




VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM

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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 3—December 30

Tuesday—Sunday, 1:00—5:00 pm

Last tour begins at 4:30 pm

CLOSED Mondays and major holidays

ADMISSION

\$10.00 Age 14 and up

\$4.00 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.



BECOME A HILLFOREST MEMBER

and receive a **FREE** Hillforest history booklet and magnet.

Join at the sponsor level or above to receive "Indigo Bunting at Hillforest" print by nationally known wildlife artist John A. Ruthven (a \$75.00 VALUE).

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)

\$25 Individual	\$300 Patron
\$50 Family	\$500 Benefactor
\$70 Contributor	\$1000 Belvedere
\$125 Sponsor	\$5000 Lifetime Member

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National Historic Landmark

1956-2018, 62nd
Touring Season
2018 Calendar of
Events

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Travel Back to Victorian Aurora

Hillforest Victorian House Museum 62nd Opening Day

Tuesday, April 3, 1:00-5:00 pm

Featured exhibit: Hairlooms – The Victorian Art of Hairwork

Springtime in Paris Tea

*Saturday, April 14, 1:00 pm**

Tickle your taste buds at a French themed three-course tea that is completely indulgent and tres chic. Cost: \$30 Hillforest members, \$35 Non-members.

Mommy and Me: Stories & Tea

*Saturday, May 5, 11:00 am**

Children 5 and up are invited to bring their favorite grown up for a fun tea which includes story time, craft time, and a tour of Hillforest. Cost: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-members, \$15 Children 12 and under.

Hillforest's Community Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 6, 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! The last tour begins at 4:30 pm.

"Hoosier Time Travelers" 2-Day Camp for Kids*

Monday & Tuesday, June 11-12, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Hoosier Time Travelers will race through history as Indiana's pioneers at the Harris Cabin, downtown Aurora, and Hillforest.

Activities include: meeting a Civil War doctor, exploring architecture on a downtown walk of historic Aurora, and experiencing fun hands-on activities from an era gone by. Cost: \$30 Members, \$35 Non-members. Reservations limited.



***Reservations required**

Mexico: Best of the Border

*Saturday, June 30, 6:30-10:30 pm, Veraestau Historic Site**

Join the Fiesta fun and experience Mexican culture, dishes, entertainment, 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 with the viewing of Aurora's firework display at 10:00 pm. Cost: \$45 Hillforest & Indiana Landmarks members, \$50 Non-members. 21 and over.

American Girl Day Camps

*Monday-Friday, July 16-19, 9:00 am-12:00 noon (1-day camp)**

Girls (ages 5-14) will have a great time learning the 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 Members, \$35 Non-members.



Color Me Zen Tea

*Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am**

Learn and experience the calming and relaxation effect of Zentangle. Guests will have the opportunity to color/design their own take home project. A tea and pastry bar and tour of Hillforest are included. Cost: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-members.

Designer Bag Bingo (Featuring Vera Bradley)*

Friday, October 12, 7:00 pm

Ladies...this is not your Grandma's Bingo! Join us for a fun Girl's Night Out and the opportunity to win a beautiful Vera Bradley bag. The event benefits Dearborn County Convention, Visitor & Tourism Bureau's "Tour for the Cure" program for breast cancer research and Hillforest Museum. Details TBA.

Aurora Ghost Walk (Sponsored by Main Street Aurora)

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 pm

Tour the street of Aurora after dark with local historian Jim Waldon and learn of the unseen inhabitants of the town. Tour includes a visit to Hillforest and refreshments. Cost: \$10. For reservations contact Aurora Main Street at 812-926-1100.



Hillforest's Mystery at the Mansion Dinner Theater

Friday & Saturday, October 26-27, 6:30 pm

Experience a fun filled evening of mystery and mayhem presented by Rivertown Players. A delicious three-course dinner is included in the price of the event served in the Hillforest parlors. Cost: \$40 Members, \$45 Non-members.

Gingerbread Tea Time

*Saturday, November 17, 11:00 am**

Kids and parents will enjoy a fun Gingerbread man themed tea, touring Hillforest as it is decorated for Christmas, and creating a special Gingerbread craft. Cost: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-member, \$15 Kids 12 & under.

A Victorian Christmas

November 20-December 30, Tuesday-Sunday, 1:00-5:00 pm

Tour Hillforest and experience the warmth and charm of 163-year-old Hillforest as it is decorated for a true "Christmas Past." Regular admission charged.

Victorian Christmas Tea Time

*December 4, 6, 8, 1:00 pm**

Tour Hillforest's Victorian Christmas exhibit and enjoy a festive three-course tea in the Hillforest parlors featuring delicious seasonal treats and flavored tea. Cost: \$30 Hillforest members, \$35 non-members.

Victorian Christmas Open House

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

Bring the family to tour Hillforest's Victorian Christmas featuring costumed docents, refreshments, and periodic entertainment. Regular admission charged.

Hillforest Victorian House Museum 62nd Closing Day

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

It's the last day to travel back to our Victorian past. See how the residents lived and what makes this house truly special.

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

Private teas and luncheons are available.