

Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden

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FROM GOTHIC TOWERS TO FAERIE COTTAGES, 13 fantastical structures—some old, some new—await you at Winterthur in their first-ever garden exhibition, *Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden*.

So what exactly *is* a folly? In architecture, a folly is a whimsical or extravagant structure placed in a garden or landscape for decoration but may appear to be used for some other purpose. Follies are intended to amuse observers, frame a vista, pique the viewer's curiosity, and in Winterthur's case, inspire exploration of the landscape.

Some of the follies at Winterthur are relocated historic structures that have been in the garden for years thanks to founder Henry Francis du Pont's resourcefulness and imagination. Others are new additions based on classic and contemporary follies at other estates.

As you explore the curving paths of the 60-acre garden—with the help of their handy and informative app if you're so inclined—the follies add yet another delightful point of interest to the already breathtaking landscape.

Come see for yourself! ♦

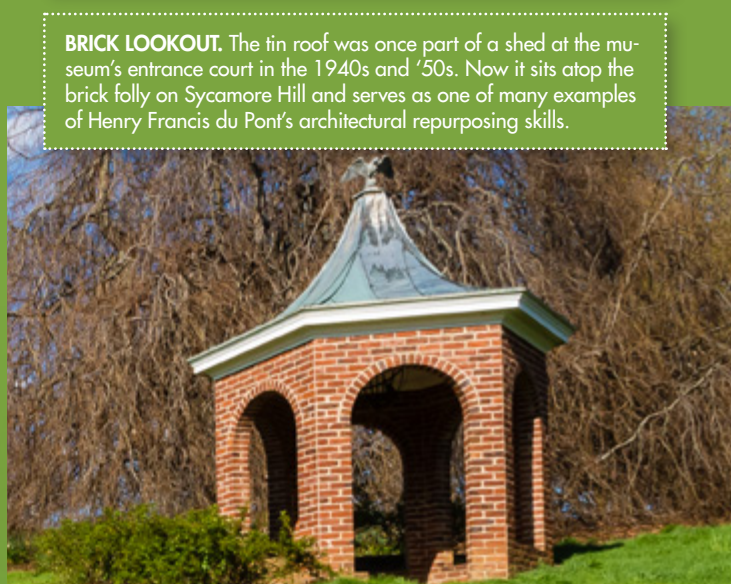
—Mary Irene Dolan

IF YOU GO: 5105 Kennett Pike (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Admission \$6–\$20. More information at Winterthur.org or call 302-888-4600.

Faerie Cottage Photo by Rob Cardillo. Brick Lookout Photo by Bob Leitch. Latimeria Summerhouse Photo by Winterthur. All Illustrations by Eric Leland.

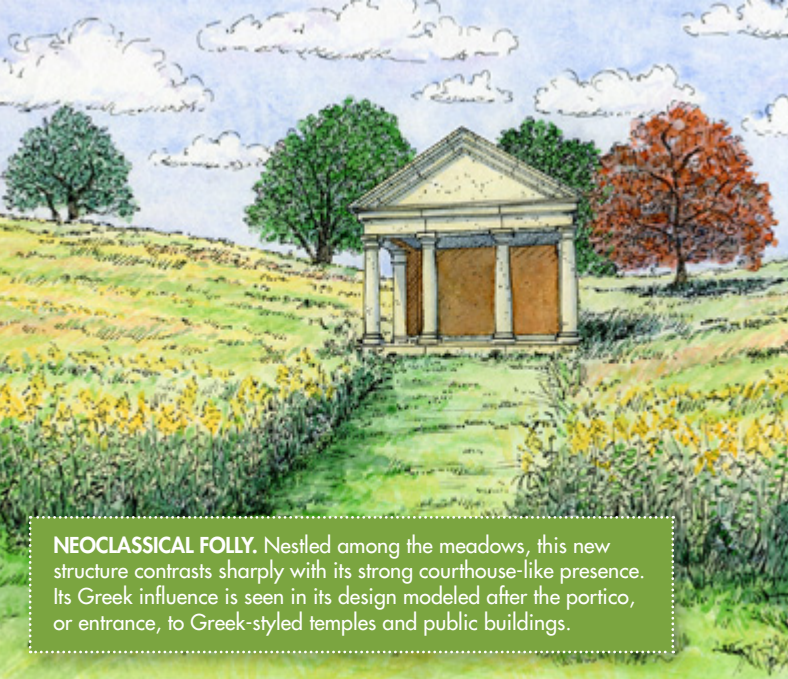


FAERIE COTTAGE. Located in the Enchanted Woods where children of all ages come to enjoy and explore, this folly is made of salvaged materials—including iron and stone—from the estate's earlier gardens, giving it a uniquely magical presence.

