

# The Graeme Park Gazette

April - June 2019



Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12 at historic Graeme Park with a breakfast buffet catered by A&J Catering in our floored, enclosed event tent. Tours of the 1722 Keith House, which retains much of its original architectural detail and was home to Pennsylvania Governor Sir William Keith and the writer Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson, after breakfast.

**Seatings at 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 a.m.**  
**Reservations and prepayment required**

\$28/person; \$24/members; \$12/kids 6-12  
Plus a small processing fee\* / ticket.

High chairs are not available but children 5 and under are welcome at no additional charge.

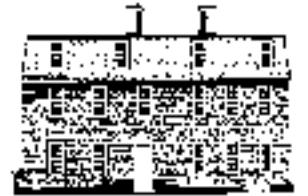
Please go to <https://graemeparkmothers.eventbrite.com>  
to purchase your tickets.

The processing fee goes to Eventbrite, but you will not have the tax and gratuity fees you'd pay at a restaurant.



## Menu

Fresh Fruit Salad  
Muffins, Bagels & Cream Cheese  
Cooked to Order  
Omelet Bar  
Scrambled Eggs  
French Toast  
Belgian Waffles  
Hash Browns  
Sausage, Bacon, Kielbasa  
Assorted Desserts  
Bloody Marys  
Mimosa Cocktails & Mocktails  
Juice, Coffee & Tea



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24  
*Lunch & Learn*

May 12  
*Mother's Day Breakfast*

May 19  
*Living History Sunday*

June 2  
*Antiques Appraisal*

June 9  
*Volunteer Lunch / Mtg*

June 16  
*Father's Day / Brewing*



## GRAEME PARK



Graeme Park is the site of the Keith House, an 18th-century historic house, the only remaining home of a governor of colonial Pennsylvania. It is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with the Friends of Graeme Park, a 501c3 volunteer organization that raises funds, staffs, and promotes the site. The official registration and financial information of The Friends of Graeme Park may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Individuals who need special assistance or accommodation to visit Graeme Park should call (215) 343-0965 in advance to discuss their needs. Pennsylvania TDD relay service is available at (800)654-5984.

### TOUR HOURS

Friday - Saturday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday Noon - 4 p.m.  
Last tour starts at 3 p.m.

### THE STAFF AT GRAEME PARK

Carla A. Loughlin  
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### *From the President of the Friends*

Spring has sprung at Graeme Park! Trees and flowers are in bloom and winter's dreary landscape is giving way to color and life.

In the 1750s and 1760s, when the Graeme family called the Keith House their summer residence, it was at this time of year that servants and day laborers would staff the property to make it ready for the family's annual trek from Philadelphia to Horsham.

The fields were plowed and made ready for planting. The stables were cleaned and made ready for the animals. Fences were mended and walkways cleared. In the house, servants washed windows, swept the floors, aired out the bedding and accomplished many other cleaning tasks to make the house fresh and comfortable for the family's yearly stay.

In 2019, there is just as much prep work but in a very different style. Our calendar is filled with many various events this year and before they can take place, much thought and work goes into making them come off without a hitch. I can't thank our staff and volunteers enough for seeing these programs through to fruition. Our job is to make sure guests have a delightful and educational experience when they visit Graeme Park and we hope that we fulfill that mission in the public's eyes.

Take some time to see all the events planned this year. Check our website and look through this issue. We have Lunch & Learn in April where you can hear about Hannah Penn, Pennsylvania's first and only female governor. How about treating Mom to Graeme Park's Mother's Day Breakfast, complete with a tour of the Keith House. Come out to our Living History Sunday and learn how colonials kept house and the work involved in mundane household chores. And don't forget to sign up for our Antiques Appraisal Fair with Locati LLC of Maple Glen. Find out if that item of interest, which you had hiding in the attic all this time, is a Bam! or a Bust!

Hope to see you at Graeme Park this spring!

