



# LancasterHistory

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## September 2024 Upcoming Events

*from LancasterHistory*

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### **Wine & Cheese and A Walk in the Trees**

**Friday, September 6**

**5-7pm** at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for a delightful, late summer social on Friday, September 6 at LancasterHistory! Enjoying refreshing drinks and light bites while taking a leisurely stroll through the many stately trees in the Tanger Arboretum. There will also be a brief presentation about the Tanger Arboretum alongside various tours of the Arboretum throughout the evening led by members.

*Wine & Cheese and a Walk in the Trees* is free for Friends of the Tanger Arboretum members. Tickets for non-members are \$20/Adult (18+) and \$10/Children. Ticket purchase includes access

to the event, beverages, and appetizers. Must be 21 or older to consume alcoholic beverages. Non-alcoholic options will be available.

The event will take place at the Carriage House at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, on Friday, September 6 from 5-7pm. The event is rain or shine.

***RSVPs have closed. Thank you for your interest!***

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

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## The Buchanan Sisters

**Saturday, September 7**

**Tours from 10am - 3pm** at LancasterHistory

On this special living history tour of Wheatland, explore how James Buchanan's nieces, Annie, Harriet, and Henrietta Buchanan, forged new life paths that ran counter to the traditional expectations for 19th-century women. During the tour, visitors will "time travel" to 1868 and 1906 to eavesdrop on the Buchanan sisters as they chat about beaux, fashion, and their life goals.

*The Buchanan Sisters*, a special living history tour of Wheatland, will be held on Saturday, September 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 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. 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.

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## Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour

**Saturday, September 14**

**10am** at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum for their Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour on Saturday, September 14 at 10am. Tanger Board Member Bob Davis 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.

**Bob Davis** is a member of the Board of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum and a former Board member of the American Conifer Society. He also serves as the Chair of the Program Committee of the Lancaster County Garden Club and has done so for 20 years. A tree and nature enthusiast, Bob maintains a personal collection of trees at his home and is the dedicated caretaker of the American Conifer Society Reference Garden in the Tanger Arboretum.

## HOW TO REGISTER

The event, "Fall Seasonal Gathering Tour," will take place on Saturday, September 14 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:emily.miller@lancastrhistory.org), with any questions or to register for tickets in advance.

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## Music on the Lawn, feat. Woodson Steel Experience

**Saturday, September 14**

**4pm Member Reception | 5-7pm Concert** at LancasterHistory

*(Rain Date September 15 from 1-3pm)*

Join us for our final Music on the Lawn concert of the season! Get ready to enjoy live music by Woodson Steel Experience who will immerse you in the sounds of steelpan Caribbean music and percussion.

Plus, LancasterHistory invites members to join us before the concert from 4-5pm for light bites,

beverages, and tours of the “Thieves & Vagabonds” exhibit!

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 (cash preferred). Members do not need to complete a separate registration to attend the Members’ Reception before the concert. Members should register for the Music on the Lawn event and they will be included in the reception count.

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 14 and ticketholders will be notified. The rain date for this event is Sunday, September 15 from 1-3pm.

Thank you to our generous 2024 Music on the Lawn season sponsors: Mosaic by Willow Valley Communities, Ville Painters, and EHD Insurance!

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## The Persistence of Slavery in James Buchanan's Pennsylvania

**Thursday, September 19**

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

*(Livestreamed to Zoom at 5:30pm)*

On Thursday, September 19, Dr. Cory James Young of the University of Iowa will join LancasterHistory for the presentation, “The Persistence of Slavery in James Buchanan’s Pennsylvania.” In 1826 on the House floor, Congressman James Buchanan professed his hatred of slavery and insisted that it did not exist in Pennsylvania. However, 30-years later, the 1856 State census still recorded an enslaved person living in Lancaster County, President-elect Buchanan’s home community. Dr. Cory James Young will discuss how slavery remained legal in Pennsylvania until the Civil War Era, contrary to the belief of Mr. Buchanan then and to many more today.

**Dr. Cory James Young** is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Iowa. His book manuscript, “For Life or Otherwise: Pennsylvania Slavery in the Age of Gradual Abolition,” explores how state legislation transformed rather than eliminated Black bondage in the Keystone State. His work has been supported by the Cumberland County Historical Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, and McNeil Center for Early American Studies. Dr. Young is a member of the Scholarly Advisory Committee for LancasterHistory’s forthcoming Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History and Democracy.

## EVENT DETAILS & HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place in person at LancasterHistory on **Thursday, September 19, 2024**. Doors open and a reception begins at 5pm. The lecture will begin at 5:30pm. The lecture will also be streamed 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 19 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](#)

*This event takes place at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA and Online via Zoom*

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## Capital Day Celebration

**Friday, September 27**

**5:30 - 8pm** at LancasterHistory

Celebrate the day Lancaster served as the nation's capital for one day on September 27, 1777! LancasterHistory is throwing our first ever Capital Day Celebration on Friday, September 27 from 5:30-8pm. Full of family fun and quirky history, there will be activities throughout the evening to celebrate Lancaster's claim to nation's capital fame!

The doors open at 5:30pm on Friday, September 27 at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue. A tentative schedule of events include:

- **5:30-6:30pm:** Music by Vivace Live Strings and a special performance of "The Capital Day Song" by Leo DiSanto
- **6:40pm:** "On this Day in History:" Five Minute History with Adam Zurn of Uncharted Lancaster
- **6:45-7:45pm:** "LancasterQuiztory," a Lancaster County-themed game of trivia—with prizes! *\*Registration required\**

Activities available throughout the evening include an all-ages indoor/outdoor scavenger hunt, LancasterHistory museum exhibit access, a kids' station, and yard games. Fall-themed food and beverages will also be available throughout the evening, including outdoor firepits with s'mores.

All attendees will receive a complimentary coupon to redeem at [FoxDuck's](#) West King Street location for a special, free Capital Day poster for a limited time.

Those interested in registering to participate in "LancasterQuiztory" may sign up on-site at the Capital Day Celebration before 6:30pm at a designated sign up table. Individuals and groups of up to six persons may participate as a team. For those not interested in joining for trivia, all other activities will continue on during that time.

## TICKETS

Tickets to the Capital Day Celebration are \$50/Adult (18+) and \$10/Child, and include food, drink, entertainment, and activities. The Capital Day Celebration puts the "fun" in fundraiser and benefits the education and public programs of LancasterHistory. Firepit (\$500 for 4 people) and Firepit Plus (\$1,000 for 8 people) Sponsors can reserve a firepit for their group's exclusive use.

To purchase your tickets, please go [online](#) or call 717-392-4633 to purchase over the phone. For more information on event accessibility, please [visit our website](#).

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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.

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### Special Exhibition - ***Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Central Pennsylvania***

*On Display through September 14, 2024*

*Dutchirican* tells the story of the Latinx community in central Pennsylvania through photographs and artifacts, including a reproduction *casita*, or "little house," like the kind lived in by migrant workers in the 1950s. The exhibit traces the history of a diverse community from the American Revolution to the present and explores the rich contributions Latinx peoples have made to Lancaster County and the surrounding region.

Admission to the exhibit is included with the purchase of a General Admission ticket or Exhibitions-Only ticket. LancasterHistory Members receive complimentary admission.

## **LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION**

### **SEPTEMBER HOURS 2024**

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.

**CLOSED LABOR DAY**