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## Historic Bristol Day 2024

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> will be BCHF's 48<sup>th</sup> annual Historic Bristol Day (HBD). The theme will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour of the U.S. including his visit to Bristol. As usual, HBD will start at 10 and conclude at 4.

There will be great entertainment including the statesman and friend of the young Lafayette, Ben Franklin who will be reenacted by Dave Emerson. Entertainment featured in the Gazebo in Lion's Park will include The Jackson Pines folk group, the BCHF Bristol Community Band, and Stepping Stone Dance Company, just to name a few. Please pick up a program to check the times and location of all the entertainment.

If you are hungry any time during the day, visit the food court where there will be at least eleven food vendors ranging from "Matty G Dogz" to "Big Sid's Southern Cuisine". In addition, you can stop by the BCHF bake table on Radcliffe Street and pick up some baked goods and sweet treats, homemade and donated by BCHF's supporters. There will be something to satisfy everyone's taste buds.

Our House Tour will be very special this year and will include a phenomenal number of properties, 8 to be precise, as well as the Tea on the upper lawn next to the Grundy Museum. Your tea experience will be enhanced by Gloria Galante's harp playing. You can buy house tour tickets in advance at the Bristol Borough Tax Office, Bird of Paradise Florists on Mill Street, the Mill Street Pharmacy, and Mignoni Jewelry. Alternatively, you can buy tickets on HBD at BCHF's information and ticket table at Market and Radcliffe Streets, Walnut and Radcliffe Streets, or at the Tea.

As always, we will be featuring the many accomplished, and budding, artists of this area. The Artists of Bristol (AOB) will be displaying art by their members in the upper plaza area next to the Grundy Library. Student Artwork and contest winners will be displayed inside the library. The theme of this year's Student Art Contest, judged by officers of AOB, is Lafayette. Just for this year, some of the members of AOB have created pieces related to Lafayette and France. BCHF is honored to have these displayed in our headquarters on Cedar Street. You can see them all day on HBD and at the Annual Meeting in November. Finally, you can win a wonderful Joe Sagolla print in our raffle. Tickets can be purchased (\$1 a piece or six for \$5) at the BCHF table on the corner of Mulberry and Radcliffe Streets.

Antique and classic car lovers will be thrilled to know that, again this year, HBD will include the Bristol Day Car Show at Snyder-Girotti School. It will include American and foreign antiques, classics, newer Corvettes, Camaros, Firebirds, Mustang, Challengers, T-Birds, street rods, exotics and more. There will be voting on your favorite cars and food vendors if you need a snack while enjoying the great cars. The Antique & Classic Boat Society will have their boats on display here as well.

Finally, HBD is also a street fair and there will be over ninety craft vendors and information tables as well as street entertainment including the Washington Crossing Fife and Drum and face painting.

I hope you can make it to this year's HBD, it includes everything I have described and more. As always, this will be a phenomenal community event, something to be enjoyed and remembered. Bring your family and bring your friends.

## A Tent for the Commander of the Revolutionary War

By Harold Mitchener

George Washington wanted to be out with his troops at Valley Forge, so he sent information to a place in Reading, PA that made tents.

His soldiers could see him reading or writing papers by candlelight. General LaFayette was invited by Washington to come into the tent and talk about the war. Washington also slept in the tent at various places.

After the War, the tent was at Robert E. Lee's home in Arlington, VA. When the Lees no longer lived in the home because it was in the middle of a National Cemetery the tent was then given to the government for safe keeping because it was a treasure of George Washington who became the first President.

The tent was set up in Fort McHenry in Baltimore. On his great tour of the nation in 1824 General LaFayette and some surviving officers from the Revolutionary War were invited to go inside the tent and remember its importance.

Where is that tent now? It is in the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Source: The Smithsonian Magazine, January/February 2024





# Historic Bristol Day House and Garden Tour

October 19  
10 to 4



#### Includes:

- Houses and Gardens
- The Annual Tea Held on the South Lawn of Grundy Museum

#### Featuring:

- 9 Locations
- Within Walking Distance
- Shuttle Service Available

#### Advance Ticket Sales:

- Mignoni Jewelry Store
- Bristol Tax Office
- Bird of Paradise Florist
- Mill Street Pharmacy

#### Ticket Sales Day of Event:

- Walnut & Radcliffe Street
- Market & Radcliffe
- The Tea at Grundy Museum

**Ticket Required  
\$20 Per Person**

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# 48th Historic Bristol Day

**RADCLIFFE STREET & RIVERFRONT PARK  
BRISTOL BOROUGH, PA**

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 19**

10 AM - 4PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

- ANTIQUE BOAT DISPLAY
- BRISTOL MURAL ART TOUR
- CAR SHOW
- CHILDREN'S CORNER AT GRUNDY LIBRARY
- CRAFTERS & VENDORS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD COURT/FOOD TRUCKS
- GRUNDY MUSEUM
- HOUSE & GARDEN TOURS
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS
- STUDENT ART SHOW
- TEA ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF GRUNDY MUSEUM
- & MUCH MORE TO COME.
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY BRACKEN MURAL UNVEILING..

