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March 31, 2009: PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco presented Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania's President Terrence J. Murphy with a commemorative "Energy: Innovation & Impact" poster at the Energy Reception.



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In a brief program featuring PHMC Chairman Wayne Spilove, Franco, and Murphy, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commissioner Rob Powelson (above) offered remarks linking Pennsylvania's energy heritage with its present and future at the reception.

ENERGY RECEPTION

More than one hundred Heritage Society members, state legislators, and guests attended a special reception hosted by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, on March 31 to celebrate the PHMC's 2009 theme, "Energy: Innovation and Impact." With support from Columbia Gas, The State Museum has added a new self-guided energy tour to its Hall of Industry and Technology, and several classrooms from York and Adams Counties will travel to the museum this fall for a special tour highlighting Pennsylvania's rich energy history.

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State Representative James R. Roebuck Jr. (above), Philadelphia, meets with a guest during the well-attended Energy Reception.



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State Representative Susan C. Helm of Dauphin County chats with George Stark, director of external affairs for Columbia Gas.

150 PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL WAR

Launching this summer, www.PACivilWar150.com is a Web site containing a statewide events calendar, several interactive features, a Civil War timeline, and the stories of real Pennsylvanians and their roles in the Civil War. Administered by the Heritage Society for the upcoming Civil War sesquicentennial and beyond, the site also features an educational resource section developed as a tool for teachers, which adheres to Pennsylvania State Board of Education Academic Standards. Linking to state and regional tourism and planning sites across the Commonwealth, the Web site provides visitors a rich and unique Civil War experience.

Please note that special events may require fees in addition to PHS membership benefits or regular admission prices. Please contact the historic site or museum destination ahead to verify details.

KID'S STUFF

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE

Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
www.eckleyminers.org

July 13–15 Summer History Camp 9 a.m. – Noon or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Registration required.*

JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

Northumberland, (570) 473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

July 29–31 Summer History Camp 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Registration required.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org

August 3–7 Summer Day Camp: Saplings, Lumberjacks, and Furniture: The Case of the Missing Tree 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSBURY MANOR

Morrisville, (215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

July 13–17, 27–31 Summer Camps: Colonial Camp 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

July 14–17 Children's Anthracite Heritage Camp: Fueling Our Nation 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Registration required.*

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

Galeton, (814) 435-2652
www.lumbermuseum.org

September 13 Youth and Family Field Day 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org

July 13–17, 27–31 Barons and Builders Day Camps 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. *Registration required.*

August 13–16 Hogwarts Express Parties 11 a.m.; 2 p.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK

Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing

July 27–31 Summer History Camp 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Registration required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK

Chadds Ford, (610) 459-3342
www.ushistory.org/brandywine

July 19 Invasion and Insurrection: Security, Defense and War in the Delaware Valley, 1609–1812 2 p.m.

August 16 Red Tape and the Revolution 2 p.m.

September 12–13 Military Living History 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Admission.

September 11 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony 6 p.m.

BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD

Harrison City, (724) 527-5584
www.bushyrunbattlefield.com

August 1–2 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. *Admission.*

September 19 Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society General Meeting and Lecture 1 p.m.

CONRAD WEISER HOMESTEAD

Womelsdorf, (610) 589-2934
www.conradweiserhomestead.org

July 5 Patriotic Concert 1:30 p.m.

July 19, August 9 French and Indian War Interpretive Sunday Noon – 4 p.m.

August 15 Evening Tours 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD

Birdsboro, (610) 582-4900
www.danielboonehomestead.org

July 4 Independence Day Interpretive Program

July 7–August 25, Tuesdays Operation Days of the Bertolet Water-Powered Sawmill

August 9, September 27 First Pennsylvania Regiment Flintlock Shoot

September 20 Fall Nature Program

ECKLEY MINERS' VILLAGE

Weatherly, (570) 636-2070
www.eckleyminers.org

July 19 Summer of 1944 Noon – 5 p.m.

