

PHMC'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND PHF'S CRITICAL PATH

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) released its 2012–2015 Strategic Plan in September, available online at www.phmc.state.pa.us. The plan is predicated on stable funding from the Commonwealth and increased outside funding through the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (PHF).

PHMC'S STRATEGIC PLAN

While the plan addresses only three years, PHMC has created a vision for 2020. PHMC museums, State Archives, historic sites, and historic preservation office will approach the issues of collections stewardship, scope, accessibility, interpretation, and programs in ways that depart fundamentally from the traditional practices of the past few decades. Changes will include improved electronic systems for collections management and interpretation, a more modular approach to exhibit production and new ways of providing, defining, and using access to museum collections. Trends indicate that independent and user-initiated learning will replace the linear experience provided today at many museums and historic sites.

Galleries and sites will display the PHMC's most significant objects and provide access for each visitor by smartphones, tablets, location-based devices, and tools yet to be invented. PHMC sites and

museums will no longer replace exhibits every twenty to forty years but will continually refresh exhibits with frequent updates and new modules. New interpretations can be quickly added to keep exhibits relevant to contemporary issues. Multiple interpretations will be available at any time to multiple users.

Online access will dramatically increase public awareness and use of PHMC collections and programs. The entire catalogue of collections will be accessible online by the general public, scholars, students, and other museums. Collection storage will be better organized and will meet professional standards for security and conservation.

Improved branding, cross marketing, and aggressive programming will build a much larger membership base for PHMC and its operating partners.

Increased private support will supplement stable public support but the competition for private funding will be even greater than today. These shifts must be recognized and reflected in the programs and services PHMC provides in 2020.

PHMC's most pressing needs are to gain intellectual control over collections, improve stewardship of collections and facilities, provide adequate staffing, secure necessary financial resources, build a stronger base of private support, and reduce many obstacles to efficient operations.

PHF'S CRITICAL PATH

PHF has adopted a critical path document to guide its work in supporting PHMC's goals for the next three years. We took our first steps this summer with our name change to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation and an updated mission (see the Fall 2012 newsletter). Our priorities are to increase membership, build a developmental staff, provide donors with special opportunities, and establish a planned giving program.

You can help us achieve our goals toward increased funding to preserve Pennsylvania's rich historic, cultural, and natural landscape today by

- Introducing friends and family to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation and *Pennsylvania Heritage* and by visiting one of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® sites on Charter Day, March 10, and giving a gift of membership for the holidays or a special birthday. Go to www.shoppaheritage.com or telephone our office at (866) 823-6539.
- Considering an additional gift to PHF. Annual giving supports new opportunities and experiences for our members.

ANNUAL GIVING

Please support the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation with an end-of-year gift. Use the envelope in the center of this issue or donate online at www.shoppaheritage.com.

Thank you for your continued support!



The Pennsylvania Civil War Road show traveled to Sharpsburg, Maryland, on September 14–17 for the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Visitors experienced the Road Show and the Virginia Civil War History Mobile together during the Sesquicentennial commemoration. Objects and displays from the Road Show, no longer traveling, will be on exhibit in The State Museum of Pennsylvania beginning in 2013.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY–MARCH 2013

Some sites are closed or have modified hours in the winter season. Please call or visit the site's website before visiting. Please note that special events may require fees in addition to PHF membership benefits or regular admission prices.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE

Cornwall, (717) 272-9711
www.cornwallironfurnace.org

March 12 Annville's Architectural Archives lecture by Rev. Paul Fullmer. 7 p.m.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM

Titusville, (814) 827-2797
www.drakewell.org

January through March Open Wednesday through Friday.

March 30 Family Craft Day, Oil Valley Blacksmiths. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

EPHRATA CLOISTER

Ephrata, (717) 733-6600
www.ephratacloister.org

January and February Closed to the public Mondays and Tuesdays.

March Closed to the public on Mondays.

January 24 – March 21 Winter History Class. Thursdays 9 a.m.–Noon
Pre-registration required. Contact the site to receive a registration form.

