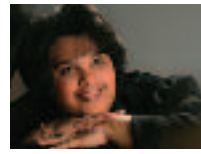


# Major Events: Lancaster Roots 300

Sunday, January 31



**Festival of Roots and Music**, 3 pm, at Strasburg Mennonite Church, free. Interdenominational service of songs and readings, co-sponsored by the Lancaster County Council of Churches and the Parish Resource Center; featuring narrator Kim Lemon, soloists Amy Yovanovich and Jeryl Metzler, Ephrata Cloister Chorus, Vietnamese choir, bagpipe soloist, and others. **F**



Monday, February 22



**The 1710 Pequea Settlement: European Roots and Life in America**, 7 pm, free public meeting at New Danville Mennonite Church. Illustrated history of the first settlers in Lancaster 300 years ago by Sam Wenger. **F**

Wednesday, March 3



**Introduction to the Pennsylvania Dutch Language**, 7 pm, free public meeting, at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society headquarters.

Overview and introduction with Butch Reigart, the Society's PA Dutch language teacher. **F**

Sunday, March 21



**Celebrating our Spiritual Heritage: 300 Years of God's Faithfulness**, 3:30 pm, free worship service at the Fine Arts Center, Lancaster Mennonite School. Includes storytelling by John Roth, Henry Benner and Ken Sensenig, and premiere of the 6-minute historical DVD, "Come Walk with Us." The Mennonite Children's Choir will also sing. **F**

Monday–Saturday, March 22–27



**Stitches in Time: Pennsylvania German Decorative Arts Exhibits**, display of antique quilts at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society headquarters and display of antique coverlets at the 1719 Hans Herr House, Monday–Saturday, 9 am–4 pm. \$5 admission to one exhibit, \$8 for both. Friday evening, free open house at Society, 5–9 pm. **S F**

Saturday, April 10



**Annual Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Banquet & Program**, 6:30 pm, at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. Family-style banquet and program, open to all, with author and Goshen College professor, Steve Nolt, "Stories from 300 years of Lancaster Mennonite History." **S R**

Sunday, April 25



**Many Voices Yet One Voice: Program of Music & Drama**, 3 pm, pay-what-you-will. Theater of the Seventh Sister will be performing scenes from their Lancaster historical drama, "Seed of a Nation," which incorporates stories of Native Americans, Mennonites, Quakers, African Americans and Scots Irish. Drama will be interspersed with musical selections by the Lancaster Mennonite High School's Campus Chorale. **F S**

Thursday, May 6



**Field Trip: The 1710 Immigrant Route from Port to Paradise**. Tour begins and ends at the 1719 Hans Herr House, following immigrant routes to and from Philadelphia, with guided narration and stops at several 18th century sites en route; includes a walking tour and colonial lunch at historic tavern in "Old Town" Philadelphia. This field trip repeats on Saturday, Oct. 2. **S R**

Friday, May 7



**Field Trip: Native Americans in the Lower Susquehanna Valley**. Expertly guided tour of significant local Indian sites, including lunch at a historic inn. This field trip repeats on Saturday, Sept. 25. **S R**

Friday, May 7



**Field Trip: Original 1710 Lancaster Settlement Tour**. This half-day tour explores the earliest homesteads and meetinghouses, between Strasburg and Willow Street, of the first permanent European settlers in Lancaster. **S R**

Saturday, May 8



**Annual Lancaster Family History Conference**, 8:30 am–4:15 pm, at Willow Valley Resort. Theme of this year's annual genealogy conference is, "Back to Our Roots: Celebrating 300 years of Lancaster County History." Keynote speakers are author Jack Brubaker (aka "The Scribbler" of *Lancaster New Era* newspaper) and historian Steve Nolt. **S R**

Monday, June 7



**Celebration of the Martyr's Mirror and its Importance to Lancaster's First Settlers**, 7 pm, free public meeting at Christian Aid Ministries center in Ephrata. 2010 marks the 350th anniversary of publication of the *Martyr's Mirror*, influential Dutch book of Anabaptist martyr stories. This meeting, co-sponsored with the Swiss Pioneers Association, will look at the book's significance to Amish and Mennonites through the years. **F**

