The Senator John Heinz History Center’s newest exhibition, *Stars & Stripes: An American Story*, sponsored by BNY Mellon, reveals the stories of the people behind the more than 200 year history of our nation’s most enduring symbol.

On select days throughout the spring and early summer, visitors and members of local U.S. veteran and military groups are encouraged to join the History Center for special commemorations honoring Old Glory.

Visitors are invited to help fold a giant 36-foot American flag while helping to sing a stirring rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The flag folding events will be held at 12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sat., April 14
- Sat., May 19 – A special ceremony for Armed Forces Day featuring exclusive tours with *Stars & Stripes* exhibit co-curator and noted flag expert, Dr. Peter Keim
- Sun., June 17 – A special flag retirement ceremony on Father’s Day and the final day of the *Stars & Stripes* exhibit

All U.S. veterans, current servicemen and women, and History Center members will receive free admission on flag folding dates. Regular History Center admission will apply for all other visitors ($10 for adults, $9 for visitors age 62+, and $5 for students and children ages 6-17; History Center members and children age 5 and under are admitted free).

Additionally, all visitors can enjoy special docent-led tours of the *Stars & Stripes* exhibit at 11:00 a.m., noon, and 1:00 p.m. on flag folding event dates. *Stars & Stripes*, featured in the History Center’s first floor McGuinn Gallery, includes objects, images, and archival materials from the History Center’s collections, as well as items on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, The Warhol Museum, The National Gallery of Art, and private collectors.

Beginning with the nation’s first flag, *Stars & Stripes* helps to unravel the myths and reality surrounding its creation, including the mythical story of Betsy Ross developing the first American flag, and the stories of Americans who have influenced the flag’s legacy, from the Civil War to Sept. 11.

Featured artifacts include a fragment of the Star-Spangled Banner on loan from the Smithsonian, “Moonwalk” pop artwork from Andy Warhol, a unique lead relief flag created by Jasper Johns, a selection of 13-star flags from Dr. Keim’s collection, and a special exhibit area that includes items from the Flight 93 Memorial.

*Stars & Stripes: An American Story* is on display through June 17, 2012. For updated exhibit and event information, including photo galleries, videos, and a new virtual tour, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/flags](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/flags).
Sports Artifact Spotlight

Fan Favorites Added to Sports Museum Locker Room Area
By: Anne Madarasz, co-director, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum recently updated its locker room section with new objects from three of Pittsburgh’s most popular professional athletes. The museum unveiled a new locker for Penguins star Jordan Staal that includes the center’s game-worn jersey, gloves, and skates from the 2010-11 season. Drafted second overall by the Pens in 2006, Staal was a key contributor during the team’s 2009 Stanley Cup championship season and is recognized throughout the NHL for his skills as a penalty killer and goal scorer.

Also added were new lockers of Pittsburgh native Neil Walker and fellow Pirate Andrew McCutchen featuring the players’ practice jerseys and bats. Walker was a standout athlete at Pine Richland High School before being drafted in the first round by the Pirates in 2004. Last season, Walker became the team’s starting second baseman after filling in at a number of positions the previous season. McCutchen, the Pirates first round selection in 2005, had a breakout season in 2011, earning his first All-Star game appearance and leading the club in home runs, stolen bases, runs batted in, and runs scored.

For more information on the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

UPMC Health Plan Members Get Moving with New SmartSteps Exhibit

More than 1,500 people rushed to the History Center this February for a special UPMC Health Plan member weekend. Participants were treated to free admission at the History Center and a variety of activities, including special contests surrounding SmartSteps, a fun and fit new exhibit that blends health and history in the museum’s stairwell. Visitors enjoyed the colorful murals, artifacts, health information, and fascinating facts about Western Pennsylvania history as part of the SmartSteps exhibit throughout each of the History Center’s six floors.

Ninth Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament Tees Off This Fall

Save the date for the Ninth Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament, presented by BNY Mellon, which will take place on Mon., Sept. 24, 2012 at the historic Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley. Each foursome will be matched with a local sports celebrity for a day of fun on the links. Awards will be presented at a reception following the round of golf. All proceeds benefit the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. For more information or to secure your spot in this year’s tournament, please contact Mark Burnett at 412-454-6405 or mburnett@heinzhistorycenter.org.

UPMC Health Plan Members Get Moving with New SmartSteps Exhibit

Play Ball! New Negro League Exhibition Opens This Summer

With baseball season now underway, the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum will open an exciting new exhibition this June, The Story of Negro League Baseball: We Are the Ship.

