Louisa Gerhard du Pont (1816-1900)
Following on a very successful spring, it is my pleasure to welcome you to summer at Hagley, to invite you to experience this amazing Museum and Library, and to encourage you to take full advantage of the wealth of cultural offerings and fun-filled activities that we present for your delectation and pleasure!

Once again this magazine is “exploding” with information and opportunities on how to enjoy your planned visits, how to become an active member, or how to get involved as a volunteer. You will see the exciting results of how your support, financial or otherwise, allows us to really make a difference in our community.

Summertime brings Creek Kids activities, Summer Camp, and of course Fireworks at Hagley. Mark your calendars to make sure that you do not miss these events, and if you did miss the Libby Prison Minstrels’ performance last September, be sure to join us on July 9 for what will certainly be a lively and entertaining summer concert of Civil War music.

I am particularly proud of our moves to bring hydro-power back to the Millwright Shop, and truly value the talent, skills, and enthusiasm of colleagues (paid and unpaid) who are committed to this exciting project.

It’s hard to keep up with this dynamic institution, but please try!
A New Acquisition

Henry (1812-1889), second son of Eleuthère Irénée du Pont, brought his bride Louisa Gerhard (1816-1900) home to live at Eleutherian Mills after their wedding on July 15, 1837. They arrived later that day in time for a wedding supper. Henry had met Louisa through his sister Sophie who had been a classmate of Louisa’s at Monsieur Picot’s school for young ladies in Philadelphia.

Throughout her life, Louisa was described as a tall, handsome, gentle, and kind woman who won the hearts of all who met her. She was extremely devoted to her husband and their children. Beginning with Henry Algernon in 1838, Louisa gave birth to nine children—two boys and seven girls—within seventeen years. Sadly, one daughter passed away during infancy.

Louisa’s life revolved around raising her sons and daughters. Her pleasant, patient, and cheerful manner with her children was noted in family letters. She wrote many letters to her children to keep in contact when they were away. During the Civil War, Louisa made special efforts to support her son Henry Algernon during his service with the Union Army by sending him letters, food, and clothing.

After the death of her beloved husband Henry in 1889, Louisa continued to live at Eleutherian Mills with her unmarried daughter Evelina until a major explosion in 1890 severely damaged the house and forced her to abandon her home of forty-three years. She spent the remainder of her life living with Evelina at Pelleport, the former home of her youngest son, William.

Due to the generosity of Mrs. Henry E. I. du Pont, Hagley has been given an oil portrait of Louisa Gerhard du Pont painted after her death by Harrington Mann around 1905. This gift has enabled museum staff to begin planning a new exhibition in Eleutherian Mills which will replace the orientation exhibit on the second floor, which has been relocated to the Bus Waiting Room located next to the Barn. An exhibit featuring parlor furniture and other belongings of Henry and Louisa du Pont will open in the spring of 2013.
Eleutherian Mills, the original du Pont family home built in America, was completed in the early nineteenth century and served as the hub of family business operations and social life. In 1922, Henry A. du Pont purchased the home for his daughter, Louise du Pont Crowninshield, and together they made extensive renovations. In 1952, the residence and its furnishings were given to Hagley by Mrs. Crowninshield.

Today Eleutherian Mills is one of the most popular aspects of a visit to Hagley. When the wisteria is in bloom in the spring, the purple blossoms set off the home’s architecture and draw the eye to the nineteenth-century iron benches that flank the front door. The benches match a set of garden patio furniture on display on the terrace.

Time and weather take their toll on the furniture’s beautiful patina. This past year, Conservator Ebenezer Kotei has been systematically restoring the benches. First he takes them apart and removes rust by using a small machine that “sands” with glass beads. After this preparation, he repairs, if necessary, and reassembles the benches prior to repainting. Thanks to a new cleaning and painting booth, funded through the generosity of our donors, this large-scale work was done on site at Hagley.

