

Battle of Homestead Foundation

Thursday, April 25 - 7:00 PM - Pump House
Panel and Discussion
1919: Bridges From History

To introduce the BHF program series, peoples' historians Eric Leif Davin, Charlie McCollester, Jacqui Cavalier, and Howard Scott will spotlight the turbulent post-war era of 1919 USA. We'll hear about Suffragettes on the march; immigrants' struggle for labor and civil rights; and the great migration North of Black Americans, wartime unions, the 1919 steel strike, and radicalism and resistance to capitalism.

Saturday, April 27 - 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Pump House
A solo show, compiled and performed by
YVONNE HUDSON:

Mrs Shakespeare
Will's first and last love

Meet Anne Hathaway Shakespeare, story-telling from the family home in Stratford-Upon-Avon, circa 1600. With help from Will's words, she shares her marriage and motherhood, a tale of unexpected courtship, resourceful parenting, and unrivaled resilience. **Note: the 2:00 PM show has no admission, but freewill donations will benefit BHF. There is also a ticketed show at 7:00 PM, benefitting Pgh Shakespeare in the Parks, more info: www.pittsburghshakespeare.com*

Thursday May 2 - 7:00 pm - PumpHouse
Film (55 min.) & Discussion
Separated: Children at the Border
(See also Saturday May 4 panel about the impact in Pittsburgh)

This PBS Frontline documentary tells the history of Latin American families separated at the border. Exploring immigration policy under both the Obama and Trump administrations, the film includes interviews of parents, government officials, activists and others. It examines how we got into the current dismal state of affairs, highlights important events, refutes myths, and humanizes refugees and other immigrants.

Saturday May 4 - 1:30 pm - Pump House
Panel and Discussion
Family Separation at the Border: Its Impact on Pittsburgh, a "Welcoming City"

Current cruel immigration policies make it difficult for Latin American refugees to seek and gain legal asylum, impact families and especially the children. Activists Guillermo Perez, labor educator at the Steelworkers and founder of Pittsburgh Labor Council of Latin American Affairs; and Monica Ruiz, Executive Director of the Casa San Jose Center in Pittsburgh, will address these serious immigration problems impacting families who have been separated at the border and then come to the Pittsburgh area. Pittsburgh is a "Welcoming City." Discussion will focus on how these immigrants are supported through social services, advocacy and organized labor programs and how we can help them.

BHF's 2019 Programs and Events offer an enticing menu of panels, films, exhibits, and performances, spotlighting 1919—a time of radical upheaval in our nation.

You'll encounter an Elizabethan playwright's wife; hell-raising grannie labor organizers; crusading suffragettes; and Guatemalan moms stripped of their kids at the Texas border. There are immigrant Irish socialist Presbyterians; down and out sharecroppers imported from the South to labor in the mills; polyglot striking miners and steelworkers; and union activists snatched from their beds and deported without trial. Discover local heroes and heroines—those who led the ever-constant struggle for liberty, equality, and justice for all.

Saturday, June 8 - 1:30 pm - Pump House
Roundtable Discussion

Labor and Environmental Coalitions: A Must for Survival of Both

Roundtable discussion about the history and possibilities for organized labor and the environmental movement joining forces. Presenters include sustainability advocate Patty DeMarco; activist Mike Stout; Joe Uehlein, founder of the national Labor Network for Sustainability; Jim Kunz of Operating Engineers, Local 66 and a representative of the United Steelworkers which represents workers in the gas and oil industries.

Thursday, July 11 - 7:00 pm - Pump House
Concert

Promise and Protest: Labor in Song

These songs by *Smokestack Lightning* demonstrate the strength and diversity of music as a response to people's experience of work—now and in the past—including its promise and the necessity of protest. Songs are drawn from the multi-ethnic traditions of blues, folk, gospel, protest as well as contemporary music. Guest songwriter and recording artist Mike Stout will also appear.

Saturday, July 20 - 1:30 pm - Pump House
Video and Panel Discussion

BHF (The Pump House Gang): The Early Years

Activist historians Charles McCollester and Steffi Domike and videographer Jim Hohman will relate the colorful origins of the Battle of Homestead Foundation during the steel industry's abandonment of local manufacturing in the late 1980's. Revisit several decades of the Pump House Gang's resistance to deindustrialization and struggle to preserve

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significant cultural artifacts and to reclaim workers' role in history. Come and bring your prized artifact from the ongoing fight to support union manufacturing jobs.

Saturday, August 3 - 9:30 am - 6:00 PM - *Off site*
Bus tour - lunch included.

Reservations and ticket required.

The Good and Bad, the Ugly and Beautiful: A bus tour of places and events in Industrial and Environmental History - 1919-2019, along the Lower Allegheny River

Tentative itinerary: tour of Maxo Vanka murals at St. Nicholas church (Millvale); environmental issues and impacts of Girty's Run; Tree Pittsburgh Nursery and tree canopy issues on hillsides; PWSA water treatment plant (Aspinwall); Rachel Carson Homestead in Springdale. Check the BHF website for updates.

