PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
AND CALENDAR
SUMMER 2006

***Preserve America* Grant:** In a Capitol Hill ceremony held March 9, Jean Cutler (center), Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the Commonwealth, accepted, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a *Preserve America* grant for $75,000 for the Pennsylvania Rural History Project. The grant award was presented by First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of *Preserve America,* and Gale Norton, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior. The funding will support a comprehensive cultural landscape survey for threatened agricultural resources in an effort to promote heritage tourism in Pennsylvania.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Signature Series



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The Pennsylvania State Capitol Dome

STATE CAPITOL CENTENNIAL TOUR AND RECEPTION

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Pennsylvania's spectacular State Capitol building in Harrisburg, please join Pennsylvania Heritage Society for a special **Signature Series** tour and festive reception for members and guests on September 19, 2006, in cooperation with the Capitol Preservation Committee (CPC) and the office of the Honorable Catherine Baker Knoll, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The hors d'oeuvres reception will be preceded by a special access tour of the Capitol interior, including a rare, up-close view of the building's colossal dome (stairs are required to reach the dome—high heels are not recommended).

CPC Executive Director Ruthann Hubbert-Kemper, who has led the extraordinary efforts to preserve the historic structure and share its legacy, has planned this special PHS member tour to emphasize the remarkable story of the restoration of the Capitol.

Tours will be offered between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., leaving from the Capitol's main rotunda; the reception will begin at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Capitol, adjacent to the Lieutenant Governor's office. PHS Members, $15; Non-members, $20. Please contact PHS Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle to make your reservations at (717) 787-2407 or c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

NEH GRANT FOR CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL PLANNING

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the Pennsylvania Heritage Society has received a $10,000 consultation grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund Telling Pennsylvania's Civil War Stories: New Narratives from Old Collections, a planning project concentrating on statewide programming for the forthcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011–2015). Focusing on interpreting Civil War-related collections in new ways, the project will articulate a strategy for delivering high quality programs throughout the state and initiate communication among Pennsylvania's public history and museum organizations, as well as libraries, public media, heritage parks, and the heritage tourism industry. Project partners include the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh).

Please call the museums and sites listed for program details and fees

KIDS' STUFF

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900

July 18 – 20 **History Day Camp** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration required.

July 26, August 2 **Junior History Workshop** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797

July 11 – 14 **Kids' History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration required.

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

July 24 – 26 **History Camp** Ages 6 – 13: 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Ages 14 and Over: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Reservation required.

September 24 **Children's Historical Theater: "The Immigrant Experience"** 2 p.m.

JOSEPH PRIESTLY HOUSE
Northumberland, (570) 473-9474

July 19 – 21 **Summer History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Registration required.

HOPE LODGE
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595

July 31 – August 4 **Time Travelers Summer Camp** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Registration required.

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401

July 11 – 14 **Advanced Historic Trades Camp** 12 noon – 4 p.m. Registration required.

July 18 – 21 **Summer Sampler and Historic Trades Camps** 12 noon – 4 p.m.

August 12 **Storytelling Day** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

September 28 **Hands-On History Days** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500

July 17 – 21 **Summer Day Camp: A Day in the Life of a Nineteenth Century Child** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Registration required.

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400

July 10, 24 **Colonial Camp** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

July 11 – 14 **Children's Anthracite Heritage Camp** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Reservation required.

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

July 17 – 21 (Ages 9–10), **Barons and Builders Day Camp** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration required.

July 31 – August 4 (Ages 11–12) **Barons and Builders Day Camp** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration required.

September 9 **Railroad Kids Day** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Through September 3 **Curiosity Connection Summer Play Days: "Imagine You're Camping"** Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Sundays 12 noon – 3:30 p.m.

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

September 17 **"Tales of the Marbleheaders"** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

September 9 – 10 **Annual Battle of Brandywine Re-enactment** 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD
Harrison City, (724) 527-5584

August 5 – 6 **243rd Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Bushy Run** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934

July 22 **French and Indian War Encampment** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

July 23 **Divine Service Re-enactment** 10 a.m.

