

# BERKS HISTORY CENTER

MUSEUM & HENRY JANSSEN LIBRARY

## TWO DU PONT PROPERTIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

\$140 MEMBERS/\$150 NON-MEMBERS



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### THE DU PONTS IN THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY HAVE MADE THEIR NAMES KNOWN IN THE WORLD OF HORTICULTURE AND PRESERVATION, ESPECIALLY ALFRED I. DU PONT OF NEMOURS AND LAMMOT DU PONT COPELAND AT MT. CUBA CENTER.

Nemours Estate is a masterpiece of Gilded Age design with a 77-room mansion, 200-acres of formal French gardens and grounds, and a chauffeur's garage housing vintage automobiles. Alfred loved showering his second wife Alicia with gifts, and the grandest of these was a spectacular new house that he built for her in the late-18th-century French style she adored on a 3,000-acre plot of land in Wilmington. This new home was thoroughly modern, though, by incorporating the latest technology and many of his own inventions. It was named after the French town Alfred's great-great-grandfather represented in the French Estates General.

Mr. and Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland were visionary in their approach to conservation, and in their dream for Mt. Cuba Center: "I want this to be a place where people will learn to appreciate our native plants and to see how these plants can enrich their lives so that they, in turn, will become conservators of our natural habitats." More than 80 years ago, what once was 127-acres of farmland near the village of Mt. Cuba became their home with a colonial revival style house, and the land transformed into a lush botanical garden featuring some of the region's most beautiful native plants. Today Mt. Cuba center totals more than 1,000 acres!

In a private reception room at Mt. Cuba Center, we will enjoy together the Rosebud Assorted Sandwich Buffet Luncheon, along with a salad, chips, dessert and iced tea.

The bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver's Photo place at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM. Price does not include the bus driver's tip. Elite Coach is our transportation provider. If you have questions, or would like to reserve a seat, please contact Vicky Heffner, Education Curator, at 610.375.4375 or [education@berkshistory.org](mailto:education@berkshistory.org).

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

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