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PHF Sponsors Opening Reception for Violet Oakley Exhibition

Last November, my wife and I attended the premiere opening of *Picturing a More Perfect Union: Violet Oakley's Mural Studies for the Pennsylvania Senate Chamber, 1911-1919* at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. This splendid exhibition contains original studies and fantastic reproductions of Violet Oakley's early-20th-century paintings that grace the interior of the Pennsylvania State Capitol. Her heroic scenes emphasize the ongoing struggle for freedom and equality throughout Pennsylvania history up to the time when she was creating the murals (see "To Form a More Perfect Union: Violet Oakley's Murals in the Pennsylvania Senate Chamber" by Patricia Likos Ricci in *Pennsylvania Heritage*, Fall 2019).

Oakley pushed beyond the boundaries that society imposed on her gender at the time, becoming the first woman in America to receive a government mural commission. The exhibit was mounted in commemoration of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. The opening reception to the exhibit was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

The State Museum is filled with hundreds of artifacts and displays that tell the history of the commonwealth and the fascinating people who were a part of it. My wife and I learned much by

admiring Oakley's work and learning about her influence. That is why we plan to take our three granddaughters to discover Oakley's art and her role in the women's rights movement a century ago. My granddaughters' opportunities in life have been enlarged by dynamic and talented individuals such as Violet Oakley, and they need to know that.

*Glenn N. Holliman, President
Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation*



Picturing a More Perfect Union: Violet Oakley's Mural Studies for the Pennsylvania Senate Chamber, 1911-1919 runs at The State Museum of Pennsylvania through April 26, 2020. For more information, visit statemuseum.org.

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PHF Cosponsors Workshops in Archaeology, with Focus on PA's Native American Cultures

The State Museum of Pennsylvania's Section of Archaeology hosted its annual Workshops in Archaeology on November 9, 2019. Sponsored by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council, and the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, this one-day program offered an overview of the archaeology of the Monongahela Indians.

The 140 attendees heard from experts in Monongahela Indian culture research who identified the tribe's presence in western Pennsylvania from approximately 1050 through their disappearance from the archaeological record around 1640. Presenters discussed social organization of the Late Woodland period, subsistence during this time, and potential reasons for the Monongahelas' demise. Also, flintknapping expert Steve Nissly shared his skills and knowledge with the crowd, and attendees brought artifacts for staff to identify and authenticate. The workshops concluded with an informal reception to allow for personal discussion with presenters and an opportunity to meet staff and other attendees.

The next Workshops in Archaeology is scheduled for November 7, 2020, at The State Museum. The focus will be on the Delaware, or Lenape, Indian culture from both the archaeological and historic record. Archeologists have examined the rich Delaware River Valley to understand the lifeways of this tribe, which played a significant role in dealings with William Penn and the Quaker government and set the course for colonial relations with other tribes. The story of their displacement from Pennsylvania is fraught with conflict, political strife, and their survival despite tremendous odds against them. Workshop presentations will provide an overview of the environmental setting, results of archaeological investigations at Delaware sites, and the historic events that resulted in conflict and death.



Steve Nissly demonstrates his expertise in flintknapping to attendees of the 2019 Workshops in Archaeology.
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Archaeology curator Janet Johnson identifies an artifact for a participant at the workshops.
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America250PA Honors Service Members and Veterans

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) seeks to engage all citizens of the commonwealth in its history so Pennsylvanians can better understand the origins and multiple perspectives of issues facing the commonwealth and nation today. A recent effort to achieve this goal is the #PAProud Service Member Spotlight Series, which recognizes members and veterans of the Armed Forces for their distinguished service to the commonwealth and the country.

Anyone can nominate a Pennsylvanian who deserves to be recognized for his or her service by going to america250pa.org and selecting the button "Nominate a Service Member."

America250PA was established by the Pennsylvania legislature and governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that crucial moment in history, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present and future. The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation serves as America250PA's nonprofit partner, responsible for administration duties related to collecting donations, follow-up and reporting.



Staff Sgt. Earl Granville, a Purple Heart recipient who was wounded on a deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, leads the Pledge of Allegiance at the America250PA launch in September 2019 at the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence. Granville has partnered with America250PA to promote the #PAProud Service Member Spotlight Series.

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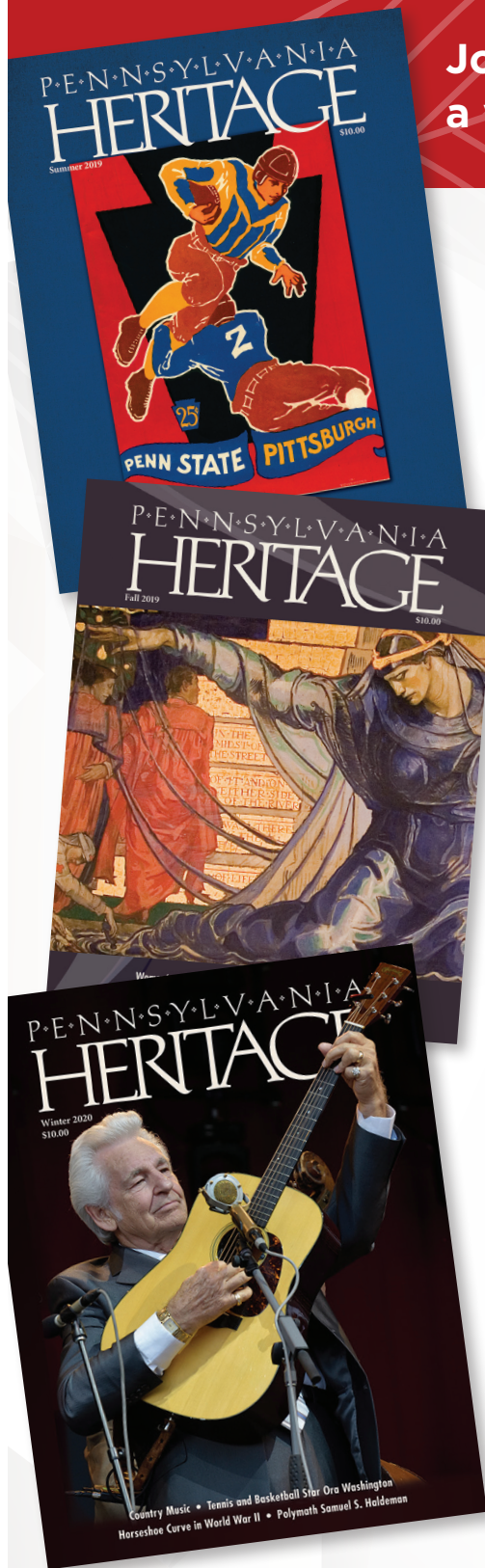
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