



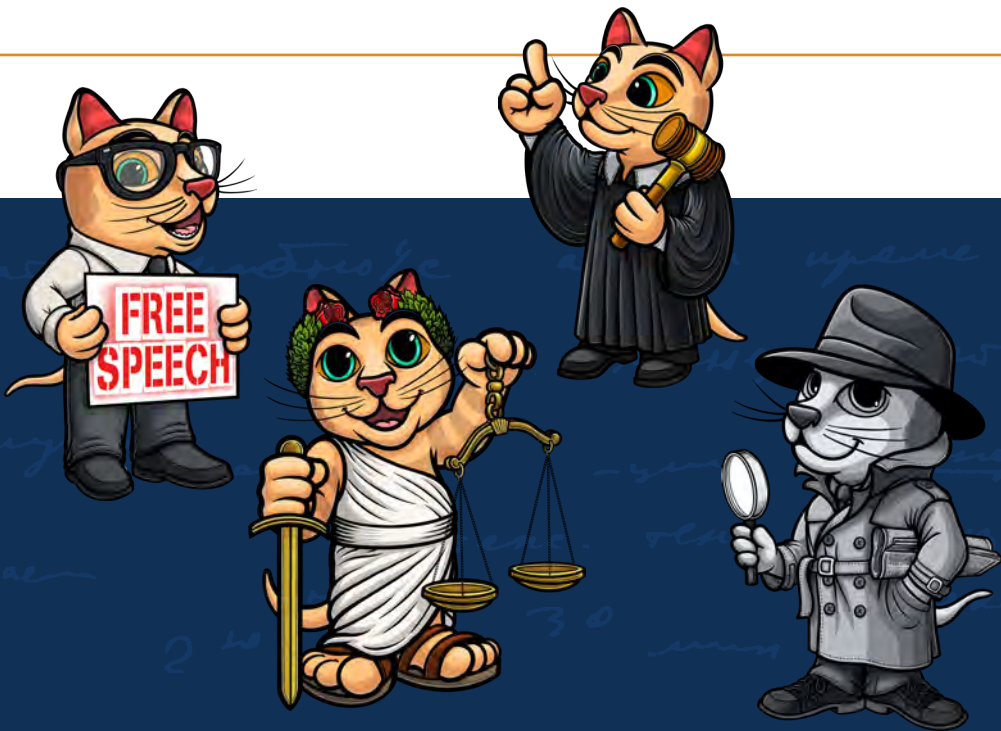
LancasterHistory



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PROGRAMS & EXHIBITIONS

JANUARY-JUNE 2024



Meet Harpo! Harpo is LancasterHistory's mascot for the "History Explorers" children's program. Harpo can be found throughout the new *Thieves & Vagabonds* exhibition, making relatable and bite-size history connections for kids. Say hello to Civil Rights Harpo, Lady Justice Harpo, Honorable Judge Harpo, and Hard-Boiled Detective Harpo! *Illustrations by Nick Fasnacht Illustration & Design for LancasterHistory.*

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Cover Image: Students of the newly-formed chapter of Students for a Democratic Society at Franklin & Marshall College protest on April 3, 1966 with "free speech" signs outside the Lancaster City Police Department headquarters on Chestnut Street. *Collections of LancasterHistory.*

Greetings friends!

Life-long learning gets a lot of play these days, and there are many good reasons why. As humans we are naturally curious. We are constantly exploring the world around us, learning new things, meeting new people, and dreaming about ways to make the world better. Learning doesn't stop when we leave school. We read books, travel to distant places, and visit museums. At LancasterHistory, we're proud to be one of the places where people come to learn, whether they're age 8 or 80.

It is also gratifying to be a place that people trust, and it's a responsibility we take seriously. A recent survey by Wilkening Associates, a leader in museum analytics, found that Americans regard museums as a more reliable source of historical information than books, educators, and even personal accounts from family members. Data analysts also found that each year museums, historic sites, zoos, and aquariums achieve higher attendance than all professional sporting events combined! Life-long learning is clearly alive and well.

As a life-long learner, and as someone who understands the value museums bring to our community, I hope you will take advantage of what's in store at LancasterHistory this year. Each season our staff assembles a wide variety of exhibitions, lectures, tours, and much more, all with you in mind. This winter, we especially urge you to visit our new major exhibition, *Thieves & Vagabonds: A History of Law and Justice in Lancaster County*.



