

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES IN DELAWARE

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

\$110 Members/\$120 Non-Members

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY VISITING SEVERAL HISTORIC HOMES IN DELAWARE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS!



Welcome to the tranquil village of Odessa, although in colonial times it was a busy grain shipping port. Tour beautifully restored 18th and 19th century homes with outstanding examples of household furnishings made by prominent Delaware cabinet makers. The Historic Odessa Foundation's collection of regional paintings, prints, textiles, silver and pewter is steeped in Delaware history and rich in the finest samples of mid-Atlantic craftsmanship.

For lunch, we step across the street to Cantwell's Tavern (built in 1822) where a buffet lunch of Chicken Cordon Blue, Three Cheese Ravioli and Turkey Pot Pie awaits.

Rockwood was built in 1851 as the retirement estate of Joseph Shipley, and it reflects his love of English architecture and landscape design. Original furnishings, memorabilia, historic photos and an extensive family clothing collection help tell the story of an upper-crust family from the mid-19th century through World War I.

In 1907, Alfred I. duPont hired Carrere and Hastings, a prestigious New York architectural firm, and designed Nemours Mansion in the late-18th century French style that his wife Alicia adored and for whom he built the home. Named for the area in France where his ancestors had lived, Nemours Mansion was made thoroughly modern by incorporating the latest technology and many of his own inventions. Gardens, reflecting pools, vistas and sculptures surround Nemours Mansion on what had been a 3,000 acre estate, which can be seen by guided trams.

Bus departs from the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND where the Driver's License Center is located at 7:45 am, and we will return at approximately 6:30 pm. Transportation is provided by Elite Coach (price does not included bus driver's tip).

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