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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2021

## Mercer Museum

### Mercer Museum Exhibit: Measurement Rules

Open through 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?"



### Mercer Museum Exhibit: Magnificent Measures!

Open through September 5, 2021  
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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

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

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:  
Jurassic Park**

**Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:15 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.

This action-packed blockbuster is director Steven Spielberg at his big-screen best. A new theme park is unveiled, where visitors can observe dinosaurs created by “advanced DNA cloning.” But then the dinosaurs escape, forcing everyone to run for their lives.

*In the event of inclement weather (such as rain or high winds) we'll be moving our outdoor screening of "Jurassic Park" to Tuesday, August 24.*

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

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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



*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.

## Fonthill Castle

### Fonthill Castle Beer Fest

**Saturday, August 14, 2021**

**2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*\$150/person for VIP; \$60/ GA BCHS Member*

*\$70/ GA Non-BCHS Member; \$25/Designated Driver*



Fonthill Castle is hosting our annual end-of-summer Beer Fest fundraising event on the afternoon of Saturday, August 14, 2021. Enjoy local craft beers, music by Billy & Miles, light fare catered by Chamber 19 Bistro & Bar, and a commemorative beer-tasting glass in a one-of-a-kind setting while supporting our preservation and educational initiatives.

## **Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours**

**Tuesday, August 17, 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...***