Signature Series

SIGNATURE SERIES TOUR: NEW DEAL POST OFFICE MURALS

To highlight PHMC's 2008 celebration of the 75th anniversary of the New Deal, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society invites you to a special one-day tour to northeastern Pennsylvania on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. The tour will feature fascinating U.S. Post Office murals and associated art works commissioned in the 1930s and early 1940s by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

New Deal mural historian David Lembeck (see "Rediscovering the People's Art: New Deal Murals in Pennsylvania's Post Offices" by Lembeck in this issue) and State Museum curator Curtis Miner will join us and provide commentary for the tour which will also include a visit to PHMC's Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum in Scranton. Lembeck and Miner are creators of an exhibition opening in November at The State Museum based the post office murals —a largely unknown treasure trove of Pennsylvania's visual heritage. The bus will leave from Harrisburg; seats are limited. Please contact Membership Coordinator Kelly VanSickle toll free at (866) 823-6539 for details and to reserve your seats. PHS members $125; Non-members $150.



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New Deal mural historian David Lembeck



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State Museum curator Dr. Curtis Miner



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U.S. Post Office Building, Wilkes-Barre: Detail of one of the murals included on the **Signature Series** Tour, *Anthracite Coal* by George Harding.



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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.

KID'S STUFF

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

July 8 – 11 **Kids' History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Registration required.

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

July 14 – 16 **Summer History Camp** 9 a.m. – noon, or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Registration required.*

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

August 4 – 8 **Summer History Camp** 10 a.m. – noon
Registration required.

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

July 23 – 25 **Summer History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – noon
Registration required.

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

July 8 – 11, 15 – 18 **Summer History Camp Sessions**
Registration required.
August 16 **Storytelling Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

August 4 – 8 **Summer Day Camp: Tracking Nature's Clues** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

July 7 – 11, 21 – 25 **Summer Camps: Colonial Camp** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

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

July 15 – 18 **Children's Anthracite Adventure** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Registration required.

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

August 23 **Youth Field Day** 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

July 14 – 18; July 28 – August 1 **Barons and Builders Day Camps** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*
August 13 – 16 **Railroad Family Days and Hogwarts Express Parties** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Registration required.*

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

July 29 – August 1 **Summer History Camp** 9:30 a.m. – noon
Registration Required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD
Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342
www.ushistory.org/brandywine

July 20 **The British Short Rifle in the American Revolution** 2 p.m.
August 17 **Health and Sanitation in the Colonial Period** 2 p.m.
September 6 – 7 **Revolutionary Times Battle Reenactment** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*
September 11 **9/11 Commemoration Ceremony** 6 p.m.

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

August 2 – 3 **245th Anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
September 27 **Fall Nature Walk** 10 a.m.

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

July 20, September 21 **French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday** noon – 4 p.m.
August 16 **Evening Tours** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
September 21 **Fall Park Walk** noon – 4 p.m.

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
Cornwall, (717) 272-9711
www.cornwallironfurnace.org

August 12 **Gruber Wagon Works** 7:30 p.m.
September 9 **Pennsylvania Canals** 7:30 p.m.

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

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **Sawmill Operation Days** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
July 4 **Independence Day Program and Flintlock Shoot** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
July 13 – August 24 **Interpretive Sundays** noon – 5 p.m.
September 21 **Fall Nature Program** 2 p.m.

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

July 5 **Picnic at Pithole** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
July 6 **Antique Auto Show** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
July 26, August 30, September 20 **Oil Valley Blacksmiths' Association Demonstrations** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
August 27 **Drake Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 20 **Fall Gas Up** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

July 20 **Old Time Music Festival and Fiddle Contest** noon – 5 p.m.

August 16 – 17 **Civil War Encampment**
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*
September 14 **Mother Jones and the UMWA** 2 p.m.
September 28 **Ukrainian Immigration to the Coal Region of Northeastern Pennsylvania** 2 p.m.

EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600
www.ephratacloister.org
July 12 – 13 **Peace in War: Ephrata in the Revolution**
Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4 p.m.
September 14 **Ephrata Cloister 1900** noon – 5 p.m.

