

The Graeme Park Gazette

JANUARY - MARCH 2018

Celebrate the Pennsylvania Charter with Graeme Park!

Join Graeme Park in celebrating Pennsylvania's 337th birthday on Sunday, March 11 from 12 to 4 (last admission to house at 3:30). Meet Dr. Thomas Graeme as he welcomes you to his home. This annual statewide open house is held in honor of the granting of the Pennsylvania Charter to William Penn by King Charles II in 1681, and many of Pennsylvania's historic sites are open for free tours and special activities. (See page 3)

The King owed William Penn £16,000, money which his father, Admiral Penn, had lent him. Penn, a member of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, was looking for a haven in the New World where he and his fellow believers could practice their religion freely and without persecution. Penn asked the King to grant him land in the territory between Lord Baltimore's province of Maryland and the Duke of York's province of New York. With the Duke's support, Penn's petition was granted. The King signed the Charter of Pennsylvania on March 4, 1681, and it was officially proclaimed on April 2.

The King named the new colony Pennsylvania (meaning Penn's Woods) in honor of William Penn's father. It was to



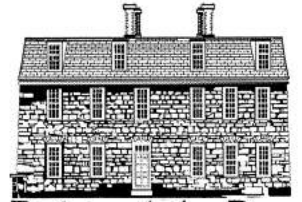
include the land between the 39th and 42nd degrees of north latitude and from the Delaware River westward for five degrees of longitude. Other provisions assured its people the protection of English laws and, to a certain degree, kept it subject to the government in England.

In 1682 the Duke of York decided to Penn his claim to the three lower counties on the Delaware, which are now the state of Delaware.

In October 1682, Penn arrived in Pennsylvania for the first time on the ship *Welcome*. He visited Philadelphia, just laid out as the capital city, created the three original counties (Philadelphia, Chester, and Bucks), and summoned a General Assembly to Chester on December 4.

Three hundred years later, William Penn and his wife Hannah Callowhill Penn, were made honorary citizens of the United States, by act of Congress. On May 8, 1985, they were also granted honorary citizenship by Pennsylvania.

(Courtesy of the PHMC, extracted from The Quaker Province: 1681-1776, www.phmc.state.pa.us)



Befriend the Past
The Friends of Graeme Park

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 11
Charter Day



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

Happy 2018 to all of our Friends of Graeme Park!

We ended 2017 with the last programs of the year; Haunted Lantern Tours in October and Christmas in the Colonies in November. Both drew amazing crowds and we received super, positive feedback from attendees.

Though not much is on our calendar in January and February, we are busy at the site planning for the coming year. We are diligently seeking speakers for our Happy Hour with the Historian programs. These are fun nights consisting of a happy hour from 6:00-7:00, with thanks to Bert Gottbrecht, and a half-hour talk, beginning at 7:00, on many subjects of interest. No reservations necessary. Just check our calendar and drop in for one of our many diverse topics being offered this year.

Our Living History Sundays are coming back, as well. Though you may take a Keith House tour any Sunday, if you visit on the third Sunday from May through October, you'll be treated to something special. Each Living History Sunday features an historical figure or event to make the visit more meaningful.

Check this newsletter for our spring Lunch and Learn information, which is being held on Wednesday, April 25. This fun day at Graeme Park features a continental breakfast, a lecture and a catered lunch. All for only \$25 (\$20 for members!).

We are beginning to gear up for our 2018 Mothers' Day Breakfast. A great breakfast buffet with a tour of the Keith House is always a nice way to treat the ladies on their special day. And who can resist the newest addition to our menu...Blushing Mimosas? Don't wait too long to make your reservations. We fill up quickly.

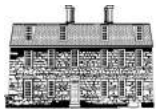
Volunteering at Graeme Park is a great way to chip away the winter blues. We plan our wonderful programs for the spring, summer and fall and it has a tendency to take our minds off of the barren landscape outside. If you'd like to help in any way, please let us know. We are always looking for extra hands and fresh ideas for our programs, school tours and many other things. We'd love to have you on board.

Last and certainly not least, we want to wish a speedy recovery to our vice-president, Jack Washington. Jack has been a bit under-the-weather these past months and though he has kept in touch with phone conferences, we miss seeing him and having his guidance on all matters Graeme Park. The good news is that he's on the mend and coming around. Get well VERY soon, Jack!

Here's hoping that 2018 is an exciting year for you!

