

Town Tours & Village Walks

Summer 2008

Please join us for Chester County's series of ten FREE summer walking tours of our historic towns, villages, hamlets and countryside.

You are cordially invited to share the research knowledge accumulated by our historical commissions and societies. Ten historic areas which span in time from William Penn's land grant in 1682 to our early 20th century suburban neighborhoods will be on tour.

This summer, we are pleased to announce another varied schedule for every historic interest. We will be featuring unique villages, classic restored homes from the 18th and 19th century, graveyards and churches, an early park and urban neighborhood, a milling demonstration and stores of unique Chester County residents. In addition to tours, a number of our locations feature dining opportunities.

This summer's coordinated series of walking tours is scheduled for Thursday evenings beginning with our kick-off on June 12th and continuing through August 21, 2008. No tour will be scheduled for July 3rd. Light refreshments will be served after each tour. Tours are free of charge and only cancelled for severe weather. Unless otherwise indicated when you call to register, the program will begin at 6:00 pm and the last tour starts no later than 7:30 pm. We know that you will find that our special blend of fact and folklore, stories and scenery appeals to all ages and interests.

For the past thirteen years, Chester County citizens and visitors enthusiastically endorsed the assortment of FREE historic evening walking tours that were offered by various municipal Historical Commissions and local heritage organizations. Last year 2,000 residents and visitors attended our ten programs! In 2005, Preservation Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission awarded the program one of two statewide educational awards. For tour information contact each site. For program information contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, Chester County Parks & Recreation, 610-344-6415; kmarshall@chesco.org.

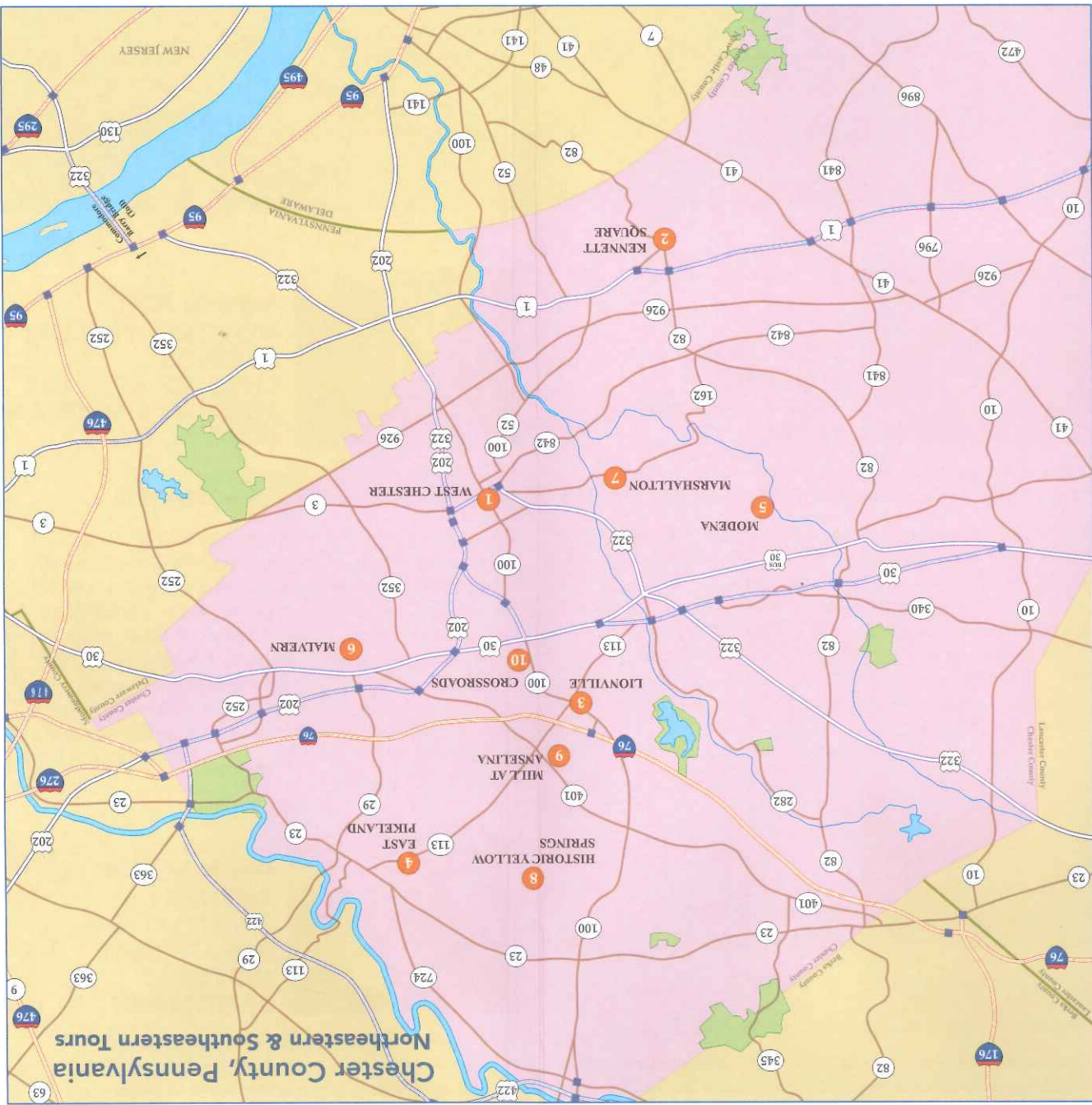
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Mark these dates on your calendar!

