

CAPE MAY'S MANSIONS, MANNERS & MEDICINE

Cape May



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10:30AM-12:30PM Combination Mansions by the Sea, Physick Estate & Carroll Gallery

Don't be green with envy on this trolley tour when you see how well the rich lived in the early 1900s in the most elegant part of town. You'll see the broad streets and summer "mansions" of Cape May's east side on this trolley tour – an area marketed as "New Cape May" at the turn of the 20th Century. Today, new beachfront second homeowners have continued the tradition, running the gamut from the mere wealthy to the fabulously rich.

A tour of the Physick Estate today offers a look back at our Victorian past as evidenced by its architecture, decorative arts, customs, and the lives of one Cape May family, the Physicks.



This year's tour is entitled, The Doctor Is In. Dr. Physick's father, also named Emlen, died in his late forties. In his will, he left his son a rather large inheritance. Emlen Sr.'s only stipulation in his will was that he "would prefer that my son Emlen should study medicine."

Carroll Gallery Exhibit: "Quackery: The Age of Questionable Medical Marvels"

Step right Up and see some of the so-called medical marvels of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many of these "curative" were not just ineffective, they were downright dangerous. Learn about the societal and economic forces that unleashed these questionable treatments on the public, driven by hucksterism, false advertising, and get-rich-quick schemes.



12:45PM-2:45PM Lunch at a local restaurant

1:45PM-2:20PM Etiquette & Manners Presentation

Using Victorian Artifacts and a place setting for a full-course Victorian meal, costumed Living History Interpreters review the "hows" and "whys" of Victorian manners and etiquette and how these were reflective of the Victorian Era in general.



2:45PM Free time on the Washington Street Mall

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