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Celebrate the Holiday Season at Fonthill Castle

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are pleased to present their 2021 Holiday programming schedule with community events that will take place throughout the holiday season at Fonthill Castle (525 East Court Street, Doylestown), the home and showplace of Henry Chapman Mercer, located in Doylestown, the heart of Bucks County, PA.

This year, there are three different ways to visit Fonthill Castle during the holiday season:

1) Fonthill Castle Daily One-Hour Guided Tours

Select dates starting Friday, November 19, 2021

\$15 Adults/Free Members/\$13 Senior (65 and up)/\$10 Student/\$8 Youth (6-17)/Free Ages 5 and under



Throughout the holiday season, **our daily one-hour guided tours** of historic Fonthill Castle 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.

2) Holiday Lights Meander: 30-Minute "On Your Own" Timed Holiday Experience

Saturdays & Sundays:

December 4 & 5, 2021

December 11 & 12, 2021

December 18 & 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

30-minute timed entry slots, every 10 minutes

Special Dates & Times:

December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve Day)

December 31, 2021 (New Year's Eve Day)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

30-minute timed entry slots, every 10 minutes

\$25 Adults/\$20 Member Adults/\$10 Youth (6-17)/\$5 Child (5 and under)

Explore the special 2021 Holiday Lights Meander route with your loved ones and **spend 30 minutes** gazing at the splendor of the holiday decorations of historic Fonthill Castle **on your own**. Our knowledgeable tour guides will be available along the holiday route to answer your questions and make this a seasonal experience to remember for the whole family.



3) Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

December 7 & December 8, 2021

December 28 & December 29, 2021

Tour times begin at 5:00 p.m.

Last tour is at 6:45 p.m.

\$25 Adults/\$20 Member Adults/\$10 Youth (6-17)/\$5 Child (5 and under)



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.

Holidays at Fonthill Castle has been supported by Penn Color and Bountiful Acres.

Advanced tickets are highly recommended for all of these holiday events as they sell out every year. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for a new date or time.

Guests should arrive 10 minutes prior to their start time, as late arrivals may not be accommodated. Parking is available in the Fonthill Castle parking lot off of the main site entrance on Swamp Road (Rt. 313), and check-in is located at the Fonthill Castle Welcome Center.

Due to its historic nature, Fonthill Castle has limited accessibility with steep stairs and narrow, uneven passages throughout the site.

Fonthill Castle is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and is closed on Thursday, November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving Day), Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Day), Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day), and Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Tickets to all three experiences are available now at mercermuseum.org/holidays.

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About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

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 through sixty different crafts and trades, and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912, and was the home to Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his home and as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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