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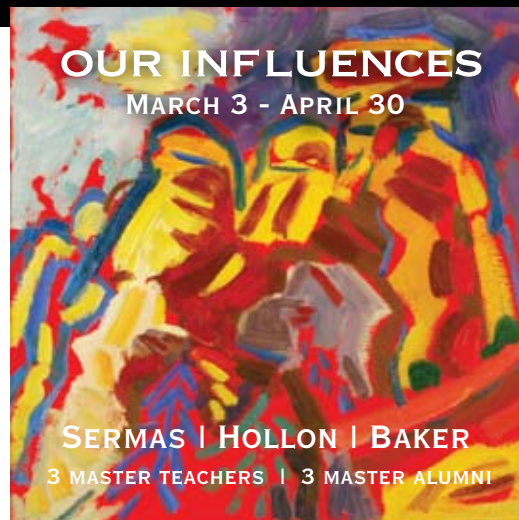
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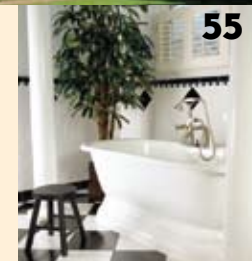
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Joan Kurtz, Owner of The Mill Property Antiques

The Mill Property Antiques

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What better place to search than an 11,000-square-foot antiques mall built on the site of an old gristmill that's been in Joan's family for generations. Converted 25 years ago by Joan's brother, The Mill Property hosts as many as 90 dealers, with an eclectic assortment of antiques including primitives, tools, clothing and vintage goods. Buyers, both local and from as far as Canada to California, come to The Mill Property to shop.

A dealer and collector herself (she loves rope beds), Joan enjoys the challenge of ever-changing trends in the antiques business and delights in buyers' excitement of discovery when they find the perfect treasure. Come see for yourself. TheMill-Property.com.

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From *Fly or Die*, Special Jury Award Winner, 2010. Photo courtesy The Banff Centre



62nd Annual Chadds Ford Art Sale & Show

March 25-26

Regional art sale and show with Richard Bollinger as featured artist and John Hannafin as donating artist. Chadds Ford Elementary School, 3 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. Complimentary reception on Fri, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., with live music, hors d'oeuvres and meet and greet with the artists. Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Benefits educational enrichment programs at Chadds Ford Elementary School. 610-388-1112; CFES.UCFSO.org/ArtShow.

66th Running of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds

March 27

A great day in the country for the whole family, featuring races from pony to timber, flat races, tailgating, vendors, food and the Joseph Walker III Memorial Cheshire Bowl. Benefits the Cheshire Foxhounds and conservancy work in the area. Plantation Field, Green Valley Rd. and Rt. 82, Unionville. Gates open at 11 a.m. Finish line and hillside parking, \$50-\$80; \$10-\$20. 610-793-1090; DVAPTP.com.



Chester County Community Foundation Sweet Charity Event

March 29

Chester County's finest chocolatiers and pastry chefs showcase their creations at Waterloo Gardens, where one selection will be honored with the title of "Best Dessert." Benefits The Chester County Community Foundation, which helps families and businesses become involved in charitable giving through their legacies. 200 N. Whiteford Rd., Exton. 6 to 8:30. Tickets start at \$85. 610-696-2628; ChesCoCF.org.



MARCH EVENTS

Noteworthy This Month

MARCH 5-13

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show, "Springtime in Paris." Flowering trees, lilacs, roses and lavender lead visitors through gardens inspired by the Tuileries. The Marketplace offers plants, flowers, gardening tools and gifts. PA Convention Center, 12th & Arch Sts., Philadelphia. Sun, 8 to 6; Mon-Fri, 10 to 9:30; Sat, 8 to 9:30. \$15-\$30. 215-988-8800; TheFlowerShow.com.

