

ROCKWOOD MUSEUM

HISTORIC MANSION AND GARDENS
610 SHIPLEY ROAD, WILMINGTON, DE 19809

UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS AT ROCKWOOD MANOR

LIFE AT ROCKWOOD THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SERVANTS

This new exhibit is dedicated to the Rockwood servants, featuring those who cleaned and cared for the families who lived on the estate from 1854– 1972.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND THE WILMINGTON DRAMA LEAGUE PRESENT: THEATER AT THE ROCK

Wednesday nights in June. “Doors” open at 6:00 p.m. performances start at 7:00 p.m.

June 4—Magic with Larry Denberg—Tons of laughs, tons of fun and tons of audience participation. See what the excitement is all about. Come and be entertained.

June 11—Do Wop Wed Widing Hood—written by Charlie Lovett—Music and Lyrics by Bill Francouer

Only the prince that can find the missing girl, defeat the dragon and awaken a castle visitor from her slumber earns the right to woo Wed Widing Hood. Which prince will it be?

June 18—Caterpilla— The story of Cinderella, insect style— written by Tricia Lawlor Beichner

A bevy of insects tell their own tale of Cinderella as we learn the important lesson that beauty is only wing deep and good things often come in fuzzy packages. Join the lazy stink bugs, caterpillar’s “ants”, Prince Papilio and many others in this hilarious new fairy tale!

June 25—On a Day Just Like This—written and directed by Kathy Butler McDermott

It’s a day made for vanquishing pirates and rescuing fairies, so how come the kids are just bored, bored, bored? It takes some feisty senior citizens and an epic battle to show them that on a day just like this, anything can happen.

To purchase tickets, visit Rockwood Museum or call 302-761-4340

Children (10 yrs. and under) \$4.00. Adults \$8.00

Value Pack (5 tickets) \$20.00



MORE SUMMER EVENTS PAGE 2

FARMERS MARKET AT ROCKWOOD PARK

Fridays from 3:00—7:00 p.m. May 3—October 10 (closed July 4)

Enjoy story time at 3:00 p.m. on June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, and October 3.

For a list of weekly vendors, visit nccde.org/parks



New Castle County Department of Community Services
Thomas P. Gordon, County Executive

Upstairs Downstairs cont.

The Cook's Room on the first floor will feature photos and artifacts from the past with interactive (Please Touch) items. 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.

This exhibit will be open through 2014.

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Do you have a personal connection to Rockwood? If you do, please join us for a reception and tour to share memories and meet other families of people who once worked at Rockwood. This year the museum is celebrating the lives of the people who worked on the estate. If you are related to someone who worked at Rockwood, we want to hear from you! We would love to meet you and hear your stories so they can be recorded as a part of Rockwood's living history. **Sunday, June 1 2:00—5:00 p.m.**

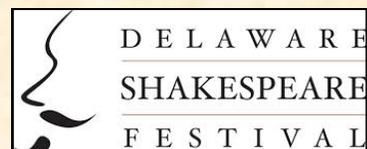
Summer Events Cont.

**OLD FASHION
ICE CREAM FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH
SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH
11:00 AM— 5:00 PM
TICKETS AT THE GATE
ROCKWOODICECREAM.COM



**DELAWARE SHAKESPEARE
FESTIVAL PRESENTS:**

HAMLET
JULY 21-27
AT ROCKWOOD PARK
7:30 PM, SUNDAYS 6:00 PM
DELSHAKES.ORG



GRAND OPENING OF THE BRINGHURST BOUTIQUE

JUNE 28 AND 29 DURING THE ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Looking for that unique gift or item for your home? Look no further. We have beautiful hand crafted pottery, one of a kind jewelry, and the toys of your childhood. Many of our products are produced by local artisans.

During our Grand Opening all Channel Craft toys are 10% off

Come and check out our newly arrived Romanick Pottery

THIS SUMMER

MUSEUM AND GARDENS

May: Rockwood in Bloom—Spring is the most exciting time 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.

