

CONVENTION NEWS

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Have you registered for this year's convention? If not, please do it now! Registration ends July 5th! The registrations are trickling in, but be sure to act now and send in your form as well as register for your hotel room to take advantage of our discounted room rate.

Please be aware that this is the final update before we gather in York, Pennsylvania this August 8-10. I'm pleased to announce that the pictorial postmark design was approved by the Postal Service!

The cachet designs, illustrated here on the next page, will be featured on the three covers, each with a different date of the convention. Three images representative of York and York County have been chosen. Each represents a distinctive and iconic element of this region.

The Central Market House is a large building in downtown York, standing for more than 125 years. Today it is a vibrant gathering place for the York community as well as a grassroots commercial marketplace. Dozens of vendors sell everything from flowers to baked goods, artwork, candles, and soaps. There are a variety of shops serving lunch and beverages. Individual hours vary, but the market is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Colonial Courthouse represents the rich history of York. Although the original building was located in the town square and torn down in the mid-1800s, this replica was built in 1976. From September 30, 1777 to June 27, 1778, the Second Continental Congress met, drafted, and ratified the Articles of Confederation. The buildings surrounding the courthouse make up the York Colonial Complex, which includes the history center, fire museum, and Golden Plough Tavern (York's oldest building, built in 1741).

The Northern Central Railway of York speaks to the heritage and tradition that the railroad has had in this area. Located in New Freedom, about 30 minutes south of York, it now offers historical and educational rail excursions in York County. It was during the Civil War era that President Lincoln rode this rail line as he refined his speech that would become known as the Gettysburg Address. It was the same route that carried him back to Springfield, Illinois following his assassination in 1865.



These are just a few of the many amazing things York County has to offer. I hope you will be able to take advantage of some of the free time during the convention between sorting postmarks and attending events.

Speaking of that, here is a tentative look at the agenda. Please note that some details are still being finalized, and all times are subject to change. I also hope to have a few pleasant surprises to add at the last minute.

August 8th

- Postmark Study Group Meeting
- Museum Board Meeting
- Executive Council Meeting

August 9th

- Post Office Directory Committee Meeting
- Postcrossing Meetup (NEW EVENT!)
- Silent Auction
- Ice Cream "Walk"
- York Baseball Game (NEW EVENT!)

August 10th

- General Membership Meeting
- Group Photo
- Memorial Service
- Banquet
- Auction

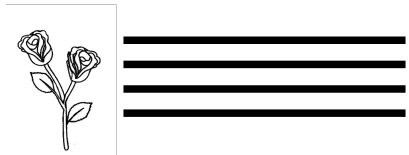
Of course, the popular Finders Keepers tables will be open daily through Saturday afternoon. The "PA Postmark Paradise" postal station with our pictorial design will be in the same location, although specific dates and times are not yet determined.

All registration forms must be mailed no later than July 5, 2024 in order to allow for enough time to print t-shirts and cachets and submit food orders for the banquet. Send all forms and/or correspondence to me at John McKenzie, 115 Charles Street, Rockville, MD 20850.

If you are still on the fence about attending or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at johnthecurioustraveler@gmail.com, or by text or phone at (202) 297-5629.

Thank you and I am really excited to see you all in York this summer!

York Central
Market House
1888



PA Postmark Paradise Station
York, PA 17402
August 8, 2024

Northern Central Railway
New Freedom, PA



York Colonial
Courthouse



T-shirt design at right.

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