It takes a team of dedicated, well-trained staff to manage our conservation efforts. The outcome of their talents is on display every day throughout Hagley.
Fireworks at Hagley

Wilmington Trust Company/M&T Bank presents “Fireworks at Hagley: the Sport of Kings” on Fridays, June 15 and 22. This spectacular aerial show celebrates the second-most-attended spectator sport in the United States—horse racing!

Tickets are available to Hagley members and their guests only, and invitations were mailed in mid-April. We encourage you to get your ticket orders in promptly to ensure you have your choice of evening to attend.

Hagley’s annual fireworks program is a full evening of family entertainment. Throughout the evening, you can enjoy music by DJ Bob Burke; visit Kid Central with your children from 6 to 8 p.m.; participate in our Fireworks Raffle, and Silent Auction (new this year) and stop by the Hagley Store booths to find your favorite glow-in-the-dark toys. Your children can enjoy a variety of games; visit with our Fireworks Fairy; and play in the bounce-arounds.

Plan to bring your own picnic or enjoy the many different offerings in the outdoor food court. Toscana Catering at Hagley is offering gourmet picnic packages. Visit www.toscanacatering.com to order online. Your picnic goodies will be waiting for you at the fireworks!

If you have questions about your membership level and the number of tickets and car passes you can purchase, contact the membership office weekdays at (302) 658-2400, ext. 235.
Bike and Hike

Hagley members and visitors will once again stroll and cycle the grounds of Hagley on Wednesday evenings from July 11 through August 29, as we continue to open up our property from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy the extended 3 mile walk as you loop through the property from the Visitor Center to Eleutherian Mills and back again.

On July 25 the Golden Pheasants members are sponsoring a special ice cream social. Children of Golden Pheasants members can enjoy free ice cream from Woodside Creamery. They will be on site selling their delicious homemade ice cream to all our visitors from 5 to 8 p.m., followed by Executive Director Geoff Halfpenny’s bat chat. Plan to join Geoff at the Visitor Center at 8 p.m. to learn about bats, their hunting skills, habitats, and more. If you miss this talk, Geoff will host another bat chat on August 15.

Bike and Hike is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the riverside and wooded trails through Hagley’s scenic site along the Brandywine. Bring a picnic or dine at the Belin House Organic Café. There will be special family programs and activities throughout the season.

To see what fun family programs are coming up each week, check the website at www.hagley.org.

Admission is $2 per person, free for members and children 5 and under. Use Hagley’s main entrance off Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware.
Summer Evening Concert

The Libby Prison Minstrels return to Hagley for a command performance to mark the conclusion of Hagley’s year-long commemoration of the Civil War. On Monday, July 9, guests can enjoy an outdoor performance of Civil War-era music and entertainment in the historic setting of Workers’ Hill. Bring a picnic. Bring the family. There will be fun for all!

The Libby Prison Minstrels are a band of accomplished musicians and Civil War re-enactors who are inspired by the true tales of a group of Union officers imprisoned at the notorious Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, who raised the spirits of the prisoners with humor and music. Their performance includes music, storytelling, and comedy.

The grounds will open to guests at 5 p.m., with the concert beginning at 6 p.m. That evening only, Hagley’s popular special exhibition “An Oath of Allegiance to the Republic: The du Ponts and the Civil War,” will remain open until 6 p.m. In addition, on Workers’ Hill, the Brandywine Manufacturers’ Sunday School, the Gibbons House, and the Belin House Café all will remain open throughout the concert. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, pack a picnic dinner, or pick up something at the Belin House Organic Café and join us for this very special evening.

The Libby Prison Minstrels

Summer Evening Concert
Monday, July 9, 6 p.m.
Admission is $2 for members, $3 for not-yet-members, and children under six are admitted free. Use the main entrance off Route 141. In the event of rain or excessive heat, please check our website for change of venue information. Reservations are appreciated at (302) 658-2400.
A former Hagley manager’s integral work in modernizing the Soda House and restoring the E. I. du Pont Restored Garden paid off in an emotional way last fall when both sites were used for his grandson’s wedding.

