

CELEBRATE SPRING IN DOWNTON ABBEY STYLE AT WINTERTHUR'S 36TH ANNUAL POINT-TO-POINT!

Enjoy This Annual Rite of Spring With a New Twist on Sunday, May 4, 2014

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Share the pageantry and excitement of **Winterthur's 36th Annual Point-to-Point steeplechase**, the region's most stylish spring sporting event, on Sunday, May 4, 2014. This anticipated rite of spring treats guests to a thrilling day of professional thoroughbred steeplechase racing, exciting entertainment, and elegant tailgating on Henry Francis du Pont's former 1,000-acre estate.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Winterthur's blockbuster exhibition *Costumes of Downton Abbey* with themed tailgates and attire. The exhibition compares the fictional British world of the PBS series *Downton Abbey* with the real-life American counterpart Winterthur in the first half of the 20th century.

The best *Downton Abbey*-themed tailgate will win the coveted engraved silver tray in this year's Best Presented Tailgate contest plus get a curator-led tour for 10 of *Costumes of Downton Abbey*. To help inspire event-goers, the Kenny Family ShopRites of Delaware awarded a catered and butlered tailgate for 20 in a random drawing March 30.

This year's Point-to-Point Signature Hat was specially designed to reflect the English country estate styles portrayed in the hit PBS show with the gracefulness of Winterthur's early spring gardens. Designer Debby Bradley of That's Hats Accessories Boutique in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, created a stunning straw hat in neutral tones with a silk ribbon and bow plus a pearl accent. It is available for \$185 at That's Hats, Rt. 202/103 Wilmington-West Chester Pike. For more information, visit thatshats.com or call 610.358.5995.

The spectacular Parade of Antique Carriages again will enchant guests as the highlight of the day's pageantry. As seen in the December 2012 issue of *Town & Country magazine*, renowned Chadds Ford artist and conservationist George A. "Frolic" Weymouth leads the largest assemblage of horse-drawn vintage and antique carriages in the United States. Event-goers also will thrill to the elegance of 80 rarified, antique Rolls Royces and Bentleys on view.

Listen to the excitement of the races announced by actor Tony Bentley, who recently played the judge in the *Dallas Buyers Club*. Watch from a birds-eye, trackside seat at the finish line while enjoying an elegant luncheon in the **Winterthur Hunt Brunch Tent**. Tickets are \$150 for adults (visit winterthur.org for information). Join the **Twin Lakes Brewing Co., Hospitality Tent** at the rail and savor their famous micro-brews along with delicious food. Dogfish Head Craft Brewery also is hosting a Hospitality Tent (tickets sold out). Tickets for the Twin Lakes hospitality tent are \$100 per person; visit twinlakesbrewingcompany.com to reserve tickets.

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 increased this year to \$15,000, \$20,000, and \$10,000, raising the stakes and excitement.

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2014 Point-to-Point Signature Hat by That's Hats, Chadds Ford, PA. Image Courtesy of Winterthur.

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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.

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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Families will be delighted by a variety of popular children's attractions in the Winterthur Hunt area that will entertain kids all day. Bring your well-behaved dog to romp and play with other pups in the 2014 Canine Capers. This year, it will be bigger than ever, featuring agility and obstacle courses, contests, and even more fun!

FEATURED ATTRACTIONS AT THE WINTERTHUR HUNT FOR FAMILIES:

Point-to-Point Hunt Map: Get a stamp at each stop on the Hunt! Look for the horse coloring walls with "grooming totes" at all stops. All activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted.

La Petite Spa & Salon: Get a complimentary manicure, hair braiding, or face painting. Chic it up with a festive "Snappie" colored hair extension or hair feather.

Scholastic and Success Won't Wait: Hunt for a good story to take home to read in your own stable!

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.

93.7 WSTW-FM93.7 and WDEL: These popular Delmarva Broadcasting radio stations will be on the Hunt with their famous prize wheel games. There will be chances to win music, newly redesigned dry-fit sport shirts, travel mugs, and more just by spinning the wheel. Don't forget to pick up your 2014 Phillies Schedule Poster too!

That's Hats Accessories Boutique: "Happy Hearts: Make a heart pin to wear on your sleeve, to decorate a hat or even a crown. Happy Hearts will surely abound!"

Friends of the Mounted Patrol, New Castle County: Try their version of an obstacle course!

Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit: Meet and greet the new Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit, which consists of some pretty special horses including Smarty's Gold, son of the beloved Smarty Jones, winner of the 2004 Kentucky Derby.

Delaware SPCA & Pilots N Paws: Come meet the Pilots N Paws, a group of more than 3,000 volunteer pilots who partner with local rescue to save at-risk pets from high-kill shelters and deliver them to their fur-ever homes across the country. Our own Delaware Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), a no-kill shelter, will be here with two very special local dogs.

Pilots N Paws: Pilots N Paws will be hosting a coloring session where children will be given a complimentary copy of their coloring book. Through pictures and the story of Pilots N Paws, kids can learn the basics of pet care.

