For the first time in nearly 250 years, George Washington is returning to Pittsburgh. From Feb. 19 through July 18, the Senator John Heinz History Center will serve as the premier venue on a nine-city national tour of Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon, which is made possible by the generous support of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

This groundbreaking exhibition features highlights from Mount Vernon's world-class collection and provides a new and refreshing perspective on Washington, his achievements and legacies, his family and times, and most importantly, his intellectual pursuits and entrepreneurial ventures.

"Although Washington is one of the most recognized of all historic figures, many visitors are less familiar with the true personality and character of 'The Father of Our Country,'" said Andy Masich, president and CEO of the History Center.

The exhibition reveals the personal side of Washington through a rich assortment of nearly 100 objects. Highlights include:

- An original set of Washington's dentures, made of ivory, human teeth, and animal teeth.
- Several original works of art, including Gilbert Stuart's classic Washington portrait.
- Three full-size, life-like figures of Washington based on the latest forensic research showing him:
  - As a teenaged, red-haired surveyor from Virginia just prior to the French & Indian War;
  - As a Revolutionary War hero atop his horse named Blueskin in a snow-covered forest at Valley Forge; and
  - During his official Presidential inauguration ceremony at Federal Hall in New York City.
- Decorative arts from the Washington family, including china and wine glasses along with a set of pewter plates.
- Surveying equipment, including a compass used by Washington, along with 18th century firearms such as a 1720s cannon from Fort Ticonderoga.
- Five rare books from Washington's personal library, complete with his signature of ownership, that cover such topics as farming, botanical plants, and gristmills, along with the Washington Family Bible.
- Original pieces of Martha Washington's jewelry.

The exhibition also features several interactive activities that will allow visitors to:

- Sit in a full-size replica of the Washington family pew from Pohick Church.

Welcome Washington with These Events

George Washington Exhibition Premiere Party - Feb. 18
Join the History Center for a VIP preview of the new blockbuster exhibition, Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon. History Center members will receive a special invitation in the mail.

Colonial Faire - April 17, 2010
Experience everyday life in the 18th century with artisans and craft demonstrations, music, and food at the Heinz History Center.

Talks with Martha Washington - Spring 2010
Ask Mrs. Washington about her life, her family, and of course her famous husband as part of this interactive family program.

Journey from Washington to the Civil War - June 2010
Explore the history of slavery from George Washington to the Civil War as part of this provocative public program. Learn about slavery's beginnings and the effect on our region and nation during one of America's most uncertain times.

To learn more about these upcoming George Washington events, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on “Events.”

See Washington, page 7.
M any Penguins fans are familiar with the team slogan, "It’s a Great Day For Hockey," used throughout last season’s Stanley Cup Playoff run. Interestingly, the saying originates from the coach of the team’s first championship, Bob Johnson.

A native of Minnesota, “Badger Bob” climbed the coaching ranks, first starting in local high schools and eventually earning the head coaching position at the University of Wisconsin. Johnson led the Badgers to seven NCAA tournament appearances and three National Championships during his 11-year career at Wisconsin.

Following a five-year stint as head coach for the NHL’s Calgary Flames, Johnson arrived in Pittsburgh, where he found immediate success, guiding the Penguins to their first Stanley Cup victory in 1991.

Shortly after that magical season ended, Johnson discovered he had brain cancer. He battled the disease, even preparing the USA Hockey team for the Canada Cup from his hospital bed, but passed away in November 1991.

Bob Johnson’s legacy endures in the optimism he brought to Pittsburgh and in the team’s inaugural Stanley Cup victory.

Using Johnson’s now famous saying, the Penguins won their third Stanley Cup Championship on June 12, 2009, exactly 19 years to the day of “Badger Bob’s” hiring in Pittsburgh.

A practice jacket worn by former Penguins’ coach Bob Johnson is on display at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, along with dozens of other items celebrating Penguins history.

