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Lancaster County's Historical Society & President James Buchanan's Wheatland

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November 2017 Story Ideas

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Thursday, November 9, 3-4pm

Curator's Tour of Lancaster County Quilts

Get a closer look at intricate and fascinating quilts! Join LancasterHistory.org Curators Wendell Zercher and Tori Pyle for an hour long presentation of Lancaster County quilts at 3pm on Thursday, November 9. Curators will give a brief introduction, followed by a presentation on a number of quilts—particularly those from Lancaster County's Mennonite and other Plain traditions

Advanced tickets are required. Tickets available online at www.lancasterhistory.org.

LancasterHistory.org, 230 North President Avenue, Lancaster

Thursday, November 9

Reception at 4pm | Presentation at 4:30pm

A Question of Sovereignties: James Buchanan, Utah Territory, and the Onset of a Federal West

Presidential Lecture Series

LancasterHistory.org welcomes historian and author Brent M. Rogers, Ph.D. for a talk on *A Question of Sovereignties: James Buchanan, Utah Territory, and the Onset of a Federal West*. Rogers will examine the difficult challenges faced by President Buchanan's administration in dealing with Territorial Governor Brigham Young as well as with the settlers of the Utah Territory.

The event is free and open to the public. The 2017 Presidential Lecture Series is sponsored by SmartLife VIA Willow Valley.

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Tuesday, November 14, 10am - 3pm

World War I-era History Harvest

To enhance its collections, LancasterHistory.org is actively soliciting documents, artifacts, and memorabilia related to the World War I-era, and asking interested donors to bring them to the Lancaster Campus of History on Tuesday, November 14th from 10am - 3pm. Originals or copies of period documents, photographs, and published material related to Lancaster County from 1910 – 1919 are being sought, as well as artifacts such as Navy uniforms. This period includes the run-up to WWI, the the war itself, and the influenza pandemic afterward. Scanning of originals will be done on site and the originals returned if the donor prefers.

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Thursday, November 16

Reception 4pm | Presentation 4:30pm

Treacherous Beauty: Peggy Shippen, The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America

Regional History Colloquium

While war was raging between England and the colonies, Peggy Shippen befriended a suave British Major, John Andre, then married crippled revolutionary general, Benedict Arnold. She brought the two men together in a treasonous plot that nearly turned George Washington into a prisoner and changed the course of the war. But that was not Peggy's concern---survival was. Author and attorney Stephen Case talks about his new book, co-authored with Mark Jacob, on the life of the notorious granddaughter of Lancasterian, Edward Shippen.

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Friday, November 17, All Day Online & The Ware Center 5-8pm

The Extraordinary Give

The Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of online giving, returns on November 17, 2017. From 12 midnight to 11:59 PM, every dollar donated will be stretched by at least \$500,000 from the Lancaster County Community Foundation, Rodgers & Associates, the S. Dale High Family Foundation, and more generous sponsors!

LancasterHistory.org is once again participating in the Extraordinary Give, and will be downtown at the Ware Center as part of Benchmark Construction's ExtraGive Giving Party from 5-8pm.

November 25 - December 30

Yuletide at Wheatland: Victorian Splendor

As a girl, Harriet Lane Johnston spent her holidays at the very center of the fashion world—the Court of Queen Victoria. By 1874, she was decorating the home she had inherited from her Uncle James Buchanan in high Victorian style as she welcomed friends and family from far and wide. This holiday season, be Harriet's guest at Wheatland and join in the festivities!

Visit rooms exquisitely decorated with flowers, ivy, wreaths and ribbon, as well as a towering Christmas Tree overflowing with ornaments. Experience the joyful sounds of Christmas music, amusing games, the scent of holly, and the warmth of the holiday season. Welcome to Wheatland!

Performances available Fridays and Saturdays from November 25 until December 30. Times, tickets, and more information can be found at <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/yuletide>.

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Thursday, November 30

6:30pm at the Fulton Theatre

Thirsty for History Thursday at the Fulton featuring *A Christmas Story: The Musical*

What does *A Christmas Story* have to do with Lancaster history? Find out by joining LancasterHistory.org for Thirsty for History Thursday at the Fulton Theatre on Thursday, November 30! Before curtain on the second Thursday of each major Fulton production, LancasterHistory.org will make the connection between each play and local history. A wine and cheese reception begins at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 30, followed by a presentation by Dr. Tom Ryan at 6:45pm. The main performance will begin at 7:30pm.

The Fulton Theatre, 12 North Prince Street, Lancaster

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