

Designer House & Gardens

2018 Information Packet

43rd Bucks County Designer House & Gardens
Cedaridge Farm



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Overview

Cedaridge Farm is the 43rd Bucks County Designer House & Gardens presented by the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA). Proceeds from the Designer House benefit Doylestown Hospital and the mission of the VIA.

Tour more than 25 design areas throughout the houses, cottage, and gardens. End the day with a beverage or sandwich at the Waterfall Café. Shop designer décor throughout the property and at the six boutiques.

Location

93 Stover Park Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Tour Dates & Times

Sunday, April 29 through Sunday, May 27, 2018

Mon – Wed	10 am – 4 pm
Thursday	10 am – 7 pm
Fri - Sat	10 am – 4 pm
Sunday	Noon – 4 pm

Ticket Prices & Ticket Purchase Locations

Prices

\$30 advance sales (before April 29) and seniors 62+

\$35 at the door - Beginning April 29

\$250 Lifetime Ticket – allows entrance to this and all future Bucks County Designer Houses

House is not handicapped accessible

Ticket Purchase Locations

Tickets may be purchased online at BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org

Beginning March 1, 2018 advance tickets will also be available for purchase at the following locations:

Buckingham

Good Stuff Thrift

Chalfont

Bucks County Antique Gallery

Byers Choice

Doylestown

Bucks Country GardensCandy Crafters

Doylestown Hospital – Gift Shop *

Good Stuff Thrift

Mt. Lake Pool & Patio *

Pine Run Retirement Community

Pine Run Lakeview

Rutherford's Camera Shop

The Doylestown Bookshop

Dublin

Simons Fine Art Gallery & Boutique

Furlong

Furlong Lamp & Lighting

Lahaska

Peddler's Village Information Desk

Richboro

Fireside Flowers

Southampton

Oskar Huber Furniture & Design

Warminster

Health Connections at ShopRite *

Warrington

The Cornerstone Club at the Health & Wellness Center

* Tickets at these locations are available through May 27.

Please note: all tickets are non-refundable.

Special Events

Preview Gala – April 27 - 7:00 – 10:00 pm

The Preview Gala allows visitors to view the transformation before it opens for general tours. This elegant evening features gourmet specialties presented by Crave Event Group and a premium bar throughout the evening. Background music will be provided by The Chatterband.

Champagne Reception will take place from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Black tie optional.

Tickets start at \$150 per person; and reserved tables of ten are available; reservations required.

Tickets available at BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org or by calling 215.345.2191.

Meet the Design Team- Thursday May 10, 4:00-6:00 pm

Join us for a casual evening to meet the entire 2018 Design Team. Discuss with them the inspiration for their work, the challenges they faced and their approach to design.

This event is complimentary with a House tour ticket.

Wellness Wednesdays Community Health Fair by Doylestown Hospital Wednesday, May 9 & May 23, 11:00-1:00 pm

Join Doylestown Health professionals for FREE cholesterol and glucose screenings, health information, giveaways and more! The Doylestown Health tent will be on the grounds of the Designer House, and all are invited to visit us before or after their house tour. Stop by for free health and wellness information, screenings, exercise tips, or to talk with expert clinicians from Doylestown Health. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information, visit DoylestownHealth.org/Dialogue or call 215.345.2121.

Salute to the Troops, May 26 & 27

FREE House Tours for Military Members/Veterans and ½ Price Entry for one Companion

Design Team

ABCA Decorating Den
A Room With a View
Black-eyed Susan
Bella Interiors
Bromm's Lullaby
Buckman's Home & Garden
Bucks Country Gardens
Carol Nagel Decorative Painting
Carolyn Fell
Casa Double L Interior Design
Design Home Interiors
Domani Design Studio
Fabric Goddess of Bucks County

Garage Tek
Jane Ramsey Fine Art
Landscape Design Group, Le Blue Goose
Linea Design Group
Linda Daly, ASID Interior Design
Lisa Lazarus Interiors
Liza Miller Ltd.
Lori's Funky Junk Décor
Lux Interiors
MarketPlace Designs
Oskar Huber Furniture & Design
Tim Tesno Designs.