August 20, September 17 **French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday,** 12 noon – 4 p.m.

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900

July 4 **Independence Day Program: Troops that Fought in Washington's Army** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 4, August 13, September 10 **First Pennsylvania Regiment Flintlock Shoot** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13 **Summer Interpretive Sundays** 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

July 11, 18, 25, August 8, 15, 22, 29 **Sawmill Operation Days** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

September 17 **Fall Nature Program** 2 p.m.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797

July 2 **Antique Auto Show** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 8 **Picnic and Lecture at Pithole** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bring your own picnic.

July 29, September 16 **Oil Valley Blacksmiths** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 27 **Drake Day Celebration** 12 noon – 5 p.m.

September 16 **Fall Gas Up** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

July 23 **Old Time Fiddle Festival** 12 noon – 5 p.m. Admission.

August 19 – 20 **Living History Weekend: Civil War Encampment** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600

July 9, August 13, September 10 **Second Sunday Series** July 9, August 13, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., September 10, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.


BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK

Annual Battle of Brandywine re-enactment at Brandywine Battlefield Park, Chadds Ford, Pa.

HOPE LODGE AND MATHER MILL
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595

July 19 **Summer Concert** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401

August 5 – 6 **Landis Valley: A Civil War Village** 9 a.m. – 5pm.
August 20 **The Weathervane Art Show Reception** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500

August 26 **German Traditions** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 8 – 9 **Coach Tour to Train Country** 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Registration required.
September 30 **Erntefest – Harvest Festival** 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400

July 2, August 6 **Historic Trades** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 9, August 13 **Living History Theater** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 16 **Just for Families: Colonial Cooking** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
July 16, August 20 **Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration**
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 23, August 27, September 24 **Garden Highlights** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 30 **Beer Brewing** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 3 **Animals at Pennsbury: Then and Now** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.;
Colonial Crossroads Festival 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
September 17 **Spinning Demonstration** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

August 26 **C. Edgar Patience Commemorative Program** 2 p.m.
September 10 **The Lattimer Massacre Commemoration** 2 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM
Galeton, (814) 435-2652

July 1 – 2 **Bark Peelers' Convention** 10 a.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263

July 13 – 16 **People's Choice Festival of Pennsylvania Arts**
www.peopleschoicefestival.com
July 29 **21st Annual "Cool Cruise" Auto Show** 12 noon – 6 p.m.

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

July 1 – 4 **Railroad Heritage Days** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
August 9 – 12 **Railroad Circus Days** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077

September 8 – 10 **Mountain Craft Days** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

July 4 **Independence Day Celebration** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
August 6 **"I've Always Wanted to Try That!"** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 26 **Historic Foodways: Coffee, Tea, Alcohol and Spices**
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 30 **Taylorsville: An Early 19th Century Village**
1 p.m. Specialty Tour

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND SHOWS

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

July 9 **History Lecture: Baron Von Steuben**, David Valuska 2 p.m.
August 13 **"Chester County Clothing of the Upper and Middling Sort,"** Deborah Peterson 2 p.m.

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934

September 24 **French and Indian War Talk: Forts of the Blue Mountains**, Lynn Otto 2 p.m.

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
Cornwall, (717) 272-9711

August 8 **Rausch Gap—Ghost Town**, Brandy Watts,
Freeman Auditorium, Cornwall Manor 7:30 p.m.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797

August 12 **"Pinkertons Strike Back:" Nitro Show Part III**
Gates open at 6 p.m., show at 7:15 p.m.

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

September 17 **Symposium: "Canals and Coal"** 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
September 24 **Lecture: 1876 Centennial Exposition—130th Anniversary** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263

July 31, August 28, September 25 **Military History Speakers Series**
7:30 p.m.


OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Children re-enacting history at Old Economy Village in Ambridge.