Lord Stanley to Visit the Sports Museum

Penguins fans won’t want to miss the opportunity to get up close and personal with the Stanley Cup as part of a special display this spring.

Thanks to the generosity of the Penguins organization and the NHL, the Stanley Cup will be on display at the History Center and Sports Museum from April 1-4.

As part of the display, fans will also get a chance to take their photo with 10 individual trophies earned by the Penguins throughout the years, including the Hart Trophy, the Art Ross Trophy, and the Prince of Wales Trophy.

Stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org for complete details about the Stanley Cup’s visit to the History Center.

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) partnered with the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum to host the first annual Summit on Sportsmanship this fall.

During the three-hour session – themed “Respect the Game” – more than 500 student athletes and athletic administrators from more than 100 WPIAL schools learned about the importance of sportsmanship in athletics.

Following a tour of the Sports Museum and workshops with local collegiate athletes, attendees enjoyed a star-studded lineup of guest speakers that included:

• NFL official Jerry Bergman;
• WPIAL and WNBA star, Olympic Gold Medalist and current women’s basketball coach at Duquesne University, Suzie McConnell-Serio; and
• Steelers Hall of Famer, Franco Harris.

Following the success of the program, the WPIAL and Sports Museum plan to make the Summit on Sportsmanship an annual event.

Members Only: Black & Gold Exclusives

This fall, History Center and Sports Museum members were treated to behind-the-scenes tours and given access to the best of Pittsburgh sports, including everything from the inside scoop on recent sports artifacts to tours of local TV sports studios.

Anne Madarasz, co-director of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, led members on tours of the two-floor museum, highlighting the newest additions to the museum’s collection.

As part of an ongoing partnership with FSN Pittsburgh, select Sports Museum members were randomly chosen to tour FSN’s North Shore studios. Members learned what it takes to produce a television show from conception to completion, and were invited to be part of a live TV audience for Stan Savran’s Penguins pre-game show.

Please contact Megan Kuniansky at 412-454-6436 or membership@hswp.org for information on other member’s-only events at the Sports Museum.

Steelers Hall of Famer Franco Harris speaks to high school student-athletes at the History Center about the role that good sportsmanship plays in athletics.
Join nearly 2,000 of Pittsburgh’s finest young professionals at the 12th annual History Uncorked, slated for Friday, Feb. 26, from 6:30–10:30 p.m. This year’s “party at the museum,” themed Black & Gold Celebration, will showcase Pittsburgh’s rich sports history and recent championships while commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.

History Uncorked tickets are available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org for $40 prior to the event, or can be purchased for $50 at the door. For $75, party-goers can purchase a VIP ticket which includes admission to History Uncorked, a VIP reception with local sports celebrities, and a one year membership to the History Center and Sports Museum.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on many terrific prize packages during the silent auction.

For more information about History Uncorked, event sponsorship, in-kind contributions, or volunteer opportunities, please contact Sara Gaal at 412-454-6324 or sagaal@hswp.org.

History Center Hosts 1879 Dinner

On Friday, Dec. 4, the History Center hosted its annual 1879 Founders’ Circle Dinner. The event, hosted by Mrs. James F. Compton and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barenfeld, honors the History Center’s Chairman’s Circle members, Founders’ Circle members, and special friends, whose generosity provides vital support for our educational programs, exhibitions, and services.

More than 130 guests enjoyed the evening, which featured an appearance by President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and special remarks by Andy Masich, president & CEO of the History Center, on abolitionist John Brown’s connection to Lincoln and the Civil War. The exhibition, *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War and Lincoln Slept Here*, appeared at the History Center through Jan. 3.

The History Center extends its sincere thanks to both Bob & Jan Barenfeld and Grace Compton for their steadfast support of this event.

History Center Announces 2010 History Maker Awardees

The Eighteenth Annual History Makers Award Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Convention Center Hotel.

Presented by BNY Mellon and Citizens Bank, the History Makers Award Dinner honors outstanding men and women who have made a lasting impression on Western Pennsylvania and the world.

