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Calendar of Events September-October 2020

Mercer Museum Programs

Virtual Lecture – Treasures from the Library Vault: Seeds & Gardening
Thursday, September 10, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

In celebration of September's Harvest Moon, join Assistant Collections Manager Annie Halliday for a virtual Zoom lecture where she explores the origins of Bucks County's historic Burpee Seeds and Landreth's Seeds companies through items from the Mercer Museum's Research Library archives.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Mercer Museum Highlights: The Magic of Central Court
Tuesdays: September 15, September 22, October 6 & October 20, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$10 General Admission/$5 Members/$5 Youth

Discover the Mercer Museum's historic core and learn more about the legacy of Henry Mercer in this exclusive hour with Mercer Museum staff, followed by an opportunity to explore the museum.

Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Limited capacity will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Virtual Lecture – Myth-Making Across Media: Edward Hicks and William Penn's Treaty with the Lenape Indians
Thursday, September 17, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

In this special virtual Zoom lecture with Michener Art Museum's Curator of American Art Dr. Laura Igoe, investigate artwork by Edward Hicks with a focus on "William Penn's Treaty with the Lenape Indians" and explore how the global dissemination of these images—in print, textile, paint and other media—perpetuated a myth of harmonious relations between Anglo-American and Native Americans at a time of heightened conflict between those two groups.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Family Program – The Colonial Farm Experience
Saturday, September 19, 2020 & Sunday, September 20, 2020
9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
$30 per Family Group (up to 6 people)

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in a log house? Bring the family down to the Mercer Museum for a live, in-person educational program where the whole family can explore the daily life of colonial farmers. Learn about the well pump, colonial games and toys, churning butter, and more!

Each 45-minute session is reserved for a private family group with up to 6 people. All guests 3 and older are required to wear face coverings during the program.
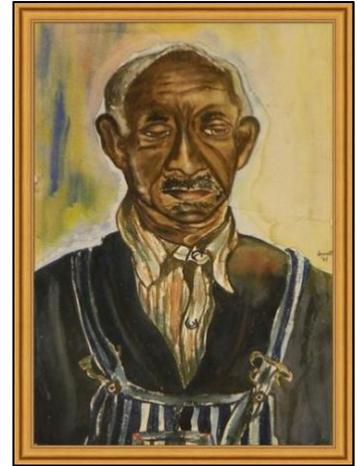
Registration for this program is required. Tickets allow discounted admission to the Mercer Museum ($10 Adult/$5 Youth, based on availability).Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Virtual Lecture – Beyond the Frame
Tuesdays: September 29, 2020 & October 13, 2020
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

Spend an hour moving "beyond the frame," exploring the broader history and social context of selected works featured in our *200 Years of Bucks County Art* exhibit at this virtual Zoom lecture with Vice President of Collections and Interpretation Cory Amsler.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Virtual Lecture – Mercer Museum Research Library: History of Our Shelves
Thursday, October 1, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the Mercer Museum's Research Library? In this special virtual lecture with Assistant Collections Manager Annie Halliday, celebrate American Archives Month by exploring the beginnings of the Bucks County's Historical Society's archival collection and learning how it moved from the Bucks County Courthouse to the Mercer Museum.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Virtual Lecture – Exploring the Archives: African American History in Bucks County
Thursday, October 15, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

Investigate the Bucks County Historical Society's archives relating to African American history and hear the stories they tell in this virtual Zoom lecture with Mercer Museum Library Archivist Jesse Crooks.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Virtual Program – The ABCs of Civics
Thursday, October 22, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Free – Advanced Registration Required

Would you like to brush up on the Constitution or how our government works? Did you know that those wishing to become U.S. citizens must pass a test of basic civics knowledge? Learn (or review!) the basics of the American system of government and put your knowledge to the test in a friendly trivia competition presented virtually on Zoom by the League of Women Voters of Bucks County.

Registration for this program is required.

Virtual Lecture – Henry Mercer as Collector
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

Discover Henry Mercer's motivations and methods in establishing and assembling the museum's collection in this virtual Zoom lecture by Vice President of Collections and Interpretation Cory Amsler.

Registration for this program is required. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Fonthill Castle Programs

Fonthill Castle Evening Tours
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 & Thursday, September 24, 2020
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 & Thursday, October 8, 2020
6:00 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.
$25 Adults/$15 Member Adults/$15 Youth

Delight in the splendor of an evening at Fonthill Castle, home of Henry Chapman Mercer and an early example of reinforced concrete architecture. Discover Mercer's renowned ceramic tiles during these intimate 45-minute guided evening tours of the castle's unique rooms and artifacts. Tours will be limited to 5 guests in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Please note there are steep stairs and narrow, uneven passageways at this historic site.

Registration for this program is required.
Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.