

NEW FOR 2010! In anticipation of the tours, three lectures on Chester County Architecture are offered. Please see this brochure for the exciting new series.

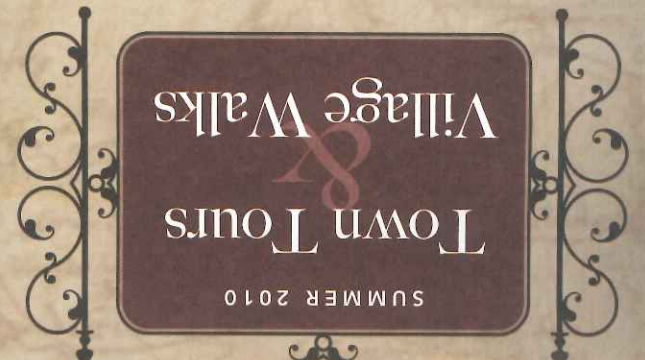
Last year, over 2,000 Chester County citizens and visitors enthusiastically endorsed the assortment of historic evening walking tours! In 2005, Preservation Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission awarded the program one of two statewide educational awards.

For information contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, Chester County Parks & Recreation, 610-344-6415, or visit the Chester County Parks and Recreation website at www.chesco.org/ccparks.

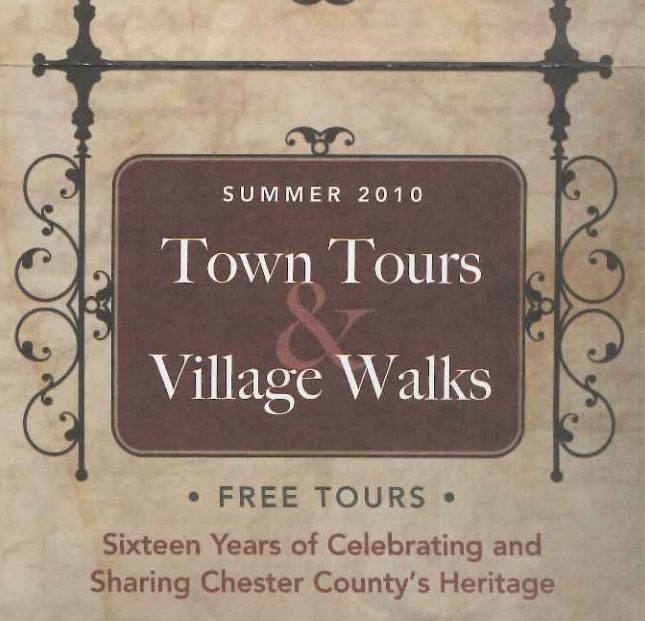
The Chester County Board of Commissioners through the Parks and Recreation Department, the Chester County Historical Society, Westtown Township, the Chester County Historical Preservation Network, and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau announce the 16th annual **TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS.**

From William Penn's 1682 land grant to our 20th century neighborhoods, this summer offers another varied schedule of eleven FREE walking tours of our historic towns, villages, hamlets and countryside, highlighting research knowledge accumulated by our historical commissions and societies. This summer will feature historic churches, meeting houses, battlefields, and burial grounds, themes range from the infamous Paoli Massacre to the history of important civic organizations, including fire companies and schools. Enjoy first-person presentations, a stately mansion, and movie making with a free movie!

Tours are scheduled for Thursday evenings, June 10th - August 19th. The first tour starts at 5:30 p.m.; the last tour starts at approximately 7:30 p.m. All tours include light refreshments. West Chester, Kennett and Phoenixville Boroughs will be offering dining discounts; Radley Run is offering an optional dinner. All tours are free of charge and only cancelled for severe weather by 5:00 p.m. the day of the tour.



