

AROUND THE HEARTH



A Letter From the Director

Dear Members,

What an exciting year lies ahead of us! Before we look forward, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of our most memorable events from 2025.

In March, we opened with an exhibit showcasing the Scots-Irish community that first settled Elizabethtown and built one of our cozy 1760s log cabins. Our guests from Letterkenny, Ireland felt right at home with volunteer docent Mary Conrad, who delighted them with the rich history of Elizabethtown and our cabins—they truly did not want to leave!

In April, visitors were in awe of Zahira Paul's *Interwoven* exhibit and program featuring three generations of women who quilted, stitched, and touched hearts through stories and poetry.

As the year continued, Winters Heritage House came alive with colorful quilts stitched by both our own WHHM quilters and members of the local community. Our colonial garden flourished with fruits and vegetables planted and cared for by our garden group. We donated the harvested produce to Community Cupboard of Elizabethtown. Board member, Robin Snyder, was honored with a Quilt of Valor, presented by Jo Garvin. He also recounted his time at West Point and his years of military service. Dr. Bob Wheelersburg led a fascinating program on artifacts found on our grounds, shedding light on the lives of the original residents of our cabins.

We also hosted our first *Historic Lantern Tour of Elizabethtown*, made possible by the incredible commitment of shopkeepers, volunteers, and staff who worked together to provide a fun and informative experience for our community. What an amazing effort by so many! This was followed by our beloved *Heritage Craft Show* and, finally, *Holidays at Winters*, where the crafters team beautifully decorated the H. U. Coble House, recreating the splendor of a Victorian Christmas.

What an incredible year of exhibits, programs, and events—made possible by our volunteers, staff, sponsors, and the unwavering support of our community.

But stay tuned—this year will be filled with plenty of new offerings, along with the return of many favorites!

As a non-profit affiliate of America 250PA, we have been enthusiastically planning a 2026 you won't want to miss. The year will feature something for all ages to learn from, participate in, and enjoy. Be sure to explore the newsletter for our schedule of events and programs—we hope to see you there.

I am deeply grateful to our board, staff, volunteers, Elizabethtown shop owners, sponsors, patrons, and members for your time, energy, creativity, and support in bringing history to life in so many meaningful ways.

Join us as we celebrate America250PA!

Warm regards,
Teresa

Thomas Campbell Retires

We extend our sincere gratitude to Thomas Campbell for his dedicated service as Vice President of the Elizabethtown Preservation Associates, Inc. dba Winters Heritage House Museum Board of Directors. Tom's guidance in preservation, programming, and governance—along with his unwavering support—has been instrumental in the daily operations of the Winters Heritage House Museum and the Seibert Genealogy and Research Library.

As Tom steps down from his board position, his presence at monthly meetings will be greatly missed. However, his continued support and attendance at programs speak volumes. This ongoing involvement is a true testament to his love of architecture, history, and the mission of the EPA, Inc.

Thank you, Tom, for your lasting contributions and commitment.

New Board Members

We welcome the following people to the Board of Directors. We are looking forward to having their support in the preservation and promotion of the organization's mission.

Marie Kurtzke
Jay Ellison
Nancy Landis
Tara Heller
Lori DePorter
Lucille Shaw

Remembering Judy Scharf



Winters Heritage House Museum staff, volunteers, and community members were heartbroken by the sudden passing of Judy Scharf. We have deeply missed her friendship and enthusiasm.

Judy began volunteering at Winters Heritage House Museum shortly after moving to Elizabethtown from Los Angeles, California. Records show that she served at the front desk from 2013 until she "retired" from the position in December 2023. She continued to volunteer as a member of the Winters Heritage House Quilt Guild and by helping at special events up until her passing. She contributed nearly 2,500 hours of service during her twelve years at Winters Heritage House Museum.

Judy organized and documented many of the Heritage House's artifacts, recorded volunteer hours, was the first to sign up for volunteer shifts at special events and was one of our biggest marketers - telling everyone she met about Winters Heritage House Museum.

Her family has asked donations in her name be made to Winters Heritage House Museum.

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Celebrating America250PA!

America250 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 1776—a powerful milestone in the life of a bold and enduring experiment. As the nation reaches two and a half centuries, we are invited to celebrate the ideals that sparked its beginning: liberty, equality, and self-government. By honoring the people, events, and struggles that shaped our shared story, we not only remember where we have been, but also gain inspiration to shape the future we choose to build together.

