JUNE 16 ① WEST CHESTER KICK-OFF AND TOUR
SPONSORS: WEST CHESTER HARB & CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #101
The West Chester tours begin and end with refreshments at the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) located at the northeast corner of High and Chestnut Streets. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. when we will enjoy the Lukins Sain. The season’s opening ceremony is at 6:00 p.m. All tours begin at 6:30 p.m. Rich and varied, the beautiful quadrant of West Chester includes part of the historic town center and street after street of distinguished buildings in all styles, which flourished from the end of the 18th century through the 19th. Select one from ten original tours that focus on various aspects of this neighborhood.

JUNE 23 ② LUKENS NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
SPONSORS: GRAYSTONE SOCIETY, CITY OF COATESVILLE
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #102
Celebrate the life and times of Rebecca Lukens, America’s first female industrialist. Although far not the only woman who managed iron furnaces in the 18th century, Rebecca was the only documented woman to manage multiple businesses. The first National Historic Landmark properties along South First Avenue include her home, Tarracina, and the steel industry that evolved from the original iron business. The structure of these homes and offices to the mill reflects the Lukens and Houston families’ long-standing commitment to living and working close to the factory and the community. Learn about the owners of the mills and the men and women who worked in them.

JUNE 30 ③ VILLAGE OF COVENTRYVILLE
SPONSORS: SOUTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #103
Coventryville was founded in the early 1790s by Samuel Hunt along the banks of French Creek. With the swiftly flowing current, the site was designated for the new manufacturing community. Coventryville became the site of Coventry Forge, the first iron forge in Chester County. As the industry grew, the village flourished in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, Coventryville remains a lovely residential neighborhood with many historic stories to tell. Be sure to find out why Benjamin Franklin frequented the village, and where one of the first Franklin stoves was installed.

JULY 14 ④ HISTORIC SPRING CITY BOROUGH
SPONSOR: SPRING-FORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOROUGH OF SPRING CITY
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #104
Spring City was a small industrial town that grew up along the canal. Its foundry had been in operation for 186 years. James Rogers started making cast iron stoves in 1843. Today the foundry manufactures cast iron lamp posts that are shipped throughout the world. From Pierre Berailson, the French Canadian fur trader who lived in a cave along the river in 1720, to the Rogers brothers who came in 1800 and operated a boat helping people cross the Schuylkill, learn about our history and six buildings inherited from our ancestors. These include the Paper Mill, Mansion, Flagg House, Spring City Hotel, Methodist Church and the Newborn House.

JULY 21 ⑤ HISTORIC JOANNA FURNACE
SPONSORS: MAY CREEK VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #106
Nested in an area rich with iron ore, abundant woodland for charcoal, limestone, and waterways to provide power, lies Joanna Furnace – a historic remnant of Bucks County’s thriving early iron industry. Unlike today’s corporations with their large buildings and complex hierarchies, the 19th century iron industry at Joanna Furnace was the product of rough individualism. From the semi-wilderness of Robbins Township in 1791, Joanna Furnace was started by Samuel Potts, Thomas Ritter, Thomas May and John Thompson. The founder of the furnace was named in honor of Pott’s wife, Joanna Holland Pettis, and was a cold blast, single stock, charcoal iron furnace most of his life. The furnace burned out in 1896, and for the next eighty years was hidden by vines and forgotten. Come see the rebirth of Historic Joanna Furnace.

JULY 28 ⑥ ELVERSONBOROUGH: 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SPONSORS: ELVERSON BOROUGH COMMISSION & BOROUGH OF ELVERSON
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #106
Elverson represents a crossroads of the iron and steel revolution that forged our nation. Tracing the paths taken by Conestoga wagons that carried the iron ore from Johnstown to where wagons stopped for a bath in the Springfield Springs and a hard drink at the White Horse Tavern. Come and listen as the Elverson tree stump speaks, and memories of the "dog pen lot" yelp in anticipation of your visit to our historic pieces.

AUGUST 4 ⑦ HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS
SPONSORS: HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #107
The period from 1860 to 1912 tells the story of the afternoon of the Civil War and its impact on the village of Yellow Springs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established the largest Soldiers’ Orphans’ Home School in the world. The school cared for children under the age of 16 and their impoverished mothers, who depended on public charity due to the death or marriage of their fathers while serving in the war. Principal Eleanor Moore and school staff will tell the poignant stories of the lives of the children educated here.

AUGUST 11 ⑧ PHOENIXVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
SPONSORS: SCHUYLKILL RIVER HISTORIC CENTER & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PHOENIXVILLE
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #108
Situated along the French Creek and the Schuylkill River, the growth of the Phoenix Iron and Steel Company in the 19th century created opportunities for all, and the town grew around it. The tour begins at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center, a jewel box museum at the historic Foundry Building (1862) that interprets Phoenixville’s iron and steel history. It continues with visits to homes and churches along Main Street through Phoenixville’s Historic District. At Reeves Park, there is a 3rd ordnance rifle (Griffin Cannon) made by the iron company in 1862. Over 1,200 were used by the Union Army. Vietnam War era Civil War exhibit at Phoenixville’s Historical Society.

AUGUST 18 ⑨ HOPEWELL Furnace NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
SPONSORS: HOPEWELL Furnace NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #109
The people who ran the Furnace supported the Union Civil War effort in a variety of ways. Most notably, its ironmasters and ironworkers joined the war effort by providing the ingot iron essential to the Union effort. Meanwhile, the women busied themselves knotting stocks and scarves for the army, making bandages and preparing case packages for the troops. This walking tour will introduce visitors to the 18th century inhabitants of Hopewell and their ways efforts and struggles.

AUGUST 25 ⑩ HIBERNIA MANSION AND IRONMASTER PLANTATION
SPONSORS: CHESTER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
Tour Reservations and Information: 1-877-442-2476 - #110
In the summer of 1863, Henry Clay Brookes enlisted in the 11th Cavalry to fight in the Civil War. His father, ironmaster Charles Brookes, who managed the successful iron plantation at Hibernia since 1821, was now in poor health. Within twenty years, falling victim to the Decline of 1873 among iron factors, the once thriving Hibernia Iron Works was silent and virtually abandoned. Explore this legacy created in the midst of a great wilderness at the turn of the 19th century. Tour the fully-furnished mansion and ruins of the ironworks. Visit again on Saturdays, August 27th - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to further honor the 150th anniversary of this troubled time, as Civil War re-enactors demonstrate a cavalry charge, infantry drill and the soldier’s lives.

E Friday, July 29 ➔ 4 - 8 p.m.
A Heroes Honor Roll
The Civil War Sesquicentennial 1861-2011
Free, no reservations required
Penn State Main Campus Conference Center
32 East Swedesford Road, Malvern
Ed and Faye Max will share their collection of Civil War period photographs and Chester County’s actual enlistment rosters from the Civil War. See if your family members are among those honored. Free for anyone who is interested, especially for the entire family.

This program is part of The Civil War Road Show, which will be in Chester County at this location from July 26th - August 1st.
See www.pothistory150.com for more information.

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