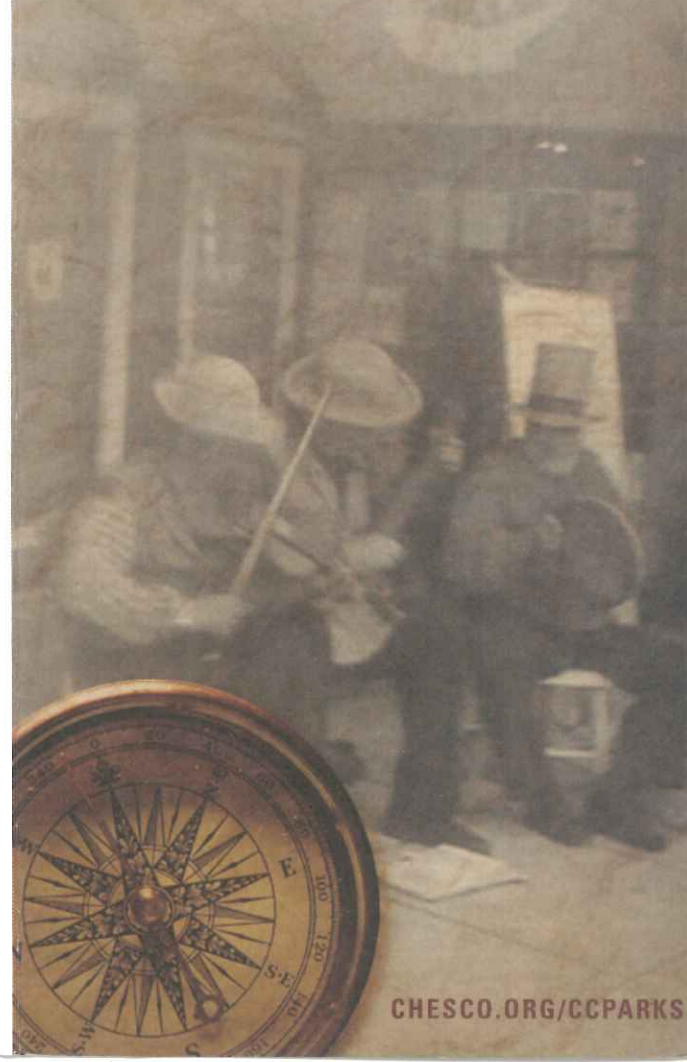
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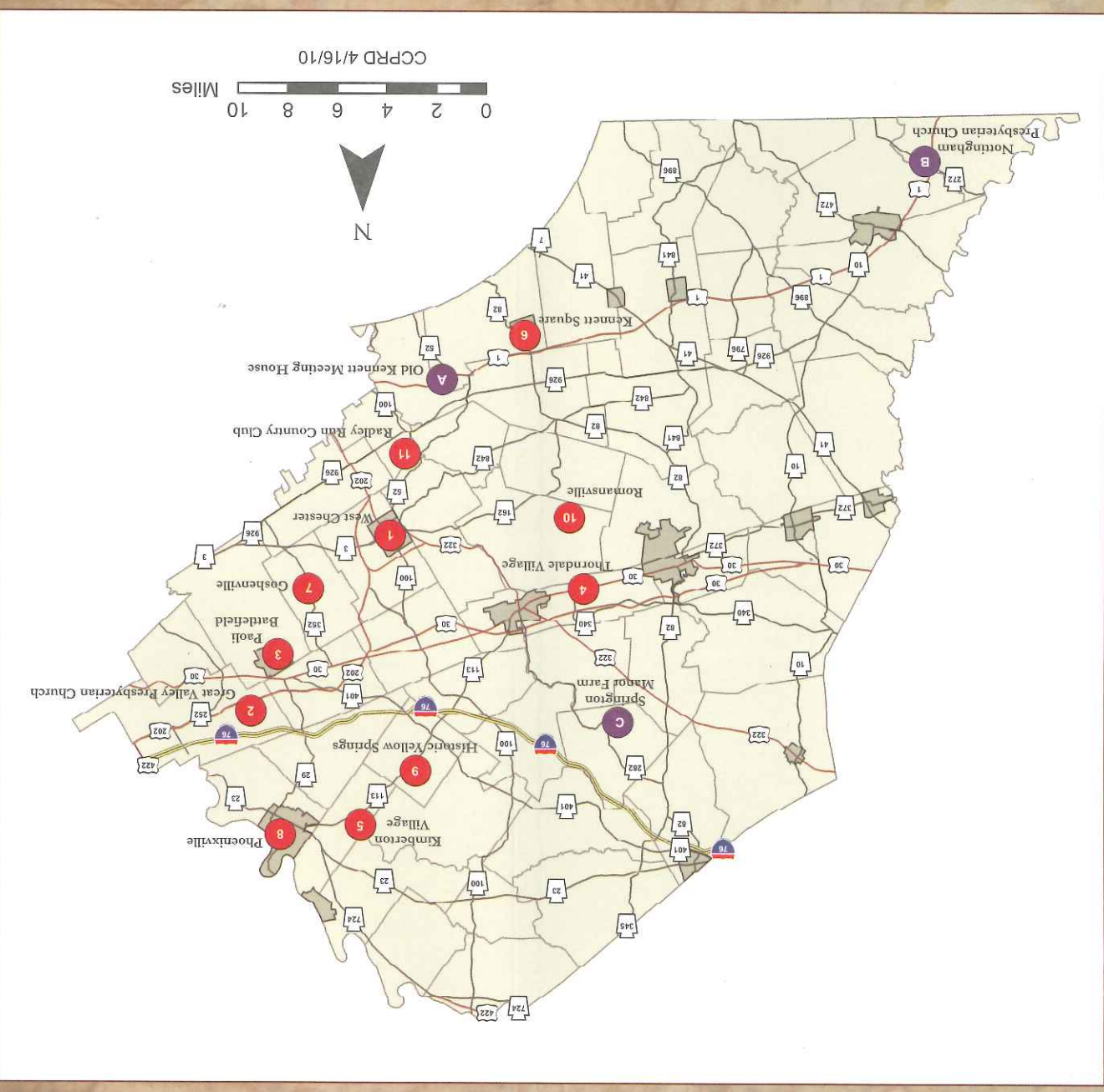
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Kick-Off Lecture Series

