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## **What's Brewing at the Fonthill Castle Beer Fest**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – Fonthill Castle is pleased to host its annual Fonthill Castle Beer Fest on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event attendees will spend a summer afternoon in a one-of-kind castle setting as they sample high-quality drafts from regional breweries, all in support of Fonthill Castle's preservation and community program initiatives.

"We are thrilled to welcome our community to another wonderful Fonthill Castle Beer Fest this year. With many returning breweries, as well as exciting new additions, we know this year's Beer Fest will be one to remember," said President & Executive Director Kyle McKoy.

This year's Fonthill Castle Beer Fest features a variety of beers from regional breweries, including Conshohocken Brewing Company, Foreign Objects, Great Barn Brewery, Hops/Scotch, Mad Princes Brewing, McAllister Brewing Company, Moss Mill Brewing Company, Round Guys Brewing Company, Saranac Brewery, Stable 12 Brewing Company, Tower Hill Brewery and more.

Doylestown's THE Catering Company will serve a menu of light refreshments to all event attendees using fresh, natural ingredients from local farms. The food selection will be designed to pair with the variety of beer styles available at the event. Attendees will enjoy a range of musical selections from Billy & Miles of Where's Pete Band.

Fonthill Castle Beer Fest kicks off with a VIP reception beginning at 1:00 p.m. and doors open for all guests at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$100 VIP, \$60 General Admission, \$55 Members and \$25

Designated Driver and available at [mercermuseum.org/beerfest](http://mercermuseum.org/beerfest). Advance registration is highly recommended.

Bucks County Transport is providing free DART Bus services after the event to all Beer Fest attendees who show their event wristband. The bus will run every 15-20 minutes between 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and will stop at Fonthill Castle, the corner of S. Main Street and W. State Street, and the corner of W. State Street and Hamilton Street.

Restaurant and Community partners of Beer Fest will be offering special deals to attendees after the event. These partners to-date include Evolution Candy, Hickory Kitchen, Hops/Scotch, Lovebird, Quinoa, Steak and Hoagie Factory, and To-Yo Japanese Restaurant and Bar. For offer details, please visit [mercermuseum.org/beerfest](http://mercermuseum.org/beerfest).

2019 Fonthill Castle Beer Fest sponsors include Boar's Head, Bucks Mont Party Rental, Heather Cevasco and John Platek, Fox Rothschild LLP, Penn Beer Company, State Representative Todd Polinchock, Stockertown Beverage, AB-8 Waste Solutions, Bucks County Glass, Cold Spring Beverage, Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, J.R. Maxwell Builders, Chuck and Jennifer McIlhinney and Realty One Group. VIP First Tap sponsored by B&B Beverage

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### **About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle**

The Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle, affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution, are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, and operated by the Bucks County Historical Society.

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 50,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades, and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for

local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street in Doylestown, PA and is open year-round. For up-to-date schedule and admission information, please visit [mercermuseum.org](http://mercermuseum.org) or call 215-345-0210.

Built between 1908-1912, Fonthill Castle was the home to Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his home and as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA and is open for guided one-hour tours.

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