



Discover Rockwood: History, Family, Nature, Life!

Rockwood was the home of the Bringham family for over 70 years. The Mansion stands tall today, a reminder of the past, exhibiting family life at the turn of the 20th century, through World War I, the Depression, World War II, and into the 1960s. Rockwood Museum has original furnishings, a large collection of family clothing from the 1890s through the 1920s, and a repository of photographs which tell the story in of the Bringhursts in exceptional detail. Museum guides tell tales of their wealthy lifestyle, ancestors, and servants, in a warm and intimate fashion.

IN THE MUSEUM & GARDENS

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS AT ROCKWOOD MANOR

*Through
2014*

Life at Rockwood through the Eyes of The Servants

This new exhibit is dedicated to the Rockwood Servants; featuring those who cleaned, cooked, and cared for the families who lived on the estate from 1854 to 1972. The Cook's Room on the first floor will feature photos and artifacts from the past with interactive (Please Touch) items and a new exhibit room on the second floor will depict a Servant's bedroom. There is no extra charge for viewing these new exhibits but regular admission prices apply.

Running through the Spring season...

AN IRISH CONNECTION

Rockwood Mansion celebrates its Irish connection through Elizabeth Bringham Galt-Smith known affectionately to her family as "Bessie". Bessie, the eldest daughter, married John Galt-Smith, an Irish linen merchant, and moved to Kilwaughter Castle in Larne, County Antrim, Ireland. Many of Rockwood's servants were chosen and sent to America at Bessie's suggestion. Bessie's Irish influence can be seen further through the furnishings and decorating style she brought back to Rockwood after World War I. See how they set the table for an elaborate St. Patrick's Day tea. The drawing room and dining room will reflect some of the ways the family would entertain their guests. Photos of the family and servants will be on display throughout the house.

ROCKWOOD IN BLOOM

April and May are the most exciting months to enjoy the gardens at Rockwood. What's in bloom changes daily as we welcome back the lilac, peonies and magnolia and we await the annual late May blooming of the Dr. Van Fleet Roses in the Walled Garden. The roses were planted in 1913 by Edward Bringham, III. The blooms of spring will also be on display in the Museum with bright furnishings, clothing, and friends helping to shake off the dust and gloom of the winter.

ROCKWOOD AND THE CIVIL WAR

March 16, 1pm

*First in a Series of lectures by
Museum Director Philip Nord*

This lecture will feature artifacts and research materials from the Rockwood archival collections concerning Joseph Shipley and the Bringham family involvement during the Civil War. Although, they were of the Quaker persuasion, both sides of the conflict (Union and Confederate) were represented. Additional information related to the Underground Railroad will be explored. **Registration required. \$10 per person**

Attention All Scout Masters and Leaders!

Take advantage of the 72 acres of nature's wonder at Rockwood Park. Parkland includes meadows, woods, streams, ponds, cliffs, pathways, and more. There are many opportunities here for Scout projects, volunteer requirements, and just plain fun. Visit rockwood.org or call **302-761-4340** for more information.

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PARK & GARDENS: Open daily, dawn until dusk; ROCKWOOD MUSEUM TOURS: Wed.-Sat., 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm; Sundays, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm; ADMISSION: \$10 adult, \$4 child. New Castle County residents receive half off museum admission with ID.

All active duty military members receive a \$5 discount on Department of Community Services programs and activities.

CHILDREN / TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

A PARANORMAL ADVENTURE IN THE MANSION**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructors: Professor Phil and Dr. Lou***One 1½-hour program, \$25**

3405.301	Sat	7-8:30pm	3/8
3405.302	Sat	7-8:30pm	4/12
3405.303	Sat	7-8:30pm	5/10

An introduction to paranormal investigation. Hear, see, and perhaps experience the evidence. Hands-on use of ghost-hunting equipment. **Registration required. Family program**

AFTERNOON TEA WITH MARY**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructor: Donna Francisco***One 2½-hour program, \$15**

3613.491	Sat	12-2:30pm	5/17
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Miss Mary Bringhurst would like to extend her cordial invitation to a Victorian tea party at her home. Fine teas and lemonade will be served, delicate finger foods shall be enjoyed, and games will be played on the South Lawn. **Registration required. Ages 10-14**

GIRLS & DOLLS TEA PARTY**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructor: Donna Francisco***One 2-hour program, \$15 per girl and doll**

3613.492	Sat	12-2pm	4/12
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You and your doll are invited to a tea party. We will be making fashion accessories for our dolls, playing tea party games, and enjoying tea and finger foods. **Registration required. Ages 5-12**

HIKER**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructor: Donna Francisco***One 2-hour program, \$10**

3319.391	Sat	12-2pm	4/26
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Come hike the trails of Rockwood and see what you can see! Will it be a blue jay or a sweet gum tree? Join us as we go a scavenger hike, find the oldest tree at Rockwood (hint: it is over 100 years old) make a trail snack to take with us and learn to dress for the great outdoors. **Registration required. Ages 8-12**

