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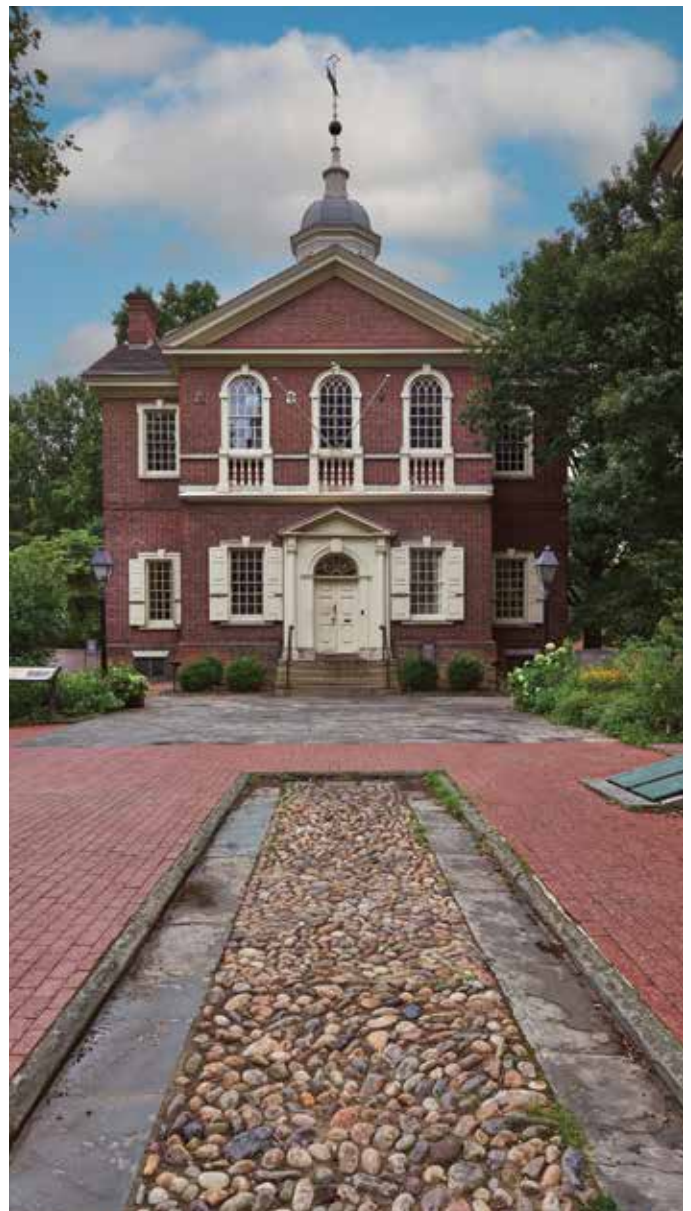
The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management, and community engagement.

PHF, PHMC Join Carpenters' Hall in Commemorating PA Provincial Conference

This year Carpenters' Hall, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, and several other organizations, will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Provincial Conference and its significant impact on the Continental Congress and American history. Planned activities include town halls, a public program at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a new PHMC historical marker, and a three-part virtual lecture series.

The Pennsylvania Provincial Conference was held June 18–25, 1776, at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia. Delegates from the Pennsylvania counties then in existence and the City of Philadelphia agreed to declare Pennsylvania's independence from the British Empire, mobilize militia for the Revolutionary War, and organize elections to select delegates for a constitutional convention, which framed the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776. The conference had a profound impact on American public opinion and facilitated the passing of the Declaration of Independence. In 1982 the Pennsylvania General Assembly officially designated Carpenters' Hall as the Birthplace of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

For more information on Carpenters' Hall and its events, visit carpentershall.org.



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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
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



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PHF at Philadelphia Flower Show

PHF Board members staffed a booth at the Family Frolic section of the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 1. More than 300 families visited the booth, where their children planted native Pennsylvania wildflower seeds in small containers they decorated, while the adults learned more about how PHF supports PHMC in sharing Pennsylvania history and heritage. The PHF Membership Committee plans to select more events where staff can engage communities across the commonwealth in PHF's goal of preserving the past for the future.

Join PHF for the Second Annual Virtual 5K

You know how much history matters. Now you can be a Hero for History in our second annual Virtual 5K event. You can run, walk, stroll or click to support the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

This virtual event gives you the opportunity to feel Pennsylvania Proud in supporting history at your own pace with family, friends, pets or just yourself. Anyone is welcome to participate, and every participant is a winner. The Virtual 5K will begin on July 1 and end as we celebrate William Penn's 382nd birthday on October 14, 2026.

You choose the location or the course as you complete the 5K. It may be one of the many historic places on the Pennsylvania Trails of History, a historic site in your hometown, or a place that's a cherished part of your family history.

In this, America's 250th anniversary year, history matters more than ever. Be a part of it! We hope you'll join us and be a Hero for History.

For more information, visit paheritage.org.



PHF Announces New Board Members

PHF is pleased to welcome Rev. Yvette B. Davis and Chris Barrett to its Board of Directors.

Davis lives in Harrisburg and is the director of the Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity at Dickinson College, working to strengthen the college's efforts toward a more diverse community and a culture of belonging for all students, faculty and staff. She is also a living history interpreter with the Lenwood O. Sloan Pennsylvania Past Players, embodying the persona of Harriet Smith, a Civil War-era entrepreneur, educator and conductor on the Underground Railroad. Davis has an M.A. in organizational and leadership development from Widener University, an M.S. in library and information science from Drexel University, and a B.A. in English literature from New York University. She loves classic jazz, live theater, romantic poetry and crocheting.

Barrett is the president and CEO of Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, focusing primarily on the tourism and hospitality industry throughout Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties. He founded the Pocono Television Network (PTN), which is now available in more than 8 million homes and businesses on cable, broadcast and streaming devices, and continues to oversee the expansion of the PTN content network to new platforms as well as serving as one of the PTN hosts. He serves on the boards of Keep PA Beautiful and NEPA Alliance and is the board chair of the Pocono Mountains United Way and a past chair of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce. He also teaches undergraduate courses for the College of Business and Management at East Stroudsburg University.



Volunteer to Be a Part of History

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, based in Harrisburg, has the following volunteer opportunities available:

- *Events, programs and activities on history*
- *A monthly community service activity in partnership with the Rotary Club of Harrisburg*
- *Volunteer opportunities at Hersheypark, in collaboration with Hershey Entertainment, for those 18 years and older, working in food and beverage, rides, the Giant Center and stadium events. In return, Hershey Entertainment donates to support PHF educational programs and scholarships.*

Join the Pennsylvania Trails of History and help them tell their stories by leading tours, working on special events, assisting museum staff, researching, or participating in living history programs.

For more information, go to paheritage.org, or contact Jodie Dodson at c-jododson@pa.gov. If you're interested in volunteering at a particular Trails of History site, see the lists on the left and right sides of this spread for phone numbers and websites. Whether in Harrisburg or on the Trails, you can play a role in making history matter.

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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
somersehistoricalcenter.org

The State Museum of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, 717-787-4980
statemuseumpa.org

**Washington Crossing
Historic Park**
Washington Crossing, 215-493-4076
washingtoncrossingpark.org



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- free general admission for one adult to Pennsylvania Trails of History sites and museums*
- Time Travelers privileges: free or discounted admission and gift shop discounts at more than 300 museums nationwide
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- weekly e-digest with updates and history

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- weekly e-digest with updates and history
- \$25.00 gift to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation and its support of presenting and preserving the history of Pennsylvania

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



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