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Holidays at Fonthill Castle Returns with Three Ways to Celebrate the Season

DOYLESTOWN, PA – The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are pleased to present the annual holiday programs at Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, PA from November 15 – December 31, 2025.

Located in the heart of Bucks County, Fonthill Castle, the home of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), is a National Historic Landmark operated by the Bucks County Historical Society. Every year, the interior of the castle is transformed into a winter wonderland with new themes for festive Christmas trees that will delight the whole family.

This year, there are three different ways to visit Fonthill Castle during the holiday season:

Fonthill Castle Holiday Daily Tours

Weekdays and November weekends beginning November 15 through December 31, 2025

\$20 Adult/\$17 Senior (65+) / \$15 Student / \$10 Youth (6-17) / Child (5 and under) – Free / BCHS Member Adult - Free

On all weekdays as well as weekends in November, daily one-hour guided tours of historic Fonthill Castle showcase Henry Mercer's home decorated for the holidays, and share the history of Mercer and the construction of this unique property. Tours are 60 minutes and guided.

Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement, and the castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete architecture with forty-four rooms, two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces.

Holiday Lights Meander Days

Saturdays & Sundays:

Saturday, December 6 & Sunday, December 7, 2025

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14, 2025

Saturday, December 20 & Sunday, December 21, 2025

Saturday, December 27 & Sunday, December 28, 2025

Time slots begin every 10 minutes (each slot is 45-minutes long)

Special Dates & Times:

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 (Christmas Eve) – Special hours: 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Friday, December 26, 2025

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 (New Year's Eve) – Special hours: 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

\$25 Adult / \$20 BCHS Member Adult / \$10 Youth (6-17) / \$5 Child (5 and under)

Offered on all weekends in December, as well special holiday days, Holiday Lights Meander Days allow guests to explore the rooms and trees on the 2025 Holiday Lights Meander tour route inside Fonthill Castle at their own pace.

Knowledgeable tour guides are available along the holiday route to inspire and engage and make this a seasonal experience to remember for the whole family!

Holiday Evening Tours at Fonthill Castle

Friday, November 21 & Saturday, November 22, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Wednesday, December 10 & Thursday, December 11, 2025

Wednesday, December 17 & Thursday, December 18, 2025

First tour begins at 5 P.M.

\$25 Adults/\$20 Member Adults/\$10 Youth (6-17)/\$5 Child (5 and under)

Nothing is as magical as discovering Fonthill Castle decked out for the holidays on one of our guided Evening Tours! Discover Mercer's renowned ceramic tiles and holiday trees glowing in the candlelight during these intimate 45-minute historic tours.

Holidays at Fonthill Castle is generously supported by Fulton Bank, The Haverford Trust Company, Raphael Architects, Michelle Pedersen, Penn Medicine Doylestown Health, and The Tustin Group.

Schedule and tickets are at mercermuseum.org/holidays. Advanced tickets are highly recommended for all of these holiday programs.

Fonthill Castle is closed on the following holiday days: Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day); Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Christmas Day) and Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day).

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About the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle

Located in Doylestown, Bucks County, PA, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle are historic castles celebrating the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer (1856-1930), American archaeologist, anthropologist, ceramicist and scholar. Both sites are operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS).

The Mercer Museum, one of Bucks County's premier cultural attractions and a Smithsonian affiliate, features both local and national seasonal exhibits as well as a core museum collection of over 17,000 pre-Industrial tools. This permanent collection offers visitors a unique window into pre-Industrial America through sixty different crafts and trades and is one of the world's most comprehensive portraits of American material culture. The museum also features a research library that is a center for local history related to Bucks County and the surrounding region, with its roots dating back to the founding of the Bucks County Historical Society in 1880.

Fonthill Castle was built between 1908-1912 and was the home of Henry Chapman Mercer. Mercer built Fonthill Castle as his residence and showplace for his collection of tiles and prints. The castle serves as an early example of reinforced concrete and features forty-four rooms, over two hundred windows, and eighteen fireplaces. Fonthill Castle's interior features Mercer's renowned, hand-crafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.

The Mercer Museum is located at 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA, 18901. Fonthill Castle is located at 525 East Court Street in Doylestown, PA, 18901.

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle are open Tuesdays – Sundays from 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. For up-to-date ticket and schedule information, please visit mercermuseum.org.

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