PENNSYLVANIA HERITAGE SOCIETY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
AND CALENDAR
SUMMER 2007

Signature Series

PHS JOURNEY TO WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The next *Signature Series* bus tour will take PHS members and guests to two significant historic sites in western Pennsylvania. A two-day, overnight excursion will visit the 16,000-year-old Meadowcroft Rockshelter—a National Historic Landmark—and the PHMC's nineteenth-century Old Economy Village on Wednesday and Thursday, October 17–18, 2007.

Located in Washington County, Meadowcroft Rockshelter is a massive rock overhang used by Native American peoples as a campsite during the Paleo-Indian, Archaic, Woodland, and Historic periods. This remarkable archaeological site has revealed the earliest evidence of people in North America.

Old Economy Village on the Ohio River in Ambridge, west of Pittsburgh, was founded in 1824 by the Harmonists, a Christian communal society. This picturesque site features gardens and seventeen furnished buildings reflecting the piety and economic successes of the Harmonists.



MEADOWCRFT ROCK SHELTER

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum of Rural Life operates in association with the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center.

Day one of the trip will embark from the Harrisburg area, arrive at Meadowcroft for lunch, followed by tours of the rock shelter led by Dr. James Adovasio, the archaeologist who is world-renowned for his excavations at the site. Day two will include an in-depth tour of Old Economy Village with site staff. PHS members, $295; Non-members, $375 (double occupancy). The cost includes bus transportation, overnight accommodations, lunch and dinner on day one, and continental breakfast and lunch on day two. Space is limited; please call the PHS office at (717) 787-2407 or e-mail c-kvansick@state.pa.us for details and to reserve your seat. To our western Pennsylvania PHS members and guests: contact the PHS office for details about how to join the trip at Meadowcroft or Old Economy.



PHMC OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Old Economy Village, Ambridge, Beaver County, a historic site on the PHMC's Pennsylvania Trail of History®

SAVE THE DATE!

Pennsylvania's own Dr. Guion "Guy" Bluford, the first African American astronaut in space, will give a PHS *Signature Series* presentation at The State Museum in Harrisburg on Monday evening, September 24. Watch www.paheritage.org or telephone (717) 787-2407 for details.



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March 12, 2007: The Pennsylvania State Archives and the PHS honored engineer Walter Lyon for the gift of his significant archival collection and his assistance with the Karl Mason Conservation Project, a program of the PHMC/PAEP conservation heritage initiative. (Left to right) Historian Vagel Keller, Gene Koontz of Gannett Fleming, Walter Lyon, Anne Lyon, and PAEP's Wayne Kober.

PAEP SUPPORTS INTERNSHIP

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) has provided a grant to the Pennsylvania Heritage Society to co-sponsor an intern in environmental history with the PHMC. Kathleen Quinlan, a junior majoring in history at SUNY-Geneseo, will work this summer researching and developing background material for interpretive

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

KIDS' STUFF

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797
July 10 – 13 **Kids' History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Registration required.*

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
July 16 – 18 **Children's History Camp** 9 a.m. – noon or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Registration required.*

HOPE LODGE
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595
July 23 – 27 **"Crafting the Past to Create the Future" Summer History Camp** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE
Northumberland, (570) 473-9474
July 25 – 27 **"Joseph Priestley and His Famous Friends" Hands-On History Sessions** 9:30 a.m. – noon *Registration required.*

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
July 23 – 27; August 6 – 10 **"Postcards Through Time" Summer Camp** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM
Scranton, (570) 963-4804
July 17 – 20 **Children's Summer Anthracite Heritage Adventure** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM
Galeton, (814) 435-2652
August 25 **Youth Field Day** 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
July 16 – 20; July 30 – August 3 **Barons and Builders Day Camps** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Registration required.*
September 8 **Hogwarts Express Parties** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Registration required.*

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
Through September 2 **Curiosity Connection Summer Play Days: Imagine You're Camping** Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Sunday noon – 3:30 p.m. *Admission.*
September 11 – November 25 **Curiosity Connection Fall Play Days: Imagine You're a Farmer** Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sunday noon – 3:30 p.m. *Admission.*


PHMC PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

A demonstration at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum's Bark Peelers' Convention, Galeton.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK
Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342
July 15 **Ferguson Rifle Lecture and Demonstration** 2 p.m.
September 8 – 9 **Revolutionary Times Battle Reenactment** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD
Harrison City, (724) 527-5584
August 4 – 5 **244th Anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run Living History Event** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 8 **Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society General Meeting and Lecture** 1 p.m.
September 29 **Fall Nature Walk** 10 a.m.

