



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

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.

We hope to return to our regularly scheduled hours, Saturdays and Sundays – 12pm-4pm. However to do this we need more VOLUNTEERS! As you may already know, the museum is 100% run by volunteers. We are always looking for more people to help us continue to share Chris' wonderful collection.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER FAMILY

We are looking for 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.



IMPACT OF HURRICANE IDA

The village of Chadds Ford was directly impact by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Several businesses are still working through the process of rebuilding and reopening.

While the Brandywine floods at 9 feet, in the early morning hours of September 2, 2021, it crested at 21.1 feet. : None of the artifacts or any part of the collection on the ground or second floor were touched by the water. However, the water rushed under the porch and in through the frame of the left-hand basement window. The water also rushed up half of the side yard and spilled into the bulkhead doors to the basement. From the marks on the walls, Sanderson Curator Chuck Ulmann estimated there had been about 2 feet of water in the basement. But thanks to our trusty sump pump that continued pumping throughout the entire deluge, it rose no higher. Another piece of good news- the basement was only used for storage of garden tools, tarps, extra bricks, wood clapboards and sundry other items. But as you know, a flooded basement is a serious matter whether it be in your own home or under a museum full of precious items.

ServPro has treated the basement to remove and prevent mold. The basement has been completely dried out and our humidity levels within the museum and basement are slowly returning to normal. In the near future, we will test the basement for mold and complete an ongoing remediation.

We are so thankful to everyone who donated money to the relief effort. We could not do this important remediation without your support. We also are

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extremely grateful for our volunteers who gave both their time and strength, to empty the basement, haul away items and clean those items that we could return into storage. Slowly but surely we are recovering from the impact of the hurricane, and we appreciate everyone's support!



Sanderson Volunteer Gene Pisasale cleans the Sanderson Hall (previously from West Chester University). Photo by: Sally Hoey



Sanderson Volunteer Dean Camp helps with the clean-up efforts. Photo by: Sally Hoey



Sanderson Volunteer Steve Beard cleans a clapboard from our basement. Photo by: Sally Hoey



Sanderson Volunteer Sally Hoey cleans clapboards that were stored in the basement. Photo by: Chuck Ulmann

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 this unique 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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Visit the Sanderson Museum Gift Shop for your holiday shopping needs.

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- Ornaments
- Mugs
- Magnets
- Books
- And so much more!!

The Gift Shop is open 24/7 through the museum website: <https://sandersonmuseum.org/shop/>



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