Saturday, June 12



**Lancaster County Food Festival**, 4–7 pm, at the 1719 Hans Herr House. Featuring diverse cuisine from the many different food traditions of Lancaster County, this event is a fundraiser for recreating a Native American longhouse on the grounds of the Herr House. **S**

Saturday, July 17



**Herr Family Homecoming**, 3–8 pm; \$15 admission. Reunion on the grounds of the 1719 Hans Herr House for all relatives of Lancaster's first families: Bauman, Franciscus, Funk, Graf, Herr, Kendig, Miller, Mylin, Oberholtzer and Native Americans. Tickets include catered buffet meal, live music, colonial crafts, games, photos of yourself in antique clothing, genealogy and family stories. **S R**

Sunday, August 15



**Wuppertaler-Kurrende German boys' choir concert**, 4 pm, at Mellinger Mennonite Church. This renown, 60-voice boys' choir from Germany visits Lancaster on their U.S. tour. **F**

Saturday August 28



**Heritage Trail bike ride and walk**. Bike from the eastern edge of Lancaster County to Willow Street or walk the length of the original Pequea settlement (from Strasburg to Willow Street). Enjoy refreshments at journey's end at the 1719 Hans Herr House. This event is a fundraiser for recreating a Native American longhouse on the grounds of the Herr House. **S R**

**Key to Symbols** **F** Free and open to the public  
**S** Fee charged  
**R** Registration required (phone 717-393-9745)

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Saturday, September 18



**Snitz Fest & Heritage Day**, 9 am–4 pm, at the 1719 Hans Herr House, free. The Pennsylvania German community celebration features costumed interpreters demonstrating colonial-era arts, crafts and farming. Includes hands-on activities and traditional foods. This year's free event is underwritten by Willow Street Mennonite Church. **F**



Saturday, September 25, field trip (see May 7)

Monday, September 27



**Pennsylvania German Cooking Traditions**, 7 pm, free public meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church. Phyllis Pellman Good will discuss Amish foods and foodways. A recognized expert on early PA German foods and cooking will also speak. **F**

Saturday, October 2, field trip (see May 6)

Saturday, October 9



**Public Acknowledgement and Commemoration of Native American Legacy**. 10 am event in downtown Lancaster followed by lunch; 2 pm dedication of Native American longhouse site and celebration at the 1719 Hans Herr House. **F**

## Events throughout the year

- **Storytellers available to speak** to your group on 300th anniversary topics **S R**
- **Self-guided driving tour booklet** of original settlement (available in May) **S**
- Call ahead for **step-on guides to field trip sites** (as listed above) **S R**
- **Commemorative 300th anniversary history booklet** (available in March) **S**
- **Self-directed Scavenger Hunt** to historic sites in colonial Lancaster County **S**



Saturday, October 16,



**Historic West Lampeter Township Driving Tour**, Self-guided driving tour to historic sites in the vicinity of the 1719 Hans Herr House with interpretive guides at each stop. \$8/person, children half price. 10 am to 4 pm. **S**

Friday, November 19



**Opening reception, 2nd Annual Show of Pennsylvania German Folk Art** at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 6–9 pm, free. Show of quality reproduction folk art runs Nov. 19–Dec. 31. **F**

Monday, November 1



**Native Americans of Lancaster County**, 7 pm, free public meeting at Lititz Moravian Church. A panel of experts will discuss the history of Native Americans in and around Lancaster 300 years ago. **F**

Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4



**Christmas Candlelight Tours** at the 1719 Hans Herr House; "300 Years of Christmas Traditions," Friday, 6–8:30 pm and Saturday, 5–8:30 pm. **S**



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- Celebrating the arrival of the first permanent European settlers in Lancaster County in 1710;
- Celebrating the contributions of the Native Peoples who lived here before and after the 1710 settlement;
- Celebrating the rich diversity and the many peoples who make up Lancaster County today in 2010.

Events Throughout 2010