Signature Series

DANIEL K. RICHTER TO SPEAK MARCH 13, 2008

As part of the celebration of PHMC's annual Heritage Week, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® (PHS) will host a ***Signature Series*** lecture by Daniel K. Richter, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 7 p.m. at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Entitled "Re-Reading William Penn's 1681 Letter to the Kings of the Indians," Dr. Richter will explore the significance of a remarkable communication made eight months after Penn was granted the Charter for his colony (and a year before he visited it). This fascinating letter provides an interesting perspective into how late seventeenth-century English colonizers perceived the place of native peoples and their land in the empire they were trying to create.

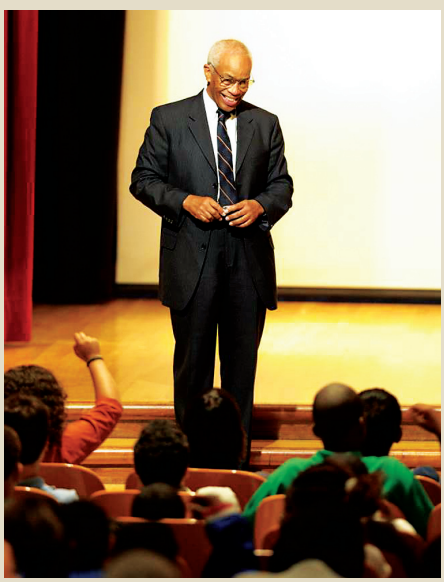


COURTESY DR. DANIEL RICHTER

The lecture will be followed by a reception. PHS members, $10; Non-members, $15. Please RSVP by March 6 to PHS membership coordinator Kelly VanSickle toll-free at (866) 823-6539 or c-kvansick@state.pa.us.

March 9 is Charter Day! All visitors receive free admission to PHMC historic sites and museums from noon to 5 p.m. Please see the cover wrapper on this issue of *Pennsylvania Heritage* for more information.

THE ORIGINAL 1681 CHARTER granted by King Charles II to William Penn is in the collection of the Pennsylvania State Archives and will be on display at The State Museum of Pennsylvania during **Heritage Week, March 9–16, 2008.**



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Dr. Bluford answers questions from schoolchildren.

DR. GUION S. BLUFORD JR. AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Approximately 1,000 adults and schoolchildren enjoyed dynamic ***Signature Series*** presentations by Philadelphia native Dr. Guion S. Bluford Jr., the first African American to fly in space. In an evening program on September 24, 2007, Dr. Bluford delivered "Flying Aboard the International Space Station" before meeting attendees and signing autographs at a reception held in the museum's Memorial Hall. The following day, Dr. Bluford spoke to students grades 3–12 from fourteen schools in the Harrisburg area about his experience flying on board several space shuttle missions. Many of these students stayed after the program to take part in special programming held throughout the museum's galleries, including preview showings of *Astronaut*, the new planetarium show that opened in October.

Hosted by the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, Dr. Bluford's appearances were made possible with generous support from the Friends of the State Museum and PHEAA.



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October 18, 2007: Custodial guide supervisor Rita Dobson introduces PHS bus tour guests to the historic Rapp House at Old Economy Village (see story on page 44).

Please note that historic sites and museums may have modified hours during the winter, and 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
March 29 – 30 **Ohio Country Conference** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900
www.danielboonehomestead.org
January 13, March 9 **Flintlock Shoot** noon – 5 p.m.
March 16, 30 **Women's History Roundtable** 2 p.m.

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, (814) 827-2797
www.drakewell.org
March 27 **Heritage Lecture Series** 7 p.m.
March 29 **Oil Valley Blacksmiths' Association Demonstrations** 10 a.m. – 5p.m.

EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, (717) 733-6600
www.ephratacloister.org
January 24, 31 **Winter History Class** 9 a.m. – noon
February 7, 14, 12, 28 **Winter History Class** 9 a.m. – noon
March 6, 13, 27 **Winter History Class** 9 a.m. – noon

GRAEME PARK
Horsham, (215) 343-0965
www.ushistory.org/graeme
February 9 **Sweethearts Tours** 4:30 p.m.

HOPE LODGE AND MATHER MILL
Fort Washington, (215) 646-1595
www.ushistory.org/hope
March 9 **Charter Day at Historic Hope Lodge** noon – 4 p.m.
March 29 **Colonial Merchant Day** 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.



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Graeme Park's evocative candlelit Sweethearts Tours is February 9, 2008.