This deep dive into local history is filled with fascinating stories ranging from conflict and resolution on the 18th century frontier to the Law and Order Society's efforts to eliminate gambling and prostitution in early-twentieth-century Lancaster City. *Thieves & Vagabonds* explores sides of Lancaster that are not often talked about but continue to have profound implications for contemporary life and culture.

Here's wishing you a wonderful year filled with opportunities to learn more about American history right here in Lancaster County!

THOMAS R. RYAN, Ph.D.
PRESIDENT & CEO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN 1 - JUNE 30, 2024

We're excited to offer a wide range of fascinating programs for all ages this season! Please note that most events listed require reservations or tickets. To find more information and to purchase or reserve tickets for any events, please visit lancasterhistory.org/events or call 717.392.4633. You can also check our website for more information on our visitor policies.

LECTURES in the *Regional History Colloquium* and *Presidential Lecture Series* feature scholars presenting research on the history of southeastern Pennsylvania and the history of the presidency in mid-19th century America.

TOURS & POP UP EXHIBITS take you deeper into the spaces and objects at LancasterHistory. *Wheatland Special Subject Tours* delve into topics relevant to James Buchanan's political or personal life, his time at Wheatland, or the era in which he lived. In *Collections Up Close Tours*, staff and visiting experts highlight artifacts from the collections that illuminate the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the United States.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS are designed to offer unique social experiences with a historical twist for families and the Lancaster community. From walking tours to storytimes to Tanger Arboretum events, we strive to make history educational, fun, and inspirational.

JANUARY

Plain Dress on the Docket: Lillian Risser, the Pennsylvania Garb Law, & the Free Exercise of Anabaptist Religion, 1908-1910

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

5 PM RECEPTION | 5:30 PM LECTURE

Regional History Colloquium at LancasterHistory

In 1895, Pennsylvania passed a law prohibiting public school teachers from wearing religiously distinctive clothing. Although initially aimed at Catholic nuns, the state first enforced the law in 1908 against a Mennonite teacher

in Lancaster County who wore Plain clothing and a head covering. Dr. Steve Nolt and Dr. Jean-Paul Benowitz of Elizabethtown College join us to discuss this legal case and the ongoing debate over religious liberty in Pennsylvania. *Free.*

History Happy Hour

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 | 5:30 PM

Special Event at The Horse Inn

Join LancasterHistory at the Horse Inn for a History Happy Hour celebrating this 104-year-old Lancaster City

restaurant and its rich history. Ever wonder why the Horse Inn is down an alley and up a steep flight of stairs? Or why it looks like it was once a stable? We'll answer your burning historical questions about the Horse Inn over tasty drinks and snacks.

FEBRUARY

LancasterHistory's 20th Annual Valentine's Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

6 – 11 PM

Special Event at The Hamilton Club

Can-can you join us for the 20th Annual Valentine's Gala? The theme this year is inspired by Moulin Rouge, the famous French cabaret. Guests are encouraged to dress in theme and enjoy dinner and dancing, with music by the Mama Tried Band at the Hamilton Club. A celebration of romance and history, this event benefits educational programming at LancasterHistory. For more information and tickets, please visit lancasterhistory.org/valentines.

Defining Lydia Hamilton Smith

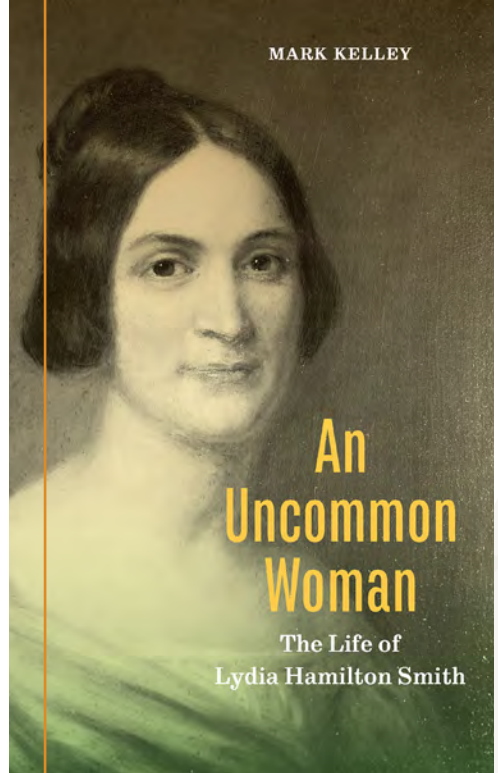
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5 PM RECEPTION | 5:30 PM LECTURE