Tails of Hope, YAP/Youth Ambassador Program, Finding One Another Faithful Friends Academy: Come learn about what each of these compassionate organizations do.

Cathcart Caricatures-Caricatures/Drawings: Renowned local artist and caricaturist Susan Cathcart joins Canine Capers for the third year. Stop by to get your favorite pooch's caricature done – or even your own. Susan's amusing and amazingly accurate cartoons are always a bit hit!

Animal Talk With Jackie (Animal Communication): Animal communicator Jackie will provide 10- to 15-minute readings to help you connect with your pet to find answers to important questions. Ask your pet how he or she feels or why certain behaviors are exhibited. Connect with a pet who has crossed over. To schedule a longer reading to take place during Canine Capers, please contact Jackie in advance.

Elizabeth McKinstry, Holistic Veterinarian: Learn about the healing power of Pet Reiki/Acupuncture in these exciting demonstrations.

Healing Touch for Animals/Touched by A Paw: Stop by the Healing Touch for Animals/Touched by a Paw tent for a free healing energy mini session for your pup. Learn how you can make a huge difference in the life of your pets through Healing Touch.

PAWS for People: Smooch a pooch at the PAWS for People booth! These beautiful therapy dogs are waiting to receive some love. Stop by the booth to find out what a therapy dog does and give one or several the hugs and kisses they love!

K-9 Storm Intruder Vest: National Security and Assistance K-9 Demonstrations and “Meet and Greet.” The day’s program will showcase diverse types of working dogs from national security K-9 teams to service /assistance dogs. Watch the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority’s K-9 Special Operations Division demonstration with their newly gifted K9 Storm Intruder Vest. The vest has an integrated Intruder camera, which provides both day and night vision broadcast capabilities through a live encrypted video stream of up to 1,200 feet – nearly the height of the Empire State Building (1,250). The video stream can penetrate multiple steel fortified concrete barriers, which is essential in active shooter and other counter-terrorism operations.

Delaware State Police, and Wilmington Police Department: Join several elite Delaware State Police K-9 teams for demonstrations on explosives detection, narcotics detection, obedience, and suspect apprehension. These amazing, highly trained K-9s are always crowd pleasers, especially with kids (of all ages!).

Wilmington Kennel Club: The WKC is pleased to return to Canine Capers with their mini-agility course for visitor dogs. Dogs love the jumps, tunnels, and a few other obstacles. Run your dog through the course and find out how agile your companion canine is!

Bowser Beer: Bowser Beer™ is a non-alcoholic, non-carbonated treat for dogs. They will provide a Rehydration Tent where all dogs at Point-to-Point are invited to stop in for a quick drink or to participate in a Chugging Contest through the day. Could your dog be the fastest pooch to chug (or slurp) down a yummy Bowser Beer?

Veterinary Specialty Center of Delaware: Stop by the VSCDEL’s *MASH* Tent to participate in a “scrub in” just like they do on the 1970’s hit *MASH* television show. Kids of all ages are welcome to “gown up” and “scrub in” to aid emergency doctors in stitching up their very own injured stuffed animal “patient” to take home with them! Veterinarians also will be on hand to answer general health care questions about dogs and cats.

Giggy Bites: Do a Trick, Get a Treat! What kinds of tricks can your dog do? Stop by to see Giggy Bites, where your pooch can get treats for tricks. Guess the number of treats in the big jar and win them all!

Stick Horse Races: All eyes are on our youngest jockeys as they ride their horse to the finish line. Sponsored by McNeill Designs for Brighter Minds, which will donate its best-selling Twisted Fish game to the first 100 Stick Horse Racers. Winner of *Creative Child Magazine’s* Family Game of the Year! www.McNeillDesigns.com. 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

Need an extra hand at Point-to-Point? Signature Sitters will waive membership and placement fees to families attending Point-to-Point with their children and provide highly qualified helpers.

In 2013, Point-to-Point was named one of the best events in the nation by *Top Events USA*, which identifies the most popular events around the country. The only steeplechase race run in Delaware, Point-to-Point is Winterthur’s largest annual fundraiser and benefits the continued maintenance and preservation of the Winterthur Garden and estate.

Winterthur is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) institution directed by a Board of Trustees.

Point-to-Point hours are 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Races are held rain or shine.

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). **Credit card sales only.*
- **Cost: Purchase wristbands before April 25 and save up to 40 percent.**
 - \$30 General Admission Wristband, March 1–April 25
 - \$50 General Admission Wristband, April 26–May 3
 - \$15 young adults (ages 12–20)
 - Children under 12 free, but must have a wristband for admission
 - Winterthur Member discounts available
- **Advance sales only.** All parking and admissions must be purchased by Saturday, May 3, 2014. No wristbands or tailgate spots will be sold on race day. No wristbands or tailgate credentials will be mailed after April 25. No reservations will be processed without payment. No refunds.

Winterthur thanks: Capital One; Weymouth, Swayze & Corroon; Dogfish Head Craft Brewed Ales; Twin Lakes Brewing Co; Intercollegiate Studies Institute; and Mercedes Benz.

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