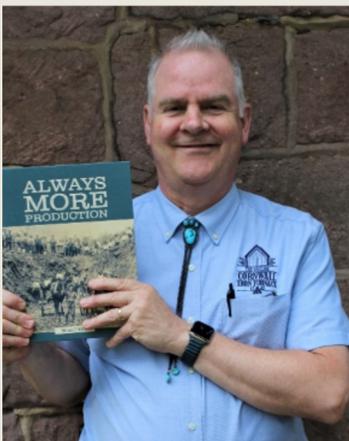


SPEAKER SERIES 2026

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING GUEST SPEAKERS FOR OUR 2026 SPEAKER SERIES. ALL EVENTS ARE HELD IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE BRENDLE MUSEUM LOCATED AT 111 NORTH MARKET ST., SCHAEFFERSTOWN, PA.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
CORNWALL FURNACE
DURING THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION



Mike Weber -
 volunteer guide at the
 Cornwall Iron furnace and an
 avid historical researcher.

With an abundance of ore, forests, limestone and water power, Pennsylvania—in particular Cornwall—was the center of iron production in colonial America.

When the colonies declared independence from England, Cornwall was among the furnaces called on to supply ordnance and ammunition for the Continental Army.

Learn more about Cornwall's role in securing American independence from mining historian, geologist and author Michael Weber.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
A "SPIRITED PEOPLE:
PA GERMAN WHISKY
DISTILLING



Bradley Smith is the Site
Administrator at PHMC's
Ephrata Cloister.

In the 1700s and early 1800s, many Pennsylvania Germans, including Alexander and Henry Schaeffer, distilled whiskey and brandy using abundant ingredients from their farms including rye, corn, apples, and peaches. Join Bradley Smith for a discussion about the prevalence of small farm distilleries and their importance to our region's local economy.

SUNDAY, MAY 3
THE HEITAGE OF
ANGLING



Kenneth Reinard, "Ye Old
Colonial Angler of 1770."

Join us for a vivid presentation on the history and art of fly-fishing. Ken Reinard specializes in the tackle and traditions of colonial fly-fishermen. He is an avid fly-fisherman, flytier, and historian of the 18th century, drawing from his over thirty years of researching the history and tools of fly-fishing. His expertise includes making angle rods from whole cane, fly lines from braided horse tail, and making hooks from needles and nails. He is a frequent presenter at historic sites throughout the Mid-Atlantic.