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PENN AMBASSADORS 2006

Each year Pennsylvania state legislators nominate citizens from their respective districts who have an active interest in preserving our heritage to serve as PHMC's "Penn Ambassadors." At a special PHMC briefing held at The State Museum and the Pennsylvania State Archives in March, the following individuals were awarded complimentary one-year PHS memberships for their service as Penn Ambassadors in 2006.

Fred Barefoot • Tracy Barone • William Doyle Christy Hunter Hall • Troy D. Harman Lisa Hays • John and Sandra Kauffman Roger Kirwin • Eugene Landon • Michael Ripton • Jan Rose • Murray J. Smolens Scott Standish • Constance and Martin Trostle • Larry Wallace • Robert W. Wentzel, Sr. • Douglas Wilson • Peter Wisniewski • Ruth Wrightstone • Laura Lynn Yohe



PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

NEW PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE SOCIETY MEMBERS

First quarter, calendar year 2006

Ellen Bancroft • Mrs. John H. Blosser Donald Breininger • Gary and Esther Bruland • Daniel J. Dinardo • Linda Dunlap James E. Esplen • Kenneth T. Fillman Nancy Gardner • William E. Gerber, Jr. Mary Glase • Janet F. Guisbert • Keith Hamm Lisa Henry • Barbara Hoffman • Ruthann Hubbert-Kemper • Andrew Hutchinson Donald Ironside • William C. Kashatus Carl Kindred • Donald Kluck • Paula Leister The Middletown Township Historic Preservation Commission • Jonathan E. Miller • Marlin Miller • Sue Miller Nicolas Mink • Craig and Toni Momore William A. Murphy, Jr. • William H. Parsons Kathleen Polischuk • Donna Reichard Jim Rensen • Robin Robinett • Mr. and Mrs. Michael Royer • Karen Samuels Stephanie Saucy • Walt and Margaret Saylor Matthew Schultz • Cindy Scurlock Robert and Linda Sieber • Diana Smeltzer Sonya Smith • Edwin Stipe • Carl Stoltz Gregory and Jane Straub • Vernon Stump,Sr. Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson • Mr. and Mrs. William Traynor • Donna O'Hara Trevorrow Cynthia Walker • Donald L. Walters



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Meet Kelly VanSickle, Membership Coordinator: The Pennsylvania Heritage Society welcomes new membership coordinator Kelly VanSickle, who joined the Harrisburg office in November 2005. Kelly is a graduate of Moravian College of Bethlehem, PA, where she majored in political science and economics, and has several years' experience in office administration and customer service. Already immersed in re-organizing the PHS database, fulfilling member requests, and administering events like the **Covered Bridges of Lancaster County Bus Tour**, Kelly is available to answer your PHS questions and make your **Signature Series** reservations at (717) 787-2407 or c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

NEW PHS RATES

As noted in our Spring newsletter, as of July 1, 2006, PHS memberships will increase to:

Heritage Member(magazine only)	$25 / year
Individual Membership	$40 / year
Family Membership	$55 / year
Contributor	$100 / year

Please note: Contributor level members will now receive a $25 gift certificate good toward the purchase of PHMC publications from the State Bookstore or PHMC publications catalog. See www.paheritage.org on the Web for details.

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EXHIBITS

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
August 20 – September 4 **The Weathervane Art Show**

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
Through April 15, 2007 **A Movable 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**
Through September 10 **Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2006**
August 1 - December 31 **Violet Oakley: The Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual**
Ongoing **Planetarium shows and Curiosity Connection**
Visit www.statemuseumpa.org for schedule

Signature Series

September 19 **State Capitol Centennial Tour and Reception**, in cooperation with the Capitol Preservation Committee (see first page of this newsletter).



Back by popular demand! Our June 6 **Covered Bridges of Lancaster County Bus Tour** was an immediate sell-out! Another trip is scheduled Tuesday, October 10 in conjunction with the Landis Valley Museum in Lancaster. Call Kelly VanSickle at (717) 787-2407 for details and reservations.

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The Pennsylvania Heritage Society is a non-profit organization supporting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the official state agency charged with preserving and interpreting the Commonwealth's heritage and culture.

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.