Christmas at Hagley

SAVE THE DATE

Beginning November 23
Christmas at Hagley
December 4
Home for the Holidays
January 26
Golden Pheasants
Game Dinner
As we near the end of another busy and exciting year at Hagley, I find myself reflecting on the many ways that we have used Hagley’s treasures to benefit our community, and the wonderful feedback that I have received, reinforcing that we really do have a positive impact on people’s lives. From a member who has radically improved his health by regularly walking on the property, a child inspired by a school visit to pursue a career in science, additions to knowledge through scholarly publications based on research of our collections, families simply having fun in a safe learning environment at one or more of our annual events, or retired volunteers remembering Hagley in their estate planning—we make a difference! And, you in turn make a difference to Hagley!

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Margaretta K. Stabler, a long-time Board member who recently retired, was named an Honorary Trustee. Her dedication and service to Hagley are an inspiration to us all and we look forward to her continued wise counsel.

Enclosed with this mailing is a complimentary 2013 Calendar with wonderful photographs of Hagley, taken by our photographer Kathy Buckalew, showing at a glance important Hagley dates not to be missed! Please share this, and enjoy a virtual visit each time you look at it. Additional copies are available at the Hagley Store.

I greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors on this project: Builders and Managers, Inc./A Stat Organization Company; Royal Pest Solutions, Inc.; Minuteman Press; and Wilmington Trust/M&T Bank.

I wish you all Seasons Greetings, and look forward with your help to continuing to make a difference! As the season of giving, and giving back to our community, unfolds before us, I hope you will consider a year-end donation to the Hagley Annual Fund. Thank you.

From The Executive Director

Geoff Halfpenny
Executive Director

Cover: A winter evening view of Eleutherian Mills. Visitors can enjoy a rare holiday evening tour of the residence on December 4 (see story on page 3).

Back: The boxcar along the millrace.

We really do have a positive impact on people’s lives.
The Christmas season begins at Hagley on Friday, November 23. Plan to visit us more than once over the holidays to enjoy all that Hagley has to offer. This year, Hagley’s festivities will focus on celebrating and entertaining at home. Our decorations, family programs, and a new evening event are all designed to inspire you as you plan your own holiday celebrations with friends and family.

At Hagley we strive to continue the legacy of community giving established by the du Pont family on our site more than 200 years ago. We invite you to join us in remembering those who are in need by bringing a new, unwrapped toy, game, book, or clothing item for a child up to age fourteen to donate to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. In gratitude for your generosity, Hagley will once again offer free admission to all children fourteen and younger from November 23 through January 6.

Christmas at Eleutherian Mills

This year, visitors are invited to glimpse nineteenth- and early twentieth-century holiday entertaining at the du Pont family home. The Morning Room will be ready for New Year’s Day Calling, a tradition still enjoyed by the du Pont family. Another annual tradition marked by the du Ponts was Twelfth Night, called “le Jour des Rois” in France. The dining room at the residence features an elegant dessert service with delicious Twelfth Night treats. Elaborate decorations reflecting the Colonial Revival era, when the last du Ponts lived in the house, are seen throughout the house, culminating in the favorite Terrace Room set for a Christmas luncheon.

Family Christmas Activities

Hagley’s Workers’ Hill will buzz with fun for visitors of all ages. Visitors can enjoy making Victorian Christmas decorations, savor scrumptious holiday cookies, admire the “Dear Old Tree,” listen to holiday stories, and experience family traditions in the workers’ world. A new gingerbread house, created by Belin House Chef Roy Eckbold, will be on display in the Millwright Shop. The Belin House Organic Café will feature a Christmas brunch menu on weekends that includes made-to-order omelets, pumpkin leek soup, Maryland crab cakes, warm apple cider, and more.

Savor the Evening

Tuesday, December 4, will be a magical night at Hagley. A new reservations-only event, “Home for the Holidays,” will treat guests to a rare evening tour of the residence aglow in Christmas cheer. From 7 to 9 p.m., guests may tour the residence at their leisure and join friends in the barn to make an origami decoration, learn simple yet elegant home-decorating ideas, taste cocktails and mocktails, and watch Chef Roy craft a gingerbread house while savoring delicious desserts. Admission also includes a drink ticket for the cash bar and mulled cider. Warm, festive dress and comfortable shoes for the walk from the barn to the house are recommended.