MARCH 25-27

Philadelphia Invitational Furniture Show. Now in its 17th year, PIFS is the longest running craft show devoted to furniture and furnishings in the US. Philadelphia Cruise Ship Terminal, 5100 South Broad St., Philadelphia. Preview Fri, 6 to 9 pm, \$15; Sat, 11 am to 7 pm; Sun, 11 am to 5 pm. \$12; 215-387-8590; PhilaIFS.com.



MARCH 25-27

Greater Philadelphia Spring Home & Landscape Show. Designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating with hundreds of exhibits and sample interior and exterior vignettes. Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Fri, 11 to 10; Sat, 10 to 10; Sun, 10 to 6. Free. 888-560-EXPO; ACSHomeShow.com.

MARCH 28, APRIL 2

WCU Live! "Alice in Wonderland." The Mis-soula Children's Theatre will hold auditions on **Mar. 28**, 3:45 pm, recruiting more than 50 local children. Register on website. Performances are on **Apr. 2**, 3 and 5:30 pm. \$8-\$10. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, S. High St. & University Ave., West Chester. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.Edu/Live.

Art Shows & Exhibits

APRIL 8-12

Antiques in Bloom. A juried flower exhibit held in conjunction with the **Philadelphia Antiques Show** pairing area floral designers with the leading antiques dealers in the country, creating displays that enhance the presentation of the objects. The Navy Yard, Philadelphia Cruise Terminal at Pier One, 5100 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. Preview Gala Fri, 6 to 10 pm, with cocktails and buffet dinner, \$150-\$2000. Sat-Tues, 11 to 8. \$12-\$20. 215-387-3500; PhilaAntiques.com.



Antiques

See the *Regional Antiques Show Calendar* in this issue.

Crafts

MARCH 4-6

Germantown Friends School 27th Anniversary Juried Craft Show. More than 70 fine crafts-people showcase their art. Preview Fri, with a silent auction of hand-crafted works donated by the exhibitors, \$35. Benefits the Scholarship Fund. 31 W. Coulter St., Philadelphia. Fri, 6 to 9; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, noon to 5. \$3-\$8. 215-301-4711; GermantownFriends.org.

MARCH 18-20

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 300 top artisans display and sell their creations in pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, home décor, furniture, garden items and photography. The Festival also includes live music, children's entertainment and specialty foods. This year's Festival Showcase is Wearable Art in Haute CRAFTure. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center,



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MARCH 26-27

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Design / Home Shows

MARCH 6

36th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens Empty House Party. Enjoy a casual Sunday afternoon and glimpse a taste of things to come before the designers begin their work. Old Glory Farm, 3719 Indian Spring Rd., Buckingham. 2 to 5. \$25. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

MARCH 6-14

37th Annual Pennsylvania Home Show. 350 exhibitors display at this show, which also features several "Shows-Within-the Show," such as a Showcase Home (open for touring with the newest "green" technologies), a Garden Faire, Log Home Showcase, the Go Green expo, Builders Lane and more. State Farm Show Complex, Exposition Center, Harrisburg. Mon-Fri, noon to 9; Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 6. \$8. 717-232-5595; PAHomeShow.com.

Family Fun

THROUGH MARCH 17

Read Aloud Tours for Children at Brandywine River Museum. The tours feature story time in the gallery followed by an art-making activity for children ages 3 to 6 accompanied by an adult. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 am. \$6-\$10. Registration requested. 610-388-8382; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.



MARCH 5-APRIL 16

Hedgerow Theatre Children's Series — "Charlotte's Web." A musical based on E.B. White's beloved story about the friendship between Charlotte the Spider and Wilbur the Pig. 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Saturdays, 11 am. "Meet The Cast" parties follow each performance. \$9-\$11. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

MARCH 16-17

DuPont Theatre Children's Series — "Harry the Dirty Dog." Harry's story has whimsical humor

Fundraising

MARCH 12

Viva Las Vegas "Gold Rush" Casino Night Benefits Wilmington Flower Market. An evening of gambling fun, food and beverages, music and silent auction. Professional dealers instruct on the finer points of casino gaming. **Wilmington Flower Market** is a leading, all-volunteer charitable organization dedicated to the health and well-being of Delaware's children. Mendenhall Inn, Rt. 52, Mendenhall. 7 to 11 pm. \$55 (includes \$10 in casino chips). 302-995-5699; WilmingtonFlowerMarket.org.

