



Historic Homes & Gardens of CT

Bellamy-Ferriday & Hill-Stead Museum

Wednesday, July 23

8:30 am – Please park and meet the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library, 220 State Street, Springfield.

8:45 am sharp – Departure for the Ferriday House & Garden in Bethlehem, CT.

Estimated arrival – 10:30 am – Enjoy a guided tour the Bellamy-Ferriday house and garden in Bethlehem, CT and explore the life of Caroline Ferriday, a 20th-century philanthropist who championed human rights and social justice causes. From Ravensbrück concentration camp to supporting the civil rights movement in the United States, her work took her around the globe. A visit to the ten-acre site includes a tour of the 18th-century residence built by Reverend Joseph Bellamy, the grounds, and a formal parterre garden with historic roses, peonies, heirloom lilacs, and numerous fragrant trees and shrubs. The novel *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly was inspired by the real events and the heroic acts of Caroline Ferriday.

Following lunch (menu TBA), we'll visit Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, CT, one of the nation's few remaining representations of early-20th-century Country Place Estates. Enjoy a guided tour of the historic home and English-inspired garden. Theodate Pope Riddle (b.1867)—one of the first licensed female architects in the United States—designed Hill-Stead as her family home in 1901 and transformed it into a museum upon her death in 1946. Her creation and legacy represent a harmonious convergence of heritage, art and nature. The museum's impressive collection includes original furnishings and decorative arts, paintings by Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Édouard Manet, James M. Whistler and Mary Cassatt, as well as Japanese woodblock prints, sculpture and more. Theodate Pope was equally interested in the surrounding landscape and took special care when designing the gardens taking advantage of the sweeping vistas and valleys.

3 pm – Estimated departure with a return by 4 pm.

What to bring: water and snacks for the bus; Bring a hat, sunscreen for walking in the gardens; wear layers as temperatures vary on the bus and at the sites. Water is provided on the return home.

Cost: \$149, Members, \$175, nonmembers; includes: guided tours, lunch, bus travel and driver gratuity.

Cancellation Policy: A \$15 fee is deducted for all cancellations. No refunds for cancellations received fewer than 2 weeks prior to July 23, unless you find a replacement. Call 413-314-6482 if you need additional information.