*Regional History Colloquium
at LancasterHistory*

Ever since Lydia Hamilton Smith arrived in Lancaster to serve as Thaddeus Stevens' housekeeper 184 years ago, people have been trying to define her. Stevens' biographers have noted her importance. Racists have attacked her. Defenders have celebrated her. Dr. Mark Kelley is the author of *An Uncommon Woman*, a new biography of Smith jointly published by Penn State Press and LancasterHistory. He'll join us to discuss this remarkable woman, what we know about her, and why her story matters.

Free.



Written by Mark Kelley, An Uncommon Woman is a new biography of Lydia Hamilton Smith (1813-1884), a prominent mixed-race businesswoman who lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Smith was the longtime housekeeper, companion, and collaborator of congressman and staunch abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

James Buchanan, the One-Term President

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

TOURS 10 AM - 3 PM

Wheatland Special Subject Tour at LancasterHistory

This Presidents' Day, join us at Wheatland for a special-subject tour exploring the year 1859, when President James Buchanan sealed his fate as a one-term executive. Learn about Buchanan's attempts to expand the nation, his struggle with corruption in the War Department, and more in this special Presidents' Day tour. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*

Presidents' Day Storytime

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 10 AM

Family-Friendly Program at LancasterHistory

Gather 'round with LancasterHistory for a special Presidential Storytime! We'll read aloud from a book about American presidents and then lead a craft or activity inspired by the theme. Suggested for ages 12 and under. *Free.*

MARCH

The Rich Uncle We Always Wanted

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

TOURS 10 AM - 3 PM

Wheatland Special Subject Tour at LancasterHistory

In 1821, James Buchanan became the patriarch of his family after it was devastated by tuberculosis. On this Special Subject Tour of Wheatland, attendees will learn how Buchanan supported his extended family by providing his orphaned nieces and nephew a nurturing home, access to a good education, and the stability of a stern—but loving—uncle. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*

Behind the Bars: 19th-Century Female Criminals of Lancaster County & Southeastern Pennsylvania

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

5:30 PM VIRTUAL LECTURE ON ZOOM

Regional History Colloquium

While women comprised only a small portion of those caught up in the criminal justice system in the 1800s, their experiences offer valuable insight into the intersection and history of gender, race, class, and the law. In this virtual presentation, Dr. Erica Hayden of Trevecca Nazarene University will follow the journeys of a few Pennsylvania women through the state courts and prisons, placing them at the center of their own stories and the story of criminal justice in America. *Free.*

Lancaster County Amish Quilts from the Esprit Quilt Collection

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 2 PM

Collections Up Close Program at LancasterHistory

Doug Tompkins, American businessman and co-founder of Esprit Clothing, assembled a large collection of Amish quilts including 82 made in Lancaster County between 1880 and 1950. Join us for a special Esprit Quilt showing to view a selection of these iconic quilts and learn more about their history, cultural significance, and the women who made them. *LancasterHistory Member Discount.*

Exploring Climate & Health

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | 10 AM

Tanger Arboretum Program at LancasterHistory

Join the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum as they kick off the 2024 Nature Series! Presenter Dr. Alan Peterson, Director Emeritus of Environmental and Community Medicine for Penn Medicine Lancaster

General Health, will discuss the recent changes in the earth's climate and how those changes impact the health and lifespans of both humans and animals. *Tanger Members Free.*

A special thank you to The Louise Steinman von Hess Foundation and Clair Global for their support and installation of LancasterHistory's new sound system.

