

## Association of Personal Historians Marks May as Personal History Awareness Month

Members of the Association of Personal Historians (APH) will celebrate Personal History Awareness Month with events taking place all over the U.S., Canada and abroad (including Australia) during May 2014.

To increase awareness of the importance of preserving and sharing personal history, APH members are hosting "Show & Tell" events. A grown-up version of grade school's Show & Tell, the public is invited to bring an old photo, letter, family memento, or a treasured personal item or even an ancient artifact to "show and tell" the stories behind the items.

The first Show & Tell was created by Martie McNabb, owner of Memories Out of the Box and member of APH in the spring of 2012. The idea spread among APH members, who began hosting similar events. As of May 5, APH members are commemorating Personal History Awareness Month by hosting Show & Tell events in 27\* communities, launching this global phenomenon.

The Association of Personal Historians is a trade organization whose members help their clients record, preserve and share their life stories in books, voice recordings, video documentaries, scrapbooks, and even cookbooks that combine favorite recipes and stories.

APH's motto is "Yes, it's time – Time to tell the story of your life." Procrastination is not an option. Memories fade. People die. Will our great grandchildren know our names; the lives we led; where we grew up; or how we made a living?

"Show & Tell" events spread the conviction that every person, family, community, and organization has a story worthy of being recorded and preserved.

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\* Tip: Visit the APH "<u>Upcoming Events</u>" page and select "APH Show & Tell" to get the latest count.

## **About the Association of Personal Historians**

Founded in 1995, the Association of Personal Historians is an international organization with about 675 members. APH has 18 Regions and 31 Chapters worldwide. APH's annual conference will take place in St. Louis, October 22-26, 2014.

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