Joe Ennis worked at Hagley from 1968 to 1990 and lived in the Blacksmith Shop. As superintendent of properties and services, he was responsible for Hagley’s physical plant, buildings, operating systems, security, vehicles, and grounds. “It was part of my department’s job to pick up on the details,” said Ennis, who oversaw renovations and other projects as head of construction and maintenance. He worked with architects, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and engineers to convert the Soda House, which had a dirt floor, into a modern research center and a site that has been available for weddings since 2007.

Joe was involved in the garden’s location and historical interpretation, including the accuracy of the selection of flowers and plants.

Last September, his grandson, Jack Edmonson, married Lianna Shusterman in the garden. The reception followed in the Soda House. Vases and ceramics from the bride’s parents from their Deptford, New Jersey, home studio decorated the Soda House. “I was so surprised to see the beauty of the building compared to what it used to be,” said Ennis, 88, who now lives at Maris Grove.

Historic Wedding at Hagley

Hagley’s Soda House, lit for an evening event.

Have your event at Hagley!
For more information on holding your special occasion at Hagley, contact Karen Logan weekdays at (302) 658-2400, ext. 203.
Garden Volunteers

Hagley’s formal E. I. du Pont Restored Garden and the Workers’ Garden would not be beautiful educational spaces without the assistance of volunteers.

Horticultural Specialist Eileen Boyle appreciates the many volunteers who help her in the garden with planting, watering, weeding, mulching, thinning, pruning, cleaning, deadheading, and harvesting.

“The work goes on in all kinds of weather. Volunteers enjoy a connection with the earth, hearing the birds, and seeing the results of their work in growing and fruitful plants. We have high school students completing service hours required by their high school for graduation, adults who are recently retired, and others who make time in their schedule to lend a hand.”

The Workers’ Garden is across from the Gibbons House on Workers’ Hill and is an example of what a garden tended by a DuPont employee may have looked like in the 1800s. E. I. du Pont gave land to employees to garden so they could grow fresh food and to keep the men out of the taverns. Hagley volunteers put together a planting plan and use plant types based on past research. Popular plants from the nineteenth century that you may see in the Workers’ Garden include potatoes, turnips, carrots, beets, radishes, and onions.

Volunteer at Hagley!
If you enjoy working outdoors and are interested in joining the volunteers in the E. I. du Pont Restored Garden or the Workers’ Garden, please contact Angela Williamson at (302) 658-2400 ext. 257, awilliamson@hagley.org or visit www.hagley.org/vol
In 1801, E. I. du Pont strategically chose this site on the banks of the Brandywine for his black powder mills to capitalize on the power generated by the rushing river. For more than 100 years, the DuPont Company utilized evolving technologies to harness the power of the river. Now, more than 200 years after the first waterwheel started turning at Eleutherian Mills, water power will be returning to Hagley, not only as a demonstration of historic technology but also as a meaningful power generator to support operations.

The return of hydropower to Hagley is a multi-phase project that began last fall with the unearthing of an historic turbine that was left behind after the powder yards closed. Records from our archives show that a turbine matching the one found was purchased by the company in the late 1880s for use at Hagley. This turbine originally powered the Millwright Shop, using an overhead rope drive system to turn a wheel on the outside of the building that transferred power to the line-shaft system that powered the machines inside.

Work is underway to restore the turbine for use to once again power the machines that visitors see in the machine shop. The water-powered turbine will eventually replace the electric motor that runs the machines.
Membership Survey

Hagley’s membership office would like to thank our members who participated in our recent member survey. The information submitted gives us great feedback on member benefits and insight into future membership programming.

