

Travelers to see historic America

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The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum and Gardens, plus a picturesque tour of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Dutch country, is the destination for a small group tour from The Community House in Birmingham.

The seven day trip, June 9-15, is designed to be interesting and scenic as well as educational.

Reservations are being accepted now for the spring travel opportunity at The Community House, Bates and Townsend.

"More and more we are prompted to search into history, our roots, from whence we came," noted a Community

House spokesman. "This trip offers a rare opportunity to do just that."

Henry Francis du Pont gave his home and lovely grounds, plus his vast collection of American decorative arts and antiques for the enjoyment of the public, and Winterthur has become an educational and cultural center of international significance.

The 175-room mansion, containing more than 50,000 antiques of unprecedented quality and beauty, rests on 960 acres of property.

Drawing rooms, hallways, dining rooms, bedrooms, and specialty features such as shop fronts, simulated

outdoor settings, and Shaker rooms depict the early American domestic scene. Six style periods are included — 17th Century, William and Mary, Queen Anne, Chippendale, Federal and Empire. With some exceptions, most of the objects in the collection are American-made. Luxury items, such as Oriental carpets, glass chandeliers and fine ceramics, were imported into colonial America. The Winterthur collection ranges from the most elegant examples of each style to folk art and utilitarian wares.

THE ROLLING PROPERTY is extensively cultivated with show gardens. Sixty acres of spring-blooming plants line wooded pathways, combining stunning vistas of countryside with shaded walks and every kind of shrub and tree that will grow in northern Delaware. The blooming season begins in early March and continues throughout the summer and fall. Meadows, upland marshes, creeks, ponds and woods make-up a portion of the Winterthur grounds and are the setting for nature walks.

In addition to visiting Winterthur, the local travelers will visit nearby

Brandywine River Museum (often referred to as the Andrew Wyeth Museum) located in rural, rolling countryside. Historic Philadelphia is also on the agenda as well as a tour of the Pennsylvania Dutch country.

While in Philadelphia, the group will stay at the Latham Hotel, located within easy walking distance of historic areas, theater and fine shops. In Wilmington, the Hotel du Pont will play host to the group, sharing the cultural and historical riches of the area in an atmosphere of elegant service.

Special attractions include dinners featured in the Green Room and the Brandywine-Christina Room of the du Pont Hotel, as well as dinner at the Red Fox Inn, located not too far from the Longwood Gardens.

The \$690 per person price for the trip includes round-trip transportation, transfers, hotel accommodations, all sightseeing, three breakfasts, three lunches, three dinners and service of a tour guide.

Reservations for the trip are limited and should be made immediately. For further information, interested persons should call The Community House, 644-5832.

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Mrs. Robert Kirsten attend the congress as a delegate and will give the report and resolutions.

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