

2026 History Weekend Themes
What you Didn't Know about Beaver County
May 2 and 3, 2026

Air Heritage Aviation Museum

35 Pipe Street, Chippewa Township, Beaver Falls 724-843-2820 www.airheritage.org

Aviation has a long and important history in Beaver County, Pennsylvania starting in the 1920s. The first regional airport founded in Beaver County was the Patterson Heights Airport. The first local airmail flights started at Conway Airport in 1938. By the 1950s, other airports, including the Aliquippa-Hopewell Airport, dotted Beaver County's landscape. Of all the airports that once served Beaver County, only the Beaver Falls Airport, now known as the Beaver County Airport, remains operational today. Situated in Chippewa Township, this airport stands as a living testament to the region's rich aviation heritage. The preservation of this history is further ensured by the presence of the Air Heritage Aviation Museum which is located on the airport grounds. The museum plays a vital role in keeping the stories and achievements of local aviation alive for future generations. Air Heritage Aviation Museum has a vast collection of aviation and military memorabilia, multiple static aircraft displays, and three historic warbirds: a World War II Douglas C-47 Skytrain "Luck of the Irish," a Vietnam Era Fairchild C-123K Provider "Thunder Pig" which is the last one still flying in the world, and an Italian Piper Super Cub L-21 aircraft.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

B. F. Jones Memorial Library

663 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa 724-375-2900 www.beaverlibraries.org/aliquippa.asp

Discover the beauty and history of stained glass! This centuries-old art form first appeared in medieval Europe, adorning cathedrals with vibrant windows that told stories through light and color. Over time, stained glass moved beyond churches into homes and public buildings, becoming a symbol of craftsmanship and artistry. The library will offer informal historical tours of our building, showcasing its distinctive architectural features and the stunning stained-glass details in the director's office. During the tours, we will also explore the rich tradition of stained glass throughout our county—revealing beautiful examples found in both expected and surprising places.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Beaver Area Heritage Museum

1 River Road Extension, Beaver 724-775-7174 www.beaverheritage.org

Beaver County's only Revolutionary War site: it was constructed in 1778 during the American Revolution, Fort McIntosh stood high above the Ohio River on the land where the town of Beaver now stands. At its height, the fort housed and fed a garrison of approximately 1,500 men. In January 1785, Fort McIntosh became the site of the signing of the *Treaty of Fort McIntosh*, an agreement between the newly emerging United States and the chiefs of the Delaware, Wyandot, Ottawa, and Chippewa nations—an event that permanently altered the lives of both the young nation and Native American communities.

Explore the fort's history, its purpose, the people who lived and served here, and the lasting impact it continues to have in today's world.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: April 12 through November 30, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the first Sunday of each month.

Beaver County Genealogy and History Center

Beaver Station, 250 East End Avenue, Beaver 724-775-1775 www.beavercountyhistory.org

Copies of the rare 1876 Caldwell's Beaver County Centennial Atlas will be on display for your review – snap a picture of what existed where your home is today! The fascinating 1905 Scrapbook of Beaver resident Ira Mansfield, famous industrialist, naturalist & founder of the Robin Hood Club for female teachers, will be out of the safe for your enjoyment and education. See our model display and learn about the history of the last P&LE Railroad passenger train to travel through Beaver Station. As we celebrate America/Beaver County 250, discover how the survey of the rest of the United States of America started at the "Point of Beginning" on the Beaver County, Pennsylvania and Ohio border near Little Beaver Creek

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beaver County Industrial Museum

**801 Plumb Street, Darlington, PA 16115 724-624-8244 or contact BCIM@gmail.com
www.beavercountyindustrialmuseum.com**

You may have heard of Valvoline Oil, but did you know this company was once headquartered in Beaver County as Freedom-Valvoline Oil in Freedom, PA? Did you know that some of the first glass bakeware ever made was produced by the Fry Glass Company and tested in the homes of Fry workers in Rochester, PA? Did you know that the first civilian atomic power plant was located in Shippingport, PA? Did you know that the Inge-Rich Company in Beaver Falls made the first enameled license plates for the state of PA? Did you know that the Co-Operative Glass Company was the first true glass co-operative formed by striking glass workers from another glass company? For history weekend, these are a few fun facts the Beaver County Industrial Museum will highlight. We will concentrate on the many firsts and innovations that were born here in Beaver County. Visitors will learn more about Beaver County companies such as J&L Steel, the H C Fry Glass Company, Mayer China, Phoenix Glass, St. Joe Lead Corp., the Shippingport Atomic Power Station, Co-Operative Flint Glass Company, the Inge-Rich Company and more.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Regular Hours: Sundays in May, June, July and August from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Additional hours by appointment.

