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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT –

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We're getting ready for a great summer at the Sanderson Museum! If you missed our Members Only Event, it was a great time … wonderful food, enjoyable music and lots of camaraderie. Be sure to renew your membership so that you can attend this wonderful event next year.

You'll also want to put Sanderson Sundays on your calendar. We're looking forward to a great event on June 23rd with bigthink.com arts writer, Bob Duggan, and Sanderson Museum curator, Chuck Ulmann, who will talk about the terrific Wyeth art at the Sanderson Museum and Chris' relationship with the talented Wyeth Family.

Our October 20th event will be one that kids will love. What more interesting a place than Chris' house to have a scavenger hunt? It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with the family and the scout in your life can use the visit toward achievements and badges.

Later this year, we'll be commemorating the Battle of Gettysburg with a special exhibit and other interesting events. Chris Sanderson had a wealth of artifacts from this important era and loved sharing them with young and old alike. Stay tuned!

Sanderson Sundays, Civil War events and much, much more. Be sure to have the Sanderson Museum on your list to visit over the summer. See you at the museum!

ASK TO SEE

Chuck Ulmann, Curator

From Fort Sumter to Appomattox, Antietam to Wilderness--these are the *battles* of the American *Civil War* that stand out in American History 150 or more years later. The Civil War resulted in over 618,000 casualties and was the only war fought by Americans on American soil.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. To commemorate this important time in United States history, the Christian C. Sanderson Museum has joined forces with the Chadds Ford Historical Society to present "The Civil War – Artifacts from the Christian C. Sanderson Museum".

Chris Sanderson had a very strong interest in the Civil War as evidenced by the many artifacts in the museum's collection. This exhibit shows pieces of mortar shells, a portion of a fencepost that was at Pickett's charge, and commemorative items such as plates with images of General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee. But the exhibit shows far more than just pieces of war. Chris Sanderson made history personal.

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Be sure to see the letter written by W.S. Hammer who lowered the Union flag at Fort Sumter. You'll also want to take a look at the photo of Jenny Wade's purse. Jenny Wade was the only civilian killed at the Battle of Gettysburg as she baked bread for Union troops with the purse in the pocket of her apron. This important artifact was given to Chris by Virginia McLellan, Jenny's sister, whom he met at the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913. Other very personal artifacts in the exhibit include an officer's epaulets, a Springfield rifle and a cartridge bag. Of course, no Sanderson Museum display would be complete without a photograph of a reunion of the 88th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment showing Chris' grandfather Christian Smith Carmack who was wounded at the Battle of Antietam. Carmack survived the war, but Robert Sanderson was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville.

See the Sanderson Museum's first traveling exhibit, either at the Chadds Ford Historical Society through August 2013, or when it returns to the museum for its own very special commemoration. There are many other Civil War letters and artifacts in the collection so 'ask to see' them the next time you are at the Sanderson Museum.

SANDERSON SUNDAYS

Come join the fun at Sanderson Sundays! We hope that you can join us for at least one of these exciting events.

ART MADE PERSONAL: CHRIS SANDERSON AND THE WYETH FAMILY

Sunday, June 23
1pm-3pm

BigThink.com arts writer Bob Duggan discusses how Chris Sanderson's approach to making history personal influenced N.C., Andrew, and Jamie Wyeth in how they made their art personal, with the Christian Sanderson Museum's collection of Wyeth art and memorabilia standing as a living monument to that inspiring, multigenerational relationship.

Museum Curator, Chuck Ulmann, continues the discussion by focusing on the Wyeth art that is displayed in the Sanderson Museum. Take a personal tour with Chuck to see how Chris Sanderson's relationship with the Wyeth Family resulted in several very special pieces of art.

CAN YOU FIND IT?

Sunday, October 20
1pm-3pm
$3 per child, members free

Search historic artifacts in Chris Sanderson's unique collection to solve the answers to clues that will be provided upon arrival. Please plan to arrive anytime between 1pm and 3pm. Questions will take approximately 45 minutes to answer and are recommended for children ages 9 - 14 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Scout troops are encouraged to attend and this visit can help scouts towards earning achievements or badges.

DESTINATION - DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sanderson Museum was recently featured in the online blog "Welcome to Destination Delco *Hidden Gems Along the Bends and Backroads".* The blog highlights the museum as one of five great additions to a Brandywine River Museum visit describing it as "the greatest unknown treasure in all of Delco". The blogger states, "Friends, you gotta see this place. It's worth a day in itself…And prepare to gawk and gander, and giggle all the way home." He also issued the following warning, "Once you walk into this utterly oddball, utterly captivating treasure trove, you may not leave until they kick you out." We hope you plan a visit this summer and take our new audio tour. It's a very enjoyable walk through the museum.

To see the full blog visit http://destinationdelco.blogspot.com/

MUSEUM GUIDES, CURATORS, AND MORE

Without our many volunteers, the museum would cease to exist. We are extremely thankful to have an active group of volunteers.

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If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, call 610.388.6545 or email info@sandersonmuseum.org to join our volunteer family.

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

The Sanderson Museum is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1967. Please consider becoming a member or making a contribution to keep this unique museum open for the enjoyment of future generations. You can mail your tax-deductible donation or membership application to Sanderson Museum, P.O. Box 153, Chadds Ford, PA 19317. Membership and donations can also be made online at sandersonmuseum.org.

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The Christian C. Sanderson Museum - A Man's Life, A Nation's History. An eclectic array of art, military memorabilia, presidential artifacts, local history and collectibles. History like you've never seen it before! Open March through November, Saturday and Sunday, 12pm to 4pm or by appointment.

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