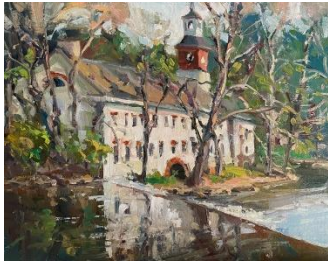


Historic Insights



by Gene Pisasale

Heritage of the Brandywine Valley



This presentation discusses the Brandywine Valley's rich heritage which includes the important contributions of statesmen, inventors, authors and artists who all helped to create our nation over three centuries. You'll become acquainted with the indigenous Indians and early settlers, many of whose homes are still standing. You will meet botanists, politicians and entrepreneurs like E. I. du Pont, William Darlington, Bayard Taylor, Samuel Barber and others – with a look ‘behind the scenes’ into their fascinating lives and achievements.

Lecture Outline:

- The Brandywine Valley: topography, landforms, watersheds, geology
- Early history: Lenni-Lenape Indians and original settlers
- William Penn and his “Holy Experiment”
- The creation of Pennsylvania: Chester, Bucks and Philadelphia counties
- Famous people through the years
- Artists and culture: Barclay Rubincam, Rea Redifer, Adrian Martinez, Jacalyn Beam
- Historical sites, structures and markers
- “Living History” stories of our local heritage
- The future is bright- if we preserve our past



Gene Pisasale is an historian and author who lives in Kennett Square, Pa. He’s written 11 books, conducts an ongoing lecture series and contributes a column titled “**Living History**” to media outlets in the Philadelphia area. Gene earned a Master’s Degree *summa cum laude* in American history at American Public University. He began his career as a petroleum geologist after earning a Master’s Degree in petroleum geology from The University of Texas at Austin. He later worked as an energy analyst and portfolio manager in the investment and banking industries after earning an MBA Finance from San Diego State University, the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certifications. Gene previously served as an approved *Speaker*

and *Visiting Scholar* at the Delaware Humanities Forum and has presented his lectures at a wide range of venues, including **Fort McHenry** in Baltimore, **Brandywine Battlefield Park** and **The Union League** in Philadelphia. He welcomes inquiries for lecture presentations, book signings and other events. Contact him at (H) 610-925-1795 or e-mail at Gene@GenePisasale.com.