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934
July 1 **Ringgold Band Concert** 1:30 p.m.
July 22, August 19 **French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday** noon – 4 p.m.
September 22 **French and Indian War Anniversary Reenactment** noon – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
Cornwall, (717) 272-9711
August 14 **"Fantasy Music and Its History"** 7:30 p.m.
David Breidenstine; Freeman Hall at Cornwall Manor.
September 11 **"National Parks"** 7:30 p.m.
Fred and Tanya Richter; Freeman Hall at Cornwall Manor.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797
July 1 **Antique Auto Show** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
July 7 **Picnic at Pithole** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
August 11 **Nitro Show: *The Pinkertons' Turn*** 7:15 p.m. *Admission.*
August 26 **Drake Day** noon – 5 p.m.
September 15 **Fall Gas-Up** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
July 22 **Old Time Music Festival and Fiddle Contest** noon – 5 p.m. *Admission.*
August 18 – 19 **Civil War Weekend** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 16 **"The History of the Reading Railroad"** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Benjamin Burkhart
September 30 **Pennsylvania Humanities Council Lecture: "The Johnstown Flood"** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Gregory Zaborowski

EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600
July 8 ***The Martyrs' Mirror* Lecture and Demonstration** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*
August 12 **Tastes from the Ephrata Kitchen** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*
September 9 **"Un-Restored Ephrata" Special Tour** 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Registration required.*



PHMC PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

High-flying arts and crafts at the People's Choice Festival of Pennsylvania Arts at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg.

GRAEME PARK
Horsham, (215) 343-0965

July 21 **Celtic Heritage Festival and Community Dog Show** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. *Admission.*
August 19 **Living History Sunday** noon – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500

August 25 **Gertrude's Geburtstag, A German Birthday** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 29 ***Erntefest*** **Harvest Festival** 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Admission.*
Through September 16 **Summer Activities Weekends** Saturdays 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sundays noon – 4 p.m.

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400

July 1, August 8 **Historic Trades** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 8 **Living History Theater:** ***Phineas Pemberton's Funeral*** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 15, August 19 **Open Hearth Cooking** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 22, August 26, September 23 **Garden Highlights** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 29, September 2 **Animals at Pennsbury: Then and Now** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 12 **Living History Theater:** ***Germantown Protest of 1688*** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 8 – 9 **Colonial Crossroads Festival** 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
September 16 **Spinning Demonstration** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

August 26 **Coal Country Culture Day: Black Diamonds Cabaret** 2 p.m. *Admission.*
September 9 ***The Lattimer Massacre*****: A Labor History Video Program** 2 p.m.
September 22 **Author's Book Fair** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM
Galeton, (814) 435-2652

July 7 – 8 **Bark Peelers' Convention** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263

July 12 – 15 **People's Choice Festival of Pennsylvania Arts**
July 28 – 29 **"Vietnam Revisited" Living History Interpretation** Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4 p.m.
July 30 **Military History Speaker Series** 7:30 p.m.
August 27 **"Forging the Blade: The State's Military Collection and Its Role in Preserving our Heritage"** 7:30 p.m. Bruce Bazelon.
September 22 – 23 **"Then and Now" Living History Timeline** Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
September 24 **"Boalsburg's Roughriders: Terry Boal and The Boal Troop"** 7:30 p.m. Philip Sauerlender

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

July 5 – 8 **Reading Railroad Days** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
August 8 – 11 **Railroad Circus Days** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 8 **Railroad Family Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SCRANTON IRON FURNACES
Scranton, (570) 963-4845

August 4 – 5 ***The Strike of 1877*****, A Living History Drama** 2 p.m. *Admission.*
September 15 – 16 **Lackawanna Stories, A Living History Drama** 2 p.m. *Admission.*

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

July 4 **Independence Day Celebration** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
July 22 **"I've Always Wanted to Try That!"** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 11 **Historic Foodways: Sweets, Jams and Jellies, Ice Cream** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 12 **"Taylorsville: An Early 19th Century Village Specialty" Tour** 1 p.m.
September 16 **"Tales of the Marbleheaders"** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

EXHIBITS

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500

Through December 2007 **"Tracks, Trestles and Trustees: Railroads of the Harmony Society"**
Through December 2007 **All Aboard for Economy: A Model of Railroad Setup**

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

Through April 13, 2008 **"Spanning Centuries: Railroad Bridges of Pennsylvania"**

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

Through September 9 **"Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2007"**
July 7 – September 30 **Planetarium:** ***Dark Star Adventure, Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity,*** **and** ***Mars*** Visit www.statemuseumpa.org for more details.

