**Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Celebration**

300 N. Forge Rd, Devon • [www.mtziondevon.org](http://www.mtziondevon.org)

Sunday: June 14 • 3:00 pm

 Admission: FREE

Enjoy Tours of the Historic Church and Cemetery. Light refreshments provided. Newly listed on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its role in the battle known as the "School Fight." Mount Zion was the meeting place for the families of more than 200 students who fought a battle by school officials in 1838 in Easton Township to shut the young girls' segregated schools from 1839-34. The children were assigned to run-down elementary school buildings, while their white classmates were able to attend a new elementary school building opening in 1832. During the controversy, parents protested and were arrested and fined for refusing to send their children to school the teachers were told to close when it was notified by court in late April 1834 and the children returned to school next day.

**Symposium on Current Research on the Underground Railroad**

500 West Street Road (Route 100), London Grove

Saturday: May 23 • 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Admission: FREE! RSVP by May 20.

Register by calling 610-456-0004 or by emailing symposium@historicalwest.org.

A symposium on current research on the Underground Railroad in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York will feature keynote topics with experts from the region. Lunch is available for $12 or you may bring your own.

**Special Kennett Underground Railroad Heritage Guided Bus Tours**

300 Greenwood Road, Kennett Square

Sundays: May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9 & September 20.

Admission: Adult $20 / 17 & Under $15

Register by calling 484-344-6070.

Enjoy stories of the Underground Railroad stations, learn about our local heroes and visit Quaker meetinghouses. Tours begin at the Longwood Gardens Meetinghouse at 1-3 pm.
June 11
BUSINESSES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS
SPONSOR: West Chester HARB & Chester County Historical Society
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Tours and program begin at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St. There is metered street parking and some unmetered neighborhood parking (which signs for restrictions). The Chestnut Street Parking Garage is right around the corner from CCHS.

Come and enjoy the festivities as we kick off the 21st Annual Town Tours and Village Walks. We will depart from the Chester County Historical Society and tour the area west of H, High St. and north of W. Market St. See neighborhoods and homes of such famous people as Horace Pippin and Bayard Rustin. Learn about early churches, businesses, architecture, the Underground Railroad, and civil rights. On-site registration for the tours and entertainment by the Lukens Band is from 5:30-6:00 pm. All tours begin at 6:30 pm following the kick-off program.

June 18
FREEDMEN, FUGITIVES AND FRIENDS
SPONSOR: Kennett Square Borough Historical Commission
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Parking lot at corner of Willow and E. State Street or the lot behind Bayard Taylor Memorial Library, 215 E. State Street. The tour will start from the Willow & State Street parking lot.

NOTE: Visitors are advised that there will be detours on State and Union Streets for "Third Thursday Dining in the Street." Be patient as you make your way to the parking lots and if you wish to dine before or after the tour, please make reservations in advance for this popular event.

Guides will lead visitors through the Borough to see the houses and hear the stories of the original Quakers, African Americans and those African Americans who co-existed peacefully before and after the Civil War. Learn about their places of worship, employment and social activity.

June 25
LONGWOOD PROGRESSIVE MEETING: "AN OPEN DOOR TO ALL WHO RECOGNIZE THE EQUAL BROTHERHOOD OF THE HUMAN FAMILY"
SPONSOR: Kennett Township Historical Commission
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd, Kennett Square, follow signage from Route 1.

These words from the "Exposition of Sentiments" (erected when the Pennsylvania Yearly Meeting of Progressive Friends was founded in 1853), capture the intent and spirit of the members of this unusual and highly visible Meeting. The Longwood Progressive Friends Meetinghouse and Longwood Cemetery were recently named to the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom for their critical contribution to the abolition movement. Kennett Township will be sharing the story of the role the Meeting and its members played in the quest for freedom. A visit to the 1860 old meetinghouse and a tour of this cemetery, where many of the men and women who were buried, will provide an understanding of the link between the Meeting and its courageous members and the role they played in the pursuit of freedom for all members of the Human Family.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AT ALL LOCATIONS!

July 9
UNDER THE GROUND AT YELLOW SPRINGS
SPONSOR: Historic Yellow Springs
PARKING AND INFORMATION: 1985 Art School Road, Chester Springs. Park directional signs after entering the village.

All communities leave a history which we can see, but did you know they also leave important information that we can't see? Many different communities have left their marks under the ground at Yellow Springs. Arrow points and tools verify the Lenape villages, small shacks, uniform buttons and toy fragments tell of the life of the Civil War soldiers who lived here, ice bottles, paint samples and pen points identify the artist community. Come and see the archaeology treasures found under the ground in digs at our site and hear from archaeologists how they located the artifacts.

July 16
INTO WEST VINCEN'T: A JOURNEY TO FREEDOM
SPONSOR: West Vincent Historic Resources Committee
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Field parking at 1727 Flint Rd. at intersection with Kimberton Rd.