June: Summertime—Experience the echoes of a bygone era when croquet, lawn tennis and summer dresses welcome the coming summer. Imagine yourself seated on the verandah as the staff deliver a light afternoon tea. Displays include pieces of the family summer clothing, china and silver.

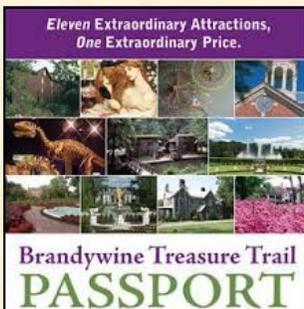
July: Happy Birthday Edward Bringham III—Much ado is made about the only male heir who happens to share a birthday with our nation, July 4th! House staff would have been busy bedecking the house in red, white and blue for the celebration.

August: Down the Shore—The house staff is especially busy packing summer dresses, swim suits and all the outfits demanded of high society entertainment as the luggage is readied for the Bringham's annual trip to Cape May Point.



Rockwood Museum is a Blue Star Museum

All Active Military, and their families, receive FREE admittance to the museum Memorial thru Labor Day. BLUESTARFAM.ORG



Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport: This Summer, More is Less!

Eleven extraordinary museums and gardens at one low price.

Valid May 24—September 1

Purchase your passport at the front desk at Rockwood or visit BRANDYWINETREASURES.ORG

FIRST SUNDAY AT THE ROCKWOOD MUSEUM

On the first Sunday of every month, Rockwood will offer free admission for mansion tours. Tours are given on the hour at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Please bring your family to tour our lovely Victorian mansion and to gain an appreciation of our local history.

ROCKWOOD EXPLORER'S CAMP

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-twentieth-century games; learn about history and architecture; and document it all in your journal! Whew! **Ages 9-12**

Five six—hour sessions
\$150.00

Monday—Friday

August 4—8

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Art in the Park—Get to know Rockwood Park. We'll walk to collect natural materials for our own art projects. Leaf rubbing, nature frames, rock face puzzles, and more. See rockwood.org for more details. Projects are for the children, but families are welcome to observe.

One 1 ½ hour program

\$10.00

Thursdays 2:00—3:30 p.m.

6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24 and

Drop in for Fun—What to do on a Friday afternoon? Stop in at Rockwood Park for a fun game, craft or a scavenger hunt. See rockwood.org for detained schedule of events.

One 1 ½ hour program

\$10.00

Fridays 1:00—2:30 p.m.

6/20, 7/18, and 8/22

Ham it Up!—We cannot match the Delaware Shakespeare Festival's production of Hamlet, but we can have our own fun on the grounds of Rockwood. We'll supply some props and ideas, you bring your imagination and a bit of bravado! **FREE**, but registration is required.

One 1 ½ hour program

FREE

Sundays 1:00—2:30 p.m.

7/13 and 7/27

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM

VOLUNTEERING AT ROCKWOOD HAS GREAT BENEFITS

- Free admission to museum for volunteer and guest.
- Educational sessions about interpreting the museum and other aspects of the collection and local history.
- Volunteer discounts on items purchased at the *Bringhurst Boutique*.
- One meeting a month and field trips provided quarterly to other museums for continuing education and socializing with other Rockwood Museum volunteers.
- Annual appreciation dinner for all museum volunteers.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE FLEXIBLE. ALL GUIDES SERVE A MINIMUM OF TWO THREE-HOUR SHIFTS PER MONTH...BUT TYPICALLY GUIDES FALL IN LOVE WITH ROCKWOOD AND CHOOSE TO SERVE MORE OFTEN.

Contact: Loretta Spigel, Volunteer Coordinator

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**GUIDED TOURS: WED—SAT: 10 A.M., 11 A.M., 12 P.M., 1 P.M., 2 P.M., 3 P.M.
SUN 12 P.M., 1 P.M., 2 P.M., 3 P.M.**