FORT PITT MUSEUM
Pittsburgh, (412) 281-9285
www.fortpittmuseum.com
July 4 **Independence Day Celebration and Regatta at the Point** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
August 24 **Pittsburgh's Tea Party** 2 p.m.
September 13 – 14 **250th Anniversary: Prelude to Victory: Grant's Defeat** *Call for details.*

GRAEME PARK
Horsham, (215) 343-0965
www.ushistory.org/graeme
July 19 **Celtic Heritage Festival** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

HOPE LODGE
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595
www.ushistory.org/hope
July 26 **Tea & Elegance** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org
September 7, 14, 21, 28 **September Sundays** noon – 5 p.m.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE
Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org
July 12 **The Joys of Toys** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
August 31 **Happy Birthday Gertrude Rapp** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 5 – 7 **Steamboat Trip to Marietta, Ohio**
Registration required.
September 27 **Erntefest Harvest Festival** 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PENNSBURY MANOR
Morrisville, (215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org
July 6, August 3, September 7 **Historic Trades** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 13 **Living History Theater: Crime in Early Pennsylvania** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 20, August 17, September 21 **Open Hearth Cooking** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 27, August 24, September 28 **Garden Highlights** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 31 **Animals at Pennsbury: Then and Now** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 10 **Living History Theater: Pennsbury's Runaway Servant** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 14 **Living History Theater: Parenting the Colonial Teen** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 20 – 21 **17th Century Overnight Experience**
Registration required.


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All ages enjoy "Art of the State®," the annual juried exhibition at The State Museum, June 29 through September 21, 2008.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM
Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org
August 1 – 31 **Coal Country Summer Holiday Tours** *Admission.*
August 2 **Lithuanian Heritage Day** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM
Galeton, (814) 435-2652
www.lumbermuseum.org
July 5 – 6 **34th Annual Bark Peelers' Convention**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.pamilmuseum.org
July 10 – 13 **People's Choice Festival of Pennsylvania Arts**
July 26 – 27 **"Vietnam Revisited" Living History Interpretation**
Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4 p.m.
July 28, August 25, September 29 Military History Speaker Series
7:30 p.m.
September 13 – 14 "Then and Now" Living History Timeline
Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org
July 2 – 6 **Reading Railroad Days** Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday noon – 5 p.m.

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org
August 8 – 9 **Wooden Bowl Hewing Workshop** Friday 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Registration required.*
September 5 – 7 **Mountain Craft Days** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing
July 4 **Independence Day Celebration** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
July 27 **"I've Always Wanted to Try That!"** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 16 **Historic Foodways: Breads, Biscuits and Butter**
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 14 **Tales of the Marbleheaders** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
September 21 **Specialty Tour Taylorsville: An Early 19th Century Village** 1 p.m.

EXHIBITS

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
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During their visit to Harrisburg during PHMC's annual observance of Heritage Week, Penn Ambassadors enjoy a variety of educational and enlightening activities. One of the highlights of the popular program is a "behind-the-scenes" tour, during which they inspect collections storage areas and meet specialists at work. PHMC invited this year's Penn Ambassadors to examine the Civil War Muster Rolls project, an intensive conservation initiative funded by the Pennsylvania Heritage Society.

SUPPORT IN THE FIELD

PHS salutes the generous donors and dedicated PHMC museum staff and associates groups who are making these worthy projects a reality:

The **Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum** received a $20,000 grant from the Lackawanna Heritage Authority to assist in augmenting the site's interpretive signage.

Landis Valley Museum has secured $5,000 from The Shelley Pennsylvania German Heritage Fund in memory of Dr. Donald A. Shelley to sponsor a new scherenschnitte exhibit entitled "The Cutting Art."

The Erie Community Foundation has approved a $10,000 grant to the Niagara League on behalf of the **Erie Maritime Museum** to fund several life-size stand-up historical characters to be placed throughout the museum to help tell the personal stories of the area's maritime history.

The **Brandywine Battlefield Historic Site** has received a $25,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to purchase reproductions of furniture and accessories detailed in the furnishing plan for the Benjamin Ring House, Washington's Headquarters, to enable the structure to offer a hands-on history experience for visitors.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council granted $2,320 to **Graeme Park** to support a new Mother's Day living history program premiered in May 2008.

Bureau for Historic Preservation has received a $145,500 grant from Preserve America, a national program, to conduct a study with the African American Museum of Philadelphia to identify and document African American historical and cultural resources in the state. PHMC has selected African American History of Pennsylvania as its theme for 2010. The study's results, a related Web site, public educational programs, and African American heritage tourism programs will be launched early that year.

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