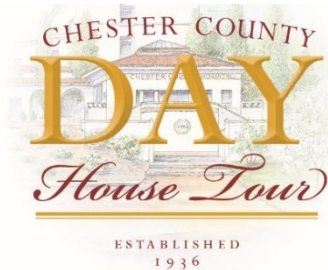


History, Architecture & Great Design

79th Annual Chester County Day Saturday, October 5, 2019



West Chester, PA –The **2019 Chester County Day** (Saturday, **October 5, 2019** from 10 am-5 pm) the longest running historic home tour in the country, has so much to offer in the way of history, architecture and interior design.

A project of the 126-year-old Women’s Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital, “The Day,” as it is affectionately called, has raised more than \$5 million for the hospital. The 2018 tour alone earned \$135,000. Proceeds from this year’s tour will benefit the Women’s Auxiliary’s “Heart to Heart” pledge which will provide funding for the expansion of the arrhythmia treatment program at Chester County Hospital.

This year the **Day**, sponsored by among others Otto’s BMW, The Quaker City Foundation and the medical staff at Chester County Hospital, includes a tour of homes and public structures/historic sites in the southeast quadrant, including Westtown, Glen Mills, Willistown, Malvern and Berwyn.

Every Chester County Day begins with a fox hunt. The 2019 event will be held at Radnor Hunt in Malvern, complete with hounds, horses and horns, and will set off promptly at 9 am. Guests can begin their tour of this year’s selected properties at 10 am.

The 2019 **Day** celebrates the traditional, distinctive architecture of Chester County with a strong emphasis on history. There is a beautifully restored 1723 home in Glen Mills, built by the Hoopes family who first settled in this area in 1697. The family lived in the original, much-smaller structure with their 17 children. Yes, 17! Since then, the house has been renovated inside while keeping its history and distinctive architectural features intact. Also in Glen Mills, the **Day** will feature the 4,600 square foot stone Squire Cheyney house, which has Revolutionary War history ties. Completely restored in 2014, the house and barn maintain their traditional stone exteriors with all the modern amenities for today’s lifestyle inside.

From the same era as the Squire Cheyney home is a house in Westtown on a property once owned by the Chester County Shippen family, who were Loyalists during the American Revolution. Their niece married traitor Benedict Arnold. This house not only has a Revolutionary War connection, but also a strong connection to the Civil War with a great local love story from that era. Another Georgian-style Westtown home you won’t want to miss is rumored to have been part of the Underground Railroad, with a tunnel from a nearby creek to the house.

Collections and history grace a Cape Cod-style home in Berwyn on 12 acres. Art, pottery and antique maps add to the light, airy additions made over the years to this beautiful house not far from the fox hunt.

Day VIP ticketholders will have an exclusive tour of an 1830 Georgian manor house on seven acres, with many special features, including a pool house, machine shop, barn, tennis courts and magnificent clock tower. This house was recently restored and is only open to VIP ticketholders.

Before you start your tour, pre-order a boxed lunch from Arianna's Gourmet Café. Your order will be available for pick up at one of two lunch stops on the tour route or can be picked up at the fox hunt until 11 am. Details for ordering lunch are in the Chester County Day newspaper or at www.ChesterCountyDay.com

The **Day** offers two ticket options, a regular priced \$50 ticket or a \$100 VIP ticket, one of the best bargains around. The VIP package includes an invitation to the preview party in September, as well as a gourmet boxed lunch provided by Montesano Bros Italian Market & Catering at an exclusive house tour open only to VIP ticket holders.

With a GPS and a Chester County Day map (that you will receive when you purchase your ticket) the beautiful architecture and bucolic roads of the county are yours to explore.

Event Details

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10 am to 5 pm

Where: Southeast Quadrant of Chester County

Tickets: On sale from July 1, 2019 online; September 4 by mail or at specific satellite locations listed on our website: www.ChesterCountyDay.com

- **\$50 General Tour Ticket**
- **\$100 VIP ticket**, which includes a **VIP Reception and Preview Cocktail party** at Oakbourne Mansion, Westtown, Sunday, September 22; a private tour of a special VIP house and a gourmet boxed lunch at that house from Montesano Bros Italian Market & Catering. (Go to www.ChesterCountyDay.com for details.)

Contact: 610-431-5054

More Information: Want to know more about the tour? Attend one of the free public preview lectures throughout the county. For a list of dates and locations visit: www.ChesterCountyDay.com

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About Chester County Hospital

Founded in 1892 as the county's first hospital, the non-profit has grown into a 248-bed acute-care inpatient facility in West Chester. It also has outpatient services in Exton, West Goshen, New Garden, West Grove, Jennersville, and Kennett Square. In 2013, Chester County Hospital became part of Penn Medicine, which is one of the world's leading academic medical centers, dedicated to medical education, biomedical research, and excellent patient care. In addition to quality-driven medical and surgical services, Chester County Hospital also offers home health, inpatient hospice and skilled nursing care; occupational medicine; outpatient laboratory, radiology and physical therapy services; wound care; cardiopulmonary rehab; and a prenatal clinic for the underserved. Learn more at ChesterCountyHospital.org. In 2020, Chester County Hospital will complete the largest expansion in its history. The project will welcome a state-of-the-art procedural platform with 15 operating room suites, a 99-bed patient tower, a new main entrance and an expanded and renovated Emergency Department.