

THE LANCASTER DOWNTOWN DIFFERENCE



Your **FREE** online guide to Lancaster's Urban Lifestyle

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Celebrate Valentine's Day in Downtown Lancaster!

Preparing for Valentine's Day? Make sure you make your reservations now at one of Downtown Lancaster's wonderful array of **restaurants**, of which many are hosting special dinner packages. Need flowers, chocolates or other gifts? You can find them in any of Downtown's 150+ **one-of-a-kind shops**, boutiques, florists and confectioneries. Make an evening of it by attending one of the many Downtown **activities** or **performances** planned for that special evening. Or make a weekend of it and plan a romantic getaway at one of Downtown's **great hotels**.

This Month's Events

Through Feb. 9th: *Hand Dipped Chocolates to Benefit the Heritage Center*

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it. Do you have gifts for your loved ones? Give unique handmade artisan chocolates and help the Heritage Center at the same time. Hurry as only 35 are pounds left! Call 299-6440 to place your order for these fabulous chocolates or visit the Heritage Center's website to download the order form: www.quiltandtextilemuseum.com/support/default.php. To taste these artisan chocolates visit the Heritage Center Museum Store (5 W. King St.) on First Friday in February between 5 and 8 p.m. for a free sample. The proceeds of this chocolate sale benefit the educational programs of the Heritage Center.

Through Feb 15th: *Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest"*

When a stranger crashes his car on a foggy night, he approaches the nearest house looking for help. What he finds is a man shot dead in his chair and the victim's wife holding the murder weapon. But if you think that spells an open-and-shut case, you don't know Agatha Christie. The undisputed Queen of Crime returns to the Fulton stage with another pulse-pounding tale filled with false leads, red herrings and a host of probable suspects. Get ready to have your mind twisted like a pretzel by this ultra-suspenseful whodunit at The Fulton (12 N. Prince St.). Call (717) 397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org for tickets.

Through Feb 20th: *The City and Other Places: Photos by Lori Nix*

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (204 N. Prince St.) presents the work of Brooklyn-based artist Lori Nix. Nix's work explores a world overrun by natural disaster. Blurring the lines between truth and illusion, Nix constructs and photographs fascinating mini environments. The resulting images are tantalizingly real and stimulate imagination with a fantastic sense of scale, dramatically lit colors and enticing narratives. An artist's reception will be held in the PCA&D Main Gallery on First Friday, Feb. 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.pcad.edu.

Through Feb 28th: *"Wizard of Oz"*

Come down to the Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre (126 N. Water St.) to experience this classic American tale like you've never seen it before. "The Wizard of Oz" will be performed with muppet-style puppets. Fridays & Saturdays at 10 a.m. Tickets \$9.00. For reservations call 717-394-8398. www.holeinthewallpuppets.com.

Through March 1st: *Skating at Clipper Magazine Stadium*

The Ice Park at Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St.) once again offers ice skating on the ballpark's 135' x 80' rink. Open skating sessions Thursdays and Fridays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.lancasterbarnstormers.com for more information.

Through May 15th: *Arctic Adventure Exhibit at the North Museum*

Bear facts and whale tales are just the tip of the iceberg at Arctic Adventure, the newest and coolest exhibition at the North Museum (400 College Ave.). The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Through May 16th: *Rhythm for Your Soul, Drumming with Tammi Hessen*

Come to Radiance (9 W. Grant St.) the 3rd Saturday of each month and explore the ancient rhythms within yourself! Instructor Tammi Hessen will lead you through the story of the djembe drum, the basics of how to play the djembe and dunun drums, and how to put the techniques together to learn ancient traditional rhythms and songs. Classes are for drummers of all ages and all skill levels. Classes are every 3rd Saturday through May, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Participants are welcome to rent a djembe for \$2 or bring frame drums to play during the rhythms. For more information call Radiance at (717) 290-1517.

Through Dec 31st: *Rainbow Yarns*

The Heritage Center of Lancaster County (5 W. King St.) is pleased to announce a Navajo weaving exhibition titled Rainbow Yarn: Navajo Rugs, Germantown Yarns and the Pennsylvania Connection at the Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum in Downtown Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For more information call (717) 299-6440.

This Month's Events

Feb 1st: *Chocolate Moose Daze*

This year, the North Museum (400 College Ave.) hosts local chocolate aficionados who will share their love of chocolate, plus convene an all-moose scavenger hunt, moose crafts, games, and yummy treats sure to make Chocolate Moose Daze the sweetest event of the year. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 1st–28th: *7th Annual Art in a Box Exhibition at the Demuth Museum*

The Demuth Museum will kick-off its 2009 exhibition season with the Seventh Annual Art in a Box Exhibition and an opening reception Sunday, Feb 1st, from 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibition features the artwork of over 70 students from Lancaster city and county schools exploring five different themes: architecture, portraiture, art from poetry, art from life and illustration. School districts contributing to this year's exhibition include Donegal School District, Hempfield School District, and the School District of Lancaster, along with Lancaster Country Day School.