JOIN US AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE 200TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
LAFAYETTE'S HISTORIC  
VISIT TO BRISTOL  
BOROUGH



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:



[WWW.BRISTOLHISTORY.ORG](http://WWW.BRISTOLHISTORY.ORG)



# 13 BRISTOL DAY CAR SHOW

13th Annual Event

ALL AMERICAN AND FOREIGN ANTIQUES, CLASSICS, NEWER CORVETTES, CAMAROS, FIREBIRDS, MUSTANGS, CHALLENGERS, T-BIRDS, STREET RODS, LOWRIDERS, LUXURIES, EXOTICS AND MORE...

Snyder-Girotti Elementary School  
450 Beaver St, Bristol PA 19007



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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC starting at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm  
Car cruise through Bristol Borough at 3:00 pm

**Registration starts at 9:00 am**

\$15 registration per participant on the day of the show.  
Same cost for one or multiple cars.

**Show on black top**

Indoor Restrooms, Food and Seating

**The following trophies will be awarded**

Pre-1995 | 1995 - 2025 | Best of Show

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place People's Choice and others...

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

Visit [www.bristoldaycarshow.com](http://www.bristoldaycarshow.com) and pre-register

No Rain Date.

\*\*\*\*\* The Gazette gets a New Editor \*\*\*\*\*

After many years, Nancy Marren has stepped down as editor of the Gazette. Month after month, she gathered the articles, expertly laid them out, and got them to the printer in time for the monthly deadline. We are very grateful for all her time and effort and for making every issue look special.

Her final act was to recruit a replacement, Linda Rowan. We are thrilled to have someone so proficient as our new editor. Last month was her first issue and she seemed to roll it out with no effort at all. Welcome Linda.

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## RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

**Friday, October 25**, is the reservation deadline for our Tuesday, December 3, bus trip to the Nemours Estate in Delaware. Before going to this elegant mansion, we'll stop at Buckley's Tavern in Centreville, DE, where we'll be served a three-course luncheon, with a choice of three entrees: penne alla vodka -- plain, with grilled chicken or grilled salmon, pan-seared salmon or Chef HB's meatloaf. The home where the Tavern stands today dates back to 1817 when it was built as a private residence. At that time, there was a blacksmith shop where the parking lot is now located. Stagecoaches stopped where the bus stops now, and the front porch, complete with rocking chairs, protected waiting passengers from inclement weather. Buckley's was also the site of a tollgate to collect fees from those traveling to and from Wilmington.

Following lunch, we'll proceed to the elegant 47,000-square-foot Nemours Mansion. Constructed in 1910, the mansion was completed in just 18 months and features 77 rooms of remarkable collections that include art, furniture and technology, and which will be decked out in holiday splendor.

All-inclusive cost of the trip is \$135 for BCHF members and \$145 for non-members, based on a minimum of 45 paid passengers. Call 215-788-9408 for a detailed flyer/reservation form or print it from BCHF's website at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org)

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## OUT OF THE PAST

The following items were excerpted from **October 1901** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE. Price Three Cents.

**10/3** – JOHNSON BROS., Cor. Mill and Wood Streets¼..Men's Suits, Black Cheviot, \$5.00. Spring Overcoats, \$10.00. This is our price. Why pay \$15 in the city for the same style coat?"

"THE SPOT CASH STORE, 111 Mill Street¼..There is an assortment of stationery and school supplies here that will be of interest to you. Pencil Tablets, 400 pages, 5c. Ink Tablets, 2-1/2c to 10c. Composition Books, 2c to 6c. Rubber Tipped Pencils, Finely Polished, Good Lead, 1c. Colored Crayons, 1c and 4c per box. J. H. Ellis, Prop."

"DR. ELLA R. HEINEKEN, Lady Dentist, 224 Mill Street¼..I have equipped my office with a water motor fan for the comfort of my patients."

"THE MISSES IREDELL, Radcliffe Street, will re-open their school, September 26, 1901. Advanced, primary and kindergarten classes. Drawing, painting, French and elocution."