This powerful 2,500 square foot exhibit will tell the story of the Negro Leagues through nearly 50 original paintings and sketches by Kadir Nelson. The award-winning artist and author spent seven years interviewing former players, examining old photographs, and researching baseball archives to present an authentic depiction of life in the Negro Leagues.

The Story of Negro League Baseball: We Are the Ship will include a special section on the Negro League baseball tradition in Pittsburgh, including a rare uniform and artifacts from the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum collection. The Sports Museum will also unveil a new life-like museum figure of baseball legend Josh Gibson, the Hall of Fame slugger who starred for the Homestead Grays and Pittsburgh Crawfords. Gibson’s signed employee identification card from his days of employment with the Westinghouse Air Brake Company – recently discovered in the History Center’s Thomas & Katherine Detre Library & Archives – will also be on display.

The exhibit presents the story of the Negro Leagues with large heroic paintings that provide a personal look at the ballplayers who would become larger-than-life, transcend baseball, and set the stage for the modern Civil Rights Movement.

The Story of Negro League Baseball: We Are the Ship exhibit will be on display from June 29 through Aug. 26.

For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
History Center to Honor 2012 History Makers at 20th Annual Dinner

Dan Rooney, Fred Rogers, Franco Harris, Michael Keaton, David McCullough.
Over the past 20 years, nearly 100 recipients have earned the Senator John Heinz History Center’s History Makers Award, including a “who’s who” of Pittsburgh’s most world renowned figures.
Honoring distinguished individuals for their exceptional contributions to Western Pa., the nation, and the world, the History Makers Award has become one of the most prestigious honors in Pittsburgh.
The History Center will once again pay tribute to Pittsburgh’s finest at the 20th Annual History Makers Award Dinner on Friday, April 13, at the Westin Convention Center Hotel.
This year’s event is co-chaired by Donald J. Heberle, president, BNY Mellon of Pennsylvania, and Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, president and CEO, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware of Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania.
All contributions benefit the educational programs and services of the Senator John Heinz History Center.
To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Mark Burnett at 412-454-6405 or mlburnett@heinzhistorycenter.org.

The Best Deal in History: Become a Member Today!

History Center members enjoy the best cultural value in our region. For as little as $57, members receive all the benefits of the Senator John Heinz History Center (including the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, the Fort Pitt Museum, and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village) and the Smithsonian Institution. All membership packages include the following standard benefits:

- Free admission to each of the History Center museums
- One-year subscription to Making History quarterly newsletter
- One-year subscription to Western Pennsylvania History quarterly magazine
- 10% discount on all purchases in the History Center Museum Shop
- Discounts on tours, lectures, classes, and Thomas & Katherine Detre Library & Archive services
- Invitations to special members-only events

Plus these exciting Smithsonian Institution benefits:

- Free unlimited admission to all Smithsonian Museums
- One-year subscription to Smithsonian monthly magazine
- 10% discount on all purchases in Smithsonian gift shops, restaurants, catalogs, and SmithsonianStore.com
- Members-only travel programs, study tours, and special events

For more information on History Center membership, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Membership tab or contact Shirley Gaudette at 412-454-6456 or membership@heinzhistorycenter.org.

History Center Names Library & Archives After Medical Pioneers

The History Center recently named its Library & Archives after Thomas and Katherine Dettre following a generous $2 million grant from UPMC to support the History Center’s endowment and the library’s educational programs and services.
Dr. Dettre helped to found UPMC and made significant innovative contributions to Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic of UPMC (WPIC) and the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Medicine.

Founded in 1879, the Thomas & Katherine Dettre Library & Archives preserves the rich history of Western Pa., and makes its collections accessible to researchers, students, and the general public.

“It is altogether fitting that Pittsburgh’s oldest and most complete historical archive will bear the names of such worthy honorees as Thomas and Katherine Dettre,” said Andy Masich, president and CEO of the History Center. “UPMC’s generous grant will help support the History Center and its Library & Archives for generations to come.”
This year, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is celebrating its 50th anniversary. To mark the milestone, the Hall of Fame is working with the History Center to create a major exhibition focusing on the history of pro football, from its humble beginnings in the early 20th century to its rise as one of the world’s most beloved sports. 

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame will make its national premiere at the History Center from Oct. 7, 2012 through Jan. 6, 2013 before embarking on a nationwide traveling tour. When it debuts this fall, Gridiron Glory will be the most comprehensive traveling exhibit ever created on America’s most popular sport. Included in the exhibit are more than 200 football artifacts, rare photos, and one-of-a-kind documents from the Pro Football Hall of Fame collections, many of which have never been seen outside of the Hall of Fame. 

