The History Center Unearths Treasures of the Arabia

New exhibition showcases nearly 2,000 perfectly-preserved objects from the Steamboat Arabia, which sank and was rediscovered nearly 150 years later in a Kansas cornfield.

Built in Brownsville, Pa., and Pittsburgh in 1853, the Steamboat Arabia travelled extensively to frontier towns along the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri Rivers. The vessel’s 200 tons of cargo included more than one million objects, some as small as pickles and others as large as prefabricated homes, bound for general stores and pioneer settlements in the West. During its final journey in 1856, the Arabia hit a tree snag and sank in the Missouri River near Kansas City, Mo., along with much of its precious cargo.

In the late 1980s, a group of modern-day treasure hunters excavated the Arabia buried 45 feet below a cornfield a half-mile from the river. Remarkably, the anaerobic (oxygen-free) environment perfectly preserved most of the boat’s cargo – fine dishware, clothing, and even bottled food – all in excellent condition.

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Paddle back in time as the Senator John Heinz History Center examines a fascinating story of sunken treasures, discovery, and preservation by showcasing the largest time capsule of pre-Civil War life as part of the new major exhibition, Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia.

The exhibition features a bottle of 160-year-old perfectly-preserved pickles from the Steamboat Arabia.

TREASURES OF THE ARABIA

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COMING UP

Museum Conservation Center Opens in September

Located behind the History Center at 1221 Penn Ave. in the Strip District, the Museum Conservation Center – a new nine-story, 55,000-square-foot LEED Certified Green Building – will allow the museum’s artifacts to be stored under one roof for the first time with Smithsonian-quality security, temperature, and humidity controls throughout.

Beginning Sept. 1, the first floor of the Museum Conservation Center will open to the public to provide visitors with expert advice on how to preserve their antiques and family heirlooms, including items such as works of art, photographs, wedding dresses, furniture, and much more.

Museum professionals with a variety of specialties will educate visitors about the care, storage, and treatment of their items. The Museum Conservation Center will also connect visitors with conservators who should their heirlooms require professional repair.

A series of regular conservation workshops are also being planned throughout the year in which visitors can learn museum-quality techniques for preserving their cherished heirlooms.

When the new building opens this fall, the History Center will be one of the first museums in the nation to provide professional conservation services directly to the public.

Looking to preserve your precious antiques and family heirlooms for future generations? Please contact Barb Antel at 412-454-6450 or bantel@heinzhistorycenter.org.

For more information about the opening of the Museum Conservation Center and future conservation workshop dates, please stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Meet with the Museum Conservation Center’s team of professionals to learn more about the care, storage, and treatment of your heirlooms. Pictured (left to right): Wendy Bennett, director of conservation, Courtney Keel, chief registrar, and Barb Antel, conservation services manager.

Ketch-Up to the New Heinz Exhibition This Fall

This fall, discover how the Heinz family business that began in Sharpsburg, Pa., grew to an international company selling more than 5,700 products around the world as part of the new and improved Heinz exhibition, which opens on Sat., Sept. 6.

This new exhibit will be filled with exciting enhancements, including a 10-foot-tall ketchup bottle comprised of hundreds of smaller ketchup bottles, a life-like museum figure of young H.J. Heinz, interactive touchscreen displays, and never before seen photographs from the History Center’s Heinz collection – the largest of its kind in the world.

In order to prepare for the new and improved Heinz exhibition, the current exhibit is closed and will reopen in the History Center’s fourth floor Community Gallery on Sept. 6.

The new Heinz exhibition will include many crowd-pleasing features, including numerous hands-on interactive displays and a 10-foot-tall ketchup bottle comprised of smaller ketchup bottles.

Few food manufacturers have had the lasting impact on American eating and buying habits that Pittsburgh’s own H.J. Heinz Company has.

This fall, visit the History Center to learn the monetary value and potential monetary value. In addition to the appraisers, expert conservators will assess the historic significance of your items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value.

Nearly 50 appraisers from a variety of disciplines will assess the historic significance of your items and provide a verbal assessment of potential monetary value. In addition to the appraisers, expert conservators from the Smithsonian Institution and the History Center’s new Museum Conservation Center will be on hand to provide tips on how to preserve your treasures.

Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures is free with museum admission and free for History Center members. Each visitor is allowed to bring two items for appraisal. These can be of any size that will fit through a standard doorway. It is required that visitors be able to move their item throughout the event on their own. History Center members also receive special early access from 9 to 10 a.m. before the event opens to the general public. For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Bring Your Hidden Treasures to the History Center on Aug. 17

Sun., Aug. 17, 2014 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It’s time for Pittsburghers to raid their attics and head to the History Center for the seventh annual Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures appraisal event.

Held in partnership with KDKA-TV, the Pittsburgh’s Hidden Treasures event encourages local residents to visit the History Center to learn the monetary value or historical significance of their family heirlooms.

Bring your prized possessions and meet with professional appraisers as KDKA-TV’s Ken Rice and History Center President and CEO Andy Masich roam the museum with cameras. The most unique items will be featured as part of KDKA’s special nine-part TV series this fall.

Many popular elements from the History Center’s original Heinz 57 exhibit will be updated for the new exhibit, including a display of historic food bottles, video loops of popular TV ads and promotional materials, and a display charting the evolution of Heinz from a local food purveyor to one of the world’s most recognizable brands.
Award-Winning Exhibition Offers New Hands-On Experiences

Visitors to the History Center’s From Slavery to Freedom exhibition, presented by BNY Mellon, will experience several new features as they journey through 250 years of African American history.

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) recently recognized the From Slavery to Freedom exhibit as a 2013 Award of Merit winner, the organization’s highest honor. The exhibit also received a 2013 African Diaspora World Tourism Flame Keeper in Cultural Arts Culture Exhibit Award for showcasing an aspect of the African diaspora heritage and history.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by PPG Industries Foundation, the University of Pittsburgh, The Pittsburgh Foundation, and The Double Eagle Foundation.

For more information, please contact Samuel W. Black, director of the African American Program, at 412-454-6391 or swblack@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Presenting Sponsor

BNY MELLON

New Exhibit Captures Top Moments of 2013

From the bright yellow of a giant inflatable duck to the red, white, and blue of a folded funeral flag, the photographers of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette captured the news of the past year in brilliant hues. These images remind us of the silly and the serious — the people and events that impacted our lives in 2013.

The Post-Gazette Photographers: Best of 2013 exhibition on the History Center’s fourth floor features more than 60 photos from 13 photographers. For more information about this exhibit, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

On the Road Again

The History Center’s traveling exhibition, The Civil War in Pennsylvania, created in partnership with Pennsylvania Civil War 150, has visited more than 10 History Center Affiliate Program sites throughout the past two years and will visit seven more in 2014-15.

The exhibit features four life-like museum figures, plus a companion “Dog Jack,” along with artifacts, previously unseen photographs, and large museum panels describing Pennsylvania’s contributions to the Civil War. The Civil War in Pennsylvania is presented by Peoples Natural Gas and supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 7 – Aug. 5, 2014
  Somerset Historical Center (Somerset, Pa.)
- Aug. 9 – Sept. 2, 2014
  Crawford County Court House (hosted by the Crawford County Civil War Round Table in Meadville, Pa.)
- Sept. 6 – Sept. 20, 2014
  West Overton Museums (Scottdale, Pa.)
- Oct. 4 – Nov. 4, 2014
  Greene County Historical Society (Waynesburg, Pa.)
- Nov. 8 – Dec. 2, 2014
  Blair County Historical Society (Altoona, Pa.)
- Dec. 6, 2014 – Jan. 6, 2015
  Warren County Historical Society (Warren, Pa.)
  Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center (Johnstown, Pa.)

For more information about The Civil War in Pennsylvania traveling exhibition, please contact Jaclyn Esposito at 412-454-6430 or jgesposito@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Civil War Book Receives Top Honor

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) recently selected the new book, “The Civil War in Pennsylvania: The African American Experience,” as a 2013 Award of Merit winner, the organization’s highest honor. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the nation’s most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement in state and local history. The 240-page book features essays written by national experts on African American life during the Civil War. The book, developed in partnership with Pennsylvania Civil War 150, is available for purchase for $29.95 at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/store.

