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## **Mercer Rainmakers Business Members Host Open House**

**DOYLESTOWN, PA** – The Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS) is pleased to announce an Open House for the business community at the Mercer Museum hosted by the Mercer Rainmakers Business Members on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Business community members will get the opportunity to meet the Mercer Rainmakers, the Bucks County Historical Society’s business member program, and connect with local business professionals, while enjoying free entry to the special exhibition *Everyday Rhythms: Music at the Mercer*, complimentary light breakfast fare, and an exclusive sneak peek at artifacts from our upcoming major exhibition, *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*.

Mercer Rainmakers is the BCHS business member program, a partnership with distinguished businesses that support the organization’s annual operating needs and advance the mission of BCHS through their ambassadorship.

“Rainmakers Business Membership is a wonderful way to give back to the community where you do business. And it comes with great benefits for you, your employees and clients,” says Pete Chiovarou, Rainmakers Business Members; Director, Community Programs & College Events, Bucks County Community College.

“We love our Rainmakers Business Members. In addition to the financial support their membership provides, they also act as our ambassadors in the regional business community,” says Candace Clarke, Bucks County Historical Society Director of Development.

This open house event is free, with registration recommended, as space is limited. Register at [mercermuseum.org/event/coffee-at-the-castle](http://mercermuseum.org/event/coffee-at-the-castle).

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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 17,000 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 of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and 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](http://mercermuseum.org).

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