



# LancasterHistory

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## September 2023 Upcoming Events

*from LancasterHistory*

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### First to Rise & Last to Retire: Meet Wheatland's Domestic Workers

**Saturday, September 2**

**Tours 10am - 3pm | LancasterHistory**

**\*\*NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about "First to Rise & Last to Retire" was disseminated on August 17. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.\*\***

*Edward Bolger. Mary Smithgall. Rosanna Gordon.* These are a few of the names of the many people employed at Wheatland during James Buchanan's lifetime. Join LancasterHistory for a special Living History tour that spotlights the people who worked to create the comfortable lifestyle that Buchanan and his family enjoyed.

*First to Rise & Last to Retire: Meet Wheatland's Domestic Workers*, a special guided tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, September 2. Tours will be available on the half 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 not be Buchanan-focused. Living History Tours are an immersive and interactive experience that can incorporate historical tools, activities, and dress to give observers or participants a sense of stepping back in time.**

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 September 2, followed by the 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 must reserve their tickets in advance.

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

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## Music on the Lawn, feat. All Weather Band

**Saturday, September 9**

**5-7pm** at LancasterHistory

**\*\*NOTE FOR MEDIA: A dedicated press release about the Music on the Lawn was disseminated on July 5. Please check our [Press Room](#) for this release.\*\***

Music on the Lawn concludes its 2023 season with another fantastic local band taking the stage in James Buchanan's backyard! Bring your family (and dog) to relax and enjoy an evening outdoors before school starts back up. September's concert features the All Weather Band. The All Weather Band plays American music, blending blues, roots, country, R&B, and more to create a dynamic, distinctly "Americana" sound unique to Central Pennsylvania. Attendees will hear Johnny Cash, B.B. King, and The Grateful Dead, as well as artists one may have never heard before and interpretations of old classics one may not expect!

Tickets are free for LancasterHistory Members, \$10/Adult (18+) Non-Members, and free for Children 17 & Under. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Tickets are also available at-the-door with cash or card.

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](mailto:annie.weeks@lancasterhistory.org) in advance. Restrooms available onsite. In the event of inclement weather, the call will be made at noon on September 9 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is September 10 from 1-3pm.

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# The Pennsylvania Main Line of Public Works & The Underground Railroad

Thursday, September 14

5pm Reception | 5:30pm Panel at LancasterHistory

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

On Thursday, September 14, join LancasterHistory as we welcome an esteemed panel of presenters to discuss abolitionists and activists throughout southern Pennsylvania who used actual railroads as part of the Underground Railroad activity that helped formerly enslaved people to escape to freedom.

The Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad began operations in 1834 and shortly thereafter, anti-slavery activists began using the 80-mile route to assist men and women fleeing slavery. This panel discussion will highlight the stories of William Whipper, Stephen Smith, Thaddeus Stevens, and others throughout southern Pennsylvania. Among these stories is that of Whipper, Smith, and Quaker William Wright, all of Columbia in Lancaster County. These three men worked together to create secret compartments in the lumber hauling cars of Smith and Whipper, beginning in 1838 and continuing until at least 1855, to assist freedom seekers in their journey north.

Today, the Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad is recognized by the National Park Service's Network to Freedom as an actual railroad that was used as part of what became known as the Underground Railroad. Presenters for this event and discussion include Randy Harris, Dr. Leroy Hopkins, Jr., John Sigmund, and Dr. Barbara Zaborowski, moderated by Lenwood Sloan. Complete bios for each speaker and the moderator are available on LancasterHistory's [website](#).

## EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, September 14, 2023**. Doors open and the reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm.

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. Register [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, September 14 at 5:30pm. This event will not be streamed or recorded.

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

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## Nature Series: Winter Bird Feeding in the Susquehanna Valley

**Saturday, September 23**

**10am** at LancasterHistory

On Saturday, September 23 at 10am, join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and presenter Dan Hinnebusch for “Winter Bird Feeding in the Susquehanna Valley.” As the seasons begin to change, cold temperatures, snow and ice, and food scarcity will make winter a challenging time for backyard birds. At this presentation, attendees will learn about which birds spend their winter in the Susquehanna Valley and what backyard bird enthusiasts—or those new to backyard birding—can do to help birds thrive.

**Dan Hinnebusch** is the Area Manager and store Ornithologist for Wild Birds Unlimited in Lancaster, PA. His passion for birds is built on more than three decades of recreational birding experience and a strong interest in the natural world. Hinnebusch has more than eight years of experience as a professional wildlife biologist and environmental scientist, including four years with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Kempton, PA. Currently, Hinnebusch teaches classes about birds and ecology for Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and Cedar Crest College.

