

Monday Companion Tour

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Amish Country/Wendell August Forge Tour

The Grove City, Pennsylvania-based Wendell August Forge is the single remaining survivor of what was once the flourishing industry of handcrafted aluminum giftware. At the peak of the industry, more than 200 companies made hand-hammered aluminum commemorative items; today, only Wendell August Forge remains in business. This 78-year-old company specializes in handcrafted metal gifts made in hand-hammered aluminum, bronze and other metals.



"Mass production is a dirty word around here," says Bill Knecht, owner of the company. The 125 employees of Wendell August Forge take pride in the fact that every single piece of hammered metal is handmade and bears the mark of the craftsmen who created it. Their works of art are owned around the world, from the United States to the Far East, Europe to South America. So reputable is their craftsmanship that representatives from Franklin Mint, Remington, Tiffany's and other purveyors of art have journeyed to the mom-and-pop shop in Grove City to learn from Wendell August's expert master die cutters.

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In 1984, a renaissance began with the old mill as its centerpiece. Opening its doors for the first time in over 20 years as a country gift and antique store, it paved the way for a business revival that still continues. Encouraged by its success, other shops were opened on Main Street. After several years of rapid growth, there are now over 50 shops and restaurants turning the sleepy little village into one of western Pennsylvania's most popular tourist attractions.



Volant's merchants invite you to take a break from the fast paced world, step back in time and enjoy shopping as it used to be....on an Old Fashioned Main Street.



The bus tour will take you through the Amish Country to these locations, keep your eyes on the road for the buggies and the houses without electricity (no wires).

Monday: Tour bus leaves at 9:15 am with the first stop at Wendell August Forge. A tour guide will join us in Volant. Lunch is included. The bus will return by 4:30 pm.