

SULPHUR SPA NEWS

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February 2026

Next Meeting Date: **March 16, 2026**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Lions Building
Program: **Colonial Pennsylvania and the New Republic**
John Maietta will be joining us to discuss Pennsylvania during the Colonial Period and the New Republic. Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians played key roles in the creation of our nation.

You may remember John from his presentation on classic toys back in 2024. His popular presentations on history and culture have been featured at many venues throughout the region.

This will be our Annual Meeting.
Look for more details on page 2 of this letter.

In the event of bad weather, check the meeting's status on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Sunday, May 3, 2026
2-5 p.m.
Museum Open House

We will hold a public open house on this date to showcase our completed "In Pursuit of Life, Liberty & Happiness" exhibit, the tribute to the 100th anniversary of the York Springs Fire Company, and the moved and downsized "Organization" exhibit.

The highlight will be the opportunity for members and the public to view the completed basement renovations. This space will not typically be open to the public, so this will be your chance to be in the space. Please note that it will not be completely organized, but work will have started to accession and organize the hundreds of artifacts to be located there.

June 15, 2026
Annual Picnic
More details to follow in May.

56th ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Monday, March 16, at the Lions' Building beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge per person this year to cover the cost of the speaker.

We will follow the same format we did in 2025. Instead of dinner, we will have our speaker, followed by light refreshments and then the actual annual meeting.

The annual meeting portion of the evening will feature a recap of our accomplishments since last March, a discussion of the upcoming 250th celebrations, and plans for the open house in May.

It is hoped that everyone will attend this very important meeting to be an active part of the Society's future. Bring a new member, or just a friend.

Members are invited to bring their favorite refreshments to share. This worked out very well last year. Cups, plates, napkins and drink will be provided.



Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Historical Society

56 years old, preserving the history of Northeastern Adams County including Huntington, Latimore & Tyrone Townships, and York Springs.

Meeting Notes:

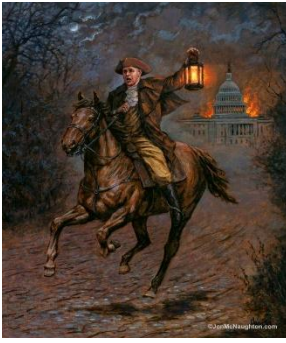
- Peggie Williams, Owen Kennedy, Jim and Elaine Gilbert prepared the bed around the new rail fence and put the mulch in. This was done in January during a brief thaw. The rest of the mulch will be placed in front of the building once the mulch thaws out again.
- The next Board Meeting will be held April 15. Members are invited to attend. All meetings are held at the museum except in the case of bad weather. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to:

- E & B Mulch for donating and delivering 4 cubic yards of mulch for the museum flower beds.
- Dave Williams for painting the large exhibit room.
- Jack and Jason Williams for donating paint for the basement project.
- Donna King for crafting bunting for the new exhibit.
- To those members who made year end donations to the Society. Every little bit helps to keep the lights on!

In Memorium

Member Debra Giardullo, passed away since our last newsletter. We extend our sympathy to her husband Sam and family.



**“Paul Revere Tea”
 Sunday, April 26
 1:00
 Lions’ Building**



Cost \$40 per seat.

Only 40 tickets will be sold due to the size of the room. Tickets go fast, so do not delay purchasing your ticket.

In keeping with this year’s theme, Pres. Snyder will be sharing some thoughts on Paul Revere, as part of our 250th celebrations.

The cost of the tea includes scones, soup, sandwiches, desserts, tea, and fellowship!

Reservations may be made by contacting Donna at 717-578-0233 or at aussie.02@hotmail.com.

It is time to reserve your spot for our bus trip to Philadelphia. Details have been posted in the last newsletter and on Facebook. Reservations with payment must be made by March 1, as money is due to the bus company.

America 250th Bus Trip to Philadelphia

When- Sunday, April 12

Departure Time- 7:00am from Wolf’s Bus Station

Cost- \$140 per person

Send reservation to info@yosshs.org or call 717-528-4869.

Have you paid your membership dues for 2026?

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES	
Name: _____	Phone: _____
email Address: _____	
Individual - \$ 20.00 _____	Family - \$ 35.00 _____
Life (indiv.) -\$250.00 _____	Student - \$5.00 _____
Special Interests:	

Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Museum

Upcoming Dates at the Museum First Sundays- 2-4 p.m.

March 1

**April 5
Closed- Easter Sunday**

**May 3
Open House
2-5**

**June 7
2-4**

In spite of the snow and extreme cold, work has continued in the museum. The Fire Company exhibit is complete and the display for the 250th is nearing completion. Volunteers have been donating weekday hours to get this all accomplished. The next task is consolidating the “Organization” exhibit into its new room (old IOOF room), as well as making any need repairs/updates to the other existing exhibits.

We need to have the main floor of the museum back into shape by the beginning of March as the Gifted Class at Bermudian Springs Elementary is scheduled to pay us a visit.

Once this work is completed, work will begin in the basement. The goal is to accession all items as we give them a new home. This involves setting up shelves, taking pictures of each item, labeling with an accession number, entering the information into the computer and finally giving it a home.

Interested in helping out? Send Daena an email at info@yosshs.org to volunteer.

Many hands are needed to accomplish the mission of the Society. Please volunteer!

Artifact Donations

➤ Nothing to report since November

Visitors since November- 2

Research requests since November- 2

*Welcome New Members:
Eric S. Perando
Breanna Rathmann*



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Donations of any amount may be sent to YOSSHS at Box 161, York Springs, PA 17372 to help maintain our museum and archives and further our mission. We cannot do it without you!



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Interesting Pennsylvania tidbits:

- ❖ After the First Continental Congress convened in September of 1774, Pennsylvania radicals began a successful two-year campaign to overturn the province's conservative government.
- ❖ Congress approved the creation of extralegal Committees of Associators to enforce the Continental Association to boycott commerce with the British.
- ❖ Thomas Paine's pamphlet "Common Sense" was published in Philadelphia.
- ❖ There was intense conflict between the conservatives (pro-British) then in power, and the radicals who were pro-revolution.
- ❖ June of 1776 the radicals declared the Pennsylvania assembly "dissolved". It "quietly went out of existence in the fall of 1776".
- ❖ The radicals wrote the new Pennsylvania Constitution which lasted until 1790.

Source: [Pennsylvania A History of the Commonwealth](#) edited by Randall M. Miller and William Pencak c. 2002