



HOTEL DU PONT

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THE ORIGINAL ARTWORKS OF HOTEL DU PONT A REFLECTION OF ELEGANCE AND INSISTENCE ON QUALITY

WILMINGTON, DE - - In a world where hotel art, even in the most luxurious properties, tend to be designer-created and often reproductions, the Hotel du Pont's collection featuring many of America's finest artists, is unique. The du Pont displays original pieces from these famous artists throughout the hotel.

With the possible exception of one or two historic grand hotels of Europe, what other luxury property can boast that its art collection has been the subject of a major museum exhibit (the Delaware Art Museum, in 1981). And how many other American hotels could suggest that, instead of standing in line at crowded exhibitions, the best way to enjoy the works of the famous Wyeth family, one of the most popular and highly regarded artistic dynasties in America, would be to stay at the Hotel du Pont.

In addition to works by Andrew Newell Wyeth, who has exhibited all over the world, the Hotel displays paintings by his father, N.C. Wyeth, perhaps best known for illustrations of classic works of children's literature, and Jamie Wyeth, Andrew's highly respected son. There are also works by Andrew Nathaniel Wyeth, cousin of Andrew Newell, and Ann Wyeth McCoy, daughter of N.C. Wyeth, and her husband, John McCoy, whose work has appeared in major American museums, including the Metropolitan and Whitney.

The Hotel du Pont collection is probably one of the most impressive and finest artistic tributes to the Brandywine Valley region of Delaware and Pennsylvania. Though not all the pictures depict the remarkable beauty of this historic area, most of the artists represented were born, grew up, spent their careers in or returned in later life to this part of the country which, throughout American history, has served as a major inspiration for art. Among the other painting families that influenced American art and are exhibited at the du Pont are the Pyles: Howard Pyle, who taught many of the artists who later became famous, including N.C. Wyeth, Frank Schoonover and Charles McLellan (also represented) and Margery Kathleen Pyle, a landscape painter.

In addition to the hotel's own collection, the Brandywine Valley region itself offers several other opportunities to view the works of notable American artists. The Brandywine River Museum displays other works by Wyeth and other artists, the Delaware Art Museum has an important collection, and art is on display in many of the historic estates in the area, including Longwood, Nemours and Winterthur. All of these attractions are within a short, easy drive from the Hotel du Pont.

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Winner of the American Automobile Association Four-Diamond Award for 17 consecutive years, the 217-room Hotel duPont is located in the heart of Wilmington, less than 25 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport and only minutes from Amtrak and Interstate 95. The hotel has two restaurants, its own 1200-seat DuPont Theatre (presenting Broadway touring shows and other entertainment including a children's theatre season), and a shopping arcade with a bank, gift shop, jewelry store, and a styling salon.

Afternoon Tea and 24-hour room service are among the many guest amenities. The hotel is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and Historic Hotels of America.

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