

## WINTERTHUR'S 51ST ANNUAL DELAWARE ANTIQUES SHOW KEYNOTE SPEAKER JESSICA FELLOWES TO SHARE INSIGHTS ON *DOWNTON ABBEY*

*Author and Niece of PBS Series Creator Also Will Host Book Signing*

**WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE**—Gain an intimate perspective on *Downton Abbey* at Winterthur's 51st Annual Delaware Antiques Show, November 7–9, 2014, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, as Honorary Chair and Keynote Speaker Jessica Fellowes discusses the blockbuster PBS series and her new book *A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey*.

An author, historian, and niece of *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes, Jessica Fellowes will open the show at 10:00 am on Friday, November 7, with a lecture and book signing. Her lecture is a perfect complement to Winterthur's popular exhibition *Costumes of Downton Abbey*, on view at Winterthur Museum through January 4, 2015. Fellowes' lecture is sponsored by *Delaware Today* and *Main Line Today* magazines.

The Delaware Antiques Show is one of the most acclaimed antiques events in the nation, showcasing the finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers and highlighting the best of American antiques, decorative arts, and design.

This year's show also will feature two weekend lectures, both sponsored by *The Hunt* magazine. "Historic Odessa: New Findings in an Old Collection" will be presented at 2:00 pm Saturday, November 8. Speaker Philip D. Zimmerman is a museum and decorative arts consultant, author, teacher, appraiser, and American antique furniture dealer. This illustrated presentation will highlight new findings at the Corbit-Sharp and Wilson-Warner houses, the diversity of the Historic Odessa Foundation collections, and a few surprises found in these Georgian gems.

*Patterns of Their Time: Design in Printed Textiles* will be presented at 2:00 pm Sunday, November 9, with a book signing following. Speaker Linda Eaton is the John L. & Marjorie P. McGraw Director of Collections and Senior Curator of Textiles at Winterthur. Her latest book, featuring timeless designs from the extensive Winterthur collection, is *Printed Textiles: British and American Printed Cottons and Linens, 1700–1850*. Eaton's lecture will touch on how late 18th and early 19th centuries were the golden age for printed textiles, with advances in the chemistry and technology enabling great designs that were highly valued by manufacturers, merchants, and their clients.

The Delaware Antiques Show is open 11:00 am–7:00 pm, Friday, November 7, with the opening lecture by Jessica Fellowes (requires a separate ticket\*) starting at 10:00 am; 11:00 am–6:00 pm, Saturday, November 8; and 11:00 am–5:00 pm, Sunday, November 9. General admission is \$15; \$13 for Winterthur Members; and free for children under 12. Tickets are valid for all three days and include the lectures on Saturday and Sunday as well as access to the special loan exhibition *Historic Odessa: A Past Preserved*, showcasing items from six remarkable properties. Group discounts to the show are available.

*\*Jessica Fellowes' keynote lecture requires a separate ticket that also covers all general admission features. These tickets are \$35 for nonmembers and \$30 for Winterthur Members.*

In addition, enjoy the excitement of this year's Opening Night Party on Thursday, November 6, from 5:00 pm–9:00 pm, also at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. Honorary Chairs include Governor Jack Markell and First Lady Carla Markell. The party requires a separate ticket that also covers all general admission features. Sponsors are \$225, entering at 5:00 pm. Patrons are \$175 and Young Collectors (guests age 35 and under) \$125, both entering at 6:00 pm. Fellowes also will be on hand for opening night festivities, which are made possible by Wilmington Trust.

For tickets to the show and related events, please call 800.448.3883, or visit [winterthur.org/das](http://winterthur.org/das). Tickets also can be purchased at the Winterthur Visitor Center or on-site at the show.

Proceeds benefit educational programming at Winterthur.

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### Museum hours

10 am–5 pm, Tuesday–Sunday

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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