Highlights include:
- The 1892 Allegheny Athletic Association accounting ledger featuring Pudge Hefelfinger, known as “Pro Football’s Birth Certificate.”
- Artifacts from pro football’s pioneers, such as Jim Thorpe’s Canton Bulldogs sideline blanket, Knute Rockne’s 1919 helmet (pictured at right), Red Grange items from the historic 1925 Chicago Bears barnstorming tour, Johnny “Blood” McNally’s canvas football pants, Sammy Baugh’s helmet, and Bobby Layne’s jersey;
- Items from the golden era of pro football, including Jim Brown’s jersey (pictured at left); Vince Lombardi’s coaching diagrams, Dick Butkus’ helmet, Johnny Unitas’ jersey, Tom Dempsey’s record 63-yard field goal kicking shoe, and Tom Landry’s iconic coaching hat;
- Highlights from the NFL’s greatest running backs, such as footballs from O.J. Simpson and Eric Dickerson, and jerseys from Tony Dorsett, Walter Payton, Bo Jackson, and Barry Sanders;
- Artifacts from record-breaking quarterbacks, including John Elway’s jersey from the historic 1986 AFC Championship game (pictured at right), Joe Montana’s Super Bowl XXIII MVP football, and Dan Marino’s career yardage and pass completions record footballs;
- Items from historic receivers, such as Jerry Rice’s helmet and career touchdown reception football and New England Patriots (and Woodland Hills High School graduate) Rob Gronkowski’s jersey from his historic 2011 season.

The History Center will also feature unique items from legendary Steelers, including:
- Art Rooney’s elevator console from the “Immaculate Reception;”
- Franco Harris’ cleats from his legendary career;
- Joe Greene’s game-used helmet;
- Lynn Swann’s 1978 Monday Night Football game ball; and
- Jack Lambert’s jersey from his final season.

Exhibit storylines will focus on the societal impact of the sport, the science behind the game, and inspirational stories of pro football’s great pioneers, players, coaches, and moments.

Nearly a dozen interactive displays throughout the exhibit will challenge both the mind and body, including a kiosk with bios and videos on all 267 members of the Hall of Fame, and opportunities for fans to try on vintage pads and helmets or step into an instant replay booth to make the right call.

Gridiron Glory will also include spectacular footage from NFL Films’ unparalleled archives. In addition to the exhibit, a variety of public events are currently being planned, including appearances by Hall of Fame players and coaches.

For more information on Gridiron Glory, including exhibit videos and photos, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

For sponsorship information, please contact Natalie Taylor at 412-454-6325 or ngtaylor@heinzhistorycenter.org.

This fall, the History Center will highlight the history of abolitionism, the Underground Railroad, and the impact of 19th century activism on the modern quest for civil rights in From Slavery to Freedom, a new long-term exhibition funded in part by a U.S. Department of Education grant, BNY Mellon, and PPG Industries Foundation.

Using a rare collection of manumission, indenture, and freedom papers from the History Center’s Thomas & Katherine Detre Library & Archives, the exhibit will showcase new research in collaboration with the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh that explores the lives of former slaves and the role they played in the abolitionist movement in Pittsburgh and throughout the country.

The exhibit will feature a new life-like museum figure of Martin Delany, a local abolitionist, doctor, publisher, and soldier who became the highest ranking Civil War officer in the Union Army. Other exhibit artifacts will showcase the work of local abolitionists such as John Peck, John B. Vashon, Lewis Woodson, and Thomas Brown. Another area of the exhibit will highlight the impact of the regional natural environment on the Underground Railroad including the use of native plants for sustenance by freedom seekers.

From Slavery to Freedom is slated to open at the History Center on Nov. 30, 2012. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
Flower Power! History Center to Open New 1968 Exhibition

The social forces that swirled through the turbulent 1960s crested in 1968.

It was a turning point for a generation coming of age and a nation at war. The year saw the peak of the Vietnam War, the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy, riots at the Democratic National Convention, assertions of Black Power at the Olympic Games, and feminist demonstrations at the Miss America pageant. In the closing days of the year, we saw Earth in its entirety for the first time from the window of the Apollo 8 space capsule.

The History Center’s upcoming 1968 exhibition, which opens on Feb. 1, 2013, will chronicle this pivotal year in American history.

This major traveling exhibition, created in partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society, will feature state-of-the-art multimedia displays and evocative objects that will look at how the experiences of the year fueled a persistent, if often contradictory, sense of identity for the people who lived through it.

Visitors can get up close to a Bell UH1 “Huey” Helicopter, view campaign memorabilia from the 1968 elections, and experience the sights, sounds, and music that helped to make 1968 one of our nation’s most explosive years.

As part of the exhibit, the History Center will display the original set from “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” which was broadcast nationally for the first time in 1968.

Stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org for additional exhibit details, including a schedule of public events.

For sponsorship information, please contact Natalie Taylor at 412-454-6325 or ngtaylor@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Civil War Traveling Exhibit Debuts This Spring

In partnership with the statewide Pennsylvania Civil War 150 efforts, the History Center has developed a new traveling exhibit, The Civil War in Pennsylvania, presented by Peoples Natural Gas.

Beginning this spring, the 500 square foot exhibit will tour historical organizations throughout Western Pa. and is provided free of charge for members of the History Center’s Affiliates Program.

The exhibit will chronicle the Civil War from a Western Pennsylvania perspective and feature previously unseen photographs along with four new life-like museum figures, including:

• Strong Vincent, a young attorney from Erie, Pa. who rallied Union troops in the fierce battle on Little Round Top with the phrase, “Don’t give an inch!”
• Martin Delany, a Pittsburgh abolitionist who was one of the first African Americans admitted to Harvard Medical School and later, the highest ranking African American in the Civil War.
• Kate McBride, a young worker from the Allegheny Arsenal, who represents the women and children who toiled on the home front to support the Union efforts.
• Tillie Pierce, a 15 year-old Gettysburg native who hauled buckets of water for thirsty soldiers, tore cloth into bandages to aid physicians, and comforted the wounded after Confederate troops overran her hometown.

For more information on The Civil War in Pennsylvania traveling exhibit, please contact Sandra Smith at 412-454-6393 or ssamith@heinzhistorycenter.org.

History Center Plans Dietrich Museum Support Center

The late businessman, scholar, philanthropist, and former History Center trustee William S. Dietrich II recently established a $5 million fund to support the History Center.

The fund, which is the museum’s largest gift from an individual in its 132 year history, will support the educational programs and ongoing operations of the History Center.

In recognition of this gift, the History Center is naming its new conservation center and on-site storage facility the William S. Dietrich II Museum Support Center.

The new building, located just behind the History Center at 1221 Penn Avenue in the Strip District, will allow the museum’s 50,000 artifacts to be stored under one roof.

A pedestrian bridge across Mulberry Way will physically link the History Center with the nine-story, 50,000 square foot Dietrich Museum Support Center.

The new building will provide state-of-the-art storage, including Smithsonian-quality security, temperature, and humidity controls that meet or exceed standards established by the American Association of Museums.

On the first floor of the new Dietrich Museum Support Center, the History Center will open a museum conservation center that will provide expert advice to the public on the best ways to preserve artwork, textiles, archival materials, furnishings, and much more.

Conservation professionals from a variety of specialty areas will educate visitors on how to best care for and preserve antiques and family heirlooms.

With the opening of the Dietrich Museum Support Center in early 2013, the History Center will be the first museum in the nation to provide affordable conservation services to the public.

For information on additional underwriting opportunities at the History Center, please contact Audrey Brouman, fundraising counsel, at 412-454-6404 or bettyarenth@heinzhistorycenter.org.

New Publications and Exhibits Commemorate 150th Anniversary

In conjunction with the statewide commemorations of the Civil War’s 150th anniversary, the History Center will launch a new book this summer, The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History.

A collection of rare and never-before-seen images will highlight Pennsylvania’s role on the battlefield and on the home front.

Based on the book of the same name, the History Center will open a new exhibit, The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History in the spring of 2013 which will feature life-like figures, unseen photographs, and engravings showing Civil War life.

In the summer of 2013, the History Center will release a new book titled The Civil War in Pennsylvania: The African American Experience, showcasing essays written by national experts on a variety of aspects of African American life during the Civil War.

To learn more about upcoming exhibits, publications, and events related to the History Center’s Civil War commemoration, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/civilwar.
Get to the Point of History at Fort Pitt Museum

The Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park will feature a robust slate of events and activities this spring and summer which will highlight the Fort’s pivotal role in American history and as the birthplace of Pittsburgh.

On select dates, the museum will feature live re-actors, educational programming, and special hands-on activities for the whole family to enjoy as part of the new Summer Saturdays Living History series.

The events will kick off on Mother’s Day Weekend (May 12) with a special program that will focus on the role of women during the 18th century. Activities will include cooking and laundry demonstrations, an 18th century fashion show, and much more.

Additional Summer Saturdays Living History events will include themes such as role of children at the Fort (June 9), Fort Pitt during the American Revolution (July 7), and a special session on colonial cooking methods and food (Aug. 7).

