

Public Exhibition at Historic Trappe, Trappe Pennsylvania
August 29-October 26, 2025

Pewter: An American Story – The Melvyn and Bette Wolf Collection

Exhibition Overview

This remarkable exhibition at Historic Trappe showcases Pennsylvania German pewter from the renowned Melvyn and Bette Wolf Collection, generously presented at Historic Trappe. The collection, assembled over six decades by Bette Wolf and her late husband Dr. Melvyn Wolf, comprises more than 450 pieces and stands as one of the most exceptional and comprehensive assemblies of American pewter.



Pennsylvania German pewter from the Melvyn and Bette Wolf Collection. Historic Trappe
(photo: Michael E. Myers)

Collection Highlights

Among the exhibited works are outstanding examples such as a circa 1730 beaker by Simon Edgell of Philadelphia, one of the earliest signed colonial pieces. The exhibition also features nearly twenty-four pieces crafted by William Will, regarded as one of America's leading 18th century pewterers.