



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

### APRIL 8 *MURDER MYSTERY FUNDRAISER*

*The Revolutionary War may be over, but the secrecy has just begun! The Royal Gazette, a local newspaper that ran coverage of the Revolutionary War mysteriously closes shop the minute the war ends. Rumors spread about Agent 726 – a spy living right under our noses with a manuscript of unpublished secrets. The unlikely team of Ben Franklin, Molly Pitcher, Dr. Thomas Bond, Sam Adams, and Madame Brillon must solve this mystery before any more secrets emerge, or the consequences could be deadly!*

Our friends at *Without a Cue Productions* will stage their murder mystery “*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Death*” in the Ridley Creek State Park mansion ballroom from 7:30pm-10:00pm. Tickets are \$35.00 for the general public, \$30.00 for members. Tickets include wine, non-alcoholic beverages and dessert.

### APRIL 8-9 *HISTORIC TIMELINE*

Details TBA.

### APRIL 15 *EASTER EGG HUNT*

The Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 am. Children 12 and under are welcome to search the fields of the farm to find eggs with treats and surprises in them. Three hunts, divided by age group, will begin at 11:00 (1-4 years), 11:15 (5-8 years) and 11:30 (9-12 years). There will be a puppet show (Segal Puppet Theatre Company) for young children following the hunts. See our website for full details. Pre-registration is strongly suggested to guarantee your child’s spot. Families are welcome to stay and explore the farm and see the animals. Enjoy a day in the country that is very close to home. Admission is \$8 for adults and children ages 4 to 12. Children under age 4 are free.

APRIL 22      *ALL THINGS SHEEP*

Details TBA.

APRIL 29      *SHEEP SHEARING*

Watch our plantation sheep get their fleeces sheared for the year!

MAY 13        *GIFTS FROM A SECRET GARDEN*

On Mother's Day weekend, enjoy a hands-on tour of our kitchen garden and make a gift for the treasured woman in your life. Admission includes house tours, animal tours, and the chance to engage in all of our various farm chores. Visitors will also have the chance to take part in one take-home activity, which may include making bath teas, lip salves, medicinal teas, dyeing a handkerchief, and more (additional activities available at an additional charge.)

MAY 27        *SPRING CLEANING*

Take part in a farm family's annual spring cleaning! With the return of fine weather, see how our farm family whitewashed rooms, did their laundry, restuffed mattresses and more.

JUNE 17       *FROM HORSES TO HORSEPOWER*

See how the terms "horsepower" and "strong like an ox" came to be part of our vocabulary as we put our animals to work, and see how the colonial farm family accomplished enormous tasks without the use of electricity or gasoline. Watch horses pull carts and plow, oxen drag tree trunks and loads of stone, and other feats of power and strength.

JUNE 24       *FRENCH AND INDIAN*

Details TBA

JULY 1 & 4    *INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS*

Hear a reading of the Declaration of Independence, write your own declaration using quill pens, and engage in other acts of rebellion on the farm!

- JULY 8      *PIRATES, SPIES AND ROGUES*
- Learn about the nefarious history of the Philadelphia area by engaging in pirate battles, spy missions, and other unsavory family-friendly activities!
- SEPT 2      *BACK TO SCHOOL SCIENCE DAY*
- “Back to School” doesn’t mean the fun has to end! Try your hand at experiments like dyeing cloth, churning butter, mixing soap and making candles, decide what it takes to breed “the perfect sheep,” meet Ben Franklin and his inventions, and discover the everyday science we take for granted!
- SEPT 23-24      *CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT*
- Details TBA.
- OCT 7-8      *MEDIEVAL REENACTMENT*
- Details TBA
- OCT 21 & 28      *GHOST TOURS*
- Our sold-out event returns for its third season! Ghost tours run 6:00pm-9:30pm in timed slots. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance.
- NOV 18      *PRESERVATION DAY*
- Winter is coming to the farm. See how a colonial farm family preserved their food and crafted the whiskey, hard cider, beer and wine that they drank throughout the year. Take part in the smoking, pickling, drying and salting of preserved foods and watch how alcoholic beverages are made.
- NOV 24      *BLACK FRIDAY -- OPEN*
- NOV 26      *CLOSING DAY*