

Valley Forge Park Alliance 2024 - 2025 Speaker Series



November 12, 2024 | **Heather Bruegl**

Fighting for Freedom: The Oneida and Indigenous Connection to Valley Forge

7:00 pm | The Conference Center at Penn State Great Valley

Curious about the Indigenous connection to the Continental Army at Valley Forge? Join Oneida historian Heather Bruegl as she unpacks the tribe's role in this pivotal moment of history.



December 3, 2024
Dr. Daisy Century

From Slave to Poet: Phillis Wheatley, 1753-1784

6:30 pm | The Circuit Amenity Center

Join us for an inspiring evening with Dr. Daisy Century as she brings to life Phillis Wheatley, the first published African-American poet. Captured from West Africa at age seven, Wheatley became a literary sensation in Boston, captivating figures like George Washington. Through Dr. Century's dynamic portrayal, discover the powerful story of this groundbreaking voice in American literature.



February 25, 2025
Dr. Ricardo Herrera

War, Peace + Art: Charles Willson Peale, Washington, & American Identity

6:30 pm | The Circuit Amenity Center

Join award-winning author Dr. Ricardo A. Herrera as he explores Charles Willson Peale's portraits of George Washington and their profound impact on American identity. As a historian and Visiting Professor at the U.S. Army War College, Dr. Herrera brings a wealth of knowledge, including his recent work, *Feeding Washington's Army*.



March 10, 2025 | **Alisa Dupuy**

Madame Adrienne de Lafayette: Liberty And Justice For All

6:30 pm | The Circuit Amenity Center

Discover the captivating story of General Lafayette and his wife, Adrienne, one of Colonial America's most fascinating power couples. Adrienne will share insights into their life together and Lafayette's heroic role in the American Revolution, as we honor their legacy during the bicentennial of his Farewell Tour.



May 7, 2025 | **Dionne Patterson**

Uncovering the Secrets Of The Underground Railroad At Valley Forge

7:00 pm | The Conference Center at Penn State Great Valley

What is the connection between the Underground Railroad and Valley Forge? Join Dionne Patterson, founder of UGR3DAY Underground Railroad Experiences Inc., as she uncovers untold stories of resilience from the antebellum era.

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