Town Tours & Village Walks

Mark these dates on your calendar!

JUNE
June 1 Discovering the East End, West Chester
June 8 Romansville Quaker Meeting
June 15 Old New Garden
June 22 Lionville’s North Side
June 29 Berwyn Town Center

JULY
July 6 (no tour)
July 13 The "Battle Axes" of North Coventry
July 20 Early 20th Century Kimberton Village
July 27 Downingtown

AUGUST
August 3 East Vincent’s Revolutionary War Hospital and Cemetery
August 10 Yellow Springs’ Historic Discovery Trail
August 17 Paoli Revolutionary War Battlefield
August 24 Parkesburg

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 1 through August 24, 2006**

**JUNE**

**June 1, 2006**

**DISCOVERING THE EAST END, WEST CHESTER**

Sponsor: West Chester Borough Historical and Architectural Review Board
Tour Reservations: 610-918-7346

Comet Discover West Chester’s East End Neighborhood. Explore our African-American history with us. Witness this neighborhood’s rebirth! Follow us down quaint streets and along quiet alleys to reveal West Chester’s hidden treasury of African-American and industrial heritage. The tour will start and end at the Charles Melton Arts and Education Center, 301 East Miner Street. Pick from eight tours that will wind their way among sites dating from 1850 to 1950.

**June 8, 2006**

**ROMANSSME QUAKER MEETING AND ITS VILLAGE**

Sponsor: West Bradford Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-486-0790

Most travelers who pass through Romansville have no idea about the historic value of this small village. Our village, though quiet in appearance, bustled with many trades: plumbers, carpenters, masons, small stores, feed and seed, blacksmiths who made carriages and sleighs, a cabinetmaker, plus three inns. Explore the Romansville Methodist Church, said to have been the first land in Chester County owned by the Methodist faith and the Romansville Quaker Meeting, celebrating its 160th anniversary this year.

**June 15, 2006**

**FAMILIES AND FARMHOUSES OF OLD NEW GARDEN**

Sponsor: New Garden Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-268-2468

Join us for a bus tour featuring New Garden’s 18th and 19th century farmhouses. Learn how New Garden Township’s architectural heritage reflects the role played by early Irish Quakers and later English settlers. Hear about the families who built the sturdy farmhouses and see how changes in domestic use caused families to make architectural changes. SPACE IS LIMITED: RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS EARLY.

**June 22, 2006**

**LIONVILLE’S NORTH SIDE; UCHWAL MEETING’S 250TH**

Sponsor: Uwchlan Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-363-9450

The Uwchlan Meeting House, built 1756, is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. The Continental Army took possession of the building in 1778 for use as a hospital during the Revolutionary War’s Philadelphia Campaign. Nearby the 18th and 19th century John Cadwalader House serves as the headquarters for the Uwchlan Township Historical Commission. Do not miss the 1859 Edith P. Moore Schoolhouse and Lighting by Design, an adaptive reuse of a farmhouse.

**July 6, 2006**

**“BATTLE AXES” OF NORTH CHESTER**

Sponsor: North Chester Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-323-1694

Come and walk about the Shenkel Church that found itself in the midst of controversy during the first half of the nineteenth century of a radical religious sect. Explore the farming areas in North Chester Township’s countryside where the movement took hold and spread, becoming known as Free Love Valley. Visit the Shenkel Cemetery, where the Battle Axe members are buried.

**July 13, 2005**

**EARLY 20TH CENTURY KIMBERTON VILLAGE**

Sponsor: East Pikeland Township Historical Commission and Pikeland Historical Society Tour Reservations: 610-933-1770

Tour the fourth stage of development in the village of Kimberton. In the early 1900s, Kimberton grew beyond the boundaries of the village’s four corners. Prosperous farmers from the Phoenixville Iron Company began building homes along the north side of Kimberton Road. Three houses were originally built as schoolhouses. See samples of Sears and Roebuck homes offered through their mail order catalogue, which were shipped by the Pickering Valley Railroad.

**July 20, 2006**

**HISTORIC LANCASTER AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN**

Sponsor: Downingtown Borough Historical and Parks Commission Tour Reservations: 610-269-0344, EXT. 246

Step back in time and explore Chester County’s oldest frontier town where the log house has been a sentinel since the early 1700s, and historic places of stone and brick fill the streetscape along the Philadelphia – Lancaster Turnpike. Just why was the George Washington Inn, c1761, built and is there really a jug in the walls of the Jug House, c1804? Wha? Old interarm Hunt Downing live and where was the location of Downingtown National Bank’s first bank building?

**August 3, 2006**

**EAST VINCENT’S REVOLUTIONARY WAR HOSPITAL AND CEMETERY**

Sponsor: East Vincent Township Historical Commission Tour Reservations: 610-933-4424

Stand on the hillside with a Chester County vista and reflect on the twenty-two Revolutionary War soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom centuries ago. Step in their shoes and visit the site where these patriots were hospitalized in a log church. Hear about the church history and the experiences during the horrible and challenging winter of 1777 and 1778.

**August 10, 2006**

**YELLOW SPRING’S HISTORIC DISCOVERY TRAIL**

Sponsor: Historic Yellow Springs Tour Reservations: 610-827-7414, EXT. 10

Come stroll the newly opened Discovery Trail at Yellow Springs. New markers have been installed that tell the story of this fascinating village. Beginning with the Lenape Indians, who discovered the "yellow waters," the trail tells the story of the Revolutionary War in our community, the fashionable spa era, and the orphans who lived and attended school here. Artists came to paint and movies were produced. Children are encouraged to pick up a passport and stamp them at each site visited.

**August 17, 2006**

**PAOLI REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLEFIELD**

Sponsor: Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund Tour Reservations: 610-944-3202

It was a midnight attack by Redcoats using sabers and bayonets. Called the "Paoli Massacre" because of brutal atrocities against wounded and captured Continental soldiers who were given no mercy and mutilated. Our Parnions vented their hatred and aberrance with America’s first battle cry – Rammett Paoli – stilling fear in British troops from Germantown to Stony Point and beyond. Guides and displays will interpret that fearful night in 1777 at this National Historic Battlefield.

**August 24, 2006**

**PARKESBURG: HISTORIC MAIN STREET**

Sponsor: Parkesburg Area Business Association Tour Reservations: 610-857-2636

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. Modeled after the prosperous European industrial towns, it was home to the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad repair shops and the Parkesburg Iron Company. Observe the substantial revitalization in its commercial Italianate and Second Empire structures.