

THE OTHER MT. VERNON



Thursday, March 11, 2021

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BUILT FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S STEP-GRANDDAUGHTER NELLY, WOODLAWN IS WITHIN VIEW OF MT. VERNON AND THE POTOMAC.

Note: The rescheduling of this bus trip has slightly altered the original itinerary. The information below reflects these changes.

As George Washington continued to win the hearts of the American people, his step-granddaughter Eleanor "Nelly" Parke Curtis married his nephew, Lawrence Lewis, and for a wedding gift the couple was bestowed a 2,000 acre farm along with the finances needed to build a home. This mansion is a striking example of Flemish bond brickwork and it is one of the best examples of Federal-style architecture in northern Virginia.

Nelly was one of America's most skilled early needlework makers, thus Woodlawn's upcoming exhibit "Crafting Democracy" continues to honor her legacy while exploring the needle arts as a popular art form. Needlework is a pathway that the maker uses to express opinion. "Crafting Democracy" seeks to demonstrate the ways in which craft is employed to give voice to people who seek an active role in democracy. In addition to the "Crafting Democracy" exhibit, we will enjoy a guided tour of Woodlawn.

Woodlawn is almost 150 years older than the Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, which is situated only a few feet away. Considered one of the greatest architectural contributions of the 20th century, the Pope-Leighey House exemplifies 20th century architecture with its clean lines and utilitarian purposes. The Pope-Leighey House is the only Frank Lloyd Wright property in Virginia open to the public for guided tours.



Lunch will be a special treat at the Mt. Vernon Inn Restaurant with a choice of Beef Brisket or Turkey with Gravy. The meal includes Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Mashed Potatoes and Dessert. Price of the trip does not include bus driver tip. Elite Coach is our transportation provider.

Bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver's License Photo Center at 7:00 am and will return at approximately 7:30 pm.

Contact Vicky Heffner at 610.375.4375 or education@berkshistory.org for more information.

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Entrée Choice (Check One) _____ Beef Brisket _____ Turkey with Gravy