As a non-profit affiliate member of America250PA, Winters Heritage House Museum is thrilled to celebrate America250. We proudly invite our members and the community to take part in an exciting lineup of events and programs that honor our nation's past, celebrate its enduring ideals, and inspire us as we look toward the future.

Visit America250PA.org to learn more about America250PA and explore how Pennsylvania historical sites and museums are participating in the Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the United States.



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**WINTERS HERITAGE
HOUSE MUSEUM**

ART & ESSAY CONTEST

Calling all Creatives!
Ages 3 years to adult

Contest Runs February 20 - March 6

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1** Six different age categories, beginning at ages 3 years to older
- 2** Art, essay, and photojournalism prompts available
- 3** Work will be on display at Winters Heritage House Museum in the America 250 April exhibit
- 4** All participants will be entered to win prizes and will be invited to the exhibit opening reception on March 31!

For contest details, please visit:
WintersHeritageHouse.org



Calendar of Events

VISIT WINTERSHERITAGEHOUSE.ORG AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO

Pro Tip: Remove this page and hang it on your fridge to help you remember all of these important dates

February

Feb.16: History Detective Days
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 20: Art & Essay Contest Opens

Feb. 26: Etown Remember When Story Series
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Feb. 27: PJ Story Nights
6:30 – 8 p.m.

March

March 5, 12, 19, 26: Afternoon Kids Club
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

March 6: Art & Essay Contest Deadline

March 13: Preschool Story Hour
10 – 11:30 a.m.

March 19: History Detective Days
10 – 11:30 a.m.

March 26: Etown Remember When Story Series
6:30 – 8 p.m.

March 27: PJ Story Night
6:30 – 8 p.m.

March 31: America250 Member Reception
5 – 7:30 p.m.

April

April 1: America250 Exhibit Opens
During Winters Heritage House Museum hours

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Spot of Tea & History
1–2:30 p.m.

April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30: Afternoon Kids Club
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

April 6: History Detective Days
10 – 11:30 a.m.

April 10: Preschool Story Hour
10 – 11:30 a.m.

April 21: Women's Colonial Dress Workshop
6 – 8 p.m.

April 30: Etown Remember When Story Series
6:30 – 8 p.m.

May

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30: Architectural Tours

May 5 & 19: Women's Colonial Dress Workshop

May 6, 13, 20, 27: Spot of Tea & History
1 – 2:30 p.m.

May 8: Preschool Story Hour
10 – 11:30 a.m.

May 20: Spot of Tea & History Evening Program
6:30 – 8 p.m.

May 27: Annual Quilt Show Begins
During Winters Heritage House Museum hours

May 28: Etown Remember When Story Series
6:30 – 8 p.m.

May 29: PJ Story Nights
6:30 – 8 p.m.

June

Annual Quilt Show
During Winters Heritage House Museum hours

June 2 and 16: Women's Colonial Dress Workshop

June 3, 10, 17, 24: Spot of Tea & History
1 – 2:30 p.m.

June 28: History 250 Trivia & Luncheon
2 p.m. .

July

July 1: Spot of Tea & History
1 – 2:30 p.m.

Kids Summer Camp



New Exhibit Opens April 1

Elizabethtown and the Road to Liberty

In a small Pennsylvania frontier town, hard choices had to be faced as the revolution touched the everyday lives of the residents of Elizabethtown.

Join us for a special Opening Night Members Reception on Tuesday, March 31. View the exhibit, including the America250PA art and essay contest submissions beginning at 5 p.m. At 6:45, join us for a reception to recognize the contest entrants. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

For planning purposes, please kindly RSVP to Winters Heritage House Museum by calling (717) 367-4672 or by e-mailing Contact @WintersHeritageHouseMuseum

Colonial Costume Workshop

April 21, May 5, 19, June 2 & 16

6 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate America250PA by stepping into the world of Revolutionary-era sewing. This hands-on workshop explores hand-sewn women's clothing from 1776-1780 using historically accurate materials and techniques. Over five evening sessions, participants will create an authentic garment while learning the skills and stories behind 18th-century dress. All materials are provided by the museum, with the option to purchase your finished costume.

Registration & Instructor Fee: \$50



Remember When Story Series

Elizabethtown has always been a community built on resilience, fortitude, strength, and service. Join us at the historic H.U. Coble House for an inspiring evening series featuring special guest presenters from across our community.

