



LancasterHistory

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October 2023 Upcoming Events

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Rural Cemetery to Urban Oasis

Wednesday, October 4

5pm Reception, 5:30pm Lecture | St. James Episcopal Church

*****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "Rural Cemetery to Urban Oasis" was disseminated on September 25. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.*****

On Wednesday, October 4, join LancasterHistory and The Friends of the Tanger Arboretum as we welcome Kate Benisek, landscape architect and professor at Temple University, and Jennifer O'Donnell, President of the Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery to our Regional History Colloquium. Benisek and O'Donnell will discuss how Mount Moriah Cemetery, a 200-acre cemetery established in 1855, came to be abandoned and unkept and how, in early 2011, it

became certified as an arboretum with a “living legacy.”

Once one of Philadelphia’s grand rural cemeteries, Mount Moriah Cemetery spans nearly 200 acres across Southwest Philadelphia and Yeadon Borough. The cemetery has been an inclusive final resting place for Philadelphia’s diverse population, welcoming people of all races and incomes, and adapting to the changing burial needs of its diverse communities, including incorporating US military lots, Muslim burials, and communal plots. After the cemetery was abandoned by its owners, The Friends of Mount Moriah, Inc. was formed and has cared diligently for the cemetery since 2011. Today, The Mount Moriah Cemetery and Arboretum cares for both the living and the dead, by focusing on ecological restoration, educational programming, and community events.

Kate Benisek is an Assistant Professor of Instruction at Temple University. She teaches undergraduate and graduate-level landscape architecture design studio courses as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Architecture and Environmental Design. Kate is originally from Oak Park, IL, and grew up in Chicagoland. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in History at Boston University, Kate went on to receive a Master of Arts degree in Landscape Design at the Conway School (2009) and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree at Cornell University (2014).

Jennifer O’Donnell is a taphophile with a love of genealogy and historic preservation. She has been a board member of the Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery for a decade and was elected president in 2023 after previously serving terms as secretary and vice president. Jenn manages all aspects of communications for the Friends, serves on the Events Committee, and has an intimate knowledge of Mount Moriah Cemetery’s records. She’s also an avid contributor on *findagrave.com* and has taken over 150,000 photos that document graves in multiple states. Professionally, Jenn has spent over 20 years working at Haverford College as the Director of Web Communications. She is a graduate of Drexel University.

EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place in person **at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street** in Lancaster, on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**. Doors open and the reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm. The lecture will also be streamed to YouTube Live at 5:30pm for those who wish to join us virtually. Parking at St. James is available on-street or at nearby garages for a fee.

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 YouTube link. Register online by clicking the link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30pm. The online version of this program will also be recorded and available on [LancasterHistory’s YouTube channel](#) after the event.

[REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON](#)

[REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE](#)

Event takes place at Saint James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA

Chief Iron Whip Goes to Washington

Saturday, October 7

Tours from 10am - 3pm | LancasterHistory

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "Chief Iron Whip" will be disseminated soon. Please check back at our [Press Room](#) for this release at a later date.****

In 1857, Chief Iron Whip of the Ponca Tribe traveled 1,400 miles to negotiate a treaty with President James Buchanan. The act marked the first time a Native American Chief sat with the President of the United States. Learn about the Buchanan Administration's treatment of the visiting Ponca, its relationship with the Native American tribes, and the message that Chief Iron Whip had for the 15th President.

Chief Iron Whip Goes to Washington, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, October 7. 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 will be more focused on a particular topic than a general history of Buchanan and the home.**

Tickets are available for purchase [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633. When booking online, be sure to first select the date of October 7, followed by the tour time of your choice. Advance reservations are highly recommended as tours may sell out and walk-in tickets may not be available. Members receive complimentary admission, but should reserve their tickets in advance to guarantee the tour time of their choice.

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

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

October 7 at 11am and 2pm

October 12, 17, 18, 25, and 26 at 5:30pm

Depart from Penn Square, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

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 October 7 with tours at 11am and 2pm and October 12, 17, 18, 25, and 26 at 5:30pm. The tours will meet and depart from Penn Square, outside the Lancaster City Welcome Center (38 Penn Square). The 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.

In the event of inclement weather, any cancellation will be made at least two hours before the tour start time and ticketholders will be notified via email. Tours will proceed if there is light rain, but may be rescheduled if there are thunderstorms or especially heavy rain in the forecast.

Tours depart from Penn Square, 38 Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour

Saturday, October 14

11am at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for their Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour on Saturday, October 14 at 11am. Horticulturist Jeffrey (Jeff) Hazlett will lead attendees on a walking tour through the Arboretum to take in the changing of the seasons through vibrant fall colors, ornamental trees, and the pollinator gardens in the Tanger Arboretum.

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, “Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour,” will take place on Saturday, October 14, 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@lancastrhistory.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@lancastrhistory.org, with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

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

Seasonal Foods in the Garden Spot

Saturday, October 21

2pm at LancasterHistory

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "Seasonal Foods in the Garden Spot" will be disseminated soon. Please check back at our [Press Room](#) for this release at a later date.****

Lancaster County is known as the "Garden Spot" because of its rich and fertile farmland. Local food traditions have been influenced by these natural resources as well as by Lancaster's diverse communities like the German-speaking immigrants who arrived in the 18th century. In this *Collections Up Close* program, we'll explore recipes, diaries, photographs, and business records to gain a deeper appreciation for the county's delicious history.

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.

"Seasonal Foods in the Garden Spot," a *Collections Up Close* tour, takes place on Saturday, October 21 at 2pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/LancasterHistory Members and \$15/Non-Members. Tickets can be purchased or reserved [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Capacity is limited, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

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

LancasterHistory's Fall Fest

Sunday, October 22

4 - 7pm at LancasterHistory

****NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "LancasterHistory's Fall Fest will be disseminated soon. Please check back at our [Press Room](#) for this release at a later date.****

Join us for family-friendly fun amidst the fall foliage on the Campus of History! Relax by cozy fire pits and enjoy tasty fall fare and drinks, fun activities for kids, a pop-up historic artifacts table, music from Mark DeRose & The Dreadnoughts, an exclusive Foxduck print poster station, and more! LancasterHistory's Fall Fest is a fundraiser (with an emphasis on *fun!*) to benefit the education and public history programs of LancasterHistory.

Tickets are \$50/Adult (18+) and \$10/Child. Additional ticket sponsorship levels with added benefits are also available. Each ticket to LancasterHistory's Fall Fest includes admission to the event, food and drinks*, activities, live music, and supports LancasterHistory.

Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or over the phone by calling (717) 392-4633, ext. 134. More event information is available online.

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

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Special Exhibition - ***Black Lancastrians in the Arts: A Lasting Legacy***

Explore the enduring work of African American artists in Lancaster County. This new photo exhibit highlights the music, films, and performances of artists like Madeline Anderson and The Tranells through historical images in LancasterHistory's archives. Examine how these individuals navigated Lancaster from the Fulton Opera House to J.P. McCaskey High School and the impact they left on local, national, and international institutions.

- Now On Display -

COMING SOON | 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.

- Opening November 17, 2023 -

LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

OCTOBER 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.