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Kite Day Event to be Celebrated at the Mercer Museum

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS) are pleased to host their Kite Day at the Mercer Museum on Sunday, May 19, 2024 with three time slots from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This family-friendly outdoor spring event includes a 50-minute session to decorate and build kites in the Mercer Museum Learning Center, with time to fly kites on the green of the Mercer Museum.

Participants learn how to build and fly a kite with a presentation by Clifford “The Kiteman” Quinn, who will once again bring his prized kite-building skills to Doylestown and share his passion with the community. Having learned how to make newspaper kites from his grandfather, Quinn encourages multi-generational groups to experience the fun of decorating, building, and flying kites together. Quinn has shared his skills worldwide and is delighted that his hobby and passion can make a difference in the lives of the people he works with.

There will be three time slots at this year’s Kite Day at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. Capacities per time slot are limited, and pre-registration is required. Each ticket reserves space for one youth (including one kite) to decorate and build a kite in the Mercer Museum Learning Center, as well as time to fly a kite on the outside green of the Mercer Museum.

The Friends of the Bucks County Historical Society is a group of community members sharing an interest in history, culture, and the arts for more than fifty years. “Our programs attract a diverse group of people who enjoy coming together to explore history and contribute to the community in a positive way. We are a community united by our desire to enrich ourselves, while connecting with the amazing legacy that Henry Mercer left to all of us”, says Pam Butkus, President of the Friends of BCBS.

The revenue generated from Friends of BCBS programs such as Kite Day supports future initiatives at the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle.

Event Summary: Annual Kite Day

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Location: Mercer Museum

Time Slots starting at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 1:00 p.m.

\$10 per youth (includes 1 kite)

Tickets available now at mercermuseum.org/kiteday. For additional information about membership in the Friends of Bucks County Historical Society or to register for Kite Day by phone, please call 215-345-0210.

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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.

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