

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.

PHF To Launch Podcast Series



Connie Doebele

To advance awareness, understanding and appreciation of Pennsylvania's rich and impactful history, the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation will launch a podcast series in late spring or early summer.

The host for the series will be Connie Doebele, a veteran of 25 years at C-SPAN as a senior executive producer. Doebele produced the network's signature book program *Booknotes* and was the originating producer for C-SPAN's *Book TV*. Over the years, she has produced the network's morning show, *Washington Journal*, in addition to its international coverage and its programming on the Supreme Court. In 2011 she produced a documentary about the Library of Congress. Doebele spent many years in front of the camera moderating C-SPAN's call-in programs and book interviews. She retired to Harrisburg in 2021 and is working with PHF Executive Director Sam Sweet to plan the format, schedule and guests for the series. Harrisburg Area Community College will partner with PHF to provide the studio facility to produce the series.

Summer Events on the Pennsylvania Trails of History

Each summer, the sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History offer a variety of special events and programs for visitors. Below is a just a sampling. Please visit the websites to get the latest information on hours, admission or additional fees, possible cancellations or postponements, and other details.

Patchtown Days

Eckley Miners' Village

June 14 and 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Celebrate the heritage of northeastern Pennsylvania's anthracite communities at the 35th annual Patchtown Days, featuring hands-on history, handmade crafts, live music and dance, trade demonstrations, reenactments and more. Stick around on June 14 for an after-hours Bluegrass Dispatch concert with Wood Flower and American Buffalo Ghost from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for \$18 at the gate or in the festival admission before 3:00 p.m.

eckleyminersvillage.com



Patchtown Days at Eckley Miners' Village.
Eckley Miners' Village, PHMC

Trails of History Sites and Museums

**BRANDYWINE
BATTLEFIELD PARK**
Chadds Ford, 610-459-3342
brandywinebattlefield.org

BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD
Jeannette, 724-527-5584
bushyrunbattlefield.com

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD
Womelsdorf, 610-589-2934
conradweiserhomestead.org

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE
Cornwall, 717-272-9711
cornwallironfurnace.org

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD
Birdsboro, 610-582-4900
thedanielboonehomestead.org

DRAKE WELL MUSEUM
Titusville, 814-827-2797
drakewell.org

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE
Weatherly, 570-636-2070
eckleyminersvillage.com

EPHRATA CLOISTER
Ephrata, 717-733-6600
ephratacloister.org

**ERIE MARITIME MUSEUM
AND FLAGSHIP NIAGARA**
Erie, 814-452-2744
eriemaritimemuseum.org

FORT PITT MUSEUM
Pittsburgh, 412-281-9285
heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt

GRAEME PARK
Horsham, 215-343-0965
graemepark.org

HOPE LODGE
Fort Washington, 215-646-1595
historichopelodge.org

Evening on the Green Daniel Boone Homestead

June 21, 4:00–8:00 p.m.

Enjoy a pop-up Biergarten, live music on the lawn, and a variety of craft and specialty food vendors. The Boone House and Bertolet Log House will be open all evening for tours, and visitors young and old can try their hand at colonial toys, lawn games, and tavern games in the historic area.

thedanielboonehomestead.org

Independence Day Daniel Boone Homestead

July 4, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Commemorate our nation's birthday and learn about the various troops who fought during the Revolutionary War, including the militias, Continentals, Dragoons and Riflemen. Guided Boone House tours, as well as blacksmithing and gunsmithing demonstrations, will be offered throughout the day. Also, there will be plenty of activities for children, including a militia muster, colonial toys and games, and crafts.

thedanielboonehomestead.org

Bark Peelers' Festival Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

July 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. both days

Be there for the 50th festival with lively special activities, events and contests that celebrate "wood-hick" life and skills. Unique food and craft vendors provide ample shopping and culinary opportunities. There is live music throughout the weekend, crafts and games at the kid's corner, a display of the Eastern Loggers Model Railroad in operation, and demonstrations of the steam-powered circular sawmill and birch still, blacksmithing, chainsaw carving, and lumber camp cooking.

lumbermuseum.org

Civil War Days

Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum

July 19 and 20, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. both days

Step back in time and experience the sights, sounds and stories of the American Civil War. Event highlights include military encampments with reenactors portraying soldiers' daily life, live battle reenactments and tactical demonstrations, living history displays, and hands-on activities. Special for 2025 are an 1800s baseball game presentation and a guest lecture by historian Scott Mingus on the Lincoln Funeral Train, which passed through Lancaster in April 1865. All activities are included with general admission.

landisvalleymuseum.org

Guided Mansion Tours and Second Sunday Beer Garden

Hope Lodge

July 27, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Take a guided tour of the mansion at 1:00 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. and spend the afternoon in our pop-up Beer Garden hosted by Round Guys Brewing Company. Outside food, picnic blankets, chairs, and leashed pets are permitted throughout the grounds. There will be a charge for Round Guys brews and mansion tours.

historichopelodge.org

Model Railroading Days Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

August 2, 9, 16 and 23

Watch operating model trains in action and see displays from a variety of different participating groups and clubs at this family event for all ages.

rrmuseumpa.org



Greased Pole Contest, Bark Peelers' Festival, Pennsylvania Lumber Museum.
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, PHMC

Oxygen Day in the Garden

Joseph Priestley House

August 3, 12:30–5:00 p.m.