According to our members, the top three member benefits are unlimited free admission to Hagley Museum, the opportunity to purchase fireworks tickets, and walking passes to enjoy our site for exercise and leisure. Forty-two percent of you walked at Hagley last year, and forty-one percent attended fireworks last year. We were delighted to see that forty-five percent of our members brought guests to visit Hagley; forty-three percent of you shop in the Hagley Store; and thirty-three percent of you dine at the Belin House Organic Café. Ten percent of our members have used the library.

We appreciate your thoughtful comments. The top three reasons members joined from this group were to support and preserve Hagley Museum and Library, to walk and enjoy the beauty of our site, and to visit and bring guests to Hagley. Hands down, the Brandywine River and the walk along the Powder Yards was the top “must see” when you visit Hagley, and the scenic beauty of our site is one of the things that our members love the most. Second to the beauty of our site, our members value its history and preservation.

Do You Agree?
Are you in agreement with our responders? The membership office is always looking for feedback from our members, and your thoughts and suggestions can be sent to us anytime. Just drop Kim Kelleher an email at kkelleher@hagley.org or call the membership office weekdays at (302) 658-2400, ext. 235.
Creek Kids Return

Hagley’s longstanding, successful youth leadership program got underway last fall with a number of returning Creek Kids, as well as some first-timers. This group of young people, who apply to the program each fall, works all year with Hagley staff to create fun days for families at Hagley. Months before each program, the high school-aged Creek Kids are hard at work, attending leadership and planning meetings, learning critical leadership skills, and immersing themselves in the history and stories of Hagley. The students work together to develop unique and exciting family programs for the summer, which include crafts, hands-on activities, demonstrations, and food.

Each year the Creek Kids Youth Leadership Program grows and evolves, and this year’s programs are shaping up to be especially exciting! The May 20 Creek Kids event, “Innovation on the Brandywine,” explores the unique contributions of the DuPont Company. “The Natural World” in June will investigate the beautiful natural resources of Hagley. “Black Powder” in July will focus on the many different uses of the compound. The summer will wrap up in August with “A Day in the Life,” which will examine the everyday lives of the people who lived and worked at Hagley in the nineteenth century. Creek Kids programs are appropriate for kids of all ages and are designed for families to experience together. Visit www.hagley.org for more details.
**WORD HUNT!**

Wilmington Trust/M&T Bank Presents **Hagley’s Fireworks** on June 15 and 22. This year’s theme is horse racing! Find the words in the grid below.

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At **Hagley’s Fireworks** you can see amazing bursts of color light up the sky. Can you figure out which fuse sets off the rocket, the firecrackers, and the cannon?

**BIKE AND HIKE!**

At Hagley’s **Bike and Hike** on Wednesday evenings in July and August, you can see many birds along the Brandywine. Can you help the Powder Keg Kid figure out which two are exactly alike?

**ANSWERS:**

- **BIKE AND HIKE:** The two geese that are exactly alike are numbers Two and Four. Follow the fuse: - A-Rocket, B-Fireworks, C-Cannon.

- **FOLLOW THE FUSE**

  - **A:** Rocket
  - **B:** Fireworks
  - **C:** Cannon
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**May 20 - Sunday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hagley’s Creek Kids - Innovation on the Brandywine**  
Discover the innovative technological advances the Du Pont company made throughout their history! The first Creek Kid event of the summer will focus on the science and technology of Du Pont, from gunpowder to nitrocellulose to polymers. Families can try hands-on science experiments, crafts, and activities throughout the afternoon. Activities are included with general admission and are free for members.

**June 15 and 22 - Fridays - gates open at 5 p.m.**  
**Wilmington Trust/M&T Bank presents**  
**Fireworks at Hagley**  
Hagley presents a pyrotechnic masterpiece that weaves together a story illustrated through music, narration, aerial shells, and intricate set pieces. This year’s theme, “Fireworks at Hagley: The Sport of Kings” celebrates the history and pageantry of horse racing. Must be a member of Hagley to purchase tickets. Rain dates June 16 or 17 and June 23 or 24. Use Hagley’s Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware.