The annual black-tie event, chaired by Robert P. Kelly, chairman & CEO, BNY Mellon, and Ralph J. Papa, president & CEO, Citizens Bank, provides vital funding for the History Center’s educational programs, exhibits, and collections, all of which connect visitors to the important history of our community.

The honorees of the Eighteenth Annual History Makers Award Dinner are:

- **Arts & Letters**
  - Patricia Prattis Jennings, retired principal keyboardist, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

- **Business & Industry**
  - Jeffrey A. Romoff, president and CEO, UPMC

- **Education**
  - Jared L. Cohon, Ph.D., president, Carnegie Mellon University

- **Government**
  - The Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin, retired Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice and partner at Duane Morris

- **Theater Arts**
  - F. Murray Abraham, Academy Award-winning actor, best known for his portrayal of Antonio Salieri in “Amadeus”

For information about event sponsorship and tickets, please contact Sara Gaal at 412-454-6324 or sagaal@hswp.org.
A pioneer in children’s television, Fred Rogers began his career as a puppeteer and on-air musician at Pittsburgh’s WQED in 1953.

His work as an innovator in children’s programming will be recognized with the addition of a life-like figure inside the History Center’s *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation* exhibition.

Working with Family Communications, curators from the History Center have gathered film footage, photographs, and detailed information about Rogers that will be used in crafting the figure. While researching the project, curators discovered many fun facts about Mister Rogers, like his pride in maintaining his weight at 143 pounds as the numbers 1-4-3 correspond to the letters in the words “I love you.”

The Mister Rogers figure will be unveiled on March 20 as part of the community-wide, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor Day” celebration.

Visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org) for updated information on the unveiling of the Mister Rogers figure.
National Audiences Flock to Soul Soldiers Exhibit

Since its opening in 2008, the History Center’s award-winning traveling exhibition, Soul Soldiers: African American and the Vietnam Era, has attracted an unprecedented number of visitors in five cities across the U.S. So far, nearly 250,000 visitors have experienced Soul Soldiers at the following museums:

- The DuSable Museum of African American History – Chicago
- The African American Museum of Dallas
- The Philadelphia African American Museum
- The Virginia Historical Society – Richmond, Va.
- The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute - Birmingham, Ala.

Soul Soldiers is currently on view at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., and is expected to travel to additional locations throughout 2011.

To learn more about Soul Soldiers, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Forbes Field is Closing...Again

The boys of summer won’t be back for a few more months, but baseball fans can still get up-close-and-personal with one of America’s favorite ballparks. Through Feb. 22, visitors to the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum can explore the Forbes Field: Celebrating 100 Years exhibition, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the iconic park.

Through never-before-seen artifacts and photographs, baseball fans can relive some of the most memorable moments in Pittsburgh sports, from the legendary 1909 World Series between the Pirates and Tigers, to the 1960 World Series, when Bill Mazeroski’s famous walk-off home run beat the New York Yankees in the seventh game of the World Series.

Other highlights of the exhibit include:
- 1910 baseball cards of Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb
- An original Homestead Grays uniform from the 1940s
- Original Forbes Field signage, chairs and banners
- The pitching rubber from the 1960 World Series

Fans can learn more about the history of the Pittsburgh Pirates at the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum and check out a number of Forbes Field book titles, available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

18th Century Area Enhances Meadowcroft’s Offerings

Thanks to a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, Meadowcroft has begun developing a new area designed to represent the 18th century frontier in Western Pennsylvania.

The new section will become part of Meadowcroft’s trail through 16,000 years, showing how people lived on the land using the natural resources.

Plans for the new 18th century frontier include a log cabin and other buildings typical of a frontier farm of the predominantly Scotch-Irish settlers to this region. Each of the buildings and surroundings will be built with tools and techniques appropriate to that time period.

Meadowcroft’s educational team is also developing tours and curriculum focusing on the interaction between European settlers and Native Americans in the upper Ohio Valley.

