



Private Tour of the Rail Park & Lunch for 10

The first section of Philadelphia's Rail Park opened in April to rave reviews. When fully complete, it will include over three miles of dynamic urban park-scape linking ten distinct neighborhoods to Fairmount Park and Center City upon re-envisioned railway viaducts, street level parks and subterranean green spaces.

Michael Garden, Vice Chair of the Friends of the Rail Park, will lead a tour through the heart of the proposed site, ending at the recently completed Phase One.

Michael will offer insight into Philadelphia's rail history, indigenous flora and fauna, as well as the early planning, fundraising, and promotion of a uniquely Philadelphia greenway that will soon serve pedestrians, bicyclists, neighbors, and visitors alike!

Tours start at 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue on the east side of the Rodin Museum and end at Phase One near 12th and Callowhill. Tour date to be coordinated with Michael Garden, and dependent weather conditions. Once a date is set, the tour will get started at 10:00 am.

Afterwards, your group will have lunch at the Philadelphia Club, hosted by James Scott.

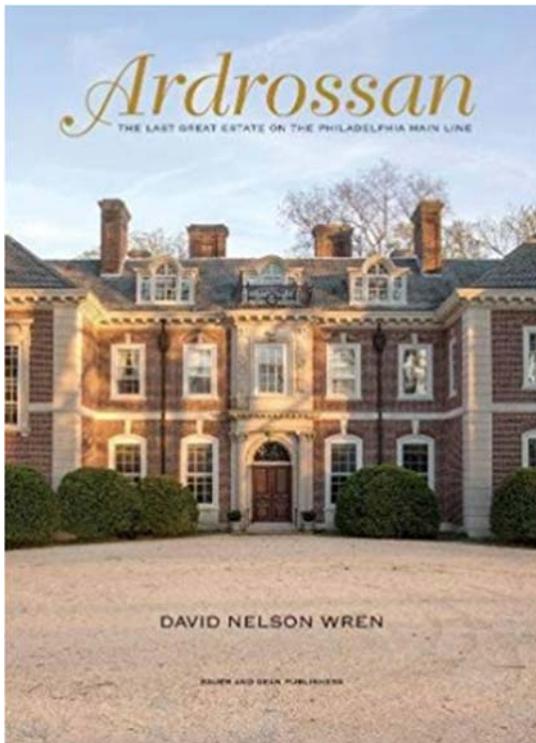


Dinner for 10 at "The Cottage"

In any season, an extraordinary evening awaits you and your guests as you dine at Andalusia's atmospheric and beautifully furnished Gothic Revival Cottage.

This culinary evening will be prepared and served by private chef Samm Monroe. Complimentary wines will top off this magical evening, with wines generously donated by Jamie & Kristin Biddle, Don & Linda Caldwell.





Catered Drinks Party for 20 at historic Ardrossan

Enjoy a delightful evening at Ardrossan, the historic country house in Radnor, PA, including drinks and hors d'oeuvres for up to 20 guests.

The centerpiece of the estate, created originally by Colonel Robert Leaming Montgomery, is the main house designed by noted Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer in the English “Wrenaissance” style.

Colonel Montgomery’s colorful daughter, Hope Montgomery Scott, was the inspiration for Tracy Lord, the main character in the Philip Barry play *The Philadelphia Story*, which was made into the film of the same name as well as the musical film, *High Society*.

Enjoy drinks in the grand reception rooms overlooking the surrounding park. Winning bidder will receive a signed copy of David Wren’s book on Ardrossan.



(Re)build the (River) Wall!

In the 1830s, Nicholas Biddle hired architect Thomas Ustick Walter to undertake an ambitious building program at Andalusia, which included designing the Graperies and Cottage, enlarging the Big House, and rebuilding the River Wall. In October 1836, records show Biddle paid \$286 for delivery of stone for the river wall.

Over the years, storms, ice jams, and changing tides have deteriorated the wall. Even with emergency maintenance as needed, the wall suffered the loss of a large section near the Billiard Room last winter.