

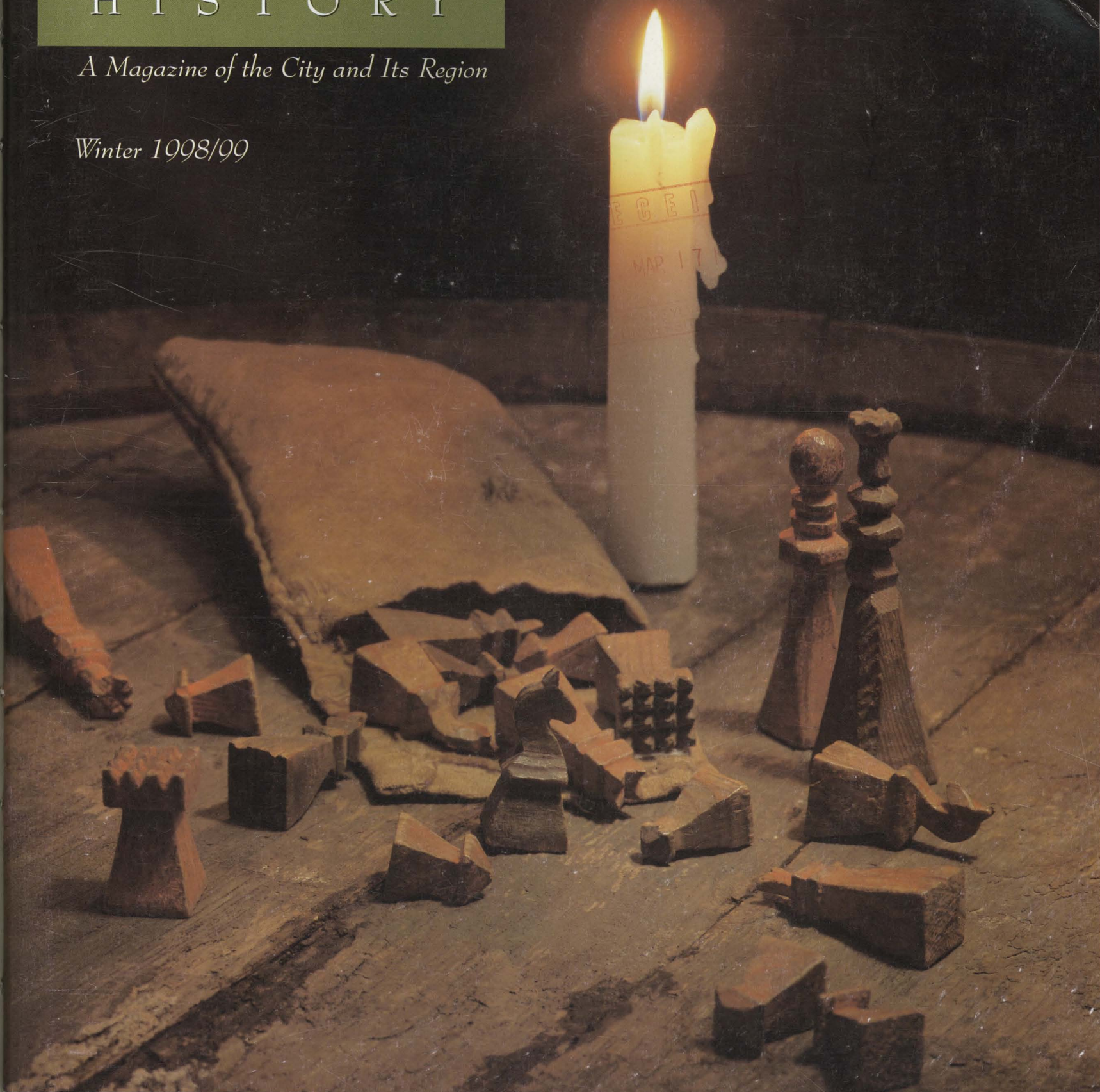
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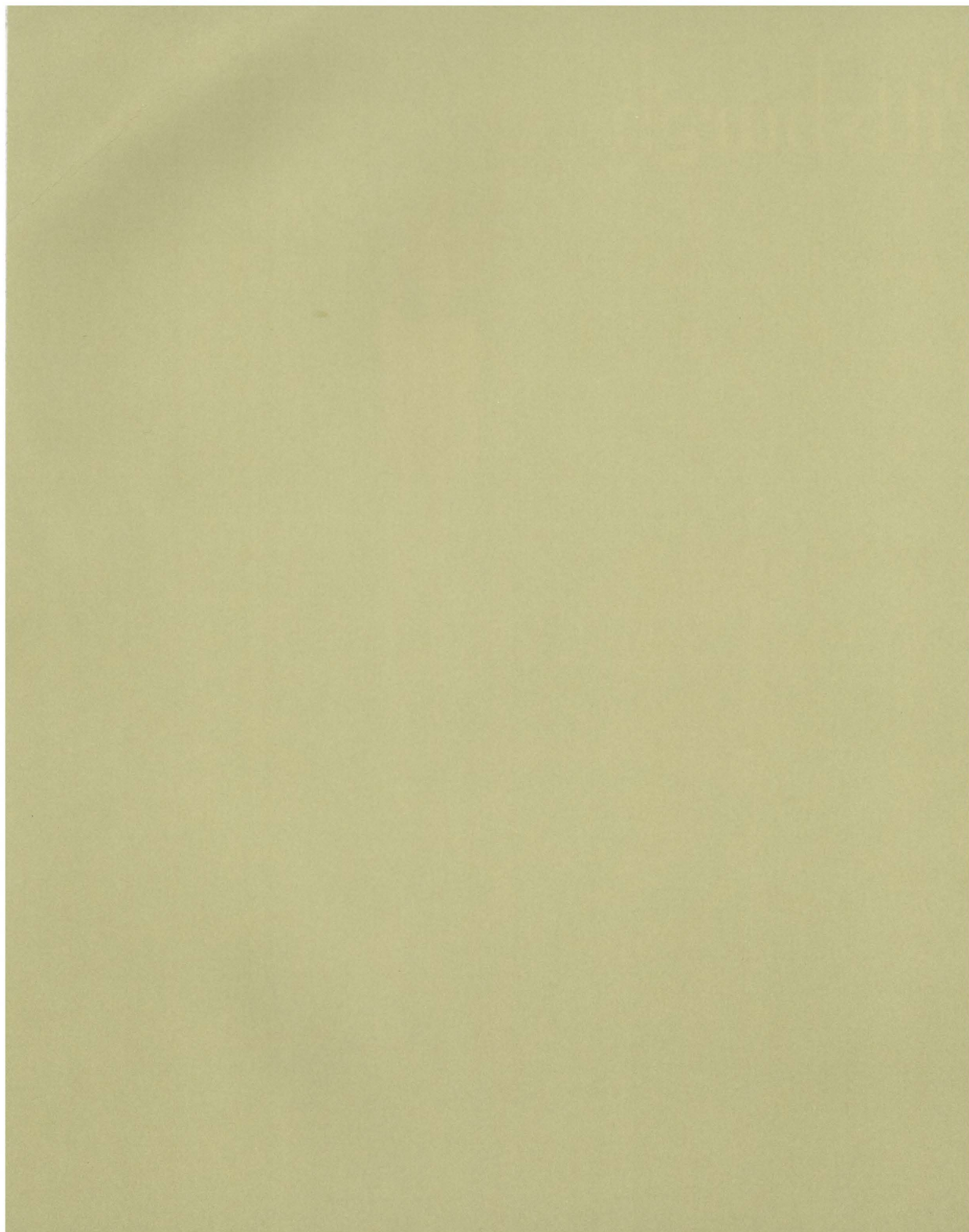
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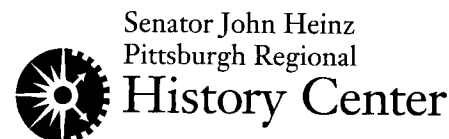
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# This month at the History Center