August 15–16 Civil War Encampment Living History Weekend 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. *Admission.*

September 13 Coal in the 21st Century 2 p.m.

September 27 Smokestacks and Diamonds 2 p.m.

EPHRATA CLOISTER

Ephrata, (717) 733-6600
www.ephratacloister.org

July 26 Colonial Pastimes 1 – 4 p.m. Storytelling at 2:00 p.m.

August 30 A Taste of the Past 1 – 4 p.m.

September 19–20 Peace in War: Ephrata in the Revolution Saturday 10 p.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday Noon – 4 p.m.

GRAEME PARK

Horsham, (215) 343-0965
www.ushistory.org/graeme

July 18 Celtic Heritage Festival 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. *Admission.*

August 23 The Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

LANDIS VALLEY MUSEUM

Lancaster, (717) 569-0401
www.landisvalleymuseum.org

- July 25** Civil War Day 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
August 25 Storytelling Day 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 6, 13, 20, 27 September “Ice Cream Sundays”
Noon – 3 p.m. *Admission.*

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

Ambridge, (724) 266-4500
www.oldeconomyvillage.org

- July 25** A Summer Day in 19th century “Oekonomie”
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
September 26 Erntefest Harvest Festival 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PENNSBURY MANOR

Morrisville, (215) 946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

- July 5, August 2, September 6** Historic Trades 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 12 Living History Theater, “Keep All Business From
Coming Hither” 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 19, August 16, September 20 Open Hearth Cooking
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
July 26, August 23, September 27 Garden Highlights
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 9 Living History Theater, The Yellow Fever and
Smallpox Epidemic of 1702 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
August 30 Animals at Pennsbury 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 13 Living History Theater, A Promise of Peace:
William Penn and the Lenape 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Scranton, (570) 963-4804
www.anthracitemuseum.org

- August 1–31** Coal Country Summer Holiday Tours
Registration required.
August 2 Lithuanian Heritage Day Noon – 5 p.m.
September 6 140th Anniversary Commemoration of the
Avondale Mine Disaster of 1869 Noon – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

Galeton, (814) 435-2652
www.lumbermuseum.org

- July 4–5** Annual Bark Peelers’ Convention 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission.
October 10–11 Heritage Days 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PENNSYLVANIA MILITARY MUSEUM

Boalsburg, (814) 466-6263
www.pamilmuseum.org

- July 9–12** People’s Choice Festival of Pennsylvania Arts
Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.
July 25–26 Vietnam Revisited Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.,
Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
September 28 Military History Speakers Series: “Of Thrush, Glanders,
and Strangles: War Horses in WWI and the Men That Tried
to Heal Them” Lesley Wood 7:30 p.m.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Strasburg, (717) 687-8628
www.rrmuseumpa.org

- July 1–5** Reading Railroad Days Wednesday–Saturday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.
August 12–15 Railroad Family Days 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
September 26 Friends of the Railroad Museum
Members Day 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER

Somerset, (814) 445-6077
www.somersethistoricalcenter.org

- August 7–8** Wooden Bowl Hewing Workshop 9:00 a.m.
Registration required.
September 11–13 Mountain Craft Days 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Admission.

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

- September 13** 21st Annual Gallery Walk 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
September 22 Home School Day: Native Americans in
Pennsylvania 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Registration required.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK

Washington Crossing, (215) 493-4076
www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing

- July 4** Independence Day Celebration 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Admission.
August 2 “I’ve Always Wanted to Try That!” 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 13 George Washington Contest 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
September 13 Tales of the Marbleheaders 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
September 19 Specialty Tour Taylorsville: An Early 19th
Century Village 1 p.m.
September 27 A Call to Arms Re-enactors Day
Noon – 4 p.m. *Call for details.*

EXHIBITS

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, (717) 787-4980
www.statemuseumpa.org

