



Gather Place Programs: Booking at Our Place or Yours – First-Person and Lecture Programs
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Cost: \$500 per program (negotiable per various options)



Harriet Tubman: Her Life and Her Legacy

Program Length: 60-minute presentation, including audience Q&A

Program Description

This educational program pays tribute to the extraordinary life and legacy of Harriet Tubman. Through a historically grounded first-person portrayal, audiences journey from Tubman's childhood as Araminta "Minty" Ross to her emergence as the renowned freedom fighter known as "Moses." Created and performed by a Gather Place reenactor, the program unfolds in four distinct scenes highlighting pivotal periods in Tubman's life. Subtle, period-appropriate costume changes enhance the historical authenticity and theatrical impact of each scene.

Program Goals and Impact

- **Historical Accuracy and Immersion**
Engage audiences through a carefully researched and dramatized four-part presentation of Harriet Tubman's life and accomplishments.

- **Cultural Relevance**

Highlight Tubman's enduring importance as a national symbol of courage, faith, resilience, freedom, and justice.

- **Audience Engagement**

Conclude with an interactive Q&A that encourages dialogue, personal reflection, and a deeper understanding of Tubman's legacy.

Intended Audiences

This program is appropriate for schools, libraries, historical societies, civic groups, and community-based organizations. It is especially suitable for Black History Month, Women's History Month, America's 250th anniversary, and commemorative programs honoring freedom fighters and leaders of social justice.



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FREDERICK DOUGLASS
(1818–1895)

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America's Abolitionists

This 1-hour program pays tribute to Frederick Douglass's extraordinary journey from enslavement to one of the nation's most powerful voices for freedom. A Gather Place Museum Reenactor embodies Douglass in an immersive, first-person reenactment. Through vivid storytelling, audiences witness his escape from slavery, rise as an orator and writer, and his relentless fight for justice alongside fellow abolitionists. Costume details and staged transitions evoke the arc of Douglass's life. Ideal for classrooms, libraries, museums, community-based organizations and theatres.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **IMMERSIVE REENACTMENT:**
From enslaved childhood to world-renowned abolitionist.
- **AUDIENCE CONNECTION:**
Q&A allows us to reflect Douglass's words and current issues of justice, liberty, equality.

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Frederick Douglass: America's Abolitionist

Program Length: 60-minute presentation, including audience Q&A

Program Description

This educational program honors the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Frederick Douglass, tracing his journey from enslavement to becoming one of America's most influential voices for freedom, justice, and equality. Through compelling historical interpretation and high-quality visual and audio clips, audiences explore Douglass's childhood in enslavement, courageous escape to freedom, rise as a celebrated orator and author, and lifelong leadership in the abolitionist and equal-rights movements. Costume elements and staged transitions help bring pivotal moments from Douglass's life to the stage while enhancing the program's historical and theatrical impact.

Program Goals and Impact

- **Historical Education and Immersion**
Introduce audiences to Douglass's extraordinary journey from an enslaved child to a world-renowned abolitionist, writer, orator, and statesman.
- **Cultural Relevance**
Examine Douglass's lasting influence on the continuing pursuit of freedom, citizenship, justice, liberty, and equality.

- **Audience Engagement**

Conclude with an interactive Q&A that encourages audiences to reflect on Douglass's words, accomplishments, and relevance to contemporary issues.