Bring your family for this free event hosted by the Friends of Joseph Priestley House. There will be self-guided tours, music, light refreshments, children's garden activities, and Ron Blatchley chemical demonstrations. Children in attendance will receive a free book.

joseph-priestley-house.org

Drake Day: 1860s Living History

Drake Well Museum & Park

August 10, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the anniversary of the day that Edwin L. Drake struck oil in Titusville. Living history presentations and demonstrations will be held, as well as a special presentation by author Cynthia Crytzer on her book *A Civil War Husband*.

drakewell.org

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

Northumberland, 570-473-9474

joseph-priestley-house.org

LANDIS VALLEY VILLAGE & FARM MUSEUM

Lancaster, 717-569-0401

landisvalleymuseum.org

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Ambridge, 724-266-4500

oldeconomyvillage.org

PENNSBURY MANOR

Morrisville, 215-946-0400

pennsburymanor.org

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scranton, 570-963-4804

anthracitemuseum.org

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

Galeton, 814-435-2652

lumbermuseum.org

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

Boalsburg, 814-466-6263

pamilmuseum.org

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ARCHIVES

Harrisburg, 717-783-3281

pastatearchives.com

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Strasburg, 717-687-8628

rrmuseumpa.org

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER

Somerset, 814-445-6077

somersethistoricalcenter.org

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, 717-787-4980

statemuseumpa.org

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK

Washington Crossing, 215-493-4076

washingtoncrossingpark.org

Jacobs Joins PHF Board

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is pleased to welcome Deanna Jacobs to its Board of Directors.

Jacobs is a native of Beaver County, north of Pittsburgh. She has a B.S. in music business studies from Appalachian State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. She currently works as an attorney in the federal government.

Jacobs serves on multiple committees to preserve historic buildings in western Pennsylvania. She is the secretary for the Board of Directors of the Carnegie Free Library in Beaver Falls, helping direct the reclamation of this historic building, and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Jacobs spends her free time performing on the flute in community bands and musicals around Beaver, Butler and Allegheny counties.



Deanna Jacobs

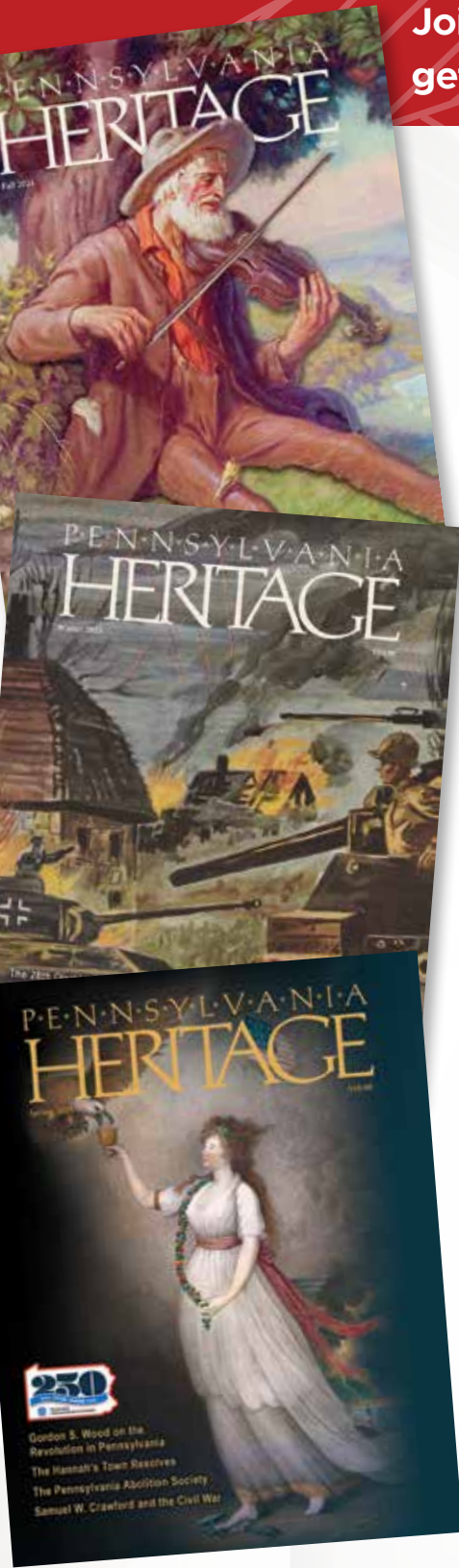
Thank you very much!

Not for any one thing you've done but for all you've done. Through your thoughtfulness and generosity, you have been a hero to history. You have powered the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation's efforts to protect, preserve, share and commemorate history in our state.

As time rolls on, the need to build awareness and appreciation of our shared history grows stronger. Your support has impact. Thank you for standing up for history.

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- \$25.00 gift to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation and its support of presenting and preserving the history of Pennsylvania

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