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JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31

# HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA GAZETTE

## HISTORIC DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



### Welcome to your first stop for visiting Philadelphia

Make the most of your visit by starting at Independence Visitor Center, 6th & Market streets.

Speak with friendly staff for free trip planning advice; explore things to do on digital installations; and purchase discounted tickets for local attractions and tours.

After starting here, you'll know what to do, when to go, and how to get there. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### JANUARY 5

**National Liberty Museum, Bowie Bash: Amplified, 6:30-9 p.m.:** Celebrate the museum's new exhibition, Amplified: Art Music, Power with drinks, snacks and music by WXPJ DJ John Morrison. \$15 general admission; \$30 early bird VIP. [libertymuseum.org/event](http://libertymuseum.org/event)

### JANUARY 21

**The Weitzman, Sacred Soundscapes: Musical Traditions from the Ottoman Empire, 2 p.m.:** Ensemble program celebrating the diverse Ottoman spiritual traditions and featuring historical introduction to the musical pieces. \$18 general admission; [theweitzman.org](http://theweitzman.org)

### JANUARY 27

**Franklin Square, Ice Princess Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:** Frosty fun comes to the Square with ice carving, face-painting, children's activities, and everyone's favorite royalty. FREE. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### FEBRUARY 2

**Hill-Physick House, Philadelphia Landmarks Early Music Series presents Variant 6, 7 p.m.:** Two renowned sopranos together with acclaimed local musicians present a musical program exploring themes of love, loss, faith and philosophy. Self-guided tours of the house and wine and cheese are offered beginning at 6 p.m. \$25 in advance. [philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### FEBRUARY 3 & 4

**Betsy Ross House, Black History Month, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** Each weekend in February, the House will feature History Maker Saturdays and Storytelling Sundays. Each Saturday, meet a different historical figure, which may include James Forten, Ona Judge, Bishop Richard Allen and others. On Sundays, Once Upon A Nation Storytellers share short, interactive and little-known stories about the contributions Black men and women made in our nation's early days. FREE. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### FEBRUARY 9 & 10

**Betsy Ross House, Topsy History: A Love Story, Tours at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.:** Hear a love story for the ages when you meet a young Betsy Ross just after her elopement with husband John. The program continues in the House with a special, love-themed tour and a handcrafted cocktail. Guests must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$25 in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### FEBRUARY 10 & 11

**Betsy Ross House, Black History Month, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** See February 3 & 4 for details.

### FEBRUARY 17 & 18

**Betsy Ross House, Black History Month, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** See February 3 & 4 for details.

### FEBRUARY 17

**Franklin Square, Lunar New Year Celebration, 5-7 p.m.:** Ring in the Year of the Dragon with family-friendly traditional celebrations. FREE. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### FEBRUARY 24

**Philadelphia Visitor Center, Black History Month Makers Market, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** Presented in partnership with Art Star, the market features the work of local Black and Brown artists. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### FEBRUARY 24 & 25

**Betsy Ross House, Black History Month, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** See February 3 & 4 for details.



### MARCH 8

**Hill-Physick House, Philadelphia Landmarks Early Music Series presents Filament, 7 p.m.:** This collaboration

with Franco-American soprano Alice Teyssier explores the way women's stories have been told through music over the years. \$25 in advance, [philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### MARCH 14

**Sip & Stitch, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:** BYOB and a needlework project and stitch along with Betsy. Each session will feature a guest speaker and a beginner-friendly project. Sip & Stitch is FREE. Register in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### MARCH 15

**Hill-Physick House, Philadelphia Landmarks Early Music Series presents Makaris, 7 p.m.:** This performance of Out of the Western Isles, is a cross-genre St. Patrick's Day celebration with works by well-known composers along with traditional Irish and Scottish songs. \$25. [philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### MARCH 23

**Philadelphia Visitor Center, Women's Work Craft Fair, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** The work of local female artists is showcased in partnership with Art Star. [phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

## Visit Franklin Square for Outdoor Fun All Winter Long

**Franklin Square transforms into a winter wonderland during the colder months of the year.** Evenings through the end of February, enjoy a special winter version of the dazzling **Electrical Spectacle Light Show** presented by PECO.

In January, bundle up for **Chilly Philly Mini Golf**, where lights and larger-than-life, wintertime friends decorate the course. In February, love is in the air as the mini-golf course is transformed into **Philly Mini Golf With Love**, with Valentine-themed lights, music and décor.



You can try your luck at **Street Curling**, a fun-for-all adaptation of the Olympic team sport. And, no visit is complete without

a stop at **Ben on the Rocks** to warm up by the fire pits or inside the heated tent. Enjoy hot chocolate or a drink from the bar, make your own s'mores and more.

