



Select America250 Events

Here are some of the celebrations planned for our nation's 250th anniversary this month. There are many more scheduled—check CCCF250.org for details.

FAMILY FUN

Find more kids programming at your local library, CCLS.org

July 4, Revolutionary Farmers at Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead. Step into the tension of 1776, where Patriots, Loyalists and Quakers debate the future of the colonies and the true loyalty of the farm. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 4. \$5, under 4 free. ColonialFarmstead.org



July 6 & 13, Unearth a Story: Colonial Science Series. Children grades 2–5 explore colonial trades and skills through books, discussions and hands-on projects. **July 6,** Colonial Homemaking Science; **July 13,** Colonial Land Science. Chester County Library, 450 Exton Square Pkwy., Exton. 2 pm. CCLS.org

July 16, Revolutionary Youth at Historic Sugartown. A collection of stories that capture the courage, conviction and ideals fueling America's fight for independence from Ken Burns' "The American Revolution." Carriage Museum, 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 5 pm. Free, reg. req. HistoricSugartown.org

July 23, Indigenous Beadwork with Rain Black & Robin Glow. Teens grades 5–11 explore basic beading techniques and learn how beadwork has been used for storytelling, identity and adornment by Indigenous peoples. Paoli Library, 18 Darby Rd., Paoli. 3 pm. Reg. req. CCLS.org

July 26, Penns Woods Winery America 250 Pop-Up: Carding & Wool Spinning. Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead presents a hands-on demo, where you'll card wool, see natural dyes and woven cloth, and try hand-spinning. Plus, play colonial toys and games from the late 1700s. 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. 1 to 4. Free. PennsWoodsWinery.com



SPECIAL EVENTS & EXHIBITS

July 1–19, Dare to Declare. Public readings of the Declaration, exploring the meaning behind "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." **July 1,** Chester Co. History Ctr.; **July 2,** Phoenixville Library; **July 4,** Brandywine Battlefield Park, Colonial PA Farmstead, Duportail House, Kennett Heritage Ctr., Maurice Stephens House, Mill at Anselma, Minch Park; **July 19,** Bradford Friends Meetinghouse. CCCF250.org

July 1–30, Forged in Freedom: The Land, the People and the Promise that Shaped a Nation. The Chester County Archives' traveling exhibit showcasing key people and events that shaped the region's history. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. ChesCo.org/5383/Events

July 1, World Association of Marching Show Bands 250th USA Championships. Bands from Italy, Germany, Sweden, England, Puerto Rico and the U.S. compete in an obstacle course-style performance event and more. Farrell Stadium, 855 S. New St., West Chester. Gates open 9:30 am. \$15–\$50. VivaceProductions.com/WAMSB2026



July 3–5, Happy Birthday Valley Forge National Historic Park! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Valley Forge National Historical Park and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with special programs and events. 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. NPS.gov/VAFO



July 4, Commemoration Ceremony at the Revolutionary Soldiers Cemetery. Ceremony with guest speaker, music, reenactors and "Taps." Rt. 23 & Church Rd., Phoenixville. 9 to 10:30 am. EastVincent.org

July 4, Independence Day at the Mill at Anselma. Patriotic music by Lenape Brass, "Dare to Declare" presentations, bread baking, mill demos, face painting and kids activities. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. 10 to 4. \$5–10, under 5 free. AnselmaMill.org

July 7, Tasting History with Cook & Connect. Pick any recipe from a selection of 18th- and 19th-century cookbooks, prepare your dish at home, then bring it to the tasting event to share and discuss. Paoli Library, 18 Darby Rd., Paoli. 5:30 pm. Reg. req. CCLS.org

July 19, A Most Patriotic Celebration in Marshallton. Readings of the Declaration of Independence, a heritage flag ceremony and performance by the Chester County Choral Society, and the Friends of Martin's Tavern annual ice cream social. 1 to 5. MartinsTavern.org

July 28, Clay, Compassion & Community Dinner. White Dog Cafe and Historic Yellow Springs present a dining experience rooted in history, craft and farm-fresh cuisine. Dine using handmade ceramic bowls crafted from Chester County's own iron-rich clay, which you'll take home with you. 181 Gordon Dr., Exton. 5 to 8. \$130. [Tickets, YellowSprings.org](http://Tickets.YellowSprings.org)



TALKS & TOURS

Through October 15, Town Tours & Village Walks. See "Town Tours & Village Walks" in this issue.

July 2, "Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness." Local historian Jim Segrave-Daly discusses the Declaration of Independence and the contentious debates in the Continental Congress that led to its creation. Phoenixville Public Library, 183 2nd Ave., Phoenixville. 6:30 pm. Reg. req. CCLS.org

July 4 & 18, Upper Uwchlan Twp. Driving Tour. Discover 25 of Upper Uwchlan's oldest homes, farmsteads and a historic tavern on this self-guided tour. Tour packets available at the Upland Farmhouse Museum, 301 Pottstown Pk., Chester Springs. Free. [Tickets and times, UpperUwchlan-PA.gov](http://Ticketsandtimes.UpperUwchlan-PA.gov)



July 18 & 25, Battle of Brandywine Bus Tours. Tour the Brandywine Battlefield landscape, guided by local author and master Battle of Brandywine historian Tom McGuire. Begins and ends at the Pennsbury Twp. campus, 702 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 9 to 11 am. \$30, reg. req. EastBradford.org

July 18, Battle of the Clouds and Paoli Massacre Presentation & Bus Tour. Historians Christopher Reardon and Jim Christ give an overview of the Battle of the Clouds and Paoli Massacre. Then see the actual sites with a stop at the Paoli Battlefield. Starts and ends at West Goshen Twp. Bldg., 1025 Paoli Pk., West Chester. 10 to 2. \$50, reg. req. WestGoshen.org

July 18, Anselma 250 Lecture: "Origins: The Lenape, William Penn and the Colonists." Ellen Endslo, Chester Co. History Ctr., examines early alliances between the Lenape and European settlers under William Penn. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. 4 pm. Free, reg. req. AnselmaMill.org



July 23, "Remember Paoli!" Lecture. Jim Christ, Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, discusses the often-overlooked Battle of Paoli. Easttown Library, 720 1st Ave., Berwyn. 6:30 pm. Reg. req. CCLS.org