All the best,

Beth



Charter Day – Historic Sites Open for Free Tours*

- [Anthracite Heritage Museum](#), Scranton
- [Brandywine Battlefield Park](#), Chadds Ford
- [Conrad Weiser Homestead](#), Womelsdorf
- [Cornwall Iron Furnace](#), Cornwall
- [Daniel Boone Homestead](#), Birdsboro
- [Drake Well Museum](#), Titusville
- [Eckley Miners' Village](#), Weatherly
- [Ephrata Cloister](#), Ephrata
- [Erie Maritime Museum & Flagship Niagara](#), Erie
- [Fort Pitt Museum](#), Pittsburgh
- [Graeme Park](#), Horsham
- [Hope Lodge](#), Ft. Washington
- [Joseph Priestley House](#), Northumberland
- [Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum](#), Lancaster
- [Pennsbury Manor](#), Morrisville
- [Pennsylvania Lumber Museum](#), Ulysses
- [Pennsylvania Military Museum](#), Boalsburg
- [Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania](#), Strasburg
- [Somerset Historical Center](#), Somerset

* Please check with sites before visiting to insure they are open and participating in Charter Day; hours may vary from site to site. Contact information can be found at www.phmc.pa.gov/museums

NEWSBRIEFS

History Day

On March 24, 2018, hundreds of middle and high school students from across Bucks and Montgomery Counties will assemble at Ursinus College in Collegeville. They will have just one thing on their minds: HISTORY! All will be participating in Bucks and Montgomery Counties' Regional National History Day® Competition, the first stage in this national academic competition for students in grades 6 through 12, sponsored regionally by the Bucks County Historical Society.

Modeled after the highly successful science fair concept, History Day encourages young people to undertake original research and interpretation of historical events. Students may write papers, present performances, design exhibits, or create media presentations. Competition is divided into a junior level (grades 6-8), and a senior level (grades 9-12). All entries must relate to a predetermined theme – this year's theme is *Conflict & Compromise* in History.

For more information about this regional competition please visit www.nhdbucksmont.org. The deadline to register is February 12.

School Tour Volunteer Opportunities

Graeme Park is seeking dedicated volunteers to assist our Education Committee with school tours. Duties might include giving tours of the historic Keith House to groups of children & their chaperones, leading children in colonial games, quill writing, and other hands-on activities or crafts, and specialized demonstrations such as hearth cooking. Children are generally 2nd-7th grade with the majority being 4th & 5th graders. Volunteers will work with current school tour volunteers to “learn the ropes” and costumes are available to borrow. Most tours occur during school hours September-November and April-June and the schedule is flexible. Please contact us at gpschooltours@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more.

**THE FRIENDS OF
GRAEME PARK**

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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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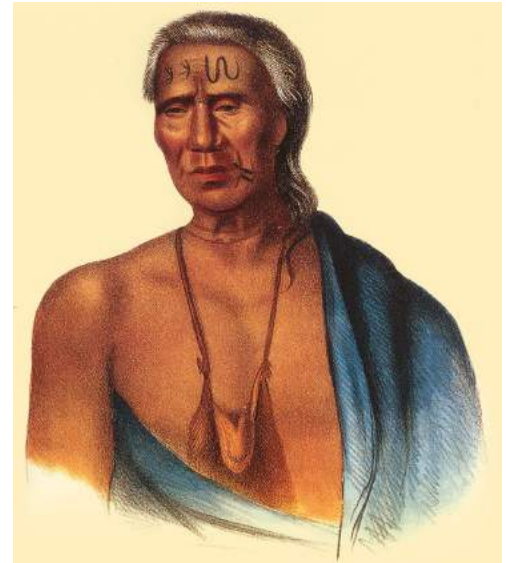
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Befriend the Past
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**Lunch & Learn –
April 25
The Walking
Purchase**

In 1737 four Delaware Chiefs agreed to carry out an old deed which would allow the sons of William Penn to purchase as much land as a man could walk in a day and a half. The Chiefs assumed this would be about 40 miles. Instead James Logan, provincial secretary, hired runners to run on a path that had been prepared for them ahead of time, and the one runner to finish the course traveled 70 miles. The resulting loss to the Native Americans was over 1.2 million acres.



Lappawinsoe, one of the Lenape Chiefs who signed the Walking Purchase Treaty, is also documented as being the first Native American portrayed in an oil painting. *Painting attributed to Gustavus Hesselius*

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 the walking purchase, and a hot and cold lunch buffet. Tours of the historic Keith House will also be available after lunch. Reserved event. \$25/person; \$20/members.

