



MERCER
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
MAY – AUGUST 2026

MERCER MUSEUM



Mercer Museum by Kevin Crawford

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are two National Historic Landmark sites celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, tilemaker, collector and scholar. Our properties are one mile apart and operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

We are proud Smithsonian affiliates and two of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions.

Mercer Museum

84 South Pine Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-0210

The Mercer Museum is a six-story reinforced concrete castle designed by Henry Mercer and built between 1913 and 1916.

The museum complex features special exhibitions, as well as a core museum collection of over 17,000 artifacts. 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 pre-Industrial Americana. The museum also features a research library that is a center for Bucks County history, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

The Mercer Museum is self-guided and advanced online tickets are recommended.



FONTHILL CASTLE



Fonthill Castle by Kevin Crawford

Fonthill Castle

525 East Court Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-9461

Fonthill Castle, built between 1908 and 1912, was the home of Henry Mercer and served as a showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement. This historic site is an eclectic mix of Medieval, Gothic, and Byzantine architectural styles, and is significant as an early example of poured reinforced concrete.

Fonthill Castle is open for guided 60-minute tours only (unless otherwise noted on special dates). Advanced online tickets are highly recommended, as tickets do sell out.



Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open daily Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The ground floor of the Mercer Museum features a modern wing that is fully accessible and climate-controlled with a changing exhibit gallery, lecture space, museum shop, and restrooms. The historic castle portion of the Mercer Museum has an elevator and offers partial accessibility due to narrow passageways. It is not climate-controlled and may experience fluctuations in temperature and humidity, depending on external weather conditions.

Fonthill Castle is a unique historic site. It offers limited accessibility with steep stairs and narrow, uneven passages throughout the interior of the site. Fonthill Castle is not recommended for those with limited mobility, issues with stairs, those who cannot stand for long periods of time, or those with concerns about small spaces/claustrophobia.



Tickets and up-to-date schedule information available at mercermuseum.org.

Mercer Museum Major Exhibition

The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution

Open Now – December 31, 2026
Included with Museum Admission

The Mercer Museum presents an exciting major exhibition, *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*, that explores the history and intrigue of a group of Revolutionary War-era Loyalists whose legend lives on today. Some called them villains; others hailed them as heroes.

Discover the untold stories of the Doan Gang and journey through a world of espionage, legendary robberies, and mythical lost treasure in the heart of Revolutionary Bucks County.

The **DOAN GANG**

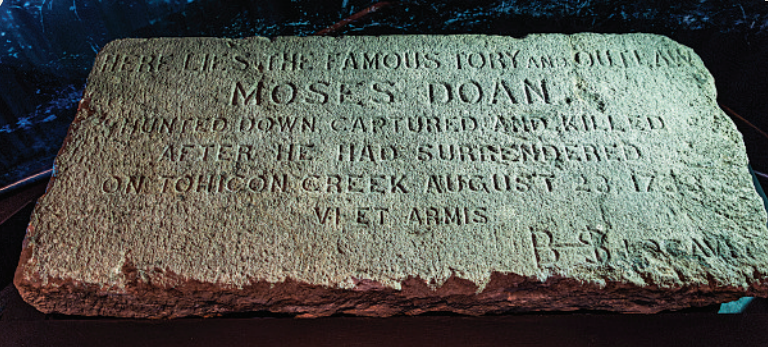
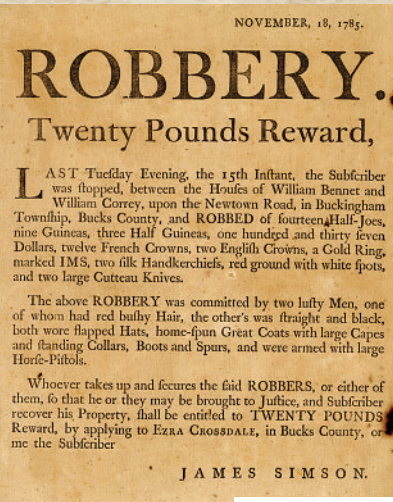


★**OUTLAWS**★
of the REVOLUTION

Mercer Museum Major Exhibition

Learn how these local outlaws plotted, schemed, and plundered their way through a divided world in the earliest days of a budding American nation, and why their deep loyalty to British rule in the colonies made them enemies of the Founding Fathers.