Other 2012 events at the Fort Pitt Museum include:

- The Eastern Woodland Indian History Conference on April 28-29 will examine the lives and material culture of the original inhabitants of the region east of the Mississippi River during the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries.
- Fort Pitt Museum will also open a new long-term exhibition area this summer which will show how artillery was used at Fort Pitt during the 18th century. The exhibit, which opens in July, will include hands-on displays and a fun photo center.
- Fort Pitt Museum features one of the most affordable family-friendly cultural events in the region. Admission is just $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-17, and free for History Center members.

For more information, please call 412-454-6415 or visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Fort Pitt Museum tab.

Meadowcroft Will Rock You in 2012

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, the oldest site of human habitation in North America, will officially kick off its 2012 season on May 5.

As part of the History Center’s museum system, this National Historic Landmark has become an international destination, welcoming more than 15,000 visitors from 35 U.S. states and 12 countries last year.

Located in Avella, Pa., in Washington County, Meadowcroft features a massive, 16,000-year-old rock overhang used by our earliest ancestors for shelter. In addition to ancient history at the Rockshelter, visitors can step back in time at the recreated 16th century Indian Village. Visitors can also visit the Meadowcroft Historic Village, which carefully recreates all of the charming qualities of an Upper Ohio Valley Village from the mid-19th century.

With new site upgrades and popular annual events, Meadowcroft is poised for another record season in 2012.

This spring, Meadowcroft will finalize construction of two 1770s era cabins that will help to spotlight the similarities and differences between the everyday lives of European settlers and American Indians in the Upper Ohio Valley.

A new self-guided trail with informational signs will show visitors how the forest served as the supermarket, pharmacy, clothing store, and much more to American Indians.

Several events highlight the 2012 schedule:

- Meadowcroft’s Independence Day Celebration on July 4 will celebrate the spirit of 19th century rural America with old-fashioned summer games, open hearth cooking demonstrations, and a pie-eating contest.
- On select dates throughout the 2012 season, visitors can enjoy exclusive Insider Tours with James M. Adovasio, Ph.D., who achieved international acclaim with his archeological excavation of the Rockshelter in 1973. Dr. Adovasio will present a lecture and lead a special tour on the site on June 30, Aug. 25, Oct. 6, and Nov. 3. For reservations, contact Frances Skar inet 724-587-3412 or frskarinet@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For more information on Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Meadowcroft tab or call 724-587-3412.
Pittsburgh Celebrities Show Their Patriotic Pride

The History Center, in partnership with PCTV, recently launched “The Pittsburgh All-Star Spangled Banner,” a fun and wacky YouTube video featuring local celebrities singing the national anthem.

The video was created as part of the Stars and Stripes exhibition and features guest singers such as Mr. McFeely, the Pittsburgh Penguins Ice Crew, Wholey’s in the Strip, Steelers legend Robin Cole, the Eat’ n’ Park Smiley Cookie, 96.1 KISS DJs Mikey and Big Bob, KDKA’s Larry Richten and John Shumway, and many more.

To sing-along with your favorite Pittsburghers, visit the History Center’s YouTube page – www.youtube.com/heinzhistorycenter.

Help make this a viral video by sharing the link with your family and friends, or posting it on your social media pages! The video will also be shown as part of PCTV’s regularly scheduled programming.

Experience History Center Exhibits in a Flash

Headed to the History Center, but don’t have a lot of time on your hands? Don’t worry. The museum has created new hour- and two-hour-long, self-guided walking tours of all our exhibits. The History Center hand-selected the can’t-miss artifacts from each of the six floors, including the 1940s trolley car, Kennywood Racer, Franco Harris’ cleats from the “Immaculate Reception,” and much more.

Visiting with children or grandchildren? The History Center also created a special tour designed for pint-sized history lovers. These jam-packed tours are available at the History Center’s admission desk or on our website at www.heinzhistorycenter.org -> History Center -> Plan a Visit.

Attendees Enjoy Stars & Stripes Exhibition at 1879 Founder’s Circle Dinner

More than 100 guests joined the History Center for the annual 1879 Society Dinner. History Center President and CEO Andy Masich shared stories of the American flag’s impact on local heroes and led attendees on an exclusive tour of the Stars & Stripes exhibition.

The event, graciously hosted by the Robert and David Barenfels families and the Compton family, celebrates the generosity of Chairman’s Circle and Founder’s Circle members. For more information about the 1879 Society, please contact Erin Engel at 412-454-6321 or eengel@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Special Collections Gallery Named for Falk Foundation Leader

The Special Collections gallery on the History Center’s fourth floor has been named in honor of Sigo Falk, a History Center trustee since 1990.

Falk serves as chairman of the Falk Foundation and as chair of the advisory committee of the Foundation’s Leon Falk Family Fund.

