

Historical Society Board names Christine Turner executive director



After a nationwide search, the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society has chosen Harrisburg native Christine Turner to lead the organization as executive director. Christine began her duties on June 1.

As director, Turner is responsible for all operations, including fundraising, programming, finance, and facilities management. She oversees the administration of the National Historic

Landmark John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion and the Alexander Family Research Library.

Born next door at Harrisburg Hospital, Chris is a graduate of Greenwood High School and Beloit College, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts with honors in history. She was director of corporate relations and events for Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region in Albany, New York, beginning in 2010. There she was responsible for overseeing and executing nearly 60 events and appeals, raising more than \$2.2 million annually for the charities. In addition, Turner raised \$2.4 million for a Ronald McDonald House expansion campaign.

Prior to her work with Ronald McDonald House Charities, Turner was associated with major and minor league baseball teams in Cincinnati, Savannah, and Troy, New York. In 2009/2010 she served as assistant general manager and Major League Baseball consultant for the Victoria Aces in Melbourne, Australia. We're certain you'll be seeing her at some of the Senators games on City Island.

"I truly admire the work that HSDC does and am honored to have the opportunity to assist in growing its tradition of preserving and promoting the history of Dauphin County," says Turner. "It will be exciting to share with the public all the society has to offer, including the National Historic Landmark Harris-Cameron Mansion and our research library and programs."

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To collect, preserve, exhibit, publish, and promote interest in the history of Dauphin County for the education, enjoyment and benefit of the public.

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"We are delighted to have found Christine and look forward to working with her," says John K. Robinson, president of the Society's board of trustees and chair of the search committee. "Her love of history and her skills in fundraising are just what we need at this time. We are confident that Christine will lead us in new directions and create opportunities for advancing our mission in the community."

If you wish to contact Chris, call her at (717) 233-3462 or email her at director@DauphinCountyHistory.org.

At a luncheon on June 8, the Board welcomed Christine and honored office manager Barbara Pollihan and research librarian Ken Frew for their hard work in the interim period.

Society wins HHRVB Landmark Award

The John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion was recognized by the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau at its Partners in Tourism Awards ceremony on March 30. The mansion reached its 250th anniversary in 2016.

HHRVB leads economic growth for the region through destination marketing and tourism development. Thanks to their efforts, the mansion visitation throughout the 250 anniversary year.

Many thanks to HHRVB for this recognition.



Check out their award video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaMfa8koKwE&t=14s>.

World War I exhibit continues through December 22

If you have not yet seen "Uncle Sam Calls: Dauphin County in World War I," you are in for a treat. The exhibit consists of more than 50 original WWI-era posters, one of the most effective communications tools as the U.S. government prepared and entered the war in 1917. These colorful works of art, with their sometimes cheerful – and often ominous – messages are accompanied by artifacts, photos, and documents from the Society's collections and items loaned to us just for this exhibit. See photos on page 3.

The exhibit is open during regular tour hours. Days and times are found at www.DauphinCountyHistory.org



Exhibit preparers at work.



Toy soldiers march in formation.

Original WWI poster—one of 50 on display in the exhibit “Uncle Sam Calls: Dauphin County in World War I” now through December 22.

October 8 2:30 P.M.

HOOKED ON RUGS



“Loose Noodles,” a group of Harrisburg area women, returns to the mansion by popular demand to show their latest work and demonstrate

the early American art of hooking wool rugs. Tour at 1:00 p.m.

November 12 2:30 P.M.

WHO WAS THADDEUS STEVENS?



Ross Hetrick, president of the Thaddeus Stevens Society, examines the life of the famous 19th century member of the U.S. House and abolitionist who fought to secure equal rights for freed men and women after the Civil War. Tour at 1:00 p.m.

December 7 5:30-7:30 P.M.

DECK THE HALLS



A gala reception in the glittering Harris-Cameron Mansion features food and drink from the area’s best caterers, brewers, and vintners and welcomes the holiday season. Music will fill the Victorian parlor. Reservations at (717) 233-3462. \$\$

December 10 1:00-6:00 P.M.

A MANSION CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY MARKET



Dressed in its best holiday finery, the Mansion presents artisans offering their hand-crafted work for sale. \$5 Members free.

Calendar of Events

Tour and program events are free to Society members.

July 4 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. and 12 noon

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE MANSION



John Harris, Jr. reads the Declaration from the porch of the Mansion as he did in 1776. Tours follow the readings. Readings free of charge. Bring a lawn chair and sit in the shade of the ancient pear tree!

September 10 2:30 P.M.

JAMES REESE EUROPE



Noted Harrisburg historian Calobe Jackson, Jr. presents the story of Europe, an African American bandleader and composer, whose military band traveled over 2,000 miles in France, performing for soldiers and civilians during World War I. The presentation will include recordings of the Europe bands. Tour at 1:00 p.m.

Membership has many benefits and offers chances to participate. Sign up now!

Since 1869, leading citizens of Harrisburg, Dauphin County and indeed the entire Capital Region have supported and shared in the work of the Historical Society of Dauphin County. If you are reading this and are not a member, we invite you to join us. If it's time to renew your membership, we encourage you to do so.

When you're a member you receive free admission to the Harris-Cameron Mansion for tours and programs; advance notice on special events and activities; free use of the Alexander Research Library; a subscription to *The Oracle*; a 10% discount on books and other items in our museum store; access to member-only events and tours; and a free tour of Ft. Hunter Mansion when you present your membership card. Memberships are available at several levels, all of which you will find described in depth on our website at dauphincountyhistory.org/members/membership-benefits/.



Barbara Barksdale, 1
historian and volunteer

We also offer the opportunity to be part of our mission. Volunteers are often needed in the following categories: Program and Event Staffing; Docent and Group Tour Guide; Archives and Collections Projects; Office and Marketing Projects; Gardening and Grounds Care. You may volunteer as little or as much as you like – and generally at the time it best suits you. Please contact our office at (717) 233-3462 to discuss the opportunities to participate. We value your contributions!

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Office hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday

Library hours: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday

Mansion hours: Tours at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday and the second and fourth Sundays

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Medal awarded to students of the Pennsylvania Female College, housed in the old John Harris Mansion, 1853-1861.

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