Unwrapped gifts for the Sunday Breakfast Mission will be accepted.
Hagley touches lives at many different intersections, and for some, it is a relationship that lasts a lifetime. Two former volunteers left a legacy gift to Hagley that is providing much-needed operating support for both the museum and library.

More than twenty years ago, volunteers Frank and Natalie Biesinger left Hagley to relocate to Florida. They contributed thousands of hours of their time to the museum and library. Natalie transcribed thousands of pages from oral history interviews recorded from descendents of DuPont Company powder workers. During her tenure at Hagley, she also arranged flowers for the residence, decorated at Christmas, and served lunch to visiting tour groups. Frank, a local history enthusiast, worked in the Machine Shop helping to demonstrate our nineteenth-century metal-working machinery. In his spare time he hand-fashioned bats used for an old-time baseball game. Together the Biesingers assisted at many special events during the Christmas season.

After a fulfilling retirement in Florida, Natalie passed away in May 2011. Frank then came back to Delaware to spend his time close to family and friends, before his passing in May 2012. Neither of them ever forgot Hagley. Their bequest has touched us deeply.

Estate planning is one avenue for providing support for Hagley. The Crowninshield Society at Hagley honors those individuals who have made provisions for Hagley Museum and Library through their estate plans.
Nylon Vending Machine Wanted

Hagley is looking for a nylon vending machine to feature in its upcoming exhibition, “Fashion Meets Science: Introducing Nylon.”

The exhibition will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of DuPont’s public launch of nylon and focuses on the impact that nylon has had on the fashion industry. Many nylon “firsts” will be included, such as the hosiery which introduced nylon to the world.

On October 27, 1938, DuPont Vice-President Charles A. Stine announced nylon hosiery to three thousand women’s club members attending the New York Herald Tribune Eighth Annual Forum on Current Problems. The audience burst into applause.

Both 1939 World’s Fairs in New York and San Francisco had DuPont exhibits showing the wonders of the new nylon hosiery. By the time of the first public sale on October 24, 1939, in Wilmington, women were more than eager to own nylon stockings. The sale was so successful that within the first 3 hours of the sale, 4,000 pairs were sold.

On February 10, 1942, the entire production of nylon was allocated to the war effort. When hosiery became available once again in 1945, so many people came out to buy them on the first day of sales that it was called the “nylon riots” in the press.

Nylon hosiery was in such demand that it was available in vending machines in places such as airports and bus stations.


Above right: This Admiration Hosiery Stocking, made of DuPont Nylon, 1939-1940, was manufactured by the Cooper Wells Company.

If you know where we can find a nylon vending machine, contact Debra Hughes, curator of collections and exhibits at either (302) 658-2400, ext. 308, or at dhughes@hagley.org.
The Hagley Game Dinner, sponsored by the Golden Pheasants, will feature a “Flavors of the Orient” theme in honor of Samuel Francis Du Pont and his travels.

In 1857, Naval Captain Samuel Francis Du Pont (1803-1865) became commander of the U.S.S. Minnesota for a voyage to transport an American diplomat to China. After he arrived in Hong Kong in November 1857, Du Pont remained in the Orient for slightly more than one year and ordered decorative and fine arts, furnishings, and souvenirs in China and Japan for himself, his wife Sophie, and for many members of his family. On the way back, he visited Singapore, Ceylon, and Bombay, India. Items from his travels are on display in the Library of Eleutherian Mills at Hagley.

The five-course dinner menu, catered by the Wilmington Club, features fresh ingredients with an Asian flair, with wine selected and described by Alain Blanchon. Debra Hughes, Hagley’s curator of collections and exhibitions, will speak about Du Pont’s extensive trip.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. during which diners may buy raffle tickets or make silent auction bids on a variety of items, including Firebirds Wood Fired Grill dinners, a case of French wine, a selection of GORE-TEX products, and a train set.
Invention Convention Goes 3-D

Invention Convention 2013 takes on a new dimension by bringing awareness of 3-D technology to the community. At January’s event, visitors will learn about a young girl able to use her arms thanks to an exoskeleton made from a 3-D printer and the Cube, the first 3-D printer designed for the home. They will also get to see a 3-D printer in action!

Returning to Invention Convention will be the hugely popular Create-an-Invention and Tinkering Tables, where young minds can create and discover through investigation and innovation. Also, each day will feature different science shows and a hands-on science fair that will give children a chance to test fun scientific properties. Do you know how Alka-Seltzer works? Find out at Invention Convention 2013.