World’s Largest Cannon Moves to Great Hall

The History Center’s recreated 26-foot-long Rodman Cannon is now on long-term display in the museum’s first floor Great Hall, in partnership with CONSOL Energy. The History Center utilized an innovative 3-D printing process to create the massive nine-ton cannon, underwritten by Dan and Bonnie Sandman, which provides a life-size example of Pittsburgh’s military production and prowess during the Civil War. Built in 1864, the original cannon was designed and cast using groundbreaking technology developed by Thomas Jackson Rodman at the Fort Pitt Foundry in Pittsburgh’s Strip District, across the street from the History Center. It weighed nearly 90 tons and could shoot a 20-inch cannonball up to 4.5 miles.

For more information about the History Center’s exhibitions, programs, and publications commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in Pennsylvania, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/civilwar.

In association with the Smithsonian Institution
Get Your Roll On: Bocce Tournament & Festival

**BOCCE**

**Sat., Aug. 16, 2014 • Noon to 7 p.m.**

Come throw out the pallino and throw down for a worthy cause at the History Center’s Fifth Annual Bocce Tournament and Festival.

Admission to the festival is free for all spectators and includes live entertainment, including headliner Pure Gold, and a front row seat to Pittsburgh’s most competitive bocce tournament. Visitors can even try their hand playing bocce on two specially designed public courts. Delicious Italian food and beverages will be available for purchase from The Common Plea.

The event, organized by Jack Mascaro of Mascaro Construction, begins at noon in the parking lot beneath the Veterans Bridge overpass, adjacent to the Hampton Inn at 13th & Smallman Streets.

Proceeds benefit the History Center’s Italian American Program, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania. For more information or to sponsor a team or court, please contact Angela Ford at 412-454-6405 or agford@heinzhistorycenter.org.

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Rockers, Sports Legends, and More Honored at 22nd Annual History Makers Award Dinner

Chaired by Donald J. Heberle, president of BNY Mellon of Pennsylvania, and Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, president and CEO, Citizens Bank for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, and presented by BNY Mellon and Citizens Bank, this year’s History Makers Award Dinner raised more than $340,000 for the History Center’s educational programs and exhibitions.

This year’s honorees included Mel Blount (Sports); Nadine Bognar (Philanthropy); Joe Grushecky (Arts & Entertainment); Jack B. Piatt (Business & Industry); and Milton and Nancy Washington (Community Service).

More than 450 attendees helped to honor six distinguished Pittsburghers for their exceptional contributions to the history of Western Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world as part of the History Center’s 22nd Annual History Makers Award Dinner at the Westin Convention Center.

History Center Welcomes Historical Artifacts

The Bayer Corporation recently donated 12 Kentucky rifles from the 1780s to the 1870s that illustrate the evolution of this iconic American firearm. The muzzle-loading rifles in the collection were handcrafted in Pennsylvania and feature intricately carved stocks and decorative brass plates. Several of these firearms will be featured in the new Museum Conservation Center’s visible storage area beginning this fall.

A beautiful milk delivery wagon (c. 1900), used by Hyllmede Dairy in Beaver, Pa., will be on exhibit in the Museum Conservation Center’s first floor this fall. The wagon was transferred to the History Center from the Landis Village and Farm Museum.

For more information on donating artifacts to the History Center, please contact Emily Ruby at 412-454-6350 or eruby@heinzhistorycenter.org.

The History Center recently announced the addition of several key artifacts to its collection that showcase more than 200 years of Western Pa. history.

**The Mylan foursome with celebrity golfer Bob Friend Sr.**

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Unconquered Exhibition Extended


Archeology at Point State Park

Recently, archeology experts and representatives from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Fort Pitt Museum met to brainstorm ideas for a Point State Park archeological plan. The plan will include standards to protect archeological findings during construction and steps to begin field studies and educational programming.

The Fort Pitt Museum is the most affordable family-friendly cultural experience in the region. Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for senior citizens, and $3 for students and youth ages 6-17. Children under 6 and History Center members get in free.

Unconquered Exhibition Extended

Meadowcroft Goes BIG with Additions to Indian Village

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, the oldest site of human habitation in North America, recently opened its 2014 season with big updates to its 16th century Eastern Woodland Indian Village.