IN SEARCH OF THE PARANORMAL**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructors: Professor Phil and Dr. Lou***One 3-hour program, \$25**

3414.301	Sat	9pm-12am	3/22
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Take a walk around the estate with Dr. Lou, Rockwood's resident ghost hunter. Be entertained with stories of the unusual and bizarre. Visit the pet cemetery and outbuildings and search for lost souls on the estate. Must be in good physical condition. Wear solid shoes. Bring a flashlight and a bottle of water. **Registration required. Ages 12+**

LETTERBOXING**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructor: Donna Francisco***One 2½-hour program, \$10**

3319.491	Sat	12-2:30pm	5/24
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Have you always wanted to know what letterboxing was all about? Join us as we learn some letterboxing lingo, make our own stamp, search for hidden boxes, and hide a box of our own. **Registration required. Ages 6-10**

ROCKWOOD EXPLORERS CAMP**SITE: ROCKWOOD MUSEUM***Instructors: Rockwood Staff***Five 6-hour sessions, \$150**

3518.501	Mon-Fri	9am-3pm	8/4-8/8
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Hike and discover natural treasures, pan for gold in the creek, learn about archaeology, see what you can find on the scavenger hunt, go on a ghost tour of the museum, play turn of the century games, learn about history and architecture, and document it all in your journal! Whew! **For details visit rockwood.org. Registration required. Ages 9-12**

SELF-SERVICE SPA**SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION***Instructor: Donna Braden***One 1½-hour program, \$15**

3112.170	Sat	2-3:30pm	3/22
3112.272	Sat	2-3:30pm	5/31

Join us for an afternoon of foot soaks and home-made facials. Come to pamper little feet and pretty faces with peppermint and chocolate. Learn skin care techniques and take home beauty secret recipes. So much fun. **Registration required. Ages 9-13**

SPRING BONNETS**SITE: ROCKWOOD MUSEUM***Instructor: Rockwood Staff***One 1½-hour program, \$15**

3107.501	Sat	2-3:30pm	4/12
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Turn ordinary straw hats into colorful, flowery spring bonnets, pretty enough for Highclere Castle! Don your finery and tour the mansion pretending to be a Victorian guest of the wealthy Bringhurst family. **Registration required. Ages 6-12**

SPRING BREAK ADVENTURES: VICTORIAN VARIETY**SITE: ROCKWOOD MUSEUM & PARK***Instructor: Rockwood Staff***One 1½-hour program, \$10****Best Value, 5-day package, \$45.00**

3114.501	Mon	12:30-2pm	4/21
3114.502	Tue	12:30-2pm	4/22
3114.503	Wed	12:30-2pm	4/23
3114.504	Thu	12:30-2pm	4/24
3114.505	Fri	12:30-2pm	4/25

Best Value

3114.506	Mon-Fri	12:30-2pm	4/21-4/25
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Explore Rockwood Museum with five afternoons of Victorian variety. Learn about the architecture, inventions, servants, nature and the family of the Rockwood Mansion at the turn of the 20th century. **Registration required. Ages 6-12**

TODDLER TIME**SITE: ROCKWOOD MUSEUM & PARK***Instructor: Donna Braden***Three 1½-hour program, \$25**

3103.501	Wed	10-11:30am	3/26, 4/30, 5/28
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Let's have some fun at Rockwood Park. Toddler Time will include a walk around the property, a fun hands-on activity, and a little snack. Beverages are not provided. **Registration required. Ages 2-4**

BE INVOLVED. IM40.ORG

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ADULT PROGRAMS

A PARANORMAL JOURNEY IN THE MANSION

SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION

Instructors: Professor Phil and Dr. Lou

One 3-hour program, \$50

3411.300	Sat	9pm-12am	3/8
3411.302	Sat	9pm-12am	4/12
4311.303	Sat	9pm-12am	5/10

Visit the attic and basement of the mansion. An exploration of paranormal activity and in-depth study using advanced equipment. Tour is often accompanied by a psychic or medium. Must be able to traverse many stairs. **Registration required. Adults 18 and older**

HAUNTED OVERNIGHT

SITE: ROCKWOOD MANSION

Instructors: Professor Phil and Dr. Lou

Overnight session, \$100

3409.301	Sat	8pm-3am	4/26
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Back by popular demand! Sleepover will include updates of ghostly happenings, sightings and eerie activities in the past. There will be ghost stories by Dr. Lou, videos of selected subjects and, of course, the investigation continues with EVPs, night vision, dousing rod action and other interesting phenomena. Cameras are welcome. **Space is limited. Register now! Adults**

