

NEWSLETTER

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Support the Restoration of Mammal Hall Naming Opportunities Are Available



For two months in early 2015, a team led by Stephen C. Quinn, formerly with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, worked almost nonstop to complete restoration of the red fox and gray fox dioramas in The State Museum of Pennsylvania's Mammal Hall. The work on these two dioramas, which were in critical need of repair, was a test case for determining the degree of work needed for the restoration of the other 11 dioramas and the design of a new lighting system for the gallery. This extensive restoration falls well outside of State Museum budgetary constraints. Your gift to PHF will help the museum give this beloved gallery the complete restoration that it needs.

For more information, contact PHF at 717-787-2407.

Taxidermist George Dante, left, and project manager Stephen C. Quinn, right, restoring the red fox exhibit.

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The Giving Circle

Become a member of our Giving Circle

Members are those who support PHF at the highest level by donating \$1,000 or more on an annual basis. PHF helps PHMC protect and provide access to PHMC's 24 historic sites and museums, 5 million objects and 237 million archival items. This key contribution is integral in helping us educate and enrich the lives of Pennsylvanians in the present and future.

Giving Circle members get first priority for PHF updates and events and receive special recognition annually in our printed materials and at various events. Members provide leadership and inspiration to all of those who consider supporting the work at PHF. Please join today. Contact PHF at 717-787-2407 or RA-paheritage@pa.gov.



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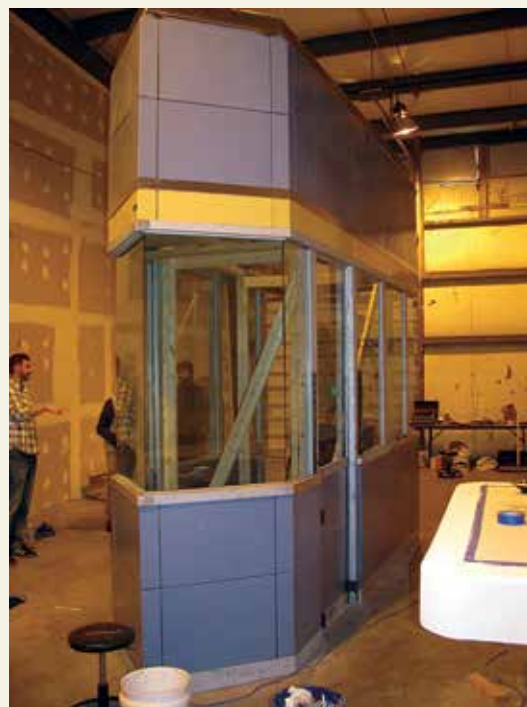
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Pennsylvania Turnpike Exhibit Made Possible by Private Funding

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Turnpike later this year, staff of The State Museum have been busy preparing an exciting new upgrade to the Hall of Industry and Technology (now Transportation) on Floor 2. The 1,800-square-foot upgrade will use historic images, films, scale models and original artifacts to tell the story behind the building of America's "first superhighway." The exhibit initiates a series of renovations planned for this gallery, which is designed to underscore the commonwealth's defining industries and transportation innovations.

This past spring conservators completed treatment and reassembly of one of the most compelling artifacts: an original Pennsylvania Turnpike tollbooth, which stood at the Irwin, Westmoreland County, interchange from 1940 until the early 1980s. The tollbooth will be installed in the new gallery space after fabrication begins this month. Exhibit installation is scheduled to be completed in September, with an official opening set for October 1, 2015—75 years to the date that the Pennsylvania Turnpike welcomed its first motorists.



The restored Pennsylvania Turnpike tollbooth will be installed for the new exhibit.