JUNE

- June 12 West Chester: A Ramble 'Round Mr. Everhart's Grove
- June 19 Kennett Square Historic District: Kennett Kharacters
- June 26 Lionville Historic District: South Village Avenue

JULY

- July 10 East Pikeland: Hill Churches & Cemeteries on Clover Mill Road
- July 17 Modena: Modena's Mode Family
- July 24 Malvern: Women of Malvern
- July 31 Historic Marshallton Village

AUGUST

- August 7 Historic Yellow Springs: Chester Springs Soldier's Orphan School Days
- August 14 The Mill at Anselma, A National Historic Landmark
- August 21 Lincoln Highway & Pottstown Pike: Crossroads of Chester County

FOR EXACT STARTING TIMES AND LOCATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED WITH EACH WEEKLY TOUR.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW EACH WALK.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES.

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June 12, 2008
WEST CHESTER: A RAMBLE 'ROUND MR. EVERHART'S GROVE

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Sponsor: West Chester Historical and Architectural Review Board
Tour Registration & Information: 610-918-7348

Come! Explore with us the legacy that William Everhart so graciously left to West Chester. Discover the picturesque neighborhood nestled around West Chester's second oldest park. Ramble down memory lane as we revisit late 19th and early 20th Century West Chester. The Tours will start and end at the Rustic Shed in Everhart Park, Union and Brandywine Streets. Pick from eight tours that will wend their way among sites dated from 1830 to 1950.



July 17, 2008
MODENA: MODENA'S MODE FAMILY

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Sponsor: Modena Borough Council
Tour Registration & Information: 610-384-6777/610-470-7162

Come see the historic borough of Modena located on the scenic West Branch of the Brandywine Creek. Named for the Mode family who settled here in the early 18th Century, Modena was once part of East Fallowfield Township. Our tour will focus on the history and personal stories of the Mode family, the area's tradition of milling and paper manufacturing and examples of the borough's Georgian to early 20th century style architecture. Come and learn about this hidden treasure!



August 7, 2008
HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS: CHESTER SPRINGS SOLDIER'S ORPHAN SCHOOL DAYS

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Sponsor: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.
Tour Registration & Information: 610-827-7414

Step back to a time just after the Civil War and learn how the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established schools for orphaned and needy children due to the casualties of war. Meet Eleanor Moore, the first woman principal in Pennsylvania, several of her charges, a teacher, and a Union Army veteran and member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The tour will include the grand opening of Historic Yellow Springs' new Orientation Exhibit. The Victorian Dance Ensemble will be on hand to demonstrate the clothing, manners and dances of the mid-late 19th century.



