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Hellertown Historical Society Hosts Hellertown-Lower Saucon Heritage Day on May 16

**Heritage Day 2026 Returns May 16 with Expanded Semiquincentennial Celebration
Across Two Historic Sites**

HELLERTOWN, PA | MAY 2026 – The Hellertown Historical Society (HHS), in partnership with the Lower Saucon Township Historical Society and the Saucon Valley Conservancy, invites the public to Heritage Day 2026 on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Heritage Day is a free celebration of the history and culture of the Borough of Hellertown and surrounding Lower Saucon Township, with activities held at two locations: the 1761 Heller-Wagner Grist Mill Complex in Hellertown and the Michael Heller Homestead along Saucon Creek near the Water Street Bridge connecting Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township.

Heritage Day will feature an expanded 2026 program in honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, with attractions and presentations reflecting different periods of American life and the region's Revolutionary-era roots.

At the Heller-Wagner Grist Mill Complex, visitors can expect:

- Colonial-era living historians
- 18th and 19th century crafts and demonstrations
- Antique and classic automobiles
- History presentations in the Tavern Room focused on the settlement of Pennsylvania and the founding of the United States

- Tours of the Grist Mill Museum and the Pole Barn, where exhibits reflect the work of early farmers, woodworkers, and blacksmiths
- Lower Saucon Township Historical Society exhibits and its annual Maypole dance
- Community civic and church groups sharing local history, with some roots dating to the 1750s
- Horse-drawn carriage rides, old-fashioned children’s games and activities, and a petting zoo with farm animals
- Afternoon concerts by Big Valley Bluegrass and the Allentown Band
- Lost Tavern Brewery sharing colonial brewing practices and offering adult beverages

At the Saucon Valley Conservancy’s Michael Heller Homestead, activities will follow the theme “Honoring Saucon Valley Revolutionary War Roots,” including recognition of 70 Saucon Valley Revolutionary War veterans, a historic wagon collecting donations for local food banks, farmhouse access for visitors, children’s activities, re-enactors, live music, and period baked goods and refreshments.

Heritage Day is open to the public free of charge. Shuttle service from off-site parking areas in Hellertown will provide transportation to and from both event sites. There is also limited parking on site.

In addition to Heritage Day, HHS invites the public to visit the Hellertown Historical Society website for information on upcoming events and programs throughout the year, including special events, seasonal activities, and the “Talks in the Tavern” speaker series at the historic Heller-Wagner Grist Mill Complex: <https://hellertownhistoricalsociety.org/event-list/>

Heritage Day Event Details: <https://hellertownhistoricalsociety.org/event-list/heritage-day-2026/>

Crafter and Vendor Application:

<https://hellertownhistoricalsociety.org/event-list/heritage-day-2026-crafter-and-vendor-application/>

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About The Hellertown Historical Society

The Hellertown Historical Society (HHS) is dedicated to preserving the rich history and heritage of Hellertown, Pennsylvania. Since its founding in 1981, HHS has connected thousands of people to the borough's past through tours, student activities, special events, and more. The society's headquarters at the Heller-Wagner Grist Mill Complex offers a glimpse into the town's history, showcasing exhibits that explore local life from colonial times to the present.