Signature Series

DR. GUION S. BLUFORD JR. AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

The State Museum of Pennsylvania with the Pennsylvania Heritage Society and the Friends of The State Museum presents Philadelphia native Dr. Guion S. Bluford Jr., the first African American astronaut to fly in space. Dr. Bluford will speak at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, on Monday, September 24, 2007, 7 p.m., at a special event and reception. The following morning, Tuesday, September 25, Dr. Bluford will meet with schoolchildren who will also see a special preview of the new show *Astronaut* in The State Museum's planetarium.



COURTESY NASA

Dr. Bluford's historic achievements are currently featured at The State Museum in a series entitled "Trailblazers: Notable African Americans in Pennsylvania History," with special displays that highlight the significant accomplishments of a number of Pennsylvanians. The display profiling Dr. Bluford's career includes his NASA flight suit, on temporary loan from the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

The September 24 presentation and reception are free and open to the public. To reserve a seat, please RSVP by September 17 to PHS Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle: (717) 787-2407 or c-kvansick@state.pa.us. Dr. Bluford was selected in the first class of NASA space shuttle astronauts in 1978 and served as a mission specialist and payload commander astronaut on four space shuttle missions, including his first mission aboard Space Shuttle *Challenger* in 1983. Currently, Dr. Bluford is president of The Aerospace Technology Group (ATG), an aerospace technology and business consulting organization he founded in Cleveland, Ohio.

This event is sponsored,in part, by the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

SEATS AVAILABLE

As of press time seats remain for the two-day excursion to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Old Economy Village in western Pennsylvania, October 17–18. Call Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle toll-free at 1-866-823-6539 for details and to reserve your seat today!

NEW PHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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In 2006, Heritage Society leadership voted to revise its articles of incorporation and bylaws to focus and expand its role as an advocacy and fundraising association for PHMC. New officers and board members were elected and installed in June 2007: Rhonda R. Cohen (above), Philadelphia, president; Thomas B. Hagen, Erie, vice president; Barbara Franco, PHMC executive director, Harrisburg, secretary; Anne Yellott, Harrisburg, treasurer; William Alexander, Hummelstown; Reneé Amoore, King of Prussia; Laura S. Fisher, Pittsburgh; Rep. Scott A. Petri, Richboro, and Wayne Spilove, PHMC chairman, Philadelphia.



COURTESY JANET S. KLEIN

Photographed at PHMC's Drake Well during a spring 2007 excursion to numerous Pennsylvania treasures, including historic sites, museums, and state parks, are (from left) Gerry Lenfest, DCNR Advisory Council member Nancy Cubbon, PHMC Commissioner Janet S. Klein, and Marguerite Lenfest.

DRAKE WELL RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT

Noted Pennsylvania philanthropists Gerry and Marguerite Lenfest recently donated $25,000 to PHMC's Drake Well Museum, following a first-time visit to the site. Drake Well, Titusville, is currently undergoing a major capital project and a capital campaign to support new visitor amenities and exhibits which are slated to open in 2009 in time for the sesquicentennial celebration of the discovery of oil there in 1859. The Lenfests' gift will go toward support of a new orientation theater.


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Please contact the museums and historic sites listed for details and fees.

HOLIDAY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK
Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342
www.ushistory.org/brandywine

November 24 **Patriot's Day** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*
December 8 **The Battlefield by Candlelight** 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. *Admission.*

BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD
Harrison City, (724) 527-5584
www.bushyrunbattlefield.com

October 20 **Haunted History Hayride** 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
November 17 **General Meeting and Lecture** 1 p.m.

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934
www.conradweiserhomestead.org

October 21 **French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday** noon – 4 p.m. Talk at 3 p.m.
November 17 **Candlelight Tours** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

October 9 **Picking Up the Pieces: The Aftermath of the Battle of Brandywine** Freeman Auditorium, Cornwall Manor 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Rump
November 13 **Dimensions of the Picture Postcard** Freeman Auditorium, Cornwall Manor 7:30 p.m. Donald Brown
December 1 **12th Annual Christmas at Cornwall House Tour** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

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

October 5 – 6 **Lantern Tour of Pithole** 6:45 p.m.
October 4, 11, 18, 25 **"Silent Night" Film Series** 7 p.m.

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
www.eckleyminers.org

October 19 – 21, 26 – 28 **Halloween Lantern Tour and Hayride** Friday and Saturday 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Sunday 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
November 18 **The Breaker Boys: Music and Poems of the Anthracite Miners** 2 p.m.

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

November 4 **Heritage Day at Priestley House** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

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

October 4 – 5 **The Pumpkin Patch** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*
October 6 – 7 **48th Annual Harvest Days with the Pumpkin Patch** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*
November 1, 29 **Hands-On History Days** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. *Admission.*
November 10 – 11 **Weathervane Museum Store Holiday Open House** Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday noon – 5 p.m.
December 7 – 9; 14 – 16 **Country Christmas Village** Weekdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

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

November 24 **Christmas with Belsnickel** 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Registration required.*
December 1 **Annual Christmas Fundraising Dinner** 6 p.m. *Registration required.*
December 8 **Christmas at the Village** 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Admission.*

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

October 7 **Historic Trades** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
October 14 **Living History Theater: The Sotcher Wedding** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
October 20 – 21 **Just for Families: A 17th Century Overnight Experience** Saturday 3:30 p.m. – Sunday 2 p.m. *Registration required.*
October 21, November 18 **Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
October 28 **Beer Brewing and Cider Making** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
December 6 – 7 **Holly Nights** 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM
Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

