

Lehigh Valley

PASSPORT TO HISTORY

We're celebrating Women's History Month in March. Keep an eye out for these programs and others as partner sites highlight the creativity and achievements of women from all walks of life.

It's Pearl S. Buck International's 60th Anniversary! They've planned a year of special events including a gala, symposium, and "Living the Legacy" Breakfast. Festivities begin this month with a special exhibition of Pearl S. Buck's fashion, Hidden Gems: Fashioning a Legacy (opens 3/15)

The History of Quilting - Women's History Lecture at Daniel Boone Homestead (3/3)

Lecture: Ladies of 20th-Century Pennsylvania Dutch Literature and Illustration - Berks History Center (3/9).

A Conversation with Shanita Hubbard, Author of Ride or Die: A Feminist Manifesto for the Well-Being of Black Women - Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites (3/14)

Day Trip to the Alice Paul Institute: New Jersey's Crusader for Equality - Berks History Center (3/21)

Lecture: Stitching The Steel: What Mildred Johnstone's Bold Needlepoint Scenes of Steelmaking Can Tell Us About the Worlds of Art and Industry - National Museum of Industrial History (3/23)

Conversations with the Curator: Lucretia Bradley Hubbell and the Gas-Filled Balloon Ascension of 1855 - Sigal Museum (3/27)



Pearl S. Buck International's Hidden Gems: Fashioning a Legacy



WELCOME

SLATE BELT MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



LVHISTORY.ORG

Formed in 1977 and housed in a country gothic building that was originally the Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church, the society gathers, preserves, and curates artifacts that reflect the history of the Slate Belt region of the Lehigh Valley and Pocono Mountains.

The church had its beginnings in 1730 when thirty families of Scotch-Irish birth settled in an area north of the Forks of the Delaware River, now Upper Mount Bethel and Washington Townships, particularly the villages of Martins Creek, Richmond and Mount Bethel. Alexander Hunter, an early leader, gave his name to this community, Hunter Settlement. Hunter Settlement was part of the land of the Lenni Lenape that was given to settlers in the infamous Walking Purchase of 1737.

In 1853, the Williamsburg Academy was built in the southwest corner of the cemetery. This parochial school was the first institution of higher learning in the area, and offered such classical education courses as Latin and Greek. Jonathan Moore, an elder in the church and the first schoolmaster, was paid \$300 per year plus all the tuition income up to a total of \$400. According to an advertisement in The Portland Enterprise of June 17, 1876, the tuition was \$7.50 for a 10-week term, or 90 cents a week. Many graduates went on to fill positions such as ministers, educators, public officials and community leaders.

Slate Belt Museum is open for free to visitors on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 p.m., spring through December. Go here for more info <https://www.slatebeltmuseum.com/>.



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Potatoes, Coffee/Tea/Juice

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This week the Easter Bunny will make his appearance.