GRAEME PARK

Horsham, (215) 343-0965
www.graemepark.org

March 9 Open Hearth Cooking Class.
Pre-registration required by March 7.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

Northumberland, (570) 473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

January 6 Twelfth Night. 1–4 p.m.

LANDIS VALLEY VILLAGE AND FARM MUSEUM

Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org

January through March 10 Open Wednesday through Sunday.

January 26, February 23, March 23 Heirloom Seed Program Propagation Workshop Series. Pre-registration required by March 7.

February 9 Victorian Valentine Dinner. 6–10 p.m. Pre-registration Required.

February 15–17 Winter Institute. Pre-registration required.

February 23 Heirloom Seed Program February Workshop. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Pre-registration required by February 15.

March 23 Heirloom Seed Program Grafting Workshop. 1–4 p.m.
Pre-registration required by March 16.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

January through March Closed to the public on Mondays.

January 20, February 17, and March 17 Lackawanna Audubon Society Program. 2:30–4:30 p.m.

January 19 Knox Mine Disaster Program. 2:30–4:30 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

Galeton, (814) 435-2652
www.lumbermuseum.org

March 31 Spring Antique Show and Sale at the Pine Creek Inn, Route 6, Galeton. 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.pamilmuseum.org

January 12 Annual Documentary, *You Enter Germany—Bloody Huertgen and the Siegfried Line*. 2 p.m. (104 minutes)
Donations accepted.

February 6 and March 16 Military History Speakers Series. Monthly lecture event sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum. Visit website for details. 7:30 p.m.

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

January 18, February 15, and March 15 3rd in the Burg. Visit website for each month's event details and times.

March 10 Charter Day. Featured will be the 1681 Charter granting Pennsylvania to William Penn by England's King Charles II. Professional archivists and geneologists will be available for questions and discussion. William C. Kashatus will portray William Penn and Pennsylvania Jack will spin tales to delight young and old alike. Noon–5 p.m. Admission is free.

WASHINGTON CROSSING

Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing

February 17 Washington's Birthday. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

EXHIBITS

LANDIS VALLEY VILLAGE AND FARM MUSEUM

Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org

Through June 10 The Golden Age of an American Art Form: The Lancaster Long Rifle.



Eckley Miners' Village in winter.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org

Through Summer 2013 Faces & Places: Photographs of Economy. After March Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday noon–5 p.m.

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

Through February 3 Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's Thirty-third Annual International Juried Exhibition. Wednesday through Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday noon–5 p.m. Admission.

THE STATE MUSEUM PLANETARIUM



The new planetarium XD projector is installed and ready for viewing. State Museum Affiliate members receive free admission to the planetarium but tickets are required due to limited seating. Remember to obtain your tickets at the front desk on the ground floor before going to the planetarium on the third floor.

At The State Museum of Pennsylvania (from left) PHMC Executive Director James M. Vaughan, University of Michigan paleontologist Daniel Fisher, former State Museum paleontologist Robert M. Sullivan, and State Museum archaeologist Janet Johnson study a feature of the Moon Mammoth, one of the most complete mammoth skeletons found to date with more than 80 percent of the skeleton intact. The bones were discovered by scuba diver George Moon in 1991 while diving in Lake Pleasant, Erie County. It is available to scholars for study by appointment.



Regional historical societies and Pennsylvania State Archives exhibits during Charter Day 2012 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

CHARTER DAY 2013

Sunday, March 10

Celebrate Pennsylvania's birthday!

The following sites expect to be open, but please confirm when planning your visit. Admission is free.

Brandywine Battlefield
Conrad Weiser Homestead
Cornwall Iron Furnace
Daniel Boone Homestead
Drake Well Museum and Park
Eckley Miners' Village
Ephrata Cloister
Erie Maritime Museum
Fort Pitt Museum
Graeme Park

Joseph Priestley House
Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum
Old Economy Village
Pennsbury Manor
Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum
Pennsylvania Military Museum
Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
The State Museum of Pennsylvania
Washington Crossing Historic Park



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