Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle Calendar of Events
November-December 2020

Mercer Museum Programs

Virtual Lecture – Beyond the Frame
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
$5 General Admission/Free for Members

Back by popular demand, spend a virtual hour with us on Zoom as we move “beyond the frame” and explore the broader history and social context of selected works featured in our 200 Years of Bucks County Art exhibit. This installment delves deeper into artworks such as Edward Hicks’ “Peaceable Kingdom” and Daniel Garber’s “October.”

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

Family Program – The Colonial Farm
Friday, November 27, 2020
10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
$30 Private Group (up to 6 people)

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in a log house? Explore the daily life of colonial farmers with Mercer Museum educators during this live, in-person education program that is fun for the whole family. Learn about the well pump, colonial games and toys, churning butter, and more!

Each 45-minute session is reserved for a private family group or homeschool pod for up to 6 people. All guests 3 and older are required to wear face coverings during the program. This program is hosted in an authentic Colonial-era Log House that is not heated except by a roaring fire. Please dress warmly!

Registration for this program is required. Tickets allow discounted admission to the Mercer Museum as an add-on after your program ($10 Adult/$5 Youth, based on availability). Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.
Virtual Lecture - *Postcards of Bucks County: The Complete Arnold Brothers Series*

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**$5 General Admission/Free for Members**

Join the Mercer Museum for this exclusive virtual lecture and book launch event with Chase Palmer, author of *Postcards of Bucks County: The Complete Arnold Brothers Series*.

Explore the history of Bucks County and its landmarks through early postcards of images taken by the Arnold Brothers from the late 1890s through the turn of the 20th century. Learn about the history of this postcard series and the Bucks County Historical Society's role in preserving this special historic collection.

Chase Palmer’s new book builds on Betty Davis's work *Postcards of Bucks County* published in 1980, and features 248 Arnold Brothers postcards along with contemporary location photos from 1980 and today.

A new introduction recounts the story of the Arnold Brothers, their Bucks County businesses, and much more.

Signed copies of Chase Palmer's book will be available at the Mercer Museum Shop, open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

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

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Virtual Lecture – Beyond the Frame

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**$5 General Admission/Free for Members**

Back by popular demand, spend a virtual hour with us on Zoom as we move “beyond the frame” and explore the broader history and social context of selected works featured in our *200 Years of Bucks County Art* exhibit. This installment delves deeper into artworks such as William Trego’s “Rescue of the Colors” and Hubert Fidler von Isarborn’s portraits of Henry Mercer’s family.

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

Holidays at Fonthill Castle – Three Great Options for Your Visit:

1- Winter Wonderland: Fonthill Castle Daily One-Hour Guided Tours
Daily from November 20 – January 3, 2021, except the first three weekends in December
Check website for tour times and availability

Throughout the holiday season, our daily one-hour guided tours of historic Fonthill Castle will showcase Henry Mercer’s home decked out for the holidays while sharing the history of Mercer and the construction of this unbelievable property.

Fonthill Castle’s interior features Mercer’s renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement, and the castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete architecture with forty-four rooms, two hundred windows and eighteen fireplaces.

Fonthill Castle is open seven days from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

Please note there are steep stairs and narrow, uneven passageways on this tour.

Tours will be limited to 5 guests and one guide per timed entry to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your start time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.

Advanced tickets are highly recommended as these holiday events sell out every year. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for a new date or time.

2- Holiday Lights Meander – 30-Minute “On Your Own” Timed Holiday Experience
Saturdays & Sundays
December 5 & 6, 2020
December 12 & 13, 2020
December 19 & 20, 2020
10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. with 30-Minute timed entry slots, every 15 minutes
$20 Adults/$15 Member Adults/$10 Youth (6-17)/$5 Child (5 and under)
Explore the special 2020 Holiday Lights Meander route with your loved ones and spend 30 minutes gazing at the splendor of the holiday decorations of historic Fonthill Castle on your own. Our knowledgeable tour guides will be available along the holiday route to answer your questions and make this a seasonal experience to remember for the whole family.

Please note there are steep stairs and narrow, uneven passageways on this route.

Tours will be limited to 6 per timed entry to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your start time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.

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3- **Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours**  
Monday, November 23, 2020 & Tuesday, November 24, 2020  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Wednesday, December 9 & Thursday, December 10, 2020  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Wednesday, December 16 & Thursday, December 17, 2020  
Tuesday, December 22, 2020  
**Tour times begin at 5 p.m. – Check website for availability**  
$25 Adults/$15 Member Adults/$15 Youth

Delight in the splendor of a guided historic evening tour at Fonthill Castle decked out for the holidays. Fonthill Castle was the 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 historic tours of the castle’s unique rooms and artifacts.

Please note there are steep stairs and narrow, uneven passageways on this tour.  
Tours will be limited to 5 guests and one guide in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your start time. Late arrivals may not be accommodated.

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Fonthill Castle’s Winter Wonderland and Holiday Lights Meander programs are generously supported by:

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