Good Will Hose Co., No. 3's base ball club will play with old Bristol club at Persimmon Park on Saturday afternoon. Coleman and Potts will do the battery work for Bristol, and "Jersey" McDonald will occupy his old position at second base. A very interesting game is looked for. Guy and Butler will be in the points for Good Will.

IF YOU WISH TO VOTE. Next Saturday, October 5, is the last day upon which a poll tax can be paid in order to qualify a voter to cast a ballot at the next election.

WORK COMMENCED ON BRISTOL TROLLEY. A construction crew started to work on Monday morning to rebuild the trolley road of the old Bristol and Philadelphia Passenger Railway Company. Operations were commenced at the Bristol terminus at the corner of Bath and Otter Streets.

**10/10** – "MISS ESTHER LAWRENCE will re-open her school on Tuesday, September 17, 1901, and night school on October 1. For particulars, apply 342 Radcliffe Street."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. A tablespoon of flour added to the starch keeps curtains stiff much longer. The dust cloth for any room should be lightly sprinkled before using, and should be washed and dried after every dusting operation. Dirty dust cloths do more harm than good in cleaning a room.

"Millinery. On account of illness, will have to postpone my opening of Fall and Winter millinery until Thursday, October 10, which you are cordially invited to inspect. MISS SARA K. COOKE, 337 Cedar Street."

STEAM LAUNDRY REOPENED. William I. Murphy has obtained possession of the Bristol steam laundry and will hereafter conduct the business formerly run by C. F. Brown. The laundry is now ready for business.

**STEAMER BURNED.** Another accident has been added to the list that has taken place among the steamers on the Delaware River this season, by the burning of the steamboat Lafayette which took place between China Wharf and College Park Wharf on Sunday night at 12 o'clock. The Lafayette was owned by H. Morgan and was on her way down from Trenton to Philadelphia to lay up for the winter.

**THE COACH IN BRISTOL.** Radcliffe Street was lined with people yesterday afternoon, watching for the Vanderbilt-Hyde coach party which was due to pass through Bristol at 12:50. The relay of horses was in readiness at the Delaware House stables, but it was just 1:20 p.m. when the coach with the distinguished millionaires reached this point.

"C. STEINHAUER, Bristol's Leading Caterer and Baker. Fine cakes and confectioneries, ice cream parlors. Weddings and parties furnished with ice cream the year round. Viennese rolls and Vienna breads, specialty. Bath and Otter Streets."

"Chrysanthemums. Carnations, roses and mums, 25c, 5c and \$1 per dozen, respectively. Floral emblems of every description at short notice. J. T. DeWITT, Pond Street, above Walnut."

**10/17** – "Announcement to the Ladies of Bristol and Vicinity. We have secured the sole agency for Bristol of the celebrated "Queen Quality," the famous shoe for women. All styles—one price—\$3.00. WHITAKER'S SHOE STORE, 224 Mill Street."

**THE MCKINLEY MEMORIAL FUND.** The scholars of the public schools of Bristol have contributed as follows to the fund being raised by the Philadelphia Inquirer for the erection of a monument to the memory of President McKinley: High Class, \$2.80; Grammar A, \$10.40; Grammar B1, \$2.50; Grammar B2, 62 cents; Secondary, \$2.62; Primary C, \$1.50; Primary B, \$1.15; Primary A, 61 cents; Washington Street, \$1.69; Bath Street, \$2.36.

The squirrel season opened on Tuesday and the local sportsmen were out in force after the bushy-tailed denizens of the woods.

A very merry company of young people left Bristol Saturday evening on a straw ride, bound for the home of Harry Stackhouse of Byberry.

Rev. Michael Bunce has succeeded the late Rev. Hugh Garvey as rector of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church. Father Bunce was located at Mauch Chunk for 26 years.

**BRISTOL CEMETERY STATISTICS.** The interment of Samuel S. Gilbert in the Bristol cemetery on Saturday last, October 12, made one thousand bodies buried there. The first interment was made on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 1882. The oldest person buried was Mary Brelsford, aged 95 years, 3 months, 12 days.

"Special Prices! Mother Oats, 7c per pkg. 8 Hotel Candles, 5c. Creamery Butter, 26c. Santos Coffee, 3 lbs. for 50c. Large Oranges, 30c doz. S. C. CHILDS, Mill and Cedar Streets."

**10/24** – "It's the only medicine that does him any good. Stretch's Balsam can always be relied on as a sure, safe remedy in sudden colds or chronic coughs. It cures all diseases of the respiratory organs if taken in time. 25 and 50 cents a bottle. Free samples and for sale by EMLIN MARTIN, Druggist, 213 Radcliffe Street."

A marriage license has been granted John A. Boyd and Miss Mary M. Weygand, both of Bristol.

