PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE SOCIETY.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
AND CALENDAR
SPRING 2006

# Signature Series

## PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE SOCIETY LAUNCHES SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES

On March 9, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (PHS) kicked off a new series of special events with a lecture by Dr. John Frantz of Penn State and an elegant dessert reception at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. The **Signature Series** provides PHS members and guests exciting opportunities to meet popular historians, curators, and authors, as well as in-depth tours and rare behind-the-scenes experiences at Pennsylvania's historic sites and museums.

## *Upcoming Signature Events*

### THE COVERED BRIDGES OF LANCASTER COUNTY

*Tuesday, June 6; co-sponsored by the Landis Valley Museum*

Join the PHS for a memorable guided daytrip to select historic covered bridges located throughout Lancaster County. Board the PHS motor coach at Harrisburg or meet up with the tour for a light breakfast at the Landis Valley Museum near Lancaster. Featuring the commentary of PHMC preservationist Susan Zacher, covered bridge expert and author, the trip will include lunch at the General Sutter Inn, Lititz, and a stop at the vibrant Root's Country Market near Manheim. Comfortable walking shoes recommended. PHS Members, Landis Valley Associates: $55, Non-members: $65. Availability is limited. Call the PHS office at (717) 787-2407 or email c-kvansick@state.pa.us for details and to reserve your seat.

*The Lancaster County Covered Bridges tour is offered in conjunction with a special Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, "Covered Bridges: Spanning the American Landscape," at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, March 12 – July 16.*

### AN EVENING WITH FRED ANDERSON

Professor of History at the University of Colorado-Boulder

*The State Museum, Harrisburg, Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m.*

Dr. Fred Anderson is the author of ***The War that Made America***, the companion book to the acclaimed PBS documentary series produced by WQED–Pittsburgh which profiles the pivotal French and Indian War in western Pennsylvania. A dessert reception follows the presentation.

PHS Members: $10, non-members and guests: $15.

Please RSVP by June 13 by calling (717) 787-2407 or e-mail c-kvansick@state.pa.us

*Dr. Anderson's lecture is supported by a Teaching American History grant from the U.S. Department of Education.*



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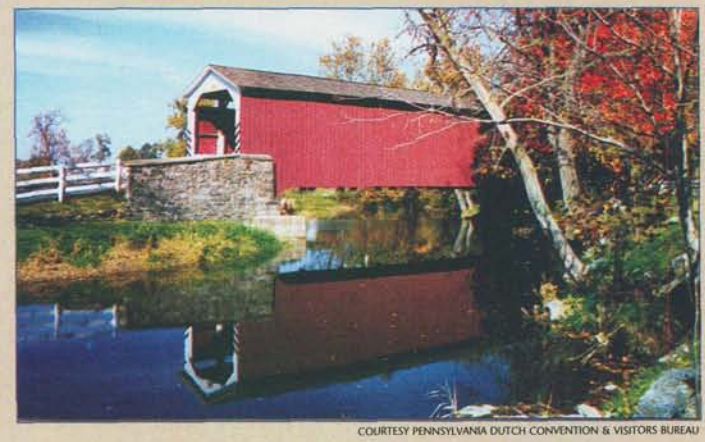
*Dr. Fred Anderson, PHS Signature Series speaker, will appear on June 20.*

### STATE CAPITOL CENTENNIAL TOUR AND RECEPTION

***In cooperation with the Capitol Preservation Committee***

*Tuesday, September 19 (check for details to come in the Summer 2006 issue of* ***Pennsylvania Heritage****.)*

This year, 2006, is the one hundredth anniversary of the Commonwealth's spectacular Capitol building in Harrisburg. PHS members and guests are invited to a special access tour (including the famous dome, weather permitting!) and reception celebrating this remarkable Pennsylvania treasure.



