

THE POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION of Berks County (PAHABC)

Since its inception in 1992, PAHABC has sponsored and participated in events to spotlight Polish culture, traditions, and heritage, bringing recognition to the accomplishments of people of Polish descent.

Current / Past Activities Include

Bus Trips:

- Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa / Polish-American Family Festival & Country Fair (Doylestown, PA)
- Pulaski Day Parade (NYC and Philly)
- Greenpoint concentrated Polish community with restaurants, bakeries, and deli-markets (Brooklyn, NY)
- 9/11 Memorial (NYC)
- Gettysburg (PA) and Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Emmitsburg, MD)
- Poconos - Polish deli-markets and restaurants (East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg, PA)

Lectures and Demonstrations:

- Author talks
- Pisanki (egg) decorating
- Wycinanki paper cutting
- Palm weaving
- Polish art and history

Community Events:

- Berks Cultural Diversity Festival (City Park)

Annual Events Include

- New Year's Holiday Party
- Polish Open Golf Tournament
- Summer Picnic
- Yuletide Around the World (Reading Public Museum) - featuring a tree with traditional Polish Christmas ornaments
- Wigilia - featuring a history of the meal, breaking of the Oplatek (wafer), traditional meal courses and desserts, and singing of Christmas Carols (Kolędy) in Polish and English



Mary Ann Becker Memorial/ PAHABC Polonia Project Scholarship

Available to Berks County HS seniors of Polish descent, pursuing further education at a 2- or 4-year college.

Applicants submit a creative work on Polish history, culture, or traditions.

The Polish-American Cultural Center

Located in **GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Room 509**; established in 2005; and supported entirely by PAHABC.

Exhibits Include

- Vintage Polish wedding photos and a unique wedding dress and veil
- Customs and traditions associated with the Season of Lent and Easter
- Polish pottery
- Polish crystal and wooden carvings
- WWII and liberation of the concentration camps
- Notable Polish historical figures
- Authentic costumes from various regions of Poland
- Immigration from Poland
- Customs and traditions associated with the celebration of Christmas and a custom created 3-foot Szopka (puppet theater)

Exhibits rotated throughout the year!

Hours: Sundays, 12:00 - 4:00 PM
(Saturday hours in the holiday season)

Polish American Heritage Association Membership Application (Annual Dues Expire December 31st)

Annual Membership Dues (Please check one): _____ \$10.00 Individual _____ \$15.00 Family/Same Household

Check payable to **PAHABC** (or **Venmo**: see code in brochure) and mail to: Mrs. Marilyn Wlazewski, 804 Gibraltar Rd, Reading, PA 19606

List each

individual name:

Month & Date of Birth: _____

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Note: Name announced during the week of your birthday on AGEs Polka Party (Sundays 10 am to 1 pm www.ueugold.com)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

_____ I am interested in being a Volunteer _____ I am interested in serving on a Committee

*Be proud of your Polish heritage,
learn more about it and enjoy it with
others by becoming a member!*

Membership Benefits include:

PAHABC Newsletter

PAHABC Sponsored Event Discounts

Cultural Center Purchase Discounts

Monthly Meetings held at:

GoggleWorks Center for the Arts

Room 325 (elevators available)

201 Washington St, Reading, PA

April thru Sept - 3rd Wednesdays - 6:00 PM

Oct thru March - 3rd Sundays - 2:00 PM

QR code for PAHABC Venmo

*for membership, special events,
or donations*



Founded in 1992

www.berkspaha.org

www.facebook.com/pahabc

MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of this Association is to
foster and preserve the history and
heritage of the Berks County
Polish-American community and, in
conjunction with other organizations,
to promote and to share public
awareness and appreciation of our
Polish heritage through cultural,
educational, and social activities.*

GoggleWorks Center for the Arts

201 Washington St, Rm 509

Reading, PA 19601