



The Historian

A Man's Life – A Nation's History

A Newsletter for Friends of the Sanderson

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NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! We appreciate our volunteers every day, and decided to highlight some of them in this issue of the Historian.

The Sanderson Museum is currently open by appointment only. We hope you will schedule a visit with us in the near future. Appointments should be requested at least 48 hours ahead of your visit. Visits may be made arranged on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday between noon and 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please call our dedicated scheduling number at 610-864-1598. We normally will return calls within 24 hours.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic we will be following the directives of the CDC, the PA Department of Health and the County Health Department.

- Please do not schedule an appointment to visit if you do not feel well or have some type of COVID-19 symptom. We will not be accepting walk-in visitors. Admissions for your scheduled visit will be collected at the time of your visit.
- All visitors over the age of two will be required to wear masks while inside the museum. Social distancing must be practiced. All visitors and volunteers must wear masks at all times. If you forget your mask or do not have one, we will provide you one with a suggested donation of \$1.
- All traffic inside the museum will be one way. You will receive a sheet with this information on it.

- We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- Please do not touch any exhibits. We do have exhibits on panels. These panels are frequently wiped down by our docents. We strongly suggest you put on a glove(s) to turn the panels in the rooms. Before you touch any shared surface you should clean your hands at the hand sanitizer or wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. You should dispose of the gloves as you leave on the first floor in the trash can provided.

Please remember to call 610-864-1598 to schedule your next visit. We look forward to having you back at the museum.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome new volunteer, Steve Beard!

Steve Beard recently began volunteering at the museum; however, his history to the museum and Chris runs deep! He recently shared some information with us about volunteering and his connection with the museum.

When did you start volunteering at the museum? I expressed an interest before the pandemic began but have only started training since February 2021.

What do you like best about volunteering? Since my retirement, I have enjoyed volunteering in many different ways. It gives a structure to your days that you no longer have when not working. Retiring has

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also given me the time to volunteer doing things that I enjoy and are helpful to others. Since retiring, I have shelled books at the library, delivered Meals on Wheels, caused havoc in a pre-school classroom at the UDEL Early Learning Center and soon, helping out at the Chris Sanderson Museum.

What are some of your hobbies or special interests?

Guitar, ukulele, and home improvements (my own home).

Do you work? If so, what do you do? If you are retired, what did you use to do?

I retired in 2014 from the University of Delaware after running the Student Machine Shop in the College of Engineering since 2003. Before that I worked as a machinist for DuPont at the Experimental Station since 1988. Previous to that I worked at the Institute of Energy Conversion at UDEL from 1978 as a technician and later as a machinist. Before that I worked as a



Photograph taken in circa 1956 at Steve's grandparent's front yard, which is the house just before the Chad House.. The child on the left is Charles (Chuck) Beard, Steve's cousin who was visiting from New Orleans. In the straw hat is Steve's brother Scott Beard (b. 1954) and Steve is on the right (b. 1952).

carpenter's helper building solar homes. My degree from UDEL is in Primary/Kindergarten Education.

Do you remember the first time you visited the museum? What was your first impression? I don't remember the first time because it was always part of my life since I lived a hundred yards up the road and Chris gave my grandfather a key so that he could bring us there at any time.

Did you know Chris? What was your connection to him? As I said, Chris was always present in my life until his death. My grandparents (Arthur J and Sarah Lee Beard) were close friends and supporters of his. I lived in a small house behind the Chad House from birth until we moved to Delaware in 1959. My grandparents continued to live there until the early 1970s. When I spent weekends with my grandparents, we would often pick up Chris after church and go for rides around Chester County with Chris narrating. We would then all have lunch at my grandparents'. After Chris' death, my grandfather was one of the trustees that helped rebuild his house and start the museum in the whole house, not just the front two rooms.

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM!

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

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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS & THE MUSEUM – JOINT BENEFITS

The Sanderson Museum has worked with a number of educational, social and government agencies over the years to help students. The intent is to help them understand what it is like to work in an environment that requires a set work process and be able to ask for help and receive appropriate feedback.

We currently are working with a student from the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) based in Southern Chester County. The student is working in two areas. The first is reviewing the collection for physical condition of documents. The student received training to identify a document that needs to be evaluated in more detail. The second is scanning in all of our photographs so they can be subsequently included in our digital database.

A number of our volunteers have been opening and closing for this work once per week. Chuck Ulmann, our curator coordinates with our volunteers and the CCIU.

A Job Trainer from the CCIU accompanies the student to oversee and to supervise their work.



Curator Chuck Ulmann oversees a student volunteer from the CCIU.



A CCIU student reviews museum photographs alongside his CCIU Job Trainer.

We are always looking for students to do this review and scanning work for us and to help the student understand work needs to be performed for a collection in a museum and the kind of attitude and behavior that is expected.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER FAMILY

The Sanderson Museum is run by volunteers just like you! We are people who are interested in history, delight in talking to other people, have a bit of the “pack rat” in them, and want to touch a moment in time.

If you are interested in learning more, please call us at 610-388-6545 or send us an email at executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org



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