Signature Series



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WALTER LICHT AND TOM DUBLIN

Dr. Walter Licht, professor of history, University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Thomas Dublin, professor of history, State University of New York-Binghamton, will deliver *Signature Series* lectures profiling the history of industrialization in Pennsylvania, on Monday evening, June 23, 7 p.m., and Tuesday morning, June 24, 9 a.m., at The State Museum of Pennsylvania Harrisburg. Licht and Dublin are the co-authors of ***The Face of Decline: The Pennsylvania Anthracite Region in the Twentieth Century***, published by the Cornell University Press in 2005.

PHS members: $10, Non-members: $15. Please RSVP to PHS Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle, toll-free (866) 823-6539, or c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

These lectures are supported by a Teaching American History grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

PHS AND PHMC TO LEAD CIVIL WAR PROJECT



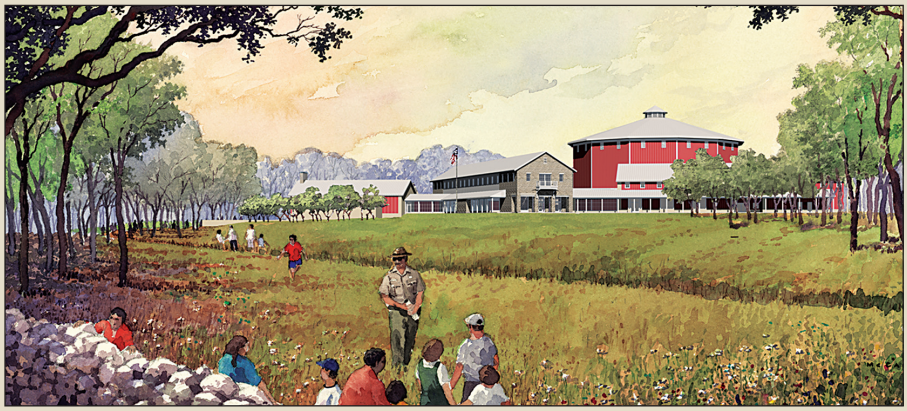
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Civil War Project Consultant James Pickman

The Pennsylvania Heritage Society has received a $500,000 grant on behalf of PHMC from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to conduct statewide planning for the Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011–2015). A newly formed Civil War Pennsylvania 150 Planning Committee (CWPA 150) has been meeting monthly since October 2007 to partner with major history and cultural institutions from Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. James Pickman, a consultant who played a key role in the redevelopment of Independence Mall in Philadelphia and chaired the board of the Independence Visitor Center, was hired by the Pennsylvania Heritage Society as project manager to direct the planning efforts of CWPA 150. Pickman is providing crucial leadership in the facilitation of the project.

Under the auspices of the Heritage Society, the committee is developing a Pennsylvania programmatic agenda for the Sesquicentennial, identifying statewide projects such as major traveling exhibitions, a collections digitization project, new media, a Web portal, K-12 educational curricular materials, and teacher professional development, as well as many regionally and locally coordinated programs and substantive commemorations grounded in the humanities.

Signature Series TOUR: GETTYSBURG



The new Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center, opening Spring 2008. Image courtesy of The Gettysburg Foundation.

Join the Pennsylvania Heritage Society for its annual spring bus excursion on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, to Gettysburg National Military Park and the fabulous new Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center. In addition, following Carol Reardon's dynamic summer 2007 *Signature Series* lecture on Pickett's Charge, we are pleased to offer as part of this trip a not-to-be-missed tour of the battlefield led by Dr. Reardon, a scholar at Penn State's Richards Civil War Era Center. Lunch is included; the bus will leave from Harrisburg. Seats are limited. Please contact Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle toll free at (866) 823-6539 for prices and details and to reserve your seats. Members $85; non-members $95.

Please note that special events may require fees in addition to PHS membership benefits or regular admission prices. Please contact the sites and museums ahead to verify details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 3 **Spring Nature Walk** 10 a.m.

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

April 20, May 18, June 8 **French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday** noon – 4 p.m.
June 29 **Patriotic Concert** 1:30 p.m.

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900
www.danielboonehomestead.org

April 6, May 4 **Flintlock Shoot** noon – 5 p.m.
April 27 **Spring Nature Program** 2 p.m.
May 4 **Children's Day** noon – 5 p.m.
May 17 – 18 **Revolutionary War Encampment** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 28 **Evening on the Green** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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

April 5, 12, 19 **Heritage Lecture Series** 7 p.m.
April 26 , May 31, June 28 **Oil Valley Blacksmiths' Association Demonstrations** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 7 **Boomtown Day at Historic Pithole** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

June 21 – 22 **Patch Town Days** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

April 3 **Winter History Class Field Trip** 9 a.m. – noon
April 13 **Spotlight on Ned Foltz: A New Tile for Ephrata** 7 p.m.
May 3 – 4 **Building History** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
May 11 **Mother's Day** *Free admission for moms*
June 15 **Father's Day** *Free admission for dads*

FORT PITT MUSEUM
Pittsburgh, (412) 281-9285
www.fortpittmuseum.com

April 19 **Native Americans at Fort Duquesne** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
May 17 **233rd Anniversary of the Pittsburgh and Hannastown Resolves** 2 p.m.
June 7 **The French and Fort Duquesne** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

GRAEME PARK
Horsham, (215) 343-0965
www.ushistory.org/graeme

May 11 **Mother's Day Tours** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 8 **Living History Sunday: Patriots and Traitors** noon – 4 p.m.



Welcome home to Eckley Miners' Village for Patch Town Days, June 21–22.

