Summer 2004

Town Tours & Village Walks

Mark these dates on your calendar!

JUNE
June 3 West Chester: From County Seat to Country Retreat
June 10 Parkers Ford
June 17 (no tour)
June 24 Dowlin Forge

JULY
July 1 (no tour)
July 8 Phoenixville
July 15 Berwyn
July 22 Historic Goshenville

AUGUST
August 5 (no tour)
August 12 Historic Yellow Springs
August 19 Glenmore
August 26 Historic Marshallton Village

FOR EXACT STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED WITH EACH WEEKLY TOUR.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW EACH WALK.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.
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FREE TOURS: Thursday Evenings June 3 through August 26, 2004

June 3, 2004
WEST CHESTER: FROM COUNTY SEAT TO COUNTRY RETREAT
Sponsor: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board
Tour Reservations: 610-430-3222, ext. 10
Come explore West Chester's northwest quadrant! Follow in the footsteps of County judges as they walked from home to office. Behold belvederes, balconies, and towers designed by nationally known architects. Discover why West Chester became a popular retirement and summer retreat. Pick from eight tours that will wind their way among sites as old as 1786 and as young as 1935.

June 10, 2004
PARKERS FORD
Sponsor: East Vincent Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-933-4424
Parker Ford National Register Historic District is significant for commerce, transportation and military history between the years 1700-1899. Washington's Continental troops crossed the Schuylkill River at this point in September 1777. The Village is home to the Parker Ford Tavern built by Edward Parker and to be restored by East Vincent Township. Across the road, within view of the Old Canal, is the restored home of Henry Parker. Other features are the Railroad Stone Arch Bridge at Patsy's Run, Canal Lock #57 and other historic properties.

June 24, 2004
DOWLIN FORGE
Sponsor: Uwchlan Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-363-9450
For much of the 19th century, John Dowlin and his descendants owned and operated the Mary Ann Forge, blacksmith shop, gristmill, saw mill and company store in the industrial site known as Dowlin Forge. By the 20th century, most of the community had disappeared. Surviving buildings and traces of many landmarks associated with the iron forge can now be found along park trails in western Uwchlan Township. Visitors will be shuttled from Shamona Park.

July 8, 2004
MERLIN HAMLET
Sponsor: Pikeland Historical Society and East Pikeland Township
Tour Reservations: 610-933-1770
The village of Merlin is actually a small crossroad hamlet. A gristmill later a cider mill and now converted to a dwelling house, is said be pre-revolutionary and actually provided forage for the Continental Army. The mill owner's home remains, also the former Merlin post office. Further along the scenic Pickering Creek is the dam, stone ruin and house connected to an early saw mill as well as a Denilhome Iron Bridge.

June 22, 2004
PHOENIXVILLE
Sponsor: Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area
Tour Reservations: 610-935-7666
At the confluence of the Schuylkill River and French Creek, lies the Borough of Phoenixville and named by Louis Weingert, owner and operator of the Phoenix Nail Works. Samuel Reeves developed the works into the Phoenix Iron Company. Labor was needed to operate the Iron Company; hence this town drew immigrants from foreign countries: Poland, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, and Czechoslovakia, to name a few. They came seeking new jobs, a new life and brought with them different religious cultures. Come join us as we tour the many ethnic churches that still exist today with their native country flags to greet you.

July 15, 2004
BERWYN
Sponsor: Berwyn Devon Business and Professional Association
Tour Reservations: 610-644-0138
This year, the Village of Berwyn is taking part in the Tricentennial Celebration of Easttown Township founded in 1704. Come, visit and celebrate the many changes that have come to the tiny village that grew along the rocky ridge of the Great Valley. Learn how the impact of first the Lancaster Turnpike and then the coming of the railroad changed the development of the village as it changed into a suburban community along the Main Line.

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July 29, 2004
HISTORIC GOHSENVILLE
Sponsor: East Goshen Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-692-7171
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Goshenville was founded in 1704. A "Hall and Parlor" house filled with period pieces, the Milltown-Hopewell Park House (1806) is in the Historic American Building Survey. Retaining its functioning forge, the William Sharpies Blacksmith and Woolwright Shop was built in two sections (1704-1740). Now a B&B, the Jesse Recco House (1800) was the first Post Office and General Store. The Wetlands Boardwalk will also be open.

July 1, 2004
MEADOWLARK
Sponsor: West Bradford Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-486-0790
This nearly untouched village, named for botanist Humphrey Marshall (born 1722), was an important stop on a road. There are two homes in town and one outside, dating back to 1765. Among the outstanding features of this village were a Quaker Meeting Hall (1792) (present building 1765), a cradle factory which made goods and cradles and scissors, a blacksmith shop, a pump maker, a cigar factory, a tinsmith shop, a clothing store, a bakery, a plumbing business, a restaurant, in 1802 a post office and in 1820 a Methodist church.

August 2, 2004
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August 12, 2004
HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS
Sponsor: Historic Yellow Springs
Tour Reservations: 610-827-7141
Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of Historic Yellow Springs when the vision and leadership of Cornelia D. Frailey created our historic site in 1974. Connie is a descendant of other outstanding women who have reached beyond traditional feminine roles and developed this village over the centuries. Meet the Revolutionary War nurses, innkeeper, school superintendent, artists and actresses whose lives have been woven into the historic fabric of Historic Yellow Springs. Explore this feminine spirit.

August 19, 2004
GLENMOORE
Sponsor: Wallace Township Historical Commission
Tour Reservations: 610-942-3632
A log schoolhouse stood beside the 1738 cartway, Indiantown Road, where wagon loads of iron products from the furnaces passed through on their way to the Wilmington market. Later the 1859 schoolhouse with its second story community room became the setting for this historic Indiantown crossroads and the early Springton Manor story. As the Norwood hamlet grew into the Glenmoore village, ornately decorated houses were constructed for newly married couples, hence Bridal Row.

August 26, 2004
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