

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms 2025 FALL PREVIEW

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The Restored Log House Kitchen, July 2025



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Earlier today, I was working on this Preview with Samuel Calabrese, Assistant Manager of Programs and Communications. We were discussing the content of last year's Preview, and what theme might be right for this this one, when Samuel observed, "What a difference a year makes." And I knew that was our 2025 theme.

It's hard to describe the physical transformation that has occurred on this property in such a short amount of time. If you haven't visited in a while, so much will feel new, from the permanent sign at the entrance (below) to the

Annex Visitor Pavilion, now located in the museum's former program space. On the cover, you'll see a photo of the newly restored Log House Kitchen, which is now fully interpreted as a period room for the first time in this organization's history.



Those aren't the only ways Craftsman Farms has transformed over the past year. What else is new this year? Visitors!

After four years of a restricted schedule, during Covid and then during construction, last year we were delighted to welcome visitors of all ages back to Craftsman Farms. On the cover, you'll also see photos from recent events, including Maker Day in May, the ribbon cutting when we opened the Annex Visitor Pavilion last fall, a Craft-Mas Open House story hour introducing our youngest visitors to the museum's new children's book and more.

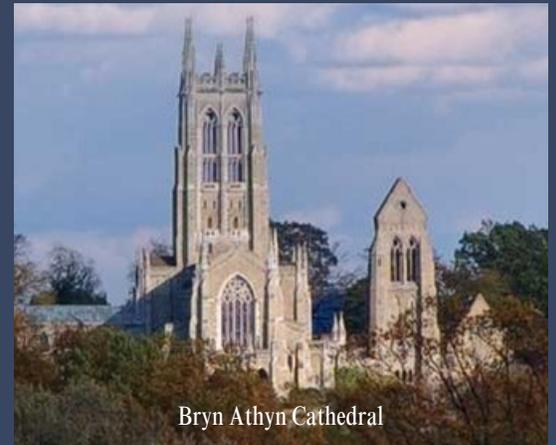
I invite you to experience this transformation first hand at our upcoming fall events Autumn Fest and The Harvest Party on Saturday, October 4 (pgs 5-6). By then, we expect to be finished with our next construction project: the restoration of the Log House Hall. The events on October 4 are all about supporting the museum's present and future in a casual, warm atmosphere among friends you know and friends you haven't met yet. It will be my final event as Executive Director. I look forward to seeing you here!

And if you can't attend, **I hope you'll consider making an absentee bid in the Reverse Auction (pg. 6),** which will help us meet our fundraising goals and more importantly, ensure the museum's strength for the next year.

In the pages of this Preview, I'll be showing what's new at Craftsman Farms—and truly what a difference a year has made!—but I am just as happy to show you what hasn't changed: namely, this organization's commitment to preserving and sharing the legacy of Gustav Stickley and Craftsman Farms. What else? It's dedication to its community, to serving all of you, and to working together to ensure this museum will serve and inspire generations far into the future.

JOIN US!

**Farms Afield: Bryn Athyn, PA
Sept. 9-11, 2025**



Bryn Athyn Cathedral

Visit StickleyMuseum.org for full details and to register.



Beth Shalom Synagogue

Top Photo courtesy of Bryn Athyn Historic District
Bottom Photo courtesy of Beth Shalom Preservation

Looking Back: The Log House Kitchen in 2015 (left) and 2024 (right).



At left: The Craftsman Shop was located in the Log House Kitchen from the museum's beginning in 1989 until 2020.

At right: During the Kitchen restoration, master woodworker Mickey McCann labored meticulously to restore the green stain on the original icebox doors.

Front Cover: The Log House Kitchen today, restored and interpreted as a period room in the Stickley era for the first time.

Back Cover: The Craftsman Shop today in the Annex Visitor Pavilion.

2024 Gifts to the Museum Collection

Mrs. Susan and Mr. David Cathers
Drs. Bruce Barnes and Joseph Cunningham
Dr. Martin Eidelberg
Ms. Barbara Nitchie Fuldner
Gift in honor of William Henry and Mildred Lee (Herring) Lawrence
by their descendants
Mr. David W. Lowden
Drs. Cynthia and Timothy McGinn
Ms. Joan Schaible
Ms. Jill Thomas-Clark
The Estate of Peter Wood

2024 Gifts to the Stickley Museum Library

Anonymous
Ms. Barbara Nitchie Fuldner
Dr. Leigh Ann Hamon and Mr. Bruce Johnson
Ms. Robin Kelsey and Mr. Michael Lehr
Mr. David W. Lowden
Ms. Joan Schaible
Ms. Sharon and Mr. Ben Wiles

2024 Grants

The museum is grateful to the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, owner of the property and the museum's partner in preservation, and to the following organizations for their generous support of the museum's work.

