



THE NATIONAL FIRE HOUSE AND MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA
147 North 2nd Street • Philadelphia, PA 19106-2010 • 215-923-1438

Winter 2024 Newsletter



Five Saints Distilling Fundraiser: Members and friends of Fireman's Hall Museum and the Philadelphia Fire Department toured Five Saints Distilling at the old Humane Engine #1 firehouse in Norristown on Thursday, November 2, 2023. The group enjoyed tastings of their small batch liquors, a delicious dinner, and a tour of the historic building. It was a lovely evening together to celebrate another successful year at Fireman's Hall Museum and raise funds for our programming!



Line of Duty Death Research: Research continues on fleshing out the information found on our Line of Duty Deaths Kiosk here at the Museum, and work has begun in earnest on expanding the reports on those volunteer fire fighters who died in the line of duty prior to the beginning of Philadelphia's professional department in 1871. Follow along with our research on [Facebook](#) or email us at pfdhc@firemanshallmuseum.org with any questions or useful information to share with us.

18th Annual Golf Outing: Fireman's Hall Museum will be returning to Westover Country Club in Norristown again this spring for our 18th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday May 22, 2024! Join us for a day on the links and cocktails and dinner in support of our museum programming. Look out for more information and sign-up material coming soon via email and www.firemanshallmuseum.org!



Lazaretto Engine Restoration: The B.R. Howard Company in Carlisle, PA continues the long work on cleaning and restoring the 1803 "Philadelphia-style" Pat Lyon engine from the Lazaretto Quarantine Station, carefully stabilizing the original colorful paint still surviving underneath its later plain varnish. Anyone interested in helping Fireman's Hall Museum in supporting this important project should contact the museum.

Funding for Fireman's Hall is supported by a general operating support grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are grateful to them for their ongoing support.

Remembering John Devlin: It is with great sadness that we share the news of retired Deputy Fire Commissioner John Devlin's passing on January 14, 2024. John was an important and vital part of the Fireman's Hall Museum family from his days within the PFD as an honorary director to his post-retirement days as a fully elected director of the Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation. His energy and enthusiasm were legendary and our hearts go out to his family. To learn more of John's storied relationship with the museum, read our [tribute](#) to him on the Fireman's Hall Museum website.



Membership Nights: If you haven't yet joined or renewed your Fireman's Hall Museum membership, you won't be included in upcoming member-only events, such as the Membership Nights that Curator Brian Anderson has scheduled for the start of 2024. All dues can be mailed to the museum.

On Thursday February 22, 2024, Chief Greg Masi will give a presentation on Extra Alarm Fires at the Philadelphia Fire Officers Union Hall. See [Eventbrite](#) for more information and to reserve a spot. Another history presentation is in the planning for March. Join or renew today to stay in the loop on these and more!



First Fridays: Out late in Old City? Fireman's Hall Museum is now open until 9:00pm again on the first Friday of every month!

Public Property Work at FHM:

The hidden strength of any museum lies in its collection storage. Thanks to the Department of Public Property for extensive work done over the winter in the repair, painting, and sealing of the storage area in the third-floor storage and curatorial workspace of our 1898 firehouse, particularly with the ceiling. The city also did work on the HVAC units to help us protect our collection for future generations of fire buffs and our general visitors alike.



Social Media: Keep an eye on the Fireman's Hall [website](#) and follow the museum at [@firemanshall](#) on [Instagram](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) for all the latest news, and subscribe to our [Youtube](#) channel for the Curator's Corner and other updated offerings! Join the museum's [Facebook](#) group to become part of the conversation on ongoing research and to view photos and stories from our archives!

www.firemanshallmuseum.org

pfdhc@firemanshallmuseum.org