OPTIONAL PROGRAM: After your tour, visit the Lewis-Fussell properties, time permitting, proceed on Kimberton Rd approximately 1.5 miles from the Flint Rd. intersection toward the village of Kimberton, to 1767 Kimberton Rd. and 1320 Pughstown Rd. (on opposite side of Kimberton Rd.)

You can view the Norris and Ann Muriel/Royal Spring mill site property. Parking is limited here. No guides.

"Seventeen strangers were here..." Esther Fussell Lewis wrote cryptically in her diary one evening... Long before there was an organized network called the Underground Railroad, Quakers and free blacks guided fugitives here, on their way to freedom. By the 1860's, the Lewis-Fussell family in four adjacent houses along the Old Kimberton Road, had devoted themselves to abolition and to the care of runaway slaves.

The tour will show those four farmsteads, which comprised the original "John and Esther Lewis Farm," including "Sunnyvale," built in 1868. Highlighted will be the work of the Quaker families who lived there: John and Esther Lewis, their daughters Marianne, Rebecca, Gracecina, and Elizabeth; Narias and Anti Moris; Dr. Bartholomew Fussell, Dr. Morris Fussell, Dr. Edwin Fussell, Eleanor Bechtel Moore and others.

July 23
A WALK IN THE PARK: EXPLORING PHOENIXVILLE'S REEVES PARK
SPONSOR: The Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Reeves Park is located at 3rd and Main Street in Phoenixville. Street parking is available around the park and on side streets.

Much of Phoenixville's rich heritage reflects the Phoenix Iron and Steel Company's approach to hiring regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. Reeves Park and the neighborhood that surrounds it has reflected that diverse history since the park's founding in the 19th century. Come and tour key sites in the park and adjacent areas which will include monuments, ethnic churches, industrialists' mansions and a Carnegie Library. Tours will begin at the historic 1903 band shell in Reeves Park.

July 30
WALKING THROUGH HISTORY ON THE CHESTER VALLEY TRAIL
SPONSOR: East Whiteland Historical Commission
PARKING AND INFORMATION: Tours will start at the East Whiteland Township building at 220 Coatesville Road.

Walk along the trail of days gone by and learn the rich history of our forebearers. From limestone quarries to revolutionary battlegrounds, we will stroll along the former railroad bed and learn the significance of the local ruins and converted buildings on the trail. We will also discuss the revolutionary war battles that were fought in the same location before the tracks ever existed. Come and gain a deeper insight into the surroundings that many people run and ride past every day.

August 6
QUAKERS AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN THE COATESVILLE AREA
SPONSOR: National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum
PARKING: Tours will start from 76 S. 1st Avenue, Coatesville.

The Quaker community has been known for their commitment to abolitionism, and the Coatesville area was no exception. In 1868, a small group of Quakers issued a statement of protest against slavery that was sent to the native Germanant community at slavery, beginning a lasting local legacy which influenced the local community even before the time of Rebecca Lukens. This summer's tour will take place in the Lukens National Historic Site, which is being reintroduced to the community's history and local involvement in abolitionism. The buildings of the Lukens and Ruston family will be open to the public, in addition to the historic Lukens Executive Office Building.

August 13
HISTORIC WEST GROVE BOROUGH
SPONSOR: West Grove Borough
PARKING AND INFORMATION: West Grove Memorial Playground Lot, Parkway Avenue, West Grove. Entrance off Rosedale Avenue.

West Grove's name dates back to 1787, when the Society of Friends built a meetinghouse on the western edge of London Grove Township. Its purpose was to provide a place of worship for the significant population of Quaker farmers, millers and nurserymen that had settled in the area. This area of London Grove Township was home to the family of Ann Preston, an early nineteenth century leader in women's rights and the abolitionist movement, and a pioneer in women's medicine. Incorporated as a borough in 1903, this year's tour will feature elegant brick homes, the commercial center and the 1803 Quaker Meeting built on the site of the original meetinghouse.

August 20
WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP: 250 YEARS OF HISTORY BY TROLLEY!
SPONSOR: West Whiteland Township Historical Commission, Springfield Hyundai, Church Farm School and Gila Ford
PARKING AND INFORMATION: West Whiteland Township Building, 101 Commerce Drive, Exton.

TROLLEY RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Trolley Tours will depart every 20 minutes from the West Whiteland Township Building beginning at 9:00 am. Please call 610-369-9255 ext. 1915 or e-mail: 250th@westwhiteland.org for your reservation.

Join in our celebration of West Whiteland Township's 250th Anniversary. In 1765, the township of Whiteland decided to divide into West Whiteland Township and East Whiteland. We will share with you historic stories of properties and the people that helped develop our community. Travel back in time on our trolley to view properties along Pettitstown Pike, Lincoln Highway and Swartsford Road. Some of the properties featured will be Church Farm School, Pennypacker House and the Ship Inn. Following the tour, stop in to visit the Township building to view artifacts, pictures and learn about the buildings that are part of Main Street Exton.