# Important Chadds Ford Landmark 'Painter's Folly' to be Offered at Public Auction

*The Storied Brandywine Valley Residence Associated with the Howard Pyle School of Illustration and Generations of American Artists Will be Sold October 22*


"Painter's Folly" c. 1857

CHADDS FORD, PA, UNITED STATES, September 18, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Max Spann Real Estate & Auction Co. has announced the upcoming auction of "Painter's Folly," an extraordinary historic residence located at 1421 Baltimore Pike in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, offered by the Township of Chadds Ford. The live on-site auction with simulcast online bidding will take place Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Originally constructed circa 1857, "Painter's Folly" is a three-story Italianate mansion encompassing approximately 6,970 square feet and situated on approximately 3.68 acres of preserved land overlooking the celebrated Brandywine Valley landscape. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the residence is distinguished by its signature belvedere, wraparound porch, soaring ceilings, period architectural details, and remarkable historic character.

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> *Max Spann Jr, President & CEO of Max Spann RE & Auction Co.*

Beyond its architectural significance, "Painter's Folly" occupies a special place in the history of American art. The property was once home to the Howard Pyle School of Illustration and became associated with some of the most important artists of the Brandywine tradition, including N.C. Wyeth, Frank Schoonover, and Andrew Wyeth, who frequently painted the property.

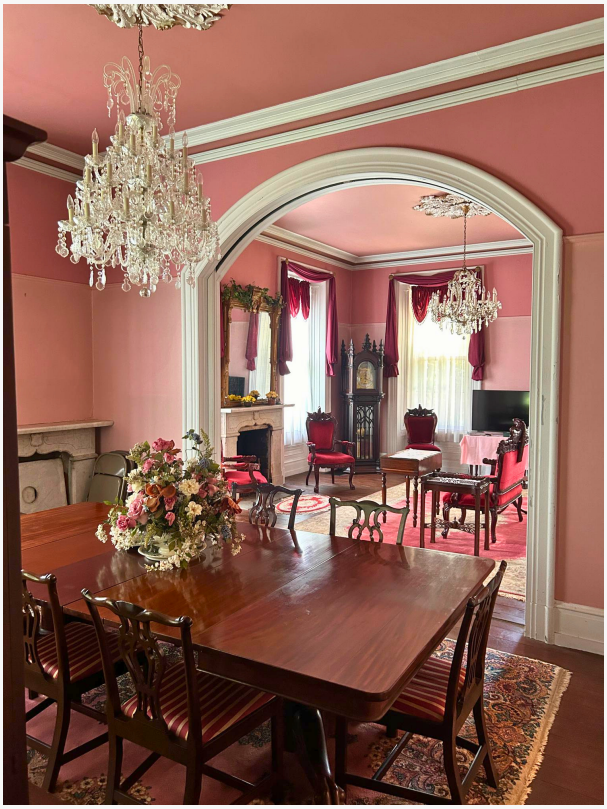
"'Painter's Folly' represents the type of property that simply cannot be recreated," said Max

Spann Jr., President of Max Spann Real Estate & Auction Co. “Its architecture, setting, and extraordinary connection to the artists of the Brandywine Valley make this much more than a real estate offering. This is an opportunity for the next owner to become a steward of an important piece of American history.”

The property combines the privacy and natural beauty of its preserved acreage with a premier location in the heart of Chadds Ford. Nearby cultural and historic destinations include the Brandywine River Museum of Art and Brandywine Battlefield Park, while Wilmington and Philadelphia are readily accessible. Conservation and façade easements protect the property's historic architecture, scenic surroundings, and character for future generations.

Offered by the Township of Chadds Ford, this Auction will provide prospective purchasers with a transparent and competitive opportunity to acquire a property rarely available on the private market.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to tour "Painter’s Folly" during the scheduled property previews on Thursday, October 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 10th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



3-Story Italianate Mansion



Historically Significant Landmark

The live on-site auction, with simulcast internet bidding available, will be held Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. Interested bidders can obtain the complete Property Information Package, auction terms, and registration information through Max Spann Real Estate & Auction Co www.maxspann.com.

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Auction Information
Property Address: 1421 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford Township, PA 19317
Live Bidding starts: Thursday, October 22, 2026 — 11:00 AM
Interested bidders can access due diligence materials and register to bid at www.maxspann.com.
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