Each speaker will share their personal story, reflecting on their accomplishments, challenges, family ties, and memories of life in Elizabethtown. These heartfelt accounts will be filmed and preserved in the Seibert Genealogy and Research Library, ensuring that their voices become part of our shared history.

Come listen, connect, and celebrate the stories that make Elizabethtown strong. Refreshments will be provided.

Themes:

February 26 – Working in Elizabethtown

March 26 – Your Covid Story

April 30 – Childhood Memories

May 28 – Military Service, A Family Affair

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Interested in sharing your story?

Call or e-mail Teresa

(717) 367-4672

TStangelo@WintersHeritageHouse.org

Art & Essay Contest

Deadline: March 6

Join the America250PA celebration by participating in the art, essay, and photojournalism contest. All participants will be invited to the opening night reception on March 31 and will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes! Visit the website or Facebook page beginning February 20 for all of the details!



Spot of Tea & 250 Years of History



Let America's 250 years of history come alive with the people and events from the past, as presented by a line-up of intriguing and knowledgeable presenters! Presentations are on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. at the H.U. Coble House.

April 1 - Doug Miller

Executive Director of Pennsbury Manor
William Penn and the Founding of Pennsylvania

April 8 - Dr Steve Nolt - Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College
Pennsylvania Germans: Regional Culture and National Influence

April 15 – Ambassador John Craig,
Former member of the U.S. Foreign Service
What's next in Syria? A deep dive into the current situation and discussion about U.S. goals and objectives.

April 22 – Nancy Landis

Local artist and former Director of Winters Heritage House Museum
Colonial American Fleece to Fabric

April 29 – Dr. Michele Kozimor

Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning & Scholarship, Dickinson College
American Architecture at 250: Frank Lloyd Wright Designs in Pennsylvania

May 6 - Dr. Leroy Hopkins

Local historian, Millersville University professor emeritus and Lancaster resident
Black Lancastrians in the Age of Revolution: From Bondage to Community

May 13 - Nelson Polite

President of the African American Historical Society of South Central PA.
African American Heritage of Downtown Lancaster, featuring the Underground Railroad

May 20 - Ross Hetrick

President of Thaddeus Stevens Society
Performance as Thaddeus Stevens
(1pm and 6:30 pm)

May 27 – Debbie Saylor

Curator at Blue Rock Heritage Center
What the Ancient Ones Left Behind

June 3 – Roy E. Goodman

Emeritus Curator, American Philosophical Society
The All-Encompassing Benjamin Franklin

June 10 - Nelson Polite

President of the African American Historical Society of South Central PA
African American Heritage of the Southeast Neighborhood

June 17 – Michael Harris

Author of *Fight for Philadelphia*
Forts Mercer and Mifflin, The Battle of Whitemarsh, and The Road to Valley Forge

June 24 - Phil Clark

Mayor of Elizabethtown Borough
Life in Elizabethtown

July 1 - Teresa St. Angelo

Director of Winters Heritage House Museum
From Valley Forge to the Battle of Monmouth, the March from Suffering to Strength



Save the Date - Historic Lantern Tour of Elizabethtown

The Historic Lantern Tour of Elizabethtown is returning in October. Due to the great demand, we've added an extra evening this year! Mark your calendars now. Tickets go on sale in August. As a Winters Heritage House Museum member, you'll get a chance to purchase your tickets before they go on sale to the public!

Thank You 2025 Event Sponsors

Winters Heritage House Museum staff and volunteers are grateful for the financial support of the following businesses for sponsoring the 2025 Historic Lantern Tour of Elizabethtown.

Save the DATE

October 15, 16, & 17



HISTORIC LANTERN
TOUR of
ELIZABETHTOWN



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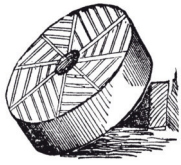
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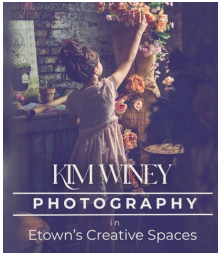
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Purchase a 5-year individual membership and save \$25!
Any early renewals will be added to your existing due date.

Membership Form

☐ Membership Renewal ☐ New Membership

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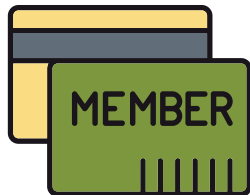
Family - \$40

Benefactor - \$500

Sustaining - \$60

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Winters Heritage House Museum
P.O. Box 14
Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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Visit WintersHeritageHouse.org for the full list of membership benefits or to renew your membership online!



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