



The Historian

A Man's Life – A Nation's History
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Welcome Richard Salvucci

I am the new Administrative Manager at the Christian C. Sanderson Museum.

In addition to having vast I.T. experience, I currently serve as a bookkeeper at a local accounting firm. I have always been passionate about history, especially the history of the American Revolution, Civil War, and World Wars I & II. I have a bachelor's degree in history from Neumann University and nearly 20 years of experience at various local historical sites, including Pennypacker Mills, Peter Wentz Farmstead, Brandywine Battlefield Park, West Chester Railroad Heritage Association, and Colonial Pennsylvania Farmstead. I also currently, and proudly serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund.



I have enjoyed my short time in this role so far, and I look forward to working with the Steering Committee, volunteers, and members of the Sanderson community.

I pursued this opportunity because I love the history displayed in the museum and because I admire Christian Sanderson's life-long mission to educate others about history.

-Richard Salvucci

Back Apartment

A few months ago, former Chadds Ford resident and long-time Sanderson Museum member Arthur "Casey" Cleveland III emailed a facsimile of a Wyeth painting he had never seen before - And that's pretty rare for Casey.

I got in touch with Karen Baumgartner Collection Manager, The Andrew & Betsy Wyeth, Collection of the Wyeth Foundation for American Art at the Brandywine Museum of Art. She told me,

"Back Apartment is owned by Kalamazoo Art Institute, of all far-flung places. It's first owner lived there and donated it to the local museum. The watercolor measures 30.5" x 22.25" unframed. Our records note that it is the Sanderson's side yard and porch."



Karen went on to say, "There is another view of the porch that sold at Sotheby's a few years ago, called 'The Bachelor.'" It sold for \$250,000.

Thank you, Casey for the heads up and thank you Karen for the information. *- Sally Hoey, Volunteer*

PCN at the Sanderson!

We were thrilled to be among the sites chosen for Pennsylvania Cable Network's (PCN) *It's History*. Click this link to view the video.

<https://pcnselect.com/videoplayer.php?id=6368076227112&b=his>

-Sally Denk Hoey

A Successful Second Year!



In 2024, board member Linda Banks' dream came true when she mounted the first Sanderson Museum Essay Contest, open to students in 9th – 12th grade.

Although we had only 3 entries that first year, our energetic, retired English teacher was not deterred.

This year, the entries more than tripled! Students were eligible from Kennett, Unionville-Chadds Ford and West Chester districts. This year's essay topic was *"Life Is a Meaningful Collection."*

Our 2025 Winner of \$250. was 11th grader Sidharth Sumesh from Henderson High School, West Chester.



A reception for the winners, their families and members of the Sanderson volunteers was held on Sunday, May 18, when the winners read their essays. Other winners, also receiving monetary awards were 10th grader Alyssa Nichter and 11th grader Abhimanyu Sivaram.

At the end of the day, Linda said, "I think Chris would be happy."

-Sally Denk Hoey

Barbara Moore (1936 – 2025) Board Member

On June 18, 2025, the Sanderson lost a friend.

Barbara Moore came onto the Board of Directors of the Sanderson Museum c. 1997. One of the first things she planned was *"Chris Sanderson Day"* in the parking area in back of the Chadds Ford Gallery where she was the Art Director.

Music, vendors and artists. What a day! In addition, Barbara with her vast experience was able to give us help when we explored making Giclée prints of the Wyeth – Sanderson Map of Chester County.



But the lasting testimony of her love for the Sanderson Museum, was her final bequest for donations in her name to go to the Sanderson.

Chuck Ulmann and Sally Hoey represented the Sanderson Museum on June 25 at her visitation in Claymont, DE.

-Sally Denk Hoey

Don't Forget the Door!

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the Sanderson Museum basement will no longer suffer the amount



of damage we experienced during Hurricane Ida on September 1, 2021 when the Brandywine River flooded over our side yard and through our old

wood cellar door.

The Sanderson now has a steel, water resistant, state of the art, bulkhead door.

-- Sally Denk Hoey

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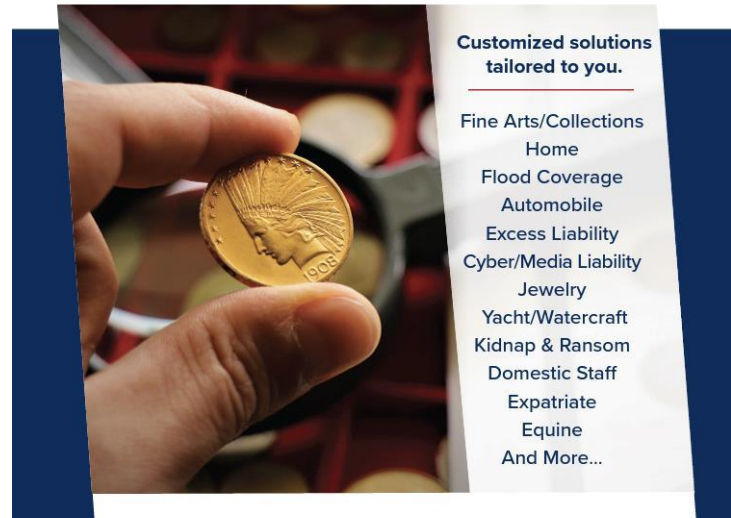
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The Sanderson Museum is run by volunteers just like you! We are people who are interested in **history**, delight in **talking to other people**, have a bit of the "pack rat" in them, want to touch a moment in time, **dig in the garden**, help maintain **the collection** or be a **handyman**. We need many friends with many talents.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or talents, email Richard Salvucci at executivedirector@sandersonmuseum.org or call 610-388-6545. Come join our volunteer family!



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