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2020 In Review

Written by: Denise Bollinger

What a year we have had at Haunted Hill View Manor!

Just when we would have normally been ramping up for our spooky season we and the world at large were put on pause. While we are all sick of hearing about it, Covid-19 was and is a reality we had to manage.

Even though our opening was delayed, the carefully laid out protocols allowed us to welcome our families of investigators, ghost hunters and our various tour groups. We had a few people with a strong desire to video record and live stream our building and create wonderful videos that will be enjoyed by broadening paranormal family. We welcomed many individuals and smaller groups, remaining safe, to see the beautiful architecture while visiting our spirits. 2020 has been a challenge that we all are grateful to have made it through.

We could not have made it through the year without our valued guests. Being able to greet so many new and returning faces and groups who faithfully return to visit our many spirits, consistently find new and exciting evidence showing just how active our building can be.

During our daylight tours, people who were kind of suspicious became more curious and some even became believers returning several times for other events. The most memorable, for this writer, are the times when our spirits allowed those new people to see for themselves that we are truly haunted. The excitement when they actually saw or felt something for the first time was amazing to witness. Those of us who know the building can understand that very first time and share in the wonder of it all.

The special events that were held this year were a little trickier. Due to Covid-19 we had to scale back a lot of the normal activities to ensure the safety of our patrons. Perhaps 2021 will allow us to open up a bit more and attempt to get back to a more normal event schedule. We were able to successfully give people the opportunity to have some sense of "ghost hunting community" in our lives. CDC guidelines allowed us to have our annual Psychic Fair and Hill-Con while participating in the World's Largest Ghost Hunt for the second consecutive year.

We were able to dip our toes in the water of holding a haunted attraction with the first year of Haunted Hill View Scare Manor in October. Despite only having a few weeks run we count it as a resounding success based on feedback. Next year promises to be an even bigger, better, and scarier event.

Not everything we do is spooky though. The size and shape of the building allows for the use of Allegheny County Search and Rescue, Pennsylvania State Police K-9 from the Western Pennsylvania area, and other first responder companies for the training of their dogs. This environment allowed for various scenarios to be played out for these groups and their talented partners. Sadly, some bad news from the ACSR was they lost one of the rescue dogs, Phoenix. Our heartfelt sympathies go to his team and partner.

Next year we are looking forward to welcoming both new and returning Hill View enthusiasts as we continue to make the building a larger part of the community. From our Paranormal family to yours, thank you for a great 2020.

AN INTERVIEW WITH **ERIC MINTEL** Bucks County Paranormal

WRITTEN BY:
Dawn Chute



In November of 2020, Hill View Manor had the pleasure of hosting Eric Mintel and his group from Bucks County Paranormal. During the day Eric and a guest took the tour with Hill View's tour guide, Denise, and then sat and talked with Hill View Manor's owner, Carrie. After that, Melissa Keen and Dawn Chute talked a bit with the group and took them down to the basement to see an entity named George. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

Dawn Chute also got a chance to interview Eric while he was visiting Hill View. As well as being a paranormal investigator, Eric is also an accomplished Jazz Pianist. He is the founder of Bucks County Paranormal group from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. The group produces a TV show that airs on TV30 in Princeton as well as Temple University TV in Philadelphia. Below is part of their conversation:

Dawn: So tell me, how did you become interested in the paranormal?

Eric: As long as I can remember I have been interested in the paranormal from hearing the ghost stories and strange encounters that are abundant here in Bucks County.

Dawn: I believe a lot of us start out that way. How long have you been investigating?

Eric: In 2016, I started Bucks County Paranormal Investigations and started producing videos and investigating historically haunted locations here in Bucks with my team consisting of myself, Dominic Sattelle, Dave Antonow, Mike Kostick and a camera crew.

Dawn: That's really awesome! What made you decide on a show format?

Eric: Seeing the paranormal shows on TV I wanted to do something that was similar, but also added some humor and at the same time could be family friendly because I wanted the whole family to enjoy our shows and humor is key!

Dawn: What's your favorite thing about investigating and why?

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Something new at Hill View Manor

Written By: Melissa Keen

Haunted Hill View Manor is a hotspot for paranormal investigators. From the hardcore teams to the people who just love the spooky, checking out the haunts at Hill View is a must do - especially around Halloween. For the 2020 season, we elevated our game a notch.

On October 19th, we opened our doors to a brand new attraction - *Haunted Hill View Scare Manor*! Located behind the main building, Scare Manor started with a haunted maze in the field, through one of our out buildings, and finished at the bunker.