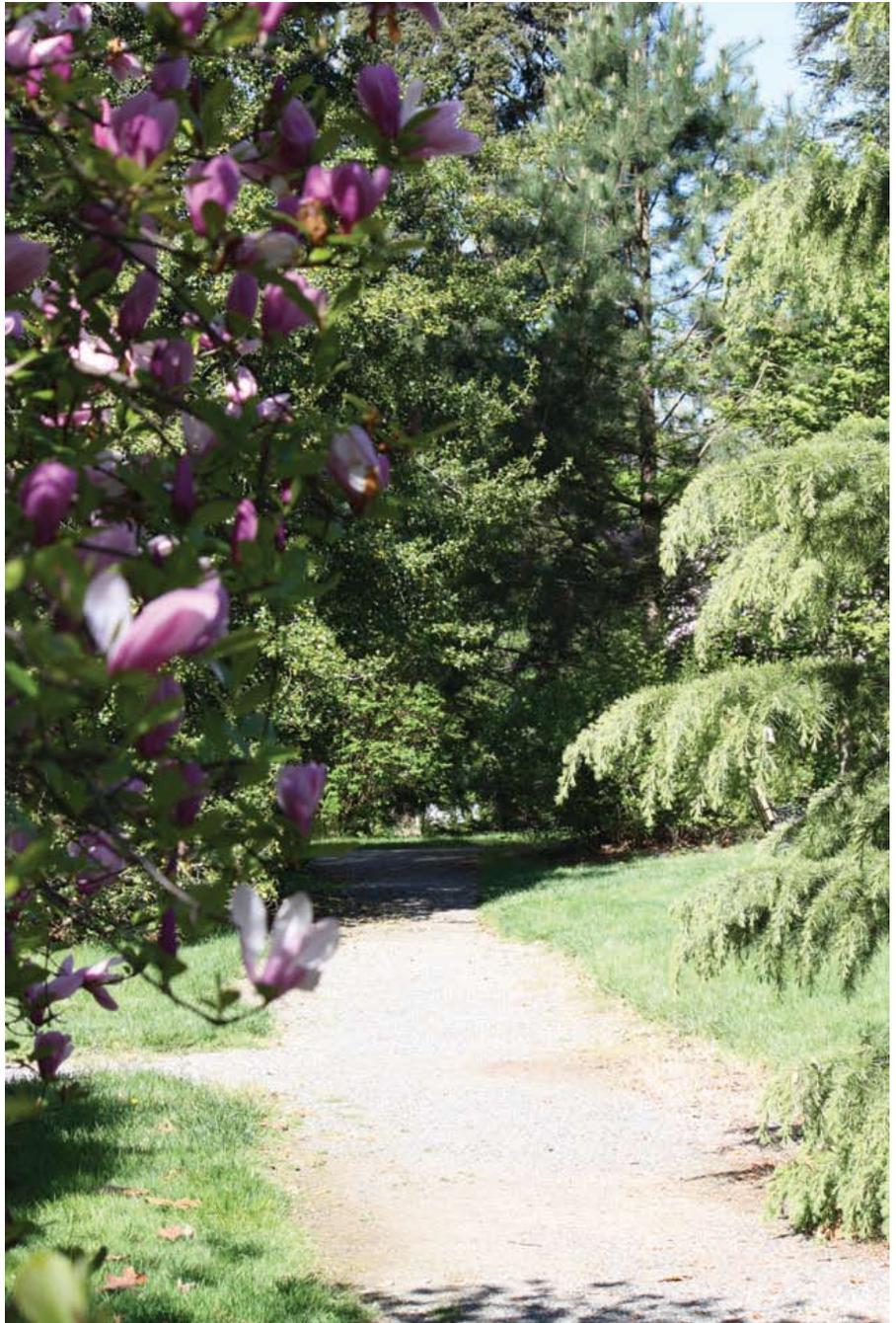
TREASURE HUNT: ANTIQUE APPRAISALS

SITE: ROCKWOOD MUSEUM

One 1½-hour program, \$5/item

3006.121	Sat	1-3pm	3/15
3006.131	Sat	1-3pm	4/19
3006.141	Sat	1-3pm	5/17

Now is the time to check your attic, basement, garage, closets, desk drawers and old steamer trunks to find lost treasures and bring them to be evaluated and appraised. These non-binding appraisals will be based on condition, rarity, material, workmanship and, if it can be determined, who made the item. Philip Nord, Rockwood Museum Director and certified Antiques Appraiser will evaluate your vintage treasures. (Limit two items per person. Sorry, no paintings or jewelry.)



WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

Unique historic architecture? Gardening on a grand scale?
Local history? Decorative arts and antiques?
Rockwood Museum and Park has the volunteer opportunity for you!

- Garden in the formal garden and surrounding 72 acres
- Be a costumed tour guide
- Help set up special exhibits
- Research the collection and archival records

Call **302-761-4340** for information and to set up a time to meet with our Volunteer Coordinator and Museum Director.