October 21 **Remember Johnny Mitchell Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
October 26 **Mule Appreciation Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
November 18 **Audubon Society Program** 2:30 p.m.
November 25 **Ukrainian Christmas: St. Nicholas Visits the Children** 2 p.m. *Registration required.*
December 8 **Coalcracker Christmas Workshop** 10 a.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.psu.edu/dept/aerospace/museum

October 29 **Life in the Green Zone** 7:30 p.m. Sgt. Major Jim Pieffer

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org

October 13 – 14 **Model Railroading Days** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
October 14 **Garden Railway Tour** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Registration required.*
November 3 **"Taking the Swing Train" 1940s Dance** 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. *Registration required.*
November 3 – 4 **Trains and Troops** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
December 1 **Railroad Museum Rambles: Brandywine Valley** *Call for details.*
December 8, 15 **Home for the Holidays** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Wonderful gifts and unique items at the PHS Holiday Marketplace, November 15–16.

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org
November 18 **Decorated Flax Hetchel Combs Lecture** 7 p.m. Ron Walter

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org
December 2 **Friends of The State Museum Holiday Tea** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Registration required.*

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing
October 14 **Harvest Day** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*
December 9 **Washington Crossing Dress Rehearsal** 1 p.m. *Admission.*
December 25 **Washington Crosses the Delaware River** 1 p.m. *Weather permitting. Free.*

KIDS' STUFF

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
www.eckleyminers.org
December 1 – 2 **Children's Christmas Program** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org
December 22 **Old Fashioned Children's Christmas** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org
December 8, 15 **Polar Express Parties** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Reservation required.*

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org
October 26 **11th Annual Night of the Great Pumpkin** 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Admission.*
December 27 **Noon Year's Eve Celebration 2008** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

EXHIBITS

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org
Through December 2007 **Tracks, Trestles and Trustees: Railroads of the Harmony Society**
Through December 2007 **All Aboard for Economy! A Model Railroad Layout**

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.psu.edu/dept/aerospace/museum
November 25 – December 24 **Santa's Draft Card**

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org
Through April 13, 2008 **Spanning Centuries: Railroad Bridges of Pennsylvania**

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org
Through October 31 **Walter Bowen Photograph Exhibit**
November 17 – April 12, 2008 **Unraveling the Wool: Home Textile Equipment of Early America**

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org
Through November 25 **Curiosity Connection Fall Play Days: Imagine You're a Farmer**
October 6 – December 30 **Planetarium: *Astronaut***
November 10 – May 18, 2008 ***Made In Pennsylvania* Exhibit**
November 16 – January 6, 2008 **Gruff Holiday Exhibit: *Christmas from the Collection***
December 2 – May 18, 2007 ***A Sip of Tea* Teapot Exhibit**
December 18 – March 16, 2008 **Curiosity Connection Winter Play Days: Bring the Outside Inside**

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

BUREAU FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Harrisburg, (717) 783-0395
www.phmc.state.pa.us
October 4 **Grantwriting Workshop** Old Economy Village, Ambridge 1 p.m.
October 18 **Grantwriting Workshop** Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg 1 p.m.
Visit www.artsnet.org/phmc/workshops for more details.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES
Harrisburg, (717) 783-3281
www.phmc.state.pa.us
October 24, 2007 **Archives and Records Management Seminar: "Archives in Our Lives"** Four Points by Sheraton, Harrisburg *Registration required.*

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Antietam Battlefield, July 2007: Participating teachers were (from left) Vivian Burkoltz, Lorrie Schonour, Bill Hanlon, Truly Zimmerman, Greg Burrows, CSIU project director Kathy Hummel, Chris Morrison, Dawn Getgen, PHS project coordinator Rhonda Newton, Jeff Martin, and Tom Clark.

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

The PHMC/PHS Teaching American History Project hosted secondary school teachers from central Pennsylvania in a week-long residency focusing on the Civil War at The State Museum and the Pennsylvania State Archives in June, where they worked with artifacts and documents alongside PHMC curators and archivists.

In July, the educators also enjoyed behind-the-scenes field trips to Washington, D. C., where they toured the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution, and Arlington National Cemetery, as well as to National Park Service sites at Antietam, Md., Harpers Ferry, W.V., and Gettysburg, Pa. The project, a partnership with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, Lewisburg, Pa., is funded by the United States Department of Education.



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Summer 2007 Internship: The PHS office enjoyed the services of Bloomsburg University history and business major Rachel Kindt (above) who served a membership and development internship.



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2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Back by popular demand, the PHS Holiday Marketplace will once again be open for business in the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, on Thursday and Friday, November 15–16, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Offering unique and wonderful items from PHMC historic sites and museums, the Holiday Marketplace provides a great way to complete your holiday shopping list and support the preservation of Pennsylvania's history. Stop by and meet PHS and PHMC staff as well as many museum staff and volunteers from throughout the Commonwealth at this fun and festive event.

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Your membership (Individual level and higher) in the Pennsylvania Heritage Society provides free admission to all PHMC sites throughout the Commonwealth as well as Time Travelers benefits—free or discounted admission and store discounts at more than 100 museums nationwide. Call us for additional information and a list of participating sites and museums.