Feb 1st–28th: *Photography by Becca Yoder at Carmen & David's Creamery*

Carmen & David's Creamery (23 N. Prince St.) exhibits the work of local high school student and photographer, Becca Yoder.

Feb 3rd–Mar 24th: *Beginning Fiction Workshop*

Taught by Sean Woznicki. Focuses on the tools we use to write - character, setting, plot, dialogue and point of view. A sampling of published stories by distinguished writers will be discussed. Students will participate in a variety of writing exercises and may submit a writing sample to be critiqued (optional). Sponsored by Lancaster Literary Guild. \$75 for LLG members, \$99 for non-members (includes a one year membership as well as subscription to Rapportage). The eight week event is on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Lancaster Literary Guild, 113 North Lime Street, Lancaster. To register: 717-519-7501 or sean.woznicki@gmail.com.

Feb 3rd: *Restoring Scientific Integrity Lecture at F&M*

Advice for the New Administration by Seth Shulman, author of *Undermining Science: Suppression and Distortion in the Bush Administration* (University of California Press). In 2004, Shulman's work earned worldwide headlines when he served as the lead author of two investigative reports issued by the Union of Concerned Scientists that charged the George W. Bush administration with a misuse of science and lack of scientific integrity in policymaking. 7:30 p.m. Bonchek Lecture Hall, Barshinger Life Sciences and Philosophy Building, F&M Campus, Free.

Feb 4th: *Let's Make Brighid's Cross!*

Wednesday, from noon to 1:30 p.m., Radiance hosts a class where you can create a Brighid's Cross. Using dried grasses, we weave this ancient design, used to honor the Goddess Brighid, and to protect homes and hearths from fire. Learn about Brighid & her many healing aspects, and ask her to bless your weavings. Each participant will make a Brighid's Cross to take home. This class is one day only and taught by Herbs from the Labyrinth owner, Sarah Campbell. Class will be held at Radiance (9 W Grant St) from noon – 1:30 p.m. Stop in, or call 290-1517 to register. \$18 for the class includes all materials.

Feb 4th: *The Female Orgasm Lecture at F&M*

Sex educators Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller bring a playful, honest approach to this topic. The program discusses sexual responsibility, facts and fiction about sex and the female orgasm, and body image. Co-sponsored by CLAS, Women & Gender Studies, the Health and Wellness Committee and others. 7 p.m. Alumni Sports and Fitness Center, F&M Campus, Free. For more information call 717-358-4575 or visit www.sexualityeducation.com/femaleorg/index.php.

Feb 5th–28th: *Prints from the Past*

Isadore Gallery (228 N. Prince St.) hosts "Prints from the Past," an exhibition featuring original vintage lithographs, etchings, woodblock prints from Isadore's private collection. Reception is from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. and the exhibition continues through the 28th.

Feb 5th: *Book Discussion: "A. Lincoln: A Biography by Ron White"*

Sponsored by Lancaster Literary Guild this open discussion about Ron White's Biography is from 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m., in the Windolph Room, Lancaster Public Library, 125 N. Duke St. Admission is free but participants must RSVP. For more information: 717-431-4433 www.litguild.org.

Feb 5th: *"Artifacts of the 21st Century" Gallery Talk and Reception at F&M*

"Artifacts of the 21st Century" is a solo exhibition feature paintings by F&M senior, Douglas Graupe, whose paintings are inspired by art history and artists Giacometti, Pollock and deKooning. Show runs until March 1st. 4:30 p.m. Sally Mather Gibson Curriculum Gallery, The Phillips Museum of Art, (Steinman College Center), F&M Campus, Free. For more information visit www.fandm.edu/phillipsmuseum.xml.

Feb 5th: *Radiance Presents Maya Abdominal Massage with Mary Anderson*

Arvigo Maya Abdominal Massage Techniques are founded on the ancient Mayan technique, which is an external, non-evasive manipulation that repositions internal organs that have shifted, therefore restricting the flow of blood, lymph, nerve, and chi. The displacement and resulting constriction cause most common female complaints, as well as a host of unrelated ailments. This technique often uncovers emotional issues hidden deep in the abdominal areas of the body. Individual appointments with Mary Anderson can be scheduled for Thursday, Feb 5th each appointment costs \$100. Call now to schedule! 717-290-1517. 7 W. Grant St.

