



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January- February 2021

## Mercer Museum

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

**Wednesdays:**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

January 13, January 27, 2021,

February 3, February 10,

February 17 & February 24, 2021



*\$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...**

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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*



Calling all library lovers! 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 Research Library.

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

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

Friday, January 22, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

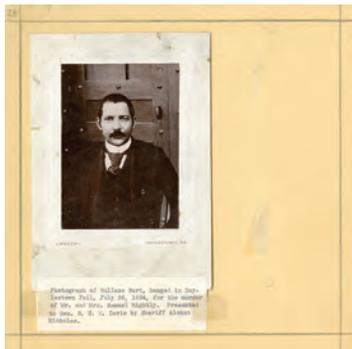
*\$10 General Admission Virtual Connection  
per household/\$5 Member Virtual Connection  
per household*



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.

**Bartering in Colonial Times continued...**

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

**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 ...



**Valentines from the Archives continued...**

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

**Fonthill Castle**



**Virtual Tour –  
Highlights of Fonthill Castle**

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

**Fridays at 7:00 p. m.:** 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.

**Highlights of Fonthill Castle continued...**

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

**Winter Wonderland:  
Fonthill Castle  
Daily One-Hour Guided Tours**

Daily tickets available at [mercermuseum.org/holidays](http://mercermuseum.org/holidays).

*\$15 Adults/ \$13 Seniors/ \$10 Student/  
\$8 Youth (6-17)/ \$0 Member Adult, Member  
Youth, & Child (5 and under)*



Throughout the month of January, 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, with the last tour beginning at 3:45pm. All schedules are subject to change.

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

**Winter Wonderland Guided Tours continued...**

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. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for a new date or time.



**Holiday Lights Meander – 30-Minute  
“On Your Own” Timed Holiday Experience**

**Saturday & Sunday:**

January 16 & 17, 2021

Tickets available at [mercermuseum.org/holidays](http://mercermuseum.org/holidays)

10 a.m. – 6:30 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 Holiday Lights Meander route with your loved ones and spend 30 minutes gazing at the splendor of the holiday decorations of historic Fonhill Castle on your own. Our knowledgeable tour guides will be available along the holiday route to 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.

Advanced tickets are highly recommended. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for a new date or time.

### **Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours**

January 12, 13, 14, 2021  
January 19 and 21, 2021

Tour times begin at 5 p.m.

*\$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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***More events coming soon...***