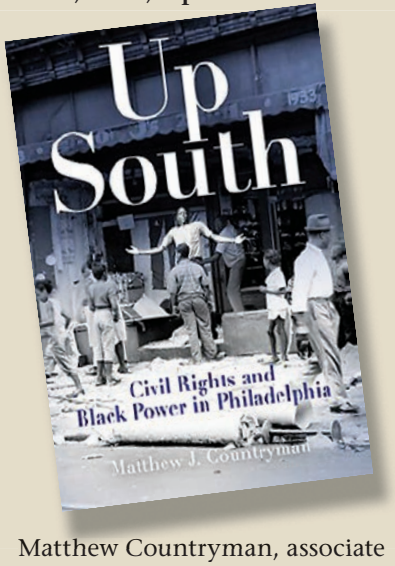
Signature Series

CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER IN PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Matthew Countryman
June 25, 2009, 7 p.m.



Matthew Countryman, associate professor of History and American Culture at the University of Michigan, will present a lecture based on his book *Up South: Civil Rights and Black Power in Philadelphia* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005) at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. Dr. Countryman won the Organization of American Historians' 2006 Liberty Legacy Foundation Award, which recognizes the year's best book on any historical aspect of the struggle for civil rights in the United States, from the nation's founding to the present.

PHS members: $12, Non-members: $17. Please RSVP to PHS Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle by June 18, toll-free (866) 823-6539, or c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

Dr. Countryman's lecture is supported by a Teaching American History grant from the United States Department of Education.

Energy
Innovation and Impact

Energy Theme Events

Pennsylvania Heritage Society members are invited to attend a kick-off reception for PHMC's special interpretive theme for 2009, "Energy: Innovation and Impact." The event, which takes place at The State Museum of Pennsylvania at 5:30 p.m. on March 31, will be hosted by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania.

The Heritage Society is also pleased to announce that Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a special Energy Tour at The State Museum in 2009. The Columbia Gas grant will enable five classrooms from York and Adams Counties to travel and participate in an in-depth experience at the museum designed to provide context for Pennsylvania's seminal role in the history of energy.

For the March 31 reception, please RSVP to PHS Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle, toll-free (866) 823-6539, or c-kvansick@state.pa.us by March 24.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, with local headquarters in Pittsburgh, serves more than 400,000 customers in twenty-seven counties. It is one of the ten energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. To learn more about the company, visit www.columbiagas.com.

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A COMMON CANVAS EXHIBIT OPENING AND RECEPTION

Approximately 200 guests enjoyed a reception hosted by the Friends of The State Museum on November 23, 2008, to celebrate the opening of the museum's new exhibition, "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals." State Museum Director John Leighow presented donors Susan and S. Sloan Auchincloss (left) and Kathy T. and R. Scott Shearer (above) copies of the exhibition poster in recognition of their financial support. The poster is available at Radius (The State Museum store), and on www.pabookstore.com. "A Common Canvas" continues through Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Please note that special events may require fees in addition to PHS membership benefits or regular admission prices. Please contact the historic site or museum destination ahead to verify details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 2 **Spring Nature Walk** 10 a.m.
June 20 **Meeting and Lecture** 1 p.m.

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

April 19 **Spring Nature Program** 2 p.m.
May 3 **Children's Day** Noon – 5 p.m.
June 6–7 **Spring Firelock Matches**
June 13–14 **Patriot Days**
June 20 **Evening on the Green** 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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

April 26 **Oil Valley Blacksmiths Association Demonstrations** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 6 **Boomtown Day at Historic Pithole** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

June 6 **Building History** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 28 **Dressed for the Part**

ERIE MARITIME MUSEUM AND U.S. BRIG NIAGARA
Erie, (814) 452-2744
www.brigniagara.org

June–August **Day Sails on the U.S. Brig *Niagara***
Call for details.

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

May 10 **Mothers' Day Breakfast** *Registration required.*
June 7 **Living History Sunday: Patriots and Traitors** Noon – 4 p.m.

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

April 24 **Sheep Shearing** *Admission.*
May 16 **Colonial Cooking with Doctor Clarissa Dillon** 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
May 20 **Pennsylvania Humanities Council Lecture**
June 10 **Ambler Symphony** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

April 18 **Sparks and Pops for Curious Kids** 2:00 p.m.
Registration required.

