Saturday, January 27th from 10:00am to 3:00pm
A Spinning Workshop with Ruth Konrad
Explore the art of spinning wool fibers into thread. Participants will be able to sit at a wheel and learn the techniques to transform raw wool into usable yarn themselves! Textile researcher and expert spinner, Ruth Konrad, will share the stories of the natural fibers that were used to make yarn and thread for textiles. Embrace a new skill while connecting to the past and join in this spinning circle at Pottsgrove Manor!
Registration Required and space is limited. Materials Fee $50 per person, participants are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch. Weather Dependent.

Friday February 23rd drop-off by 3:00pm, Saturday, February 24th pick-up at 11:00am
Pottsgrove Sleepover – A Stuffed Animal Adventure
It’s a night at the museum for your favorite stuffed animals, dolls, and action figures! Kids can follow along online as pictures are shared of the their brave friends exploring Pottsgrove Manor after-hours. See what secrets of the museum the animals uncover, discover the historic objects, and learn about life from the colonial era—all before bedtime. The next morning when it’s time to pick up their fuzzy friends, kids can take a tour to see the spots their favorite buddies explored to share in the memories.
Ages 2-12; Registration Required. Weather Dependent.

Saturday, April 6th at 1:00pm
Maritime History of 18th-Century Philadelphia
The power and importance of water cannot be overlooked in the 18th-century world. The Potts family had a wharf in the city for trade of their iron goods across the Atlantic world. Dive into the role of the riverfront in colonial Philadelphia from researcher and author Michael Schreiber as he speaks on the history and stories from the docks of the city.

Saturday, May 4th from 11:00am to 5:00pm
Annual Colonial Mayfair
Sing and dance of spring at Pottsgrove Manor’s Annual Colonial Mayfair! Kick off the day by joining in the maypole celebration with its rainbow ribbons and festive music. The grounds of the museum are filled with living history interpreters, crafters, and demonstrations that bring the past to life. Find locally made goods and activities fit for the fair. Step back in time with historic puppet performances and entertainments, still guaranteed to make the whole family laugh! Kids of all ages can play games and participate in hobby horse races to win a prize. Free visitor parking available at Pottstown Memorial Park, located at 75 W King Street, with a complimentary shuttle service to Pottsgrove Manor.
Weather Dependent, Suggested $4 donation per person.

Friday, June 14th at 11:00am
Juneteenth Celebration—Kids Story-time
It is a very special story-time at Pottsgrove Manor to celebrate Juneteenth! Join the museum for a story focused on Black history in America and the incredible stories and people who made that history happen.
Story time welcomes children of all ages but is most appropriate for ages 5-9.

Thursday, July 11th at 6:00pm, 6:30pm, & 7:00pm
Footsteps in History—Walking Tours of Pottstown
Spend your evening learning about the growth and history of 18th-century Pottstown. Register online for a timeslot and then join the staff of Pottsgrove Manor to journey into the past with the beginnings of colonial Pottstown with the stories of those who called Pottstown home. Tours will begin at the Smith Family Plaza, located at 138 E High St, Pottstown, PA 19464, across from the Pottstown Borough Hall. Space is limited and registration required. Weather Dependent. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Walking tours are approximately 1 hour.

Saturday, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st, from 11am to 3pm
Open House Days at Pottsgrove Manor
Saturdays are special in August as living history and unique items from the collection are highlighted throughout the month. Each weekend has something different, so check on our website and social media to find what days you’d like to visit! The first floor of the museum will be open for self guided style tours so you can learn about Pottsgrove Manor at your own pace. Find something new happening throughout the month at Open House Days!

Saturday, September 21st from 11am to 3pm
Volunteer Welcome Day
Be a part of something special and discover the volunteer opportunities available at the museum. From museum guides, special event living historians, garden enthusiasts, or curatorial assistants, there are so many ways that your talents are needed at Pottsgrove Manor. The public is invited to learn more about the many volunteer roles, talk with staff and current volunteers about their experience, and catch a glimpse behind the scenes past the “Staff and Volunteer Area” signs. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

Saturday, October 26th
Introduction to Green Woodcarving Workshop
1:00pm to 4:00pm
Volunteers must be over 18 years of age. Registration Required and space is limited. Participants are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch. Weather Dependent. Suggested $4 donation per person.

Friday, November 29th, 2024 through Sunday, January 12th, 2025 during regular museum hours
Twelfth Night Holiday Tours
Engage with the holiday traditions from history as Pottsgrove Manor transforms to bring the colonial yuletide to life. Guided tours of the museum showcase the ways Twelfth Night was celebrated in the 18th century, from elaborate dessert displays to the simplicity of the greenery decorations. A family favorite every year!

Friday, December 8th, from 11:00am to 5:00pm
18th-Century Holiday Frost Fair
Embrace the spirit of the season and bring some history to your holidays with Pottsgrove Manor’s Frost Fair! Stroll through the grounds as historic vendors and demonstrators bring a slice of holiday alive. Find the perfect holiday gift for everyone in your family from both historic and local artisans. Explore the museum as rooms are filled with cheer and candlelight as living history interpreters share the traditions of the colonial holiday season. Follow signs for parking and to a free Visitor Shuttle to the grounds. Weather Dependent. Suggested $4 donation per person.
Museum History

Pottsgrove Manor exemplifies the restrained elegance of early Georgian architecture popular with wealthy English gentry during the mid-18th century. Built in 1752 for John and Ruth Potts, ironmaster and founder of Pottstown, Pottsgrove Manor retains its original charm and architectural beauty. The manor has been restored to recreate the lifestyle and times of the Potts family. Pottsgrove Manor is open year-round for guided tours, as well as public programs, school tours, lectures, and workshops.

Programs & Amenities

Educational Field Trips & Group Tours
Following state standards, staff will be glad to plan an educational and engaging program for your students. Adults can also enjoy all Pottsgrove Manor has to offer with special tours and programs for everyone. Contact museum staff for details about all our educational opportunities, including virtual visits and unique digital content. Groups of 10 or more are requested to call in advance to schedule their tour.

Museum Shop
The shop provides a fine selection of 18th-century reproduction items, books, toys, and more.

Accessibility
The first floor of the manor house is handicapped accessible. The site is also equipped with modern, wheelchair-friendly restroom facilities. We have many accessibility options, so please contact the museum for more information about specific accommodations or to sign up for a free virtual visit.

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Check the Pottsgrove Manor website and social media for updates about weather cancelations.

Directions

From the north—Take Route 100 South to Pottstown. Turn left at the King Street traffic light.

From the south—Take Route 100 North to Pottstown, crossing over the Schuylkill River. Turn right onto the second turn-off at the King Street traffic light.

From the east—Take Route 422 West towards Pottstown. Exit at Route 100 North/Allentown. Then follow the “From the south” directions.

From the west—Take Route 422 East towards Pottstown. Exit at Route 100 North/Allentown. Then follow the “From the south” directions.

Once on King Street, the entrance to Pottsgrove Manor will be immediately on the right.

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