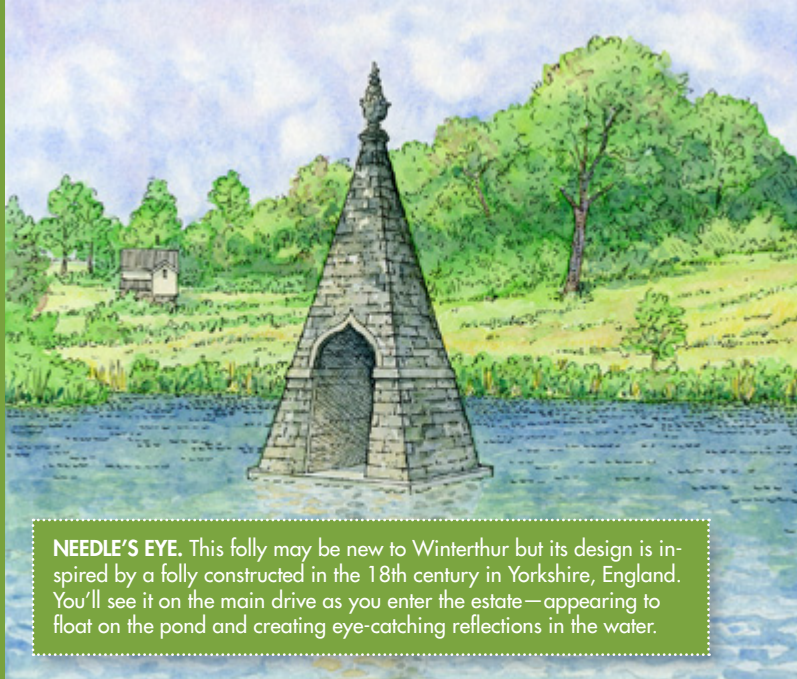


BRICK LOOKOUT. The tin roof was once part of a shed at the museum's entrance court in the 1940s and '50s. Now it sits atop the brick folly on Sycamore Hill and serves as one of many examples of Henry Francis du Pont's architectural repurposing skills.