This huge undertaking was imagined, designed, constructed, and run by our Hill View staff and volunteers. The minds behind the magic who tackled this project head on were Sue Vesch and Ken Azzarello. They absolutely love all things scary and Halloween, and ran a successful haunted house at their home in Bellevue for 5 years. Ken often says "Sue dreams it up, and I build it." From the scarecrows in the field, to the final scare at the bunker, every jump, scream, and scare were carefully plotted, planned, and executed, thanks to the incredible imagination of Sue and Ken.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers spent hours painting (including several pieces of original artwork), building, cleaning, and arranging to give our guests the ultimate scare experience! On any given night during our 2 week run, you could hear the screams as they carried all the way around the front of the building.

Guests were treated to a tour around the building which included a brief history of Hill View Manor. From there, they had to find their way through the haunted maze...in the dark. As they made their way to the Scare Manor, they never knew what awaited them around the corner, behind the tree, or in the graveyard. After exiting Scare Manor, some guests were able to take a tour of Hill View Manor and learn more about our history, and our residents.

We enjoyed our first season of Scare Manor so much plans for our second season are already underway! And it's all thanks to the outstanding support we received from our visitors and guests!! Watch our page for info about how you can participate in Scare Manor in 2021, and make it the best scare year ever!



Photograph descriptions from left top: Street sign for Haunted Hill View Scare Manor; Scare Manor Actors in front of building; Scare Manor creators Ken Azzarello and Sue Vesch; View of actor inside Scare Manor building.

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Eric: One of the main things is learning about the history of a particular location we are going into. Here in Bucks, and I'm sure it's the same there, people pass by these wonderful structures with incredible history and have no idea about them. I like the history aspect. I love when we can make a connection with any spirits or residual energies at a location!

Dawn: I would completely agree with that! So, how did you hear about Hill View Manor?

Eric: In my research I found Hill View initially on line and read about it's awesome history and the incredible outreach and events you are doing there and then found an episode from a couple of paranormal TV shows that did features on Hill View Manor on the Travel Channel.

Dawn: We are certainly glad you did. What made you decide to feature us?

Eric: It was a no-brainer because of the incredible history behind Hill View Manor, the size and scope of the building, and all of the stories was a natural fit for Hill View to be featured on our TV show!

Dawn: We do love our building! Did you have a favorite spot?

Eric: As soon as Dominic and I walked in we felt a wall of energy and as soon as we started shooting video we were capturing strange anomalies. I'd say my favorite spot is the 2nd floor hallway. We felt lots of energies moving around up there. We also encountered the shadow figure known as the "Creeper". Very, very spooky!

Dawn: Yes, he can be very spooky indeed. What did you find most interesting?

Eric: The stories Denise told us we found amazing and sad at the same time. We felt sad for some of the men and women who spent their entire lives there, but also knowing they were well taken care of was comforting, too.

Dawn: If given the opportunity to come back would you?

Eric: We want to come back because our time here was too short. We would like to do a night investigation and also would love to do a talk on our paranormal tourism business and how these videos are helpful in marketing these haunted venues to new generations of investigators.

Dawn: We would be glad to have you come back! It has been a real pleasure getting to know you.

Eric: Thanks, Dawn!

We look forward to having Eric and his crew come back soon for a more in-depth investigation. In the meantime you can follow the BCPI group on their Facebook page (also has a link to see Hill View Manor's video presentation) www.Facebook.com/BucksPN1.



Make sure you take some time to talk to our spirits - both old and new - on your next visit to Hill View Manor.

Getting to know some of our Spirits

Written by: Melissa Keen

Mary Virginia, George, Eli, Amanda, Jimmy, Jeffrey, Mary Aiello. These are the names of some of our more popular residents. When guests come to Hill View, these are the spirits they're usually trying to contact. They have a long history of communication with our visitors, and with Hill View Manor being so large, most people stick to our hot spots where these spirits can be found.

But they aren't the only spirits here at Haunted Hill View Manor. Over the past few years, we've been going into random rooms throughout the building, and it has paid off. We have discovered multiple spirits who now communicate with us regularly.

In the basement archives room, there are 2 spirits. Courtney is a 5 year old girl who loves dolls, and Isabella is an elderly Italian lady who prefers speaking to women. In room 103 - which is directly across from Mary Virginia's room - is Anna. She is a sassy and spunky lady who enjoys waltz music and gets very upset if you don't stop and say Hi before visiting Mary Virginia. In One North, room 128 is the home of a gentleman named Bill. He enjoys smoking a pipe, listening to music, and has a wicked sense of humor. Just don't sit in his rocking chair! You can also find a nurse named Sandy both in Bills room and at the nurses station. Room 202 in Angelos hallway is where you can find a spirit named Richard. Make sure to bring him some nickles when you visit. And last but not least is Arthur Taylor Snead. He can be found wandering all over the building. He has a gentle, quiet voice and can be hard to hear, but he is incredibly nice and is pleased just to hear his name spoken again.

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