February 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th: *Read, Touch & Discover*

Using a different book each week, this program encourages young children ages 3 to 5 and their parents to explore their world. This session, learn about cold places – where they are and what lives there. This event is from 10:30 a.m.–noon, at the North Museum (400 College Ave.) and is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 6th: *First Friday*

First Fridays are a great time to experience Downtown Lancaster! Join the thousands who enjoy the evening's artistic energy. Over 90 art venues and shops extend their hours to 9 p.m., some even later! For a complete listing of monthly First Friday activities, visit www.LancasterARTS.com.

Feb 6th: *Randall Scarlata, Baritone, Laura Ward, Piano*

Hailed for his warm, expressive sound and consummate musicianship, Randall Scarlata will perform a diverse program including works by Poulenc and Schubert as well as love songs in celebration of Valentine's Day. 8:00 p.m. Barshinger Center of Musical Arts, F&M Campus. Students \$1; Off-campus patrons \$10. For more information visit tdf.fandm.edu:16080/boxoffice/ or call 717-358-4858.

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Feb 6th: *Pet Artists and Adoptable Pets*

Rainbow Pet Creations (305 N. Queen Street) hosts pet artists and adoptable pets for First Friday. Sponsored by the Humane League of Lancaster, stop by to see a variety of pet artists, meet some adoptable pets and learn about adoption with representatives of the Humane League of Lancaster. For more information call 717-393-3848.

Feb. 6th: *First Friday Night Live!*

The artMarket@BUIlDiNG CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse C) features Bailey Park (www.myspace.com/bailey1park) and bluegrass with Summitt Hill, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The artMARKET also features local craft, food and musical artisans, featuring the J.P. McCaskey art show. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Feb 6th: *First Friday Kirtan*

Ohm' your way to the Yoga Path (428 N. Duke St.) and experience the uplifting energy of Kirtan, a form of group chanting from ancient India. Afterwards, enjoy a sampling of delicious Ayurvedic vegetarian foods flavored with exotic and healing Indian spices, presented by Spice of Life. 7:45 p.m.–9:00 p.m. \$10 at the door.

Feb 6th: *Amanda Grosh: "Birds and Bees"*

Parlor Gallery (320 Laurel St.) presents new work by Amanda Grosh titled "Birds and Bees." Grosh's work is beautifully hand-crafted from fabric. Artists Reception will be from 5 p.m.–10 p.m. and the exhibition continues through Feb 14th by appointment. For more information contact Clifford Eberly at clifford@parlogallery.org or 717-392-1772.

Feb 6th: *Two New Artists at Galerie Michelle*

Galerie Michelle (226 W. Chestnut St.) features two new artists working in two media. Photographer Charles Heisterkamp presents work from his Street Musician series taken in Florence, Italy and New York City. Heisterkamp will be signing copies of his book collecting the series while supplies last. Linda Berkowitz will also be exhibiting new watercolors created from life in South Cove, Battery Park City, New York. For more information contact Galerie Michelle michelle@SpiziriArtGroup.com.

Feb 6th: *The First Ten Months*

Annex 24 Gallery (24 W. Walnut St.) welcomes fine art photography of Eric Casper exhibiting through Feb 28th. This inspiring collection encompasses work created by the artist in his first ten months in the world of photography. The artist will be available for questions and discussion from 5 p.m.–9 p.m. For more information visit www.annex24gallery.com or call 717-341-0028.

Feb 6th & 7th: *"Until the Violence Stops" Film screening*

Extraordinarily empowering and heartbreakingly funny, the Sundance favorite UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS chronicles how Eve Ensler's hit off-Broadway solo show The Vagina Monologues grew into V-Day, an international grassroots movement to stop violence against women and girls. 7:30 p.m. The Alice Drum Women's Center, F&M Campus, Free. For more information call 717-291-3956.

Feb 6th & 7th: *BALLET X*

Possessing dynamic grace and athleticism, the members of this company present a dance experience that brings a contemporary sensibility to the classic form of ballet and promises to be an entertaining and enriching experience for all audiences. 8 p.m. Schnader Theatre, Roschel Performing Arts Center, F&M Campus. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for college employees and \$15 for off-campus patrons. For more information visit and tickets www.fandm.edu/boxoffice.xml or call 717-358-4858.