Lunch will include:

- Hot entrée
- Deli tray with rolls and sandwich “fixins”
- Vegetarian option
- Salad, dessert, beverages

Schedule

- 10:15 a.m. - Check-in & breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. - Lecture
- 12:00 noon - Lunch
- After Lunch - House Tour

\$25/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 \$25/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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*** \$20/ Members**



2018 Calendar of Events*

MARCH

11 (Sunday) – Charter Day – *Free tours of the historic Keith House in honor of the founding of Pennsylvania*

APRIL

19 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian
25 (Wednesday) – Lunch & Learn – *See page 4*

MAY

13 (Sunday) – Mothers' Day Breakfast – *Waffles, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, pastries & bagels, Blushing Mimosas (real and mocktail) and a tour of the Keith House. Reservations required.*
17 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian
20 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday

JUNE

17 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday
21 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian

JULY

4 (Wednesday) – *See our flag collection and tour the historic Keith House with an emphasis on the Revolutionary-era history of Graeme Park.*
15 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday
19 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian

AUGUST

19 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday
23 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian

SEPTEMBER

12 (Wednesday) – Life in William Penn's Woods – *Guided nature walk through the grounds of Graeme Park. Leashed dogs welcome.*
16 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday
20 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian
28 (Friday) – Home School Day – *Hands-on day for Homeschoolers and their families.*

OCTOBER

10 (Wednesday) – Lunch & Learn – *Continental breakfast, lecture on historic topic (to be determined) and a hot and cold buffet lunch.*
18 (Thursday) – Happy Hour with the Historian
21 (Sunday) – Living History Sunday
26 (Friday) – Halloween Program

NOVEMBER

24 (Saturday) – Christmas in the Colonies – *Guided tour of the Keith House with a Christmas theme.*

DECEMBER

6 (Thursday) – Gingerbread House Workshop

Happy Hours with the Historian

Join us Thursday evenings for a few drinks on the grounds of Graeme Park (indoors in cooler/inclement weather) and a talk on an historical topic. We're working on lining up speakers now, so topics will be announced as we know them. The dates are as follows: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 23, September 20, October 18

Living History Sundays

Join us on the third Sunday, May – October for Living History Sundays. Topics are still being finalized but there will be costumed interpreters and brief presentations on a variety of topics relating to Colonial America and the Graeme family and their friends. The dates are as follows: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21

* All events are subject to change. Please keep an eye on our website (www.graemepark.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/graemeparkhorsham), and of course upcoming issues of *The Graeme Park Gazette*, for details, costs, and registration information as we complete our planning.



Congratulations to our 2017 Newlyweds

Graeme Park wishes all the best to our 2017 couples as they begin their first New Year together.

- Rebecca & Richard** - April 22
- Alina & Greg** - April 29
- Nicole & Anton** - April 30
- Kendra & Steve** - May 27
- Christina & Matt** - June 3
- Shanae & Mark** - June 10
- Catherine & Kevin** - June 17
- Larissa & Armando** - June 23
- Sue & Matt** - June 24
- Amanda & John** - August 5
- Alexis & Michael** - August 19
- Karaline & Nicholas** - August 26
- Julie & Brian** - September 1
- Marlena & Andrew** - September 2
- Leah & Zach** - September 9
- Laura & Zach** - September 16
- Kayla & Chris** - September 23
- Jennifer & Justin** - September 30

- Mary & Matt** - October 7
- Angie & Charles** - October 13
- Kristin & Nick** - October 14
- Karin & Kyle** - October 15
- Jessy & Scott** - October 21
- Hannah & Nick** - October 28
- Brittany & Kevin** - November 3
- Jessica & Jenna** - November 4
- Christine & Jason** - November 5
- Valerie & Colin** - November 10
- Heather & Mike** - November 11



Great Gift Ideas

Need a unique gift for a friend or your child's teacher? The Graeme Park shop has jigsaw puzzles (cats, historical), jewelry, iron candle holders and hooks, family tree charts, historic games and toys, and more. Open Fridays – Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 12-4.