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077

Through October 31 **"Walter Bowen Photograph Exhibit"**



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PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco addresses the 2007 Penn Ambassadors at The State Museum.

2007 PENN AMBASSADORS

Annual Briefing Details PHMC Initiatives

Twenty-two civic leaders, historical society officers and members, tourism and planning officials, preservation planners, educators, and community volunteers attended the 2007 Penn Ambassador briefing on March 12 during PHMC's Heritage Week celebration at The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg. Each year Pennsylvania state legislators nominate citizens from their respective districts who have an active interest in preserving and promoting Pennsylvania's heritage to serve as Penn Ambassadors.

Hosted by the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, the Penn Ambassadors were briefed on several PHMC history programs such as the master plan for major renovations and renewal at The State Museum and State Archives, the 2007 Archaeology Preservation Theme, and several Civil War Sesquicentennial conservation and interpretive planning projects in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

2007 Penn Ambassadors

William H. Atherton • Rosanne Bell • Mark and Linda Brown • Thomas D. Caracio • Debi Dodson • Douglas C. Dolan • Dr. David Glenn • Jill Kelly Hammond • Cynthia Hebert • Cynthia Inkrote • Debbie Klak • Evan Klondar • Hugh McKinney • Christine McNeil • Donald Orcutt • Charles Smithgall • Audrey Johnson Thornton • George Carmen Valletti III • Sean Waddle • Roger B. Wilson • Mark Wyant

WELCOME NEW PHS MEMBERS!

George Tkaczuk, Jr. • Margaret L. Eppig • Stephen Flaherty • Lois Rasmussen • Laura Monteverde • Harriet Mahaffey • Jim Klatch • Larry Sones • Jennifer Rogers • Charles W. Owens • Robert A. Kruchinski • Township of Cheltenham • S. John C. Castellano • Mary Garver • Jean McLaughlin • Hope Whiteford • David J. Sembrot • Free Library of Philadelphia–Overbrook Park • Free Library of Philadelphia–Walnut St. • West Pottstown Public Library • William E. Miller Jr. • Kate Wilson • Pat Wilson-Schmid • David G. Graybill • Ann McCormick • Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Campagne • Ida Jean Holman • Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Kovacs • Jean B. Mertens • Richard Scolio • James R. Steadman • Audrey Masalehdan • Mr. and Mrs. John Smalstig • Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Anton • Patrick Rooney • Bryson and Marie Curry • Jacqueline Bloom Struble • Mary Lou McEwen • Florence Talluto • Linda Digan • Marge Butler • Patricia Engle Orcutt • Jane Lyter • Elizabeth Lewis • Lee Seibert • Joseph Mack • Jaclyn Krankoskie • Rebecca Priar • Maureen Felix • Darcy Goshorn • John Sumner • Lois Stump • Aaron Hicks • Josh DeSantis • James O. Foster • Beth Faunce • Robert Baust • Douglas Hitz • Anthony D. Gulla • Nelson and Sarah Phero • David and Kristy Alward • Langston Hughes Memorial Library • Ann Fleming • Aaron Serfass • Terry and Jane Keenan • George and Elizabeth Osman • Scott Reeves • C. Celesky • The Swathmore Group • Rosalie Wenger • Elizabeth Ku • James Hoffman • Lester Weiler • William Richards • Megan M. Folk • Oil City Library • Cecilia Primero • Richard and Barbara Kutz • Nina R. Lersen • John B. Horner • Monica Aujay • Charles J. Patterson • James Currin • Ronald Gutschall

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displays about Pennsylvania's historic conservation leaders at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. Dr. William A. Sisson, chief curator of The State Museum, will be the supervisor for the internship.

The Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals (PAEP) is a professional organization of individuals working in environmental management, planning, impact assessment, environmental protection, compliance, research, engineering, design, and education. Since 2005 PAEP has been partnering with PHMC and the Heritage Society to preserve and promote Pennsylvania's significant conservation heritage by sponsoring a number of projects. Other generous donors to this conservation heritage initiative include the Karl Mason family, Gannett Fleming, Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc., and McCormick Taylor, Inc.

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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 (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.