Pop-up special events, including **Ice Princess Night**, a **Chinese New Year Celebration** and **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service** are planned throughout the winter. Check [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org) for details.

A frosty evening in Franklin Square is fun for the whole family, a group of friends and makes a great date night. The Square is also open during the day for mini-golf and wintry rides on the Parx Liberty Carousel. For complete hours and ticket information, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).





## Celebrate Women's History Month at the Betsy Ross House

The Betsy Ross House is the only site in Historic Philadelphia dedicated to telling the stories of women and there is no better place to visit during March when the House celebrates Women's History Month with a series of special events.

Following is a sampling of what's planned. For the most up-to-date information, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).



### Meet the Women of the Betsy Ross House on Saturday, March 2 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.:

This one of a kind program offers the opportunity to interact with Betsy at two stages of her life, along with her wealthy landlord. Tour-goers will be greeted in the parlor by **Hannah Lithgow**, who owned the House when Betsy Ross rented rooms there. Upstairs, they will come upon a **young Betsy Ross** secretly stitching the first flag in her bedchamber, away from the prying eyes of Loyalists. Finally, in the basement, they will meet **Betsy Ashburn**, the remarried upholsterer, now participating in even more rebellious activity – making musket cartridges for the Continental Army.

Timed tickets are \$10 in advance at [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org). A limited number of tickets will be offered at the door. *Note: Self-guided tours will not be available during the program.*

**Sundays are for storytelling! From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Sunday of March,** Once Upon A Nation Storytellers will share stories about women's contributions to history that you didn't learn in school.

**The Betsy Ross House is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in March.** Meet Betsy Ross as she works in her upholstery shop and take a self-guided or audio tour. For ticket information, visit [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org).



## The National Constitution Center Welcomes Visitors with a New Gallery & Special Events This Winter

Come in from the cold this winter for a fun and informative day at the National Constitution Center at a discounted price. The Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits.

In the new First Amendment gallery, discover how the amendment protects our most cherished freedoms—religious liberty, free speech, a free press, the freedom of assembly, and the right to petition—and how it impacts us today. The 1,500-square-foot exhibit features more than 20 artifacts highlighting all five freedoms.

A number of special events are also planned through March.

### JANUARY 3-MARCH 31, 2024

**All Together Now: A Celebration of Equality:** This winter, the Center is offering discounted and free admission days along with a series of programs and events that explore freedom and equality in America. All Together Now looks at how “We the People” have worked throughout history to expand human rights and make our nation, and the Constitution itself, more inclusive—highlighting abolitionists, suffragists, and civil rights leaders.

From Wednesday, January 3, through Sunday, March 24, enjoy discounted admission of \$15 for adults (usually \$19) and \$12 for youth ages 6-18 (usually \$15); [constitutioncenter.org/tickets](http://constitutioncenter.org/tickets)

### JANUARY 15

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s lifelong dedication to justice, equality, and service for the greater good with free admission on Monday, January 15, and special programming all weekend long.

### FEBRUARY 2024

**Black History Month, Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Honor the achievements and rich heritage of African Americans and the impact their stories have had on constitutional history. In-person and online programming for Black History Month includes Scholar Talks, new installments of *America's Town Hall*, civic chats and story corners for younger learners, and activities for the whole family. Also, experience *Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality*, America's first exhibit devoted to exploring how constitutional clashes over slavery set the stage for the Civil War, and how the nation transformed the Constitution after the war to more fully embrace the Declaration of Independence's promise of liberty and equality. Visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the latest programming.

### FEBRUARY 19

**Presidents Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Free admission along with in-person and virtual events exploring Article II of the Constitution, the role of the executive branch, and the individuals who have held the office of the president throughout American history.

### MARCH 2024

**Women's History Month, Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** The Center recognizes extraordinary American women throughout the nation's history with special programs and programming for the whole family. View *The 19th Amendment: How Women Won the Vote*. This exhibit traces the triumphs and struggles that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment, and features some of the many women who transformed constitutional history. Visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org) for the most up-to-date schedule of programs.

The National Constitution Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)



## HISTORIC SITES

### Arch Street Friends

#### Meeting House (E3)

320 Arch Street  
(215) 627-2667  
Thurs.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[historicismh.org](http://historicismh.org)

### Betsy Ross House (F3)

239 Arch Street  
(215) 629-4026  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in March;  
closed Tuesdays Dec. - Feb.  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Carpenters' Hall (E5)

320 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-0167  
Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Jan. & Feb.; Tue.-Sun. March  
[carpentershall.org](http://carpentershall.org)

### Christ Church Philadelphia (F4)

2nd Street above Market Street  
(215) 922-1695  
Daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Christ Church Burial Ground (D3)

