

# HISTORIC AUTOMOBILES ROLL IN TO WINTERTHUR IN MAY

## *Magnificent Display Will Highlight Historic Automobiles Used on Country Estates*

**WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE**—Join Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library on the last four Saturdays in May for *Historic Automobiles and the Country House*, as we continue the tradition of celebrating spring with magnificent displays of historic automobiles.

The 36th Annual Point-to-Point on Sunday, May 4, will feature a stunning array of historic Rolls-Royce automobiles from the *Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owners' Club*. The display will further enhance the festive day of thrilling horse racing, elegant tailgating, and family activities. Point-to-Point has become the signature spring sporting event in the Brandywine Valley.

This year, in conjunction with the *Costumes of Downton Abbey* exhibition, the automobile displays will focus on types of vehicles that were used for service and leisure during the country estate era. Each Saturday will feature a different thematic display, each highlighting a distinct aspect of life on a country estate.

Among the automobiles displayed will be a 1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II, a 1948 Jaguar, and Winterthur's own 1927 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Ascot Tourer.

In addition to the displays Gregory J. Landrey, Director of the Library, Collections Management and Academic Programs at Winterthur, will offer two lectures, which will provide further insight on the history and production of these historic vehicles. The first will focus on historic marques such as Rolls-Royce, Daimler, and Marmon. The second lecture will explore pre-war, wood-bodied vehicles and the firms that made them. Both lectures will be held at 1:00 pm in the Winterthur Rotunda.

### Calendar

Sunday, May 4

36th Annual Point-to-Point featuring historic Rolls-Royce display

Saturday, May 10

Display: "English Marques, 1912 to 1948," 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Saturday, May 17

Display: "Motor cars of the Downton Abbey Era, 1912–1930," 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Lecture: "Grand Motor Cars and Great Country Houses, 1905—1941," 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 24

Display: "Upper Garage/Lower Garage: Grand Personal Automobiles and Service Vehicles of the Country House, 1912–48," 10:00 am—4:00 pm

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The displays will feature automobiles used on country estates. Image courtesy of Winterthur.

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic gardens, 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. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

### Museum hours

10:00 am- 5:00 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 on Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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Saturday, May 31

Display: "Wood-bodied Vehicles, 1912—48," 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Lecture: "An Overview of Wood-bodied Station Wagons and Shooting Breaks," 1:00 pm

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