Intended Audiences

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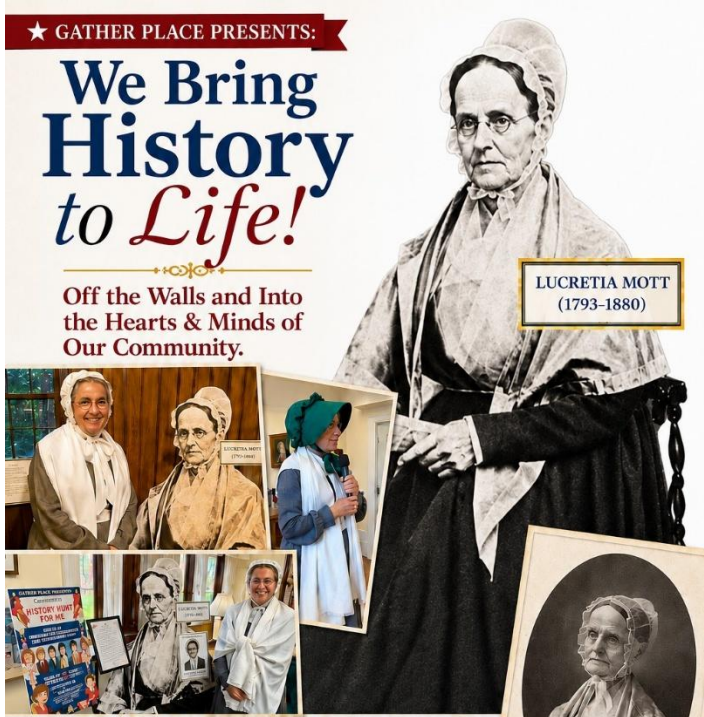


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LUCRETIA MOTT
(1793-1880)

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The Women's Suffrage Movement

This 1-hour program honors Lucretia Mott's pioneering leadership in abolition and women's rights, bringing her fearless advocacy to the stage.

Lucretia Mott—Quaker, abolitionist & women's rights pioneer—helped ignite the suffrage movement and had deep ties to Bucks County! She spoke in Newtown (with Frederick Douglass), Yardleyville (Underground Railroad hub), and across Doylestown, Fallsington, Langhorne, Solebury & Buckingham.

Through a powerful portrayal, a Gather Place Museum Reenactor embodies Mott as a minister, abolitionist, and suffragist. The performance unfolds across key moments in her life—from her work with the Anti-Slavery Society to co-organizing the Seneca Falls Convention.

With simple costume touches and compelling storytelling, audiences step into the movement for equality.

Ideal for classrooms, libraries, museums, women's leadership programs, community-based organizations and theatres.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATION:** Period accessories underscore Mott's Quaker heritage.
- **AUDIENCE CONNECTION:** Q&A inviting reflection on Mott's vision of justice and inclusion.

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Lucretia Mott: The Women's Suffrage Movement

Program Length: 60-minute presentation, including audience Q&A

Program Description

This educational program honors Lucretia Mott's pioneering leadership in the abolitionist and women's rights movements, bringing her fearless advocacy for justice and equality to the stage. Through a powerful first-person portrayal, a Gather Place reenactor presents Mott as a Quaker minister, abolitionist, suffragist, and women's rights pioneer. The performance explores pivotal moments in her life—from her work with the American Anti-Slavery Society to her role in organizing the historic 1848 Seneca Falls Convention. The program also highlights Mott's deep connections to Bucks County. She spoke with Frederick Douglass in Newtown, visited Yardleyville—an important Underground Railroad community—and carried her message throughout Doylestown, Fallsington, Langhorne, Solebury, and Buckingham. Period-inspired costume elements and compelling storytelling invite audiences into the growing movement for abolition, women's rights, and equality.

Program Goals and Impact

- **Historical Education and Immersion**
Introduce audiences to Mott's influential work as a Quaker minister, abolitionist, women's rights advocate, and organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention.
- **Authentic Representation**
Use period-inspired accessories and costume elements to reflect Mott's Quaker heritage and enhance the historical authenticity of the presentation.
- **Local and Cultural Relevance**
Explore Mott's connections to Bucks County and her enduring influence on the movements for abolition, women's suffrage, justice, and inclusion.
- **Audience Engagement**
Conclude with an interactive Q&A that invites reflection on Mott's vision of equality and its continuing relevance today.

Intended Audiences

This program is appropriate for schools, classrooms, libraries, historical societies, women's leadership programs, civic groups, community-based organizations, and theaters. It is especially suitable for Women's History Month, Black History Month, America's 250th anniversary, and commemorative programs honoring abolitionists and pioneers of equal rights.