5th & Arch streets  
(215) 922-1695  
Daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[christchurchphila.org](http://christchurchphila.org)

### Congress Hall (C5)

6th & Chestnut streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Declaration House (B4)

599 South 7th Street  
(800) 537-7676  
CLOSED  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site (C4)

532 N. 7th Street  
(800) 537-7576  
Fri.-Sun. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Elfreth's Alley Museum (F2)

124-126 Elfreth's Alley  
(215) 574-0560  
CLOSED until 4/14/2024  
[elfrethsalley.org](http://elfrethsalley.org);  
[elfrethsalley.org/audio-tour](http://elfrethsalley.org/audio-tour)

### Franklin Court (E4)

314-322 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; printing office Fri. &  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Franklin Square (C1)

6th & Race streets  
(215) 629-4026  
Jan. 1-7 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Jan. 11-Feb.  
25. Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (and  
holiday Mondays); Feb. 26 - Mar. 31 2024  
make this March 1-31 Daily 10 a.m. - 7  
pm. (evening events 5- 9 p.m. when park  
is open). All hours are weather permitting.  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### Free Quaker Meeting House (C3)

5th & Arch streets  
(215) 629-4026  
CLOSED for the season  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Independence Hall (C5)

Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Free timed tickets required  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Old City Hall (D5)

5th & Chestnut streets  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(800) 537-7676  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Physick House (E8)

321 South 4th Street  
(215)925-7866  
Jan. & Feb. appointment only;  
Sat. 11 a.m. - 3p.m. & Sun.  
1-5 p.m. in March  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### Portrait Gallery at the Second Bank (D5)

420 Chestnut Street  
(800) 537-7676  
CLOSED for the season  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde) for updates

### Powel House (E7)

244 South 3rd Street  
(215) 627-0364  
Jan. & Feb. appointment only; Sat. 11  
a.m.-3 p.m. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. in March  
[philalandmarks.org](http://philalandmarks.org)

### President's House Site (E8)

555 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

## MUSEUMS

### American Philosophical Society Museum (D6)

104 South 5th Street  
(215) 440-3442  
CLOSED for the season  
[amphilsoc.org](http://amphilsoc.org)

### African American Museum in Philadelphia (B3)

7th & Arch streets  
(215) 574-0380  
Thurs. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[aampmuseum.org](http://aampmuseum.org)

### Faith & Liberty Discovery Center (D4)

101 N. Independence Mall East  
Mon-Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(215) 309-0401  
[faithandliberty.org](http://faithandliberty.org)

### Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (C2)

6th & Arch streets  
(866)574-3727  
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
[philadelphiafed.org](http://philadelphiafed.org)

### Fireman's Hall Museum (F2)

147 North 2nd Street  
(215) 923-1438  
Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[firemanshallmuseum.org](http://firemanshallmuseum.org)

### Independence Seaport Museum (H6)

211 Columbus Blvd.  
(215)413-8655  
Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
[phillyseaport.org](http://phillyseaport.org)

### Liberty Bell Center (C4)

526 Market Street  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[nps.gov/inde](http://nps.gov/inde)

### Museum of the American Revolution (E5)

101 South 3rd Street  
(215)253-6731  
Daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[amrevmuseum.org](http://amrevmuseum.org)

### Museum of Illusions (D4)

401 Market Street  
(267) 703-2270  
Mon-Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
Fri. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.,  
Sat 9 a.m. - .10 p.m.,  
Sun 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
[moiphilly.com](http://moiphilly.com)

### National Constitution Center (D3)

525 Arch Street  
(215) 409-6700  
Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

### National Liberty Museum (E5)

321 Chestnut Street  
(215) 925-2800  
Thurs. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[libertymuseum.org](http://libertymuseum.org)

### Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History (D4)

101 South Independence Mall East  
(215) 923-3811  
Fri.- Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[theweitzman.org](http://theweitzman.org)

## OTHER SITES

### Independence Visitor Center (C4)

6th & Market streets  
(800) 537-7676  
Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[phlvisitorcenter.com](http://phlvisitorcenter.com)

### SquareBurger (C1)

Franklin Square, 6th & Race streets  
(215) 629-4026  
Thurs. - Sun. 12 p.m. - one hour prior  
to park closing (hours subject to change)  
[historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

### U.S. Mint (D2)

151 North Independence Mall East  
(215) 408-0114  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
[usmint.gov](http://usmint.gov)

## Get Your Free Independence Hall Ticket

Admission to Independence Hall is by timed-entry tour only. Timed tickets must be reserved in advance online at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov), or by phone at (877) 444-6777. Tickets are free, but there is a non-refundable processing fee of \$1 per ticket. Up to nine tickets can be reserved per account. Tickets can be printed or displayed on a mobile device. Please arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tour time to go through security screening.





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