

The Graeme Park Gazette

October - December 2019

Halloween Hauntings

Tour Horsham's most haunted house on a guided tour exploring the ghostly past, or join investigators on a mini paranormal investigation.

at Graeme Park

Graeme Park has long been rumored to be "the most haunted house in Horsham" with legends of Elizabeth's ghost circulating back to shortly after her death in 1801.

Your **Lantern Tour** guide will take you through the Keith House and will tell you some of the early stories, more recent experiences of our staff and volunteers, and evidence collected over numerous paranormal investigations. Tours run every 15 minutes and you must reserve your time and buy your ticket in advance.

The **mini-paranormal investigation** will give you an hour long "taste" of the techniques and equipment used during a paranormal investigation. Due to smaller room sizes, we will be rotating three groups throughout the house, but all groups will see and investigate all areas. Please reserve your ticket in advance. You will need to stay with your selected group, so if there are others in your party, please make sure they buy a ticket for the same group. Investigations start around 9:30 and 10:30 pm.

Please Note: The Lantern Tours and the Paranormal Tours are separate tickets. If you wish to do both, please purchase tickets for both.

Tours and investigation are recommended for ages 13 and up.

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Lantern Tours

October 18 & October 25
7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45,
8:00, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45 -
\$5/person*

Mini Paranormal Investigation

October 18 – 9:30 & 10:30
p.m. & October 25 – 9:30
p.m. – \$10/person*

* Plus Eventbrite processing fee.

Book Signing with Laurie Hull

October 18
Included with Lantern Tour. Her books will be for sale or bring your own copy.

Howl-oween / Meow-loween Collection

October 18 & 25
Benefits Vorhees Animal Orphanage



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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.

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From the President of the Friends

Welcome to autumn at Graeme Park!

Summer is winding down and along with fall comes a plethora of activities everywhere you look. Graeme Park is no exception.

Our fall Lunch & Learn is right around the corner and there are still spots available on October 9 to hear about the disaster that was the Bryn Athyn Train Wreck of December 5, 1921. Though this event happened almost 100 years ago, our historians will bring it to life again. A continental breakfast and catered hot lunch are also part of the program.

Homeschool Day on September 26 is a fabulous program suitable for all ages. Our team of educators bring colonial America to life with many hands-on activities. Hopefully, the kids will take away an appreciation of the way our ancestors lived, worked and played during those early days of the mid-1700s.

Our Haunted Lantern Tours and Mini-Paranormal Events were so popular last year that we added an extra day. Hear the ghostly stories of lore and legend that have been handed down through generations, as well as current experiences in what is considered to be the most haunted house in Horsham.

For something different, plan to come out to our Pirate Day on October 27. Our own Governor Keith had his dealings with Blackbeard and it looks like that scoundrel pirate will be back to continue his unfinished business. Lots of fun for the kids!

Our Christmas in the Colonies program will highlight the customs the immigrants in the mid-1700s brought with them from various countries to America. This year will also feature vendors with unique gifts for sale.

All of these events are listed in more detail in this newsletter so take a moment and mark your calendar. Come to Graeme Park and enjoy one or all of our programs while you enjoy the clean, crisp weather of autumn, 2019. We hope to see you soon.

All the best,

Beth MacCausland



Dress Like a Pirate Day

Pennsylvania Governor, Sir William Keith, the first owner of Graeme Park, helped to rid the port of Philadelphia from the scourge of Blackbeard the Pirate, and this act is actually a key part of Graeme Park's story.

Children and visitors are invited to dress in their best pirate costume, meet Blackbeard and Anne Bonny, and partake in a hunt for hidden treasure and other fun pirate-themed activities.

October 27 | 12 noon—3:00 p.m.

The living history is free of charge. Tours of the Keith House will be offered at \$5/12+ and \$3/children 3-11. This reflects a \$1 discount off the normal 12-64 admission cost. House tours will be offered at approximately 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30.



NEWSBRIEFS

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.

Tent Landscaping

This fall we spiffed up the landscaping around the wedding tent with fresh mulch and additional plants. This is a nice addition to the work that was done earlier in the spring to lay loose stone around the back and catering area and to extend the red stone path leading back to the restroom trailers

when those are rented. The PHMC has also approved a patio, which will be put in along the side of the tent by Bucks Mont Party Rental in the near future.

Fallen Tree Over Driveway

Earlier in September we had a tree fall across our driveway from the township side, taking out wires and blocking access to the site right before a wedding and our September Living History. Special thanks to Ian Hammer, Director of Public Works for Horsham Township, for fielding calls from Graeme Park, HPHA and our panicked bride, and getting a crew out early Saturday morning to remove the tree and clean up the debris.

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 – October 9

The Bryn Athyn Train Wreck

December 5, 1921. Two trains. One track. 27 dead. 70 injured. The crash in Bryn Athyn of two opposing trains of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway was one of the most catastrophic of its time, yet largely unknown today. Many factors contributed to the disaster that unfolded between Woodmont and Paper Mill Stations in Upper Moreland Township, including the wooden passenger cars, which were equipped with gas tanks for heating, the terrain, and the weather.



Speaker Jim Rose is a licensed architect currently working for Drexel University. He's been a member of the Friends of the Railroad Museum since 1986, was Volunteer of the Year in 2003, and currently serves as the President of the organization. His work at the Railroad Museum includes conducting tours and interpreting the equipment, volunteering with the summer day camp, and building and exhibit design.

Speaker Mark Liss is a licensed landscape architect working for municipal government in central New Jersey. He is a member of numerous railroad historical societies and currently serves as President and newsletter editor for the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. His interest in railroad history and toy and model train collecting began during childhood with the ubiquitous train set beneath the Christmas tree.