All the best,

*Beth MacCausland*



## Living History Sunday: Keeping a Colonial Household

Keeping house in colonial times involved many activities we take for granted in today's world. Lacking modern conveniences, our foremothers did all the washing, sewing, and spinning by hand. Meals were prepared at an open hearth from food grown or raised on the property, and beer and candles had to be produced in large quantities for even a modest-sized household. While trained doctors were available for more serious illnesses, basic medical needs were often treated with herbs. Join us for a day of learning about the activities that took place in a colonial household, such as cooking, spinning, candle-dipping, brewing beer, washing, ironing, the kitchen and herb gardens, and other chores, plus a few games and playtime activities. Free demonstrations, plus discounted charge for general admission tour of the Keith House (\$5 /12+, \$3/3-11).

May 19 | 12-3 p.m.



Free

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Volunteer Lunch & Annual Meeting

On Sunday, June 9 at 12 noon we will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at Graeme Park along with our Annual Membership Meeting. Our volunteers put in countless hours on school tours, living history events, weekend tours, maintenance and more and we'd like to thank them. We'll also have a brief business meeting, open to members and interested parties in the community, with all the facts and figures of our previous year and upcoming plans. Please RSVP to Beth at 215-915-9453 or Beth.MacCausland@gmail.com.

### Join Our Email List

Keep up to date with all that is happening at Graeme Park via our e-mail list. We send a few communications a month and do not sell or rent our list. Go to our Mail Chimp form at <http://eepurl.com/>

[VY\\_IT](#) to subscribe. You may unsubscribe any time. You can also find out about events on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GraemeParkHorsham](http://www.facebook.com/GraemeParkHorsham).

### Father's Day Living History / Brewing Demo

Father's Day is June 16 and we'll have the brew kettle bubbling as we demonstrate how beer was made in the colonies, discuss the ingredients and why it was such a necessity on colonial plantations such as Graeme Park. We'll also have a selection of micro-brews for sale. Tours of the historic Keith House will also be available for \$5/12+ , \$3/3-11 and free for Dads. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a low-key day at Graeme Park. Demonstration and tours will take place between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m.

**THE FRIENDS OF  
GRAEME PARK**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Friends of Graeme Park is to provide on-going support of preservation, maintenance, development, interpretation, education and promotion of Graeme Park.

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Lunch & Learn – April 24

**Hannah Penn: Pennsylvania’s First  
(and only) Female Governor**

Three hundred years ago Hannah Penn was grieving the loss of her beloved husband William and embroiled in a bitter family fight with her stepson over who would inherit and run the fledgling colony of Pennsylvania. Blessed with a formidable business sense and a strong will, find out how Hannah Penn saved Pennsylvania. Join Doug Miller to explore the life and contributions of Pennsylvania’s original first lady, and in her accomplishments as first female Governor. Speaker Doug Miller has worked for the PHMC for over 20 years, including time at Graeme Park. He is currently the Site Administrator at Pennsbury Manor. Enjoy a continental breakfast, lecture on Hannah Penn, and a lunch buffet. Tours of the historic Keith House will also be available after lunch. Reserved event. \$30/person; \$25/members.



**Lunch will include:**

- Choice of hot entrées with side dishes
- Vegetarian option
- Salad, dessert, beverages

**Schedule**

- 10:30 a.m. - Check-in & breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. - Lecture
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- After Lunch - House Tour

**\$30/person\*** *Includes lecture, continental breakfast, lunch & tour*

Please add my email to your list to receive occasional notices of Graeme Park news and events including the next Lunch & Learn Lecture

My check for \$30/pp is enclosed. Please make checks out to “**The Friends of Graeme Park**”

Please bill my credit card

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

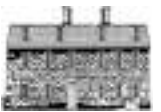
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**\* \$25 / Members** Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



## Wedding Arch Repair

This winter was not kind to our rustic wedding arch, built and donated by Hana & JT, who were married here back in 2016. Luckily Randy Czerviski, a local firefighter, police officer, and National Guardsman saw our plea on

Facebook and volunteered his time and talents to rebuild it for us along with his girlfriend and family members. We're very grateful for their efforts and I'm sure the many couples who will get married under the arch in the coming years are as well.



