



## Drake Well Museum and Park

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### “Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Petroleum Program Series”

On Thursday, November 17, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host a presentation by Sarah Wurzbacher entitled “Demystifying Bioenergy in America.” This installment of the museum’s annual Petroleum Program Series, formerly the Heritage Lecture Series, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this special event is \$5.00 for adults (12-64 years), \$4.00 for seniors (65+ years) and Free for children and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. members.

Ms. Wurzbacher, a Forestry and Bioenergy Educator with Penn State Extension, will introduce the basics of biomass energy in its many forms in the United States, highlighting the potential impact of developing biomass markets in communities like ours.

According to Wurzbacher, “Bioenergy is the newest, oldest technology out there. Basic bioenergy technology (e.g. burning firewood for heat) is very familiar—it kept Colonel Drake warm before he ever oversaw the drilling of the first commercial oil well—but biomass is finding more and more markets in energy development that go far beyond firewood—for heat, power, and liquid fuels at a variety of scales. Still, bioenergy often gets left out of renewable energy conversations.”

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® ([www.PATrailsofHistory.com](http://www.PATrailsofHistory.com)).

Additional information about museum programs and special events is available at [www.drakewell.org](http://www.drakewell.org), by calling (814) 827-2797, or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum and Park.

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