



\$100 per person

Tuesday, August 15
8:30am – 4pm

In 1792, the Ellicott brothers, John, Andrew, and Joseph, hailing from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, purchased land adjacent to the Patapsco River with the intent to build and run, grain mills. The Ellicott's Mills would become one of the largest milling and manufacturing towns in the East and are considered by some as the home of the Industrial Revolution.

Old Ellicott City is a historic shopping district boasting 70 plus shops, galleries, restaurants, saloons, and museums. You will be transported to the heart of Historic Ellicott City to the Forget Me Not Factory located in one of the town's oldest buildings. With 3 floors to explore, this store offers the most unique and encompassing collections of specialty items including Department 56.

You will have time to tour the store and the town. You will also tour the homes of Pete Baer and John & Dean Stevenson, two members of the Annapolis Villagers Club, a Maryland-based Department 56 Collectors Club. In between the home tours and visit to Historic Ellicott City and the Forget Me Not Factory, you will be given time to have lunch at one of the many restaurants within walking distance.

ABOUT JOHN & DEAN STEVENSON'S HOME TOUR

We have been collecting Department 56 since 1992 and have been members of the Annapolis Villager's club since 1993. Our home was built 6 years ago, and we have a 20' x 40' room downstairs that houses our Department 56 collections and our trains.



HISTORIC ELlicOTT CITY, FORGET ME NOT FACTORY AND VILLAGE HOME TOUR

The villages we collect and have on display are Dickens, North Pole, Christmas in the City, New England, Halloween, and Seasons Bay. We have a Bachmann's ON-30 steam locomotive 2-6-6-2, two Lionel O-gauge trains that were John and Dean's childhood trains, American Flyer steam locomotive & tender 4-6-4, and a 1995 Lionel Navy NW2 switcher train on display.

ABOUT PETE AND TRUDI BAER'S HOME TOUR

In 1984 Trudi was shopping and ran across little porcelain houses in a Woodward & Lothrop store in Annapolis MD. Those were our first department 56 houses, which were five of the original seven Dicken's houses. Later we purchased the remaining two. That started us on this voyage of collecting porcelain houses. We added to the Dickens village and ended up collecting a large number of the Dickens houses.

We built custom cabinets for these houses and had fairly large displays in them. We outgrew these cabinets and decided to build new cabinets structured around vignettes. After several trips to New England, we really enjoyed the lighthouses along the coast. We started collecting some of the New England pieces, especially those that were water related and the lighthouses and added those to our new display of New England pieces.

Trudi and I attended the village gatherings in Pennsylvania (PA5-6000) and Virginia (MAVG). In 2001, I became the chair of the Mid Atlantic Village Gathering (MAVG). In 2003, 2005 and 2007, Trudi was the chair of the Mid Atlantic Village Gathering.

We participated in the display contests in several of the MAVG gatherings, Trudi designed the unique displays where she

won 1st place in these contests. One of the displays had live plants and a pond with live fish. She is the designer and I help bring her ideas to fruition.

In 2018, we moved to a new house and we're able to have 1/2 of our basement devoted to Department 56 and our collectibles. We added the Margaritaville collection because we now had the space for it. Since we now had more space and more cabinets, we expanded our Dickens display. A friend of ours decided to stop collecting Department 56 and gave us a large number of her houses. We added some of her North Pole houses to the ones that we already had and started a new display cabinet for them.

We purchased some of the display tables from Pier 1, when they closed their stores. We are in the process of adding additional displays for Dickens, New England and Seasons Bay.

We have been members of the Annapolis Villagers since 1995. I have served as their treasurer since 1997. I am the web master and the Social Media Coordinator for the NCC.

Lunch is NOT included in the cost of this excursion..

Transportation: Drop off and pick up at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Reagan National Airport

PICK UP: 8:30am
DROP OFF: 4pm

This excursion is subject to cancellation if minimum participation is not met.

Moderate walking. Wheelchair accessible.

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Forget Me Not Factory



John and Dean Stevenson



Pete Baer



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