Goodwill of Delaware and Delaware County has partnered with Hagley once again and will be on site promoting recycling and reuse. Invention Convention will serve as a Goodwill Donation Center, so please bring gently used items to donate at the event. Hagley is also currently accepting donations of unneeded electronics and small appliances such as DVD players, telephones, keyboards, computers (without monitors), and remote-controlled toys for use at the Tinkering Tables. Items may be delivered to the Hagley Visitor Center during open hours.

The Hagley Store and food services by the Belin House Organic Café will be available throughout Invention Convention.
Please join us on the afternoon of Saturday, February 9, as Hagley celebrates Victorine’s Valentine’s Day. Bring your loved ones to make homemade valentines, decorate a candy bar wrapper, and snack on hot chocolate and gingerbread hearts.

This year, visitors are invited to discover how Valentine’s Day was celebrated in the past with an exhibition of antique valentine cards and chocolate-themed treasures from Hagley’s collections.

Victorine’s Valentine’s Day honors Victorine du Pont Bauduy. Victorine, the eldest daughter of E. I. du Pont who built the mills on the Brandywine, tragically lost the love of her life eleven weeks after her wedding. Fortunately she found another love, teaching.

Learn about her story by reading her love poems. Feeling inspired? Then try writing your own with a quill pen in the Brandywine Manufacturers’ Sunday School. Special family activities will be held in the Powder Yards and on Workers’ Hill.

Participants are invited to make a Valentine for someone they have not met and who may be alone on Valentine’s Day. Hagley will send these handmade Valentine cards to residents in local nursing homes to be sure they know that they, too, are remembered.

In addition to making valentines, visitors can enjoy fresh gingerbread hearts dusted with powdered sugar.

**Victorine’s Valentine’s Day**

Saturday, February 9, 2013
12:30 to 4 p.m.
Activities included with regular admission.
Free for members.

**Sharing the Love**
Summer “Book” Camps

During 2012, several library staff members attended courses that might be considered summer camps for bookish types. Acceptance into the programs was by competitive application.

Three staff members attended Rare Book School at the University of Virginia. Judy Stevenson, the pictorial archivist, took “Identification of Photographic Print Processes.” Library Conservator Laura Wahl became engaged with the materials and production of books from the handpress printing period, when wooden screw presses and movable type were used. And Max Moeller, curator of imprints, learned about Special Collections Librarianship.

Of her lead instructor Stevenson said, “Jim Reilly literally wrote the book on identification of nineteenth-century photographic prints, so it was pretty amazing to spend five days in class learning from him. Not only did we handle hundreds of examples of photographs, from cased daguerreotypes to platinum prints to dye sublimation digital prints, we also spent an afternoon in the photo lab.”

Sharon Fickeissen, conservation technician, attended the American Academy of Bookbinding in Telluride, Colorado, where she pared leather, embossed it with her own design, and used it to cover a book, sewn and bound entirely by her. From 2011 to 2013 the cost of these courses is generously covered by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
Once again materials from Hagley’s collections will be shown throughout the United States in the coming years. Twenty-three workplace motivational posters published by Mather & Company of Chicago in the 1920s will be part of a traveling exhibition arranged through the Mid-America Arts Alliance’s program, ExhibitsUSA. These posters were featured in Hagley’s 2008 exhibit, “Give It Your Best.” ExhibitsUSA has combined them with Mather posters from the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida in Gainesville to create “Say It With Snap!: Motivating Workers by Design, 1923-1929.” The lead curator for the exhibit is Dulce Maria Roman of the Harn. Hagley’s Andrew W. Mellon Curator of Prints and Photographs Jon Williams assisted.

Charles Mather, who founded the printing company that produced these posters, pioneered publishing large, colorful images illustrating “snappy” motivational slogans for the workplace. They have become increasingly popular among poster collectors for their graphic design, and they now can command hefty prices at auction. Mather published new posters annually, which he sold through a catalog, complete with a unique hanging system so that posters could be changed out regularly. Hagley has several examples from the rare 1923 series that will be in the exhibition.

The show is currently booked into venues in Kansas and Michigan, with several time slots still open. You can see the schedule at http://bit.ly/matherposters.
William Pahlmann Collection Opens

Hagley is pleased to announce that the William Pahlmann Collection is officially open for research.

In 2010, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission awarded Hagley a two-year grant of $112,000 to process the collection. Pahlmann was a renowned interior designer during the twentieth century, and his clients included notable corporations, stores, restaurants, hotels, and private homes. The collection is a rich resource for research in the history of design, the business of operating a design firm, and material culture.

