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Seasonal Fonthill Castle Evening Tours Now Available

DOYLESTOWN, PA – Fonthill Castle is pleased to present Fonthill Castle Evening Tours, available for guests throughout October, November, and December 2023. Fonthill Castle, operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS), was the home of Henry Mercer and an early example of reinforced concrete architecture.

Guests will delight in the splendor of a guided historic evening tour at Fonthill Castle, exploring Henry Mercer’s home and showplace during these intimate 45-minute guided historic tours of the castle’s unique rooms and artifacts. Fonthill Castle features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows and eighteen fireplaces. The castle’s interior features Mercer’s renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Dates for this season’s Fonthill Castle Evening Tours are October 25, October 26, November 29, November 30, December 7, December 14, December 20, December 21, December 27, and December 28, 2023.

“Fonthill Castle is a National Historic Landmark site and a true cultural gem in the heart of Bucks County. It is a pleasure to present special experiences that highlight its architectural features and hidden characteristics. Our Evening Tours are widely regarded as one of the best ways to explore the castle and see it in a new light!”, says Marjan Shirzad, Chief Operating Officer at the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle.

Tour times vary for these special tours. Tickets for October Evening Tours are available at mercermuseum.org/fonthillcastleeveningtours. Tickets for special Holiday Evening Tours, featuring the castle decked out for the holidays with uniquely decorated trees throughout the route, are available at mercermuseum.org/holidays.

Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$20 for BCHS Member Adults, \$10 for Youth (ages 6-17), and \$5 for Children (ages 5 and under).

Fonthill Castle is a unique historic site and has limited accessibility with steep stairs and narrow, uneven passages throughout the interior of the site.

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About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 17,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912 and was the home of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand-crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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