

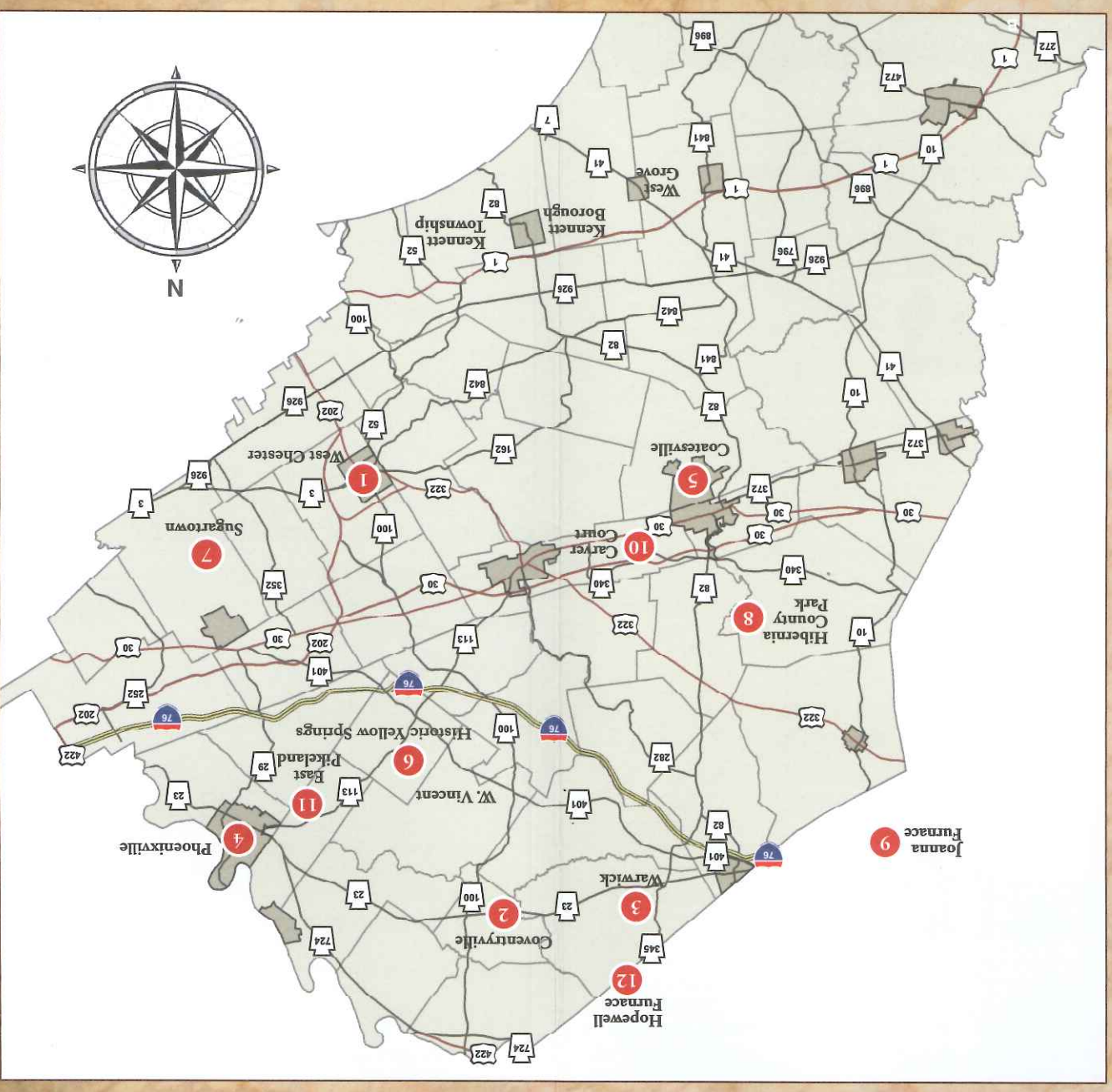
## Celebrating 300 Years of Iron and Steel Heritage in PA

There will be numerous events in 2016 to highlight the Chester, Berks and Montgomery Counties' rich industrial heritage. These will be listed at [www.ironandsteelheritage.org](http://www.ironandsteelheritage.org), along with the Iron and Steel Heritage Partnership's ongoing Iron and Steel Tours and activities throughout Pennsylvania. These are Chester County's celebration events:

- A CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF IRON AND STEEL HERITAGE • 2016 ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF**  
 300 Years of Powering Freedom through Iron & Steel Production  
 Tuesday, March 15; 7:30 PM  
 Schuylkill River Heritage Center  
 The Foundry Building, 2 Main Street, Phoenixville  
 Information: 610-935-2181 • [www.ironandsteelheritage.org](http://www.ironandsteelheritage.org)
- B 300 YEARS OF IRON & STEEL: SUPPLYING FREEDOM BY TROLLEY!**  
 Thursday, July 14; 3:00 - 7:00 PM  
 Historic Yellow Springs  
 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs  
 Information: 610 827-7414 Ext. 10 • [www.yellowsprings.org](http://www.yellowsprings.org)  
**TROLLEY RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** Trolley Tours will depart every 20 minutes from The Washington at Yellow Springs beginning at 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For reservations go to EVENTBRITE at [yellowsprings.org/event/ttwv](http://yellowsprings.org/event/ttwv) and click on For Tickets or call number above.
- C 300 YEARS OF IRON AND STEEL 100 YEARS OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
 Thursday, August 25th; 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
 Saturday, August 27th; 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
 Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site  
 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson  
 Information: 610-592-8773 • [www.nps.gov/hofu](http://www.nps.gov/hofu)
- D 2016 ANNIVERSARY CLOSING CEREMONIES**  
 300 Years of Building Freedom: From Colliers to Steelworkers  
 Saturday, October 1st; 12:00 to 4 PM  
 National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum  
 50 South 1st Avenue, Coatesville  
 Information: 610-384-6282 • [www.steelmuseum.org](http://www.steelmuseum.org)

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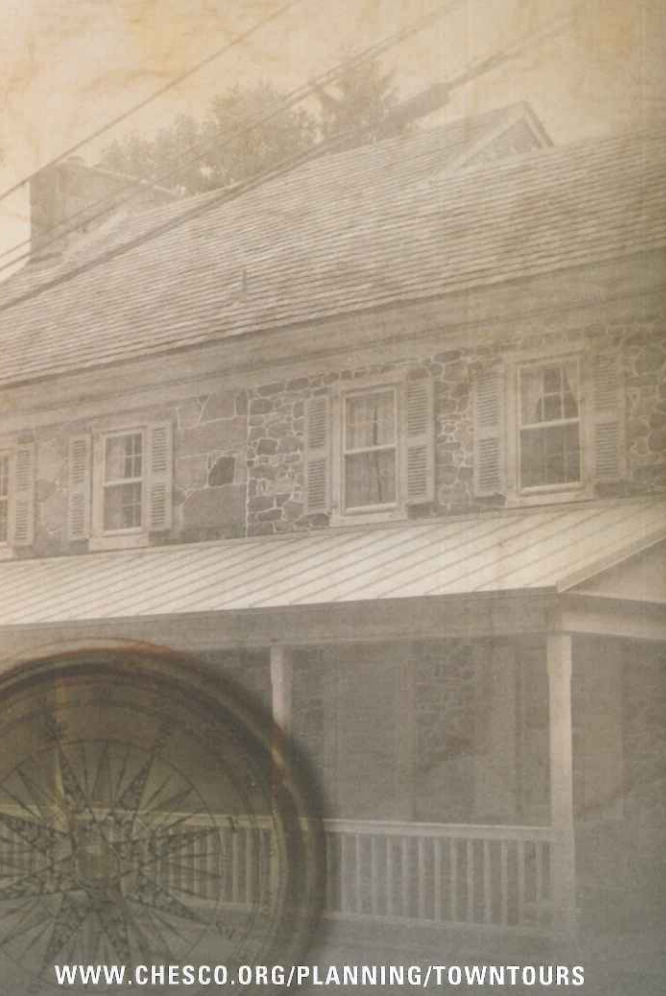
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• FREE TOURS •

Join Us for Chester County  
 Summer Strolls Through History  
 22nd Year



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The Chester County Board of Commissioners through the Chester County Planning Commission, the Chester County Historical Society, Westtown Township, the Chester County Historical Preservation Network, and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau announce the 22<sup>nd</sup> summer of sharing Chester County's heritage during the annual "TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS."

