



LancasterHistory

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October 2022 Events & Story Ideas

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A House in Mourning

Saturday, October 1

Tours 10am through 3pm

Learn about the unique rituals and traditions that Victorian Americans followed to commemorate the passing of loved ones and revered figures. On October 1, take a special guided tour of Wheatland to learn about the culture of mourning, décor, and how thousands paid their last respects to James Buchanan when he passed on June 1, 1868 at Wheatland.

A House in Mourning, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, October 1. Tours will be available on the 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 solely focused on James Buchanan.**

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

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

Autumn Accents with Allegro Orchestra Lancaster

Saturday, October 8

5 -7pm at LancasterHistory

On Saturday, October 8, join LancasterHistory and Allegro Orchestra Lancaster for a special evening event and fundraiser to support and celebrate Allegro's mission of expanding the appreciation and love for classical music across multiple generations in Lancaster County and LancasterHistory's mission to engage and educate the public about the people, places, and events that shaped Lancaster County.

At *Autumn Accents*, guests will enjoy live music performed by four, small ensembles in unique locations throughout LancasterHistory's grounds. From inside the museum, surrounded by historic artifacts, to outside the home of 15th US President James Buchanan, guests can relish the ambiance and interweaving of music and history. Throughout the evening, guests will be guided to each quartet to experience their private mini-concert comprised of brass, wind, and string instruments. Plus, there will be appetizers, desserts, wine, and cocktails, a perfect gastronomical accompaniment to the evening.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 8 from 5 – 7pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) through Allegro Orchestra Lancaster. Each ticket purchase (\$100/per ticket plus a \$5 service fee) includes admission to the event, appetizers, drinks, and other delicious small bites, and helps support Allegro Orchestra Lancaster and LancasterHistory. All proceeds benefit Allegro Orchestra Lancaster and LancasterHistory. Advance tickets are highly encouraged as capacity is limited.

To learn more about the music ensembles who will be performing on October 8, [please click here](#).

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

2022 Annual Dinner of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum

Tuesday, October 11

5:30pm at the Double Tree Resort in Willow Valley

Celebrate and gather with friends for the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum's Annual Dinner! Join us on Tuesday, October 11 at the Double Tree Resort in Willow Valley for cocktails, dinner, and more.

The speaker for the evening's program is Dr. Kerry Givens, who will speak on *Stories from the Understory: A Macrophotographer's Very Close Look at Trees, Forests, and the Beauty Hidden Within*. Kerry Givens, MD is a lifelong Pennsylvania naturalist/photographer whose day job as a busy ophthalmologist frequently interferes with the important task of taking pictures of nature. His images have been published in hundreds of books, magazines, and greeting cards, including words by the Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and National Geographic. Givens' talk will provide a rich, pictorial retrospective of his years as a macrophotographer.

Tickets are \$50/person. **RSVP by September 26** [online](#) or by calling Cindy Madara at (717) 392-4633, ext. 122. Reservations held upon receipt of payment.

Event takes place at the Double Tree Resort in Willow Valley, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster

Out in Central Pennsylvania: The History of an LGBTQ Community

Thursday, October 13
7pm Online

On Thursday, October 13, authors William Burton and Barry Loveland will join LancasterHistory virtually for a lecture on their new book, *Out in Central Pennsylvania: A History of the LGBTQ Community*. They will discuss the efforts for passage of a non-discrimination ordinance in Lancaster, the KKK protest, the two bombings of The Closet bookstore, and other stories and histories.

Outside of major metropolitan areas, the fight for LGBTQ+ rights has had its own unique and rich history – one that is quite different from the national narrative set in New York and California. Drawing from oral histories and the archives of the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project, *Out in Central Pennsylvania* recounts the innovative ways that LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians organized to demand civil rights and to improve quality of life in a region that often rejected them.

William Burton is the author of *Out in Central Pennsylvania*, and is a writer living in Provincetown, Massachusetts. He has a master's degree in History from the University of Massachusetts and his thesis was in LGBT history. He is currently a contributor to *The*

Provincetown Banner newspaper and *The Gay and Lesbian Review* magazine.