Over the years, Sigo Falk has provided wise counsel and dedicated assistance to the History Center, including recent support from the Falk Foundation which helped purchase the Dietrich Museum Support Center building directly behind the History Center.

The Sigo Falk Special Collections Gallery will connect to the new Dietrich Museum Support Center once construction is completed in early 2013.

Stay Connected with History Center Happenings

Interested in learning more about upcoming History Center exhibitions and events? Don’t be left out in the cold – join our E-newsletter mailing list! Subscribers enjoy the latest updates on new exhibits, events, membership, and educational programs.

To sign-up, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org ➤ Our Organization ➤ E-newsletter.
Fifth Annual “Pittsburgh Hidden Treasures” Event Set For this Summer

The History Center fifth annual “Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures” antiques appraisal event will once again welcome local residents eager to know the monetary value or historical significance of their family heirlooms. Later this summer, visitors are encouraged to bring their prized possessions to the History Center and meet with nearly 50 professional appraisers as KDKA-TV cameras roam the museum.

The most unique items will be featured as part of a special nine-part series hosted by KDKA-TV’s Ken Rice and History Center President and CEO Andy Masich on KDKA later this year. Appraisers from a variety of disciplines will assess the historical significance of visitors’ items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value. Areas of expertise to be discussed by appraisers include:

- Sports memorabilia
- Civil War and World War II items
- Books and documents
- Antique coins and jewelry
- Household items (glass, China, silver, vases, etc.)
- Classic toys
- Textiles (wedding dresses, quilts, etc.)
- Fine arts
- Furniture
- Historic photographs

Expert conservators from the Smithsonian Institution will also be on hand to provide tips on the care and upkeep of visitors’ items. “Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures” is free for members and is included in the regular History Center admission price for non-members.

History Center members will also gain special early access to the event and front-of-the-line privileges.

For event date and information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Phase II of the History Center’s Endowment Campaign Kicks Off

Chaired by Beverlyn and Stephen Elliott, the History Center endowment currently sits at $20 million with an additional $10 million needed by 2013. Under the Elliott’s leadership, Phase I of the campaign exceeded its goal by more than $200,000, raising $12,602,963. Campaign committee members include:

Mr. Arthur L. Baldwin
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Dr. Thomas Starzl
Mr. Michael R. Wagner

The endowment supports the History Center’s educational programs, exhibitions, and publications. Gifts of cash, stock, and planned gifts are welcomed. For ways to help, please contact Audrey Brouerman, fundraising counsel, at 412-454-6404.

Stephen Graffam Remembered as One of the History Center’s Founders

Stephen W. Graffam, former president and CEO of the History Center, passed away on Nov. 8, 2011.

“The board and staff are indebted to Steve for his many years of dedicated service which were vital in making the History Center a reality,” said Andy Masich, current president and CEO of the History Center.

When Graffam took over the helm as president of the board of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in 1990, he provided a critical boost to its campaign to create a new history museum for our region. With his love of history and strong leadership skills, he was instrumental in convincing Pittsburgh to embrace the effort.

The affable retired Marine was an experienced trial attorney specializing in maritime law. As co-founder of Grogan Graffam P.C., Steve worked as a trial lawyer for more than 40 years representing companies from Western Pa. and West Virginia.

The History Center is grateful to Steve for his dedicated service and wishes to express appreciation to those who made a contribution in his memory.

Stephen Graffam at the 2009 History Makers Award Dinner.

History Center President and CEO Andy Masich interviews a visitor during last year’s “Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures” event.
The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Pittsburgh chapter recently honored History Center President and CEO Andy Masich as the Non-Profit CEO Communicator of the Year. Masich was recognized as the region’s top non-profit communicator during the 2012 Renaissance Awards Dinner at the Fairmont Pittsburgh.

More than 30,000 school children visit the History Center each year for school field trips and docent-led tours of the building’s six floors of exhibition space.

Each year in March, nearly 1,000 students, parents, and teachers attend the National History Day competition, sponsored by Bayer MaterialScience, at the History Center to present their work on a specific historical topic through websites, exhibits, and reports.

In addition to programming for students and Scout groups, the History Center offers Act 48 training for educators through tours, lectures, and professional development experiences.

For education sponsorship information, please contact Natalie Taylor at 412-454-6325 or ngtaylor@heinzhistorycenter.org.

The History Center comes to life during the “Night at the History Museum” events, as historical figures as they step off of their pedestals and come to life, exploring the museum after hours during a kid-friendly overnight experience.

For more information on school and educational programs at the History Center, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Education tab, or contact Sandra Smith at 412-454-6393 or sasmith@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For more information or to reserve your team, please contact Mark Burnett at 412-454-6405 or mlburnett@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Students tour the Stars and Stripes: An American Story exhibition as part of a Veterans Day program.