Quilts from the Esprit collection have appeared in various publications and museum exhibitions. Four appeared on U.S. postage stamps in 2001.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Unlawful, Immoral, & Corrupting: Censorship and the Lancaster Law and Order Society

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | 2 PM

Collections Up Close Program at LancasterHistory

For more than 40 years, Lancaster's Law and Order Society made efforts to censor popular entertainment including magazines, comic books, and films. The Society aimed to keep Lancaster a "clean and upstanding city," free from immorality and vice. In this program, attendees will view items from LancasterHistory's archives and learn more about how the Law and Order Society successfully waged campaigns to ban films and magazines in Lancaster. *LancasterHistory Member Discount.*

Annual Dinner of the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 6 PM

Tanger Arboretum Program at The Double Tree Resort, Willow Valley

Celebrate and gather with friends for the Friends of the Tanger Arboretum's Annual Dinner! Join us for cocktails, dinner, and more in support of the Louise Arnold Tanger Arboretum. *More information to come!*

Annual Presidential Wreath Laying & Ceremony

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 10 AM

Special Event at Woodward Hill Cemetery

Join us at Woodward Hill Cemetery for the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony for President James Buchanan, the United States' 15th President. Taking place in the week of Buchanan's birthday, the ceremony features the laying of fresh flowers at the gravesite of the former president and remarks by the presiding officer of the Pennsylvania National Guard as well as local dignitaries. *Free.*

Spring Blooming Trees & Flowers

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 10 AM

Tanger Arboretum Program at LancasterHistory

Presenter Lisa Sanchez, a naturalist at the Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Recreation Environmental Center, will explore what's blooming in the spring at the Tanger Arboretum. Attendees will join Lisa for a walk around the Arboretum to see what's blooming and learn more about the fresh and bright harbingers of spring. *Tanger Members Free.*

Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

5 PM RECEPTION

5:30 PM PRESENTATION

at the Ware Center

Dr. Ilyon Woo's best-selling book *Master Slave Husband Wife* is the true narrative of William and Ellen Craft, a couple who escaped slavery in 1848 through daring, determination, and disguise, with Ellen passing as a wealthy, disabled white man and William posing as "his" slave. Woo joins us for a presentation on her book, her research, and what we can learn from the Crafts' story today. *More information to come!*

A portrait of Ellen Craft engraved by S.A. Schoff. From William and Ellen Craft, Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom. London: William Tweedie, 1860. Courtesy of the Boston Public Library.



MAY

Storytime

THURSDAYS IN MAY | 10 AM

*Family-Friendly Program
at LancasterHistory*

Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature this May during Storytime. Each week, we'll read aloud from a book centered on a historical or environmental topic, and then lead a craft or activity. This spring, we'll explore gardening, growing, and other springtime themes! Suggested for ages 12 and under. *Free.*

Spring Seasonal Gathering Tour

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 10 AM

*Tanger Arboretum Program
at LancasterHistory*

Horticulturist Jeff Hazlett will lead attendees on a walking tour through the Arboretum for a glimpse at what's new, what's blooming, and what's to come with the approach of warmer, sunnier months. *Tanger Members Free.*

Harriet Lane: Compassionate Philanthropist

SATURDAY, MAY 4

TOURS 10 AM - 3 PM

*Wheatland Special Subject Tour
at LancasterHistory*

By the age of 10, Harriet Lane had lost her mother, father, and two brothers to tuberculosis. Her uncles, Edward and James Buchanan, served as her guardians. During this special subject tour, visitors will learn about Harriet's life and the unique resilience that shaped her concern for others and helped her rise above personal challenges and sorrows. *LancasterHistory Members Free.*



Harriet Lane (1830-1903) assumed the role of White House hostess and first "First Lady" when her uncle, James Buchanan, assumed the presidency in 1857. From the James Buchanan Foundation Photograph Collection, LancasterHistory.

County Founding Day Open House

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | 5 - 8 PM

Special Event at LancasterHistory

On May 10, 1729, Governor John Penn granted a county charter to local citizens to create what would become Lancaster County. Join us as we celebrate 295 years of Lancaster County with extended museum hours and special tours of our major exhibit, *Thieves & Vagabonds*, which tells the story of the county's origins and the complex history of law and justice in our community. *LancasterHistory Member Discount.*

Native Plants of Hidden Valley

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 10 AM

*Tanger Arboretum Program
at LancasterHistory*

Presenter Lydia Martin, a local ecological design consultant, will explore her favorite native plants and how they aid the natural landscape and provide many benefits to wildlife at Hidden Valley, her 10-acre property in southern Lancaster County. Leave inspired to incorporate more native plants in your own green spaces and support the local plants in your ecological community! *Tanger Members Free.*

