BILL Trip to Winterthur Museum and Gardens

The BILL spring bus trip this year will be to Winterthur Museum and Gardens, in Delaware, on May 20. Located in the Brandywine Valley, not far from Philadelphia, this is the home in which Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969) entertained family and friends in grand style. The 175 rooms, many of them with historical architecture, are furnished with his collection of antiques and objects added since his death. Nearly 90,000 objects, made or used in America between about 1640 and 1860, are on display in the galleries, devoted to themes such as the history of style and specific media, including furniture, ceramics and glass, metals, textiles, and paintings and prints.

We will have a guided introductory tour through the house, then be on our own for the day to explore the galleries. A tram tour through the gardens, designed by du Pont, who was a horticulturist, is included in admission. Lunch is available in the Garden Café and the Cottage Café. Snacks for the return trip may be purchased at the Cottage Café. And, of course, there are Museum Stores.

Departure is from Weis Markets parking, Route 15, Lewisburg, at 7 a.m. We will make one brief rest stop en route in each direction, depart from Winterthur at 4 p.m., and expect to return to Lewisburg about 7:30 p.m. Cost of the trip, for bus and admission, is $75. Meals are on our own. To make a reservation, call or email the BILL office: 570-522-0105 or lifelonglearning@bucknell.edu. Payment in full is due upon making reservation; no refunds can be made after May 13. Full details for the day will be sent shortly before the trip.

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