**June 24 - Sunday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hagley’s Creek Kids - The Natural World**  
Investigate the beautiful natural setting of Hagley! The unique natural resources at Hagley made it the ideal site for the Du Pont powder yards. The Creek Kid’s hands-on activities will explore why du Pont settled here and how we can work to preserve the site’s natural beauty. Activities are included with general admission and are free for members.

**Wednesdays in July and August (except July 4)**  
**5 to 8 p.m. - Bike and Hike Evenings at Hagley**  
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**July 9 - Monday - 6 p.m. - Gates open at 5 p.m.**  
**Summer Concert - The Libby Prison Minstrels**  
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**July 17 - Tuesday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hagley’s Creek Kids - Black Powder**  
Experiment with the many different uses of black powder, from stone cutting to explosives! These Creek Kid events will focus on the science behind black powder and how it was used during times of war and peace. Activities are included with general admission and are free for members.

**July 25 - Wednesday - 5 to 9 p.m.**  
**Bike and Hike Evening - Golden Pheasants Ice Cream Social**  
On July 25, Golden Pheasants members are sponsoring a special ice cream social as part of Hagley’s Bike and Hike evening. Children of Golden Pheasants Members can enjoy free ice cream from Woodside Creamery. They will be on site selling their delicious homemade ice cream to all our visitors from 5 to 8 p.m. Plan to join Executive Director and Bat Expert Geoff Halfpenny at the Visitor Center at 8 p.m. for a Bat Chat. Learn about bats, their hunting skills, habitats, and more. This night the property will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is $2 per person. Free for members and children five and under. Use Hagley’s main entrance off Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware.

**August 7 - Tuesday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**August 12 - Sunday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hagley’s Creek Kids - A Day In The Life**  
Explore how life in the nineteenth century was different from today! These final Creek Kid events of the summer will allow visitors to experience life in the past, including what people ate, where they came from, and their daily work. Activities are included with general admission and are free for members.

**August 15 - Wednesday - 5 to 9 p.m.**  
**Bike and Hike Evening - Bat Chat**  
On this Bike and Hike evening, plan to join Executive Director and Bat Expert Geoff Halfpenny at the Visitor Center at 8 p.m. for a Bat Chat. Learn about bats, their hunting skills, habitats, and more. This night the property will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is $2 per person. Free for members and children five and under. Use Hagley’s main entrance off Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware.

**September 16 - Sunday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Hagley Car Show**  
Browse through more than 500 antique and restored cars that date from the early 1900s-1980s. The show features vehicle parades, motoring music, video and go-kart racing, and a festival food court. Advance ticket sales begin August 15. Free for Hagley members and children five and under. Use Hagley’s main entrance off Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware.
Books, Games, Baubles

1) We Planted a Tree
   In this simple poem illustrated by award winner Bob Staake, two young families in two very different parts of the world plant a tree. As the trees flourish, so do the families . . . while trees all over the world help clean the air, enrich the soil, and give fruit and shade.
   
   With a nod to Kenya’s successful Green Belt Movement, Diane Muldrow’s elegant text celebrates the life and hope that every tree—from Paris to Brooklyn to Tokyo—brings to our planet. Perfect for young readers!
   
   Written by Diane Muldrow and Illustrated by Bob Staake.
   Item #6182 - $17.99

2) Air+Water Power
   Use Pneumatic-Hydraulic engines and build your own models powered by air and water pressure and learn about the laws of physics.
   
   Item #22182 - $45.00

3) “Carolina” Necklace
   This necklace features a beautiful rendition of lacy ferns and delicate flowers.
   
   The 16” adjustable seed pearl necklace features a pearl shower drop.
   
   Designed by Artist Michael Michaud and made in the USA.
   Item# 49453 - $92.00

Hagley Store Information
Visit the Hagley Store online at www.hagley.org.

Hagley members receive a 10 percent discount at the Hagley Store.

Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(302) 658-2400, ext. 274