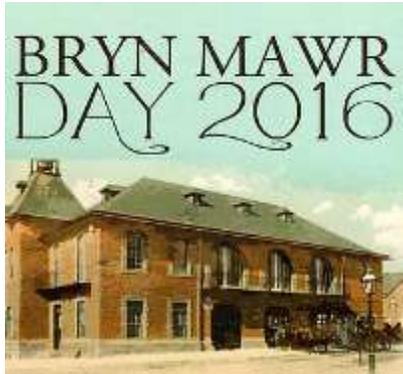




**September 2016**

### **Bryn Mawr Day**



The Sixth Annual [Bryn Mawr Day](#) celebration will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, in the municipal parking lot at Lancaster and Bryn Mawr Avenues (just across Lancaster from Ludington Library). This **FREE** family day of fun, food and festivities encompasses the entire town, including restaurants and local businesses, institutions and one-day-only special entertainment and performances.

those local landmarks.

Also, do not miss the opportunity to take the history tour of the *Bryn Mawr 100* with our Bobbie McElroy of some of

### **Merion, A Visual History Tour**

A joint presentation by *The Lower Merion Historical Society* and *The Lower Merion Conservancy*.

Thursday, September 15th at 7:00pm at the [Merion Tribute House](#), 625 Hazelhurst Avenue in Merion Station. **FREE** Admission with refreshments catered by Louis Barson's [Hymie's Delicatessen](#).



Jerry Francis, Kathleen Abplanalp and Ann Bagley will present a virtual history tour of Merion. The community developed around the transportation hub of the Merion Train Station. The interactive lecture will show more than 70 images, revealing what this community looked like at this time in its development. Some of the landscape has changed, but some areas have remained the same. Take a tour back in time.

### **Friends of the Autocar**



Annual Meeting and Banquet takes place on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00am until about 3:00pm at the Goshen Fire Company at 1320 Park Avenue in West Chester. Trucks will be on display.

A crown jewel of Lower Merion's local industries, The Autocar Company moved from Pittsburgh to Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore in 1900. It was founded by three brothers named Clarke: Louis, John and James. For more than 50 years it employed as many a thousand men and women a day to make cars and trucks until 1911, after which date they made only trucks until it was bought by White Motors and moved to Exton, PA in 1954. The focus of this year's presentation will be the Autocar's activities during the World War II. For reservations, email Ed Minshall at "[minch1023@aol.com](mailto:minch1023@aol.com)" or [visit this website](#).

Ted Goldsborough will be there sharing his expertise and our photos of this once-proud Lower Merion industrial giant.

## Montgomery County History Fair

**Necessities: The Trades of Early America** takes place on Saturday, September 17th from 9:30am to 4:30pm at Heckler Plains Farmstead, 237 Landis Road in Harleysville. Early American tradesmen, from apprentices to master craftsmen, brought their knowledge from the Old World to America. This year's Fair is a look at life before Walmart when we took pride in making items by hand with skilled artistry. **FREE** Admission.



When you tour through the park, be sure to stop by the Historical Society's table and say hello to Denise and Jerry Francis.

## AND WE CAN'T FORGET



[The 26th Annual Harriton Plantation Fair](#) takes place on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at 500 Harriton Road in Bryn Mawr. This major event features crafts, antiques, sheep herding, pony rides, children's games, muskets and soldiers, blacksmiths, stone carvers, cabinet makers, spinners, beehive weavers, Bluegrass music, falconry and other birds of prey, and much more. The Fair also features the Harriton Attic Treasures Booth, which is the best flea market on the Main Line. Lots to do -

you can even sign up to participate in the two-man saw races! Don't miss the day! **FREE** Admission.

Say hello to Bruce Gill, Executive Director, and take a tour of the historic 1704 house.

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