JUNE 7, 2001
Historic South Walnut Neighborhood, West Chester
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-918-7700
SPONSOR: Historic South Walnut Neighborhood Assn.

West Chester belongs to the empire of the brick. Local clay was plentiful, local brick manufacturing booming, bricks appearing literally from every clod of soil. It was easier and more economical to see the stones than the stones. The Historic South Walnut Neighborhood tour will focus on the rich architectural, historical, and artistic legacy of this 100-300 blocks of South Walnut St. This neighborhood was built largely in the second half of the 19th century during the era of prosperity for Victorians in England. A variety of architectural styles will entice you including Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Second Empire, Stick Style and Queen Anne Revival.

June 28, 2001
Phoenixville
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-935-7646
SPONSOR: Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area

Church Street in Phoenixville got its name from numerous churches located along its length. In fact, the Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area is housed in one of these church structures. Located in the Borough of Phoenixville, the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Catholic congregations added up to a broad range of religious communities. The remaining residences and businesses on Church Street include such a treasure as Phoenixville's famous Hose, Hotel and Ladder Company No. 1. At the former site of the celebrated Griffen, Smith and Hill Pottery, makers of Etruscan Majolica, will be seen and described to tour visitors.

July 26, 2001
Parkesburg
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-933-4424
SPONSOR: East Vincent Township Historical Commission

Come see this late-18th, early-19th century National Register Historic District on the banks of the Schuylkill River in East Vincent Township. The mill village of Parkesburg grew up around an early tavern located on the road between Philadelphia and Reading. In addition to the tavern, a post office and several other historic residences, the remains of the 18th century Schoff Navigation Company Canal are located.

August 2, 2001
Historic Yellow Springs
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-827-7414
SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.

Join us as we stroll and meet the WOMEN of historic Yellow Springs. The nurses Abigail Harmon Rice and Christine Munch tended Revolutionary War soldiers at the Yellow Springs Hospital. Margaret Holman, inkkeeper at the spa, had to petition the County Court to own this land where her husband died. Caroline Moore served as superintendent of the PA Soldiers Orphans School and Literary Institute at a time when women did not do this. Female artists came to the country to study and paint and enjoyed the freedom of creative spirit. Today women continue to lead this village—from our founders to the current president to the director. The feminine spirit is a rich heritage.

August 16, 2001
Glenmoore
TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER: 610-942-3632
SPONSOR: Wallace Township Historical Commission

In the 1850s construction of the East Brandywine and Waynesburg Railroad changed the hands located on the scenic east branch of the Brandywine Creek. First known as Norwood, this thriving village, renamed Glenmoore, supported a store, a blacksmith shop, a wheelwright, a cremeery, a grist mill, worker housing and of course the railroad station. Most have now been adapted to 21st century life, but retain the charm of the past. Hear the story of how Creek Route, Road #282, was laid out to resolve a controversy.

August 23, 2001
Historic Roger Hunt Mill cluster, Downingtown
TOUR RESERVATION TELEPHONE: 610-269-0344 ext. 360
SPONSOR: Downingtown Historical Commission

During the French and Indian War, Milltown, was the focal point to serve military posts on the frontier, now central and western Pennsylvania. Roger Hunt Commissionary General under General Bouquet, collected wagons, horses, flour and provisions from southern eastern Pennsylvania to assemble wagon trains. Walk the way, surveyed in 1729, and observe the head and tail races, tenant and main houses, plus the grist mill and barn ruins. Stand where the 'old turf' crossed the Brandywine Creek to meet the east-west road.

August 31, 2001
Kennett Square
TOUR RESERVATION TELEPHONE: 610-444-6020
SPONSOR: Kennett Square Historical Commission

Site of British and Hessian encampments prior to the Battle of Brandywine in 1777, and later a 'station' on the Underground Railroad, Kennett Square has a long and fascinating heritage. The arrival of the Philadelphia & Baltimore Railroad in 1859 led to the expansion of industries and technology. The American Road Machine Co., was the outlet for Simeon Pennocks patent on the first road making machine. Of particular note, the Kennett High School academic and athletic center and in the 1950s the school was recognized as the largest completed school district in the United States.