The Pahlmann processing project lasted for two years, beginning in October 2010. During that time, archivists have processed 1,200 linear feet of correspondence, client files, sketches, financial records, and publicity materials. The collection also includes extensive samples of wall coverings, flooring, and textiles for window treatments, furniture, and carpeting. The detailed finding aid is available at http://bit.ly/pahlmann.

Hagley is very grateful for the financial support of the NHPRC, the grant-making affiliate of the National Archives and Records Administration. Congress established the NHPRC grants program to promote the preservation and use of America’s documentary heritage.

For more information, please contact Ask Hagley at www.hagley.org/ask.

In 1961, William Pahlmann Associates won the contract to design several public areas in the New York Hilton. These included the Trianon Ballroom (above), a food concourse, three guest suites, and the hotel’s two duplex penthouses. Pahlmann worked on the New York Hilton from 1961 to the completion of the penthouses in 1964.
In 2011, museum curatorial staff were approached by Canadian Margriet Hogue about reproducing one of our embroidered textile samplers in kit form to be sold to the public. We are excited to announce that the kit is now available for purchase from the Hagley Store.

This exceptionally fine sampler was created by Sally Munro while a student at the Mary Balch School in Providence, Rhode Island, in September 1796.

Betty Ring, a well-known embroidery collector, believed that Sally was born circa 1786 and died in 1851. If this is true, then she was only ten years old when this sampler was finished. Typically, samplers were used to teach young girls needlework. This beautiful presentation sampler clearly demonstrates the work of a highly advanced student and is a work of art.

Patience will wipe away the streaming tear
And hope will paint the pallid cheek of fear
Content will always happiness supply
And virtue calls a blessing from on high.

Sally’s chosen design and verse was one of the most popular patterns used at the school. Her design with a house in the middle, people at the bottom and an elaborate border used six different stitches plus some freehand work. The sampler was made up of just less than thirty different colors of silk. Including this sampler, twenty-six out of the thirty-six embroidered samplers in the museum collection were collected by Louise du Pont Crowninshield. Please contact the Hagley Store for purchasing information.
At Victorine’s Valentine’s Day on February 9, you can make a nineteenth-century valentine. Find the Valentine’s Day words in the grid below.

I Q B K L T H I G B G I R B C
V G K K E E R A X E A V Q A J
T R A E H A Z A T D I Y N S P
E L O V E L D A E K Y D E E M
N H L H I I L M T H Y I Q S C
I M I G T O L Z I V T U L O A
T Y Z J C U I S P R D E M R E
N T H O H G M L A L E P E E W
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V A S I L I N N W I Z O A X A K
C X E X I Q N O D R X C Z E P
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W E I M G Q D W F W I S R W P

ADMIRE
CANDY
CARD
CHOCOLATE
ADMIRE
CUPID
HEART
LOVE
PARTY
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE

What is it?
At Hagley’s Invention Convention on January 19, 20, and 21, young visitors are encouraged to take apart appliances to see how they work. What appliances have been taken apart below?

A. BLENDER
B. TOASTER
C. VACUUM CLEANER

Spot the differences
During Christmas at Hagley from November 23 to January 6, you can see holiday trees in Eleutherian Mills, the du Pont family home. Can you help the Powder Keg Kid figure out which two holiday trees are exactly alike?

1 2 3
4 5 6

Answers: Trees number four and six are exactly alike.

A. BLENDER
B. TOASTER
C. VACUUM CLEANER
Hagley Museum is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
The Belin House Organic Café is open daily 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
For guided tours, research library hours, and event details, visit www.hagley.org.

Visitors can see elegant holiday decorations in the Eleutherian Mills residence during Christmas at Hagley.

November 23 through January 6
Christmas at Hagley
Visit www.hagley.org for a complete schedule.

November 23, 24, 25
Weekends in December (1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23) - Saturday and Sunday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Christmas Activities
Hagley’s Workers’ Hill will be buzzing with fun for visitors. Like the nineteenth-century families who lived on Workers’ Hill, visitors can enjoy making Victorian Christmas paper decorations and ornaments, taste holiday cookies, admire the “Dear Old Tree,” and experience family Christmas traditions. Programs are included in the cost of admission.

