

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Essay Winners Announced for PHF's New Scholarship Fund

The PHF Scholarship Fund is a new program of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation that awards scholarships to high school seniors or college undergraduates who have enrolled in a Pennsylvania two-year or four-year college-degree program with a major in history.

Applicants were asked to submit an essay on a person, location or event in Pennsylvania history that they feel has been underrecognized; those applicants whose essays were judged as the best received scholarships.

The top award of \$1,000 went to Rachel Legore, of Biglerville, for her essay "Elizabeth Thorn: The Angel of Gettysburg." Rachel is now in her sophomore year at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Two prizes of \$500 went to Allison Dobrinska, a junior at Pennsylvania Western University, California, for "Wayne Griffith" and Sarah B. Oberholtzer, starting at Penn State World Campus, for "Thaddeus Stevens: The Architect of Reconstruction."

This year's scholarships were made possible mostly through a program at Hershey Park that provides PHF with funds for volunteers they sign up to work at the park.

For more information on the program, contact Jodie Dodson at 717-787-9123 or c-jododson@pa.gov.



Rachel Legore



Sarah B. Oberholtzer



Above, Elizabeth Thorn (1832-1907), right, was the subject of the essay by Rachel Legore that won the top PHF Scholarship award. Thorn was the caretaker of Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg while her husband Peter was serving in the Union Army, 1862-65. After the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, she helped care for the wounded and buried 100 soldiers who died in the conflict.

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Allison Dobrinska

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Be a Part of History— Volunteer

*The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation,
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volunteer opportunities available:*

- Events, programs and activities on history
- A monthly community service activity in partnership with the Rotary Club of Harrisburg
- Educational programs and scholarships in collaboration with Hershey Entertainment and volunteer opportunities at Hersheypark in food and beverage, rides, and concerts for those 18 years and older

*Join the Pennsylvania Trails of History and
help them tell their stories:*

- Leading tours
- Working on special events
- Assisting museum staff
- Researching
- Participating in living history programs

Go online for more information at paheritage.org or contact Jodie Dodson at c-jododson@pa.gov, or visit the website of the Trails of History site or museum (see the list on the sides of this spread) that matches your interest or location to see volunteer opportunities. Whether in Harrisburg or on the Trails, you can play a role in making history matter.



Recent Volunteer of the Year recipient Judith Kirby helps care for the animals at Pennsbury Manor.
Pennsbury Manor, PHMC



John Thomas, also a 2023 Volunteer of the Year, demonstrates the use of a printing press at Old Economy Village.
Old Economy Village, PHMC

PHF Announces New Board Member

PHF is pleased to welcome Susan Sherwood to its Board of Directors.

Sherwood founded e'lan Media LLC and served as its president, writing and producing historical documentaries and online geopolitical content for veterans' organizations and multimedia programs for both nonprofit organizations and corporations. Previously, she worked for the Pennsylvania Public Television Network, overseeing collaborative statewide technology, programming, public relations and education initiatives among the state's eight public television stations. She served four gubernatorial administrations, overseeing the production of documentaries for museums, satellite and live news events, and multimedia programs that won 37 awards, including two Mid-Atlantic Emmys.

She was a longtime member and chair of Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania, vice chair of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and a board member of the National Civil War Museum. She is currently a member of the West Shore Country Club and a volunteer for the Peyton Walker Foundation.

Sherwood lives in a restored 1810 home in Dillsburg and is an avid cook, gardener, skier, golfer, pickleballer and fly fisher.



Susan Sherwood

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History has so many stories to tell—about each of us, our families, our communities, our commonwealth, our country.

History tells the story of who we are, where we have been, and the choices we have made to bring us to where we are today.

History is our past—but also the road map to our future.

Will you join our community to preserve, study, share and better understand our past so that it can add meaning to our future?

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**Some special events and tours at PHMC sites require an additional fee*



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