

CTHA 2026 Programs

Summer History Programs

Sunday afternoons at 2:00PM at the Wills Mansion Museum

The Past and Present of the Lenape in Pennsylvania - Shelley DePaul –June 28 2:00 PM

Shelley DePaul, Clan Mother for the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, will discuss the past and present of the Lenape people in Pennsylvania. This will include pre-colonial life and cultural practices, relationships with William Penn, the era of Penn's Sons and the Walking Purchase, the Lenape diaspora and where they are today, the Lenape who remained in their homeland and how they remained, and what the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is doing today to revitalize Lenape culture and continue their role as caretakers of the environment.

The Murder of Theodore Brodhead – John Abel - August 16 2:00 PM

The two men who murdered Theodore Brodhead were quickly apprehended and although one was executed, and one escaped, they each left a lasting impact on the Poconos.

Original Land Warrants - Kathy Winowich and Vern Saxe - September 27 2:00 PM

Join us to explore the original land warrants of Coolbaugh Township and how Pennsylvania's earliest land claims were created, recorded, and transferred. These warrants, government-issued certificates authorizing the claim and survey of public land, shaped early settlement and were often granted for military service or public improvements.

Local Taxes: How They Changed as Coolbaugh Township Has Changed

Gratz Washenik- October 25 2:00 PM

Funding local government has always, and will always, have a direct impact on residents' lives. We'll discuss how periods of growth and change have affected our local revenue.

History & Nature Hike

Tobyhanna No. 2 and No. 3 Icehouses – Tobyhanna State Park - Sunday April 12, 2:00 PM

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association and Tobyhanna State Park will host a guided walk to the remains of Icehouses No. 2 and No. 3, led by Bill Leonard (CTHA) and Stephanie Sherman (Tobyhanna State Park). Participants will explore surviving foundations, the former rail spur, and the area's history, from lumbering and the ice industry to the Tobyhanna Military Reservation and the park's natural heritage. The easy 2-mile walk begins at the Tobyhanna State Park boat launch parking lot.

Steamtown Excursions to Tobyhanna

July 18 & October 3

Tobyhanna welcomes Steamtown visitors with an America 250 spirit, offering a walk through local history at the train station, Millpond icehouse, and former Saint Ann's Church and crypt, along with food, music, vintage vehicles, insights into the huckleberry industry, unique local experiences, and the backdrop of brilliant fall foliage that celebrates both community heritage and the nation's 250th anniversary.
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Dinner Program

October 17, 2026 - 4:00 PM Pocono Farms Country Club

The program by Mike Gadomski titled *Wild Pennsylvania* is a 50-minute multimedia presentation that takes viewers on a visual and sensory tour of the state's wild and natural areas. It blends striking photography of Pennsylvania's magnificent scenery with narration and subtle background music. Presented in the Ken Burns style of filmmaking, the imagery pans, fades, and zooms to highlight the beauty and harmony of the Commonwealth's wild landscapes.

Possible 2026 Heritage Tours - Dates to be determined

Antique Ice Tool Museum – West Chester PA Tentatively June 2026

A private tour of the Antique Ice Tool Museum in West Chester, PA offers an exceptional look into the natural ice trade. Founded by the Stack Family in 2009, this one-of-a-kind museum is dedicated to preserving the history of America's once-vital ice industry. It houses the largest private collection of antique ice tools and memorabilia in the United States. The collection also includes various machinery and tools from the ice industry, plus photographs, magazine articles, and interpretive materials thoughtfully integrated into the exhibits, helping visitors explore the rich and fascinating history behind the natural ice industry and its importance to communities across the country.

Stoddartsville Preservation Society – Stoddartsville PA

The historic village of Stoddartsville was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. John Stoddart, a wealthy Pennsylvania merchant, built the town in 1816 as a terminus for the newly planned Lehigh Canal. Stoddartsville included grist and sawmills, a hotel and stagecoach stop serving as toll house for the new Easton and Wilkes-Barre Turnpike (now Route 115), general stores, post office, craft shops and homes. The Stoddartsville Historic Center offers an extensive collection of historical pictures, documents and artifacts related to the history of Stoddartsville and surrounding area.

Joel Hill Sawmill – Equinunk PA

The sawmill is a fully restored 19th-century, water-powered sawmill that still operates much as it did after the Civil War. The sawmill is operated by volunteer members of the Equinunk Historical Society. On the same grounds is the Thomas Cleveland Museum of the Vintage Machinery, which houses many pieces of wood and metalworking machinery from late nineteenth century.

Culinary Institute of America Experience Tour – Hyde Park NY

A tour offering an engaging behind-the-scenes look at one of the world's premier culinary schools. Visitors walk the historic Hudson River campus with a student guide, explore teaching kitchens where renowned chefs have trained, and experience the energy of a working culinary academy. Many tours include a sensory tasting exercise in the Wine Spectator Classroom, adding an interactive element to the visit. The campus also features award-winning, student-run restaurants and striking views, making the experience both educational and memorable.

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Fork Street Bistro & Bakery

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Offering breakfast & lunch



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WFMZ 69 TV Reporter Sydney Kay interviews some key Ice Harvest players with another antique ice saw.