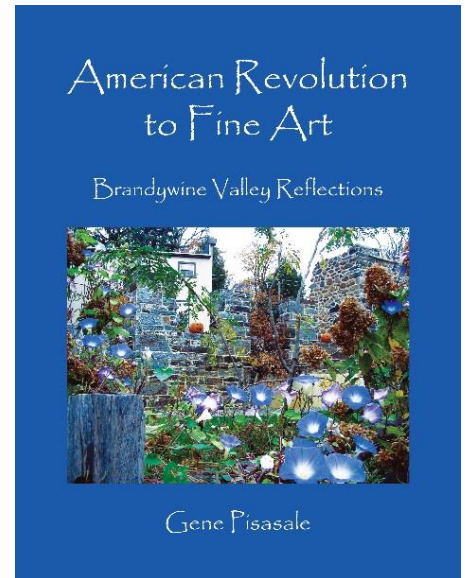


AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO FINE ART- BRANDYWINE VALLEY REFLECTIONS

LECTURE SUMMARY

Encompassing 760 square miles of rolling hills dotted with dairies, horse farms and amber-leaved sycamores in the Fall, the Brandywine Valley acted as a crucible producing events that changed the course of American history. Three signers of the Declaration of Independence lived here, as well as classical composer Samuel Barber and the renowned Wyeth family of artists. For more than three centuries, this area has been a site of world class achievements in art, science and industry. Lecture outline:

- Founding Faith- The Quaker Meetinghouses
- Colonial Gristmills- Cornerstones in the Foundation of America
- The Brandywine River Museum- Art in a Magical Landscape
- Historic Inns and Taverns
- Valley Forge, George Washington and the Founding of Our Country
- Industrial Building Blocks- The Mines and Minerals of Chester County
- A du Pont Legacy- The Splendor of Longwood Gardens
- The Rolling Hills of Horse Country
- Sanctuaries in a Crowded Landscape- The Parks of Chester County
- Kennett Square- “The Mushroom Capital of the World”
- The Great Pumpkin Carve



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