Welcome to the special summer edition of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's electronic newsletter for educators. Please feel free to pass this newsletter along to others who might benefit from it.

Exciting New Educators' Workshop: William Penn's Vision for Philadelphia

On Thursday, June 23, 2011, attend a two-part workshop on William Penn's vision for Philadelphia sponsored by The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia in partnership with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and colleague institutions the Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater Kent, National Constitution Center, National Archives at Philadelphia, and Independence National Historical Park. The workshop runs from 4-8 p.m. at the National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, and is open to teachers and pre-service students. Three credits of ACT 48 will be provided.

The program will include an opportunity to get up close with rarely exhibited Penn artifacts, including the famous wampum belt and Penn's letters. Teachers will learn strategies for linking maps, documents, and artifacts to more fully understand Penn's vision as well as brainstorm the most effective methods to teach tolerance using history as a platform. After a box dinner, participants will attend a dynamic program considering Philadelphia's history and experiences as a "Cradle of Liberty." Moderated by distinguished historian and author Richard Beeman, the panel features Gary Nash of UCLA, Richard Newman of the Rochester Institute of Technology, and Michael Coard of Avenging the Ancestors Coalition.

The cost of the workshop is $12, including dinner, and parking vouchers are available for $9 for those who park at NCC (enter on Race Street between 5th and 6th Streets). Workshop participants also will receive a CD with a bibliography, images of documents and artifacts used in the workshop, and links to related resources.
The workshop is limited to 30 participants so register online today. Mark your calendar for more of these innovative workshops: Philadelphia Workshop of the World workshop on November 9, 2011, and Philadelphia City of Neighborhoods workshop on March 28, 2012.

George Washington Was Here

Well, he was not at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, but George Washington was in Philadelphia off and on for decades in the 1700s. In conjunction with the exhibit Discover the Real George Washington at the National Constitution Center this summer, the Historical Society will host a George Washington Document Display on Wednesday, August 3 from 12:30-7:30 p.m. Come see Washington's pocket diary, Martha Washington's cookbook, the diary of Washington's private secretary, Tobias Lear, who chronicled Washington's last days and death, and even a lock of Washington's hair. The event is free; bring family and friends.