

Three Years ago the Humphry Marshall 300 Task Force was formed with the mission to educate and promote the life and achievements of Humphry Marshall to the general public.

I thought it would be opportune to list the Task Force's accomplishments during last year's **Year of Humphry Marshall** Celebration.

2022 - The Year of Humphry Marshall

April 12- West Bradford Supervisors Proclamation honoring Humphry Marshall and declaring 2022 as the ***"Year of Humphry Marshall."***

April 30- Chester County Commissioners proclaim April 30 as ***"Humphry Marshall Day,"*** concurrent with a Native Tree giveaway sponsored by Chester County History Center and Bartlett Tree Service.

May 5- Lecture with the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Agriculture focused on the 1785 founding member Humphry Marshall, held at the Bradford Friend's Meeting House, with a reading of Marshall's ***"Observations, tending to show the utility of Botanical knowledge in relation to Agriculture, and the feeding of cattle, etc."***

June 9- Chester County's Town Tours & Village Walks kickoff with a ***Humphry Marshall Birthday Bash*** at the Chester County History Center.

August 18- Chester County Town Tour of Humphry Marshall's Marshallton Village.

Sept. 20- ***"A Double Reunion of Astral Significance."*** The reunion of Humphry Marshall's original telescope with his microscope at the Chester County History Center. Descendants James Marshall and Franklin Marshall meet for the first time. All professionally photographed.

October 8- *Humphry Marshall Day*-Presented by the Friends of Martin's Tavern at the Martin's Tavern/Humphry Marshall Historical Park, including the formal dedication of the Humphry Marshall Historical Park by State, County and Township dignitaries.

Four Lectures Presented at Humphry Marshall Day-

- 1) *Malcolm Johnstone* Interviewed as Humphry Marshall, in his old age, reflecting on his life and achievements.
- 2) *Joel Fry*-Humphry Marshall's impact on the world of Botany & Horticulture.
- 3) *Adrian Martinez-Quakerism's* influence on Humphry Marshall's Life.
- 4) *Jack Hines*-Marshall's legacy and relevance today.

Other Highlights from Humphry Marshall Day-

- 1) *Dedication and reading by Robin Ashby of the original transcript, read by his great, great grandfather, at the 200th Humphry Marshall Celebration.*
- 2) *The first public viewing of the recently found Humphry Marshall's telescope.*
- 3) *Marshall family reunion.*
- 4) *Seed planting & propagation program.*

October 9- The Friends of Marshall Square Park celebrated Humphry's 300th birthday with a family and kid friendly Birthday Party.

Humphry Marshall Heritage Horticultural Speaker series- Presented by The Chester County History Center.

Sept. 14- Joel Fry, curator at Bartram's Gardens presented "*Horticultural Cousins- Bartram and Marshall.*"

Sept. 28- Ron McColl, Special Collections Librarian at WCU, spoke on "*Dr. William Darlington: Janus of American Botany.*" Darlington wrote the Memorials of Bartram & Marshall in 1849 and kept the Herbarium with specimens from Marshall garden.

Oct. 14- Tony Aiello, of Longwood Gardens spoke on "*In the shadow of Humphry Marshall- Chester County Horticultural Heritage in the 19th century.*"

Humphry Marshall Articles-

Fall 2021-Winter 2023- Series of 6 articles on Humphry Marshall each focused on a different aspect of his life.

January 2022- Main Line Today- *Marshallton's Big Moment.*

Spring 2022- The Hunt Magazine- *High Fives for Humphry Marshall.*

May 2022- Chester County Ledger- *Humphry Marshall's 300 Birthday A Countywide Celebration.*

Sept. 27, 2022- Daily Local News- *Ben Franklin's gift discovered in an attic.*

But we are not done!

Most of our events were filmed and photographed, others are in archives. I am in the process of requesting, from the Humphry Marshall Trust, a grant, whose purpose would be to fund the firm of Miller Design to compile the above content into a format which can be accessed by the general public.

100 years ago our forebears made the effort to document their 200 Humphry Marshall Celebration, and we acknowledged that. Our efforts today will preserve our 300 celebration for our successors to acknowledge in 2122.

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