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE
Northumberland, (570) 473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org
January 6 **Twelfth Day** 1 p.m. – 4. pm
March 30 **Meet Mary Russell and Company** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM
Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org
February 9, March 15 **Heirloom Seed Project Workshop** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
February 9, 14 **Victorian Valentine Dinner** 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
February 15 – 17 **Winter Institute, Traditional Craft Classes** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM
Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org
January 19 **Knox Mine Disaster Program** 2 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM
Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.pamilmuseum.org
January 28, February 25, March 31 **Military History Speakers Series** 7 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES
Harrisburg, (717) 783-3281
www.phmc.state.pa.us
March 9 **Family Heritage Day** noon – 5 p.m.
The State Museum of Pennsylvania

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org
February 2 **19th Century Chemise Workshop** 9 a.m.
March 1 **18th Century "Frontier Housewife" Sewing Kit Workshop** 9 a.m.
March 28 – 30 **Coopering School** Friday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. – noon

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK
Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing
February 16 – 17 **Cooking for Our First President** 11 a.m – 4 p.m.
March 8 – 9 **His Majesty's Troops** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

EXHIBITS

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org
January 28 – March 23 **Fallingwater en Perspectiva: Felix de la Concha Paints Frank Lloyd Wright's House on the Waterfall**

PHMC'S WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK, OCTOBER 11

Sixty PHS members and guests from Bucks County and the greater Philadelphia areas attended a reception hosted by PHS to highlight the fall issue of *Pennsylvania Heritage*. Attendees mingled with PHS board members, PHMC leadership, and staff members at the event which featured remarks by Joe Conti and Irwin Richman, coauthors of the cover story "The Last of the New Hope Crowd: Faye Swengle and Bernard Bedura." Guests were treated to a mini-exhibit of original works by Swengle and Bedura. Mr. Conti is a former state legislator and is currently chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Dr. Richman is professor emeritus of American studies and history at Penn State Harrisburg.







PHOTOS BY TED R. WALKE/PHMC

PHS President Rhonda R. Cohen (top left) and PHMC Chairman Wayne Spilove (top right) provided remarks and introduced the featured authors. At the Washington Crossing reception Michael J. O'Malley III (lower left facing), editor of *Pennsylvania Heritage,* chats with guests. Featured author Joe Conti (lower right) converses with PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco.



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In eighteenth-century period clothing, Brandywine Battlefield Associates museum store consultant Rex Hughes assists a customer at the 2007 Holiday Marketplace.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

The second annual Holiday Marketplace, a showcase featuring gift shops of the PHMC's historic sites and museums along the Trails of History™, drew hundreds of State Capitol-based employees and Harrisburg area visitors to the Commonwealth Keystone Building's nine-story atrium November 15–16, 2007. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), the event offered holiday gift items, information about historic sites and museums, costumed interpreters, book signings, and live music all in a festive mood to promote the work and programs of PHMC throughout Pennsylvania. PHMC participants included Brandywine Battlefield, Landis Valley Museum, Pennsbury Manor, Radius/The State Museum Store, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, and The State Bookstore/PHMC Publications. Guests participants included Capitol Preservation Committee, Pennsylvania Department of Communtiy and Economic Development, and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Wild Resource Conservation Program.

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REMEMBER PHS IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

Recently PHS members received a Pennsylvania Heritage Society Annual Report for 2006–2007 and a request for support to the organization's 2007 Annual Appeal. Please consider making a timely donation to help fund the ongoing preservation and educational mission of the Heritage Society to sustain PHMC programs. Your generous gifts are essential to the Commonwealth's great heritage and our belief that "Pennsylvania's history IS America's history."



A behind-the-scenes tour led by Old Economy Village curator Eric Castle (above, center).





Dr. James Adovasio (right) with PHS bus tour guests. Meadowcroft Rockshelter's new visitors center (above).

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FALL BUS TRIP

PHS members and guests traveled west with PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco and PHS staff on October 17 to Washington County's famous Meadowcroft Rockshelter where they met site director David Scofield and noted archaeologist Dr. James Adovasio who gave them an in-depth tour of the 16,000 year old site—one of the earliest known places of human habitation in North America and a National Historic Landmark. The following day the group visited PHMC'S beautiful Old Economy Village near Pittsburgh where they met site administrator Mary Ann Landis and staff who introduced them to the fascinating home of the Harmonists, a nineteenth-century religious communal society. To view more photos, visit www.paheritage.org.

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