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## October 2019 Events & Story Ideas

*from LancasterHistory*

### **African American Heritage Walking Tour**

**Saturday, October 5**

**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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### ***Events Over Which He Could Have Exercised No Control***

**Living History at Wheatland**

**Saturday, October 5**

**Tours at 1, 2, & 3pm**

The failure of the founders to resolve the issue of slavery at the Constitutional Convention made civil war inevitable. And, the issues faced by President James Buchanan were born from those that challenged President George Washington. Yet both men faced challenges the other might find hard to comprehend. In first-person presentations, Washington and Buchanan, with their First Ladies, discuss the political issues that began in the 18th-century and morphed into Civil War in the 19th-century. Tickets available online at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org).

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***Bats & Owls Under The Full Moon***

**Tanger Arboretum Nature Series**

**Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm**

Halloween is almost here! *Bats & Owls Under the Full Moon* is all about different bat and owl species, how to look for them and attract them to the yard. Hosted by Friends of the Tanger (TAN-ger) Arboretum. Tickets available online at [www.lancasterhistory.org](http://www.lancasterhistory.org).

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**Civil War Living History Encampment**

**Saturday, October 12, 9am - 5pm (Lantern Tours 6-8pm)**

**Sunday, October 13, 10am - 4pm**

The Civil War was almost upon Lancaster's doorstep in 1863, coming within 12 miles of Wheatland, the home of former President James Buchanan. A Federal (Union) detachment camped on the grounds of Wheatland in case they were needed to protect the former president. On October 12 & 13, military and civilian reenactors will set up camp and conduct a variety of activities to help visitors understand what those times were like.

For a full listing of the weekend's events, please view our [Civil War Living History Encampment press release](#) (released on September 16, 2019). The Encampment is free and open to the public.

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***Bosom Friends: The Intimate World of James Buchanan & William Rufus King***

**Presidential Lecture Series**

**Thursday, October 17, 4-5:30pm**

While they were U.S. Senators, did James Buchanan and William Rufus King have a romance? A "bromance?" Or were they just fast friends? Regardless of theories, their interactions shaped the worldviews of both men. Eastern Connecticut State University history professor Dr. Thomas Balcerski explores one of the most significant collaborations in American political history and shows how intimate male friendships still play an important part in political success.

A casual reception and book signing by the author will begin at 4pm on Thursday, October 17 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](http://www.lancasterhistory.org) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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***All The Presidents' Gardens***  
**Regional History Colloquium**  
**Thursday, October 24, 4-5:30pm**

The 18 acres surrounding the White House have seen a great deal of history, from weddings and treaties to bill signings and royal receptions. Marta McDowell, landscape history teacher at the New York Botanical Garden, will share the untold story of the White House grounds, starting with George Washington's plant obsession and ending with Michelle Obama's kitchen garden. She'll also talk about Harriet Lane's contributions, including the greenhouse perched on the roof of west terrace.

A casual reception and book signing by the author will begin at 4pm on Thursday, October 24 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. The main presentation will begin at 4:30pm in Ryder Hall.

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**"Go At Your Own Pace" Saturday at Wheatland**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
**Tour Entries Every 15 Min. from 1:15 - 3:15pm**

Explore the beautiful and inviting rooms of the 13,000 square foot Wheatland mansion and discover the history of this gentleman's farm that James Buchanan called home. Guides are stationed in each room of the mansion to answer your questions as you visit President James Buchanan's home at your own pace.

Tour entries every 15 minutes from 1:15-3:15pm. Ticket price also includes admission to the museum exhibitions at LancasterHistory.

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***The Worlds of James Buchanan & Thaddeus Stevens* Book Launch**  
**Wednesday, October 30, 4-5:30pm**

In the mid 19-century, Lancaster, Pennsylvania was the epicenter of U.S. politics. There, two Lancastrians dominated: Reserved, conservative future President James Buchanan, and brash, radical Republican Congressman Thaddeus Stevens. Authors Dr. Michael Birkner (Gettysburg College), Dr. Randall Miller (St. Joseph's University), and Dr. John Quist (Shippensburg University) consider Buchanan and Stevens's divergent lives alongside their political and social worlds, and reveal the dynamics and directions of American politics in their recently published book *The Worlds of James Buchanan and Thaddeus Stevens*.

A casual reception and book signing by the authors will begin at 4pm on Wednesday, October 30 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster. The main presentation and moderated panel discussion will begin at 4:30pm in Ryder Hall.

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