

WINTERTHUR INVITES GUESTS YOUNG AND OLD TO TRUCK AND TRACTOR DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Family Event Celebrates the History and Future of Agriculture and Horticulture at Winterthur

Winterthur, DE—Winterthur invites wheel lovers of all ages to Truck and Tractor Day, Saturday, October 5, 2013, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This popular family event celebrates autumn and the history of farming at Winterthur and promises plenty of hands-on fun and discovery for everyone.

Families will have the opportunity to investigate more than 30 vehicles that help keep Winterthur's 1,000 acres looking so glorious year-round. Junior firefighters are invited to climb on and explore Winterthur Fire Department vehicles, play "dress up" with firefighter gear, put out a "fire" with the pumper truck, and take home helmets and badges.

Children ages 4 to 12 can safely climb a tree just like a professional arborist. Jim Savage, Instructor of Arboriculture at Penn State University, will share his knowledge of trees and oversee the climbing. All climbers will wear safety harnesses and will be supervised for their ascent.

The beautiful autumn weather and changing leaves will be showcased on special hayrides. Guests of all ages can milk Winterthur's mechanical cow, then get creative with farm- and tractor-related crafts in the bright and spacious Brown Horticulture Learning Center. Barbecue and ice cream are available for purchase, and visitors can pick up a unique Winterthur item at the Museum Store's outpost at Truck and Tractor Day.

Guests are also invited to bring their cameras to capture submissions for the Truck and Tractor Day Photo Contest. The winner will receive a family membership (or renewal) to Winterthur. All submissions will also be considered for use in future Winterthur marketing and advertisements. Visit winterthur.org/contest for rules and regulations.

Truck and Tractor day is a reminder of Winterthur's rich agricultural history. Henry Francis du Pont began taking courses at the Bussey Institution, Harvard's college of practical agriculture and horticulture in 1901 and assumed responsibility for managing his father's estate in 1914. He was responsible for developing Winterthur's farmland and raising a prizewinning herd of Holstein-Friesian cows. By 1925 Winterthur had its own turkey, chicken, sheep, pig, and dairy farms as well as vegetable and flower gardens, and greenhouses.

The Brown Horticulture Learning Center opened in 2012 and is an important facet in the future of agriculture and horticulture at Winterthur. It is dedicated to Alice Cary Brown and W. L. Lyons Brown (Lee) in honor of their \$1 million gift in support of educational garden programming for children and adults. Winterthur offers workshops, demonstrations, and other programs for gardeners of all skill levels in this adaptively renovated original estate greenhouse.

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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.



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Truck and Tractor Day is free to Winterthur Members and included with admission.

Proceeds from Truck and Tractor Day support the Winterthur Fire Department.

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For more information about Truck and Tractor Day, call 800.448.3883 or visit **winterthur.org**.

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