CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2021

Mercer Museum

New Mercer Museum Exhibit: Measurement Rules

May 23, 2021 – September 5, 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!

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Magnificent Measures continued...

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! 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).

Virtual Tour – Highlights of Central Court at the Mercer Museum

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. EST

$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.
Movies at the Mercer Museum:
Grease

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

General Admission: $12; Members: $10; Youth: $8; Youth Members: $5; 5 and under: Free

Join us the third Thursday of each month on the green of the Mercer Museum for a family-friendly series of outdoor film screenings. The Mercer Museum and The County Theater, in partnership with The Moving Picture Cinema, bring outdoor movies to the community, with the 2021 Movies at the Mercer Museum series.

Greaser Danny and good-girl Sandy say a sad goodbye after a fling at the beach during the summer of 1959, and are surprised to find each other again when they both attend Rydell High in the fall. Experience a school year of escapades and romance with the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies set to unforgettable songs.

*In the event of inclement weather (such as rain or high winds) we’ll be moving our outdoor screening of “Grease” to Tuesday, June 22.*

Virtual Lecture -
America’s Yankee da Vinci:
Rufus Porter and his Curious World of Invention

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. EST

$10 General Admission Virtual Connection per household/ $5 Member Virtual Connection per household
America’s Yankee da Vinci continued...

Explore the life and history of American inventor Rufus Porter in this special virtual lecture with Independent Curator Laura F. Sprague and University of Maine Professor of Art History Justin Wolff. In 2019, Sprague and Wolff co-curated the exhibit Rufus Porter’s Curious World: Art and Invention in America, 1815-1860 at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art in Brunswick, Maine.

In partnership with the Rufus Porter Museum of Art and Ingenuity, located in Bridgton, Maine, this featured program tells the remarkable stories of Porter, whose quest for mechanized flight earned him the nickname “Yankee da Vinci.” A selection of Porter’s measurement instruments and patents are on display in the Mercer Museum’s summer

Virtual Lecture -
Saving Your Story:
Preservation 101 for the Family Historian

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. EST

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

Interested in knowing how to store and protect your family memories? Join Bucks County Historical Society Library & Archives Manager Annie Halliday for a 45-minute virtual lecture via Zoom as she explores the best practices for preserving your family heirlooms, such as photographs, documents, scrapbooks and more! Learn more about how to house fragile and rare items to ensure their survival for generations to come.

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

Wednesday, June 30, 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.

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

Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours

Tuesday, June 15, 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. 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...