

BELOVED HORSE-DRAWN, ANTIQUE CARRIAGE PARADE WILL RETURN TO WINTERTHUR'S POINT-TO-POINT MAY 8

Elegant Tradition Begun by the Late George A. "Frolic" Weymouth Continues

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—In a fitting tribute to the indomitable spirit of the late George A. "Frolic" Weymouth, scores of elegant horse-drawn, antique carriages carrying dapper gentlemen and stylish ladies will roll across Winterthur's 38th Annual Point-to-Point grounds on Sunday May 8, marking the first time in 38 years that the procession's founder will not be in the lead. He passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016.

"As we prepare for what will be a wonderful event on May 8, a change has taken place. Frolic Weymouth will not be in the front of the carriage parade. On Sunday morning, many of us lost a good personal friend and others lost a great friend of the community. Frolic Weymouth brought the coaches to Point-to-Point and is also responsible for conserving the land around it," said Geoff Rogers, Chairman, Point-to-Point Executive Committee and Trustee of Winterthur.

Frolic was a founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brandywine Conservancy and one of only two Americans to be a member of The Coaching Club (England). He was president of the Four-in-Hand Club, founder of the Vicmead Coaching Club, and past Chairman of the Board of the Brandywine Polo Club.

"Frolic was a mainstay and the core of this event. For 38 years, guests have looked forward to seeing Frolic and his parade of antique carriages. He will be missed tremendously," said Jill Abbott, Point-to-Point Race Director. "While we cannot imagine not seeing him atop the lead 1904 Brewster & Co. Park Drag, we are planning to honor him with a special video tribute on Race Day. We will celebrate him on May 8 with so many of his family and friends."

The parade will include 30 carriages. Although Frolic won't be atop his Brewster, his coach will lead the parade in his honor, driven by his Whip Robert Longstaff along with his wife, Stephanie Morehard Longstaff.

Point-to-Point draws over 16,000 people to the 1000-acre former country estate of Henry Francis du Pont. Widely considered the Brandywine Valley's most stylish spring sporting event, Point-to-Point features a day of professional thoroughbred steeplechase racing, exciting entertainment, elegant tailgating, and food and beverage offerings in addition to the magnificent horse-drawn carriages. In 2013, *Top Events USA*, which identifies the most popular events around the country, named Point-to-Point one of the best events in the nation.

Point-to-Point is the second largest professional sporting event in Delaware and is sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association. Prize purses for the three hurdle races are \$15,000, \$25,000, and \$15,000.

To co-celebrate Mother's Day this year, Point-to-Point will offer the Mother's Day Family Brunch Tent. In addition, antique Rolls Royces and Bentleys will be on view along with a host of activities to engage and entertain kids all day in the **Winterthur Hunt**.

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The late George A. "Frolic" Weymouth leads the parade of antique carriages to Winterthur's Point-to-Point. Photo Courtesy of Winterthur, by Bob Hickok.

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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.

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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All **Winterthur Hunt** activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted:

- **Operation Warm:** Children and adults can stop by our tent to write down or illustrate what/who inspires you. Let us take your picture with your post and be entered in our \$50 giveaway!
- **Tremendous Tree Care:** Tremendous Tree Cookie Coasters.
- **Reins of Life:** Hold your horseshoes! Gallop over to decorate your own “retired “ horseshoe or color a horse to match it at the coloring corral.
- **Success Won’t Wait and Back to Basics Learning Dynamics, Inc.:** Hunt for a good story to take home to read in your own stable.
- **WJBR 99.5FM:** Stop by their booth to pose with JBear and equestrian-related props and make Mother’s Day cards!
- **SugarHill Photo Booth:** Take a photo for mom!
- **News Journal:** Stop by for commemorative hand fans and horse-shaped bottle openers, and get your picture taken with the tablet-based photo booth.
- **That’s Hats Accessories Boutique:** Hat Happiness! For fun in the sun, decorate and take home a colorful hat or visor.
- **Delaware Guidance Services:** Visit Delaware Guidance Services’ table for a creative art activity that’s sure to boost your child’s understanding and awareness of emotions in themselves and others.
- **Pony Rides \$5:** Sponsored by Weymouth, Swayze & Corroon Insurance, Inc.
- **Canine Capers:** Sponsored by Deer Valley Danes – Look for the “Big Doghouse” and participate in fun activities provided by: Deer Valley Danes ◊ PetValu ◊ Zoom Room ◊ Veterinary Specialty of Delaware ◊ Lou Lou’s Whimsicals ◊ Delaware Valley Medical Association ◊ Brandywine Valley SPCA ◊ Renee’s Rescues ◊ PAWS for People.
- **Stick Horse Races:** All eyes are on our youngest jockeys as they ride their horse to the finish. Grab your trusty steed and trot down to the Stick Horse track. JBear ◊ Miss Delaware ◊ Brooke Mitchell ◊ Miss First State Amanda Debus ◊ Miss Wilmington Katelyn Mayers ◊ Miss Christiana’s Outstanding Teen Cassidy Sullivan ◊ Miss Hockessin Rachel Buckler ◊ Miss Southern Delaware Jynequa Drummond ◊ Miss Milford Rebecca Gasperetti will start the races.
 - o Three heats:
 - 1:30 pm: ages 4 and under
 - 2:15 pm: ages 5–7
 - 2:45 pm: ages 8–10

Information on Purchasing Wristbands and Tailgate Spots

To purchase tailgate parking spots, tailgate wristbands, and tailgate tents:

- Call 302.888.4994 (credit card sales only)
 - Visit the Point-to-Point House
- See the Point-to-Point map for locations.*

To purchase general admission wristbands:

- Phone, call 800.448.3883 or 302.888.4994; or fax 302.888.4650
- At Winterthur

Cost:

- \$30 adult general admission (March 1 - April 29). No wristbands will be mailed after April 29. Purchasers will be required to pick up wristbands after April 29 at the Point-to-Point office, 4901 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.
- \$50 adult general admission (April 30 - May 7) (Pickup only)
- \$15 young adults, ages 12 - 20
- Children under 12 free, but must have wristband for admittance (not available on race day)
- Winterthur Member discounts available

General Admission Satellite Sales Outlets

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Newport, DE 19702
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Wilmington Country Store
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302.656.4409

Please visit Winterthur.org/ptp for more details on our satellite ticket partner locations.

Premium Parking locations are available to shorten your walk to the races and gain early entrance for \$15 - \$25 per car.

Advance sales only. All parking and admissions must be purchased by **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. No reservations will be processed without payment. Races run rain or shine. No refunds.

Winterthur thanks sponsors of the 38th Annual Point-to-Point: Cadillac, Capital One, Dogfish Head Craft Brewed Ales, Weymouth Swayze & Corroon, and SC&A Construction.

This event benefits the continued maintenance and preservation of the Winterthur Garden and estate.

General Admission gates open at 11:30 am and close at 4:00 pm at Winterthur, Rt. 52/Kennett Pike, in Wilmington, Delaware. For more information on Point-to-Point, please visit Winterthur.org/ptp or contact us at PTP@winterthur.org.

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