

WELCOME SPRING AT WINTERTHUR'S SEASONAL REOPENING MARCH 1, 2015

Enjoy "A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans and the Art of Everyday Life," New Garden Programs, and More

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Welcome spring at Winterthur during our March 1, 2015, seasonal reopening featuring the new major exhibition *A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans and the Art of Everyday Life*, and join us all season for new garden tours and programs plus other exciting attractions.

Explore tales of romance, birth, death, and life in early Pennsylvania poignantly captured in more than 125 objects displayed in *A Colorful Folk*. Many of the pieces have never before been exhibited or published. Decorated manuscripts ("fraktur"), textiles, furniture, metalwork, and pottery embellished with hearts, flowers, birds, and other traditional motifs reveal the Pennsylvania Germans' love of color, design, and whimsy.

This year, Winterthur celebrates the early spring garden and the tradition of the spring tour, which began in 1952, with an enhanced 2015 spring tour and new garden experience days including Daffodil Days, April 18; Azaleas and Bluebells, May 9; and Peonies and Primroses, May 17.

Stretch your mind and body at our annual Bank to Bend lecture and garden walk March 7. Andrew Turvey, head gardener at Myddleton House Gardens, is the guest speaker. Explore Winterthur's snowdrops and other minor bulbs with our garden staff during Second Saturdays garden walks beginning March 14.

The museum is featuring more spring floral arrangements to herald the season in a burst of refreshing color. Based on historic photos, they feature the dining room set for dinner for 12 with Henry Francis du Pont's favorite famille rose porcelains set off by arrangements of pink roses. In the Conservatory, changing displays reminiscent of H. F. du Pont's use of the space when he lived here also will complement special events in the garden. The Staff Sitting Room is being included in the spring tour for the first time in remembrance of the dedicated house staff who were among the many employees and families who also called Winterthur home.

Wristbands for the 37th Annual Winterthur Point to-Point go on sale March 1 and can be ordered by calling 800.448.3883. Please call 302.888.4994 for information on sponsorship opportunities.

For more information on these and other attractions at Winterthur, please visit winterthur.org.

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Drawing of two parrots, attributed to Daniel Otto, Centre County, Pa., Ca. 1815. Museum purchase with funds provided by the Henry Francis du Pont Collectors Circle 2013.31.97.

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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.