MARCH 12-13

9th Annual American Girl Fashion Show Benefit. Educational and entertaining look at styles for girls yesterday and today. Benefits the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** and **The Saturday Club Children's Charity Fund.** The Desmond Hotel, Great Valley Pkwy, Malvern. 11 am and 2 pm. \$45. 610-687-9975; SaturdayClub.org.

MARCH 19

St. Patty's Day Beef Beer Boogie. The Grey-stone Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to **The Chester County Hospital** invites you to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy a dinner buffet, beer, silent auction and entertainment. Benefits The Auxiliary's "Pledge of Hope." West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. 7 pm. \$40. 610-431-5329; CCHosp.com.

MARCH 25

4th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Show and Auction. Mystery, drama and lots of laughs, as audience members participate in solving a crime. The evening features hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and this year's show "Karaoke Killer" which will be performed by actors from Phoenixville's Forge Theatre. Benefits **Phoenixville Area Community Services.** RiverCrest Golf Club, 100 Golf Club Dr., Phoenixville. 6 pm. \$75 per person. 610-933-1105; PACSPH.org.

MARCH 26

13th Annual Evening Gala for ALS Hope Foundation Hosted by Waterloo Gardens. Celebrate life and support funding for the cure for **ALS** (Lou Gehrig's disease) at this special event at Waterloo, featuring a buffet dinner, wine, live auction, and silent auction. 200 N. Whitford Rd., Exton. 7 to 10 pm. \$60. 610-363-0800; WaterlooGardens.com.

APRIL 2

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and shows a touching dedication to family. Gr. P-2. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 9:30 and noon. \$6. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

APRIL 9-30

Media Theatre Children's Series — "Snow White." The Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Fri, 9:45; Sat, 11 am. \$10-\$12. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

Film

MARCH 4-5

4th Annual Media Arts Council Film Festival. Films screened fall into 4 categories: narrative, documentary, animation and experimental and range from shorts to feature length. Community Center, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. 7 to 10 pm. \$10. MediaFilmFestival.org.

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THROUGH MARCH 27

Longwood Gardens Orchid Extravaganza. A dazzling world of orchids with thousands from around the world, including a living orchid curtain, orchid topiaries and columns, an orchid waterfall and many other innovative displays. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. 9 to 5. \$8-\$18. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

THROUGH JUNE 2011

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MARCH 19

Morris Arboretum's Birding Through the Spring in the Arboretum's Natural Areas. Bring your binoculars and see resident nesting birds and spring migrants as they move north for the summer. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 8 to 11 am. \$60-\$75. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.



MARCH 19

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Museums

ONGOING

Landis Valley Museum. Living history village dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting history and culture of the PA German community from 1740-1940. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 12 to 5. \$6-\$9. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

THROUGH MARCH 20

Brandywine River Museum. "Romance in Conflict: N. C. Wyeth's Civil War Paintings." This exhibition examines how Wyeth prepared for these commissions and how, sometimes creating a picture at odds with its text, he portrayed the war as a courageous struggle and the combatants as noble warriors. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$10. Free Sun. Mornings through Novemeber 11. 610-388-2700; www.Brandywine-Museum.org.