December 4 - Tuesday - 7 to 9 p.m.
Home for the Holidays - by reservation only
This very special new holiday event will be a magical night at Hagley. Home for the Holidays will treat guests to a rare evening tour of the residence aglow in Christmas cheer and a barn party filled with creative ideas for your holiday entertaining. Guests may tour the residence at their leisure and join friends in the barn to make an origami decoration, learn simple yet elegant home-decorating ideas, taste cocktails and mocktails, and watch Chef Roy craft a gingerbread house while savoring delicious desserts. Admission also includes a drink ticket for the cash bar and mulled cider. Warm, festive dress and comfortable shoes for the walk from the barn to the house are recommended. Unwrapped gifts for the Sunday Breakfast Mission will be accepted. Cost: $30 for members, $40 for not-yet members. In case of severe weather the event will be held on December 5. For reservations, visit www.hagley.org or call (302) 658-2400. Use Hagley’s Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware.

December 6 - Thursday - 6:30 p.m.
Research Seminar: Jason Jackson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment: Constructing Economic Interests and Policy Preferences in Post-War India and Brazil”
The seminar is free and open to the public; please read the seminar paper before attending. For a copy, contact Carol Lockman at clockman@hagley.org. Held in the Copeland Room of Hagley’s library building. Use Hagley’s Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Walking Passes 2013
Hagley Members: Walking passes will be mailed to all active members within a forty-mile radius of Hagley. If you do not receive your passes by January 1 and would like them, contact the membership office at kkelleher@hagley.org.

January 19, 20, 21 - Saturday, Sunday, Monday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Invention Convention
Children and their families discover how things work through exploration, innovation, and creativity. Families work together to build inventions using everyday household items, and take apart electronics and gadgets to see how they are made. Children explore scientific principles at our hands-on science fair. The event will highlight the fascinating new technology of 3-D printing. Admission is $4 for children 4-14, $6 for adults; free for children 3 and under and free for members. Use Hagley’s Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware.

January 26 - Saturday - 7 p.m.
Golden Pheasants Game Dinner - by reservation only
Hagley’s 2013 Game Dinner will feature a “Flavors of the Orient” theme. Curator of Collections and Exhibits Debra Hughes will speak about the travels of Samuel Francis Du Pont. The five-course dinner, catered by the Wilmington Club, features wine by Alain Blanchon. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for Golden Pheasants members are $135, not-yet members $160. Invitations will be mailed to Golden Pheasants members in December. Contact Kim Kelleher in the membership office for more information, (302) 658-2400, ext. 235.

February 9 - Saturday - 12:30 to 4 p.m.
Victorine’s Valentine’s Day
Make homemade valentines, decorate a candy bar wrapper, and snack on hot chocolate and gingerbread hearts in celebration of Valentine’s Day. This year visitors are invited to discover how Valentine’s Day was celebrated in the past with an exhibition of antique valentine cards and chocolate-themed treasures from Hagley’s collections. Activities included with regular admission, free for members.

February 14 - Thursday - 6:30 p.m.
Research Seminar: David Lucsko, Auburn University
“Not in My Neighbor’s Backyard, Either: Junkyards, Automobile Enthusiasts, and Property Owners, 1965-2010”
The seminar is free and open to the public; please read the seminar paper before attending. For a copy, contact Carol Lockman at clockman@hagley.org. Held in the Copeland Room of Hagley’s library building. Use Hagley’s Buck Road East entrance off Route 100 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Sundays in February and March (except March 31)
Dollar Days
Sundays in February and March are the perfect time for not-yet-members to come and get a taste of Hagley for only $1. Members are free as always!
Traditions Old and New

1) Decorating for Christmas at Historic Houses by Patricia Hart McMillan and Katharine Kaye McMillan

This beautiful book, published by Schiffer Publishing, displays the beauty of Christmas with 300 color images of historic houses, highlighting each home’s elegance in wonderful detail.

It features both magnificent estates and simple residences to inspire your own celebrations.

Be sure to visit Hagley’s Eleutherian Mills Residence for even more inspiration for your holiday decorations!

Item #6035 - $45.00

2) A Visit To Santa Claus

This beautifully illustrated and attractively shaped book was first published in 1916. The wonderful story and bright, colorful pictures make this volume a wonderful addition to any child’s library.

Item #6265 - $9.95

3) Acorn and Oak

This hand-patinated bronze pin with freshwater pearls and semi-precious stones would make an excellent addition to a loved one’s jewelry collection.

Made in the USA by Michael Michaud.

Item #49040 - $95.00

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.
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