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2025 Fonthill Castle Beer Fest Supports Year-Round Initiatives at the Castle

DOYLESTOWN, PA – Fonthill Castle, operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS), is thrilled once again to host its annual Fonthill Castle Beer Fest fundraising event on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 2 – 5 P.M. in Doylestown, PA.

This fun-filled afternoon welcomes beer enthusiasts over the age of 21 to the spacious outdoor grounds of Fonthill Castle, with plenty of room to mingle outside and enjoy the one-of-a-kind setting while sampling a variety of regional craft brews.

This annual fundraising event hosted by the Bucks County Historical Society supports an array of year-round education, community programs, and conservation efforts at Fonthill Castle, a National Historic Landmark.

The 2025 Fonthill Castle Beer Fest kicks off with a special VIP hour from 1 – 2 P.M., and general admission hours from 2 – 5 P.M.

VIP guests enjoy a bespoke event experience, including one-hour early admission to the event and all-access to General Admission breweries, exclusive access to the historic Terrace Pavilion, a VIP-only lounge area with comfortable seating, air-conditioning and restrooms, exclusive curated beer options provided by B&B Beverage, specialty catered VIP food offerings, and deluxe chocolates from Pierre’s Chocolates.

This year’s Fonthill Castle Beer Fest features delicious light bites by THE Catering Company and the musical talents of Billy & Miles from Where’s Pete Band. A commemorative beer-tasting glass for VIP and General Admission ticket holders serves as a perfect keepsake for those supporting Fonthill Castle’s preservation and educational initiatives.

The 2025 breweries are Aristaeus Craft Brewing, Artifact Brewing, Athletic Brewing Co., Atomic Dog Hard Cider, Broad Street Brewing, Cartesian Local Origin Brewing, Free Will Brewing, Geronimo Brewing, Manic Minds Brewing Co., Revolution Bees, Round Guys Brewing Company, Triumph Brewing Co., Two Rivers Taproom, Under Stable Brewing, Vault Brewing, Warwick Farm Brewing, and Wissahickon Brewing Co.

“This major fundraising event is crucial to our mission and the generous support of our attendees helps us to continue our educational and preservation initiatives,” says Kyle McKoy, President & CEO of BCHS. “We are thrilled to host our annual Beer Fest once again at Fonthill Castle!”

Tickets for this fundraising event are \$175 per person for VIP, \$500 for a VIP 4-pack, \$95 for General Admission, \$90 for BCHS Member General Admission, and \$25 for Designated Drivers.

Fonthill Castle Beer Fest is made possible with the generous support of Alden; Byer’s Choice LTD; BucksMont Party Rental; Quire; Dontech; Foundations Financial Partners; Linda B. Hodgdon; B&B Beverages; J.R. Maxwell Builders, Inc.; Raphael Architects; and Thompson Networks, with special thanks to Bucks Country Gardens, Pierre’s Chocolates, Port A Bowl Restroom Co., ProLine Specialty Products, and Simply Fresh by McCaffrey’s.

Information and tickets are available at mercermuseum.org/beerfest.

Valid I.D. is required by law; no one under 21 years of age will be admitted to the event.

Please note that no outside alcoholic beverages are permitted.

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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 A.M. – 5 P.M. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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