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# NEWSLETTER

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## Third Annual Giving Circle Dinner

On April 6, 2017, PHF hosted its third annual Giving Circle Dinner in appreciation of Giving Circle-level donors who contributed \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to help support PHMC programs and projects.

Guests viewed two exhibits at The State Museum of Pennsylvania—*Pennsylvania at War: The Saga of the USS Pennsylvania* and *Pennsylvania at War: World War I Posters from the Pennsylvania State Archives*—that highlight PHMC's multiyear commemoration of the centennial of World War I and the 75th anniversary of World War II. The guests also enjoyed a dinner catered by Accomac



Catering of York, while watching a presentation honoring PHMC Executive Director James M. Vaughan.

PHMC is grateful to its Giving Circle donors for helping to preserve and share the historic treasures of Pennsylvania.



**Left, State Museum curator Robert Hill discusses the role of the USS *Pennsylvania* in the World Wars with PHF President Ann Moran, and above, PHMC Executive Director James M. Vaughan speaks at the Giving Circle Dinner.**

THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA/PHOTO BY DON GILES

### Become a member of our Giving Circle

Members are those who support PHF at the highest level by donating \$1,000 or more on an annual basis. PHF helps PHMC protect and provide access to PHMC's 23 historic sites and museums, 5 million objects and 237 million archival items. This key contribution is integral in helping us educate and enrich the lives of Pennsylvanians in the present and future.

Giving Circle members get first priority for PHF updates and events and receive special recognition annually in our printed materials and at various events. Members provide leadership and inspiration to all of those who consider supporting the work at PHF. Please join today.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Trails of History Sites and Museums

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## PHF-Held Endowment Funds Whiskey Still for Fort Pitt Museum Collection

Through endowment funds held and managed by the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation, Fort Pitt Museum, a Pennsylvania Trails of History site in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, recently acquired an Early American whiskey still for its collection.

The still is constructed of hand-hammered copper sections and features two protruding arms that would have connected to a tank of water necessary for the condensation process to make liquid alcohol. The still has been identified as a type that would have been used in western Pennsylvania during the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Extant original stills from this era are rare, so this acquisition will serve as a significant element in Fort Pitt Museum's interpretation of the post-Revolutionary frontier and the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion.

PHMC is charged with preserving objects of historic interest through Pennsylvania's History Code and Administrative Code. As PHMC's supporting partner, PHF is proud to have assisted Fort Pitt Museum in acquiring an object that helps tell the story of Pittsburgh's origins and its pivotal role in Early American history.



FORT PITT MUSEUM / PHOTO BY RACHELLYNN SCHOEN

## PHF Welcomes New Board Member

PHF is happy to announce that Donna Fisher has recently joined the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation's Board of Directors.

Fisher has lived in the Harrisburg area since 1983 and is a partner in the Health Sciences Department of Pepper Hamilton LLP, concentrating in civil litigation with an emphasis in the defense of pharmaceutical and medical device companies. She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Dauphin County bar associations and has been admitted to practice in the federal courts in the Eastern and Middle districts of Pennsylvania and the United States Supreme Court.

Fisher received a B.S. in accounting from Penn State University and is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Penn State's Dickinson Law. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, chairing its Corporate Governance Committee, and is a former director of the Friends of The State Museum. Fisher and her husband, Thomas Schmidt, are parents of twin sons who currently attend college.



Donna Fisher

## PHF Receives Grant in Partnership with Eckley Miners' Village



PHF recently received and is managing a grant from Luzerne County on behalf of Eckley Miners' Village near Hazleton. Eckley administrator Bode Morin wrote the grant proposal to fund three interpretive signs that add to the educational experience at the site. The signs are geared towards exploring changes in the landscape and its use over time.

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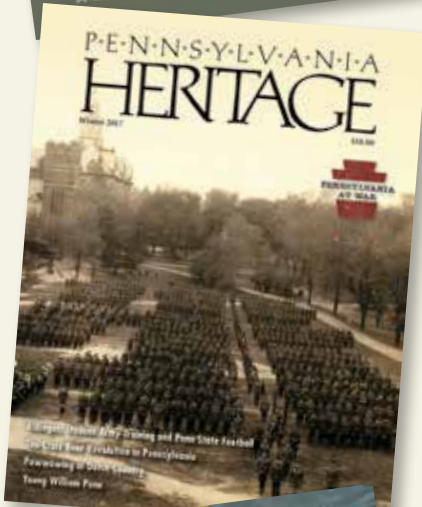
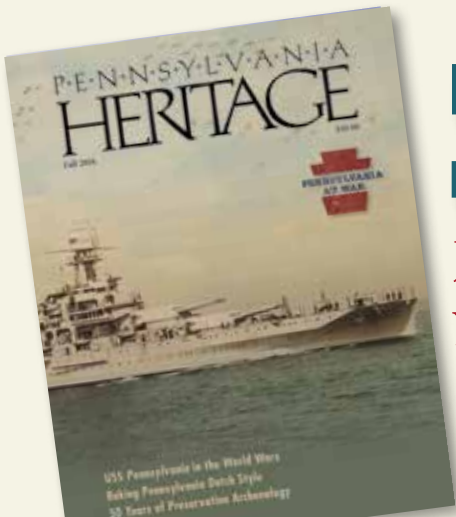
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