"Town Tours & Village Walks" is a series of free summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. This summer, you can explore Chester County's heritage on Thursday evenings, June 9 – August 25. Tours generally last 50 minutes and begin at 5:30 pm with the last tour leaving at 7:00 pm unless otherwise indicated in this brochure. Each tour is designed to inform, entertain and increase awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape. A number of our sites offer a good selection of restaurants and shops to enjoy after your tour. The first iron forge in Pennsylvania was started in 1716 by Thomas Rutter on the banks of the Mantawny Creek in what was Chester County but today is Douglass Township, Berks County. In 1717, Coventry Forge was established at Coventryville, Chester County; the second forge in PA. Three hundred years later, Chester County still plays an important role in all parts of the metals industry. The industrial historic landscape includes much to explore. It includes pristine streams, woodlands and open fields; historic villages, ironmaster mansions, and ruins; restored industrial sites; and urban areas where the legacy of industry mingles with active businesses. Although we work at different tasks today, we have the need of the same ingenuity and pioneer spirit which built our iron and steel heritage. Help us honor that legacy that began 300 years ago!

\*Note: The June 9th Kick-Off begins at 5:30 pm. Our June 16th tour runs from 6 to 7:30 pm, no reservations required. Our July 14th Trolley Tour will begin at 3 pm and requires reservations. The August 25/27th program will be Thursday and Saturday 2 to 4pm.  
 For more information, refer to: [kmarshall@chesco.org](mailto:kmarshall@chesco.org) or contact Karen Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator, at 610-344-6923 or [www.chesco.org/planning/TownTours](http://www.chesco.org/planning/TownTours), or contact Jim Ziegler, National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum, at 610-383-3812 or [excdir@steelmuseum.org](mailto:excdir@steelmuseum.org)  
 For information on the 300th Anniversary of Iron & Steel Heritage, refer to: [www.ironandsteelheritage.org](http://www.ironandsteelheritage.org) or contact Jim Ziegler, National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum, at 610-383-3812 or [excdir@steelmuseum.org](mailto:excdir@steelmuseum.org)

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# Town Tours & Village Walks

Summer 2016

## 1 JUNE 9 TOWN TOUR KICK-OFF AND TOURS A LEGACY TO REMEMBER: IRON AND METHODISM



**SPONSORS:** West Chester HARB, Chester County Historical Society, & the WC United Methodist Church

Enjoy the festivities as we kick off the 22nd Annual Town Tours and Village Walks at the WC United Methodist Church starting at 5:30 pm. After the

program, you and your tour guide will explore the Southeast quadrant of West Chester Borough. This sector of the Borough includes an impressive part of the downtown, distinguished churches and other historic buildings, and handsome residential streets. Each individual group tour is a specially designed and written tour with its own focus and itinerary. The decorative use of iron will be featured as well as other links to the iron industry.

**PARKING AND INFORMATION:** Registration for the tours and entertainment by the Lukens Band begins at 5:30 pm. The Kick-Off is at 6 pm at the WC United Methodist Church, 129 South High Street, West Chester. They are celebrating 200 years of service! Parking is available at the Bicentennial Garage at 20 S. High St. and at metered locations on High St.

## 2 JUNE 16 WHERE IT BEGAN: COVENTRYVILLE & COVENTRY FORGE



**SPONSORS:** South Coventry Township Historical Review Board & Commission & Warwick County Park

Coventryville was founded in 1717 by Samuel Nutt along the banks of French Creek. With the swiftly flowing creek and available supply of hardwood

forests, Coventryville was the site of Coventry Forge, the first iron forge in Chester County. As the industry grew, the village flourished in the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, Coventryville remains a lovely residential neighborhood with many historic stories to tell. Be sure to find out why Benjamin Franklin frequented the village and where one of the first Franklin stoves was installed!

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Program begins at 6 pm, last bus leaves the village at 7:30 pm. Parking at Warwick County Park, 382 County Park Road, Pottstown. Meet Lady Rebecca Grace and collier David Stephens who will introduce you to 18th and 19th century Chester County and guide you to your bus, taking you to the 1/2 mile walk through the village.

