

ELEGANCE OF HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES WILL GRACE WINTERTHUR'S 37TH ANNUAL POINT-TO-POINT MAY 3

Top Attraction Will Be Led by Renowned Conservationist and Artist Frolic Weymouth



WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—A favorite attraction at Point-to-Point, the heralded Parade of Antique Carriages will delight thousands of spectators gathered at Winterthur Sunday, May 3, to celebrate the event's 37th year as a treasured rite of spring.

Point-to-Point is the Brandywine Valley's most stylish spring sporting event held on the glorious 1000-acre

estate of Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Guests are treated to a thrilling day of professional thoroughbred steeplechase racing, exciting entertainment, magnificent horse-drawn carriages, and elegant tailgating on the rolling hills of Henry Francis du Pont's former estate.

Point-to-Point is the second largest professional sporting event in Delaware and is sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association. Prize purses for the three hurdle races are \$15,000, \$25,000, and \$10,000. In 2013, *Top Events USA*, which identifies the most popular events around the country, named Point-to-Point as one of the best events in the nation.

The highlight of the day's pageantry is the annual Parade of Antique Carriages, the largest assemblage of vintage and antique carriages in the United States. The stately procession of horse-drawn carriages was begun in 1978 by renowned artist and conservationist George A. ("Frolic") Weymouth of Chadds Ford, PA. The esteemed Chairman of the Board of the Brandywine Conservancy again will lead the caravan, which includes carriers from the Delaware Valley and across the country. Weymouth is a former President of the American Coaching Club and a Member of the British Coaching Club.

A special attraction this year is the dazzling Tantivy Road Coach, a four-in-hand carriage owned by Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Piancone of Gladstone, NJ. Internationally prized, it ranks with the Nimrod as the two best examples of English road coaches still in existence. It was restored to its present condition by Erik West, coach painter and refurbisher to the Royal Household. Piancone is the founder of the national foodservice company, Roma Food Enterprises, Chairman Emeritus of the prestigious Coaching Club and Honorary Member of the U.K. Coaching Club.

Also among the many exquisite carriages is a beautiful Park Drag built by Henry S. Whitlock in London, England, in 1895 for members of the Gilby gin family and currently owned by John and Penny Hunt (John Frazier Hunt is Whip) of Spring City, PA. Hunt regularly shows at the Devon Horse Show and Walnut Hill. He belongs to the American Coaching Club, the British Coaching Club, the British Road Club, and the Four-in-Hand Club, among others.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic garden, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house, as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children's garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

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.

Winterthur is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907, or visit winterthur.org.

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In addition to the carriages, 50 antique Rolls-Royces and Bentleys will be on view for guests' enjoyment along with a range of attractions, including shopping, food, and a host of activities to engage and entertain kids all day in the Winterthur Hunt. All kids can get a free Hunt Map when they arrive and have it stamped at each stop on the Hunt. All activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted, including:

- **La Petite Spa & Salon:** Get a complimentary hair braiding or face painting. Chic it up with some festive hair chalking to match your Point-to-Point outfit.
- **Reins of Life:** Hold your horseshoes! Gallop over to decorate your own "retired" horseshoe or color a horse to match it at the coloring corral.
- **Success Won't Wait and Scholastic:** Hunt for a good story to take home to read in your own stable.
- **WDEL 1150 AM and 101.7 FM:** Pick up your complimentary 2015 Phillies Schedule Poster and spin the prize wheel for loot!
- **Fashion In the Square:** Join model Natasha Otero and her team Runway Models at the Red Carpet tent for beauty, nutrition, and exercise secrets. Red Carpet interviews asking Point-to-Point guests, "Who are you wearing?" Giveaways and an award for the best dressed male and female to come to the Red Carpet, photo ops with models and fashion designer Scott Nyland.
- **That's Hats Accessories Boutique:** "Cowgirls and cowboys can thank their lucky stars and have great fun dressing up their straw That's Hat to wear in the sun!"
- **News Journal:** Stop by our fun photo booth for your Point-to-Point souvenir.
- **Kids Mud Run:** Come and meet mascot J.R. THE PIG and make a craft with him.
- **Canine Capers:** Look for the "Big Doghouse" and participate in fun activities provided by: Deer Valley Danes; PetValu; Zoom Room; Veterinary Specialty of Delaware; PAWS for People; Delaware SPCA; FSAC-SPCA; and Wilmington Kennel Club.
- **Friends of the Mounted Patrol, New Castle County:** Make a bookmark, decorated with stamps, stick-on materials, and thumbprint Clydesdales, horses, and dogs. Try the "horse-treat toss" and "how-do-you-measure-up" activities.
- **Stick Horse Races:** All eyes are on our youngest jockeys as they ride their horse to the finish. Sponsored by Gloss Salon, which will donate Dancebandz Headbands to the first 100 Stick Horse Racers. Grab your trusty steed and trot down to the Stick Horse track. Three heats: 1:30 pm: ages 4 and under • 2:15 pm: ages 5-7 • 2:45 pm: ages 8-10
- **HEAD Strong Foundation:** Will be hosting a soft lacrosse shooting area to see who can record the fastest and most accurate shots to win a limited edition HEADstrong lacrosse stick. HEADstrong sunglasses, shoelaces, lanyards, and stickers will also be given away.

Visit the Winterthur website for additional details on the Winterthur Hunt and Canine Capers at winterthur.org/ptp.

Information on Purchasing Wristbands and Tailgate Spots

Purchase wristbands online at winterthur.org/ptp; by phone at 800.448.3883 or 302.888.4994; by fax at 302.888.4650; at Winterthur; at all satellite sales outlets (see winterthur.org/ptp for a complete listing).

Cost:

- \$50 General Admission Wristband, April 25-May 2
- \$15 young adults (ages 12-20)
- Children under 12 free, must have a wristband for admission (not available race day)
- Winterthur Member discounts available

Find out more about Point-to-Point's distinct tailgate parking options at winterthur.org/ptp.

Advance sales only for wristbands and tailgate spots. All parking and admissions must be purchased by Saturday, May 2, 2015. No wristbands or tailgate credentials mailed after April 24. No reservations will be processed without payment. Races run rain or shine. No refunds.

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Point-to-Point is Winterthur's largest annual fundraiser and benefits the continued maintenance and preservation of the Winterthur Garden and estate.

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