

# HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR



Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021

8 AM-6 PM

\$110 Members/\$120 Non-Members



## JOIN THE BHC FOR A DAY-LONG IMMERSION IN PA GERMAN ART AND CULTURE, AND COLONIAL CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS!

Early American Life magazine featured the new Center for Pennsylvania German Studies in its September/October 2019 issue, stating “Lions and unicorns and parrots--- oh my! What do these animals have in common?” Pennsylvania Germans loved color and design, and this aesthetic is still seen today in everything from Pennsylvania German furniture to textiles. These objects take center stage at this new museum that tells the story of Pennsylvania German culture.

It is no surprise that Lisa Minardi has played a big part in the establishment of this new center that just opened in September of 2019. Ms. Minardi is the Executive Director of The Speaker’s House and Director of Collections and Exhibitions for the Historical Society of Trappe, located near Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley. She is the author of many books and articles including A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans and the Art of Everyday Life. Ms. Minardi will spend the day with participants of this trip that also includes guided tours of the Henry Muhlenburg House, The Speaker’s House, and Dewees Tavern.

Lunch will be a special treat at Grace’s Café with a choice of Granny Smith Chicken Salad, Salmon BLT or the Trappe Burger.

After our tour of Trappe and lunch, we will board our bus for a short ride to the historic Pottsgrove Manor. Decorated for the holidays, this home exemplifies the restrained elegance of early Georgian architecture popular with the English gentry in 1752 when it was built. John Potts, an ironmaster and founder of Pottstown, situated this grand plantation on 1,000 acres with a grand view of the Schuylkill River.

The bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver’s License Photo Center at 8 AM and will return at approximately 6 PM. Price of the trip does not include bus driver tip. Elite Coach is our transportation provider.

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Detach and send with check payable to the Berks History Center, Attn: Vicky Heffner, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice (Check One) \_\_\_ Chicken Salad \_\_\_ Salmon BLT \_\_\_ Trappe Burger