**CONCERNING VACCINATION.** At the meeting of the Bristol Board of Health on Monday evening, it was agreed that a circular be issued requesting the citizens of this borough to be vaccinated owing to the prevalence of smallpox in Philadelphia and in other neighboring towns.

**EXTENSIVE RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.** With the securing of the right of way through the Jefferson Land Association's tract, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has secured all the land necessary to carry on the proposed improvements in Bristol in connection with the straightening of the tracks. The present passenger station will be abandoned and a handsome, modern one built on Pine Street at a point where Garden Street would cross if the latter were extended. All traffic, both freight and passenger, will be over the new route which will compromise four elevated tracks.

**HOSE COMPANY BANQUET.** With a view of creating a renewed interest in the organization, the members of the Fourth Ward Hose Company have decided to hold a banquet in their hose house on Garden Street on Saturday evening. This company bears a good reputation for efficiency in time of fire and it is hoped that the efforts to revive interest in the organization will prove successful.

**BASE BALL.** On Saturday, Bloomsdale again defeated Bristol, by a score of 8 to 6. Bloomsdale's line up included: Britton, Quinn, White, Landreth, Minster, Bunting, Swangler, Dougherty and Thornton. Bristol's squad included: Butler, W. Allen, Phillips, F. Allen, Gallagher, Martin, Callahan, Barton and Louder. White's home run was one of the longest hits on the Bloomsdale grounds.

"For This Week! Horn's Own Make of Sausage and Scrapple. Strictly Pure Lard. HORN'S MEAT MARKET, 308 Mill Street."

**10/31** – Rabbit season opens tomorrow.

Trolling for bass in the canal basin has become sport that is attended with considerable "luck." A number of fine specimens have been caught.

Work has commenced on the excavation for the seven new houses to be built by William C. Peirce at the corner of Pond Street and Jefferson Avenue. Four of the houses have already been sold.

Three Italians and a German were arrested last week for allowing goats to run at large in the Second Ward. In each case, a fine of \$2 and \$3.85 costs were imposed by Squire Louderbough, which were paid.

**VITAL STATISTICS.** A person who has taken the trouble to enumerate called at the Gazette office and reported that, on a single street in Bristol, there are 72 unmarried ladies and 28 widows. Is there another town of similar size in the State that can equal that record?

**STRIKE AT THE CORONA KID WORKS.** Yesterday at noon about fifty operatives, mostly boys, struck at the Corona Kid Company's works. The strikers are confined to the department where the skins are fastened on to the frames for drying, and the operatives are termed "tackers on." The boys are paid \$7 per week but demand 9 dollars and, when refused, left in a body. When seen by a Gazette representative, Manager Anderson had just come from a conference with the strikers and said he offered to pay the advance demand to the experienced ones but did not propose to pay 9 dollars to green boys, many of whom had been in the company's employ but a few days.



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## BCHF Calendar Of Events For 2024

**OCTOBER. Tues., 10/8.** Bus trip to the Tenement Museum on NY's Lower East Side, followed by 3-course lunch and some free time in Little Italy. \$165 for BCHF members; \$175 for non-members. See flyer on BCHF's website at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org). Call 215-788-9043 re. last-minute availability.

**OCTOBER. Sat., 10/19,** 10 AM to 4 PM. 48th Annual Historic Bristol Day. Theme: "Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's Farewell Tour." Featuring house & garden tour, riverfront Tea with harpist, mural arts tour, crafters & vendors, food court, car & antique boat show, entertainment, historic walking tour, children's activities, art display, free shuttle service, and more. Ticket required for House/Garden Tour and Tea.

**NOVEMBER. Wed., 11/20,** 7 PM. BCHF's annual meeting at BCHF headquarters. Election of Board members followed by a presentation entitled "Adieu, Lafayette." French- & Lafayette-themed refreshments and the Artists of Bristol's artwork spotlighting France and Lafayette. The public is cordially invited. No fee.

**NOVEMBER. Tues., 11/26,** 7 PM. Return of Titanic historian David Kaplan whose topic will be "Unsuspecting Participants." Light refreshment. BCHF headquarters. Donations to the FUMC Food Pantry of Bristol of sanitary products, toilet paper, paper towels, dish or laundry detergent, etc., greatly appreciated.

**DECEMBER. Tues., 12/3.** Bus trip to "Holidays at Nemours Estate", DE. 3-course luncheon at Buckley's Tavern and self-guided tour of the Nemours Mansion, elaborately decorated for the holidays. \$135 for BCHF members; \$145 for non-members. Reservation deadline: October 25! Call 215-788-9408 for detailed flyer/reservation form or print it from BCHF's website at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

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