

Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, Friends of Hopewell Furnace NHS and The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Ch.21 Present:

America 250

White Horse Inn, 31 Old Philadelphia Pike, Douglassville, PA 19518

July 1, 2026 10:30 A. M. Douglas A. Miller- Colonial Beverages

**Wednesday 2:00 P. M. Dan Graham- The First Colonial Woman Industrialist:
Anna Savage Nutt**

**3:30 P.M. Brian Engelhardt: Notorious Rev. War Conway Cabal
Connections to Reading**

July 1, 1776 Committee Presentation: The draft of the Declaration of Independence, primarily authored by Thomas Jefferson, was formally presented to Congress.

July 2, 2026 2:00 P. M. David Blackburn: Colonial Chester County

Thursday 3:30 P. M. Gene Delaplane: Death in Valley Forge

July 2, 1776 Vote for Independence: Congress formally voted to approve the Lee Resolution, effectively declaring the American colonies independent from Great Britain.

July 3, 2026 2:00 P. M. Michelle Lynch: Rev. War Refugees in Reading

**Friday 3:30 P. M. Daughters of the American Revolution Berks
County Chapter: Colonial Women**

July 3, 1776 Declaration Debate: Congress began the rigorous process of debating and editing the content of Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.

July 4, 2026 2:00 P.M. Hopewell Furnace NHS: Public Reading of the Declaration

Saturday of Independence, 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, PA 19520

July 4, 1776 Adoption: In the afternoon, Congress officially adopted the final revised text of the Declaration of Independence and ordered the document to be printed by Dunlap.

July 5, 2026 2:00 P.M. White Horse Inn: Celebration of the

Sunday Declaration of Independence

July 5, 1776 Distribution: John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress, began dispatching the newly printed Dunlap Broad-sides to state legislatures, conventions, and commanding officers, starting with New Jersey and Delaware

All Programs are free. Refreshments will be provided.