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250th Anniversary of the Fort Pitt Block House

Celebrate Pittsburgh’s oldest building with musket, rifle, and cannon demonstrations. Learn how the Block House was constructed and visit blacksmith Jymn Hoffmann’s reproduction forge.

Cannon Firings • Sat., Aug. 9, 2014
& Sat., Sept. 20 – Sun., Sept. 21, 2014

For more information about cannon firing times, please stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

Fort Pitt Speaker Series: Dr. Holly Mayer

Sat., Aug. 9, 2014 • 7:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Holly Mayer, associate professor in the history department at Duquesne University, for a discussion on the military community during the American Revolution.

Royal Artillery at Fort Pitt


Join the ranks of the Royal Artillery stationed at Fort Pitt during the 18th century. Practice cannon drills with the cannon crew and experience the firepower of a British six-pounder.

For more information, please stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Fort Pitt Museum tab or call 412-454-6312.

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Rockshelel and Historic Village

Event Calendar

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A special Members’ Day event at Meadowcroft is slated for Sat., Sept. 6.

Meadowcroft Summer Hours:
Wed. – Sat., Noon to 5 p.m. | Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.
Admission is $12 for adults, $11 for senior citizens, and $6 for students and youth ages 6-17. Children under 6 and History Center members get in free.

For more information, please stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on the Meadowcroft tab or call 724-587-5412.
Nearly 1,000 visitors celebrated their passion for food at Hometown-Homegrown®, a fun and flavorful food expo at the History Center presented in partnership with GoodTaste Pittsburgh®. Throughout the day, the History Center’s Weissbrod Kitchen Classroom hosted special cooking demos with the city’s top culinary experts such as Chris Fennimore, Bill Fuller, and Kevin Sousa.

New Members
- Ms. Jane N. Gilbert
- Mr. George Garrison
- Ms. Gabrielle V. Garretson
- Mr. & Mrs. Sean Ganoe
- Ms. Kathy Focareta
- The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald
- Rebecca Rieser
- Ms. Hilary P. Falo
- Ms. Marcie Eberhart
- Ms. Gez Ebbert
- Mr. Jonathan Eakin
- Ms. Alice Doolittle
- Mr. Bill Dickinson
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- Ms. Lori Dawson
- Mr. Robert J. Cushman
- Ms. Emily Crum
- Mr. James Cottone
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- Mr. Babaji Chitturi
- Mr. Jose Chirino
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- Mr. Jeffrey Bornak
- Ms. Denise Borek
- Ms. Charlene Bidula
- Mr. & Mrs. Russell Behary
- Ms. Donna Bauman
- Mrs. Eva Bauer
- Ms. Jennefer A. Bartholomew
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Baker
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Baier
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Adamonis
- New Members
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The History Center recently loaned several objects to national television network CNN for a special short-term exhibition, A Look into the Sixties, in New York City’s Grand Central Terminal. The exhibit, created in partnership with the Smithsonian and CNN’s new original series, “The Sixties,” featured dozens of artifacts from this generation-defining decade, including the History Center’s popular life-like figure of Mister Rogers and numerous toys from the museum’s Wolverine Toy Co. collection. For more information about the Smithsonian’s home in Pittsburgh, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

It’s a Three-peat! Common Plea Named Top Caterer

For the third consecutive year, Common Plea, the History Center’s exclusive caterer, was awarded “Best in Show” at the prestigious CaterSource Conference and Tradeshows in Las Vegas.

More than 3,000 caterers and event professionals from around the world attended the conference to share their creative culinary concepts.

The Common Plea was also named “Tutera’s Pick” for the most extravagantly designed tabletop display as judged by David Tutera, celebrity event planner and host of WE tv’s “My Fair Wedding.”

From small meetings and intimate gatherings, to large trade shows and wedding receptions, the History Center is designed to accommodate events of every size and style. For more information about History Center facility rentals, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org or please contact Maura Minteer at 412-454-6435 or mminter@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Scouts Honor: Badge Days Set for this Summer

Scouts can earn badges and build life skills during the History Center’s two summer All-Scout Badge Days on July 26 and Aug. 16.

