**Spots are still available!**

**June 9**

**TOWN TOUR KICK-OFF AND TOURS**

**A LEGACY TO REMEMBER: IRON AND METALSMITHING**

**SPONSORS:** West Chester & HARB, Chester County Historical Society, Friends of the WCU United Methodist Church

Enjoy the festivities as we kick off the 22nd Annual Town Tour and Tours at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church starting at 1:30 p.m. After the program, you and your tour guides will head to the Southeastern quadrant of West Chester Borough. This sector of the Borough includes an impressive portion of the downtown, distinguished churches and their historic bells, and residential streets. Each individual group tour is a specially designed and interpretive walking tour. Each tour has its own focus, so the decorative use of iron will be featured as well as other links to the iron industry.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Registration for the tours and tickets are available at the WCU United Methodist Church starting at 9:30 a.m. The Kick-Off is at 10 a.m. at the WCU United Methodist Church, 129 South High Street, West Chester. They are celebrating 200 years of service. Parking is available at the Excess Garage at 20 S. High St. and at metered locations on High St.

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**June 12**

**WHERE IT BEGAN:**

**COVENTRYVILLE & COVENTRY FORGE**

**SPONSORS:** South Coventry Township Historical Review Committee & Community of Trades: Warwick Furnace Park

Coventryville was founded in 1717 by the Orange Men of the French Creek with the suffix flowing creek and available supply of hardwood forests. Coventryville was the capital of Coventry County, the first iron forge in Chester County. As the industry grew, the village flourished in Richmond County. Today, Coventryville remains a charming and 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 ironstone stores was installed.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Program begins at 10 a.m., last bus leaves the village at 2 p.m. Parking at Warwick County Park, 383 County Park Road. Follow a wagon path north Chester, and watch for the parking lot. Afternoon ride will be at the fork on High Street.

**June 22**

**WARWICK VILLAGE: A STEP BACK IN TIME**

**SPONSOR:** Warwick Township & Historical Commission

ASelected as one of the nation's most charming towns, the Village of Warwick was founded in 1717. By 1773, it was the largest town in the region and the second largest in the United States by 1810. It was also the largest town in the country. The village became known as a center of iron production and growth. The village is home to the famous Potter's Mill, which is a restored 18th-century grist mill. The mill is one of the oldest in the country and is still in operation today. The village also has a number of historic buildings, including the Old Mill Village Church, which is a restored 18th-century church. The village is located on the historic Route 202, which is a major thoroughfare in the region. The village is also home to the Warwick Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the history of the area. The village is a popular destination for tourists and is known for its scenic beauty and historic charm.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. Last tour leaves at 7 p.m. Parking will be available at the Warwick County Park, 383 County Park Road. Take a wagon path north Chester, and watch for the parking lot. Afternoon ride will be at the fork on High Street.

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**June 30**

**PHOENIX IRON TOUR: FROM RAILS, TO RAILS AND COLUMNS TO COLUMNS**

**SPONSOR:** Schuylkill River Heritage Center & Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area Inc.

In 1793, Benjamin Langsdorff established the Philadelphia Creek Works, which was the first iron factory in the country. The factory grew rapidly and produced high-quality iron products, including rails and columns. It remained in operation until the early 1900s, when it was abandoned due to the decline of the iron industry. Today, the site has been restored to commemorate the history of the Phoenixville area and the growing importance of iron and steel in the region.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. Last tour leaves at 7 p.m. Registration at Schuylkill River Heritage Center at the Foundry, 2 North Main Street, Phoenixville.