James Buchanan, John Brown, & the 1859 Attack on Harper's Ferry

THURSDAY, MAY 16

5 PM RECEPTION | 5:30 LECTURE

*Presidential Lecture
at LancasterHistory*

President James Buchanan's domestic policy of peace and moderation derailed in October 1859 when radical abolitionist John Brown led 21 men on a raid of the U.S. Armory at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Dr. John Quist of Shippensburg University joins us to discuss Buchanan, Brown, and the challenging questions Brown's actions raised about slavery, violence, and obedience to the law. *Free.*

JUNE

LancasterHistory's Annual Dinner

JUNE 2024

Join fellow history-lovers for an evening of food, friendship, and a look at what's ahead! The Annual Dinner benefits education and public programs at LancasterHistory. *More information to come!*

The Ecology & Management of the Eastern Bluebird

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 | 10 AM

*Tanger Arboretum Program
at LancasterHistory*

Presenter Dr. Dean Rust, President of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania, will discuss how to be a great caretaker of your backyard Bluebirds. Learn the ins and outs of installing nest boxes and monitoring backyard feathered friends. *Tanger Members Free.*

Dutchirican Open House & Curator Tours

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 | 5-8 PM

Special Event at LancasterHistory

Join us for special evening hours to celebrate the exhibition, *Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Central Pennsylvania!* Visitors will be able to view the exhibit and talk to curators Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala and Dr. John Hinshaw of Lebanon Valley College about their research into when, how, and why Latinx peoples have moved to Central Pennsylvania over the last 75 years. For more information and tickets, please visit lancasterhistory.org/dutchirican.

EXHIBITIONS

Explore three centuries of history through a series of changing interpretive exhibitions featuring historic art, artifacts, and archival materials. The following exhibitions will be on display at LancasterHistory between January and June 2024.



Exhibition admission is included with the purchase of a General Admission or Exhibitions-Only ticket. Members visit for free!

DUTCHIRICAN: A LATINX HISTORY OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

On Display June 10 - 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,” 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.



Photos courtesy of Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala and Dr. John Hinshaw, Lebanon Valley College.

Dutchirican narra la historia de la comunidad Latinx en Pensilvania central a través de fotografías y artefactos, que incluyen una réplica de una casita en la que vivieron trabajadores migrantes en los años 1950. La exhibición traza la historia de una comunidad diversa desde la Revolución Estadounidense hasta el presente y explora las valiosas contribuciones que las personas Latinx han hecho en el condado de Lancaster y otras regiones cercanas.

MAIN *EXHIBITION*

THIEVES & VAGABONDS

A HISTORY OF LAW & JUSTICE
IN LANCASTER COUNTY

NOW ON DISPLAY

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.

EXHIBIT EXTRAS!

See the exhibit on display in the Groff Gallery, then join us for special events to hear even more stories of Lancaster County's lawmakers and lawbreakers. Look for upcoming programs on censorship, female criminals, and religious freedom in the months ahead!



Exhibition sponsored, in part, by the Pryor E. and Arlene R. Neuber Charitable Trust.



Members make *HISTORY* Happen!

Gratitude for our members is something we feel deeply at LancasterHistory. With your membership, you invest in the future of LancasterHistory's museum exhibitions, programming, tours, artifact care and conservation, and more. LancasterHistory continually strives to make Lancaster's history engaging, accessible, and inclusive. Your support helps us provide increased access to learning opportunities within our local community.

Our team recently heard a member remark that their social schedule could be entirely made up of LancasterHistory programs. We hope you, too, will take advantage of the many upcoming programs and new exhibits, many with free or discounted admission to members. And, with your support, we will keep the educational programs going throughout the year!

If you wish to continue supporting programs at LancasterHistory above and beyond your membership, we've included a donation envelope for your convenience within the folds of this book. And know that we are grateful for you every day. Thank you for your consideration and support, and we hope to see you in 2024!

For questions related to membership and events, please contact Annie Weeks, Development & Events Manager, at annie.weeks@lancastrhistory.org or (717) 392-4633, ext. 134.



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