Feb 7th: *Hiram Ring's CD Release party*

The artMarket@BUIlDiNG CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse C) celebrates the release of Hiram Rings new CD. This CD Release party begins at 7 p.m. and will feature a performance by the artist and CD's will be available. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Feb 8th: *Family Science Sunday*

Science fun for everyone! Explore the North Museum (400 College Ave.) and participate in the hands-on activities, science demonstrations, interactive exhibits, and more. From 1 p.m.–4 p.m. Sponsored by the Dart Foundation. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 8th: *A Day of P.M.S.*

Purses, martinis, shoes and more...oh my! Gather up your girlfriends and head Downtown to some of your favorite shops & boutiques for a fun filled afternoon of Exclusive Shopping, Cocktails, Friendship & More!!! Visit all shops participating for a chance to win the P.M.S. Queen gift basket giveaway. This event is from noon–3 p.m. and participating shops are Irish Gypsy (52 N. Prince St.), Sonia Rose (50 N. Queen St.), and Bonbonniere (50 N. Queen St.).

Feb 8th: *St. Cecelia Concert Series Presents "Beyond Ourselves"*

Saint James Episcopal Church (119 N. Duke St.) presents this concert featuring Ryan Kaufman, Doris Hall-Gulati - reeds; Christy Heatwole, viola; and Rosemary Seigrist, piano. 4:00 p.m.

Feb 9th: *Author Ron White talks about his book "A. Lincoln: A Biography"*

Sponsored by Lancaster Literary Guild to commemorate 2009, the year of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Dr. Ronald White earned a Ph.D. in Religion and History from Princeton University. He is the author of New York Times Notable Book Lincoln's Greatest Speech and bestseller The Eloquent President. A. Lincoln was published by Random House in January. This event is from 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster. Admission is \$10 for members of the Guild, \$14 for nonmembers. For more information call 717-431-4433 or visit www.litguild.org.

Feb 11th: *Reading the Body, Healing the Person: The Art of Medical Humanities Lecture at F&M*

Kimberly R. Myers, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Humanities at the Milton S. Hershey Penn State College of Medicine and Associate Professor of English at Penn State University. Her book on how academics experience illness, entitled Illness in the Academy, was published in 2007. For the past two summers, she has presented papers at the global conference on "Health, Illness, and Disease" held at Oxford University; and this November she co-hosted a global conference on "The Patient" in Salzburg, Austria. 7:30 p.m. Bonchek Auditorium, F&M Campus, Free. For more information call 717-291-4024.

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Feb 12th: Darwin Day Lecture

Dan Ardia, Assistant Professor of Biology, Franklin & Marshall will talk in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *The Origin of Species*. Remembering Darwin's legacy in a time of reductionism. Co-sponsored by CLAS and the Program in Science, Technology and Society. 12:00 p.m. Booth Ferris Room, Steinman College Center, F&M Campus. Attendance and lunch are free, but you must RSVP to 717-291-4133 by noon, Feb 16th.

Feb 12th: "Embracing the Uncarved Wood" Reception and Gallery Talk

"Embracing the Uncarved wood," relief carvings from Shandong, China. Christopher Zhu and Richard Kent, co-curators. An exhibit of wood relief sculptures created by a group of young deaf-mute artists from Shandong, China. In 1998, Mr. Christopher Zhu, Director of Han Ying Art Consultants in Shanghai, discovered these artists and their work. Show runs until April 12. 4:30 p.m. The Dana Gallery at The Phillips Museum of Art (Steinman College Center), F&M Campus, Free. For more information visit www.fandm.edu/phillipsmuseum.xml.

Feb 13th: Maryjo Mattea and Tiny Purple Fishes at the artMarket

The artMarket@BUILDING CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse C) continues their Friday Night Live series with Maryjo Mattea and Tiny Purple Fishes. The event starts at 8 p.m. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Feb 13th: The Elements and Principles of Design

Explore the principles and elements of design with Kevin Lehman, juried member and Guild standards committee member, at the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen (252 N. Prince St). This introductory class will help you develop a clearer understanding of the work you create and the reasons for your decisions. Why use 10 colors, when you could have used only 2 colors? Does one component compliment the others? Whether you're an emerging artist or an established craftsperson, this course will help you make smarter design choices. Bring one of your pieces with you to this class. Class is from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. and costs \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members.

Feb 13th–16th: Freeze Out Hunger

On Presidents Day weekend, The Ice Park at Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St.) will host "Freeze Out Hunger." Every skater who brings two or more cans of food to the Ice Park will receive \$3 off admission all weekend long. On Sunday, when children 12 and under are regularly \$3, kids who bring non-perishable food items will skate for free (skate rental not included). The "Freeze Out Hunger" food drive is a partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, and the majority of collections will go directly to needy families in Lancaster County. Special "Freeze Out Hunger" skating hours Presidents' Day Feb 16th from noon to 6 p.m. Open skating sessions Thursdays and Fridays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Visit www.lancasterbarnstormers.com for more information.

