



# LancasterHistory

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## November 2024 Upcoming Events

*from LancasterHistory*

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### The Astonishing Dawn Redwood

**Saturday, November 2**

**10am** at LancasterHistory

Finding a remnant population of supposedly extinct Dawn Redwoods in a remote Chinese valley was one of the most important botanical discoveries of the 20th century. Join tree hobbyist Len Eiserer for a presentation on Saturday, November 2 at 10am about the incredible past, thriving present, and sparkling future of the Dawn Redwood, a living fossil.

**Len Eiserer** received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine and his doctorate in Psychology from Bryn Mawr College. He has taught for 38 years and currently teaches at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). He maintains the website, [Tree Treasures of Lancaster County](#), and serves on the board of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

*The Astonishing Dawn Redwood* will take place on Saturday, November 2 at 10am at LancasterHistory, 230 North President Avenue. Tickets are \$5/Adults (18+) and \$3/Children (17 & Under). Friends of the Tanger Arboretum receive complimentary admission, but advance reservations are highly recommended. (Walk-in tickets are not guaranteed.) Tickets may be purchased (or reserved) [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. Ticketholders should check-in at LancasterHistory's museum before proceeding into the auditorium in Ryder Hall.

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

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## Forgotten Fighters: Chinese Soldiers in the Civil War

**Thursday, November 7**

**5:30pm Lecture** Online via Zoom

On **Thursday, November 7**, join LancasterHistory as we welcome Anneliese Meck, a public historian and historical costumer, for an online presentation on "Forgotten Fighters: Chinese Soldiers in the Civil War."

When Hong Neok Woo, a Chinese American citizen living in Lancaster County, enlisted as a private in the United States Army in 1863, he joined ranks with a small yet significant number of Chinese soldiers who fought for their adopted country. In the years that followed, the US would discriminate against these citizens and all but forget their contributions on the battlefield and beyond. In this online lecture, Anneliese Meck will join us to explore the story of Mr. Woo and other Chinese Americans who fought for freedom, citizenship, civil rights, and belonging in 19th-century America.

**Anneliese Meck** is a public historian and content creator, specializing in historical costume construction, Chinese American history, and living history practice. She studied costumes and textiles at Kent State University, and has worked with historical societies and museums throughout the East Coast. She previously served as the Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumfordsville, New York, and, as of June 2024, serves as an event coordinator at the Women's Rights and Harriet Tubman National Historic Parks for the National Park Service. Find her latest projects on the blog – [The Sewphisticate](#) – and social media: [@thesewphisticate](#).

### EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place online via Zoom on **Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30pm ET**.

This program is free and open to the public, but requires advance registration in order to receive the Zoom link. Register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, November 7 at 5:30pm. At the speaker's request, the presentation will not be recorded.

*This event takes place online via Zoom. There is no in-person attendance option.*

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## Lancaster County Amish Quilts from the Esprit Quilt Collection

**Saturday, November 9**

**11am and 2pm Presentations** at LancasterHistory

Doug Tompkins, American businessman and co-founder of Esprit Clothing, assembled a large collection of Amish quilts including 82 made in Lancaster County between 1880 and 1950. Join us for a special Esprit Quilt showing to view a selection of these iconic quilts and learn more about their history, cultural significance, and the women who made them.

In *Collections Up Close* programs, 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 Amish Quilts from the Esprit Quilt Collection," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, November 9 with two presentations, one at 11am and one at 2pm, at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/LancasterHistory Members and \$15/Non-Members. To register, please click the applicable program hour below or call (717) 392-4633.

**[REGISTER FOR THE 11AM PROGRAM](#)**

**[REGISTER FOR THE 2PM PROGRAM](#)**

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## The ExtraGive

**Friday, November 22**

All Day Online Giving Event

Lancaster County's largest day of online giving returns for 2024, and your support is more crucial than ever for LancasterHistory!

Lancaster County's largest day of online giving, the ExtraGive, kicks off a season of gratitude on Friday, November 22. Your donation to LancasterHistory during the ExtraGive not only supports the intense and important work that goes into building a new museum, the Stevens & Smith Center, in Lancaster County, but also supports the continuing operations and educational

programs of LancasterHistory!