As part of the Badge Days, Boy or Girl Scouts with an accompanying adult will tour through select History Center exhibitions and learn research techniques while completing their badge booklet.

Look for new Cub Scout and Boy Scout badges to debut this fall at our Boy Scout Badge Days on Oct. 18, Nov. 1, and Nov. 22. Also, mark your calendars for the next Boy Scout Night at the History Museum on Fri., Nov. 7, which will feature unique behind-the-scenes tours and plenty of entertainment as Scouts come face-to-face with history.

For more information on any of our Scout programs or to register for the next Night at the History Museum event, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/scouts or contact Nate Rodda at 412-454-6433 or nrodda@heinzhistorycenter.org.
In association with the Smithsonian Institution

Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia

Bob Hawley, a member of the Steamboat Arabia Undertaking, will speak about the Arabia, a steamboat that sank in Lake Pepin, Minnesota, in 1901. The Arabia, with its rich history and cultural significance, is a prime example of the transportation and commerce that defined the era. The program will be held in the History Center's new exhibit, Arabia: Treasures of the Arabia.

For more information, please contact Melissa Marinaro at 412-454-6426 or mmarinaro@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Hop into History

Young children will be transported back in time through music, dance, and games led by museum educators and kindermusik instructor Lynda Wingert. On July 16, kids will learn about the history of transportation in Pittsburgh and on Aug. 20, they will explore the importance of rivers in the region. The program is included with regular museum admission, which is free for children 5 and under and $15 for adults. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please contact Mariruth Leftwich at 412-454-6390 or mleftwich@heinzhistorycenter.org.

From Slavery to Freedom Film Series: W.E.B. Du Bois


The film screening will be followed by a discussion. This public program is free and will be held at the Homewood Library Auditorium, 7101 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208. For more information, please contact Sarah Rooney at 412-454-6873 or srooney@heinzhistorycenter.org.

The Hunt for Sunken Treasure

Join the History Center for a Steamboat Arabia-themed Treasure Hunt, presented in partnership with Wigle Whiskey. Explore History Center exhibitions, including the History Center’s new Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia exhibit, for hidden clues and answer questions posed by famous historical figures. Along the way, visitors can earn gold coins redeemable for drinks and other great prizes. Admission is $15 and includes one drink ticket. For more information, please contact Sarah Rooney at 412-454-6873 or srooney@heinzhistorycenter.org.

New Library & Archives Accessions

Visit the History Center YouTube channel to watch the “What’s Old is New” video, featuring History Center President and CEO Andy Masich, a group of precocious kindergartners, and curious historical artifacts. What do kids think of a typewriter, cassette player, and lunch box? Watch the show to see their surprising and entertaining answers.

New Museum Collections

View the new collections and exhibitions at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
The History Center’s new exhibit, Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia, features nearly 2,000 once-hidden treasures.

EXHIBITIONS

FIRST FLOOR
NEW! Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia (through Jan. 4, 2015)
UPMC SmartSteps
Senator John Heinz: A Western Pennsylvania Legacy
Kiddush (mezuzah)
Vintage Vehicles

SECOND FLOOR
Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation
Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

THIRD FLOOR
Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum
Discovery Place
Rediscovering Lewis & Clark:
A Journey with the Rooney Family
Prime Collection of Woodworking Planes
Outdoor Advertising

FOURTH FLOOR
NEW! The Post-Gazette Photographers: Best of 2013
NEW! Heinz (re-opening on Sept. 6, 2014)
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FIFTH FLOOR
Clash of Empires: The British, French, & Indian War, 1754-1763

SIXTH FLOOR
Wrought Metal Treasures from the Blum Collection

EXHIBITIONS

NEW! Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat Exhibition
Explore the History Center’s new major exhibition Pittsburgh’s Lost Steamboat: Treasures of the Arabia and unearth a fascinating story of sunken treasures, discovery, and preservation through a showcase of the largest time capsule of pre-Civil War life. The exhibit features nearly 2,000 once-hidden treasures, including a bottle of 160-year-old perfectly-preserved pickles, from the Steamboat Arabia, which sank and was rediscovered nearly 160 years later in a Kansas cornfield. See page 1 for exhibition details.