Feb. 14th: Grands are Grand!

Grands are Grand! provides grandparents and their grandchildren ages 3-5 the opportunity to work together and explore the world around them using stories, touchable specimens and craft activities. 2009 Grands are Grand! programs will feature classic children's literature. Perhaps we'll read one of your favorites! This month, meet the snakes as we get up close and personal and touch a live snake (or two!). This event is from 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. at the North Museum (400 College Ave.) and is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 14th: The Vagina Monologues by playwright Eve Ensler

Proceeds from performances benefit Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster, Milagro House, and the YWCA Sexual Assault and Counseling Center. Co-sponsored by the F&M Theater Department, The Alice Drum Women's Center, the Center for Liberal Arts and Society, and Women & Gender Studies program. 3 p.m. 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Roschel Performing Arts Center, F&M Campus. Admission: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information visit www.fandm.edu/boxoffice.xml or call 717-358-4858.

Feb 15th: St. Cecelia Concert Series Presents, "The Vyner Competition"

Saint James Episcopal Church (119 N. Duke St.) presents this competition, established in honor of Louis Vyner, Millersville University's most accomplished musicians from the Junior Class compete for a monetary prize and the opportunity to become the next senior soloist. 4:00 p.m.

Feb 18th: Caricature Unmasked: Irony, Authenticity, and Individualism

Amelia Rausser is an associate professor of Art & Art History at F&M. Her recent book, *Caricature Unmasked: Irony, Authenticity, and Individualism in Eighteenth-Century English Prints* (University of Delaware Press, 2008), examines the meaning encoded in the form of caricature. Lunch will be provided. Co-sponsored by the Department of Art & Art History Philadelphia Alumni Writer's House. 12:00 p.m. 633 College Avenue, F&M Campus, Free.

Feb 19th: Coffee and Conversation

Get over that mid-afternoon slump for an hour of engaging science topics over your favorite cup o' joe. Meet local experts who will lead discussions and encourage debate. This month, Dr. Bob Vaillancourt of Millersville University will discuss greenhouse gas absorption by ocean plankton and its affects on global warming. This event is from 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. at the North Museum (400 College Ave.) and is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 19th: Relativity and the Logic of Action in Modern Drama: Futurism, Pirandello and Shaw Lecture at F&M

Domenico Pietropaolo, Emilio Goggio Chair, Dept. of Italian, University of Toronto. Pietropaolo is the translator of *Six Characters in Search of an Author* by Luigi Pirandello. The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Bonchek College House Great Room. Co-sponsored by Theater, Dance & Film, CLAS, English, Italian, Physics & Astronomy, Comparative Literary Studies, and Bonchek College House. 4:30 p.m. Bonchek College House Great Room, F&M Campus, Free. For more information call 717-358-4575.

Feb 19th: Race, Religion and the Presidential Election Lecture at F&M

Dwight N. Hopkins, Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, is the author of *Being Human: Race, Culture, and Religion*. He will examine the role of the black church and black theology in the 2007-2008 Presidential election cycle. Among other topics, the lecture will examine the critical place that the media, Jeremiah Wright, and the spirituality of Barack Obama played in the run for the White House. 7:30 p.m. Lecture Hall, Life Sciences & Philosophy, F&M campus, Free. For more information call 717-358-4575.

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February 19th, 20th, & 21st: PoP Science - Polar Science and Climate Change

Put on your parka and explore the Earth's Polar Regions at the North Museum. Popular science presenter Darryl Baynes returns to the North Museum (400 College Ave.) with his entertaining cryogenics presentation. Learn about science research on global climate change. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 19th, 21st, & 22nd: Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello

Pirandello's existential masterpiece explores what happens when six characters are abandoned by their creator. The lost characters confront a theater director and challenge him to turn their lives into a play. Pirandello's richly ironic text explores the darker side of human nature and the travails of a directionless life. 2:00 p.m. The Green Room Theatre, F&M Campus. For more information visit www.fandm.edu/boxoffice.xml or call 717-358-4858. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for college employees and \$15 for off-campus patrons.

Feb 20th: WXPN Presents Music Fridays!

The third Friday of every month, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Downtown Lancaster hosts Music Friday. Performances abound throughout the 300 Block of North Queen Street as well as restaurants and businesses all over Downtown Lancaster on sidewalks and inside stores. Performances include belly dancing, a jazz quintet, solo acoustic, rock and Americana groups. Each month brings new performers to Music Friday. There is free parking available at BUILDING CHARACTER, behind Onions Cafe. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.DowntownLancaster.com.

