

# Historic Ephrata Cloister Events 2011



**Welcome to the Historic Ephrata Cloister**, preserving one of America's earliest religious communities. Ephrata was founded in 1732 and included both celibate men and women supported by a married congregation. The members became known for their art, self-composed music, printing and architecture. The last celibate member died in 1813 and the married members continued on as the German Seventh Day Baptist Church until 1934. In 1941 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acquired the historic site and began its preservation.

**Guided tours** are offered throughout the year providing a look inside the surviving Sisters' House and Meetinghouse. Eight additional buildings may be viewed at the visitor's leisure. Call in advance for tour times.



## Winter History Class

February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

9:00 a.m. to noon each day

Explore the history of the Ephrata Cloister with this series of special lectures and a field trip. This year, Winter History Class will focus on Ephrata Cloister with a look at daily life among the celibates, land problems at the Cloister, and photos of the site from bygone days. A great day-long field trip (extra fee charged) ends the class in April.

Tuition for Winter History Class is \$30.00 for members of the Ephrata Cloister Associates and the general public is invited to attend the classes for \$40.00 (this tuition helps to defray the cost of coffee, cups, napkins, photocopies and honorarium for speakers). If you attended the Winter History Class last year, you will receive a registration letter in January. If you do not receive a letter, please call the Ephrata Cloister (717) 733-6600.



## Charter Day

Sunday, March 13

noon to 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Pennsylvania with **FREE ADMISSION** to the Historic Ephrata Cloister. In 1681 William Penn was granted a Charter for a piece of land in the New World. Here, he established what he called his "Holy Experiment" inviting people from all nations to live and worship freely. Historic Ephrata Cloister is an outstanding example of the religious toleration available in this New World haven. As a special feature of the day, the Ephrata Cloister Chorus will perform in the *Saal* (Meetinghouse) at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.



## Community Days School Program

Friday, April 29 and May 20

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Students are welcome to explore the activities that made the community of Ephrata a thriving center of life in the colonial days. Try your hand at writing with a quill pen, build a chair, taste old-fashioned food and discover why the doctor's of old were not the first place to seek medical treatment. This open-house day features stations with 12-15 minute presentations throughout the historic site. Travel at your own pace from station to station in any order. This is a great experience for students of all backgrounds. Tuition: \$6.00 for students, one adult admitted free with every ten students, additional adults pay \$8.00 each. Reservations strongly encouraged.



**Mothers** are Free on Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8, 2011



**Fathers** are Free on Father's Day

Sunday, June 19, 2011

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**January & February** ☒ **March & April** ☒ **May - July**

Wednesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, noon - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, noon - 5:00 p.m.

Monday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, noon - 5:00 p.m.

The historic site is closed on Sunday, April 24 for Easter.

Historic Ephrata Cloister will be open on Memorial Day, May 30.

**More Events on the Other Side**

# Don't Miss These Great Events!



**Scout Day**  
Saturday, April 9  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join the scouting adventure as the Historic Ephrata Cloister opens its doors to young girls and boys in this activity filled day. Start by exploring the daily schedule of Ephrata's first residents, then experience writing with a quill, making a book, visiting with the colonial doctor and tasting a Cloister snack. Scouts receive a participation patch and may complete some badge requirements. Scouts and leaders \$8.00 each with pre-registration, \$9.00 each the day of the event.



**A Musical Visit**  
Sunday, April 10  
2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Visitors to the Historic Ephrata Cloister in the 1700s were fascinated by the buildings, art, lifestyle and music of the community members. One visitor reported that the music he heard was "ethereal" and left an impression that would last for a lifetime. Now you can visit with characters from Ephrata's past as history comes to life with these special tours that include performances by the Ephrata Cloister Chorus. Reservations for these special visits can be made by calling Historic Ephrata Cloister after March 1. Admission is \$10.00 for all visitors age 3 and above. Ephrata Cloister Associates members receive discounted admission.



**Spring Search**  
Saturday, April 23  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Why hunt for eggs when you can hunt for real treasures? It's a fun hunt for history designed for children age 11 and under! Follow the clues to different places on the historic site and collect stamps in a Heritage Passport. When you've collected all the stamps, trade them for a prize and a treat. Children age 11 and under are just \$1.00 and grown-ups are \$9.00 or \$8.00 if you're over 65.



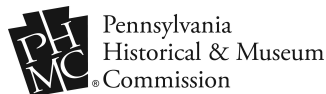
**Ephrata Cloister Chorus Spring Concert**  
Sunday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
St Paul's Lutheran Church  
200 West Orange Street, Lititz

Enjoy the sounds of music from America's past as the Ephrata Cloister Chorus presents their annual Spring Concert. Along with music composed at the Historic Ephrata Cloister in the 18<sup>th</sup>-century there will be selections from other early communities and a special classical work included in the program. Suggested donation of \$10.00 to \$15.00 per person.

***Hours and admission fees subject to change without notice.***

***Individuals in need of special assistance should call in advance to discuss their needs.***

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