



Thornbury Farm Event Guide

Over 300 years of historical charm

2023



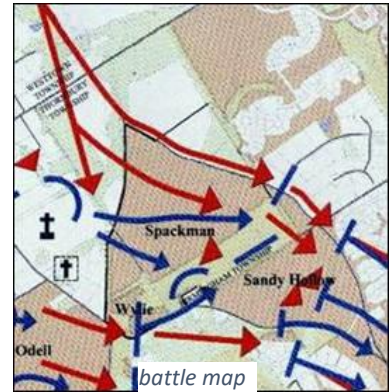
**Thornbury Farm CSA 1/23
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Thornbury Farm was founded in 1709. The “main house” on the property was the first quarried house in Pennsylvania built using stone from the farm. This portion built in 1709 was added after the original log cabin had burnt down. The original owner was a blacksmith who used a lime kiln that now remains in the horse pasture. The house has been added to roughly every 80 years. The serpentine addition was the first public library in Chester County.

1709 Main House

During the Battle of the Brandywine on Sept. 11, 1777, this house would serve as a hospital. The General George Washington along with Alexander Hamilton and Marquis De Lafayette would fight at this battle as part of the largest land battle during the American Revolution. The battle served as the final stronghold before Philadelphia. The colonists became trapped by a stream running along the property and lost the battle. However, both the Colonists and the British would suffer heavy losses during the battle. Lafayette was injured during this battle as our flag was fired upon for the first time.



The red barn was added to the farm in 1740 and houses our 1926 Mudler Hunter pipe organ. This organ contains 2300 pipes and is one of the only kinds like it. It included pipes from Longwood Gardens pipe organ along with parts from the Wanamaker organ in Philadelphia.

Today Thornbury Farm is a family owned farm with animals and our farm market. We strive to share the history of the farm and support local business. We host events of all kinds including weddings, rehearsal dinners, graduation parties, and baby showers.



reenactment of the battle of Brandywine



Ponies Luna and Roo



Owner Randell with the pipe organ

Past Events

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Thornbury Farm CSA is a DIY venue, You can bring out your ideas and dreams yourself.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there covering for rain?

A: Yes! Our patio is covered and offers a drier place to celebrate. There are lines to keep our huge wisteria vines wet

Q: Can we feed the animals during our event?

A: The animals would love that, and we may be able to help with the produce, but it needs to be approved of ahead of time. Some things may make the animals sick.

Q: Can we have tours given/ speaker on the farm during our event?

A: Of course! We are more than willing to have someone stop by your event and talk about the history of the farm, organic farm or whatever else interests you. We may even be able to have someone dress in a revolutionary war soldiers' outfit.

Q: How many people can I have at my event?

A: We've hosted events of all sizes. We have seating for roughly 110 but tables and benches can be brought in for larger events. Generally, we allow events up to 200 people.

Q: Is there parking? Can we use a shuttle service?

A: Yes, we have parking for roughly 200 cars. There are shuttle services in the area that can travel from one of the many local hotels to the farm. Parking help is required for events over 100 people

Notes:



Packages * other options available

LaFayette: Friday or Sunday

1-hour greeter
1 hour during the week for rehearsal
Farm Tables and benches
Dressing room
Altar and or Podium
Up to 100 Guests

Washington Package: Saturday

Lawn Games
1-hour greeter
1 hour during the week for rehearsal
Farm Tables and benches
Dressing room
Altar and or Podium
Up to 100 Guests

Brandywine Package: Saturday plus

Friday **or** Sunday set up/ cleanup , or another pre-approved event- May not be available for peak times – based on one day event
3 hr greeter for event
Bonfire or lit oven
Lawn games
Farm Tables and benches
Dressing room
Altar and or Podium
Up to 150 Guests

Presidential Package: 3 Day rental (one day of event)

Set up day, Event day and clean-up day- May not be available for peak times
3 hr greeter for event
Bonfire or lit oven
Lawn games
Farm Tables and benches
Dressing room
Altar and or Podium
Serving room
Up to 150 Guests

* Prices are subject to change. Weddings over 100 may be subject to a management charge. Weddings over 200 are subject to review

* We are a “hands off” event and let you make the day you want.

* Most wedding rentals are “Day of” from 8: AM to 10 pm closing completely 11 PM

*Tents may require multiple days of rental if they are on site

Heaters, Fans and tent sides for patio are available. Tents must be removed at end of rental term

- Most day rentals cover main patio area and shared use of parking and other areas, serving room and other spaces are additional cost.
- **Discounts** can be applied to off peak times – July & Early August and perhaps smaller events





Wedding Checklist

This wedding planning checklist covers a 12-month span, but you can adjust the schedule to your own timeline, whether you're planning two years or one month in advance. Then, simply start at the top of the list below and browse through each group of tasks before tackling them one by one.

9-12 Months Before

- ☐ Announce your engagement to family and friends and plan an engagement party
- ☐ Place an engagement announcement in your local newspaper
- ☐ Sign up for a wedding website to keep your guests informed about event details, area information, etc.
- ☐ Work on the budget
- ☐ Consider purchasing wedding planning software to organize everything, or hire a wedding planner to help secure contracts, etc.
- ☐ Choose a wedding date - select a few days in case your first choice is booked with us.
- ☐ Choose a location and reserve your ceremony and reception site(s)





- ☐ Begin a rough guest list and compile current addresses
- ☐ Decide on who you'd like to have as your attendants, including your maid of honor and best man
- ☐ Begin shopping for your wedding gown
- ☐ Attend a local bridal show or two and jot down notes about any vendors you really liked
- ☐ Purchase a wedding planning organizer or calendar to keep track of important dates and appointments (fittings, showers, etc.)

