

ENCHANTED SUMMER DAY OFFERS MAGICAL SUMMER WELCOME JUNE 20 AT WINTERTHUR

Children Can Enjoy Creative Crafts, Live Performers, and Games in Enchanted Woods

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library celebrates the start of a new season with an Enchanted Summer Day, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Saturday, June 20.

Imaginative crafts, live performers, and outdoor games await visitors young and old in the Enchanted Woods, Winterthur's award-winning children's garden. Activities are free for members and children under 2, and they are included with admission.

"Enchanted Summer Day is a fun, low-key event for families in a beautiful setting," said Lois Stoehr, Associate Curator of Education.

Slyte of Hand will perform lively Celtic music throughout the day. As they stroll through the woods from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, storyteller Terry Colonna and Magic Tad will regale everyone.

Hoop chasing, ringtoss, and the Game of Graces will be played on the lawn north of Enchanted Woods. Crafts include making tiny turtle puppets, bug-eyed visors, and fluttering friends.

For \$5, children can have their faces painted. Ice cream will be sold from the Woodside Farm Creamery cart.

Family-friendly events are also planned inside the museum that day.

The Once Upon a Family Tour, designed for children ages 4–11, explains the lifestyle of du Pont family members while exploring rooms in their house and garden spaces where they played, worked, and entertained. The 45-minute tour starts at 12:30 pm from the Galleries Reception Desk.

The Touch-It Room, near the Galleries Reception Desk, is a kid-oriented space where everything is touchable. From 12:30 to 4:30 pm, children can explore spaces inspired by a 1750s parlor, a colonial-era kitchen, and an 1830s general store. A tea set, kitchenware, dress-up clothes, and wooden toys provide playful ways to learn about early American life.

Preschool packs, available from the Galleries Reception Desk, allow children to discover and learn with hands-on activities that bring to life objects in the first floor galleries. Each of the four packs includes stories, puzzles, and games on a different theme.

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The Faerie Cottage in Winterthur's Enchanted Woods. Image Courtesy of Winterthur, by Rob Cardillo.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, 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

10:00 am- 5:00 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 on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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