Senator John Heinz  
Pittsburgh Regional  
History Center

**Community Gallery Celebrating 50 Years of Smiles** Ear'n Park restaurant's commemorative exhibit is sure to bring back memories.  
**March 5 National History Day** The theme for this year's teen competition is how science, technology, and invention affect history.  
**March 12 History Uncorked** A party to introduce young professionals to the History Center. Call HSWP's Gail Lovelady, (412) 454-6324.

## Other Exhibits and Events:

- **Great Hall** 1940s trolley, Pittsburgh fire bell, "The Visible City" mural by Douglas Cooper, Conestoga wagon, and more.
- **Points in Time: Building a Life in Western Pennsylvania, 1750-Today** The History Center's main exhibit spans over 250 years of the area's remarkable past. Artifacts, costumes, models, interactive videos, live theater, reconstructions of period homes, and more.
- **Discovery Place** Hands-on exploration for children and their families. Eight different interactive exhibits and games provide stimulation and fun.
- **Glass: Shattering Notions** An exhibit on Western Pennsylvania's oldest industry — see the exciting story through rare artifacts.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization which collects and preserves the past through its museums, library, and archives of regional history; interprets and presents Western Pennsylvania's history for diverse audiences through research, exhibits, publications and educational programs; makes the history of Western Pennsylvania known to the nation and the world; and provides technical assistance, training and consultation to other regional historical organizations.

Home of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center showcases the rich cultural and industrial history of the region through exhibits and programs, as well as its library and archive research facility.

### Location:

1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, convenient to downtown Pittsburgh, as well as the historic Strip District, just one block from the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Convenient parking available in lots adjacent to the Center.

**Telephone:** (412) 454-6000

### Web Site:

<http://www.pghhistory.org>

## Hours of Operation:

Museum - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily  
Library & Archives - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday - Saturday

The History Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

## Admission:

Adults - \$6.00  
Children (3-18 years) - \$4.50  
Seniors (65-up) - \$4.50

## Group Sales:

Special rates are offered for adult and school group tours of the History Center. Group tours must be booked in advance. Call (412) 454-6304 for information and reservations.

## Facilities Rental:

Various public spaces within the History Center are available for special events. Call Visitor Services, (412) 454-6435, to secure information and reservations.

## Special Services:

The History Center is wheelchair accessible, and a limited number of wheelchairs are available for use by patrons who require assistance. Restrooms are located on the first, second, third and sixth floors. Baby care facilities are available on the first and third floors. Pay telephones are on the first floor.

## Stages in History:

The History Center's resident theater program helps museum visitors better understand the human dimension of the past. Historical characters are portrayed by actors who appear throughout History Center exhibits to interact with visitors.

## Museum Shop:

Award-winning Museum Shop offers a unique selection of items which include books, jewelry, ethnic crafts, and historic reproductions.

## Cafe:

Reymer's Cafe seats 80 in the Great Hall and offers snacks, light lunches, beverages, and desserts.

## Membership:

Historical Society members enjoy free admission to the History Center. Members also receive a discount on Museum Shop purchases, as well as invitations to members-only events, subscriptions to this quarterly magazine and the bimonthly newsletter, *Making History*. For more information on becoming a member, call the Membership Office, (412) 454-6321.

## Local History Resource Service:

LHRS provides information to teachers and history organizations in their work to preserve and interpret the history of Western Pennsylvania. There are 82 member organizations in LHRS, which serves 20 counties. Information about LHRS services and workshops: (412) 454-6376.

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