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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 and State Archives to Begin Digital Gateway Project on Harrisburg's Seventh Ward

PHF and the Pennsylvania State Archives will be working together to develop the history of the Old Seventh Ward in Harrisburg. The new State Archives building is in the Seventh Ward, a once-bustling community in the city.

While doing research on the area when the State Archives building was in the planning stage, State Archivist David Carmichael heard anecdotes about the people and places of the community, which had diminished over the years. To recognize and honor that history and lay a foundation for renewed vitality in the neighborhood, the State Archives and PHF will research and record the Seventh Ward's story.

PHF will help plan, promote and fundraise to support the project, while the State Archives will use its records and its research expertise to construct the history. The State Archives will coordinate with local historians and students to help develop the project. One goal is to involve public high school students on the team to research and tell the Seventh Ward story. That story then will become one of the programs available for visitors to view on the State Archives' new Digital Gateway. The project will begin later this year.



This aerial photograph shows Harrisburg's Seventh Ward, circa 1938.
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PHMC Volunteers Honored

On April 20, 2024, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission recognized 20 individuals for their contributions of time, talent and expertise at the annual Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony for 2023, held at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. In addition, four honorees received Outstanding Service Awards (OSA) for long-term volunteer participation and exceptional dedication. PHF provided complimentary one-year memberships to the honorees.

From its beginning, PHMC has depended on citizen volunteers to work in partnership with its staff to carry out the preservation and interpretation programs of the agency. For more than 40 years, each of the historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History have designated a Volunteer of the Year based on service in the preceding calendar year. Each spring, commission leadership have gathered with volunteers to say thanks and honor outstanding service. PHF joins in recognizing these volunteers and thanking them for helping the public to experience our rich history.



Volunteers of the Year: *front row*, Marlene Sawayda (Bushy Run), Cindy Mendelson (Conrad Weiser Homestead), Dani Retallack (OSA, Landis Valley Village), Brad Kissam (OSA, Daniel Boone Homestead), Maggie Brosz (OSA, Pennsbury Manor); *middle row*, Mary Sapalio (Somerset Historical Center), Suzanne Hacker Fisher (Ephrata Cloister), Carol Johnson (Hope Lodge), Lin Forney (Landis Valley Village), Linda Louise Love (State Museum); *back row*, Brehon Odronic (Joseph Priestley House), Jo Mueller (Joseph Priestley House), Judith Kirby (Pennsbury Manor), Kevin Hale (Railroad Museum), Mike Bernard (Cornwall Iron Furnace), Barrie Miller (Daniel Boone Homestead), Walter Brosz (OSA, Pennsbury Manor).

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Not pictured: Joe Haverly (Erie Maritime Museum & Niagara), Aaron Heft (Military Museum), Art Kear (Lumber Museum), Susan Ledebur (Drake Well Museum), Mark Roth (Brandywine Battlefield), Sharon Spiegel (Graeme Park), John Thomas (Old Economy Village).

PHF Holds Third Annual Sip & Savor

"Beautiful" was the word of the day as the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation celebrated its Third Annual Sip & Savor fundraising event on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at The Winery at Hunters Valley on the west bank of the Susquehanna River in Liverpool. Guests commented that the view and the weather were both simply beautiful as they were treated to a relaxing afternoon of farm-to-table foods, pours of local wine, and hand-crafted chocolate confections. From the food and wine to the silent auction, the focus was on unique Pennsylvania products and experiences.



Photo, Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation

Highlights of the day included the wine tasting lead by Jamie Williams, co-owner of the winery. Jamie engaged the attendees with his knowledge of local grapes, Pennsylvania winemaking and vineyard history. Local artist and musician Jonathan Frazier entertained with his talents on the keyboard, guitar and Native American flute, delighting guests as they mingled throughout the afternoon.

Events such as this are an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation and its partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission as we work together to preserve, protect and share our heritage. The PHF Board of Directors is grateful to donors, sponsors and all who participated in the event.

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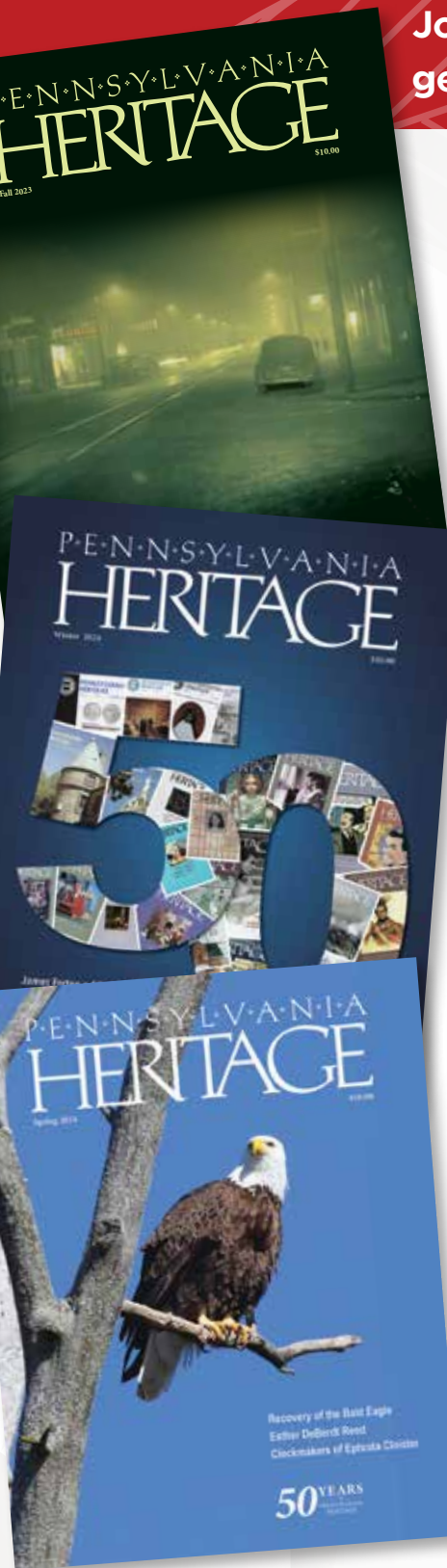
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