

**WINTERTHUR**



## Winterthur Press Release

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### **Winterthur Point-to-Point Races Run on Sunday, May 3**

Plan now to enjoy professional steeplechase racing, an antique carriage parade, Rolls Royce display and more. Tailgate spots and wristband sales start March 1.

Winterthur, DE, February 28, 2020—The Brandywine Valley’s signature springtime event returns in all its glory May 3, with all the steeplechase racing action and pageantry that have made Point-to-Point at Winterthur a much-beloved tradition. Pack a picnic lunch, dress your best, and don your finest hats for a day of fun. Tailgate spaces and admission wristbands are on sale March 1 through May 2. For general admission sales, visit [winterthur.org/ptp](http://winterthur.org/ptp). For tailgate sales, visit [winterthurptp.org](http://winterthurptp.org).

Enjoy the spectacle of professional steeplechase races over a 3.2-mile course with eight fences jumped by each horse and rider 17 thrilling times for a total \$72,000 in purses. Marvel at one of the largest processions of antique horse-drawn carriages in the country during the George A. “Frolic” Weymouth Carriage Parade. Admire an impressive display of historic Rolls Royce and Bentley automobiles. Shop the Marketplace for fabulous fashions, as well as canine and equine finds. Visit the Winterthur Hunt area, where kids can enjoy stick horse races, pony rides, pup-friendly activities, and much more.

“We invite everyone to join us for a tradition which spans decades and generations. It’s a Delaware Derby-like event where many generations can enjoy a festival-filled day of watching professional athletes race for their livelihoods. Winterthur welcomes all ages to our peerless property to explore and enjoy a day at the races, so close to home” said Jill S. Abbott, Winterthur’s Race Director.

### **Dress Your Best**

Wear your best hat to match your finest ensemble. “Fashion experts” will comb the crowd to find the best dressed from head to toe. The winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate for Christine A. Moore Millinery, New York, and a \$500 shopping spree from the Wilmington Country Store. The winner will be announced from the Winner’s Circle by Delaware Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long.

### **Bet the House**

Buy a \$5 raffle ticket for the chance to win a \$500 purse. One winner will be drawn after each of the four races.

### **Let Us Entertain You**

Reserve a table for ten or purchase unreserved admission to watch the races from the finish line at the **Winterthur Hunt Brunch Tent**. Admission includes a sophisticated buffet, full beverage service, VIP parking, and other amenities. Availability is limited. For reservations, please call 302.888.4994.

Entertain up to 150 guests in your own **Private Hospitality Tent** that includes tables, chairs, linens, landscaping, and flowers. Your guests will receive hospitality tent admission wristbands, VIP parking spaces, racing forms, and amenities. Call 302.888.4994 for pricing.

### **Plan Your Day**

Choose and purchase your perfect tailgate parking space, tailgate tent, and tailgate guest wristbands at **winterthurptp.org**.

### **General Admission**

Purchase general admission wristbands on-site at Winterthur or online at **winterthur.org/ptp** until April 24, by phone at 800.448.3883, or at satellite sales outlets (list of locations available at **winterthur.org/ptp**). Prices are \$40 for adults, \$25 for guests under 21, and free for children under 12 (wristband required). Pre-order your tailgate picnic lunch at **winterthur.org/ptp**, or call 302.888.4855. Admission is discounted for Winterthur Members (advance sales only).

### **Tailgating**

Tailgate parking spaces start at \$250 and include four adult tailgate wristbands. Additional tailgate wristbands are available for purchase. Prices are \$50 for adults, \$30 for spectators under

21, and free for children under 12 (wristband required). See our map of available tailgate spots, explore tent options, and to purchase tickets at [winterthurptp.org](http://winterthurptp.org).

## **Parking**

Parking is free for wristband holders. Shorten your walk by purchasing premium parking (limited quantities). Premium parking costs \$15–\$25. Purchase at [winterthur.org/ptp](http://winterthur.org/ptp).

No wristbands or tailgate credentials will be mailed after April 24. All parking and admission must be purchased by Saturday, May 2, 2020. There is no will call. No reservations will be processed without payment. [Winterthurptp.org](http://Winterthurptp.org)

## **Schedule Highlights**

### **10:30 am**

- **Race Raffle** Place a \$5 wager on a winning horse for a chance to win \$500. Sponsored by Draper & Kramer and House of Real Estate.
- **Marketplace**, Shop for hats, clothing, jewelry, accessories and more.
- **Winterthur Hunt, Canine Capers** Enjoy special activities for kids of all ages and their canine friends, from crafts and contests to fun treats for pets.
- **Antique Automotive Display** Enjoy Rolls-Royces and Bentleys from the Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owners' Club.
- **Best Dressed from Head to Toe Contest** Wear your finest chapeau to match your ensemble. Sponsored by Wilmington Country Store and Christine A. Moore Millinery.
- **Pony Rides** Saddle up for your own equestrian experience

**11:45 am** Delaware State Police Pipe & Drums

**12:00 pm** Alison Hershbell Pony Races, Parade of River Hills Foxhounds

**1:00 pm** George A. "Frolic" Weymouth Antique Carriage Parade

### **1:30 pm**

- Stick Horse Races: ages 4 and under

**1:50 pm** National Anthem sung by May and Fabrice Clark, a brother-sister duo from the Cab Calloway School of the Arts

**2:00 pm** Races begin

**2:00 pm** **The Isabella du Pont Sharp Memorial Timber**

(\$20,000 purse)

**2:15 pm** Stick Horse Races: ages 5 to 7

**2:30 pm The Winterthur Bowl Timber Stakes**

(Purse \$42,000)

**2:45 pm** Stick Horse Races: ages 8 to 10

**3:00 pm The Vicmead Plate Amateur Apprentice Timber**

In Honor of Louis “Paddy” Neilson, III

(Purse \$10,000)

**3:30 pm Middletown Cup Amateur Training Flat Race**

**3:45 pm** Presentation of the Greta Brown Layton Trophy

**4:00 pm** Gates close

Proceeds from Point-to-Point support the continued maintenance and preservation of the garden and estate at Winterthur.

Point-to-Point is a rain-or-shine event. No refunds.

**ABOUT WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN & LIBRARY**

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 Henry Francis du Pont’s former home 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.

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. Museum hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday–Sunday. Winterthur operates on a seasonal schedule and reopens for the spring season on Friday, February 29. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$6 for ages 2–11. 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](http://winterthur.org).

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