HOPE LODGE AND MATHER MILL
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595
www.ushistory.org/hope

March 15, April 12, May 10 **18th Century Colonial Cooking Workshop** 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. *Registration required.*
April 25 **Sheep Shearing** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
May 3 **Colonial Dance Featuring Newport Gardner** 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Rain date May 4 *Registration required.*
May 24 **British Car Show** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain date May 25
June 18 **Concert on the Green with the Ambler Symphony** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

April 19 **Science Saturday** 2 p.m.

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

April 12 **Spring Benefit Auction** 4:30 p.m.
May 9 – 10 **Herb and Garden Faire** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 16 – 20 **52nd Annual Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture**

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

April 12 **Spring Garden Workshop** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
April 26 **Trades Workshop** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

May 1 **Envirothon** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.pamilmuseum.org
April 19 – 20
Battery B Drill Weekend 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
April 28, June 30 **Military History Speakers Series** 7 p.m.
May 18 **A Celebration of Service: Honoring Pennsylvania Veterans** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
May 24 – 25 **World War II Revisited** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Service Canteen USO Show, May 24
May 26 **Memorial Day Civil War Encampment**
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
May 26 **Allegheny Mountain Region A.A.C.A. Car Show**
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
June 14 **Flag Day Celebration** 6 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org
May 23 – 25 **Walt Disney's Backyard Railroad**
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday noon – 5 p.m.
May 30 – June 1 **Pennsylvania Railroad "Pennsy" Days**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing
April 12 **Historic Cooking Class** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
April 18 – 19 **Sheep Shearing: A Return to Colonial Spring**
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 26 **Memorial Day Program** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Experience the exuberance of spring at Landis Valley Museum's Herb and Garden Faire, May 9–10.



Gift to Conrad Weiser: Russell Swody, site administrator of PHMC's Conrad Weiser Homestead in Berks County, accepts a $250 M&T Charitable Foundation contribution from M&T Bank's Womelsdorf Branch Manager Deborah Spencer. The donation—a gift to the Friends of the Conrad Weiser Homestead—will support in part the site's annual Independence Day Concert.

MORE SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION HERITAGE INITIATIVE

On behalf of PHMC, the Heritage Society is receiving funding again in 2008 from the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) to co-sponsor an academic intern who will research Pennsylvania's conservation heritage at The State Museum and the State Archives this summer. PAEP is also providing additional funds to support a conservation/environmental heritage consultation summit at PHMC headquarters in Harrisburg to determine next steps for this timely initiative.

STATE ARCHIVES FUNDING

On behalf of the Pennsylvania State Archives, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society has received a $120,356 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to fund a two and a half-year project supporting an itinerant archivist. Under the direction of State Archives staff, the archivist will travel to several county governments in the Commonwealth's southwest and northeast regions to help address local archival and records management needs and issues. For more information on this project, please contact Susan Hartman, Project Coordinator, at (717) 787-3913 or e-mail RA-LocalGovernment@state.pa.us.

PHS ANNUAL APPEAL

Kudos and special thanks to all who answered the call and generously donated almost $10,000 in one month to the Heritage Society's Annual Appeal 2007. Gifts to this appeal can be accepted through the end of our fiscal year, June 30; the Society's mailing address is 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Or donate on-line easily and securely to the PHS Annual Appeal by accessing www.pabookstore.com.

SUPPORT IN THE FIELD

Drake Well

Looking ahead to the 150th anniversary of the discovery of oil at Drake Well, Titusville, in 2009, the Friends of Drake Well, Inc., have surpassed its $1 million fund raising goal to construct a new orientation theater, enlarge the site's entrance building and museum store, and add a major directional signage program. Site Administrator Barbara Zolli reports that as of November 2007, more than $1,060,000 has been pledged, including $600,000 from charitable trusts and foundations, $300,000 from individuals, and $160,000 from government grants and corporate sources, including PennWell Corporation, publishers of the *Oil & Gas Journal*. Congratulations to Ms. Zolli, and the staff, dedicated board of directors, and volunteers who have labored tirelessly to secure this valuable support which will augment a $6.34 million Capital Project from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Capital Project is providing Drake Well with much-needed comprehensive collections storage, a new permanent exhibition, and renovations to museum buildings and systems.

Pennsbury Manor

When Pennsbury Manor opened its new visitor center in September 2007, it did so with the dynamic support of the Pennsbury Society board, led by President Penrose Hallowell working with Site Administrator Doug Miller, staff, and volunteers. More than $1 million was raised from the regional funding community, including major gifts from Waste Management, the Grundy Foundation, and the William Penn Foundation. Matching $5.5 million in capital funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this critical funding aided in the center's architectural development, exhibit fabrication, and strengthened the Society's endowment. Congratulations!

Old Economy Village

PHMC's Old Economy Village, Ambridge, has received generous grants from the Richard C. von Hess Foundation ($75,000) and the Gookin Family Foundation ($10,000) to develop the first in a series of books examining the material culture—and specifically the decorative arts—of the fascinating Harmony Society, founder of the village. With additional support from the Friends of Old Economy Village, the funding will help underwrite the series' research, writing, photography, and design. Noted furniture historian Philip Zimmerman, the former director of collections at the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, will author the first volume which will focus on the furniture produced and used by the Society from 1804 to 1905. Expected publication is later this year.

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT

Radius, the HACC Gallery and Museum Shop operated by Harrisburg Area Community College at The State Museum, has announced that Pennsylvania Heritage Society members will now receive a 10% discount at the store. Please present your PHS membership card at the time of purchase.

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SHARE WITH US?

We're building our membership database to better serve you and would appreciate having your e-mail address for our records. Soon, we'd like to provide you with monthly e-mail updates on the Heritage Society latest news and benefits —don't miss out—e-mail Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle today at c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

COMING ATTRACTION:

A new look and new features for www.paheritage.org is coming soon! Stay tuned for details!

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