### HOW TO REGISTER

The event, “Winter Bird Feeding,” will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10am 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 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](mailto: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*

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## I Am Somebody: The Trailblazing Career of Madeline Anderson

**Saturday, September 23**

**2pm** at LancasterHistory

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

Join LancasterHistory on Saturday, September 23 for a screening of two documentary films directed by the acclaimed Madeline Anderson. [Integration Report 1](#) (1960) documents the struggle for Black equality in Alabama, Brooklyn, and Washington, D.C. [I Am Somebody](#) (1970) tells the story of Black hospital workers who went on strike in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Madeline Anderson** was born in 1924 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania... and dreamt of becoming a director from a young age. It was while studying psychology at NYU that she found an unlikely entry into the world of professional filmmaking by answering a babysitting ad for documentarian Richard Leacock and his wife. The direct cinema innovator would become her mentor, and she would make her groundbreaking first film *Integration Report 1* (1960) at his Andover Productions. In 1967 she directed *A Tribute to Malcolm X* for William Greaves' legendary public TV show *Black Journal*, in close collaboration with X's widow, Betty Shabazz. Anderson's rich [...] career includes films made for the Ford Foundation (1975's *The Walls Come Tumbling Down*) and the Children's Television Workshop (*Sesame Street*), where she became their first female supervising editor and an in-house producer. She now lives in Brooklyn. ([Biography from Le Cinema Club](#)).

"I Am Somebody," a *Collections Up Close* program, takes place on Saturday, September 23 at 2pm at LancasterHistory. Tickets are \$10/Adults (18+) and \$5/Students (17 and Under). LancasterHistory Members are free, but should still register in advance to receive their complimentary admission. 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*

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## Buchanan's Legacy to Lincoln

**Thursday, September 28**

**5pm Reception | 5:30pm Lecture** at LancasterHistory

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

On Thursday, September 28, join LancasterHistory as we welcome Dr. Louise Stevenson, Professor Emerita at Franklin & Marshall College, to discuss the intersection of the African slave trade, the circulation of Chinese labor, and American foreign policy in the 1850s.

James Buchanan is recognized for many things, but few know about his advocacy of humanitarian reform in Cuba before the Civil War. During his presidency, Buchanan's foreign policy aimed to end the horrors of the human trafficking of African and Chinese peoples to Cuba.

To satisfy the sweet tooth of Europeans and Americans, the sugar industry boomed in Cuba, resulting in the increase of labor required to keep meeting demand. Cuban demand for laborers created a lucrative trade of enslaved Africans and forcibly indentured Chinese individuals. Pro-slavery Democrats and Buchanan projected that the brutal human trafficking would end if America annexed Cuba, but slavery would continue in the United States. How do we make sense of Buchanan's humanitarian concern for Cuba but apathy towards slavery in the United States? Join us on September 28 for this interesting lecture to learn more!

**Louise L. Stevenson, Ph.D.**, Professor emerita of history and American studies at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, writes about nineteenth-century American cultural and intellectual life in its transatlantic context. Her most recent book, *Lincoln in the Atlantic World* (Cambridge, September 2015), follows her *Scholarly Means to Evangelical Ends: The New Haven Scholars and the Transformation of Higher Learning in America, 1830-1890* (Johns Hopkins, 1986), *The Victorian Homefront: American Thought and Culture, 1860-1880* (1991, new ed. Cornell, 2001), and articles on books and reading in everyday life from the best sellers of the eighteenth-century through Harry Potter. President Clinton nominated her as a trustee to the James Madison Memorial Scholarship Foundation. For almost three decades, she has served as an officer of the Lancaster County League of Women Voters.

## EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event is expected to take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, September 28, 2023**. Doors open and the reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm. The lecture will also be livestreamed to Zoom at 5:30pm for those who wish to join us virtually.

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 Zoom link. Register online by clicking the appropriate link below or by calling (717) 392-4633. Registration will close online on Thursday, September 28 at 5:30pm. The online version of this program will also be recorded and uploaded to [LancasterHistory's YouTube channel](#) after the event.

[\*\*REGISTER TO ATTEND IN PERSON\*\*](#)

[\*\*REGISTER TO ATTEND ONLINE\*\*](#)

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## Past, Present, Pumpkins!

**Saturday, September 30**  
**10am** at LancasterHistory

Learn about the autumnal icon, the pumpkin, at this fun, family-friendly event on Saturday, September 30! 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 12 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 household. Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633.

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## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

### Main Exhibition - ***Lancaster in the '60s***

Over the course of more than 350 years, the physical and cultural landscapes of Lancaster County have undergone transformative change. *Lancaster in the '60s* examines the issues of conflict, resolution, and protest against the backdrop of four pivotal decades—the 1660s, 1760s, 1860s, and 1960s—in Lancaster County's history. The pivotal events that transpired in each of these decades changed the lives of those who experienced them, and continue to impact the way we live our lives today.

**- Leaving September 16, 2023 -**

### Special Exhibition - ***The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania***

Pennsylvania does not yet have statewide legislation that protects LGBTQ people from discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodations. For more than five decades, activists have been working to obtain these protections one battle at a time, one municipality at a time, and the work continues. *The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania* chronicles these and other efforts to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people. Enhanced with photographs and artifacts from the LancasterHistory collections, this special, traveling exhibition highlights not just the political struggles for civil rights, but the personal stories as well.

**~~- On Display through September 2, 2023 -~~**

**Extended through September 9, 2023!**

### **\*COMING SOON\***

### 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.

**- Opening September 23, 2023 -**

# LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

SEPTEMBER 2023

All operations of LancasterHistory will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

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.



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