Enjoy a continental breakfast, lecture on the Bryn Athyn train wreck, 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: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

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* \$25 / Members Billing Zip Code: _____



Book Signing with Author Laurie Hull



Laurie Hull, author of *Brandywine Valley Ghosts*, *Philly's Main Line Haunts*, *Supernatural Pennsylvania*, *Supernatural Mid-Atlantic*, *Cape May Haunts*, and *Dead of Winter*, will be on hand to do a book signing during the October 18 Haunted Lantern Tours. She'll have her books available to purchase, or bring your own.

Howl-oween / Meow-loween Special Request

During the Halloween Tours, we're collecting donations of dog and cat food for the Vorhees Animal Orphanage - a "pet" project of one of our volunteers. It would be "supurr pawsome" if you could bring a donation on October 18 or 25, and we'll get it into the right "claws."





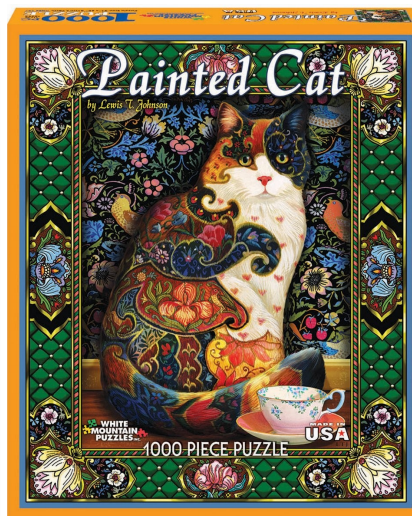
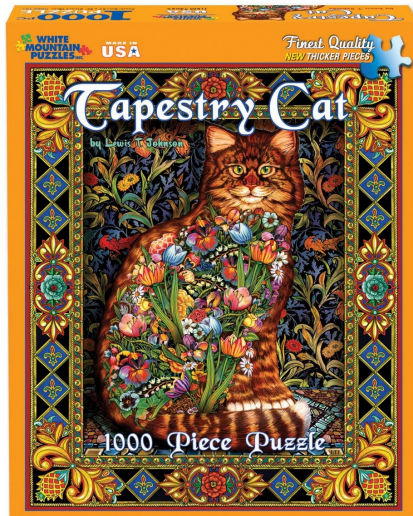
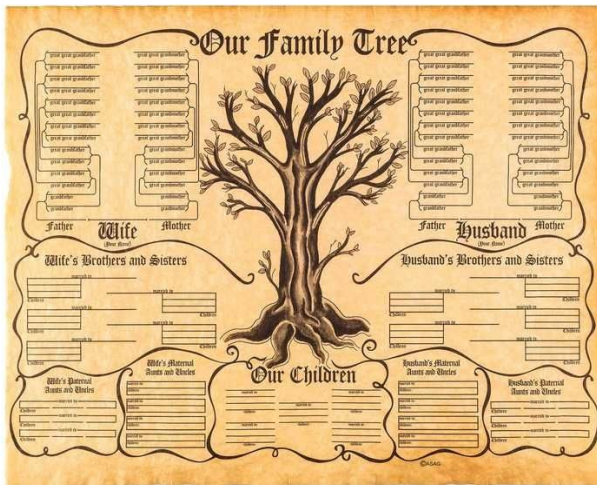
**MAKE A
BIG IMPACT
SHOP SMALL**
★
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

**MUSEUM
STORE
SUNDAY®**
BE A PATRON

Join us for **Small Business Saturday**, on **November 30** or **Museum Store Sunday** on **December 1** to support small businesses and museum stores. We'll have some craft vendors at Christmas in the Colonies (November 30), and our Museum Store will be open during the program and regular hours, noon – 4 p.m., on Museum Store Sunday. We'll have a DIY gift wrapping station for purchases made throughout the weekend. If you can't make it those dates, our Museum Store is open Fridays-Saturdays, 10-4 and Sundays 12-4 so stop out another time. We have easy parking, unique items, and no mall crowds.

Great Gift Ideas

Need a unique gift for a friend or your child's teacher? The Graeme Park shop has jigsaw puzzles (cats, dogs, Pennsylvania), jewelry, lanterns, books, family tree charts, historic games and toys, and more. Open Fridays – Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays 12 noon – 4 p.m.





Christmas in the Colonies

Join us on **Saturday, November 30** for Christmas in the Colonies. Tour the historic Keith House—decked out for the season—and learn about Christmas and holiday traditions in Colonial America from costumed interpreters. The Tapestry Dancers will entertain you with dance and music in the parlor, you'll see what's cooking in the kitchen and hear from the servants how they would have celebrated the holidays.

Additionally we'll have several craft vendors set up selling their wares and our Museum Shop stocked—so you can get a bit of holiday shopping out of the way without the crowds at the mall and find a unique item or two. If you want to wrap it up before you go, there

will also be a DIY giftwrapping station available.

The craft vendors will be set up from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and tours of the Keith House will be offered approximately every 20 minutes between 4:00 and 6:20 p.m. House tours are \$5.00 and you do not need an advanced ticket or reservation.





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Ode to Autumn

See bounteous Autumn pour his goods
In rich profusion round!
What various tinges dye the woods!
What plenty decks the ground!

The dulcet apple's sprightly juice,
The purple laden'd vine,
With joint consent their wreaths produce,
In crowning clusters twine.

The bursting barns with Ceres' grains,
Unlock their golden stores,
Reaped from the mellow, fertile plains,
Where earth her treasure pours.

Each favor sent is but a hint
To raise the sluggish mind;
Since heaven does not its bounties stint,
Shall mortals prove unkind!

Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson, 1772