At the popular “Night at the History Museum” events, based on the top-selling movie, brave Scouts spend the evening interacting with historical figures as they step off of their pedestals and come to life, exploring the museum after hours during a kid-friendly overnight experience.

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The History Center education department also works closely with the leadership of local Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Webelo, and Cub Scout organizations to develop special badge and patch earning programs.

At the popular “Night at the History Museum” events, based on the top-selling movie, brave Scouts spend the evening interacting with historical figures as they step off of their pedestals and come to life, exploring the museum after hours during a kid-friendly overnight experience.

In addition to programming for students and Scout groups, the History Center offers Act 48 training for educators through tours, lectures, and professional development experiences.

For more information on school and educational programs at the History Center, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Education tab, or contact Sandra Smith at 412-454-6393 or sasmith@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For education sponsorship information, please contact Natalie Taylor at 412-454-6325 or ngtaylor@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For more information or to reserve your team, please contact Mark Burnett at 412-454-6405 or mlburnett@heinzhistorycenter.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Third Annual Bocce Tournament and Festival

C overn throw down for a worthy cause at the History Center’s Third Annual Bocce Tournament and Festival on Sat., Aug. 18 at 1:00 p.m., in the parking lot at 13th and Smallman Street.

Teams will showcase their bocce skills while visitors enjoy delicious Italian food, beverages, live entertainment, and more. Spectators can also try their hand playing bocce on two specially designed public courts.

Admission is free for all spectators. All sponsor proceeds benefit the Italian American Endowment Fund, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania.

For more information or to reserve your team, please contact Mark Burnett at 412-454-6405 or mlburnett@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Rauh Jewish Archives Launches New Website

D iscover the history of philanthropy and giving among Pittsburgh’s Jewish community through a new interactive website launched by the Rauh Jewish Archives. The website includes an interactive timeline dating from the 1840s to the present and features images, videos, and audio files from the Rauh Jewish Archives collection at the History Center. Visit www.jewishhistoryhhc.org for more information. Funds for the timeline development were generously provided by the J. Samuel and Rose Y. Cox Foundation and the Simon Hafner Charitable Foundation through the PNC Charitable Trust.

Genealogy Weekend Provides Tips for Family Researchers

T his spring, local genealogists descended upon the History Center’s Thomas & Katherine Detre Library & Archives for the first annual Genealogy Weekend. The first part of the weekend focused on African American genealogy and was co-sponsored by the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society of Pittsburgh. The latter half of the weekend concentrated on Jewish genealogy and the resources made available by the Rauh Jewish Archives at the History Center. Based on the success of the weekend, future genealogical workshops are currently being planned.

Andy Masich Named Communicator of the Year

T he Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Pittsburgh chapter recently honored History Center President and CEO Andy Masich as the Non-Profit CEO Communicator of the Year. Masich was recognized as the region’s top non-profit communicator during the 2012 Renaissance Awards Dinner at the Fairmont Pittsburgh.
History Center Facility Rentals Top City Lists

History Center President and CEO Andy Masich recently joined Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl and Boy Scout Troop 73 in Lawrenceville to kick off the citywide “Redd Up Pittsburgh” campaign. As part of the initiative, the History Center adopted a “Redd Up Zone” in the Strip District and will lead cleanup efforts along Smallman St., Penn Ave., and Mulberry Way throughout the year.

Museum Acquisitions

Joan B. and Robert A. Brunt

Referred to John Heinz History Center in honor of Joan’s birthday.

Dr. Harry Lanauze (left) with the first “Red Tail” Humanitarian Senior Sergeant Timothy McCray (right), vice chairman of the History Center Tuskegee Airmen Honored at the History Center

Senior Sergeant Timothy McCray (right), vice chairman of the Tuskegee Airman Memorial Project, recently presented Dr. Harry Lanauze (left) with the first “Red Tail” Humanitarian Award for Distinguished Military Service inside the History Center’s PITT Travels: A Tradition of Innovation exhibition. Dr. Lanauze served as a Tuskegee Fighter Pilot during World War II. The History Center has a special display honoring local Tuskegee Airmen on its second floor.

Library & Archives Acquisitions

The following books have recently been added to the History Center’s collections:


German immigration to America. Gift of Jahn Park.

Genealogical Video for Diahann. Gift of Rose Barnes.


Pittsburgh Parks (2007). Gift of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

Commercial and Industrial History of Michael the Archangel Foundry. Gift of Jahn Park.


The great game. Gift of John Frick.


Archives Accessions August 2011 through January 2012.

John Whachell.

St. George Swedish Bethlehem Church Records.