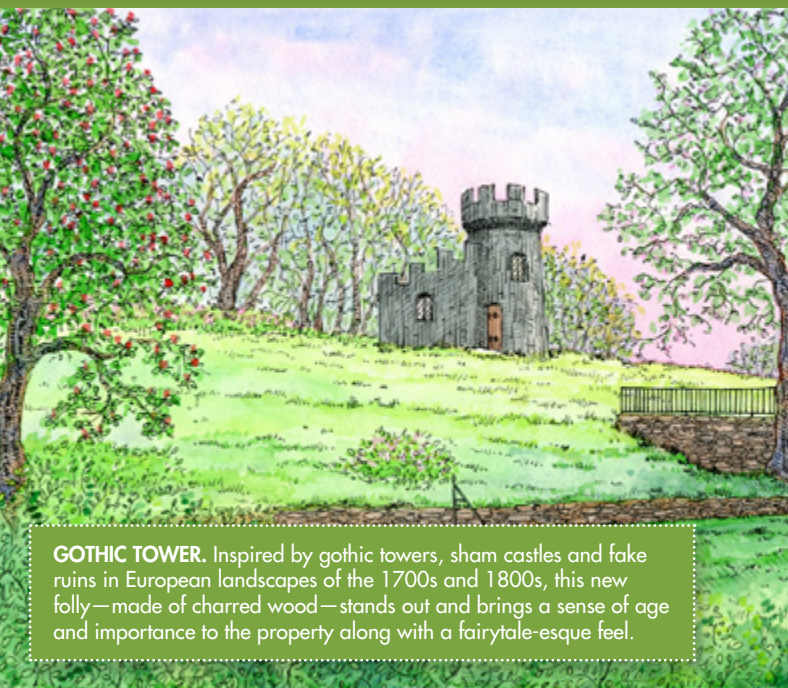




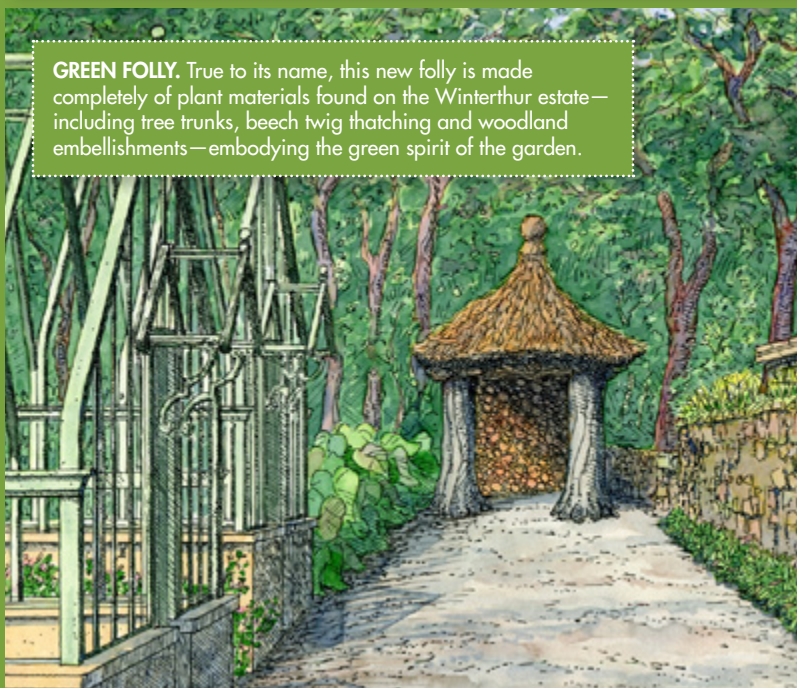
NEOCLASSICAL FOLLY. Nestled among the meadows, this new structure contrasts sharply with its strong courthouse-like presence. Its Greek influence is seen in its design modeled after the portico, or entrance, to Greek-styled temples and public buildings.



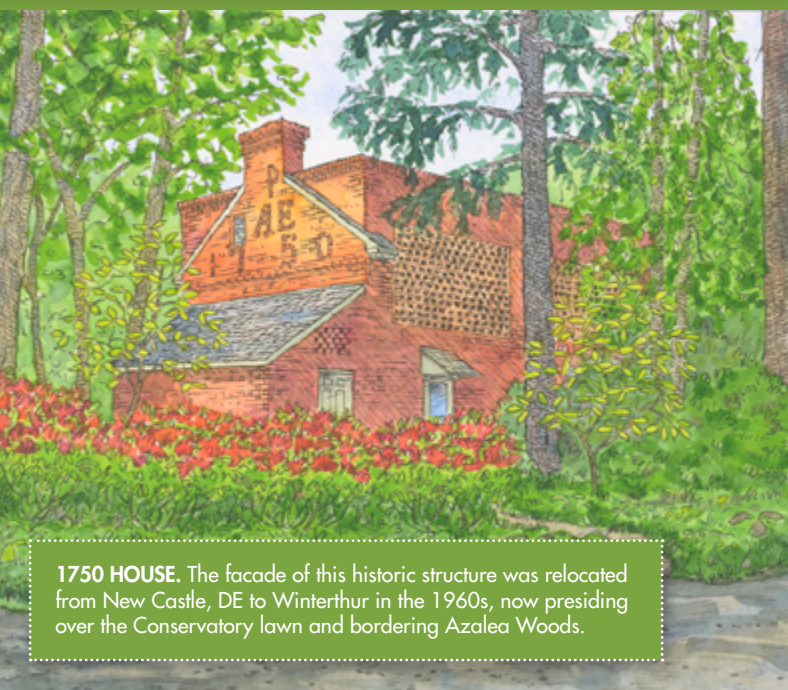
NEEDLE'S EYE. This folly may be new to Winterthur but its design is inspired by a folly constructed in the 18th century in Yorkshire, England. You'll see it on the main drive as you enter the estate—appearing to float on the pond and creating eye-catching reflections in the water.