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

May 8–9 **Herb and Garden Faire** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 15–19 **52nd Annual Institute of Pennsylvania Rural Life and Culture**

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

April 4 **Spring Garden Workshop** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
April 25 **Historic Trades Workshop: Woodworking** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. *Registration required.*

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

May 30 **Anthracite History Conference** 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

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

April 18–19 **Battery B Drill Weekend**
April 25 **ARC Bark** 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
May 5 **The Central Pennsylvania Civil War Roundtable presents "How Grant Won and Lee Lost the Civil War"** Ed Bonekemper 7 p.m.
May 17 **28th Division Reunion and Picnic**
A Celebration of Service: Honoring Pennsylvania Veterans 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
May 23–24 **World War II Revisited Living History Bivouac**
May 25 **Allegheny Mountain Region Antique Automobile Club of America Car Show** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

May 16–17 **Trains In Motion . . . Pictures**
May 29–31 **Conrail Days**
June 5–7 **Pennsylvania Railroad "Pennsy" Days**

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org

April 4 **Reed Woven Stools workshop** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Registration required.
April 6 **Annual Spring Meeting/Program**
April 18 **Basket Workshop** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Registration required.

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

April 4 **A Palace of Art: The State Capitol Murals of Edwin Austin Abbey and Violet Oakley** State Capitol Rotunda 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*
April 21–22 **Earth Day: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Alternative Energy Trailer**
April 30 **The Friends of The State Museum present a special lecture by Dr. Michael Barton in conjunction with the exhibition "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals"** 5:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing

April 24–25 **Sheep Shearing** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
May 25 **Memorial Day Program** 10 a.m.
June 4 **Home School Day** 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Admission.*

Join or renew at www.paheritage.org

EXHIBITS

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

Through May 17, 2009 **"A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals"** *Guided tours available.*
April 2009 **TMI Rover Robot display**
June 28–September 20 **"Art of the State" 2009**
Ongoing **Planetarium and Curiosity Connection**

Special Thanks: In conjunction with "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals," Sheetz, Inc., will sponsor two school tour days at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg this spring.



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A 1948 Packard is featured in The State Museum of Pennsylvania's Hall of Industry and Technology where a special Energy Tour sponsored by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania uses historic collections to examine Pennsylvania's role in energy history. To learn more, visit www.paenergytrail.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

October – December, 2008

We received an overwhelming response to our holiday gift membership promotion. Thank you to all who gave the gift of history for the holidays.

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CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Heritage Society has received additional grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Civil War Pennsylvania 150 (CWPA 150) project. The $250,000 grant will enable the project to continue planning for statewide exhibits and programming, including a major Web site slated to launch in late spring 2009.

CWPA 150 is a statewide partnership of major history organizations convened by the PHMC at the request of Governor Edward G. Rendell to serve as the Commonwealth's official planning committee for the sesquicentennial. The committee will commemorate the anniversary through special events and activities conducted throughout the state by multiple organizations and individuals. The Heritage Society is the fiscal agent for CWPA 150.

SUPPORT FOR 2009 SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE INTERNSHIP

Engineering consulting firms Gannett Fleming and McCormick Taylor, the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP), and a firm specializing in environmental and historic preservation services, Cultural Heritage Research Services (CHRS) Inc., will jointly sponsor a summer environmental heritage intern through the Pennsylvania Heritage Society. Thanks to the generosity of these sponsors, this innovative internship is entering its third year at The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Archives. Gannett Fleming, McCormick Taylor, CHRS, and PAEP have each contributed as prior donors to PHMC's overall Environmental Heritage Initiative.

GRANTS IN THE FIELD

Congratulations to our colleagues and special thanks to charitable and community organizations supporting PHMC sites and museums in the field.

In December, the **Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates** in Scranton received $8,922.70 from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) for several projects. The funding will support the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum Signage Project, an exhibition entitled "Anthracite People: Immigration & Ethnicity in Pennsylvania's Hard Coal Region," and enhancement and upgrades to the museum building's exterior, entryway, lobby, and auditorium.

Ephrata Cloister Associates recently received a grant from the Irene Weidman Charitable Trust to hire an interpretive guide for the historic site this coming summer.



PHMC PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM/PHOTO BY JOE HORVATH

Members of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Battery D, 229th Field Artillery, from Grove City, Mercer County, stand ready during a memorial ceremony honoring the Pennsylvania National Guard at the Pennsylvania Military Museum, Boalsburg. See event details, page 42.

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