COURTESY PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

*Erb's Mill covered bridge, Lancaster County.*

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

## EXHIBITS

### RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628

*April 22, 2006 – April 15, 2007* **A Moveable Feast: From The Farm to the Table by Train**

### THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980

*Through July 16* **"Covered Bridges: Spanning the American Landscape"**

*June 10 – September 10* **"Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2006"**

*Ongoing* **Planetarium shows and Curiosity Connection**
Visit www.statemuseumpa.org for schedules

## KIDS' STUFF

### BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK
Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342

*June 18* **Fathers' Day Program** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900

*May 21* **Children's Day** noon – 5 p.m.

*June 10 – 11* **Patriots' Day Youth Encampment**

### EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600

*April 28, May 26* **Community Days**
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Advance registration recommended

### JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE
Northumberland, (570) 473-9474

*April 22* **Science Saturday Morning** 10 a.m.

### LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401

*April 19* **Home School Day**
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*June 27 – 30* **Summer Sampler and Historic Trades Camps**

### OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500

*June 10* **Spring Children's Workshop**
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

*June 19 – 23* **Summer Day Camp: A Day in the Life of a Nineteenth Century Child**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076

*May 17* **Home School Students Event: Colonial Day**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



*Costumed guides carding wool at Pennsbury Manor.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK
Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342

*April 1* **Tavern Day at the Gilpin House** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*May 13* **Camp Followers of the American Revolution**
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934

*April 23, May 21, June 11* **French and Indian War Interpretive** noon – 4 p.m.

### DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900

*April 9, May 7, June 4* **First Pennsylvania Regiment Flintlock Shoot** noon – 5 p.m.

*April 23* **Spring Nature Program** 2 p.m.

*June 3* **Evening on the Green** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*June 15* **Boone Family Reunion**

### DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797

*April 29, May 27, June 24* **Oil Valley Blacksmiths**
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*June 3* **Boomtown Day at Pithole** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, (570) 636-2070

*May 7* **The Welsh Dragon Tongues**
2 p.m.

*June 24 – 25* **Patch Town Days Anthracite Heritage Festival**
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600

*April 9, May 14, June 11* **Second Sunday Series** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

*May 19, 21* **Spring Concert**
Friday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 5 p.m.

### FORT PITT MUSEUM
Pittsburgh, (412) 281-9285

*May 20 – 21* **Fort Pitt Colonial Fair**

### LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401

*April 22* **Spring Benefit Auction**
Preview at 4:30 p.m. auction begins at 5:30 p.m.

*May 12 – 13* **Herb and Garden Faire**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



*A new face at Pennsbury Manor!*

### PENNSBURY MANOR
**Morrisville, (215) 946-0400**

*April 2, May 7, June 4* **Historic Trades** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*April 9, May 14, June 11* **Living History Theater** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*April 23* **Garden Highlights** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*April 30* **Animals at Pennsbury** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*May 7, June 18* **Penn Pals** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*May 21, June 18* **Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

### PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
**Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263**

*April 22 – 23* **Battery B Drill Weekend** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*May 21* **"A Celebration of Service: Honoring Pennsylvania Veterans"** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
*May 27 – 28* **"World War II Revisited"** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
*May 28* **Service Canteen** 3 p.m.
*May 28* **History of the 28th Division Shrine** 3 p.m.
*May 29* **Memorial Day Civil War Encampment** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
*May 29* **Allegheny Mountain Region AACA Car Show** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
*June 14* **Flag Day Celebration** 6 p.m.

### RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
**Strasburg, (717) 687-8628**

*June 2 – June 4* **Railroad Heritage Days**

### WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
**Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076**

*April 21 – 22* **Sheep Shearing: A Return to a Colonial Spring** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
*May 27* **Bread and Butter** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
*June 18* **Visit with General and Mrs. Washington** noon – 4 p.m.



*School tours at Landis Valley Museum.*

## WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND FILMS

### CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
**Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934**

*May 7* **"Fort Augusta,"** Mike Slease 2 p.m.

### CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
**Cornwall, (717) 272-9711**

*May 9* **"Thistle and Bar—Bagpipe and Drum: Music, History and Humor"** Heidi Tylwalk and Richard Harris Freeman Auditorium, Cornwall Manor
*June 20* **Annual Dinner Meeting** 6:30 p.m. Quentin Riding Club. Call historic site for reservations.

### DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
**Titusville, (814) 827-2797**

*April 6* **Heritage Lecture Series: "Authors of the Oil Region"** Refreshments at 7 p.m., lecture at 7:30 p.m.

### ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
**Weatherly, (570) 636-2070**

*May 21* **Movie: "The Molly Maguires"** 2 p.m.

### LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
**Lancaster, (717) 569-0401**

*April 1* **Weekend Workshop—Scratch Eggs** noon – 2 p.m.
*June 19 – 23* **50th Annual Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture** Visit www.landisvalleymuseum.org for class descriptions

### OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
**Ambridge, (724) 266-4500**

*April 8* **Spring Garden Workshop** 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
*May 13* **Progressive Trades Workshop** 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
**Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263**

*June 26* **Military History Speakers Series** 7:30 p.m.

### PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM
**Scranton, (570) 963-4804**

*April 2* **"The Face of Decline,"** Dr. Thomas Dublin 2 p.m.
*May 7* **"Contract Labor and Eastern European Immigrants,"** James Stevens, 2 p.m.
*June 18* **"Mining Conditions Under St. Ann's Monastery",** Father Robert E. Carbonneau, C.P. 2 p.m.

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OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

*Spring bursts open with beautiful blooms at the George Rapp House at Old Economy Village.*

## MAJOR GRANT GOES TO OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

The Richard C. von Hess Foundation, a Philadelphia-based charitable organization managed by the Glenmede Trust Company, has granted $75,000 to PHMC's Old Economy Village in Ambridge. The funding will help support the research, writing, and design of the first in a series of books examining the decorative arts and rich material culture of the Harmony Society. This volume will focus on furniture produced by the Society as well as furniture purchased from outside sources. The Harmony Society (1805–1903) was one the most successful and long-lived religious communal experiments in the United States.

In addition to this recent grant, the von Hess Foundation generously awarded Old Economy Village $125,000 in 2002 for an ongoing multi-year project to complete a crucial furnishing plan and selected wall paper reproductions for the site's Rapp House, the elegant home of the Society's founder, George Rapp.

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## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

***April 5 – 7*** **Preservation Pennsylvania: "Reinventing Older Communities"** Philadelphia. Visit www.philadelphiafed.org or call (717) 234-2310 for details

***April 9 – 11*** **Pennsylvania Federation of Museums: "Changing Museums for Changing Times"** Harrisburg. Visit www.pamuseums.org for details

***May 4 – 6*** **The 29th Annual Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania** Harrisburg. Visit www.phmc.state.pa.us for details

***May 6*** **PHMC Associates Forum** Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg. Call (814) 466-6263 for details

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***June 20*** **"An Evening with Fred Anderson,"** lecture and dessert reception, The State Museum, Harrisburg (see first page of this newsletter)

For more information call the Pennsylvania Heritage Society office at (717) 787-2407 or e-mail c-kvansick@state.pa.us

## THANK YOU!

We are grateful to our members and friends who have contributed to the recent and ongoing PHS Annual Appeal. More than 150 individuals, families, and corporations have answered the call for financial support of the PHS and the PHMC's educational mission and commitment to lifelong learning. There's still time to contribute—donations may be sent directly to the Pennsylvania Heritage Society Annual Appeal, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Plaza Level, Harrisburg, PA, 17120-0053.

## RENEW OR JOIN NOW AND SAVE

Pennsylvania Heritage Society membership rates will increase at the start of our new fiscal year which begins July 1, 2006. Take the opportunity to renew or join now at the 2005 rates:

| | NOW | July 1, 2006 |
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| Heritage Member | $20 | $25 |
| Individual Member | $35 | $40 |
| Family Membership | $50 | $55 |

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Your membership 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 museums.