Feb 20th: The Main Street Mystics at artMarket

The artMarket@BUILDING CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse C) features The Main Street Mystics on the third Friday in their Friday Night Live series. Event starts at 8 p.m. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Feb 20th: Jordan Rast at Carmen & David's Creamery

High School musician, Jordan Rast performs at Carmen & David's Creamery (23 N. Prince St.) for Music Friday.

Feb 20th: Penguins of the Antarctic Photography Exhibit Opens

This North Museum (400 College Ave.) exhibit includes photographs of Emperor, Adelie, Gentoo, Macaroni, and King Penguins and provides a breathtaking account of the virtually untouched landscape of Antarctica. The Museum is free for children under three. For more information, call (717) 291-3941 or visit www.northmuseum.org.

Feb 20th: Gallery 141's "Listening Room"

Gallery 141 (113 N. Water St.) creates a "listening room" environment for at least 2 bands beginning at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Local bands and some bands from the Philly area are featured. Check www.Gallery141.blogspot.com for band listings, myspaces and videos of performances.

Feb 20th, 21st, & 22nd: The Many Faces of Love

The Lancaster Symphony Orchestra presents an emotion-packed weekend of romantic music. Inviting its audiences to "Feel the Passion," the Orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's inspired love song, Serenade for Strings, and Rodion Shchedrin's wildly sensuous Carmen Suite (after Georges Bizet). On Friday & Saturday enjoy a delightful addition of Benjamin Britten's lively Simple Symphony to warm up the concert. Part of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra's Classic Concert Series, the four concerts will be directed by music director and maestro Stephen Gunzenhauser. It will be held at the historic Fulton Opera House (12 N. Prince St.) in Downtown Lancaster. Friday Feb 20th 8 p.m., Saturday Feb 21st 3 p.m. & 8 p.m., and Sunday 7:30 p.m. for more information visit www.lancastersymphony.org.

Feb 20th–Mar 27th: Friday Morning Hatha/Anusara Yoga

If you didn't make it to the first six week session (continuing through Feb 9th) of Hatha/Anusara Yoga at Radiance (9 W. Grant St.), you have another chance starting Friday Feb 20th. Based on the belief that all bodies are not created exactly alike, these six-week sessions are inspired by Anusara - a new heart-centered model of Hatha Yoga. Each class includes breath, poses and some time for quieting the mind. Each session is on Friday from 9 a.m.–10:30 p.m., drop-ins are welcome.

Feb 26th: Reading from the novel "O My Darling" by Amity Gaige

The author of the acclaimed novel "O My Darling," chosen by the National Book Foundation for its "5 Under 35" program to recognize the achievements of five first-time fiction writers each year. Her second novel, *The Folded World* (2007), was named ForeWord Book of the Year, best book of fiction in the Independent Publisher Book Awards and one of the best books of the year by the Chicago Tribune. Gaige is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, a McDowell Colony Fellowship and a Baltic Writing Residency Fellowship. 8:00 p.m. Philadelphia Alumni Writer's House, 633 College Avenue, F&M Campus, Free.

Feb 26th–Mar 13th: The Tragedy of King Richard the Third

The villain everyone loves to hate, Richard III, is coming to the Theater of the Seventh Sister (438 N. Queen St.). In this compelling Shakespeare Play, self-proclaimed villain, Richard, Duke of Gloucester betrays, seduces and slaughters his way to the throne. Unstoppable in his ambition and mesmerizing in his machinations, Richard is the bloody personification of unchecked personal ambition. One of Shakespeare's most popular plays, "The Tragedy of King Richard the Third" explores the nature of power, jealousy and fate in a way that has captivated audiences for centuries. Performances Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. General admission \$25, Seniors (65+) \$23, Students (13-College) \$20, Juniors (12 and under) \$15. Reserve tickets by calling the box office at (717) 396-7764 or e-mailing theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, visit Theater of the Seventh Sister online at www.seventhsister.com.

Feb 27th: Emily Long and Friends at artMarket

Emily Long and Friends perform at the artMarket@BUILDING CHARACTER (342 N. Queen St., Warehouse C) in the final February installment of the artMarket's ongoing Friday Night Live series of live music events. For more information go to www.buildingcharacter.biz.

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Welcome New Businesses

The Bag Lady Boutique

In addition to knick-knacks, households and collectibles, the boutique offers one-of-a-kind recycled purses and handbags.