The addition of the new 18th century frontier area will complement the prehistoric Indian village, which was also created through the generous support of the Benedum Foundation.

Lights, Camera, Action at Meadowcroft

Through a generous grant from the Colcom Foundation, teams from Meadowcroft and the History Center are developing The Peopling of America, an interactive kiosk that shows the growth of American population over the past 16,000 years.

Visitors to Meadowcroft will be able to explore an interactive timeline and map that shows major factors that affected population, as well as multiple video presentations that provide a glimpse of what life was like for the first Americans.

The Peopling of America exhibit is slated to debut at Meadowcroft on May 1, to coincide with the opening of the summer visitation season.
What has been your favorite item discovered on Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures?

Ken Rice: Without question, the Pittsburgh toilet. Some viewers - all the way from New Castle, I believe - dug up and brought in an ancient commode with an engraving that read “Pittsburg.” They suspected this dated it to the early 1900’s, when Pittsburgh was sometimes still spelled without the ‘h.’ I believe this remains the only plumbing artifact we’ve had appraised.

Andy Masich: The George Sotter painting valued at $250,000 was really impressive. The family discovered it on a trash heap and it ended up being worth more money than their house. It goes to show, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.

What’s your favorite item in your own personal collection?

Ken Rice: We have an antique piano that similarly says “Pittsburg.” Unlike the New Castle toilet-toters, however, I have no intention of bringing it in to be appraised. I couldn’t sell it, anyway - it sounds great, and my 9-year-old son is learning to play on it.

Andy Masich: When I was 10 years old, I found a powder white minie ball in the attic of my grandfather’s home in Chatauqua, NY. I was fascinated by that Civil War bullet and when no one could tell me more about it, I wrote to the Smithsonian to learn more. Armed with a sense of wonderment, I converted my bedroom into “Andy’s Civil War Museum,” complete with paper mache helmets, bullets and even a mimeographed brochure. It’s probably only worth a few dollars, but that minie ball piqued my interest in American history and eventually led me to the museum field.

What do you think it is about Pittsburghers that make this show so popular?

Ken Rice: We value our history here. Our past has meaning. Many Pittsburghers live in the same homes their parents and grandparents lived in, or on the same blocks. Other cities have cut ties to their heritage. We not only maintain ours, we embrace it.

Andy Masich: Pittsburghers love their city and their neighborhood. We are connected to our past because so many families have lived here for generations. All of us are interested in the stories behind our family histories – and of course, if we have any valuable items sitting in our attics.

Go Behind-the-Story with Local Authors

The History Center hosted the Seventh Annual Holiday Book Fair this winter, featuring more than 50 authors from throughout the region. If you missed it, don’t worry! Log on to the History Center’s Web site to see exclusive footage of dozens of local authors, including Art Rooney, Jr., Jennifer Antkowiak, Jim O’Brien, and Eleanor Schano, telling their stories and memories of Pittsburgh.

To watch, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click History Center -> Interact! -> Videos.

• Fort Pitt Foundry
• Broadway star Gene Kelly
• Legendary astronomer John Brashear
• The NFL’s first cheerleaders, the Pittsburgh Steelerettes
• The “grandfather of the American Oil Industry” Samuel Kier
• The Steelers’ Super Bowl XLIII victory
• Pittsburgh’s Wolverine Toy Manufacturing Co.

Click History Center -> Interact! -> Audio.

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Stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org or check local television listings for additional information.

Want To Learn Pittsburgh History in 60 Seconds?

Celebrate 250 years of Pittsburgh innovations with KQV Radio’s “History Minutes,” featuring History Center President & CEO Andy Masich. From August Wilson to Zambelli’s Fireworks, visitors to www.heinzhistorycenter.org can listen to quick Western Pennsylvania history sound bites covering more than 100 topics, including the newest additions:

• The world’s first bagpiping major at Carnegie Mellon University
• Former Pittsburgh Mayor David L. Lawrence

Check back often as new slideshows are posted frequently. Click History Center -> Interact! -> Slideshows.