In 2024 the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms was awarded or administrated the following grants:

For General Operating Support

- \$68,665 from the NJ Historical Commission for General Operating Support

For the Library

- \$3,500 from the Arts & Crafts Research Fund

For Preservation

- \$750,000 from the Preserve NJ Historic Preservation Fund of the NJ Historic Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Annex and the Restoration of the Log House Kitchen
- \$150,000 from the Preserve NJ Historic Preservation Fund of the NJ Historic Trust for Stabilization Phase II of the White Cottage
- \$37,620 from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for Restoration of the Log House Log Ends
- \$26,772 from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for Restoration of the Log House Hall

Recent Gifts to the Collection



Base for Oil Lamp (no. 294),
Craftsman Workshops, ca. 1909-13.
Gift of Drs. Bruce Barnes & Joseph Cunningham



Clock (no. 3), United Crafts, 1902.
Bequest of Peter Wood



Lamp Base, Georges de Feure, 1902.
Gift of Drs. Cynthia & Timothy McGinn

The 2024 Craftsman Guild

We are grateful to the members of the 2024 CRAFTSMAN GUILD whose generous support significantly impacted the operations of the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms over the past twelve months.

Patron Circle (\$40,000+)

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The 2024 Craftsman Guild

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by Ms. Jennifer Ball
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Ms. Joy Redman
Ms. Melanie Redman

Ms. Barbara Weiskittel
by Ms. Laura Merkel



Looking Back: The Education Center

Upper left: The structure was built by Gustav Stickley with a garage at the ground level. The two upper levels of the structure burned around 1950.

Lower left: The original garage was largely unharmed by the fire. Only one upper level was rebuilt and eventually became the administrative office for the museum.

Lower right: In 2020, the building was rehabilitated and the garage's original historic fabric was protected and restored. The building now houses the museum's Education Center. The upper level is the Stickley Museum Library. Offices are on the first level, and the ground level garage is a multi-use program space.

Autumn Fest

A Private Open House Event at
The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms
on Saturday, October 4, 2025
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



- Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides
Weather permitting
- Open House in the Log House & North Cottage
- Plein-Air Painting Demonstrations & Letter-Press Printmaking Souvenir
- VIP Shopper Discounts in The Craftsman Shop
- Complimentary Glass of Prosecco

Notes: Autumn Fest is an Adults-Only Event.

Tickets

\$95

Autumn Fest is included in all Harvest Party tickets. See below.

For Tickets, visit StickleyMuseum.org, or call 973-540-0311.

After Autumn Fest, Continue the Fun!

The Harvest Party

A Harvest Celebration
Benefitting
The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms



Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
at The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms

After Autumn Fest, join the party! Relax and mingle, while enjoying satisfying small plates celebrating local cuisine. Catch up with friends, old and new, over a beer, glass of wine, or our Stickley Signature Cocktail, then settle in for the Live and Reverse Auctions, featuring special guest John Walcher of Toomey & Co. Auctioneers.

For full details and to purchase tickets, visit StickleyMuseum.org.

Tickets

All Harvest Party Tickets include admission to Autumn Fest

Artisan	\$250
Master	\$500
Craftsman Benefactor	\$1,000
Harvest Benefactor	\$2,500
President's Circle	\$5,000

Visit StickleyMuseum.org for full details on ticket benefits. To purchase, visit StickleyMuseum.org, or call 973-540-0311.

To have your name or business featured as a supporter at the Master level and above, please respond by Aug. 31.

The Harvest Party Reverse Auction

What is the Reverse Auction?

The finale of the Harvest Party will be the Reverse Auction (sometimes called a paddle raise). In a Reverse Auction, instead of bidding in competition, attendees bid in community—at any level they choose, from \$50 to \$50,000—pooling their funds in support of a shared cause. At the end of the auction, instead of one winner, everyone wins. And the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms is the biggest winner of all!

How will the funds raised be used?

Net proceeds from the Harvest Party will support the daily operations of the museum, ensuring ongoing preservation and protection of Craftsman Farms, collections care, a robust calendar of programs, and much more. All donations to the Reverse Auction are completely tax deductible. Donors will receive a written letter of acknowledgement.

Can't attend the Harvest Party?

Show your support for the museum with an absentee bid to the Party's Reverse Auction! It's easy! Read on to learn more...

Reverse Auction Absentee Bidding

Every absentee donor will be represented with a candle at the party and acknowledged by name during the event. And every \$10,000 raised through Absentee Bidding will unlock a \$5,000 bonus gift! Absentee bidding has begun and ends on October 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Absentee Bidding Goal

\$75,000!

With your help and the help of five generous friends, every \$10,000 raised through absentee bidding will unlock a \$5,000 bonus.

\$70,000 raised will unlock a \$5000 bonus from Ms. Catherine Mathis and Mr. Robert Burchell.

\$55,000 raised will unlock a \$5000 bonus from Dr. Leigh Ann Hamon and Mr. Bruce Johnson.

\$40,000 raised will unlock a \$5000 bonus from Drs. Cynthia and Timothy McGinn.

\$25,000 raised will unlock a \$5000 bonus from Mrs. Amparo and Dr. Mitchell Codding.

\$10,000 raised will unlock a \$5000 bonus from Mr. Ted Lytwyn.

To absentee bid, visit [Stickley Museum.org](http://StickleyMuseum.org) or call 973-540-0311. Absentee bidding ends on Saturday, October 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.



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