6-9 Months Before

- ☐ Research and choose one or more bridal gift registry
- ☐ Order your wedding gown and buy undergarments that you will wear with it (bring these to all fittings)
- ☐ Order other bridal accessories - shoes, gloves and veil
- ☐ Begin shopping for bridesmaids' dresses
- ☐ Find an officiant who will perform your ceremony
- ☐ Research local vendors and book ceremony musicians, a wedding band/DJ, photographer, videographer, caterer and florist



4-6 Months Before

- ☐ Select and order your wedding invitations, invitation envelopes and thank-you cards
- ☐ Hire a calligrapher, if desired (check with a local stationery store for referrals)
- ☐ Select and purchase wedding favors and wedding favor accessories - boxes, personalized wedding ribbon, labels, etc.
- ☐ Purchase any desired ceremony and reception decorations - unity candles, vases, aisle runner, etc.
- ☐ Start researching wedding cake pictures and local bakeries
- ☐ Book your honeymoon and verify that you have any necessary travel documents including passports and visas
- ☐ Book a room for your wedding night, if you will be leaving for your honeymoon the next morning
- ☐ Book hotel rooms or arrange other accommodations for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Finalize your guest list and send out save-the-date cards, if using
- ☐ Print out directions to the ceremony, reception, rehearsal dinner and hotel(s) for guests



- ☐ Compile a list of area information and things to do for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Reserve transportation for you and your wedding party as well as a bus or trolley for your guests (if necessary)

2-4 Months Before

- ☐ Find out what your state's requirements are for obtaining a marriage license and get blood tests done, if required
- ☐ Order tuxedos for the groom and groomsmen
- ☐ Meet with your caterer to discuss the menu and your bar/liquor needs
- ☐ Meet with your officiant to discuss ceremony details, wording and wedding vows
- ☐ Select wedding readings
- ☐ Order your wedding cake
- ☐ Buy thank-you gifts for your attendants, flower girl and ring bearer
- ☐ Shop for a gift for your new spouse-to-be
- ☐ Select and purchase wedding rings, and have them engraved if desired
- ☐ Coordinate and choose a location for the rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Contact party rental companies for tents, tables, arches, etc. if necessary
- ☐ Book any other specialty services - ice sculptures, photo booths, etc.
- ☐ Purchase luggage and other travel necessities and attire for your honeymoon
- ☐ Order/renew passports if necessary, leaving ample time for them to be sent back to you
- ☐ Schedule an appointment with your dentist if you'd like to have your teeth whitened or cleaned before the wedding



1-2 Months Before

- ☐ Mail invitations out to everyone eight weeks prior to the wedding date and send accommodation info to your out-of-town guests
- ☐ Compile and complete name change documents or purchase a bridal name change kit online
- ☐ Fill out a change of address form at the post office, if necessary
- ☐ Have ceremony programs printed
- ☐ Purchase a guest book, pen and other wedding accessories including toasting glasses, cake knife, ring pillow, etc.
- ☐ Keep your wedding web site updated with directions and event details



- ☐ Choose your hair and makeup stylists and schedule a trial for both; also book appointments to have your hair, make-up and nails done on the day of the wedding
- ☐ Review insurance for event space and payments to vendors

And information with your fiancé and check with employers to see what documents need to be updated once you are legally wed (car, home, medical, etc.)

2 Weeks to 1 Month Before

- ☐ Create a seating chart for the reception and make table numbers and place cards (or have your calligrapher work on these)
- ☐ Contact your caterer with a final guest count
- ☐ Print out a timeline of events for your wedding party and vendors - include contact information and cell phone numbers
- ☐ Meet with your photographer to finalize your wedding photo list of any must-have photos
- ☐ Contact your florist to confirm your final flower order (bouquets, boutonnieres, centerpieces, etc.) and go over any decor details or venue logistics for the big day
- ☐ Finalize your ceremony and reception music and song lists for your wedding band or DJ
- ☐ Confirm lodging reservations for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Place a wedding announcement in your local newspaper
- ☐ Plan a bridal luncheon or dinner with your bridesmaids
- ☐ Pick up wedding bands and make sure the fit is good
- ☐ Schedule a final wedding dress fitting
- ☐ Apply for your marriage license
- ☐ Write rehearsal dinner toasts

1 Week Before

- ☐ Write out final checks to your wedding vendors (each organized in an envelope) and let your wedding coordinator or one of your attendants to distribute at the wedding.

Meet at the site- with your coordinator to go over "Day of" plans.

- ☐ Pick up your wedding gown
- ☐ Pick up your marriage license



- ❑ Confirm limo or other transportation reservations
- ❑ Pack for your honeymoon and confirm travel arrangements
- ❑ Have your post office hold your mail, if necessary, while you are on your honeymoon
- ❑ Treat yourself to a spa day - you deserve it!

The Day Before

- ❑ Welcome out-of-town guests as they arrive
- ❑ Take a yoga class or go for a walk during the day
- ❑ Schedule a hair appointment for prior to the rehearsal dinner
- ❑ Attend the rehearsal and enjoy the rehearsal dinner!

The Wedding Day

- ❑ Wake up early and do some easy exercise, or just go for a peaceful walk outdoors and try to soak up the beauty of the day ;)
- ❑ Set aside some time before the festivities to share gifts with your bridesmaids or close family members
- ❑ Eat a healthy breakfast - you'll need your energy for the big day ahead!
- ❑ **Enjoy it; it's finally here and everything will be wonderful... Congratulations!!**