Saturday August 17 - 1:30pm - Pump House
Lecture, discussion, book-signing

Pittsburgh's 'Other' Irish: Before the Robber Barons

The phrase "Scotch-Irish Presbyterian" might seem synonymous with self-righteous robber barons. But take a further look back to a Western PA of farms and artisans' workshop—when Pittsburgh's Irish were mostly Presbyterians whose religion discouraged them from the pursuit of wealth. Hear Dr. Peter Gilmore discuss his recent books *Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania 1770-1830* and *Exiles of '98: Ulster Presbyterians in the US*.

Monday, August 26 - 2:00pm - 8:30 pm

Natrona Heights/Brackenridge/Arnold Sites - Off site

The Assassination of Mineworker Organizer Fannie Sellins; A Community Commemoration

Gather and remember Labor Martyr Fannie Sellins at three Allegheny Valley locations: Ducktown, where striking Miners rallied and Fannie was shot; Brackenridge at USW Local 1196 Union Hall to hear speeches about Fannie's relevance today; and Arnold Cemetery at the Mineworker Memorial to pray for the dead. Sponsoring partners with BHF include United Mineworkers and United Steelworkers. Speakers and songs will amplify the occasion. Everyone welcome. Check the BHF website for details.

Thursday, Sept. 5 - 7:00 pm - Pump House

Talk and discussion

Speaker: Greg Coleridge, Move to Amend Coalition

We the People vs. Corporate Rule: It's Up to Us

The corporation is the most powerful institution on the planet. Corporations define every aspect of our lives and the earth.

In the US, this is due to their aggressive acquisition of legal and economic rights intended solely for human beings. This has profoundly weakened our ability to control many aspects of our lives, such as economic relations, popular culture, and protection of the natural world. Despite hundreds of struggles against corporate rule, little activity has been waged to abolish corporate rights via a constitutional amendment. Such a mass movement is critical.

Sunday, September 29 - 2:00pm - Pump House

The Bernard Kleiman Lecture, sponsored by United Steelworkers

"Organizing Against the Odds: 1919 and Today"

Guest Speaker: Ed Yankovich, VP Emeritus, United Mine Workers of America, District 2

Does a hundred years make a difference in workers' rights and equity? There are lots of similarities. In 1919 and the 1920's, there wasn't 100% support for unions. Racism and anti-immigrant sentiment kept workers separate then and divide workers today. Unions represent the struggle of workers against capital. We are the conscience of capitalism.

Saturday, October 5 - 2:00pm - Pump House
Panel and Discussion

Building Alliances for Tomorrow's Work Force: New Voices, Technology, and Ideas

Are there jobs today that pay a living wage with benefits, provide a decent retirement, and don't require a college education? Yes! Come hear union apprentice program leaders (Carpenters, Bricklayers) and other new workforce job educators and their star students-in-training talk about the challenges and prospects for lifetime careers in the skilled union trades, no college needed. Learn how training programs today use the latest technology to meet industry's needs.

Thursday, Oct. 10 - 7:00 pm - Pump House

Film (120 min.) and Discussion

Fahrenheit 11/9

In this excellent film Michael Moore explores the serious class, racial, ethnic and other divisions that exist in the US as he seeks to understand the 2016 Trump victory. He gives working people, dissatisfied voters and non-voters a rare voice. And by using historical and current data and photographs he examines the role of the media, the electoral college and the US government. His feature on Obama's actions in Flint, Michigan is especially surprising and startling! An intelligent, balanced, and thoughtful film.

Sunday, October 20 - 2:00 pm - Pump House

Panel Discussion

Build Solidarity to fight Anti-Semitism and Racism: An Attack on One is an Attack on All

The Tree of Life Massacre of October 2018 has cast an indelible stain on the history of Pittsburgh. We mark its first anniversary with this discussion by historians and activists reviewing both our country's tainted history and effective community responses to race-bating, hate-mongering, and systematic discrimination. Check the BHF website for details.

Please note: all times, dates, and programs are subject to change. Check our website at www.battleofhomestead.org/bhf/ for the current status of an event.

***Unless otherwise marked, all events are free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.**



Mission:

The Battle of Homestead Foundation (BHF) is a non-profit, charitable organization of citizens, workers, educators, and artists who come together to interpret and promote labor and people's histories, and to provide a forum for speakers and events at the historic Pump House, the site of the Battle of Homestead on July 6, 1892.

Preserving and Interpreting a People's History

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Events Calendar 2019



1919: Bridges from History

Life and work: how was it 100 years ago?

How is it now?

How will it be for the next generation?

Join us at the historic Pump House on the banks of the Monongahela River—the site of the 1892 Battle of Homestead. For more information, go to:

www.battleofhomestead.org

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The Pump House is located at 880 East Waterfront Drive, Munhall, PA 15120
All Venues Are Wheelchair Accessible.