

French Festival

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Schedule of Activities

9:30 am-7 pm

Baroque Guitar

25-minute performance by Kevin Shannon.

C.W. Post Tent

10 am, 12 pm, 1:30 pm
3 pm, 5 pm, 6:30 pm

Dance Workshop: The Flirtation of the Fan

Learn to bow, offer and accept a hand, and use the language of the fan in this 15-minute interactive lesson in courtly manners, led by the New York Baroque Dance Company, featuring Caroline Copeland and Matthew Ting.

C.W. Post Tent

10:30 am
1 pm
4 pm

Garden Talk

Compare the design elements of the French Parterre and the Japanese-style Garden on this 20-minute talk.

Meet by Lunar Lawn stage

11 am, 12:30 pm
2:30 pm, 4:30 pm

Dance Performance: Fête Lafayette

This 20-minute dance captures the excitement of General Lafayette's visit to the United States in 1780. An American husband and wife rehearse before meeting Lafayette at the glamorous ball in his honor. Performed by the New York Baroque Dance Company, featuring Caroline Copeland and Matthew Ting. Accompanied by Kevin Shannon on Baroque guitar.

Lunar Lawn

11:30 am
2 pm
5:30 pm

Strolling Mimes

Enjoy the foolish antics and kinetic humor of Pierrot and Pierrette. Performed by Happenstance Theater, featuring Elena Day and Pasquale Guidicci.

Around the Estate

All day
(breaks 12-1 pm and 4-4:30 pm)

Strolling Nobility

Play games and enjoy the atmosphere of French whimsy with Madame ToutDeSuite and the Marquis Aubergine FouFou, fictional and eccentric members of the 18th-century French court. Performed by Happenstance Theater, featuring Sara Barker and Matthew Pauli.

Around the Estate

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Lawn Games

Play modern-day games (as many do to celebrate Bastille Day in France today) as well as games enjoyed by French children in the 1700s.

Lunar Lawn

All day

Hands-on Art Project: Hat Maker's Workshop

Gain inspiration from historic French fashions to design and decorate your own stylish hat.

Visitor Center Theater

All day

Meet the Alliance Française & Visit the Beauty Patch Parlor

Learn about the Alliance's wealth of language classes and cultural programs, and adorn yourself with a *mouche*, or beauty patch, popular in 1700s France.

Motor Court

9:30 am-5 pm

Classic Car Display: French Citroëns

Provided by the Citroën Club.

Motor Court

11 am-5 pm

Explore the Estate

- Discover French art in the Mansion.
Printed tours are available in French. Check out the French collection audio tour, "Kings, Queens and Soup Tureens." Both are available in the Visitor Center.
- *Ingenue to Icon: 70 Years of Fashion from the Collection of Marjorie Merriweather Post*, in the Adirondack Building.
- Enjoy the Gardens & Greenhouse.
A French Parterre Family Activity Guide is available in the Visitor Center and Mansion Coat Check.
- Orientation Film plays on a loop in Merriweather Room B (near the C.W. Post Center).
- Museum Shop and pop-up French Market, Visitor Center Second Floor.
- Café (take-out service), 9:30 am-6:30 pm.

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