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The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management, and community engagement.

PHF Welcomes New President Donna Fisher

Donna L. Fisher of Wormleysburg was recently named president of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation Board of Directors, succeeding Glenn N. Holliman, who has resigned from the position but remains on the board. Fisher has been serving as a member of the board since 2017.

A retired partner from the law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP, Fisher concentrated her practice in civil litigation. She has continued pro bono work as a fellow in The Pepper Center for Public Service.

Fisher has long-standing roots in Pennsylvania. She grew up on a family dairy farm in Centre County, received a B.S. in accounting from Penn State University, and graduated magna cum laude from the Dickinson School of Law (now Penn State Dickinson Law) in Carlisle. She has served as a board director for the Friends of the State Museum, the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.



Donna L. Fisher, new PHF president

A Letter from the New PHF President

I'm honored to assume the presidency of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation but realize that I follow in remarkable footsteps. Glenn Holliman, who served as president of PHF from 2017 to 2023, is a dedicated disciple of history, committed to preserving Pennsylvania's heritage for future generations. His enthusiasm is contagious and has enabled him to persuade others to support our mission to preserve the commonwealth's history. While Glenn was at the helm, PHF established an endowment fund and supported multiple PHMC programs and events. In 2020 Glenn was preparing us to launch a fundraising campaign when COVID-19 brought everything to a standstill. During that time, Glenn remained optimistic about PHF's future and guided us

through the shutdowns, membership loss, and funding restrictions. He has now stepped down from the presidency but not from his involvement with PHF. We have been fortunate to have his leadership during the past six years and look forward to his continued wise and generous guidance as a board member.

This year we celebrate PHF's 40th anniversary. As we commemorate this milestone, we reflect on our history and honor those who had the foresight to create this means to encourage both public and private support of our partnership with PHMC in preserving Pennsylvania's history through fundraising and membership, grant management and community outreach.

— Donna L. Fisher

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PHF Marks 40 Years

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation was established in fall 1983 as the Friends of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission to encourage public and private support for the programs of PHMC. The purpose of establishing a nonprofit organization was to enhance the mission of PHMC and give it more flexibility to raise funds and manage programs.

On January 19, 1984, Gov. Dick Thornburgh formally announced the formation of the Friends as a statewide association. "This group will assist the state commission's historians, museum curators, historic preservationists, researchers and archivists as they protect and preserve our distinguished history and rich heritage," Thornburgh said. "Ginny and I are proud to enroll as the first members of the association."

The first Friends memberships in 1984 included a subscription to the quarterly *Pennsylvania Heritage* magazine, which PHMC had launched in December 1974. In 1988 the Friends began processing subscriptions of the magazine as their role in a new publication partnership with PHMC that has grown and continues to this day.

Some of the first projects the Friends supported were restorations at Cornwall Iron Furnace in Cornwall, the Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, Old Economy Village in Ambridge, and the U.S. Brig *Niagara* in Erie, as well as conservation of significant art works, such as Peter F. Rothermel's *The Battle of Gettysburg*, the centerpiece of The State Museum of Pennsylvania's Civil War exhibit, and construction of a train shed to house the rolling stock at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in Strasburg. By April 1984 there were sufficient funds to hire a manager for the Friends, and those who have served in that role have since carried out the organization's day-to-day responsibilities.



The Friends of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission commences. From left to right, PHMC assistant executive director Nancy Kolb, PHMC executive director Larry E. Tise, PHMC chair and first president of the Friends Vivian Piasecki, First Lady Ginny Thornburgh, and Governor Dick Thornburgh.

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Also in the 1980s the Friends supported PHMC in the acquisition of significant works of art, such as the portraits of the presidents of the Pennsylvania Railroad, including world-renowned portraitist John Singer Sargent's painting of seventh PRR president Alexander J. Cassatt, all now in the collection of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania; and a large canvas by Rothermel, a study for his painting *Kenilworth*, joining the final version in the collection of The State Museum. The Friends also coordinated a five-city tour in Pennsylvania of "Magna Carta: The Roads to Liberty" to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

To mark the 40th anniversary, the story of the Friends, renamed the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, will continue in the next PHF Newsletter.

PHF Recognizes President Holliman For His Service

The PHF board and Holliman family and friends gathered on March 1 to thank Glenn N. Holliman for his dedicated service as president of the PHF Board of Directors from 2017 to 2023. His leadership, professionalism and forward thinking has helped to set PHF's course for the coming years. His great enthusiasm for sharing and preserving Pennsylvania history will continue to influence PHF and its good works for years to come.

Donna Fisher presents Glenn Holliman with an award for his leadership of PHF.

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Looking to Meet New People

Volunteers play an essential role at the historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History. Dedicated volunteers of all ages contribute their time and talents in a wide variety of ways.

Sites are always seeking eager and willing individuals to help keep history alive. Needs range from office and gift shop help, animal care, gardening, assisting schoolchildren, leading tours, working the front desk, and coordinating social media.

If you are looking to meet new people and experience new adventures while bringing history to life, visit PHF's volunteer link at paheritage.org



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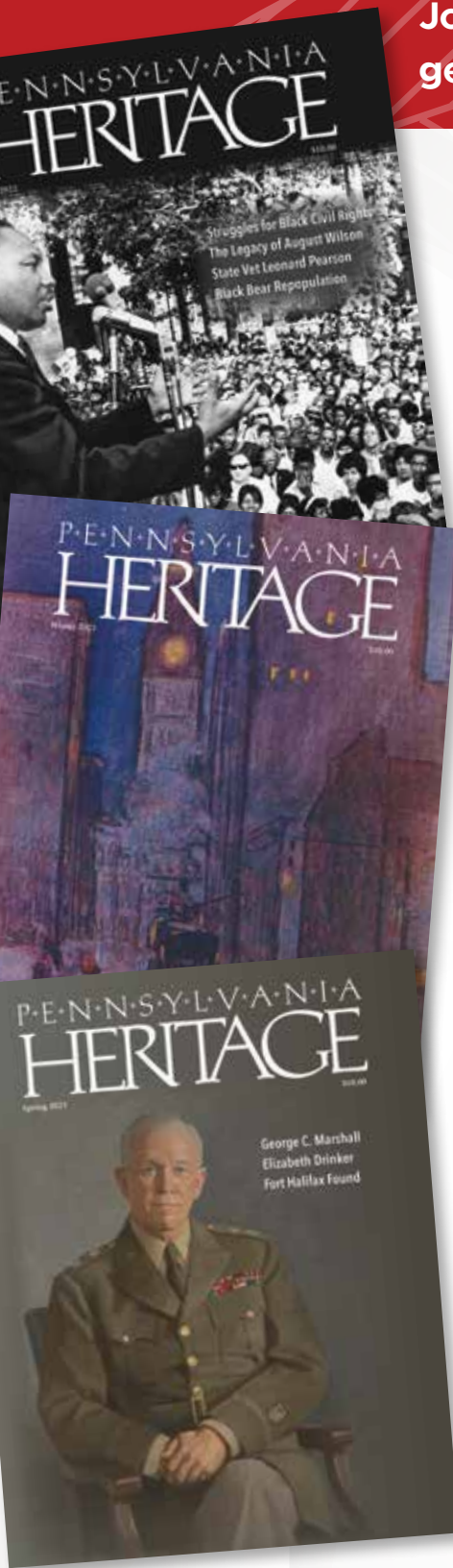
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