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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 Executive Director Sam Sweet

Sam Sweet is the new executive director of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation. He brings more than 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, leading cultural institutions to the next level by promoting growth, innovation and greater community impact. He began in his new position on September 5, 2023. He recently spoke with us about himself and his vision for PHF.

What attracted you to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation position?

The foundation works to protect, preserve and present our state's historic stories and treasures. That is an essential calling. For some, history is a class they endured in school—names to know and dates to remember. But history is a force that is linked to the past, impacts our present, and shapes our future. Gandhi said, "It is necessary to know what history means." Personal histories, family stories, a community's legacy—history is living and breathing all around us. We need to make sense of it. As we exchange stories and share experiences, we foster understanding, build bridges, promote civic discourse, and bring people together to make a strong, healthy community. I see boundless opportunities for PHF to take on this important work with an expansive vision to serve the citizens of the commonwealth.

What do you think are unique aspects of PHF's mission?

We are the independent, nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, which is tasked with the preservation and presentation of the rich heri-

tage of the commonwealth's historic sites and museums. It's vital work, but overwhelming in its scale. PHF collaborates with them to secure private and other public funding to complement state resources to get the work done. Because PHMC is statewide, our scope is also statewide and embraces all aspects of preservation and historic interpretation and celebration.

How have your previous positions prepared you for taking the reins at PHF?

Most of my career has been leading arts organizations. Many people think the arts are a "frill." I love the arts, but I also have a passion for building communities. My organizations used the arts to engage all segments of the community, bringing people together to share values and appreciate differences and weaving stronger, healthier communities. In the same way, many people feel history is not relevant to them. Our goal is to use history to build understanding and appreciation for our past and help guide our vision for the future. In that way history also can bring people together and lead to stronger, healthier communities.



Sam Sweet

Now that you have been with PHF for several weeks, what do you see as the immediate opportunities and challenges of PHF?

Pennsylvania is so deep and rich in history the opportunities are boundless. The immediate priorities are connected to strengthening our ties to PHMC sites and activities. We will also begin to create partnerships and collaborations with other groups, sites and projects. PHF is challenged now because it has big ambitions, but we need to build our capacity to do the work. History matters. As we grow our audience, we will attract more supporters who want to protect, preserve, understand and share our history as we prove ourselves to be an effective force to get that done.

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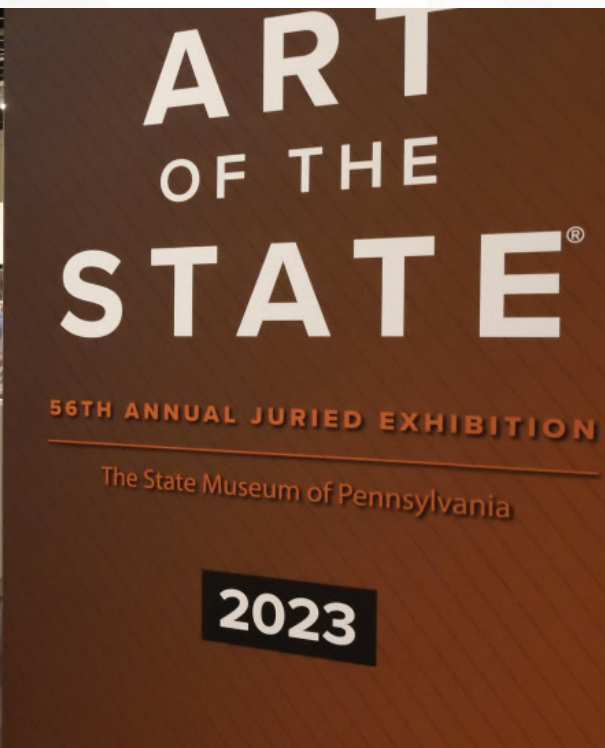