## Treasures from the Attic:

### Antiques Appraisal with Locati

Join us for a fun and informative antiques appraisal event with Locati, LLC of Maple Glen. An expert appraiser will give a brief talk on the current antiques market - what's hot and what's not, then appraise items brought in by the community.

All items brought in for appraisal will be placed on a table with an index card with your information and appraised in a group format. We ask that you bring only one item for appraisal so that everyone's item can be addressed. The nominal fee of \$5 (plus processing fee) supports the Friends of Graeme Park, the 501(c)3 non-profit hosting the event.

Please bring your printed Eventbrite ticket for a complimentary glass of wine - one glass/ticket.



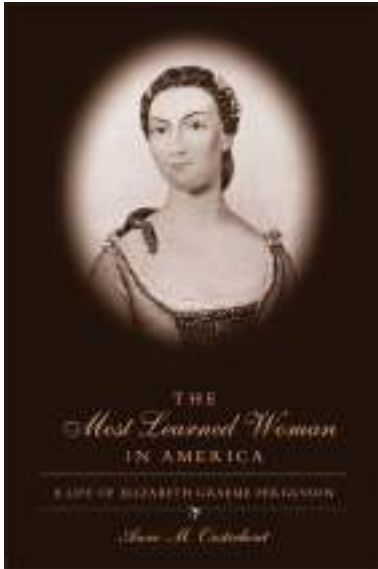
**June 2 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm**

Please preregister at <https://locatiappraisals.eventbrite.com>



# Mother's Day Gift Guide

Need ideas for a unique Mother's Day gift. Besides bringing Mom to our Breakfast (*see front page*), we have some great items in our Museum Shop.



Elizabeth Graeme was one of the most educated and accomplished women of her time. Moms are sure to appreciate this biography of her incredible life. (\$35)



If family stories are more Mom's thing, we have Family Tree charts which would be great paired with a trial subscription to Ancestry so she can start learning about and documenting the family history. (\$10)

Jigsaw puzzles are a great activity the whole family can enjoy together, and we have several themes, including these beautiful cats and dogs. (\$18/each)

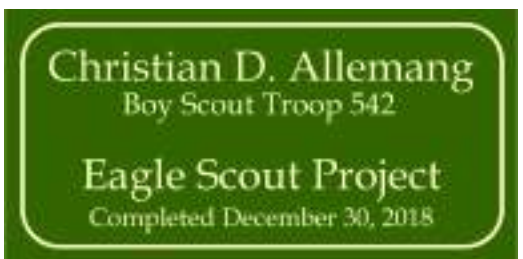


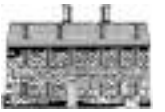
# New Bridge Over Park Creek

This fall and winter Christian Allemang of Boy Scout Troop #542 completed his Eagle Scout Project at Graeme Park. He no-

ticed our old, smaller bridge was deteriorating, and because of the bank erosion from all of the recent rain, we were having

trouble keeping it anchored, so he proposed a new longer bridge that would extend further back onto solid ground. He designed and built the bridge with the help of a small team that he organized, and got donations of money and materials needed to complete the job. Graeme Park provided a small sign to be mounted on the bridge to commemorate Christian's achievement.





# Living History at Graeme Park

We're once again planning a monthly Living History Sunday, where costumed interpreters will be on-hand to demonstrate various crafts and skills to help visitors get a better feel for what a working plantation such as Graeme Park would have been like in the 18th century.

Our plans are still evolving, so keep an eye on our website ([www.graemepark.org](http://www.graemepark.org)) or Facebook page for details.

