



MERCER
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2021

Mercer Museum

Virtual Tour – Highlights of Central Court at the Mercer Museum

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
May 5 & May, 19, 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.



Virtual Lecture– Telling Local History Using the Mercer Museum with Author Scott Bomboy

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Telling Local History continued...

Local author and historian Scott Bomboy recently published a book and a website that mined the Mercer Museum Library's resources to tell old stories in new ways. The library's unique collections about Bucks County played a critical role in "An American Hometown," the first early comprehensive history of Perkasio Borough.

Another of Bomboy's efforts was the 2019 web project with the Bucks County Historical Society, bucksbridges.com, the first detailed history of Bucks County's covered bridges.

Both projects combine the library's archives with external sources to fill in many "historical gaps." If you are a local historian or researcher, join us for this Zoom presentation and see how you might use the resources at the Mercer Museum Library in your personal research.

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 – Henry Chapman Mercer: A Legacy Built in Concrete

Wednesdays:

May 12 & May 26, 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 Legacy Built in Concrete continued...

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-
Treasures from the Library Vault:
Seeds and Gardening**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

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



In celebration of the spring season, virtually join Library & Archives Manager Annie Halliday for a 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.

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.

New Mercer Museum Exhibit: Measurement Rules

May 23, 2021 – September 6, 2021

*Special Exhibit Included with
Museum Admission*



Measurement Rules is a family-friendly, interactive exhibit created by the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh. Measurement Rules explores the meaning of size, height, length, weight and volume through a variety of hands-on activities like giant tape measures, treadmill odometers, balance scales and more!

This playful exhibit, perfect for young children, teaches the fundamentals of measurement through fun questions like, “How many chickens do you weigh? How tall are you in apples or inches or pennies? Can you use your foot as a ruler?”

New Mercer Museum Exhibit: Magnificent Measures!

May 23, 2021 – September 6, 2021

*Special Exhibit Included with
Museum Admission*



Magnificent Measures! The Hausman–Hill Collection of Calculating Instruments, is an exhibit featuring rare examples of historical measuring instruments drawn from the private collection of Bucks County residents Kathryn Hausman and Jim Hill.

Over the last fifty years, Hausman and Hill have built one of the most extensive private collections of early colonial and 19th-century American measuring implements. Many of the early measuring tools and complex instruments on display embody the sophisticated scientific principles that helped map, measure, and build early America.

Magnificent Measures continued...

Magnificent Measures! The Hausman–Hill Collection of Calculating Instruments includes instruments for measuring the weather (thermometers, barometers), land (surveying instruments), and the human body (a tailor’s rulers and other implements for gauging the size of arms, legs, waists, feet, heads and fingers for crafting clothing and accessories).

Fonthill Castle

Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours

Tuesday, May 11, 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...