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Prana Physical Therapy

Downtown's newest physical therapy clinic's goal is to work one-on-one to develop a personalized treatment plan to awaken vital energy to empower all to be at their best without pain. 617-a N. Prince Street 717-390-4822

DID You Know?

Lancaster was originally founded by James Hamilton, enterpriser and son of celebrated "Philadelphia Lawyer" Andrew Hamilton.

Photo Contest



Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Trivia Contest. Congratulations to **Jane Eddy of Concord Street** for correctly guessing

Zanzibar as last month's photo! Be the next person to identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: This downtown Senorita caters to the arts crowd.

Send your guess to ckieffer@teamlanc.org.

Have an Event?

Have an Event? Submit to us by the 10th day of each month prior to the publication month. February events are due by January 10th. Submit Events to: publications@goodproductions.us

Have A Photo?

Submit your favorite photo of Downtown Lancaster for a chance to see it featured in a future issue of The Lancaster Downtown Difference. Submit Photo to: publications@goodproductions.us

Title photo provided by [Russel Frost](#)



Downtown Highlights

Art Attack



Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

With a long history dating back to World War II, The Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen have been promoting and teaching about hand-made crafts in Pennsylvania for more than 60 years. The first meeting of the PA Guild of Craftsmen was in October 1941 in Harrisburg, and this educational non-profit was formed shortly after to promote and support the work of these local artisans. Just a few short months ago, the guild opened the doors to their new home on the northern tip of Gallery Row in Downtown Lancaster. The PA Guild of Craftsmen have been constantly moving forward ever since. Every First Friday the Guild exhibits hand-crafted work from their many members, in such media as metal work, sculpture, and textiles. Their varied members create an open community of support and education to each other and to the community. This support is perhaps best recognized through their many classes, workshops and exhibitions. These events are offered to Guild Members and to the community, centering around learning new crafts and expanding on an artists existing skills. This month the guild is offering workshops on bronze casting, woodworking, photography, and much more. For more information about the Guilds workshops and events, visit www.pacrafts.org. return to top

Local Appetite



Muffin Street

More than just Muffins, Muffin Street is cozy cafe serving hot coffee, sandwiches and all kind of baked goodies from early morning into the night. From classic pastries to breakfast sandwiches and of course their muffins, breakfast at muffin street can be savory and sweet. They offer a full espresso bar and fair trade coffee. For lunch and dinner Muffin street offers a variety of sandwiches and wraps. Their sandwiches are piled high with quality meats and cheeses, fresh veggies, choose from their menu or build your own. In addition to an excellent cafe style menu, Muffin Street frequently hosts events from live music and open mic nights, to game nights, poetry, and karaoke. The atmosphere is intimate and casual, a great place for visiting with a friend, going online with their wi-fi and two computer stations, or just taking a break and enjoying the environment. Muffin Street is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Muffin Street, 18 W. Orange St., 717-291-2242. return to top

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Store Front



aZura Clothing

As one of the latest shops to join the ever-expanding list of store in College Row, aZura opened their doors three months ago to a Lancaster hungry for their renowned and exclusive lines of women's fashion. This is the third location for aZura, and only one in Pennsylvania, with their first two in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, and Towson Maryland. aZura appeals to the ladies of Lancaster with an edgier style, carrying designs from campus favorite, Free People, Weston Wear, See Through Soul, Coda Blue, and aZura's own line, Dru Blue. These fashions feature exotic prints, hip accents, and a variety of materials that you can't find just anywhere. No stranger to Lancaster's booming art community, aZura also offers hand-made jewelry, and hand-painted glassware by local artists. Frequently, these accessories and the fashions are featured in the shop at aZura's trunk-shows. The trunk shows invite shoppers in to get a sneak peak at the new lines before they go on the rack. This month, aZura Clothing is teaming up with Fenz Restaurant to present a lunch-time fashion show. on February 28th at 12:30 p.m., Fenz will host a limited number of guests for a three course lunch and complimentary champagne, while models show off the latest fashions coming to the College Row store. aZura Clothing is open six days a week. For information and reservations about the Fashion Show with Fenz, call Fenz Restaurant at 717-735-6999, cost is \$35, lunch included. aZura Clothing, 661 Harrisburg Ave., 717-295-0900. return to top