June 19, 2008
KENNETT SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT: KENNETT KHARACTERS

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Sponsor: Borough of Kennett Square
Tour Registration & Information: 610-444-6020

This year's tour of the borough will focus on Kennett Square's unique characters that played important roles in the borough's history. As we stroll along cool, tree-lined streets, we will pause to admire architecture and gardens and revel in the stories of the people who once called a particular house "home". A poet and diplomat, a Hall of Fame Baseball player, a fugitive slave, a sculptor, and an inventor are but a few of the folks that have made this town such a unique and memorable place.



July 24, 2008
MALVERN: WOMEN OF MALVERN

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Sponsor: Malvern Historical Commission & Malvern Public Library
Tour Registration & Information: 610-644-2602

Come share the distaff side of Malvern Borough's history. Malvern women have cared for their husbands and children, jobs, churches, clubs, school, public library, Fire Company, businesses, and society from the 1830's to the present. Walk through the borough neighborhoods to see the varied architectural styles used for residences, such as the predominant Victorian, Edwardian, and Queen Anne. You can also find Gothic Revival, Sears bungalows, and postwar design. Also sprinkled throughout the Borough are period schools, churches, businesses, administrative buildings, a library, and the first firehouse.



August 14, 2008
THE MILL AT ANSELMA, A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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Sponsor: The Mill at Anselma Preservation and Education Trust
Tour Registration & Information: No reservations are required

Nestled along the Pickering Creek in Chester Springs, the Mill at Anselma is an extraordinary artifact of 250 years of Chester County's industrial heritage. Constructed in c. 1747 by Samuel Lightfoot, the Mill and the village of Anselma demonstrate how 18th century technology was adapted to serve the prosperity of the Industrial Revolution and the challenges of the Great Depression. Today, the Mill at Anselma connects visitors with Chester County's rich industrial and agricultural past through tours, flour milling demonstrations and its stone ground flour. A special milling demonstration will be offered the evening of the tour.



June 26, 2008
LIONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT: SOUTH VILLAGE AVENUE

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Sponsor: Uwchlan Township
Tour Registration & Information: 610-363-9450

Adaptive re-use is the main feature of the early residential and business areas of South Village Avenue. St. Paul's Lutheran Church with its 1813 barn will be utilized for refreshments and displays. The walking tour will feature legends and stories of old-time residents of the area. Find out where the circus used to come to town!



July 31, 2008
HISTORIC MARSHALLTON VILLAGE

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Sponsor: West Bradford Township
Tour Registration & Information: 610-486-0790

Join our tour of this nearly untouched village, named for botanist Humphrey Marshall (born 1722). Marshallton Village was an important stop on the Strasburg Road, a freight road from Lancaster to Philadelphia. Being a free road it was heavily traveled since Lancaster Pike was a toll road. There were 2 hotels in the village and 1 outside dating to 1765. Among the outstanding features of the village is a Quaker Meeting dating to 1722 (present building is 1765), a cradle factory, which made grain cradles and scythes, a blacksmith shop, pump maker, cigar factory, tinsmith shop, clothing store, bakery, and 1829 Methodist Church.



August 21, 2008
LINCOLN HIGHWAY & POTTSTOWN PIKE: CROSSROADS OF CHESTER COUNTY

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Sponsor: West Whiteland Township
Tour Registration & Information: 610-363-9525

Tour three of West Whiteland's most prominent historical structures located on Lincoln Highway at the intersection of Pottstown Pike, the crossroads of Chester County. The resources, include the well-known Zook House (c.1754), the Guernsey Cow Dairy Barn (now the Downingtown National Bank) (c.1930) and Sleepy Hollow Hall (aka the Massey House (1717). Each property illustrates how effective adaptive reuse can both preserve and perpetuate historic structures in the face of significant development. Following the tour, guests will be treated to locally crafted ice cream in honor of the Guernsey Cow's legacy as well as light refreshments.



July 10, 2008
EAST PIKELAND: HILL CHURCHES & CEMETERIES ON CLOVER MILL ROAD

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Sponsor: East Pikeland Township
Tour Registration & Information: 610-933-1770

This scenic hillside has been the site of a church since 1772, 236 years! Tradition says the first church was built on an existing Native American burial ground. The earliest white person's grave is dated 1690. Many early area settlers built and attended church and, as shown by the gravestones, lie buried here. Tours will feature the historic St. Peter's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Pikeland United Church of Christ and the cemeteries associated with them.