Pittsburgh Police Historical Association.


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Pittsburgh Police Historical Association.


Sally Powl.

Hormat and Husband’s Family Photos and Photographs.

Robert Grogan.


Robyn Gladzio.


Bartley, J. Michael.

Friends of the History Center.

Hickman, D. Norman.

Comprehensive Landmarks and Photographs.

Top Ten Things to Do Throughout the History Center’s Museum System this Summer

1. Visit the History Center’s *Stars & Stripes: An American Story* exhibition and experience the stories of the people behind the more than 200-year history of our nation’s most enduring symbol (through June 17).

2. Join local U.S. veteran and military groups to help fold a giant 36-foot American flag at the History Center on Sat., April 14; Sat., May 19; and Sun., June 17.

3. Celebrate Mother’s Day weekend and learn colonial cooking recipes with Mom as part of the Summer Saturdays Living History series at the Fort Pitt Museum on Sat., May 12.

4. Relive memories of Three Rivers Stadium from the first game in 1970 to its implosion in 2001 with a touch screen interactive inside the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum that highlights the stadium’s more than 30 year history.

5. Relive the unforgettable moments of 2011 by visiting the *Year in Pictures: Images from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 2011* exhibit on the History Center’s fourth floor.

6. Try your hand at the atlatl, an ancient spear thrower, at the annual Atlatl Competition at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village on June 16-17.

7. Visit “Hometown, Homegrown,” a fun and festive food event showcasing Pittsburgh’s passion for local food on June 23 at the History Center.

8. Beat the heat and honor the boys of summer with a visit to *The Story of Negro League Baseball: We Are the Ship* exhibition, on display from June 29 - Aug. 26 at the History Center.

9. Celebrate the “Fourth at the Fort” with a special flag raising ceremony and reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4 at the Fort Pitt Museum.

10. Climb all 123 steps and earn a free Heinz pickle pin while enjoying *SmartSteps*, a unique stairwell exhibit from the History Center and UPMC Health Plan that blends health and history.

Show your patriotic pride! Cut out this flag and hang it in your window.
Calendar of Events

Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org for the latest information on upcoming events.

**Flag: An American Biography** Author Talk
Thurs., March 22 - 6:00 p.m.
Join author Mark Leepson as he discusses his book “Flag: An American Biography.”

“We Are All Immigrants” Documentary Premiere
Sun., March 25 - 2:00 p.m.
Join the History Center for the premiere of “We Are All Immigrants,” which tells the compelling stories of immigrants who settled in Pittsburgh. Immigrants recount their challenges in coming to the city and also their contributions to the region. This event is free but requires advance registration. Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org for details.

**Wrought Metal Treasures from the Blum Collection**
Sixth Floor
Clash of Empires: The British, French, & Indian War, 1754-1763
Third Floor
-American Story (through June 17); SmartSteps;
-Discovery Place; Prine Collection of Woodworking Planes;
-Heinz 57
-Fourth Floor
-Phillips; SmartSteps;
-Rediscovering Lewis and Clark: A Journey with the Rooney Family; Outdoor Advertising
-Third Floor
-Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation; Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum
-2nd Floor
-Year in Pictures: Images from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 2011;
-NEW! The Story of Negro League Baseball: We Are the Ship (opens June 29);
-Art Rooney II
-New to the History Center:
-NEW! Stars & Stripes: An American Story (through June 18), SmartSteps;
-1212 Smallman Street
-Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1200
-A Museum of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Enjoy a Taste of Pittsburgh at the “Hometown, Homegrown” Event

From the North Side to the South Side, Mount Washington to Mount Lebanon, the neighborhoods of Western Pa. have long been known for delicious ethnic food and fine dining experiences. “Hometown, Homegrown,” slated for Sat. June 23 at the History Center, is a fun and flavorful food expo which celebrates Pittsburgh’s passion for food.

In partnership with GoodTaste! Pittsburgh, the “Hometown, Homegrown” event will encourage visitors to sample a delicious assortment of local foods from their favorite Pittsburgh vendors, including several Strip District eateries, and swap recipes with Western Pa.’s finest culinary experts.

The History Center will feature special cooking demonstrations in its new Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom as well as docent-led tours that will discuss how food was prepared and consumed throughout Pittsburgh history, from the French & Indian War through the post-WWII era.

“Hometown, Homegrown” will also include additional activities such as scavenger hunts involving Strip District businesses, food trucks outside the museum, fitness activities in the exhibition, a virtual cookie baking activity, and much more.

Stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org for updates on “Hometown, Homegrown.” For more information on this event, please contact Lauren Uhl at 412-454-6392 or luhl@heinzhistorycenter.org.