



# The New Britain Museum of American Art & Hill Stead Museum & Gardens

Wednesday, June 15

**9 am** – Depart from the Museums’ State Street lot located across the street from the Springfield Main Library. Park in the lot and meet the bus at the curbside. *We ask participants to arrive no later than 8:45 am.*

Begin the day with a guided highlights tour of The New Britain Museum of American Art. The museum’s collections represent a panoramic view of American artistic achievements through paintings, works on paper, sculptures, photographs and illustrations. Important examples in every genre include: Colonial and Federal portraits, Hudson River School, later nineteenth-century works by Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, J. Alden Weir and Frank Benson. Of particular note within this rich and vast range of artwork, is the museum’s Impressionist collection featuring Mary Cassatt, Theodore Robinson, John Henry Twachtman, J. Alden Weir, Willard Metcalf and Childe Hassam. The collection extends into the twentieth century, from American Abstract Artists through Pop Art and Photo-Realism.

**Special exhibit: *Cycle of Life in Print; Salvador Dalí*** - The artist’s life and career are illustrated through individual and series of prints.

**12 noon** – Enjoy a catered boxed lunch at the museum. A side salad, cookie and bottled water included. Please choose one from the following:

French Roast Turkey, Cheddar Cheese, Cranberry Relish, wrap

Oven Roasted Beef, Pickled onion, horseradish cream wrap

Roasted vegetable, hummus, lettuce, wrap.

**1:15 pm** – Meet the bus and depart for **Hill Stead Museum** for a one-hour guided tour of the home and a half hour guided tour of the **Sunken Garden and grounds**. The 1901 country estate of the Pope Family is an architectural treasure filled with Impressionist paintings, Ming vases, Japanese prints, and classic decorative arts and American furnishings. From 1901 to 1946, the members of the Pope family entertained many illustrious individuals—authors, artists, poets, academics and presidents at their home.

The English-inspired gardens (roses and peonies in bloom!) take advantage of the sweeping vistas and valleys. Hill Stead’s Sunken Garden occupies nearly an acre and boasts a summer house, brick walkways and a stone sundial inscribed with a Latin phrase *Ars Longa, Vita Brevis*, which translates as “Art is Long, Life is Brief.” The octagonal garden holds more than ninety varieties of perennials and annuals in thirty-six beds.

**3:45 pm** – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return by 5-5:30 pm.

**Photography policy:** Art objects in the New Britain Museum’s permanent collection may be photographed without a flash. No interior photos allowed at the Hill Stead Museum.

**What to bring:** Comfortable walking shoes, hat and camera.