The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution investigates the extraordinary tales of the Gang's criminal exploits throughout the region and explores the conflicts that arose among neighbors, friends, and families in Bucks County who were forced to choose sides during a time of great political and social unrest.



Mercer Museum Special Exhibition Programs

Exclusive Guided Tour of Doan Exhibition

Various dates Spring/Summer 2026

Mercer Museum

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

\$20 General Admission/\$15 BCHS Members

Join Mercer Museum gallery guides for an exclusive 60-minute guided tour of our major exhibition *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution* and journey through a world of espionage, robberies, and lost treasures in Revolutionary Bucks County.



Meet the Curator Tours: *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*

May 14, June 11, July 16, & August 13, 2026

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

\$25 General Admission/\$20 BCHS Member

Experience an intimate after-hours tour of *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution* and learn more about the people, places and artifacts showcased in this special exhibition.



Coffee and Doan-uts

June 5, & July 31, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m.)

\$20 General Admission/\$15 BCHS Member

Join us at the Mercer Museum for morning coffee, donuts, and an exclusive early-bird guided tour of our special exhibition *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*.



Spill the Tea! The Making of the Doan Exhibition

May 28, & August 6, 2026

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

\$25 General Admission/\$20 BCHS Member

Our curators tell all in this 90-minute behind-the-scenes tour of *The Doan Gang: Outlaws of the Revolution*. Hear the incredible tales of how these artifacts and stories came together through the eyes of our curators, and delve into the making of this extraordinary exhibition. Tea and light bites will be served courtesy of Wallace & Davis Enchanted English Tea Room.



Mercer Museum Programs

Crafternoon: Treasures of Central Court

Saturday, May 9, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mercer Museum

\$5/Youth

Create crafts inspired by the treasures and artifacts hanging in the Mercer Museum's Central Court in this family-friendly drop-in program.



Colonial Farm Experience

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Timed entry slots begin at 10:00 a.m.

Mercer Museum

\$10 Adult/\$7 Youth

Have you ever wondered what it was like to live in a log house? Explore the daily life of colonial farmers with our educators during this 45-minute immersive program that is fun for the whole family.



Library 101: Exploring the Mercer Museum Research Library Open House

Wednesday,

May 13, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mercer Museum

Free

If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful resources that the Mercer Museum Research Library has to offer, join our library and archives staff at this free "Research Library 101" Open House drop-in program!



Mercer Museum Programs

Crafternoon: Happy Birthday Henry Mercer!

Saturday, June 6, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Mercer Museum
\$5/Youth

Celebrate founder Henry Mercer's birthday and make birthday-themed crafts during this family-friendly drop-in program. Lemonade will be served.

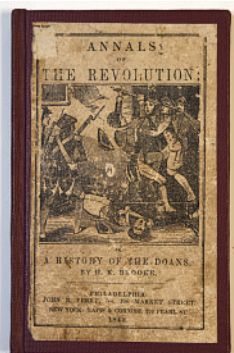


Movies at the Mercer Museum

Thursday, June 25, 2026, Thursday, July 23, 2026 & Thursday, August 20, 2026

Free

The Mercer Museum and The County Theater, in partnership with Shankweiler's Drive-In, bring family-friendly outdoor movies to the community in this free film series on the Green of the Mercer Museum.



Doans and the Revolution

Sunday, June 28, 2026

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.) • Mercer Museum

\$15 General Admission/
\$10 BCHS Members

Join us for an afternoon of stories about the Doan Gang's exploits in Bucks County and hear about infamous events like the Loyalist raid of the Bird in the Hand tavern and the Battle of Crooked Billet.

Crafternoon: Summer Fun

Saturday, August 8, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mercer Museum

\$5/Youth

Beat the heat and create crafts inspired by the summer season at this family-friendly drop-in program.



