

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT WINTERTHUR

Free Admission and Patriotic Maps Exhibition Make Winterthur Perfect Place to Celebrate 4th of July

Winterthur, DE—In celebration of America's 237th birthday, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is providing free admission to all visitors for a special Free on the Fourth event.

Founded by Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969), this great American estate invites visitors to spend the Fourth of July celebrating their heritage in grand American style. Free admission includes the garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, Enchanted Woods children's garden, children's crafts in the Galleries Reception Area, the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, an introductory tour of the house (as space permits), and a garden tram tour through Winterthur's spectacular 60-acre garden (weather permitting).

Winterthur's current major exhibition, *Common Destinations: Maps in the American Experience*, takes visitors on a patriotic journey through the centuries to discover how maps shaped the identity of an emerging nation. Once a rarity owned by an elite few, maps became the social glue that bound disparate settlements into a country. *Common Destinations* features more than 100 fascinating items from the 1750s to the 1870s, some of which have never been exhibited to the public.

Almost 60 years ago, collector and horticulturist H. F. du Pont opened his childhood home, Winterthur, to the public. Today, Winterthur is the preeminent museum of American decorative arts, with an unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 objects made or used in America between about 1640 and 1860. The collection is displayed in the majestic 175-room house, as well as in permanent and changing exhibition galleries.

Winterthur is set amid a 1,000-acre preserve of rolling meadows and woodlands. Its naturalistic garden is among America's finest, with magnificent specimen plantings and massed displays of color. Graduate programs and a preeminent research library make Winterthur an important center for the study of American art and culture.

This July 4, discover Winterthur, a true American treasure. Visit winterthur.org or call **800.448.3883** for more information.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic garden, 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. \$18 adults; \$16 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11. Tickets are valid for two consecutive days.

Museum hours

10 am–5 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 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.