Beaver County Model Railroad and Historical Society

416 6th Street, Monaca, PA 15061 www.bcmrr.railfan.net beaverctymrr@gmail.com

Beaver County has a rich history tied to the steel industry and the railroads, each needing the other. Steel products made in Beaver County were known for their excellence worldwide. By 1904, 122 passenger trains and 120 freight trains passed through Rochester every 24 hours. Our train display is complete with a model steel mill and life depicted in Beaver County circa 1960s.

History Weekend Hours: Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Regular House: Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Also during spring and fall sale and Christmas holidays

Beaver Falls Historical Society and Museum

***At Rochester Area Heritage Society Museum, Model Railroad and Fry Glass Rooms
for History weekend
350 Adams Street, 2nd Floor, Rochester**

Harry Travers was a pioneering amusement ride designer and manufacturer from Beaver Falls. Photos and newspaper articles of some of the rides that once were in Kennywood and West Vies in the 1920's will be on display

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*Regular Hours: Beaver Falls Historical is temporarily closed, but can be reached by contacting 724-774-6229, 724-777-5890 or 878-207-2924 and leave a message.

Colonial Dames XVII Century, Beaver Town Chapter

***At South Side Village for History weekend Hookstown Fairgrounds 1198 State Route
168 Hookstown**

Membership information will be available to interested women ages 18 and over. To qualify for membership, your ancestors must have been residing in the colonies by 1701.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m..

Contact Information: 724-774-4537 and leave a message

Enon Valley Community Historical Society

1084 Main Street Enon Valley 724-336-5194

Five Revolutionary War Veterans established farms in Enon Valley in the late 1790s and early 1800s. Information including their war time service, genealogy and location of their farms will be highlighted. Additional information will be provided about the 1849 county boundaries which were re-designed and Lawrence County was formed. Monthly activities are being planned for America 250.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By Appointment or contact Judy Foster 724-336-6502

Fort McIntosh Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

For History weekend Daughter representation will be at the :
Beaver Area Heritage Museum, 1 River Road Extension, Beaver
Beaver County Genealogy and History Center, Beaver Station, 250 East End Ave. Beaver
B.F. Jones Memorial Library, 663 Franklin Avenue, Aliquippa
Carnegie Free Library 1301 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls
South Side Village Hookstown Fairgrounds 1198 State Route 168 Hookstown
Vicary Mansion 1235 Third Avenue, Freedom

Membership information will be available to interested women ages 18 and over. To qualify for membership, the applicant's ancestor must have served during the American Revolutionary War.

History Weekend Hours: Please check the times for each site listed.
Contact Information: 412-974-1284 and leave a message

Ladies Grand Army of the Republic

***At Hookstown Fair Grounds, 1198 State Route 168 Hookstown 724-407-8745 724-573-4420**

The mission of the Ladies G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) is to teach patriotism and preserve the history of our ancestry. For overview of organization: <https://suvew.org/allied-orders-of-the-grand-army-of-the-republic>

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Second Saturdays April – October 11:00 – 3:00
Hookstown Fair, “The Evening of Music,” “The Community Christmas”

Little Beaver Historical Society Complex

710 Market Street, Darlington 724-843-4361 www.littlebeaverhistorical.org

The Little Beaver Historical Society will celebrate the country's 250th Anniversary by focusing on four aspects of the area: First, the Native Americans presence will be shown through a variety of artifacts; Second, the early settlers' culture will be highlighted at the restored log cabin; The Revolutionary War period will be covered by a number of Fort McIntosh items; Finally, a model of Legion Ville (1792) will be on display.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: TBA

Logs Town Associates Historical Society

***At Vicary Mansion 1235 Third Avenue Freedom 724-775-1848 for History weekend**

George Washington wasn't the only visitor to the village of Logs Town. Information will be provided about other important people who played a role in the treaties that were signed at Logs Town.