The Spring Equinox

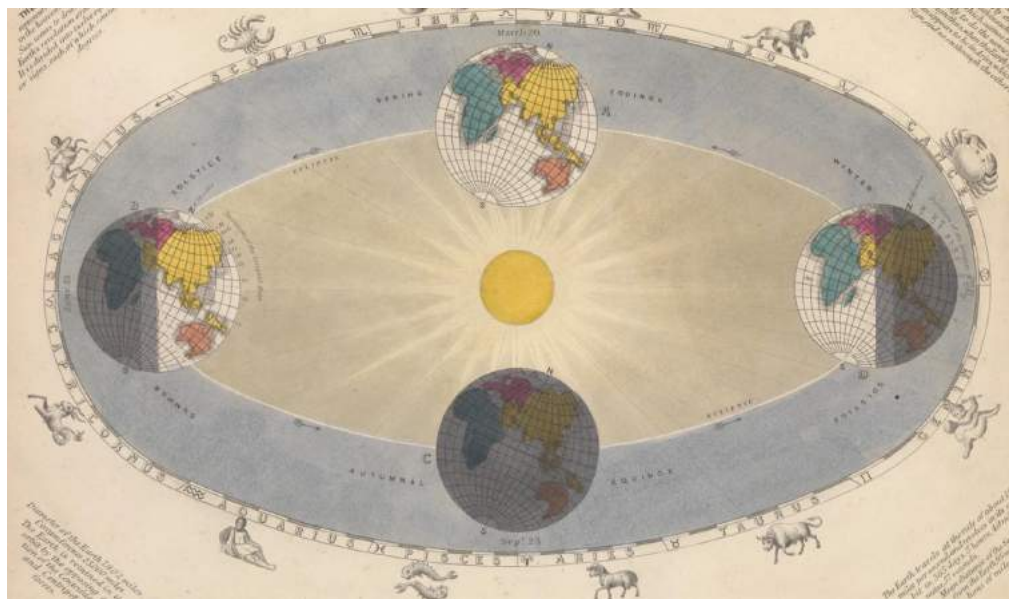
By Beth
Mac-
Causland

As we hunker down these winter months, let's remember that spring would not be so welcome without the frozen landscape which

we see now. We get through these arctic blasts and freezing temperatures by counting the days until spring arrives. It may arrive slowly or with a bang where one day, the landscape bursts with crocus and snowdrop blooms which were not there the day before.

Whether spring comes in on its own good time or with a flourish, the fact is that in 2018, here in the Philadelphia region, the spring or vernal equinox will quietly happen at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, March 20. On the equinoxes, the sun shines directly on the equator and the length of day and night are said to be equal.

The March equinox marks the moment the sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the earth's



equator – from south to north and vice versa in September.

Now, it's true that we may be in the throes of a snowstorm on March 20. We always seem to get something on or near St. Paddy's Day. But March 20, 2018 will, indeed, mark the beginning of the astronomical spring and regardless of the weather we may be facing, in our hearts and on our calendars, it will be spring.

An ancient Chinese tradition calls for balancing eggs, a symbol of fertility, on the day of the March Equinox for good luck and prosperity. People claim that it's the only day of the year when the earth is so perfectly balanced that an egg will stand on its end. Maybe it will, maybe it won't, but it's a good legend! Our contemporary tradition of

dying Easter eggs has its roots in the vernal equinox. It's a natural since eggs are a symbol of rebirth, as is spring. Archaeological evidence suggests that people

have been dying eggs for thousands of years. Throughout history, egg dying and eggs at the time of the spring equinox go hand-in-hand.

The vernal equinox for the ancient Celts was called "Alban Eiler", which means "Light of the Earth". This was a time of transition to the ancients and the earliest of crops would be sown. It also represented a rare balance in nature and was considered a powerful time for magic.

So celebrate spring's arrival on March 20 at 12:15 pm. Try to stand an egg upright. Or dye an egg or eat an egg or pull a rabbit out of your hat! Just take a moment to know that the worst is behind us as far as winter goes and warmth, sunshine and rebirth are just up ahead.



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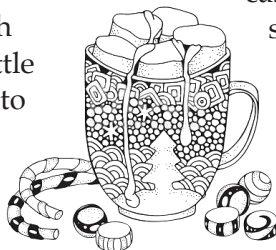
March 11 – Charter Day

Best Hot Chocolate Ever

By Beth MacCausland

Did you know that our colonial ancestors frequently indulged in a mug of hot chocolate? By the mid-1700s, it was affordable to all classes and available in most coffee houses where people gathered to discuss the news of the day. Chocolate was ground and pressed in cakes, wrapped in paper then sold by grocers in Colonial America. It was served by mixing with hot water and brandy, milk, port or sherry. Sometimes red pepper, cloves, aniseed or nuts would be added to the drink.

I'm sure it didn't taste quite like what we are used to in our modern world – that tried and true powdered mix and hot water. Let's go a step above that for our hot chocolate. This rich and creamy recipe is THE BEST. Just a little something to warm you from your head to your toes on the coldest days of winter. Don't forget the marshmallows or whipped cream to make each cup complete!



Serves 6-8 - Cook time approx. 2 hours in a 5-quart or larger crock pot.

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 5 ½ cups milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups milk chocolate chips OR 1 cup milk chocolate chips and 1 cup semi-sweet chips

Directions:

1. Stir together all ingredients in the crock pot.
2. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours, stirring occasionally with a whisk. You want to make sure all chocolate chips are melted and that mixture is hot. If chips are not melted after 2 hours on low, switch to high and continue to stir periodically until mixture is smooth.
3. Turn crock to warm and serve.