

WINTERTHUR WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON AT 5:00 PM ON JANUARY 6, 2013

*The Museum, Garden & Library Will Reopen to the Public at 10:00 am
on March 1, 2013*

Winterthur, DE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library will close for the winter season at 5:00 pm on January 6, 2013, and reopen to the public at 10:00 am on March 1, 2013.

During this time, Winterthur will undertake renovations and upgrades in some public areas to make visitor spaces more comfortable. Improvement projects include the refurbishment of the Museum Tour Reception Area, the addition of four handicapped/van-accessible parking spaces, and the installation of various fire and security system upgrades, among others.

Winterthur also will use the time to make preparations for the upcoming major exhibition, *Common Destinations: Maps in the American Experience*, which will be open from April 20, 2013, to January 5, 2014. *Common Destinations* will examine the varied ways that Americans from all economic and geographic backgrounds interacted with maps from the 1750s through the 1870s. This exhibition will feature over 100 selections from Winterthur's fascinating collection of traditional maps on paper as well as map-related objects such as geographic playing cards, ceramics, children's samplers, and more.

Winterthur Members will have access to the grounds and garden during the hiatus on a dawn-to-dusk, Tuesday–Sunday schedule, weather permitting. The Winterthur Library will continue to provide service to scholars and researchers. For additional information on the Library, please contact the following Winterthur staff: Emily Guthrie (printed books), 302.888.4630; Jeanne Solensky (Downs Collection), 302.888.4853; and, Heather Clewell (archives), 302.888.4634.

The Visitor Center Garden Café and Cottage Café also will be closed during this time, along with the Museum Store and Bookstore. The stores, however, will offer personal shopping appointments and special Member Shopping Days. Arrangements for personal shopping appointments can be scheduled by calling 302.888.4793. For additional information on Member benefits, please call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907.

Visit winterthur.org 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.