



# The Historian

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## REMINDER – SEND IN YOUR ANNUAL APPEAL GIFT

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The 2023 Annual Appeal letters were mailed in December. If you haven't already, ***please consider making a tax-deductible contribution*** to keep this unique museum open for the enjoyment of future generations. You can do this by mailing your contribution or on our website.

Thank you for your generosity!

## Lights, Camera, Sanderson!

Sally Denk Hoey, Volunteer

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Back in September, the Sanderson was in the spotlight! Although Tropical Storm Ophelia was blowing the rain around outside, the Sanderson Museum was bright and warm as Philadelphia's WPVI-6 producer and cameraman Dan Sheridan came to the Sanderson to shoot a segment of "One Tank Trips."



*Dan Sheridan, Chuck Ulmann, Jim Christ*

*(Photos by Sally Denk Hoey)*

Sanderson volunteers taped for possible inclusion were Curator Chuck Ulmann, board members Jim Christ and Michael Lynch, and guide Mara Sharp.

More about this exciting afternoon can be seen in the blog in Chadds Ford Live and the 6ABC website:

<https://chaddsfordlive.com/2023/09/27/blogging-along-the-brandywine-lights-camera-sanderson/>

<https://6abc.com/sanderson-museum-chadds-ford-pennsylvania/13930393/>

## Tom Hoey Joins the Board

Makenzie McGonigle, Administrative Manager and Sally Denk Hoey, Volunteer

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In October, the Sanderson Museum's Steering Committee nominated Tom Hoey to the Board of Directors, who was then unanimously elected. We would like to introduce you to Tom:

Tom holds a Bachelor's degree in music education from the School of Music at West Chester University and taught for 33 years, principally as Band Director in the Garnet Valley district.

In the 1980's he ran Hoey Brothers Music Management bringing musicians to Delaware County such as singer Frank Sinatra, Jr. and trumpeter Maynard Ferguson. He also served two terms on the board of directors of the 250-member Association of Church Musicians of Philadelphia.

In addition, he has managed and marketed several successful music groups including the Montels and Main Street, former house band of the Mendenhall Inn ballroom. Currently he manages the Lenape Brass, which went from new ensemble to being invited to perform at Winterthur in less than 2 years.

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Tom has been a behind the scenes volunteer at the Sanderson Museum for 9 years. In 2014 he

*Tom Hoey*

researched the music and organization of the Pocopson Valley Boys and formed a 10-piece tribute band with two of the original members, that performed on the Sanderson side porch to an enthusiastic

audience. Later in 2022, he spun his research into a story for *The Historian*.

In 2015 he discovered the old side porch brackets in the Sanderson basement and funded the project to have them restored. Then in 2018, he assisted in the re-configuring of the Music Room for the now permanent Sanderson Strings exhibit.

As an avid historian, Hoey did a first- person portrayal of "March King" John Philip Sousa for over 30 years. In addition, he founded and directed the 90-member Upper Darby Sousa Band, which performed for thousands of fans annually at the Rose Tree Park, the Ballroom at Congress Hall in Cape May, NJ, and Longwood Gardens, where Sousa actually performed.

Tom has also been part of other special events at the Sanderson Museum. In discussions with others who know him, it was said that "... he has been in business since age 16 and put himself through college 100% with his music."

Tom's contributions to the Sanderson cannot be ignored, nor can the similarities between his and Chris's expansive musical talents and love of history. It is clear that Tom's election hits the right note. Welcome, Tom!

## Lafayette Event at Thornbury Farm

Sally Denk Hoey, Volunteer

On July 29, 2023, the Sanderson Museum participated in the Lafayette Day event at Thornbury Farm. Despite the hot and humid day, Sanderson Curator Chuck Ulmann was in fine spirits welcoming visitors to the Sanderson display.

There were two most welcome Sanderson Museum members that afternoon. Arthur (Casey) Cleveland III had flown up from Florida. Casey was born in the Gilpin House on the Battlefield and counted Chris Sanderson and Andy Wyeth as his neighbors. Joining Casey that afternoon was member Missie Bauman of Wilmington, Delaware, sister of the late, beloved Sanderson board member John Aaron.

*Casey Cleveland and Missie Bauman*

Thornbury Farm CSA, is the property of Randell Spackman, son of the late Thomas Spackman. Growing up on the historic property, Randell gained a deep and abiding passion for history on land that saw the worst part of the fighting during the late afternoon of the September 11, 1777 Battle of the Brandywine. In addition, the Marquis de Lafayette was wounded less than a mile from his farm. Spackman was recently appointed a member of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

## SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 volunteering your time and/or talents**, email Makenzie McGonigle at [executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org](mailto:executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org) or call 610-388-6545. Come join our volunteer family!

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