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**Woodmere Pet Walk with Art**

**Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 pm**

Spend a summer afternoon with your pets and enjoy an outdoor tour of Woodmere's beautiful grounds and sculptures. This fun event is offered in conjunction with the Chestnut Hill Business Association and Weavers Way Co-op's annual ***Petapalooza***, a celebration of all things pets.

Dogs, cats, and other leashed pets are welcome! The event is free and open to the public.

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**About Woodmere Art Museum**

Housed in a 19th-century stone mansion on six acres in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia, Woodmere offers a unique museum experience that centers on the art and artists of Philadelphia. The Museum first opened its doors to the public in 1910. The building, grounds, and core of the permanent collection are the gifts of Charles Knox Smith (1845 – 1916). A passionate collector of contemporary art in his day, Smith was a civic leader of wealth and stature, serving on Philadelphia’s Common Council (the precursor to today’s City Council). Born of modest means, Smith’s first job was that of “grocer’s boy,” but he eventually built a successful mining company that was active in Mexico. He lived in urban Philadelphia most of his life and purchased the Woodmere estate in 1898 with the grand ambition of creating a spiritual experience through encounters with great works of art in the context of the green beauty of the Wissahickon and Chestnut Hill. Woodmere continues to honor and interpret Smith’s vision of bringing art and nature together, and in recent years has acquired important examples of outdoor sculpture. Woodmere’s Collection consists of more than 6,000 works of art with strengths in Hudson River painting, the circle of Violet Oakley, the circle of Arthur B. Carles, and Philadelphia’s unique brand of modernism. The collection can be viewed online, and the museum encourages artists and their friends and families to use our website to share information about works in the collection. Studio classes, family activities, tours, lectures, music and film programs, and other special events are scheduled throughout the year.

The Museum is open to the public Tuesday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 8:45 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is $10; FREE on Sunday. For more information: [woodmereartmuseum.org](http://woodmereartmuseum.org/)