\$3.00/person/per tour

LECTURE RESERVATIONS

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A Date: Sunday, May 16 • Time: 1 – 2:30 p.m.

CHESTER COUNTY'S EARLY MEETING HOUSES Old Kennett Meeting

At Baltimore Pike and Kendal Drive, Kennett Square, PA

Join us at the Old Kennett Meeting House (which is celebrating its 300th anniversary in 2010). This property stands as a testament to the freedom of religion we have enjoyed longer than we have had our United States! Seth Hinshaw will share the results of his research on the architectural traditions found in these very special places of worship. He will discuss how the Quakers have contributed to other architectural traditions in the county, specifically the bank barn.

B Date: Sunday, May 23 • Time: 1 – 2:30 p.m.

SERPENTINE BUILDINGS IN CHESTER COUNTY Nottingham Presbyterian Church

497 W. Christine Rd., Nottingham, PA

Join us at the Nottingham Presbyterian Church, which was constructed of serpentine rock quarried at the serpentine barrens in present-day Nottingham County Park. Jane Dorchester will share her extensive knowledge of the use of serpentine as a construction material, and the variety of buildings and structures constructed of it. There will be an optional hike through the Serpentine Barrens National Natural Landmark dedicated at the park in 2008.

C Date: Sunday, June 6 • Time: 1 – 2:30 p.m.

QUAKERS, BANK BARNS & CHESTER COUNTY Springton Manor Farm

860 Springton Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343

If you enjoyed Seth's lecture on Quaker architecture in Chester County, please join us for a tour of the Great Barn at Springton Manor Farm. Seth will discuss in more depth Quaker influence on the County's built history.

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June 10 ①

WEST CHESTER KICK-OFF AND TOUR

SPONSORS: West Chester HARB & Chester County Historical Society

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 1

The West Chester tours begin and end with refreshments at the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) located at the northeast corner of High and Chestnut Streets. The season's opening ceremony is at 6:00 pm; tours begin at 6:30 p.m. The CCHS building is itself historical; its museum having been designed by Thomas U. Walter in 1848. From here, the tour guides will fan out into the NW sector of the Borough. The handsome streets of the district are lined with fine buildings in a panoply of historical styles, buildings which are often reminiscent with histories of their own.

June 17 ②

GREAT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPONSORS: Great Valley Presbyterian Church Anniversary Committee & the Tredyffrin/Easttown Historical Society

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 2

Founded prior to 1710, Great Valley Presbyterian is the second oldest Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania. In 2010, its 300th anniversary will be celebrated. The first minister was a close friend of Benjamin Franklin. Tour the historic chapel, the oldest section of the church. Hear about life in the Great Valley during the colonial period circa 1724, and the role the church played during the American Revolution. Enjoy a tour of the cemetery, which includes Revolutionary Soldiers and other notable Chester County residents.

June 24 ③

PAOLI MASSACRE & BATTLEFIELD

SPONSOR: Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 3

Come to the site of the Revolutionary War's Paoli Massacre; where the best of the British troops staged a midnight raid on General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's Pennsylvania Line, the best of the Continentals. Tales of the brutality of the British, who fought with bayonets and swords, gave rise to the nation's first war cry, "Remember Paoli". Interpreters, in period clothing, will talk about the battle. A special feature will display archeological techniques being used to uncover new knowledge about this important battle.