- Through August 30** Planetarium: “Vacation on Altair”
Saturdays and Sundays; 1 p.m., 2 p.m. *Admission.*
Through August 30 Planetarium: “SETI–Search for
Extraterrestrial Intelligence” Saturdays and
Sundays; 1 p.m., 2 p.m. *Admission.*
September 5–November 29 Planetarium: “Star Stories of
the Native Americans” Saturdays and Sundays;
1 p.m. and 2 p.m. *Admission.*
June 28–September 20 “Art of the State” 2009
Through September 20 “Voices: African American and
Latina Women Share Their Stories of Success”
Ongoing Curiosity Connection™



SHEETZ® DAYS AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

More than fifteen hundred school-children from throughout Pennsylvania enjoyed two school tour days at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, sponsored by Sheetz Inc., on May 7–8. "Sheetz has a long tradition of being involved in youth-centered activities, so we are happy to make a commitment to support the school programs of The State Museum," said Joe Sheetz, executive vice president of finance.



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Museum educator Dawn Dutcher (above) interpreted the exhibition "A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals" and provided the young visitors with "Activity Sheetz," special hand-outs introducing students to The State Museum experience.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! January – March, 2009

Constance Ace • Ken Bachman • David C. Bailey • Nikole Beck • Laura Berry • Paul and Amy Blair • Hester Bliven • Ken Brandt • Wendy Breunig • Michael Burger • John Toner and Rebecca Bushnell • Robert and Patricia Cerwin • Mollie Clark • Henry Dauber • Peter J. Davin • Eugene and Demaree Deardorff • Thelma Dick • Holly Dolan • Louise M. Dolson • John Dossett • Todd Doutrich • Marygrace Ewart • Ward FitzPatrick • Margie Fuoss • Kathleen Glass • Bruce A. Greenawalt • Dennis Hameister • Beverly Harman • Sonya Hutchinson • Edward Jacobus • Bernard Jakob • Cynthia Johnson • Kip and Cyja Kelly • Ann G. Kim • Charles Kleeman • Dianne

Koval • Jean Kraus • Mary Kreighbaum • Chester Kulesa • Kutztown University • Gregory Lake • Kathy Lefever • Jed Lezak • Edmund V. Ludwig • Herbert and Natalie Maxwell • Laura McQuaid • Amy Messner • Joe Mieczkowski • Richard and Carol Mills • David J. Morrison • Daniel Morrissey • B. Susan Nyce • Dora Peelan • Susan Pirrocco • Barbara Schoellkopf • Jacob R. Sherman • Kristy Snider • Joyce Soroka • Denise Southard • Matthew D. Stauffer • Judith Stoll • Edward Sheryl Suplee • Thomas J. Swab • Robert and Marilyn Teeter • Bonnie Teets • Mike Topper • Karen Troutman • Louis M. Waddell • Jack Watts • Stephanie Woormer



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PSECU EVENT HONORS STUDENTS

The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), a Heritage Society sponsor, hosted an awards presentation for the winners of PSECU's recent youth art contest at The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, on April 28. (Below) Leah Toomey (Kratzer Elementary School, Allentown) and Mackenzie Cressman (Donegal Middle School, Marietta) earned first place honors in the "Save It, Spend It, Share It" contest which was held in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of PSECU's founding. PSECU Vice President of Marketing Barbara J. Bowler presented the awards.



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2009 TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT

Our 2009 participants in American History in Pennsylvania: Great Documents, Great Events, Great Places, spent March 12–13 at The State Museum and the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg. During their visit, staff gave them a behind-the-scenes tour and taught sessions on learning from documents and objects. The teachers (above) participated in the *Signature Series* lecture on March 12 by Dr. Allan Winkler, "The Atom and American Life." They will return to the museum and Archives for a five-day summer institute during the week of June 22.



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The Pennsylvania Heritage Society is a non-profit organization supporting the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the official state agency charged with preserving and interpreting the Commonwealth's heritage and culture.

Your membership (Individual level and higher) in the Pennsylvania Heritage Society provides free general admission to all PHMC sites throughout the Commonwealth as well as Time Travelers benefits—free or discounted admission and store discounts at more than one hundred museums nationwide. Call us for additional information and a list of participating sites and museums.