PHF Announces New Board Member

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is pleased to welcome Mary Zanolini to its Board of Directors. A native of northeast Pennsylvania, Zanolini earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Bloomsburg University and became a registered certified public accountant in Pennsylvania. She has worked in senior positions in the finance, audit and compliance departments for large multinational corporations. In her early career, she was privileged to work in public accounting with a diverse group of Pennsylvania's small and large businesses, government entities, and not-for-profit organizations, successfully completing assignments in audit, review, compilation and tax. Zanolini left the corporate world behind in 2008 to focus on her family. Since then, she has developed a broad set of interests. Her endeavors include serving as president for the Harrisburg Academy Families Association, volunteering with her therapy dog, tutoring dyslexic children, and studying the fine art of classic tailoring. Zanolini is a museum enthusiast, and in her travels visits as many as possible. She and her husband of 28 years live in Lemoyne with their teenage daughter and dog, Pippa.



Mary Zanolini



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pennsburymanor.org

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anthracitemuseum.org

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Art of the State Opens

The 56th *Art of the State* exhibition, presented by The State Museum of Pennsylvania in partnership with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, opened at the museum on September 10, with 566 people in attendance. The annual juried exhibition features 86 works of art by 86 artists from 29 Pennsylvania counties and runs at the museum through January 7, 2024. (Read more about *Art of the State* in Trailheads, page 42.)

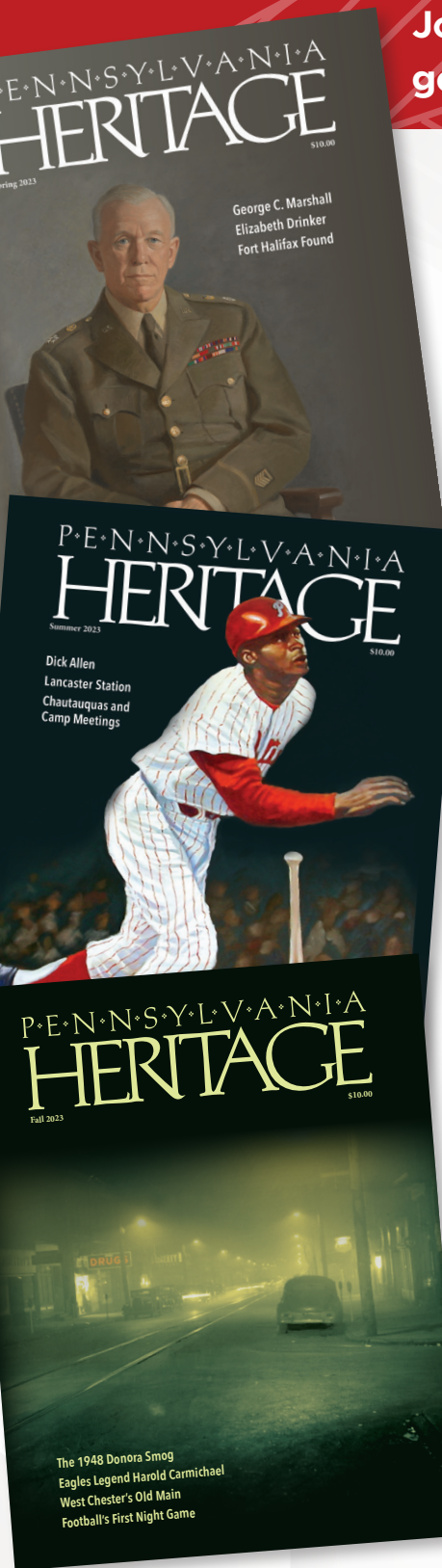
History Matters



You care about history because you know it allows us to understand the past, make sense of the present, and envision the future. Your thoughtfulness now can help us protect, preserve and give meaning to our commonwealth's historic stories, sites and treasures. Your generosity will enable today's youth and tomorrow's leaders to respect our history and add to it with their own.

History matters to each of us, our families, and our communities. Will you please give today so that the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation can continue its work to ensure that our history is available to all?

We are grateful for your care and your support. Make your gift at paheritage.org or by mail to Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, 400 North Street, Harrisburg PA 17120.



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