

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

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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.

Winter Events on the Pennsylvania Trails of History

Many of PHMC's sites and museums are offering events and programs for the holiday season. Below is a sampling of what's to come. There may be an additional fee for some special events. Please visit the websites to get the latest information on hours, admission fees, possible cancellations or postponements, and other details.

Holidays at Hope Lodge & Colonial Tavern

Hope Lodge

December 14 at 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Take a leisurely self-guided tour of Hope Lodge decorated for the holidays. Enjoy holiday music from members of the Ambler Symphony Orchestra, train displays and much more. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet the kids. After the tour, adults can visit the Colonial Tavern to enjoy a selection of craft beers from Round Guys Brewery. historichopelodge.org

Winter Wonderland Tours Old Economy Village

Every weekend through December 29, 2024

Visit any weekend during the holiday season to see the historic 19th-century village decorated with festive trimmings and holiday lights, while taking a tour and learning about the history of the Harmony Society. oldeconomyvillage.org



Holidays at Hope Lodge
Hope Lodge, PHMC

Candlelight Tours Pennsbury Manor

December 13, 14, 27 and 28 at

3:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Experience holiday magic through tours of the Manor House by the light of flickering candles. See the themed decorations throughout the house. pennsburymanor.org

Santa in the Shay Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

December 14 at 12 noon–3:00 p.m.

Santa will be in the cab of the museum's Shay locomotive to hear holiday requests. Take an instant pic with him and make a special ornament for your tree. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served in the museum program room. lumbermuseum.org

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
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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

Anthracite Holiday Klatsch Anthracite Heritage Museum

December 14 at 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

Come for the launch of a new event—an old-fashioned *kaffeeklatsch* with a holiday twist. This event is a community affair rich with holiday crafts, live musical performances, warm drinks and good conversation. Jacquelyn Schulte will speak on the German *chriskindlmarkt*. Valley View High School Choir and Wally Gordon Community Singers Quartet will perform.
anthracitemuseum.org

Home for the Holidays Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

*December 14 at 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
(last ticket sales at 3:30 p.m.)*

Enjoy live seasonal music while visiting Rolling Stock Hall to view the museum's historic railroad collection. Step into the Reading 800, a midcentury passenger car, to listen to a reading of *The Polar Express*. Visit Steinman Station, the museum's replica passenger station, and send a telegraph to the North Pole. Finish with a complimentary cookie—while supplies last.
rrmuseumpa.org

Lantern Tours Ephrata Cloister

December 27–30 at 6:30–9:00 p.m.

Ephrata Cloister's Student Historians will lead these themed theatrical tours, starting at the Visitor Center every half hour. Visit the website for the link to purchase tickets.
ephratacloister.org

Noon Years!

The State Museum of Pennsylvania
December 29 at 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Bring your family and ring in the Noon Year at this family-friendly event. Activities include crafts, games, dancing, and the famous firefly and streamer drop at noon.
statemuseumpa.org

Discovery Discourse Eckley Miners' Village Museum (virtual)

January 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Log on for the inaugural installment of Discovery Discourse, which features historians

and other field experts speaking on historical topics of interest. This year's lecture, "Food Will Win the War," by Dr. Justin Nordstrom of Penn State Hazleton, focuses on the ways in which food has been the catalyst for everything from community building to wartime propaganda.

Winter in the Lumber Camp Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

January 25, 2025

Come for outdoor fun in the snow with sledding, snowmen and snow-art activities. Try your hand at cross-country skis and snowshoes with equipment provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources and volunteer instructors.
lumbermuseum.org



Lantern Tours at Ephrata Cloister
Ephrata Cloister, PHMC



Winter in the Lumber Camp at Pennsylvania Lumber Museum
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, PHMC



PHF Welcomes *Art of the State*

The 57th *Art of the State* exhibition presented by The State Museum of Pennsylvania in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, opened Sunday, September 8. The exhibition features 96 works of art by 96 artists from 28 counties of Pennsylvania. PHF is pleased to

cosponsor this annual exhibit, which demonstrates the vital, innovative and dynamic cultural sector that enriches the lives of Pennsylvanians across the commonwealth.

For more on this year's exhibition, see the article on pages 42–44.

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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
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SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER
Somerset, 814-445-6077
somersethistoricalcenter.org

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA
Harrisburg, 717-787-4980
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washingtoncrossingpark.org

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