History Weekend Hours: Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By appointment 724-843-7780

McKinley School

McKinley Road and 37th Street Ext. Chippewa Township, Beaver Falls

724-843-8177 www.facebook.com/McKinleySchoolhouse

The difference in teaching and learning styles between the late 1800s and now will be highlighted. Children will be invited to listen to historic McGuffey Readers being read by a teacher in period dress. Tablets have taken the place of slate and chalk and electric lights have replaced candles and oil lamps. Children of all ages will be encouraged to play 1800s recess games in the schoolyard. On display will be the Chippewa Grange artifacts

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By appointment

Merrick Art Gallery and Museum

1100 Fifth Avenue, New Brighton 724-846-1130 www.merrickartgallery.org

The best kept secret in Beaver County; step into the story of art, culture, and community at the Merrick Art Gallery. The Merrick Art Gallery proudly hosts student art shows and local artists' exhibitions throughout the year, providing a welcoming space for emerging talent and established creatives alike. During history weekend, visitors can view the Beaver Valley Artists show hanging in the main gallery along with the gallery's permanent collection. Join us for a weekend that honors tradition, supports creativity, and celebrates the enduring connection between art and community at the Merrick Art Gallery.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday: 11:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday, Monday Closed

Monaca

1200 Pacific Avenue, Monaca 571-525-8162

Explore the history of the Monaca Fire Department what was originally established in 1895 and now continues through it state-of-the-art new Fire Department. Plans are to have the vintage fire truck as well as the new Monaca ladder truck on display. Tours of the new fire department will also be available.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By appointment only

New Brighton Historical Society

***At New Brighton Public Library 1021 3rd Avenue, New Brighton 724-622-8877 for History weekend**

New Brighton was an important hub on the underground railroad. Highlighted will be Sarah Jane Lippencott and her influence on the abolitionist movement. She was one of the first female newspaper reporters in the United States, an author and a vocal supporter for abolishing slavery. Pictures and artifacts will be on display.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By appointment 724-622-8877

For information on the Irish Townsend House 724-312-5740

Old Economy Village

270 Sixteenth Street, Ambridge 724-266-4500 www.oldeconomyvillage.org

Did you know that silk cloth was produced in Beaver County? A new interactive exhibit at the visitor center invites guests to explore the fascinating history, science, and craftsmanship behind the Harmony Society's silk production. While at the village, visitors can stroll through beautiful gardens, take a guided tour of meticulously restored historic buildings, see workshop demonstrations, and listen to stories about life in the 1830s.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Richmond Little Red School House

245 Park Road, Brighton Township, Beaver 724-774-8292

www.facebook.com/brightontownshiphistoricalsociety

Have you noticed that very few schools built nowadays look alike? That wasn't the case in early Beaver County days. Districts were given a detailed list of what size their one-roomed school could be and how it should be constructed. Architects had all the structural details covered (square feet required, window placement, etc.) and even how close the school had to be for the general population of students. Visit us and hear about the rules and be amazed! We invite you to guess why our school has lasted so long because of a slight difference. Visit us and LEARN-- after all, it's a school!

History Weekend Hours: Sunday only 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours by appointment: 724-774-8289

Rochester Area Heritage Society Museum, Model Railroad and Fry Glass Vintage, Class and Sports Rooms

350 Adams Street, 2nd Floor (Elevator near Police Station) Rochester

724-777-7697 rahsmuseum15074@gmail.com

Rochester has many historical markers within its boundaries. Explore where the 1982 county motto: *Divided by its Rivers, United by its People*, came from; the history of the H.C. Fry Glass company and the clay pot factory and who is recognized in the Veterans' Park, which is located in the roundabout.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours : April through October Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Christmas hours are every Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving until New Years; 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or by appointment.

Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

***At Beaver Area Heritage Museum 1 River Road Extension, Beaver 724-775-7174**

www.beaverheritage.org for history weekend

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: By appointment, 724-775-7174 and leave a message.

South Side Historical Village Association

Hookstown Fairgrounds 1198 State Route 168 Hookstown

SSHVA Secretary: 724-573-4569 www.facebook.com/southsidehistoricvillage

South Side community was a farming community and for the most part, still is. There are a few large industries in our area, such as Shippingport Nuclear Power Plant or CPE Plastics, but our

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Second Saturdays April – October 11:00 – 3:00

Special Events: Open during the Hookstown Fair, “The Evening of Music,” “The Community Christmas” Summer and Fall "Socials"

Or by appointment 724-573-4569 and leave a message

Vicary Mansion

1235 Third Avenue Freedom 724-775-1848 www.bchrlf.org

The construction of the Vicary Mansion was begun in 1826. As we celebrate 200 years information will be shared about the evolution of the building as well as the history of the Vicary Family and other “caretakers” that have lived here.

History Weekend Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Regular Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or by appointment

