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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Families will Love Victorine's Valentine Day at Hagley**

Wilmington, Delaware – February 2009 – Celebrate Valentine's Day with your family at Hagley on **Saturday, February 14, 12:30 to 4 p.m.** Parents and children will enjoy making valentines using the Victorian "scrap" style, sampling gingerbread, and writing valentine verses with a quill pen. Activities are included in regular admission.

**New this year is the "Sweet Treats Spot."** Chocolate-themed artifacts from the Hagley Library's collections like vintage candy wrappers and cookbooks will be displayed. Children can try their own culinary creativity by decorating a candy bar wrapper, then wrapping it around a candy bar to make the sweetest valentine gift. Visitors of all ages can enjoy a cup of hot chocolate with toppings.

Victorine's Valentine Day honors the work of Victorine du Pont Bauduy (1792-1861), the eldest daughter of the DuPont Company's founder, who spent time as superintendent of the Brandywine Manufacturers' Sunday School during the nineteenth century.

"Victorine's Valentine Day at Hagley is a fun way for families to enjoy time together. The crafts and activities will get the kids' creativity flowing and the chocolate display will be hard to resist," says event coordinator Bonnie Wirth.

The Belin House Restaurant is offering an afternoon tea to complement the festivities. Visitors can sip tea or coffee and enjoy freshly baked scones, tea sandwiches, chocolate-covered strawberries, and an assortment of mini desserts. The tea cost is \$15 per person for adults and \$7.50 for children twelve and under. Reservations are required; call (302) 425-5540.

Hagley Museum and Library collects, preserves, and interprets the unfolding history of American enterprise. The museum is located on Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware. Admission to the entire 235-acre museum is \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and senior citizens, \$4 for children six to fourteen, and free for children five and under. Call (302) 658-2400 weekdays for more information or visit [www.hagley.org](http://www.hagley.org).

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