## 3 JUNE 23 WARWICK VILLAGE: A STEP BACK IN TIME



**SPONSOR:** Warwick Township & Historical Commission

Warwick, once known as St. Mary's, has been a village in northern Chester County since 1717, when settlers arrived to work the local iron ore mines. Eighteenth and nineteenth century houses line both sides of the

narrow road that ambles through the village. Typical of the times, many of the houses served as more than residences; they became general stores, a seed shop, blacksmith shop, a parsonage, a tavern, a funeral parlor and a school. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in the center of the village, was founded by Levi Bull in 1805. It is believed to be the first church built in PA after the American Revolution.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours begin at 5:30 pm, last tour leaves at 7 pm. Parking will be along Warwick and Morningside roads. Use 161 Warwick Road, Elverson for GPS.

## 4 JUNE 30 PHOENIX IRON TOUR: FROM NAILS, TO RAILS AND CANNONS TO COLUMNS



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

In 1790, Benjamin Longstreth established the French Creek Nail Works, which was the first nail factory in the United States. By 1824, it was

the largest nail works in the country. The village later became the Borough of Phoenixville in 1849. Over its 200 years until it closed in 1987, the company told the story of America's industrial growth based on iron and steel production. Phoenix Iron Works grew from a small nail factory into Phoenix Iron Co., Phoenix Iron and Steel Co., and eventually Phoenix Steel. Join our stroll around the area where the company was once located. Cross the Gay Street Bridge and enjoy the view of the former iron and steel property and learn about its importance to our county's iron and steel heritage. Enjoy refreshments in the Schuylkill River Heritage Center Sculpture Garden.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours begin at 5:30 pm, last tour leaves at 7 pm. Registration at Schuylkill River Heritage Center at the Foundry, 2 North Main Street, Phoenixville.

## 5 JULY 7 CENTURIES OF IRON & STEEL CONTINUES IN THIS STEEL TOWN



**SPONSOR:** National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum

Celebrate the life and times of Rebecca Lukens, America's first female industrialist, and her descendants. Although by far not the only woman who managed iron furnaces in the 19th century, Rebecca was the only

documented woman to manage multiple businesses. The list of National Historic Landmark properties along South First Avenue include her home, Brandywine Mansion, Terracina, and the steel industry that evolved from the original iron business. The proximity of these homes and offices to the mill reflects the Lukens and Huston families' long-standing commitment to living and working close to the factory and the community. Learn about the owners of the mills and the men and women who worked in them.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours begin at 5:30 pm, last tour leaves at 7 pm. National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum, 50 South 1st Avenue, Coatesville.

## 6 JULY 14 300 YEARS OF IRON & STEEL: SUPPLYING FREEDOM BY TROLLEY!



**SPONSOR:** Historic Yellow Springs

Hop on our trolley and celebrate 300 years of iron and steel in Chester County touring sites that supplied products to aid the fight for freedom in the founding of our country. The Yellow Springs Revolutionary War Hospital supplied medicine and care

for the Continental Army; the Woolen Mill at Charlestown Village produced cloth to dress soldiers and civilians; the Continental Powder Works in Kimberton produced gunpowder; the Anselma Mill in Chester Springs produced flour to feed the growing population and the army. Visit these sites as well as learn about the churches, cemeteries, barns, mills, schools, covered bridges and iron mine sites along our scenic Chester County byways.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** 1685 Art School Road, Chester Springs.

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## 7 JULY 21 HISTORIC SUGARTOWN: 19TH CENTURY CHESTER COUNTY



**SPONSOR:** Historic Sugartown, Inc.

Originally known as "Shugart's Town" after tavern proprietor Eli Shugart, Sugartown became a vital stop for weary travelers as they hauled wagonloads of freight and raw materials to market during the 1800s. Today, Historic Sugartown's visitors

discover 19th-century village life through the c. 1880 General Store, the c. 1805 William Garrett House, the Carriage Museum, and Book Bindery. Enjoy a tour of the village as well as paper marbling demonstrations by Master Bookbinder Ramon Townsend.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours will begin at 5:30 pm, last tour will leave at 7 pm. Historic Sugartown, 260 Spring Road, Malvern.