Now & Later



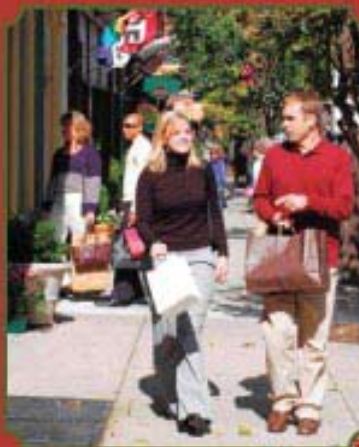
Gibraltar Mediterranean Grille

Gibraltar creates one of Lancaster's finest dining experiences. With a spacious dining room, warm environment, and an exceptional menu, Gibraltar has been celebrated by national publications like Wine Spectator and it has held it's own as one of Zagat's top rated restaurants in Lancaster. This Contemporary Mediterranean grille has one of the best selections of seafood in the area, enhanced by unmatched freshness and quality. The zest and flavor of specialties like their Moroccan Spiced Colossal Shrimp can only be enhanced by a selection of over 300 wines. If the seafood lover in you is looking for a break from fish and shellfish, Gibraltar offers exceptional Filet Mignon, Rack of Lamb, and s selection of pasta dishes as well. When you come to Gibraltar be sure to save room for dessert. In addition to the excellent entrees, Gibraltar is one of a small group of local restaurants with a full-time pastry chef who prepares each dessert with care and passion. From their appetizers to desserts, a full cocktail bar, fresh seafood, and an extensive wine-list, Gibraltar offers A unique Mediterranean experience right in Downtown Lancaster. Gibraltar Mediterranean Grille is open for lunch and dinner, reservations are recommended. Gibraltar, 931 Harrisburg Ave, 717-397-2790. www.kearesrestaurants.com/gibraltar return to top



Downtown Dollars are still available

Downtown Dollars make great gifts and benefit Downtown Lancaster retailers. The dollars come in denominations of five and ten dollars and can be purchased at the Downtown Investment District office, 44 North Queen Street, in the Central Market Mall. For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.



Upcoming Events

Mar 3rd: Photography for Artists

In this one day photography workshop at the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen (252 N Prince St), participants will leave with the ability to document work with continuous lighting, setup professional backgrounds and lighting, and understand various camera settings with either digital or film based cameras. These techniques will translate easily into digital or film images of your newest work for your website, applications or documentation of your craft's development. All mediums welcome: jewelry, pottery, 2-D, sculpture, etc. This class is from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. with a maximum of 22 students and costs \$140 for members (\$145 non-members). For details please visit www.pacrafts.org/workshops.

Mar 7th: Needlefelt Eggs and Spring Birds

At the Heritage Center (5 W. King St.), Kim Hondares will guide students through the basics of needle felting to help them create charming Easter eggs and spring birds using raw wool. This event is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. No experience is necessary. Cost is \$32 (\$28 members of the Heritage Center) and includes kit. Registration deadline: Feb 13, 2009. For more information call (717) 299-6440.

Mar 12th–29th: The Spitfire Grill at the Fulton

After her release from prison, Perchance Talbott needed a place to make a fresh start. Inspired by an image of “autumn colors along Copper Creek near Gilead, Wisconsin,” from an old travel guide, Percy picks a town on its last legs. The small, remaining population has been beaten down by years of adversity and false memories of a perfect past. Hannah, the cantankerous owner of the Spitfire Grill, who just wants to sell the grill and move on, but can't find a buyer, reluctantly takes Percy in. And the town will never be the same again. After the rumors and speculation about Percy's intentions die down, the denizens of Gilead uncover the hope that had been lying dormant for decades. Filled with over a dozen soul-stirring bluegrass songs, The Spitfire Grill will lift and inspire even the most cynical heart. “Soulful and transcendent... It is not often that material moves me to tears, but this was one of those occasions. What even in normal times would be a joy is, in these troubled ones, sheer nourishment.” -John Simon, New York Magazine. The Fulton, 12 N. Prince St. Call (717) 397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org for tickets.

Mar 28th: The Elements of Quilting

Learn about design, choosing colors, tools, methods of construction, and purchasing fabric at the Heritage Center (5 W. King St.) with instructor Jo Garvin. We'll cover the basics, which should give you the confidence to start a simple project. This event is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration deadline: March 6th. Cost is \$40 (\$30 members of the Heritage Center). For more information call (717) 299-6440.

Apr 23rd–May 3rd: The Exonerated by Jessica Blank & Erik Jensen

Theater of the Seventh Sister Presents The modern classic play, The Exonerated, this spring at the Stahr Performing Arts Center (438 N. Queen St.). Meticulously researched this play tells the true story of six citizens sent to Death Row for crimes they didn't commit. Performances are Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 with discounts available. For more information and tickets, contact the Theater of the Seventh Sister at seventhsister@mac.com, 717-396-7764 or visit www.seventhsister.com.

For a complete listing of all Downtown events please visit [Community Calendar](#)