



The Oracle

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Coming Events

- Sunday, Aug. 30—*Kipona and the Riverfront*, presented by Erik Fasick, 2:30pm.
- Sunday, Sept. 13—Gallery Walk, 11:00am-6:00pm.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16—Volunteer Information Meeting, Noon.
- Saturday, Sept. 26—*Smithsonian Museum Day*, Free Tours at 1, 2, and 3pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 10—*Linglestown 250 History Fair*.
- Friday, Oct. 30—*Ghost Tours of the Mansion*.
- Sunday, Nov. 8—*Simon Cameron*, presented by Rev. Robert Lescalette, 2:30pm.
- Saturday, Nov. 14—*Anniversary of the Grand Review of the United States Colored Troops in Harrisburg in 1865*.
- Sunday, Dec. 13—*Christmas at the Mansion & Holiday Market*, Noon to 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15—*Deck the Halls*, 5:30-7:30pm.

HSDC HOURS

Office

10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

Library

1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Monday-Thursday &
2nd Sunday of the
Month

Mansion Tours

1:00, 2:00, & 3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday &
2nd Sunday of the
Month

Other times available
by appointment

Susquehanna River Program Series concludes with *Kipona and the Riverfront*

Author and HSDC trustee Erik V. Fasick will present the final program in the summer series on his book *Harrisburg and the Susquehanna River* on Sunday, August 30 at 2:30 pm in the parlor of the Harris-Cameron Mansion. The presentation, *Kipona and the Riverfront*, will focus on Harrisburg's annual river festival, which was not always called Kipona and did not always take place on Labor Day. The program will be followed by a tour of our current photo exhibit featuring historic images from HSDC's photography collection. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author.



There is a suggested donation of \$5. The program is free for HSDC members. A mansion tour is included and begins at 1:00 pm.

Gallery Walk

The Harris-Cameron Mansion will once again be a stop on the Art Association of Harrisburg's annual Gallery Walk on Sunday,



September 13.

The mansion will be open from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and will feature the photo exhibit

Harrisburg and the Susquehanna River and a working artist on the grounds.

We are a
Blue Star
Museum
arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums

Active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve, and up to five family members receive free admission to the mansion during regular tour hours through Labor Day 2015.



Smithsonian magazine

museum day live

The Harris-Cameron Mansion will again be offering free tours at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 26 to visitors with downloadable free tickets from the Smithsonianmag.com website. It is a great opportunity to take a rare Saturday mansion tour courtesy of *Smithsonian Magazine*.

Historical Society of Dauphin County

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The Mission of The Historical Society of Dauphin County is 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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The Oracle is prepared and edited by Howard Parker



From the Director's Desk ...

Dear Friends of HSDC,

July starts a new fiscal year at HSDC and the board and staff are making important plans from the future. We have started work on a new 5-year Strategic Plan, as well as preparations for the 250th Anniversary of the building of the Harris-Cameron Mansion in 2016! To keep you informed about HSDC's wonderful programs and opportunities, we are

producing a shorter, but more frequent newsletter, which members will receive in the mail four times a year. We hope you will consider Membership in HSDC, or if you are already a member, consider a gift membership for a friend. Your support is what keeps us going. Stayed tuned for more information on the anniversary plans and please visit us on Facebook and see hsdchappenings@blogspot.com for the latest on upcoming programs and events. Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Thank you,

Nicole McMullen
Executive Director

Thank You to our Donors

A special thank you to Jason Reimer and The Vineyard and Brewery at Hershey for providing wine and beer for a number of Historical Society functions including Deck the Halls and the Annual Meeting this year.

In addition to the generosity of our annual membership, we would like to thank the following individuals and foundations for their financial support since January 2014. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

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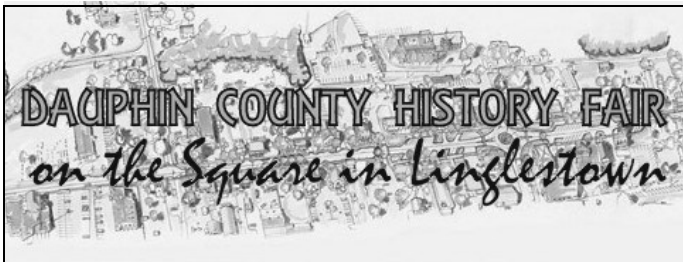
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Celebrate with John Harris, Jr.

2016 will be the 250th anniversary of the building of the oldest section of the Harris-Cameron Mansion and plans are in the works to mark the occasion in style. You can be a part of the fun as an HSDC volunteer. Giving mansion tours, doing research, helping with programs, gardening, and working in the office are just some of the ways you can help keep the rich history of Dauphin County alive.

There will be a **Volunteer Information Meeting** on **Wednesday, Sept. 16 at noon** in the Mansion. Can't attend the meeting? Contact the HSDC office at 233-3462 or at office@dauphincountyhistory.org for more information.



HSDC is teaming up with Linglestown 250 for the 2nd annual History Fair on Saturday, October 10 (time TBA) as part of the town's big anniversary weekend. Historical societies from communities throughout Dauphin County will be on hand to share their stories and the services that they provide. If your group would like to participate, please contact us. We would love to have you.

Stay up to date on all things HSDC at hsdchappenings.blogspot.com.

A Fresh View of Simon Cameron

The Second Sunday at the Mansion program on November 8 at 2:30 pm will feature the Rev. Robert



Lescalette on *The Honorable Side of Simon Cameron*. The Reverend Lescalette lives on the site in Maytown, Lancaster County, where Cameron was born. A donation of \$5 is requested. HSDC members are free of charge. Mansion tours begin at 1:00 pm and will be offered at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm as well.



Ben Franklin (portrayed by Richard Fox) shares some wit and wisdom with a young friend at the July Fourth at the Mansion celebration.

Save the Dates!

**Sunday, December 13
Christmas at the Mansion
and Holiday Market**

**Tuesday, December 15
Deck the Halls Gala**



Parking is FREE at the Mansion!

Free parking is available on-site for all programs and events at the Mansion. Free parking is also available on evenings and weekends in the Pinnacle Health physicians' lot off River Street behind the Mansion property.

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As an HSDC member, you receive:

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Unlimited Visits to the Alexander Family Research Library.

Free admission to general programs.

Discounts on purchases and HSDC sponsored activities and programs.

Free subscription to *The Oracle*.

Advance notice and discounts on special programs and events.

10% discount in the Museum Shop.

Free tour of Ft. Hunter Mansion with your membership card.

Discount membership to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

Heritage and above membership levels enjoy additional benefits.

We're always thrilled to add new members to our rolls. Please help the HSDC grow its member base by sharing the form on the right with a friend or neighbor.

We would also like to communicate with our current members more quickly and easily. Please help us do so by providing your email address to office@dauphincountyhistory.org and write "My Email Address" in the subject line. Thank you.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Check Level Desired:

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__ Heritage Circle \$55

__ Full-time Student \$10

__ Haldeman Circle \$100

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__ Cameron Circle \$250

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