Send Us Photos from Your Visits to the History Center

Have a great family photo from a recent trip to the History Center or Sports Museum? We would love to add it to our online slideshows. Please send your favorite History Center photos to webmaster@hswp.org.
Members Only
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Members will receive a special invitation in the mail.

March 2 at 3:00 p.m. – Collection highlights will focus on World War II era items, especially the War Boys family papers. Visitors will also get a glimpse into the History Center’s extensive map collection.

April 6 at 3:00 p.m. – Visitors will learn about items from the Don Lancaster collection, along with the History Center’s census and chronology sections.

Please RSVP to the “Tuesday Teas” events by contacting Megan Kuniansky at 412-454-6436 or membership@hswp.org. Admission is free for History Center members.

We Want to Hear From You
Attention new and longtime History Center members: do you have questions about any facet of your membership? From our Smithsonian affiliation, to where to park when you visit the History Center, we want to know what’s on your mind!
We welcome your questions and comments anytime at membership@hswp.org or by calling 412-454-6436.

We look forward to seeing new and longtime History Center and Sports Museum members this spring.

Member Survey Feedback
Thank you to the hundreds of members who recently responded to our membership survey — your input is invaluable to our efforts.

Among our findings:
• The most popular topics mentioned by our members for history programs and exhibitions included early Pittsburgh history, ethnic history, the Civil War and architectural history in Pittsburgh, and Smithsonian exhibits.
• The most popular member benefit was free admission, followed by our publications, including Smithsonian and Western Pennsylvania History exhibits.
• History Center members are overwhelmingly supportive of arts and culture in Pittsburgh, with nearly every respondent supportive of the History Center in addition to other local non-profit organizations and cultural attractions.

Discovering the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon
Enjoy this winter-long, multi-faceted exhibit and learn about George Washington, from page 1 – Visitors will learn about items from the Don Lancaster collection, along with the History Center’s census and chronology sections.

Phyllis and James O. Koschik (in memory of May Carrick Delbridge)
A collection of Heinz bracelet charms.

Patrick Panasko (in memory of Raymond Panasko)
A high water mark plaque from the 1936 flood.

H.J. Heinz Company
A Pop Warner National Championship Team award for the Junior Bantam Division.

Seth Gernot
Collection of magnetic wallpaper.

Kevin DePietro
A collection of Westinghouse historical items and jackets from the General Electric, Genesee Country and New York Central.

Diane Rafle
A collection of 50 or more impressions of antique and other rare materials, highlighting some of History Center sponsors.

Jeff Hickey
The History of Scotch–American Relations and its connection to the Scotch–Irish community.

Patricia Ward: Photograph depicting the interior of a Dimling Candy Shop, c. 1900.


J. E. Seiberling
A collection of 12 sets of porcelain, crystal, and glass items, including fans and salt cellars.

Faith Fleurant: Papers and photographs of Civil War soldier Captain James A. Jenkins, of the 53rd U.S. Colored Troops, c. 1940.


W. A. Knapp
A 50-plus-year career in the Pittsburgh radio and newspaper business.

John D. Domer, Jr.: Photographs documenting the explosion and fire at the Menard Foundry, State College, Pa., c. 1950.

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See page 3 for details.
Girl Scout Night at the History Museum
Fri., March 26 - Sat. March 27
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Stanley Cup at the History Center
April 1 - 4
See page 2 for details.
18th Annual History Makers Award Dinner
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6:30 p.m.
Westin Convention Center
See page 3 for details.
America’s Best Weekly: 100 Years of The Pittsburgh Courier Exhibit Opening
Sat., April 10
See page 4 for details.
Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures Air Dates on KIXX-TV at 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 15
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Mon., April 12
Mon., May 10
Mon., June 14
Visit www.heimzhistorycenter.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

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Congratulations to all who have helped make the History Center such a special place – a place that connects us to the past while inspiring future generations.