Visit LancasterHistory's ExtraGive webpage

at [extragive.org/organizations/lancasterhistory](https://extragive.org/organizations/lancasterhistory) on November 22 to make a tax-deductible donation to support groundbreaking history in Lancaster County!

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## ExtraGive Stevens & Smith Center Sneak Peek

**Friday, November 22**

**4-7pm** at Commons on Vine, Lancaster County Convention Center

For the first time since the Center's Groundbreaking in May, get a special sneak peek at construction process inside the future Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy! Learn about the site and see the future exhibit spaces. Plus, give your feedback on the core topics and themes examined throughout the museum.

The ExtraGive Stevens & Smith Center Sneak Peek will take place on Friday, November 22 from 4-7pm at Commons on Vine in the Lancaster County Convention Center. Entrance available off of Vine Street. Tours of the Stevens & Smith Center are free and RSVPs/advance registration are not required. Please note that not all levels of the site may be fully accessible at the time of tours due to ongoing development and construction of the site.

*This event takes place at Commons on Vine in the Lancaster County Convention Center. Guests may enter off of Vine Street.*

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## Yuletide at Wheatland

**November 23 - December 30, 2024**

**Tours Mondays - Saturdays, 10am - 3pm** at LancasterHistory

Join LancasterHistory for *Yuletide at Wheatland*, a festive, guided tour of President James Buchanan's historic home! Explore Christmas as it was experienced in the late 1800s, and discover how Buchanan's niece and nephew, Harriet Lane Johnston and James Buchanan Henry, celebrated the holiday season during the early years of the Second Industrial Revolution. Learn how the Christmas holiday became popular in American culture from James Buchanan's time at Wheatland to the increased commercialization and elegant decorations of the late Victorian era.

*Yuletide at Wheatland* is an annual holiday and history-themed tour at President James Buchanan's Wheatland. This tour includes both floors. *Yuletide at Wheatland* ticketholders also receive admission to the self guided museum exhibitions in LancasterHistory's main building.

*Yuletide at Wheatland* tours begin Saturday, November 23. Tours are available Mondays - Saturdays, on the hour, from 10am (first tour of the day) to 3pm (last tour of the day). There are no tours on Sundays, Thanksgiving (11/28), Christmas Eve (12/24), and Christmas Day (12/25). The last day of *Yuletide at Wheatland* is Monday, December 30.

For tickets, reservations, and more information, please visit [lancastrhistory.org/yuletide](http://lancastrhistory.org/yuletide). Advance reservations strongly recommended.

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## Looking Ahead to December

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### History Happy Hour at Proof

**Thursday, December 5**

**5:30 - 7:30pm** at Proof

In August 1794, President George Washington sent Lancaster lawyer Jasper Yeates to western Pennsylvania. Yeates' mission: to negotiate with a group of angry frontier settlers who were engaged in violent resistance to the new federal tax on whiskey, an event now known as the Whiskey Rebellion. Unable to find a peaceful solution, Yeates encouraged President Washington to send federal troops to suppress the insurrection – setting a precedent for the federal government's authority to respond to political resistance with force.

How did Pennsylvania whiskey almost ruin our great American experiment? What can it teach us about citizen protest and American democracy? *And was the whiskey really that good?* LancasterHistory's Stephanie Townrow will lead a lively discussion about the Whiskey Rebellion over a glass of Pennsylvania rye whiskey or another drink of your choice.

**Tickets go on sale Monday, November 11 at 10am Eastern. Visit [lancastrhistory.org/events/hhh-proof](http://lancastrhistory.org/events/hhh-proof).**

*This event takes place at Proof, 30 N. Queen Street (Lower Level), Lancaster, PA*

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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.

## LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

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

### NOVEMBER EXCEPTIONS TO HOURS

President James Buchanan's Wheatland CLOSED

November 17 - 22, 2024

All Operations CLOSED

November 28, 2024 for Thanksgiving

The Research Center CLOSED

November 29, 2024



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