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Susanna Warder –
Life as an enslaved person at Pennsbury Manor

This 1-hour program gives voice to Susanna Warder, an enslaved woman born in 1701 at Pennsbury Manor, the country estate of William Penn. Her story sheds light on an often-overlooked chapter of our state's history—life in Bucks County as enslaved individuals from the late 1600s through the 1800s. This portrayal is based on primary source research by Mary Ellyn Kunz, Pennsbury Manor's longtime (31-years) former Education Coordinator, whose dedication to historical preservation ensures these important stories are told.

A Gather Place Reenactor brings Susanna's world to life in a moving first-person performance. Through her perspective, audiences learn about the realities of enslavement in early Pennsylvania, the work demanded on estates like Pennsbury, and the complex legacy of William Penn and his family.

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Inspiring the Future.*

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- FIRST-PERSON REENACTMENT:** Susanna Warder's story as an enslaved woman and others who lived and worked at Pennsbury Manor in early Pennsylvania.
- UNTOLD HISTORY:** Opens dialogue about how these hidden histories connect to America's founding and its ongoing story.
- AUDIENCE CONNECTION:** Q&A invites reflection, discussion, and learning together.

Susanna Warder: Enslaved Life at Pennsbury Manor

Program Length: 60-minute presentation, including audience Q&A

Program Description

This educational program gives voice to Susanna Warder, an enslaved woman born in 1701 at Pennsbury Manor, the country estate of Pennsylvania founder William Penn. Her story illuminates an often-overlooked chapter of state and local history—the experiences of enslaved people who lived and labored in Bucks County from the late 1600s through the 1800s.

A Gather Place reenactor brings Susanna's world to life through a moving first-person performance. From her perspective, audiences learn about the realities of enslavement in early Pennsylvania, the labor demanded on estates such as Pennsbury Manor, and the complex legacy of William Penn and his family.

The portrayal is based on primary-source research conducted by Mary Ellyn Kunz, Pennsbury Manor's former education coordinator of 31 years. Her dedication to research and historical preservation helps ensure that these important stories are remembered and shared.

Program Goals and Impact

- **First-Person Historical Interpretation**

Present Susanna Warder's story and the experiences of other enslaved people who lived and worked at Pennsbury Manor and throughout early Pennsylvania.

- **Untold History**

Reveal an often-overlooked history of enslavement in Bucks County and examine its connection to Pennsylvania's development and America's founding.

- **Historical Reflection**

Encourage audiences to consider the complex legacy of William Penn, his family, and the institution of enslavement in colonial Pennsylvania.

- **Audience Engagement**

Conclude with an interactive Q&A that invites reflection, thoughtful discussion, and shared learning.

Intended Audiences

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Hannah Penn: Pennsylvania's First Lady of the Commonwealth



This 1-hour program honors Hannah Penn's quiet yet extraordinary leadership, offering audiences an inspiring glimpse into how a woman helped shape America's early foundation. This immersive lecture is designed to captivate, educate, and entertain.

Experience Hannah Penn's remarkable story that brings to life the First Lady of Pennsylvania—who governed the colony after her husband William's passing. Through historically grounded storytelling, audiences see Hannah's steadfast role in guiding a diverse community through religious tolerance, diplomacy, and leadership.

Program Highlights:

- **Audience Connection:** Q&A allows audiences to connect Hannah's 18th-century vision with today's ideals of democracy and inclusion.

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Hannah Penn: Pennsylvania's First Lady of the Commonwealth

Program Length: 60-minute presentation, including audience Q&A

Program Description

This educational program honors Hannah Penn's quiet yet extraordinary leadership and offers an inspiring look at how a woman helped shape Pennsylvania and America's early foundations. Through immersive, historically grounded storytelling, audiences discover Hannah's remarkable journey as the wife and trusted partner of Pennsylvania founder William Penn. During her husband's illness and following his death, Hannah assumed responsibility for managing the colony's complex political, financial, and administrative affairs.

The presentation explores her steadfast leadership, diplomacy, religious values, and commitment to preserving William Penn's vision of a diverse community founded upon tolerance and representative government. Designed to educate, captivate, and inspire, the program brings greater recognition to one of the most influential—and frequently overlooked—women in Pennsylvania history.