*The schedule is as follows:*

## May 19—Keeping a Colonial Household

Keeping house in colonial times involved many activities we take for granted in today's world. Lacking modern conveniences, our foremothers did all the washing, sewing, and spinning by hand. Meals were prepared at an open hearth from food grown or raised on the property, and beer and candles had to be produced in large quantities for even a modest-sized household. While trained doctors were available for more serious illnesses, basic medical needs were often treated with herbs. Join us for a day of learning about the activities that took place in a colonial household, such as cooking, spinning, candle-dipping, brewing beer, wash-



ing, ironing, the kitchen and herb gardens, and other chores, plus a few games and playtime activities.

## June 16—Old Beer / New Beer

Our brewer will be at work in the summer kitchen demonstrating the craft of brewing, along with discussing types of beer and why it was important to the Colonial household. We'll also have a variety of craft beers available for purchase. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day with Dad.



## July 4—Independence Day

See our collection of flags and learn about their interesting histories and meanings and we'll do a live reading of the Declaration of Independence. Militia drilling and musket demonstration. Please note, we will divert from our Sunday schedule for this program—it will be Thursday, July 4.



## July 21—Lenape Indian Traditions

Early Pennsylvanians shared territory with the Lenni Lenape tribe and our Governor Keith was instrumental in negotiating treaties with them. We'll learn about some of their crafts and games and make corn husk dolls.

## August 18—Militia Day

The Pennsylvania Militia was instrumental in helping to keep the colony safe. Unlike the Continental Soldiers who served for a defined period of

time, farmers and other men were called up when the threat came to their community, and went back to their life when the threat passed. We'll enlist kids to our militia, teach them how to drill, and demonstrate the firing of a black powder musket.

## September 15—Children's Activity Day

Kids can participate in a colonial school where they will learn to write with a quill pen, play some active games like Hoop & Stick and Graces and help with chores.

## October 13—Pirate Day

Aaaargh! Did you know that Blackbeard has a connection to Graeme Park? Come learn what it is. We'll be brewing in the kitchen and doing other pirate-y things—details on activities to follow.



## November 16—Beer Brewing

Our brewer will be at work in the summer kitchen demonstrating the craft of brewing, along with discussing types of beer and why it was important to the Colonial household. Please note, we're departing from our Sunday schedule for this event—it will be Saturday, November 16.

**All Living History demonstrations on the grounds are free, and if you would like to tour the Keith House, there is a nominal charge of \$5/12+ and \$3/3-11. The general admission reflects a discount off our normal \$6 rate.**

**Demonstrations and tours run 12:00 noon—3 p.m.**



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## Easter in Colonial America

Like many of our modern day holidays, Easter was not celebrated throughout most of Colonial America. As with Halloween, it originated with pagan celebrations, and like Christmas, it was the Germans who introduced some of our beloved modern-day symbols and traditions, particularly the Easter Bunny, colored eggs, and the egg hunt.

Easter is said to get its name from Ostara, the Saxon Goddess of spring. Her annual arrival is signaled by the birth of babies and the budding and flowering of trees and plants. Legend\* has it that one year she arrived late, and found a little bird with its wings frozen. Because it could no longer fly, she turned it into a rabbit, so that it could run, but in honor of its previous life as a

bird, she gave it the ability to lay colorful eggs.

The idea of the Easter Bunny was unknown to 18th century Quakers, Anglicans, Catholics and many of the other early religious groups who populated Pennsylvania until it was introduced by the German immigrants from the Palatinate region; it began to grow in popularity after the Civil War.

As early as the 1680s, children in Germantown were told to prepare a nest for Oschter Haws (Easter Hare) and so on Easter Eve would make a little nest out of a hat, bonnet, dried grasses, or something similar and



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leave it out for the bunny to come and fill with colorful eggs, which they would find the next morning. Of course they only got eggs if they had been good all year. Bad children got rabbit pellets!

*\* There are slight variations of the legend, and some say it might have originated in the 19th century when Jakob Grimm, of the Grimm brothers, published the tale which he claimed was a retelling of ancient, nearly forgotten lore that had been passed down through oral tradition.*