Boutiques

Aspiring Artists of the Earth
Bretherick's Home and Garden Decor
Crystal Cottage Boutique

Farmer's Daughter Bucks County and Sunflowers
Olive Oil Etcetera
The Saddlery and Boutique at Fox Heath

Sponsors & Supporters

Honorary Chair

Cowhey Family ShopRite of Warminster and Pharmacy at Doylestown Hospital

Gold Sponsors

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Doylestown Emergency Associates, P.C.
Doylestown Radiology Associates
Fred Beans Family of Dealerships
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Goldman Law Offices
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Lockton Companies
Monument Bank

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Silverman Family Partnership
TD Bank
The Shops at Valley Square

Empty House Party Sponsor

First Bank

Print Sponsors

Doylestown Commerce Center
Jeanne and Rob
Kniese's Plumbing

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Cedaridge Farm History

Cedaridge Farm is a charming property located in Tinicum Township. It is an area of awe-inspiring natural beauty and was once the home of the Lenni-Lenape Indians, also known as the Delaware Indians. The township is bordered on the south by Tohickon Creek, a name derived from the Indian name Tohickhanne, which translates as "the stream we cross on driftwood".

Unlike most of Bucks County where settlers purchased individual farms, Tinicum Township was part of two large tracts owned by absentee landlords. The northern portion was owned by the London Land Company while the southwestern part, including Cedaridge Farms, was known as the Streiper Tract. Jan Streiper purchased 4,448 acres from William Penn in 1703. He never immigrated to America, and on his death rights to the property were heavily disputed. James Logan, a close associate of the Penn family purchased the rights from Streiper's heirs and returned it to the Penns in exchange for what was considered more valuable land in Durham Township. In May 1738, the Streiper tract was sold as 25 separate tracts.

In the early 18th century, a stream of emigrants crossed over the Tohickon into the wilderness and lived peacefully with the Indians. With the denser settlement, they asked for a township to be organized and called it Tennicunk, derived from the Lenni-Lenape meaning "along the edge of the island." Several spellings of this name existed during the eighteenth century until it finally was formally organized as Tinicum Township in 1747. The early settlers were of Scotch-Irish or English descent, followed by settlers of German descent.

These early pioneers farmed the land, established mills, invented and patented farming equipment and fought to establish the free United States of America. By the early 20th century, Eastern Europeans joined Tinicum's melting pot, arriving from Russia and Poland.

The first record for the land on which Cedaridge Farm now stands was in 1775 as part of a 200-acre estate owned by John Mains. In 1782 John Mains and his wife Grace sold to Josiah Matlock, a carpenter from Philadelphia and his wife Elizabeth. They sold 180 acres to Samuel Burroughs of New Jersey in 1786, who in turn sold it to John Hoppock of Hunterdon County New Jersey. The 1798 Federal District Tax records show that 85 acres of this land were rented by Daniel Cooper. The property included a 30 by 20 one-story house of stone and log construction and a 35 by 25 frame barn. In 1817 the property was divided but the Hoppock family retained the 85 acres until 1867, at which time it passed to John W. Swope and his wife Caroline Rau Swope.

Other owners included the Rodney family from 1931 until 1942 and the Brande family from 1942 until 1955. Paul J Campbell purchased the twenty-one acres that are Cedaridge Farm in 1955 and sold it to Derek Fell in 1988.

Today, Tincum is home to several wonderful parks with rich histories, including Tincum County Park, Tohickon Valley Park, and Ralph Stover State Park. In 1952, Bucks County native and author, James Michener, a resident of Tincum, donated seven acres overlooking Tohickon Creek to be added to Ralph Stover State Park. This area, known as Indian Rocks or High Rocks, is just around the corner from Cedaridge Farm.

To protect the area's rural character and natural resources for future generations, Bucks County and the Tincum Conservancy work with property owners to safeguard lands against development. More than 4,700 acres, including Cedaridge Farm, have been placed in the conservancy to date.

Cedaridge Farm Owners



Garden Writer, Derek Fell, and his wife, Carolyn purchased historic Cedaridge Farm in 1989 as an outdoor studio for Derek to photograph flowers and vegetables and to test various gardening techniques as an aid to publishing more than 100 garden books. Carolyn has also used the property as a showcase for her garden design business. The husband and wife team developing 20 garden areas including a vegetable, cutting, orchard, woodland, stream, cottage, and sunny perennial borders.

Formerly Burpee Seed Company Catalog Manager, Derek was later appointed Executive Director of All America Selections, the ASCFG National Seed Trials, and the National Garden Bureau, an information office sponsored by the American garden seed industry. During a career in horticulture that spanned 50 years, Derek worked as a gardening consultant to the White House during the Ford administration. For six years he also hosted the QVC television show titled 'Step-by-Step-Gardening.'

For the Bucks County Designer House & Garden Tour, Carolyn has designed a state-of-the-art cutting garden featuring sweet peas, tulips, snapdragons, calendula, peonies, larkspur, cosmos, and other annuals and perennials. Formerly a congressional aide and fashion designer, today Carolyn specializes in residential garden designs that usually incorporate a water feature.