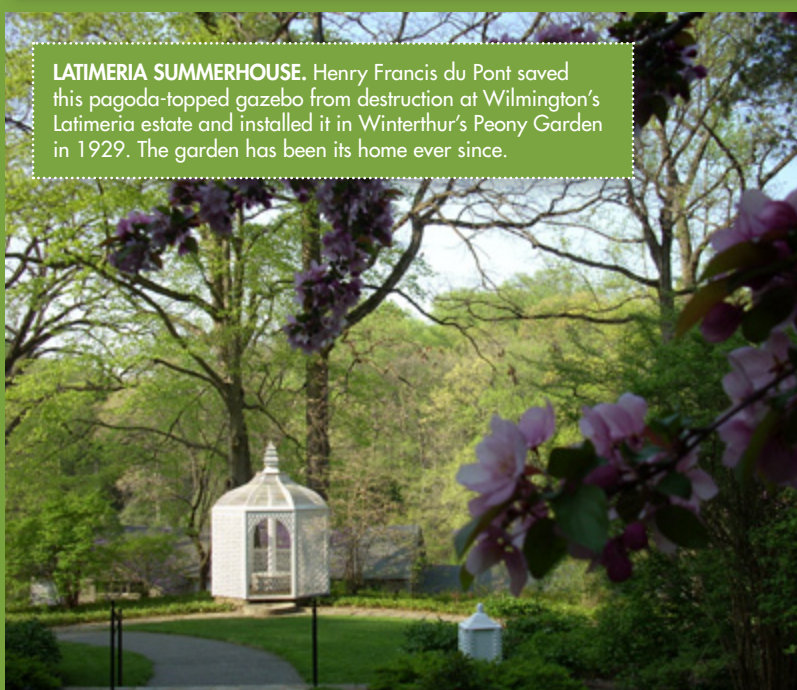
GOTHIC TOWER. Inspired by gothic towers, sham castles and fake ruins in European landscapes of the 1700s and 1800s, this new folly—made of charred wood—stands out and brings a sense of age and importance to the property along with a fairytale-esque feel.



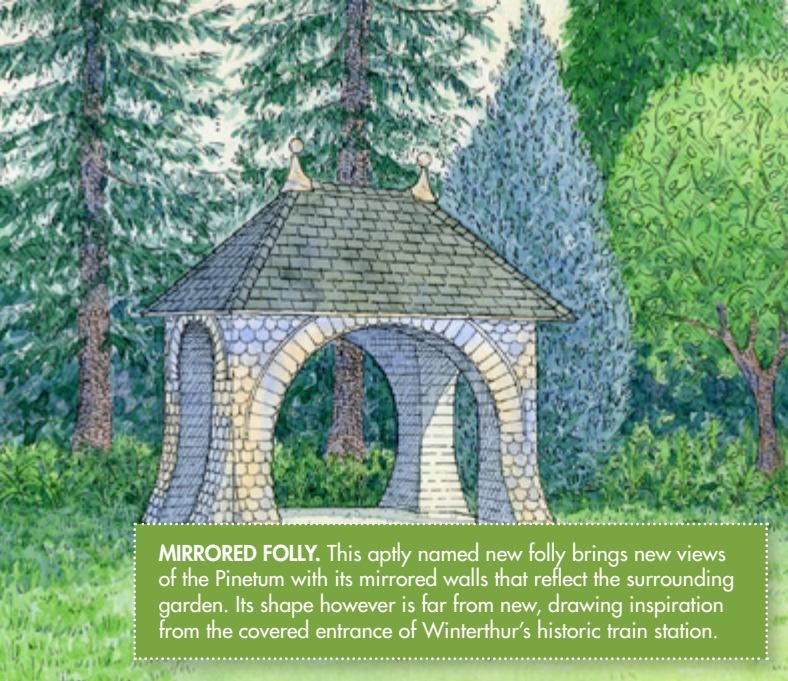
GREEN FOLLY. True to its name, this new folly is made completely of plant materials found on the Winterthur estate—including tree trunks, beech twig thatching and woodland embellishments—embodying the green spirit of the garden.



1750 HOUSE. The facade of this historic structure was relocated from New Castle, DE to Winterthur in the 1960s, now presiding over the Conservatory lawn and bordering Azalea Woods.



LATIMERIA SUMMERHOUSE. Henry Francis du Pont saved this pagoda-topped gazebo from destruction at Wilmington's Latimeria estate and installed it in Winterthur's Peony Garden in 1929. The garden has been its home ever since.



MIRRORED FOLLY. This aptly named new folly brings new views of the Pinetum with its mirrored walls that reflect the surrounding garden. Its shape however is far from new, drawing inspiration from the covered entrance of Winterthur's historic train station.



OTTOMAN TENT. You can't miss this bold new folly with its rich hues and exotic Turkish style. Reflecting the fashion of the 18th century Ottoman Empire, this tent resembles similar ones preserved in museums and gardens of England, France and Northern Europe.

FIND THE FULL LIST OF ALL 13 FOLLIES AT WINTERTHUR.ORG/FOLLIES.

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