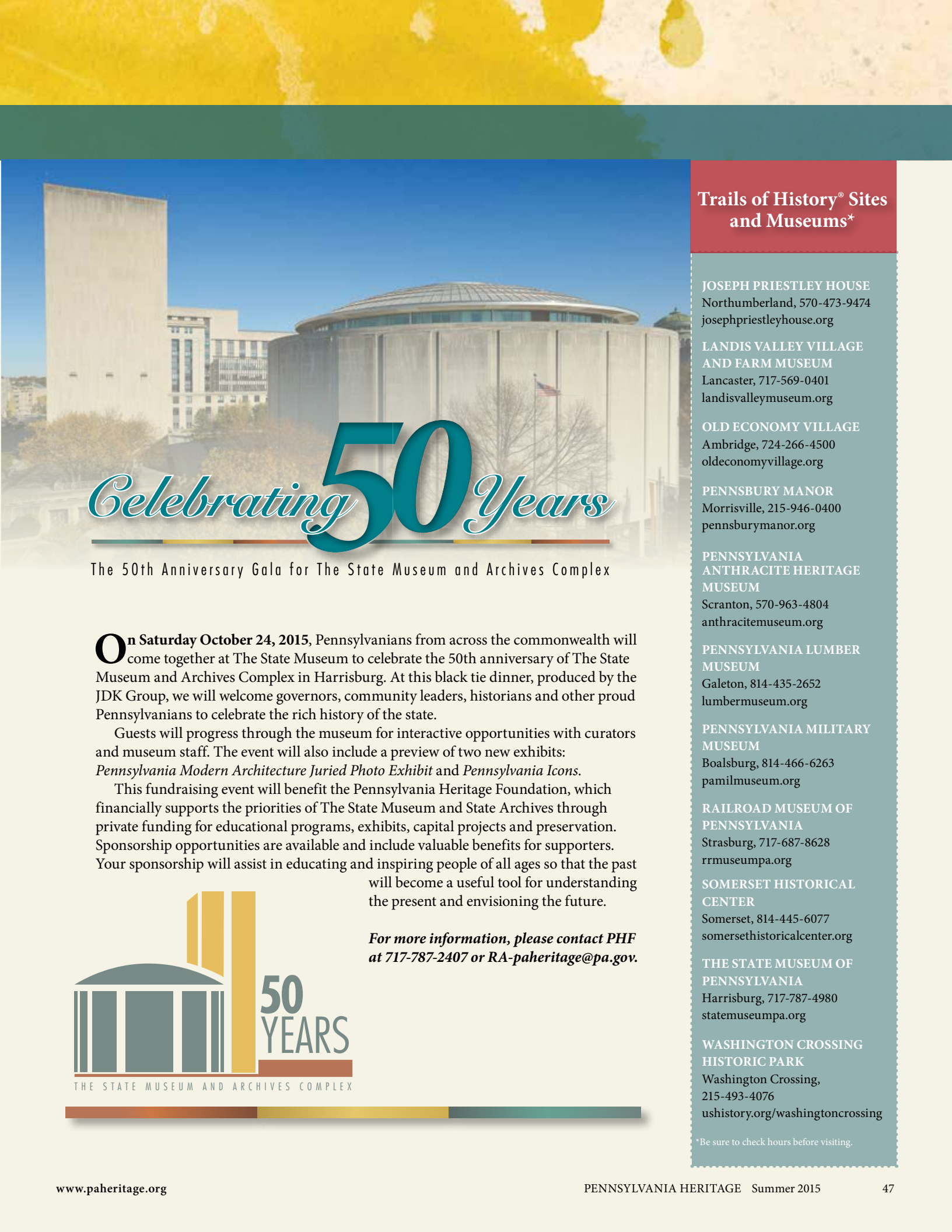
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This project is made possible through the generous support of private corporate donors. To date \$154,000 of private funding has been raised for this private-public partnership.

PHF Hosts First Giving Circle Dinner



On Tuesday, March 24, PHF hosted its first annual Giving Circle Dinner to thank and update members. Giving Circle members are those who support PHF in the calendar year with a minimum gift of \$1,000. The dinner was held in Village Square at The State Museum and included private tours from chief consultants on the Mammal Hall restoration project and museum natural history staff who presented the new interactive Nature Lab. PHMC and PHF staff also shared with members their key priorities and plans for the coming year. The event welcomed corporate members as well as individual donors from across the commonwealth. To become a part of the Giving Circle, please contact PHF at 717-787-2407.



Celebrating 50 Years

The 50th Anniversary Gala for The State Museum and Archives Complex

On Saturday October 24, 2015, Pennsylvanians from across the commonwealth will come together at The State Museum to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The State Museum and Archives Complex in Harrisburg. At this black tie dinner, produced by the JDK Group, we will welcome governors, community leaders, historians and other proud Pennsylvanians to celebrate the rich history of the state.

Guests will progress through the museum for interactive opportunities with curators and museum staff. The event will also include a preview of two new exhibits: *Pennsylvania Modern Architecture Juried Photo Exhibit* and *Pennsylvania Icons*.

This fundraising event will benefit the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, which financially supports the priorities of The State Museum and State Archives through private funding for educational programs, exhibits, capital projects and preservation. Sponsorship opportunities are available and include valuable benefits for supporters. Your sponsorship will assist in educating and inspiring people of all ages so that the past will become a useful tool for understanding the present and envisioning the future.

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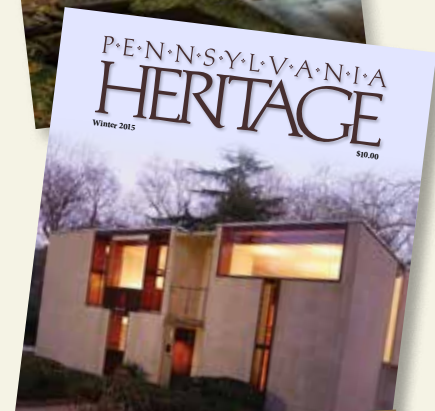
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