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Inside Andalusia: Bucks County's Historic Landmark on the Delaware River



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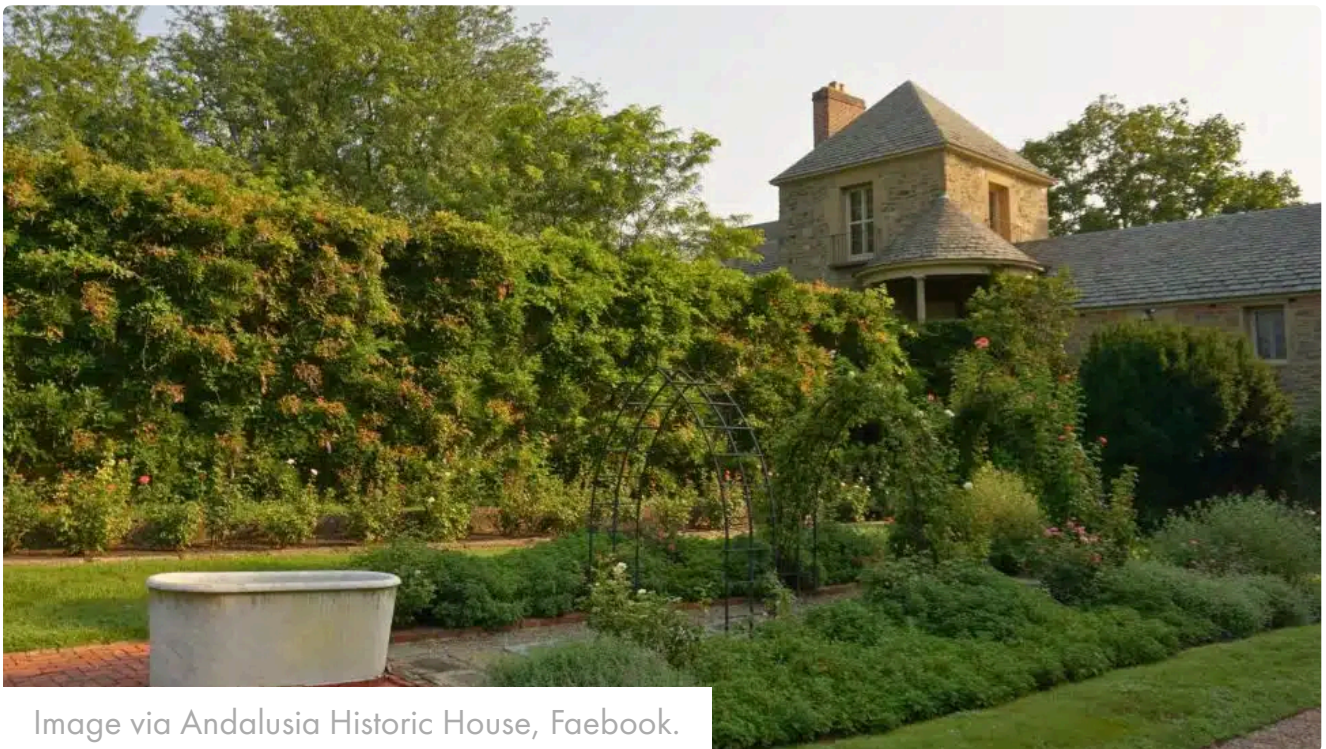


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Andalusia Historic House in Bensalem is open for the 2026 season.

Before the roads came, before Bensalem was even a town, there was Andalusia.

Built around 1795 by Philadelphia merchant John Craig as a refuge from the city's devastating yellow fever epidemics, the riverside estate in Bucks Co has outlasted nearly every era of American life.





writes Melissa Jacobs for Main Line Tonight.

“Andalusia was here before railroads, before there was a state road or a town,” said [John Vick](#), the estate’s executive director.

“To get here from Philadelphia, people took boats, perhaps ferries or steamships. You’d dock where the river wall recedes, then disembark and proceed to the house.”

Craig named the property after the Andalusia region of Spain, where he conducted much of his trade.

What began as a modest Federal-style home would eventually become one of America’s finest examples of Greek Revival architecture.

It has also been the seat of the Biddle family, one of region’s most powerful dynasties, for several generations.

Today, the National Historic Landmark preserves that legacy room by room with period furnishings, original artwork, and a remarkable library.

Outside, more than 50 acres of formal landscapes and sweeping riverfront lawns frame the estate’s other major draw.

Renowned British landscape designer [Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd](#) added more than 14,000 plants in 2017 and 2018, earning [Andalusia](#) recognition as the only U.S. Partner Garden of the Royal Horticultural Society.

An accredited arboretum with more than 1,000 documented trees rounds out grounds that reward a visit in any season.

Read more for an inside look at this extraordinary riverside estate and everything it has to offer in [Main Line Tonight](#).

