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JACQUELINE KENNEDY AND H. F. DU PONT: FROM WINTERTHUR TO THE WHITE HOUSE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM

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WALKING IN JACKIE'S FOOTSTEPS: FOLLOW THE PATH JACQUELINE KENNEDY TOOK WHEN SHE WAS TOURING THE HOUSE AT WINTERTHUR IN 1961. SEE THE ROOMS AND COLLECTIONS THAT INSPIRED HER TO RESTORE THE WHITE HOUSE AS A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP.

In 1961, an unusual partnership was formed when the youngest First Lady in American history, Jacqueline Kennedy, appointed a reserved octogenarian collector from Delaware, Henry Francis du Pont, to lead her project to restore the White House interiors. Du Pont brought credibility to Kennedy's efforts and vision, and her enormous popularity lifted him onto the national stage and validated his life's work. Together they transformed the White House from a mere public residence into a museum, and along the way, they engaged with some of the most celebrated designers of the 20th century.

For the first time, the story of this historic partnership will be told at Winterthur, the inspiration for Mrs. Kennedy's project. Through artifacts, archives, and images, this exhibition will invite visitors to experience the behind-the-scenes collaboration between the two during this captivating period in American history. Their partnership culminated in a televised tour of the White House, led by Jacqueline Kennedy, which became the most watched program in American history at that time. The former First Lady will forever be remembered as the person who restored history and beauty to the White House.

Our day spent at Winterthur includes a house tour of *Walking in Jackie's Footsteps*, that follows the path Jacqueline Kennedy took when she was touring the house at Winterthur in 1961. A special guided exhibition tour by a Winterthur docent highlights the friendship between the First Lady and Henry Francis du Pont and their work to restore the White House. Take a stroll or tram ride in the world-renowned 60-acre garden or explore one of the walking trails throughout the 1,000-acre estate. Enjoy Jackie-themed shopping with the exhibition's pop-up store inspired by the White House restoration project and Jackie's iconic sense of style, along with unique home decor, gifts, jewelry and more. When you're ready for a lunch or snack (not included in the price of the bus trip), get a taste of new items influenced by Jackie's favorite foods in the Visitor's Cafe.

Bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver's License Photo place at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM. Price of the trip does not include lunch or the bus driver's tip. Elite Coach is our transportation provider. If you have additional questions, please contact Vicky Heffner, Education Curator at 610.375.4375 or education@berkshistory.org.

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