



VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM

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**A National Historic Landmark
1956-2017**

**61st Touring Season
2017 Calendar of Events**

ABOUT

Hillforest was the home of industrialist and financier Thomas Gaff and his family between 1855 and 1891. The historic home, designed by architect Isaiah Rogers, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1992.

DIRECTIONS

35 minutes west from downtown Cincinnati in Aurora’s historic district, 6 miles west on US 50 from I-275, Lawrenceburg/Aurora exit #16.

OPEN HOURS

Open for tours April 1 – December 30

Tuesday—Sunday, 1:00—5:00 pm

Last tour begins at 4:30 pm

CLOSED Mondays and major holidays

ADMISSION

\$7.50 Age 14 and up

\$3.00 Children 7-13

Free Children 6 and Under

*Discounted adult group tours available for groups of 10 or more with prior reservation.

*Group luncheons and teas are available. Call for pricing and reservations.

GIFT SHOP

The Hillforest gift shop is open to the public during tour hours.

RENTALS

Hillforest is available for small weddings, showers, photography, meetings, teas, etc. Call for information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- *Free admission to Hillforest during tour hours
- *Receive Hillforest’s membership newsletter
- *Advance notice of upcoming events
- *Discount admission to Hillforest events & programs
- *10% discount on purchases in Hillforest gift shop
- *Satisfaction in supporting a National Historic Landmark

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP (Circle one)

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| \$25 Individual | \$300 Patron |
| \$50 Family | \$500 Benefactor |
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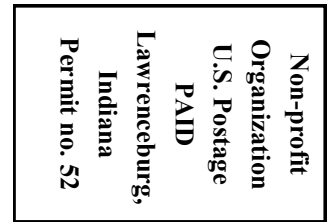
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Hillforest 61st touring season

Hillforest Victorian House Museum 61ST Opening Day

Saturday, April 1, 1:00-5:00 pm

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First Lady Tea Time

Saturday, April 22, 1:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious three-course tea and get to know some of our country's great first ladies. A tour of the museum is included in the event price. Cost: Members \$28, Non-members \$30. Reservations required.

Hillforest's Community Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 7, 1:00-5:00 pm

Hillforest thanks the community for their support with a reduced admission price of \$1.00 to tour the museum. Bring the whole family to Hillforest!

Spring Blooms Tea Time at Hillforest

Saturday, May 20, 1:00 pm

Celebrate the return of spring blossoms and enjoy an elegant floral themed three-course tea served in the Hillforest parlor. A tour of the museum is included in the event price. Cost: Members \$28, Non-members \$30. Reservations required.



"Hoosier Time Travelers" 2-Day Camp for Kids

Monday & Tuesday, June 12 & 13, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Utilizing a scavenger hunt approach, the "Hoosier Time Traveler" campers will be challenged to "race" through history to find answers to clues, do chores of the past, & pick up objects found on lists, all while hiking through the Hillforest /Harris Cabin grounds and Historic Aurora. Camp "Hoosier Time Travelers" will learn about historic architecture from the 1800's through the early 1900's. So travel back in time to the beginnings of Indiana and explore the life & times of early Hoosier pioneers! Cost: \$25 per child.

Call 812-926-0087 or visit hillforest.org for reservations or more information.

A Taste of Germany

Saturday, July 1, 6:30-10:30 pm

Experience an evening of German culture, authentic German dishes and entertainment, bier gardens, and much more at Hillforest's annual fundraiser at Veraestau. Come for the party and stay for the show as the evening will end with a BANG, viewing Aurora's firework display at 10:00 p.m. Reservations required. Cost: Hillforest members \$45, Non-members \$50.

American Girl Day Camps

Monday-Friday, July 17-20, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Girls (ages 5-14) will have a great time learning history of the "American Girl" doll series, dressing up for a take home photo, touring Hillforest, making a craft for themselves and their doll, and participating in a little lady tea. Cost: \$30.00 per child.



Lingering Spirits Paranormal Investigation

Saturdays, October 14 & 21, 8:00 pm-12:00 midnight

Be a ghost hunter for an evening and participate in a paranormal investigation of Hillforest with members of Proof Paranormal. Seek the answer to who still resides at the mansion on the hill. Cost: \$50 per person. Reservations are limited.

Aurora Ghost Walk (Sponsored by Main Street Aurora)

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm

Tour the streets of Aurora after dark with local historian Jim Waldon and learn of the unseen inhabitants of the town. The tour includes a special after-dark tour of Hillforest and



Private teas and luncheons are available.

Hillforest's Mystery at the Mansion Dinner Theater

Friday & Saturday, October 27-28, 6:30 pm

Experience a fun-filled evening of mystery and mayhem as presented by Rivertown Players. Three-course dinner included in price of event, served in the Hillforest parlors. Cost: Members \$40, Non-members \$45. Reservations are required.



A Teddy Bear Tea

Saturday, November 18, 11:00 am

Kids (ages 5-12) will enjoy a tea featuring teddy bear treats, touring holiday-decorated Hillforest, and creating a Teddy Bear holiday ornament to hang on their tree. Cost: \$20 per person.

"A Victorian Christmas" Exhibit

Tuesday-Sunday, November 21-December 30, 1:00-5:00 pm

Experience the warmth and charm of 162-year-old Hillforest in its authentic Victorian holiday decor. Regular admission charged. Reservations required.

Victorian Christmas Tea Time

December 5, 7, & 9, 1:00 pm

Tour Hillforest's Victorian holiday exhibit and enjoy a festive three-course tea in the Hillforest parlors featuring delicious seasonal treats and flavored tea. Cost: Hillforest members \$28, non-members \$30. Reservations required.

Home for the Holidays Tour

Sunday, December 3, 1:00-5:00 pm

Come home to Aurora and tour premier historic sites of both Hillforest and Veraestau decked out in holiday cheer for one ticket price. Costumed docents, holiday refreshments, and periodic entertainment will be featured. Tickets prices TBA.

Hillforest Victorian House Museum 61ST Closing Day

Saturday, December 30, 1:00-5:00 pm

Don't let another year go by without a visit to Historic Hillforest as we close out the 61st season of our national treasure.