About the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA)

The saga of 14 women who founded the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown on April 26, 1895 is remarkable. Who could have predicted the spirit, ingenuity, and tenacity of these nineteenth-century women or the results of their efforts?

The impetus of this organization was dusty Doylestown streets which they saw as not only a nuisance but as a health hazard. Their pleas to clean up the streets went unanswered and they decided to take matters into their own hands. They collected donations and purchased a horse-drawn sprinkler to dampen the offending dust and also bought trash receptacles to free the streets of garbage and debris. This established their mission: To enhance the quality of life in Central Bucks County through service and education.

In 1916, they established a Visiting Nurse Service using a \$500 donation and matching funds; this paid for Miss Clementine Johnstone's initial year's salary. During the 1918 flu epidemic, Nurse Norma Munsey used a bicycle for transportation and made 741 house calls in one month, charging just 10-15 cents per visit. In less critical times, she cycled through town and tossed candies to youngsters on her route.

During World War I, the VIA women assisted the Red Cross by rolling bandages and performing other services. Out of this alliance emerged a well-baby clinic and emergency center. Keenly aware that Doylestown area women had to travel to Abington or Philadelphia for birthing, the VIA established the first Doylestown

Emergency Hospital in 1923 at a house at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Pine Street. Club members performed all non-medical duties including cooking, canning food, cleaning and laundry. The story goes that the cook would call upstairs to patients asking “Would pork chops be all right for dinner tonight?”

The first hospital outgrew its quarters and, in 1939, a 25-bed facility was built for \$50,000. Expanded three times, the hospital was accredited by the American Hospital Association in 1953 and, in 1969, a professional administrator was hired. The current hospital on the West State Street campus was completed in 1975 on property purchased from Delaware Valley Community College.

Doylestown Hospital is known as the only community hospital in the United States to be founded and governed by a women’s organization. To this day, VIA members serve as Doylestown Hospital’s Chairman of the Board and chair key committees alongside hospital administration. The VIA also established and oversees Pine Run Retirement Community and Pine Run at Lakeview. Their influence is reflected in all aspects of management, development, physical appearance and patient relations. It is no wonder this hospital is imbued with a sense of humanity that raises it above the ordinary.

The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown was the first women’s organization established in Bucks County. Today, membership has grown to more than 300 women. Going beyond health-related initiatives, they also offer one-time grants to local non-profit organizations, educational scholarships for outstanding high school seniors pursuing health-related careers, and scholarships for women seeking professional occupations. Its Welfare Committee provides confidential aid and emergency support to local families and individuals in need.

In 1954, original member Miss Sarah James bequeathed the 17-room Federal-style residence at 132 North Main Street, Doylestown and all its contents to the VIA. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places and is where the organization meets. For more information about the VIA of Doylestown, including how to become a member, please visit VIA-Doylestown.org or call (215) 345-2338.

2018 Proceeds Benefit

The mission of the VIA is to enhance the health and welfare of Central Bucks County and surrounding communities. To fulfill the objectives of its mission, the organization governs the VIA Health System which includes Doylestown Hospital and the Pine Run Retirement Community. The Bucks County Designer House & Gardens is the largest yearly fundraiser sponsored by the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown.

Doylestown Health – Our 2018 Cause

The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) founded Doylestown Hospital in 1923. Under the continued governance and stewardship of the VIA and throughout its 95-year history, Doylestown Hospital has responded to the healthcare needs of the greater Bucks County community. Established as an emergency and maternity hospital, Doylestown Hospital has expanded its clinical services, invested in cutting-edge technologies and developed wide-ranging health programs. Today, Doylestown Health is an award-winning, nationally-acclaimed, comprehensive regional healthcare system.

Doylestown Hospital has been named among the “Top 100 hospitals and health systems with great heart programs” by Becker’s Hospital Review (2013, 2016). Among other awards and accolades, the Richard A. Reif Heart Institute is a nationally-recognized cardiac program with capabilities ranging from patient education and preventive heart health programs to technically-advanced minimally-invasive valve replacements and delicate open-heart surgeries to a robust cardiac rehabilitation program.

Major renovation and expansion of the Heart Institute is underway in an effort to continue to meet growing demand and interest in Doylestown Health’s cardio-thoracic and expanded vascular services. A groundbreaking ceremony took place last September and most recently Doylestown Hospital dedicated its new, state-of-the-art Hybrid Operating Suite, which utilizes cutting-edge technology for complex minimally-invasive endovascular and open vascular procedures.

