



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January- February 2021

## Mercer Museum

### Virtual Lecture – Henry Chapman Mercer: A Legacy Built in Concrete

Wednesdays:

January 6, January 13, January 27, 2021

February 3, February 10, February 17 &

February 24, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

\$10 General Admission Virtual

Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual

Connection per household



In this one-hour virtual multimedia program, Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle educators bring the stories of Henry Mercer and his concrete castles to life through film clips, historic archives and modern-day images. Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are two historic castles that celebrate the life and legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar.

A live discussion following the presentation brings the magic of Henry Mercer's vision right into your home and is perfect for history lovers of all ages.

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 and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture.

**A Legacy Built in Concrete continued...**

Fonthill Castle was home to Henry Chapman Mercer and served as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. Fonthill Castle features Mercer's renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

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

Once you purchase your admission, you will receive a personalized link to this Zoom virtual program from our museum team.

**Virtual Lecture – Mercer Museum  
Research Library: History of Our Shelves**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection per household



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

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

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### Virtual Family Program – Colonial Farm Experience

Friday, January 15, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection per household

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 virtual family program. Learn about the well pump, colonial games and toys, churning butter, and more!

These 60-minute virtual experiences feature a 45-minute recorded journey in a colonial log house, followed by a live virtual Q&A conversation with our educators that is fun for the whole family.

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

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### Virtual Family Program – Meet the Makers: Bartering in Colonial Times

Friday, January 22, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection per household



Join a Colonial shoemaker and the owner of a general store and learn how people in early America bartered for the household objects they needed to survive. See how they made shoes, tin-punch lanterns, iron nails and so much more in this 45-minute virtual experience, followed by a live virtual Q&A conversation with our expert educators.

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

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**Virtual Lecture – Treasures from the Library Vault: True Crime in Bucks County**

**Thursdays: January 28 & February 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection per household

Delve into archival and museum objects that tell the fascinating stories of true crime in Bucks County as told by our Research Library staff. Discover the history of the 1831 Mina-Chapman murder case, the 1893 Rightly murders, and other surprise treasures from the collections and archives, including clues from investigations, images of suspects, stories of attempted jail breaks, and more!

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

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**Virtual Lecture:  
Treasures from the Library Vault:  
Valentines from the Archives**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection per household

Join Bucks County Historical Society Library and Archives Manager Annie Halliday for an evening exploring love-themed artifacts and documents from the vaults of the Mercer Museum Library. Learn about the history of valentines.

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

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## Fonthill Castle

### Virtual Tour – Highlights of Fonthill Castle



Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.: January 7, January 14, January 21, January 28, February 4, February 11, February 18 & February 25, 2021

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.: January 8, January 22, February 5 & February 19, 2021

Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. : February 6 & February 20, 2021

**\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/Free for Member Virtual Connection per household**

Throughout this winter season, delight in the splendor of a virtual guided historic tour of Fonthill Castle in the heart of Doylestown, Bucks County, PA. These 45-minute virtual experiences feature a 30-minute recorded guided journey through Henry Chapman Mercer's home, followed by a live virtual Q&A conversation with one of our experienced tour guides.

Fonthill Castle is a showcase for Mercer's renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete architecture with dozens of unique rooms and artifacts, two hundred windows and eighteen fireplaces.

Book this one-of-a-kind virtual Zoom tour and sit back in the comfort of your own home as we take you on an historic escape through one of Bucks County's most beloved gems.

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

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**More events for 2021 coming soon...**