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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March - April 2021

## Mercer Museum

### Virtual Tour – Highlights of Central Court at the Mercer Museum

**Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**  
March 4, March 18, April 1, April 8  
& April 22, 2021

**Fridays at 7:00 p.m.**  
March 12, March 26 & April 16, 2021

**Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.**  
March 13, March 27 & April 17, 2021



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

Looking up from the heart of the Mercer Museum's Central Court is an experience like no other. Artifacts hanging from rafters and objects at every turn create a most unique sensory experience. This 45-minute virtual experience features a 15-minute recorded tour of the Mercer Museum's renowned Central Court, followed by an array of mesmerizing photographs and a live virtual Q&A conversation with one of our experienced tour guides.

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.



## Family Program – Colonial Farm Experience

*Virtual or In-Person*

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 family program.

Learn about the well pump, colonial games and toys, churning butter, and more!

Enjoy this program in person or virtually.

### **Virtual:**

Fridays: March 12 & April 23, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

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.

### **In Person:**

Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25

Time slots begin at 9:00 a.m.

*\$30 Private Group (up to 6 people)*

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 held partially outdoors and is hosted in an authentic, Colonial-era Log House that is not climate-controlled. Please dress appropriately.

**Friends of BCCHS  
Virtual Lecture:  
The Private Henry Mercer**

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**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

*Free, advanced registration required.*

This multimedia presentation by BCCHS Vice President of Collections and Interpretation Cory Amsler touches on some of the lesser-known aspects of Henry Mercer's daily life at Fonthill Castle - his intimate and personal relationships, his interactions with household staff, his political and social positions, and his private concerns and passions.

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.



**Family Program –  
Meet the Makers: Bartering in Colonial Times**

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*Virtual or In-Person*

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.

Enjoy this program in-person or virtually.



Bartering in Colonial Times continued...

**Virtual:**

Fridays: March 19 & April 16, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m

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

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

**In-Person:**

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time slots begin at 9:00 a.m .

*\$30 Private Group (up to 6 people)*

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 held partially outdoors and is hosted in an authentic, Colonial-era Log House that is not climate-controlled. Please dress appropriately.

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

**Wednesdays:**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 31 & April 28, 2021.

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



### A Legacy Built in Concrete continued...

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.

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.

### Virtual Lecture- Postcards of Bucks County: The Complete Arnold Brother Series

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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



Back by popular demand, join the Mercer Museum for this exclusive virtual lecture 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 as well as the “unpublished Arnold negatives,” roughly 400 image negatives preserved in the archives of the Bucks County Historical Society.

Postcards of Bucks County continued...

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., Tuesday-Sunday.

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.

## Fonthill Castle



### Virtual Tour – Highlights of Fonthill Castle

**Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

March 11, March 25, April 1, April 15  
& April 29, 2021

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

March 5, March 19 & April 9, 2021

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

March 6, March 20 & April 10, 2021

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

Highlights of Fonthill Castle continued...

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.

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

### Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours

**March 11, March 12, March 25, March 26,  
April 20 & April 22, 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. 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.

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

**More events coming soon...**