July 1 ④

THORNDALE VILLAGE

SPONSORS: Caln Township Historical Commission & Old Caln Historical Society

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 4

Did you know ten thousand chickens once lived in Caln Township? Travel through the history of Thorndale Village, the heart of Caln Township. Quakers fleeing England for religious freedom found a valley in Chester County to make their new home. Members of the Thorndale United Methodist Church marched down Lincoln Highway carrying chairs and singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." During World War I, soldiers moved in to protect the railroad. The tour begins at the Thorndale Church and visits Caln Elementary School, the Pim-Uhler estate, and the hexagonal schoolhouse. The fire company will showcase old and new equipment and their stations.

July 8 ⑤

KIMBERTON VILLAGE'S 18TH CENTURY QUAKER BURIAL GROUND

SPONSORS: Pikeland Historical Society & East Pikeland Historical Commission

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 5

Established in 1758 by the first Quaker settlers of the area, the old burial yard south of Kimberton was long neglected until rescued by the Pikeland Historical Society in 1977. Notable families buried here include Lewis, Fussell, Meredith, Maris and Milhaus. These families and others were active in assisting refugees from slavery, in founding the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia, and the Women's Suffrage Movement. Ancestors of Richard Milhaus Nixon worshipped in the Meeting House.

July 15 ⑥

HISTORIC KENNETT BOROUGH

SPONSOR: Kennett Borough Historical Commission

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 6

Tour our town and learn about the educational, cultural, social and safety organizations that contributed to the betterment of the citizens of Kennett Square. Hear about the evolution of the Kennett area schools into the largest all-consolidated school of its time. See the buildings that housed the volunteer organizations. "Meet" the individuals who gave of their time and talent to improve conditions in the Borough. Don't miss the special discounts being offered for dining and shopping after the tour!

July 22 ⑦

GOSHENVILLE

SPONSOR: East Goshen Historical Commission

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 7

Goshenville was founded in 1704. Join us to hear first-person interpretation of life in this National Register District. Retaining its functioning forge, the William Sharpless Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shop was built in two sections (1704 and 1740). The Jesse Reece House (1800), now a B&B, was the first Post Office and General Store. The Historic American Building Survey lists the Milltown-Hickman Plank House (1808), which is a "Hall and Parlor House" filled with period pieces. Other buildings in the Historic District as well as the Wetlands Boardwalk will be included.

July 29 ⑧

PHOENIXVILLE'S HISTORIC NORTHSIDE CHURCHES

SPONSORS: Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area & Schuylkill River Heritage Center

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 8

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, immigrants came from all over Europe to work at the iron company and other industries in and around Phoenixville. Many ethnic groups had their own religious identities, and as a result, various churches were built in Phoenixville. Some of the most impressive were crafted by laborers living on the north side of Phoenixville. Starting from the Schuylkill River Heritage Center (2 N Main Street), visit the historic churches to learn about these religious structures and their cultural connections to the hard-working people who built them.

August 5 ⑨

MOVIE MAKING IN HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

SPONSOR: HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 9

Ready on the set! Action! Join a movie-making tour of Yellow Springs' film history, highlighting the 1959 sci-fi hit "The 4D Man." Discover how the buildings and grounds became movie sets for actors such as Robert Lansing, Lee Meriwether and the young Patty Duke. Good News Productions (GNP) devised imaginative special effects and took advantage of the historic structures and landscape to enhance the impact of the film. Costumed characters will give first-person narratives with vintage photographs of the GNP in action. Light refreshments and a full showing of the film will follow the tour.

August 12 ⑩

ROMANSVILLE VILLAGE

SPONSOR: West Bradford Historical Commission

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 10

Most travelers who pass through Romansville have no idea of the historic value of this small village. Our village, though quiet in appearance, had many trades such as a plumber, carpenters, a tinsmith, small stores, a lead pipe shop, a blacksmith who made carriages and sleighs, a cabinetmaker, and three inns. The Romansville Methodist Church, said to have been the first land in Chester County owned by the Methodist faith and Romansville Quaker Meeting, turns 160 years old this year.

August 19 ⑪

THE MATHER MANSION & GROUNDS AT RADLEY RUN

SPONSOR: Radley Run Country Club

TOUR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:
(1-877-442-2476) MENU SELECTION 11

Tour Samuel Painter's 1770 Mansion House and Barn (the clubhouse) on the sprawling grounds of Radley Run Country Club, which was part of the 1777 Battle of the Brandywine. Stroll the grounds visiting the 1749 Doll House, the Lye House ruins, and the Kennels and Huntsman's House. Learn about these significant components of the property's early 20th century transformation from a working dairy farm to a county estate, which headquartered the county's most prestigious fox hunt. Light refreshments will be served and an optional dinner offered.