Fonthill Castle Programs

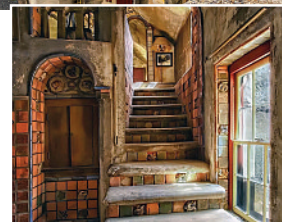
Behind the Scenes Tours: Fonthill Castle From Tower to Crypt

Various dates May – August 2026

\$50 Adult/
\$25 Youth (14-17)

Looking for both adventure and history? Join a Behind the Scenes Tour of Henry Mercer's Fonthill Castle and explore the site's tall towers, hidden passageways and "secret rooms" for an unforgettable and immersive historical experience.

This intimate 90-minute special-access tour goes beyond the daily tour route and offers deeper insights into Fonthill Castle's unique architecture and the lives of its inhabitants.



Fonthill Castle Meander Days

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Sunday, July 5, 2026

\$20 Adult/\$17 Senior/

\$15 Student

\$10 Youth (6-17)/

Free Child (5 and under)

BCHS Members – Free

Ever wish you could visit Fonthill Castle at your own pace? Follow our special tour route at your speed during our Meander Days! Our knowledgeable tour guides are stationed throughout the home to make this experience fun for the whole family.



Fonthill Castle 4th of July

Saturday, July 4, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fonthill Castle

\$7 Adult/\$5 Youth (6-17)/

\$3 Child (5 and under)

Join us on the grounds of Fonthill Castle for an afternoon of family-friendly fun, food, games, crafts, and entertainment. Highlights include a decorated children's bike parade, wheelbarrow and sack races, live music, and food trucks.



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Fonthill Castle Programs

Shakespeare at the Castle

Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11, 2026

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

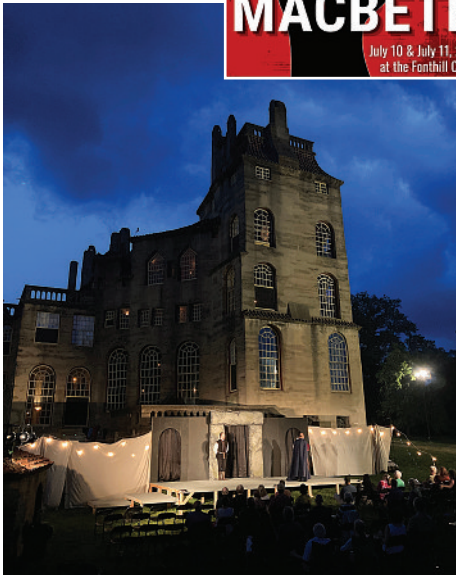
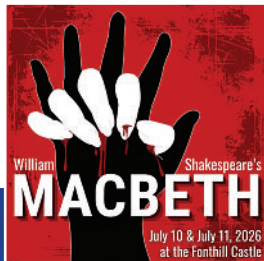
Fonthill Castle

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Rain or Shine

\$40 Preferred Seating/

\$35 Lawn Seating

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle and the ActorsNET of Bucks County present two nights of the Scottish Play, William Shakespeare's "Macbeth", in the spectacular outdoor setting of Fonthill Castle.



Please note that tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

SAVE THE DATE

Fonthill Castle Beer Fest

Saturday, August 22, 2026

VIP Admission Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

General Admission Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\$1.75 VIP Admission/\$500 VIP 4-Pack

\$75 General Admission/\$70 BCHS Member

General Admission

\$25 Designated Driver (21+ only)

Join us for this annual fundraising event on the beautiful grounds of Fonthill Castle, supporting our year-round education, community program and conservation efforts. Enjoy local and regional craft beers, live music, delicious food, a special VIP experience, and so much more in this one-of-a-kind historic outdoor setting.



SAVE THE DATE

Mercer WIZARDING Academy

Session:

#1: Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#2: Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#3: Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#4: Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

BCHS Family-Level Members: \$300 per child/\$280 multi-youth from same household

General Admission: \$325 per child for non-BCHS members/\$305 multi-youth from same household

Calling all witches and wizards!

Join us for a week-long half-day summer camp filled with magic and excitement at the Mercer Museum. Get sorted into your houses, prepare your wands, and



take classes in Potions, Care of Magical Creatures, Herbology, Quidditch, and more! This indoor-outdoor summer camp experience for ages 7-12 connects history, science, literature, and magic in a one-of-a-kind setting inside of the Mercer Museum and on its grounds.



Tickets at mercermuseum.org

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