## 8 JULY 28 HIBERNIA MANSION AND IRON MASTER PLANTATION



**SPONSOR:** Chester County Facilities and Parks & Friends of Hibernia Mansion

In the summer of 1861, Henry Clay Brooke, son to Ironmaster Charles Brooke, enlisted to fight in the Civil War. His father, Charles Brooke, had managed a successful iron plantation

at Hibernia since 1821 but was now in poor health. Within twenty years, falling victim to the Depression of 1873 among other factors, the once thriving Hibernia Iron Works was silent and virtually abandoned. Purchased in 1894 by wealthy Philadelphian Franklin Swayne, the property was redesigned to emulate an English country house and once again prospered. Join us as we explore the legacies of the mansion builders Charles Brooks and "Colonel" Franklin Swayne and the evolution of the 19th century iron plantation to a country home and now county park. Both the fully furnished mansion and ruins of the ironworks will be toured.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours will begin at 5:30 pm, last tour leaves at 7 pm. Hibernia County Park, 1 Park Road, Coatesville.

9 AUGUST 4

## JOANNA FURNACE: AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRIUMPH



**SPONSOR:** Hay Creek Valley Association

Meet the living history interpreters of this remarkably restored iron village. Nestled in an area rich with iron ore, abundant woodland for charcoal, limestone, and waterways to provide power, lies Joanna Furnace – a

historic remnant of Berks County's thriving early iron industry. Unlike today's corporations with their large buildings and complex hierarchies, the 19th century iron industry at Joanna Furnace was the product of rugged individualism. From the semi-wilderness of Robeson Township in 1791, Joanna Furnace was started by Samuel Potts, Thomas Rutter III, Thomas May and Thomas Bull. The furnace was named in honor of Pott's wife, Joanna Holland Potts, and was a cold blast, single stack, charcoal iron furnace most of her life. The furnace blew out in 1898, and for the next eighty years was hidden by vines and forgotten. Come see the rebirth of Historic Joanna Furnace.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours will be from 5:30 to 7 pm. Historic Joanna Furnace, Located 3 miles north of Morgantown on Route 10. Turn at Furnace Road. (1250 Furnace Road, Geigertown)

## 10 AUGUST 11 CARVER COURT: A LIVING LEGACY



**SPONSOR:** Caln Historical Commission, Caln Historical Society, & Friends of Carver Court

Three giants of modern architecture in Philadelphia, George Howe, Louis I. Kahn, and Oskar Stonorov collaborated on this Federal housing project built for African American defense workers

and their families just outside of Coatesville during World War II. The former Hatfield family farm was converted into a landscaped cul-de-sac encircling a common green space, lined with 100 units of one and two story international style homes. Join residents, past and present, to learn about this special community's story of challenge and triumph; where state of the art design, steel production, and race relations all tell a uniquely American story.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours will begin at 5:30 pm, last tour leaves at 7 pm. Use 80 Foundry Street, Coatesville for GPS.

## 11 AUGUST 18 MID-CENTURY MODERN IN MIDDLE PICKERING



**SPONSORS:** East Pikeland Historical Commission, & Pikeland Historical Society

The Middle Pickering National Register Historic District along Pickering Creek is home to buildings and people who define the transformation of early industry in

Chester County to the towering urban achievements of mid 20th century Philadelphia. The village of Merlin was an important crossroads for industry and agriculture in the 18th and 19th centuries. Oscar Stonorov architect, and Ed Bacon, planner, made their homes in this area 50 years later, bringing progressive modernism with them. The tour begins in the Stonorov residence with the history of the family in architecture and education then follows the creek back in time to end at the Merlin crossroads.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Tours will begin at 5:30 pm, last tour will leave at 7 pm. Parking at 1880 Pickering Road at the intersection of Pickering and Lincoln Roads, East Pikeland.

## 12 AUGUST 25 & 27 300 YEARS OF IRON AND STEEL 100 YEARS OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**SPONSOR:** Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

In 1716, Rutter's Bloomery, later named Pine Forge, was the first iron forge in Pennsylvania. Hopewell Furnace was established in 1770. Come celebrate 300 years of iron heritage at our National Park

dedicated to the history of iron production in the mid-Atlantic, and help us commemorate the 100th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the National Park Service.

**PARKING & INFORMATION:** Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, 2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson.

**Thursday, August 25: Program from 2 – 4 pm**  
Pine Forge Academy Choir will present a special program composed in honor of 300 Years of Iron Heritage. There will be tours of Hopewell Village, furnace tours, demonstrations and birthday cake!

**Saturday, August 27: Program from 2 – 4 pm**  
Meet Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and enjoy the Ringgold Band. There will be more tours of Hopewell Village, furnace tours, demonstrations, and birthday cake!

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS  
ARE SERVED AT ALL LOCATIONS!**

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