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Celebrate the Holiday Season at Fonthill Castle

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are pleased to present their 2022 Holiday programming schedule for 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:

Daily Winter Wonderland Guided Tours

Weekdays starting Saturday, November 19, 2022

\$15 Adult/\$13 Senior (65+)/\$10 Student/\$8 Youth (6-17)/Free Child (5 and under)/Free BCHS Member Adult



Starting on Saturday, November 19th on all weekdays throughout the holiday season, daily one-hour guided tours of historic Fonthill Castle showcase Henry Mercer’s home decked for the holidays while sharing the history of Mercer and the construction of this unique property. Tours are 60 minutes and guided.

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.

Holiday Lights Meander Days

Saturdays & Sundays:

December 3 & 4, 2022

December 10 & 11, 2022

December 17 & 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Time slots begin every 10 minutes



Special Dates & Times:

Saturday, December 24, 2022 (Christmas Eve Day)

Saturday, December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve Day)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Time slots begin every 10 minutes

\$20 Adult/\$15 BCHS Member Adult/\$10 Youth (6-17)/\$5 Child (5 and under)

Offered on Saturdays and Sundays from December 3 through December 31, these special days allow you to explore the 2022 Holiday Lights Meander tour route at your own pace!

Knowledgeable tour guides are available along the holiday route to answer questions and make this a seasonal experience to remember for the whole family.

Fonthill Castle Guided Evening Tours

Thursdays: December 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2022

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

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 is supported by Penn Color, Bountiful Acres, Fred Beans, Happ Contractors, and Sovereign Insurance Group.

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 event start time, and 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 very limited accessibility with steep stairs and narrow, uneven passages throughout the site.

Fonthill Castle is closed on the following holiday days: Thursday, November 24, 2022 (Thanksgiving Day), Sunday, December 25, 2022 (Christmas Day), Monday, December 26, 2022, Sunday, January 1, 2023 (New Year's Day), and Monday, January 2, 2023.

Up-to-date schedules and tickets are 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.

For additional information or a press visit to *Holidays at Fonthill Castle*, please contact:

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