

2025 Events Preview

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This year promises to be as action-packed for SMDPA members as last year. We look forward to repeating several successful events and several new events across the State and promoting the events of our neighboring Member Societies in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Please check our website regularly for the latest details and conveniently register and pay online. Here are some highlights:

Sat., March 15: SUSQUEHANNA COLONY SOCIAL EVENT, Alter House Restaurant & Bar, Clarks Summit, PA. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. for a fabulous brunch in the private dining room. Last year's first-ever social event in Northeast Pennsylvania drew a full house of 25 members for a "farm to table" luncheon at this premier restaurant. So nice, we had to do it twice!



Fri., April 11: SMDPA SPRING SOCIAL EVENT, 'Fiddler on the Roof,' Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Lancaster, PA. On Friday, April 11, there will be a matinee, and an evening show the day before our Member's Meeting. Some of our SMDPA members will be attending. Reservations can be made online at the Dutch Apple Theatre website. You choose your own seats on their website. If you purchase tickets, please let Jim Campbell know by sending him an email. His email address is smdpa-governor@sail1620.org. We hope to see you at the Friday show.

Sat., April 12: SMDPA MEMBERS' MEETING/BOA MEETING, Cameron Estate Inn & Restaurant, Mount Joy, PA. This is our third year at this historic complex in pastoral Lancaster County. Previous years have brought gourmet luncheons and record-setting attendance. This year's speaker will be prize-winning historian Andrew Lipman, who will discuss his acclaimed new book, *Squanto: A Native Odyssey* (Yale University Press, 2024).



Sat., May 3: SUSQUEHANNA COLONY SPRING MEETING. There will be a group tour at Historic Rock Ford. The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Hand Mansion. Please meet me at the piazza at the Mansions at that time. We will relocate to The Greenfield Restaurant for our luncheon after the tour. Contact Governor Saunders for more information.

Sat., May 3: WESTERN COLONY SPRING OUTING. The location is Old Economy Village. This is a walking tour of the 200-year-old village, which features 17 historic buildings surrounded by gardens. This National Historic Landmark tells the story of the Harmony Society, one of the oldest and most successful religious communal groups of the 19th century. Our tour time and admission price will be determined in March. We plan to have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

