

Non-Train Related Spouse Events

For the spouses who are not enamored with trains, we do offer the following:

Hat making for the English Tea

Thursday evening, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. Cost:\$6.

This will give the ladies and gents who are going to partake of the English Tea on Friday afternoon the opportunity to show their creativity by embellishing ready-made hats (choice of several styles and colors) to suit their personalities. This should be a lot of fun, with whimsy taking flight. There will be a selection of silk flowers, costume jewelry, rick rack and a bit of lace to help you decorate your chapeau. You can also bring your own babbles to add to your masterpiece.

A Proper English Tea

Friday afternoon, 3:30 – 5:00 PM. Cost: \$25.

This is where you will allow yourself to be spoiled. Tasty finger foods and hot tea will be served. This is where Britain meets the U.S.A. What is a High Tea? An English High Tea usually involved a mug of tea, bread, vegetables, cheese and occasionally meat. Variations on high tea could include the addition of pies, potatoes and crackers. While Afternoon Tea was largely a social event for their upper class counterparts, high tea was a necessary meal in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This traditional high tea still exists for some parts of the Northern England and Scotland. And don't forget to bring a clean, cotton handkerchief. No genteel person invited to a tea would be without one (just in case napkins are forgotten)..

Bingo

Saturday morning, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. Cost: \$2.00

We will be hosting a bingo for the late morning hours. Prizes will be easily packed costume jewelry; mostly quality vintage, with some more modern pieces offered.

For those who do not wish to go on the railroad-themed trips, or to see layouts, there are two wonderful places to visit, by private car or Uber.

Hampton National Historic Site

1101 Hampton Garth, Towson, MD 21286

Owned by the same family from the 1700's to 1948, it sits on 60 acres, with a large, magnificent post Revolutionary Georgian mansion; with terraced gardens, well landscaped grounds, the original stables, stone slave quarters and

five verified ghosts. Three of them have been identified. Hampton is approximately 15 minutes from the hotel. Entry is free.

Ladew Topiary Gardens

3535 Jarrettsville Pike, Monkton, MD 21111

Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gardens are located approximately 30 minutes from the hotel by private car or Uber. Besides the main house, there are many beautiful garden rooms and a pathway that leads you into the tranquility of the far reaches of the gardens. There are unique topiaries everywhere the eye can see – even a fox hunt, complete with rider, hounds and fox. The grounds are well landscaped, surrounded by country. Entry fee is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$9 for children 2-12.

Additional tourist attractions are available at the front desk of the hotel.