey (Jeff) Hazlett will lead attendees on a walking tour through the Arboretum for a glimpse at what's new, blooming, or to come with the approach of warmer, sunnier months. In particular, attendees will learn about the many flowering trees on the grounds, the pollinator gardens, and the two recently recognized Pennsylvania Champion Trees that call the Arboretum home!

Jeff Hazlett is the current Vice President of the Board of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and past president of the organization. He studied horticulture at Penn State University and is currently the president of Ever Green Tree & Lawn Care in Lancaster, PA. Jeff is a nature lover and an active volunteer for the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and LancasterHistory.

HOW TO REGISTER

The event, "Spring Seasonal Gathering Tour," will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 11am at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$5/Adult (18+) and \$3/Child. 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 the program has limited capacity. The tour will last approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. If you would like to attend but have questions or concerns about the accessibility of the walking route, please contact Emily Miller at (717) 392-4633, ext. 133 or emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org for more information.

The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum is a member of the [American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program](#). AHS Reciprocal Admission Program members may register for tickets in advance and must show a valid membership card upon checking in. AHS Members should contact Emily Miller, emily.miller@lancasterhistory.org, with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

This event is hosted by the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum. The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum, a subsidiary organization of LancasterHistory, helps foster public interest in, and support for, the maintenance and development of the Tanger Arboretum as a community asset. To learn more about the Arboretum or to become a member, [please visit the Arboretum's webpage](#).

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

Arboretum Discovery Day

Saturday, May 13

10am at LancasterHistory

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A press release for "Arboretum Discovery Day" will be disseminated by April 24, 2023. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.****

Join LancasterHistory for a family-friendly nature adventure in the Tanger Arboretum! On May 13, children and their families will get to explore the recently redeveloped Wheatland Kitchen Garden and learn about what was grown in a garden during James Buchanan's time. We'll also learn about how we access food today. Then we'll take a brief walk down to the koi pond and learn

about the fish who call the pond home. For a craft, we'll be planting a sunflower, marigold, or tomato plant to take home.

The program is \$5/child which covers crafting and activity supplies. Registration is required to ensure we have craft supplies for everyone. Suggested for ages 12 and under. Register for Arboretum Discovery Day [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633.

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The President & The Secretary: The Troubled Partnership of James K. Polk and James Buchanan

Thursday, May 18

5pm Reception | 5:30pm Main Presentation

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A press release for "The President & The Secretary" will be disseminated by May 4, 2023. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.****

On Thursday, May 18, join LancasterHistory as we welcome American University's Dr. Michael David Cohen to discuss how James Buchanan came to join President James K. Polk's cabinet and how the two cooperated and clashed on the Mexican-American War, a potential Buchanan presidency, and the liberation of a Black US citizen from enslavement overseas.

James Buchanan served as Secretary of State during James K. Polk's presidency (1845-1849). Though both Democrats and Republicans aligned on many major issues, they occasionally sparred over questions of both policy and propriety. Polk even contemplated firing Buchanan more than once! Learn more about how these two powerful politicians clashed and cooperated over domestic and international affairs in this Presidential Lecture.

Dr. Michael David Cohen is a historian of nineteenth-century America. A research professor at American University, he currently serves as editor of the Correspondence of Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore. From 2009 to 2019, he edited the Correspondence of James K. Polk, completing a fourteen-volume print and digital edition of the 11th president's letters. He earned a Ph.D. at Harvard University and has published two books: *Reconstructing the Campus: Higher Education and the American Civil War* (2012) and *James K. Polk and His Time: Essays at the Conclusion of the Polk Project* (2022).

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, May 18, 2023**. Doors open and the 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. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, May 18 at 5:30pm.