Program Goals and Impact

• Historical Education

Introduce audiences to Hannah Penn's essential role in managing Pennsylvania's affairs and preserving the Penn family's legacy.

• Women's Leadership

Highlight Hannah's accomplishments as an early female leader who navigated political, financial, and family responsibilities during the 18th century.

• Cultural Relevance

Explore how the Penn family's principles of religious tolerance, diplomacy, inclusion, and representative government influenced Pennsylvania's development.

• Audience Engagement

Conclude with an interactive Q&A that encourages audiences to connect Hannah's leadership and vision with contemporary ideals of democracy, inclusion, and civic responsibility.

Intended Audiences

This program is appropriate for schools, classrooms, libraries, historical societies, women's leadership programs, civic groups, and community-based organizations. It is especially suitable for Women's History Month, Pennsylvania history programs, America's 250th anniversary, and commemorative events honoring women in leadership.



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Abigail Adams: “Remember the Ladies”

Our Nation’s Foundation

A 1-HOUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

This 1-hour program pays homage to Abigail Adams, one of America’s most influential First Ladies, whose wisdom and advocacy remain timeless.

A Gather Place Reenactor embodies Abigail Adams—wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams—bringing to life her famous call to “remember the ladies.” Through compelling scenes, Abigail’s letters, and subtle costume transitions, audiences experience her intellect, influence on policy, and enduring partnership with her husband. Costume details reflect 18th century domestic and political life.

Ideal for classrooms, libraries, museums, women’s leadership programs, community-based organizations and theatres.

“I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.”
— Abigail Adams
March 31, 1776

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- IMMERSIVE REENACTMENT:** Highlights Abigail’s voice as an early advocate for women’s rights.
- AUDIENCE CONNECTION:** Q&A session deepens understanding of Abigail’s legacy and exploring her role in shaping America’s democracy.

PROGRAM GOALS AND IMPACT

- HISTORICAL INSIGHT** Audiences gain a deeper understanding of Abigail Adams’ life, letters, and leadership during America’s founding era.
- INSPIRATION** Abigail’s story inspires audiences with lessons in courage, partnership, and the pursuit of a more perfect union.
- RELEVANCE** Connects Abigail’s advocacy to today’s conversations about equality, leadership, and civic engagement.

INTENDED AUDIENCES: This program is well-suited for classrooms, libraries, museums, women’s leadership programs, community-based organizations and theatres.

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THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

BUCKS COUNTY & BEYOND!

Featuring Benjamin “Big Ben” Jones
of Buckingham Mountain and
Bucks County’s Delaware River Towns.

Discover the people and places behind
a powerful freedom movement.

This engaging one-hour presentation spotlights
Historic Yardley Borough and neighboring
Bucks County communities where documented
homes, mills, inns, and river crossings
aided freedom seekers.

**Buckingham Friends
Meeting House
(est. 1776)**

**Mount Gilead Church
New Hope (est. 1834)**

**BUCKS COUNTY
ABOLITIONIST
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Meet the United States Colored Troops of Bucks County

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A One-Hour Gather Place Lecture

Honoring the courageous African American men who served during the American Civil War—and preserving the stories of USCT veterans laid to rest at Historic Slate Hill Cemetery and Lighthouse Hill Cemetery.

Local History ★ Sacred Grounds ★ Audience Q&A & Talk-Back Time

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Featuring first-person portrayals, lectures, living history programs, and walking tours highlighting Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Lucretia Mott, Hannah Penn, Susanna Warder, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Alice of Dunks Ferry, Yardley's Quaker founders, and the Underground Railroad in Bucks County and Beyond.

HARRIET TUBMAN ★
FREDERICK DOUGLASS ★
LUCRETIA MOTT ★
HANNAH PENN

SUSANNA WARDER ★
IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT ★
ALICE OF DUNKS FERRY

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WALK HISTORY WITH US ★ TALK HISTORY WITH US ★ BE PART OF AMERICA'S FULL STORY

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