Barry Loveland is a cofounder and chair of the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project and is retired after a 32-year career with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He has B.S. in Building Sciences from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an M.S. in Historic Preservation.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.** The event will be recorded and made available on [LancasterHistory's YouTube Channel](#) in the days after the 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 October 13 at 6:50pm ET.

Event takes place Online

Past, Present, Pumpkins!

Saturday, October 15
10am at LancasterHistory

The grandest of gourds, learn about the autumnal icon, the pumpkin, at this fun, family-friendly event! Discover the historical origins of the pumpkin and why we decorate our front porches each year with a vegetable we probably won't eat. Plus, decorate a small jack-o-lantern in a spiffy style of your choice!

Perfect for families and children 10 and under. Tickets are \$5/Child and free for Adults. (Ticket price goes towards the purchase of supplies.) Advance registration is required to guarantee supplies for everyone. LancasterHistory requests the presence of one (1) adult per three (3) children. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

Note: This event was previously known as "The History of Pumpkins."

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

Harriet Lane: The Original First Lady of Washington

Thursday, October 20

7pm at LancasterHistory and Online

On Thursday, October 20, author Bob O'Connor will join LancasterHistory for a lecture about his historical fiction novel on Harriet Lane, called *Harriet Lane: The Original "First Lady" of Washington*. O'Connor will discuss his research and insights into the life and times of Harriet Lane, niece of James Buchanan and First Lady of the United States, from her early days in Mercersburg, PA to her time in the UK to her time as First Lady.

Bob O'Connor is an author, historian, and researcher of the Civil War era. Now retired, O'Connor works full-time at writing and has written over two dozen books. He has also been named a finalist in the National Book competition four times. O'Connor enjoys writing about lesser known historical figures. His books include non-fiction and historical fiction, plus two children's books. Originally from Dixon, Illinois, Bob now resides in Charles Town, West Virginia.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place **in person** at LancasterHistory **and online** on Thursday, October 20. The doors open and check in begins at 6:30pm. The lecture will begin at 7pm. The lecture will also be streamed to YouTube for those who wish to join us virtually.

The program is free and open to the public but **requires advance registration** in order to guarantee a seat or to receive your link to the presentation. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on October 20 at 6:30pm ET. Due to capacity restrictions, at-door tickets may not be available. Advance registration is strongly encouraged. The online version of this program will be auto-recorded and available for replay on [LancasterHistory's YouTube channel](#) in the days after the event.

[REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON](#)

[REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE](#)

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

Music on the Lawn

Sunday, October 30

1pm at LancasterHistory

Enjoy the sounds of the summer on the lawn at LancasterHistory! On Sunday, October 30 at 1pm, spend a relaxing evening outdoors listening to local band, *Mark DeRose & the Dreadnoughts*. *DeRose & the Dreadnoughts* will perform upbeat, feel-good roots, soul, and classic rock music.

Tickets are free for LancasterHistory Members, \$10/Adult (18+) Non-Members, and free for Children 17 & Under. To purchase your tickets in advance, please go [online](#) or call (717) 392-4633. Tickets may also be available at-the-door.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, foldable chairs, and picnics. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. If you require any special accommodations to attend, please notify Annie Weeks at (717) 392-4633, ext. 134 or annie.weeks@lancasterhistory.org in advance. Port-a-potties will be available onsite (including an accessible port-a-pot).

Many thanks to our Music on the Lawn sponsors: EHD Insurance, Groff Funeral & Cremation Services, and Willow Valley Communities

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LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

LancasterHistory is open to the public Tuesdays - Saturdays from 9:30am - 5pm. Guided tours of President James Buchanan's Wheatland are also available Tuesdays - Saturdays beginning at 10am and continuing through 3pm.

UPCOMING CLOSING

President James Buchanan's Wheatland will be closed to the public from November 13 - 21, 2022 to prepare for *Yuletide at Wheatland*. Wheatland will reopen on Tuesday, November 22 for *Yuletide at Wheatland*. During Wheatland's closure, LancasterHistory and the Research Center will maintain regular hours.