[Register to Attend In Person](#)

[Register to Attend Online](#)

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

Nature Series: "Container Gardening"

Saturday, May 20

10am at LancasterHistory

*****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A press release for "Container Gardening" will be disseminated by April 24, 2023. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.*****

On Saturday, May 20 at 10am, join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and presenter Christine "Chris" Abel for "Container Gardening." At this event, Chris will share tips for container gardening and how to create stunning four season containers and patio pots. She will also show attendees how to create a patio pot (or container) for summer that will last all season until the frost comes, and display and discuss new or little known plants that are now on the market for buyers.

Christine "Chris" Abel is a lifelong resident of Lancaster County. She first became interested in gardening at an early age, selling her own homegrown parsley and tending to houseplants. Chris' love of gardening grew and so did her own business of planting four seasons pots for numerous local businesses and private residences. She is a Lancaster County Master Gardener (Class of 2006) and member of the Lancaster County Garden Club and DiggingIn Gathering, a national group of professional container designers. Chris greatly enjoys teaching and showing everyone the 'how tos' of container gardening.

HOW TO REGISTER

The event, "Container Gardening," will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10am at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$5/Adult (18+) and \$3/Child. 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 the program has limited capacity.

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Lancaster County Tall Clocks

Saturday, May 20

2pm at LancasterHistory

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A press release for "Lancaster County Tall Clocks" will be disseminated by May 8, 2023. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.****

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Lancaster County led the way as the center of hand-crafted clock manufacture in North America. Tall clocks not only kept time. They also served as symbols of social status and accomplishment. This *Collections Up Close* tour will walk attendees through LancasterHistory's exhibitions to learn about local clock-making traditions, the manufacture of dials, movements and cases, and the exceptional level of craftsmanship and technological development attained by Lancaster County clockmakers.

In *Collections Up Close* tours, 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 Tall Clocks, a *Collections Up Close* tour, takes place on Saturday, May 20 at 2pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/Adults (18+), \$8/Seniors (65+), and \$6/Students (11-College ID). LancasterHistory Members are free, but should still register in advance to receive their complimentary admission. Tickets can be purchased or reserved [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

Lancaster Vice: The Hidden History of Sex, Crime, and Power in the 1900s

Saturday, May 20

Walking Tour at 2pm

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: As of April 17, this tour is sold out.****

In the early 1900s, Lancaster City was known as a “wide open” city where police and city officials looked the other way and sometimes even encouraged drinking, gambling, and prostitution. Brothel keepers, bartenders, charity girls, and traveling salesmen shared the city with crooked politicians and moralistic reformers. On this walking tour, attendees will visit the streets they called home and learn about the history of gender, sexuality, and the law through the stories of Reverend Clifford Twombly, Mayor Frank McClain, and the men and women of Lancaster’s Red-Light Districts.

Lancaster Vice, a walking tour, will take place on Saturday, May 20 at 2pm. The tour will meet and depart from Penn Square, outside the Lancaster City Welcome Center (38 Penn Square). Tours last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10 for LancasterHistory Members and Students; \$15 for Non-Members. This program is suggested for ages 18 and older. **Advance registration is strongly recommended.** Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

Tour departure from Penn Square, outside the Lancaster City Welcome Center, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Main Exhibition - ***Lancaster in the '60s***

Over the course of more than 350 years, the physical and cultural landscapes of Lancaster County have undergone transformative change. *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. The pivotal events that transpired in each of these decades changed the lives of those who experienced them, and continue to impact the way we live our lives today.

Special Exhibition - ***A Sweet Start: Milton Hershey's Lancaster Connections***

Milton Hershey spent much of his early life in Lancaster County. Hershey grew up on a farm in Bart Township and then, as a young man, learned how to make chocolate and established his first successful business in Lancaster City on Church Street. Buoyed by success, Hershey founded the Hershey Chocolate Company in Lancaster in 1894 and lived in the city with his wife from 1898 until 1904. Explore the photograph exhibit, *A Sweet Start*, highlighting Milton Hershey's personal and professional connections to Lancaster.

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

May 2023

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 Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am to 2pm for appointments.

All operations of LancasterHistory will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.