The 2018 Designer House will help fund capital and equipment needs for the new Endovascular Surgery Suite and build necessary facilities commensurate with the high level of care provided by Doylestown Health physicians and nurses to stay at the forefront of healthcare delivery.

The new Center for Heart and Vascular Care will house the prestigious Richard A. Reif Heart Institute and will provide:

- New clinical space
- Expanded patient and family waiting areas
- Separate pre- and post-procedural areas
- 30 private universal patient rooms

The renovations are designed to accommodate enhanced patient safety and privacy, as well as amenities for family and visitor comfort.

The 2018 Designer House will help fund capital and equipment needs for the new Center for Heart and Vascular Care. Building necessary facilities commensurate with the high level of care will allow Doylestown Health physicians and nurses to stay at the forefront of healthcare delivery.

“Doylestown Health is steadfast in its commitment to continue to serve as a beacon for health and wellness while providing the highest level of clinical care in facilities commensurate with our expertise. The reason we are as great as we are is because we refuse to believe we are as great as we can be.”

Jim Brexler, President & CEO, Doylestown Health

Community Response Fund

Founded in 1995, this fund provides financial assistance to projects that enhance quality of life in the community. Grants are awarded on a one-time basis to an agency or individual targeting community needs including health, economic and social issues. Previous grants have been awarded to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Lord’s Pantry, Women Build, Central Bucks Family YMCA and many other organizations requesting grants for a specific community program.

Welfare Fund

This fund provides monies for food, clothing, medication, rent, utility bills, transportation and many other emergency needs to members of the community. Committee members are available 365 days a year to respond to needs.

Women’s Scholarship Fund

Established in 1997, the fund supports training and education for eligible women to become self-supporting by assisting them to secure employment or upgrade their skills to improve work opportunities. Past recipients have attended technical and trade schools, Bucks County Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Temple University, Gwynned-Mercy College, and Drexel University.

James-Lorah Memorial House

The Village Improvement Association also maintains and preserves the James-Lorah Memorial House, located across from the Doylestown courthouse. The James-Lorah Memorial House is the home of the VIA and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

This home was built in 1844 by Judge Henry Chapman, the grandfather of the famous Henry Mercer. He owned and lived in the house until 1869 when he sold it to Dr. Oliver James, who lived there until his death. After that, his daughter, Sarah, who had married the Reverend Doctor George Lorah, and her sister Martha used the home as a summer vacation house. Sarah was a charter member of the VIA from its organization in 1895. Upon her death in 1954, Miss James bequeathed to the VIA the 17-room residence, its contents and a trust fund for maintenance. The house and the newer, attached auditorium are now used by the VIA for monthly and other organization meetings and are open to the public for tours and community events.

History of the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens

From the beginning to now

In 1971, the VIA held the first Bucks County Designer House at Wheelbarrow Hill in Holicong. The second was in 1976 at Darlington House in Doylestown and the third in 1978 at Red Stone Farm in Danboro. Beginning in 1979, with the Hendrie House in Doylestown, the VIA has held a yearly designer house. Additional information is available at BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org. This is the 43rd Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.

An All-Volunteer Effort

The Bucks County Designer House & Gardens is an all-volunteer effort. This year approximately 80 members of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown serve on the Designer House committee. When the house opens, hundreds of volunteers from the hospital, service organizations, and the general public give their time to staff the house during the month. Without strong community support, this would be a daunting task. The committee is grateful for all volunteers who find the time to donate hours to this worthwhile cause.

Selection of a House

The Designer House Chair and Vice-Chair, along with several VIA officers, visit and evaluate available properties. Realtors often suggest properties that may be suitable and, at times, homeowners offer their property for a several-month period during which the transformation and house tours take place. Many factors are considered in selecting a house including location, historic interest, accessibility, and function space, parking and unique architectural and landscape characteristics.

Designer Selection

Letters are sent to interior designers and landscapers inviting them to an open house to preview the property. Interior designers are asked to submit a design board, sketch, and written description of their first area choice and to select two other alternative choices. The committee endeavors to match the designer and design area, realizing that it is not always possible to give everyone his/her first choice. Landscapers request their preferred areas and are assigned according to availability.

When the House Closes

The house reverts back to the owners who then enjoy the newly painted surfaces and any designer accessory that they may have purchased or, if the house is for sale, the realtor continues to market the designer enhanced property.

Additional information

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VIA-Doylestown.org

Doylestown Health

doylestownhealth.org

Style Sheet

Event Name: "Bucks County Designer House & Gardens" – note the use of an ampersand.

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Organization Name: "Village Improvement Association of Doylestown" or VIA"

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