ENJOY AN EVENING STROLL!

Choose one of eight new tours in West Chester and
HeaRren/ Franklin's footsteps in Coventry. Enjoy
Kennett Square's historic neighborhoods. 
Stop the culinary delights restaurants are offering while you
Tour your favorite village, town or historic place.
Entice your neighbor or friend to join you in
Round & round goes the water wheel at Andelina.
Calling all canalites to Portsway Landing & Fricks Locks.
Observe unique architecture in Oxford and
Unlock the stories of families in Elverson.
Navigate the sites for sounds of Science Fiction movies and
Travel through time at Historic Yellow Springs.
Yellow Ice cream at Philadelphia's ice cream parlor. What a treat!

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

JUNE 12 - WEST CHESTER, RITZY ROW AND BEYOND - NEW!
JUNE 19 - POTTSVILLE LANDING - THE MILL AT ANSELMA - NEW!
JUNE 26 - ONLY RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WATER WHEEL AN 18TH CENTURY 
GRIST MILL IN CHESTER COUNTY - NEW!
JULY 3 - NO TOUR. ENJOY INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.
JULY 10 - COVENTRYVILLE - LOOK FOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AS HE WALKS THROUGH THE VILLAGE TO VISIT THE LOYALIST MRS. GRACE PAUL BATTLEFIELD - NEW!
JULY 24 - OXFORD - NEW!
JULY 31 - PARKESTOWN - NEW!
AUGUST 7 - HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS - NEW!
AUGUST 14 - VIEW SITES USED IN THOSE SCIENCE FICTION CLASSICS "THE BLOB" AND "THE 4-D MAN" - NEW!
AUGUST 21 - KENNETT SQUARE - HISTORIC District'S WESTERN SECTION - NEW!
AUGUST 28 - FRICKS LOCKS
**Summer 2003**

**Town Tours & Village Walks**

**West Chester: Portico Row and Beyond**

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**Tour Dates:** June 12, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-918-7349

**Sponsor:** West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board

Enter West Chester's southwest quadrant, Portico Row and beyond. Explore the oldest planned residential neighborhood in the County Seat. Behold monumental architecture by nationally known architects and architectural firms reconstructed from Serpentine. Discover why West Chester was once known as "The Athens of Pennsylvania." Tours will start and end at the West Chester Community Fellowship Church on South Church Street. Pick from one of eight tours that will wind their way among sites as old as 1882 and as young as 1990.

**Coventryville**

**Tour Dates:** July 10, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-469-0444

**Sponsor:** South Coventry Township Historical Commission

Coventryville, a quiet village of 18th and 19th century homes near French Creek in its earliest days was a hub of industry and derringer do the Convery Forge turning out both useful and decorative iron works, and later ammunition for the Revolutionary War. Rebecca Grace, wife of ironmaster Robert Grace, and close friend of Benjamin Franklin, entertained officers of the Continental Army at Coventry Hall where the first iron blast furnace had been installed in 1742. The world-famous Coventry Forge Inn is the site of the Old Rising Sun Inn which had opened for business in 1750.

**Parkesburg**

**Tour Dates:** July 31, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-857-1458

**Sponsor:** Parkesburg Area Business Association

Parkesburg, named after prominent local landowners, was incorporated in 1872. However, it was the original site of the Fountain Inn, a colonial tavern and stopover for Lancaster farmers taking their livestock and produce to Philadelphia. Parkesburg was modeled after the prosperous European industrial towns and was home to the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad repair shops and the Parkesburg Iron Company. Visit a 19th century country store and enjoy the ambiance of an old-fashioned ice cream parlor. Stroll past historic tulipaitake and Second Empire commercial buildings.

**Kennett Square Historic District's Western Neighborhood**

**Tour Dates:** August 21, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-444-0041

**Sponsor:** Kennett Square Historical Commission

Characterized by quiet tree lined streets, Kennett Square Historic District's western neighborhood is a mix of stately homes built in the early 20th century and more modern residences integrated with late 19th century duplex houses. As you stroll the streets, the busy thoroughfare of Cypress Street seems to disappear and it becomes a pleasant place to raise a family. The tranquility explains why most of these homes have just begun to come on the market for the first time in 30 years. The new owners and a few remaining long-time residents have banded together to work to preserve those things about their area that drew them to the neighborhood originally.

**Paoli Battlefield**

**Tour Dates:** July 17, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-644-2002

**Sponsor:** Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and Malvern Borough

Located off Monument Avenue in Malvern, PA, the Paoli Battlefield is one of the site of a nighttime surprise attack by 1,200 British regulars on the evening of September 20-21, 1777. The site of the Paoli Memorial grounds was marked with a stone obelisk in 1857, the Battle's 40th anniversary. A larger monument was erected nearby in 1891. Then, in 1902, a period fencing and crops were returned to the Paoli Battlefield and a historical marker was constructed to allow visitors to tour and experience from both a visual and educational basis, the significance of the Battle of Paoli.

**Elysvian**

**Tour Dates:** August 7, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-286-6443

**Sponsor:** Elysvian through Historical Commission

Numerous springs in the area attracted eighteenth century immigrants to the area, starting with the beginning of the Springfield hamlet. During the 19th century it prospered as a village on Ridge Road, which businesses provided services to its citizens and travelers going west. In 1911 the bustling community became the Elysvian Borough. Farm roots run deep, numerous businesses have been owned by two or more generations of the same family. Today there are fourteen historic buildings and businesses that have experienced this longevity. Enjoy this town tucked in Chester County's northwest corner.

**Fricks Locks**

**Tour Dates:** August 28, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-495-5443

**Sponsor:** East Coventry Township Historical Commission and Fricks Locks Canal Village Association

The Fricks Locks District comprises 18 acres of a farming hamlet with domestic and agricultural industries that built up during the period from 1757-1937. The tour includes the remains of locks 54 and 55 of the Schuylkill Navigation Co's Girard Canal, from Lewes Dam to Parlier Ford, a short distance downstream from Fricks Locks. A lockkeeper's residence and locks date from the canal's initial construction, and the area was the site of a 1930s WPA Project. Currently it is an unregistered state within the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.

**The Mill At Anselma**

**Tour Dates:** June 26, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-977-0447

**Sponsor:** The Mill At Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust

Built nestled along the Pickering Creek, the Mill at Anselma (c.1747) is an extraordinary artifact of Chester County's industrial heritage. Now silent, the grit mill and village of Anselma was once a bustling place serving the local agricultural community for over 200 years. Today, the mill's historic wooden gearing and machinery survive remarkably, and are under restoration to return it to operation. View the restoration efforts including the dramatic 16-foot water wheel and enjoy a peaceful stroll along the mill race.

**Oxford**

**Tour Dates:** July 24, 2003

**Tour Reservations:** 610-801-3318

**Sponsor:** Oxford Historic Commission and Oxford Area Historical Association

In 1754 a cluster of structures grew here at the junction of Indian trails. First called Moore's Crossing, after the tavern, creation of Oxford Township, then Lower Oxford Township, brought a post office in 1830. This promoted the name, Oxford. Village Incorporation of the borough was in 1853. Leaders and educators, the Waytes, arrived at today's University of Evans. Pagh left to start Penn State. Post Civil War prosperity sparked construction of large, still well preserved homes and churches. Oxford became a railroad center, moving out farm products, brick, tools, passenger, and bringing in merchandise for turn of the century shops.