THROUGH MAY 1

Delaware Art Museum. "Fred Comegys Photographs." For more than 50 years, photographer Fred Comegys has captured international celebrities and local kids for the pages of *The News Journal*. *Ongoing*, the Museum is best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH MAY 30

Delaware Museum of Natural History Presents "Tarantulas: Alive and Up-Close." Challenge your preconceptions about tarantulas at this exhibit that focuses on their diversity and natural beauty, while providing engaging learning

opportunities. Visitors can observe the attributes that allow tarantulas to live in varied habitats and partici-pate in hands-on activities. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, 12 to 4:30. \$5-\$7. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

MARCH 12-JANUARY 15, 2012

"Wedding Traditions of the du Pont Family, 1813-1915" Exhibit at Hagley Museum & Library. Visit Hagley to explore the origins of well-loved wedding traditions and those that the du Pont family cherished. The exhibit showcases weddings of du Pont family members during the 19th- and early-20th centuries. Main entrance, off Route 141, Wilmington. Daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$4-\$11. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

Music

MARCH 5-6

Kennett Symphony of Chester County — Free Family Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo. Join the symphony for a family favorite, "Peter and the Wolf." After the performance, the audience is invited to come onstage for the "Instrument Petting Zoo." *Mar. 5*, Lincoln University, International Cultural Center, Lincoln University. *Mar. 6*, West Chester Univ., Emilie K. Asplundh Hall, West Chester. 2 pm. Free. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.



MARCH 5, APRIL 9

The Jazz Club at Longwood. Enjoy a night of sizzling jazz in a floral paradise at The Jazz Club at Longwood Gardens. *Mar. 5*, Regina Carter's "Reverse Thread;" *Apr. 19*, Kenny Garrett. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Concerts are at 5:30 and 8 pm. \$40-\$50. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

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3rd FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL

Kennett Square Farmers Market. Downstairs level of Cafe Lindo/Holly Peters' Rugs, off of Broad St. Entrance is off Apple Alley. Hang a left off Broad onto Apple, and you're there. Third Fri of the month, 12 to 4 pm. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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MARCH 26

Cesar Millan, The Dog Whisperer. Cesar will talk about his life experiences and teach how to apply his techniques in training dogs. DuPont Theatre, DuPont Building, Wilmington. 2 & 8 pm. \$45.75. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

MARCH 27

Annual Tea and a Conversation With Molly Brown. The Historical Society of Montgomery County's annual tea features the Titanic survivor Molly Brown who will tell her rags-to-riches story and speak of the final moments on the Titanic that made her "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." Tea, sandwiches and sweets served. 1654 DeKalb St., Norristown. 2:30. \$30, reservations required. 610-272-0297; HSMCPA.org.

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Vox Ama Deus - Bach Birthday Gala. Celebrate Johann's 326th, a beloved annual tradition with soloists Kemper Florin (soprano), Rainer Beckmann (recorder). Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, 1321 Beaumont Dr., Gladwyne. \$10-\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

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MARCH 26

TurtleDove Folk Club Presents Michael Smith. A veteran songwriter whose name may be unfamiliar but whose songs are almost universally known. West Grove Friends Meeting House, 153 E. Harmony Rd., West Grove. 8 pm. \$15-\$17. 802-431-3433; TurtleDove.org.

MARCH 26

Brandywine Baroque Benefit Concert. Award-winning harpsichordist Trevor Pinnock performs. Champagne reception follows the concert. The Barn at Flintwoods, Center Meeting Rd., 205 Meeting Rd., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$50-\$100. 877-594-4546; BrandywineBaroque.org.

MARCH 27

City Rhythm Orchestra with Joey DeFrancesco at The Colonial Theatre. An evening of swing music at the Colonial. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. \$22-\$27; students, \$7. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

MARCH 27

Delaware County Symphony Chamber Series Concert. "A Breath of Fresh Air," featuring the music of Brahms, Debussy and Nielsen. Neumann Univ., Meagher Theater, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-356-5673; DCSMusic.org.

MARCH 31

WCU Live! Kevin Burke with Cal Scott and the WCU Quartet Finesse. Kevin Burke is one of Ireland's premier fiddlers. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. \$20. 7:30. 610-436-2266. WCUA.Edu/Live.

Outdoor Activities

APRIL 2

Delco Road Runners Club 18th Annual 10K Trail Run at Tyler Arboretum. Annual run challenges runners of all speeds and abilities with a course that winds through Tyler's extensive trail system and features many elevation changes and four shallow stream crossings. Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media. Registration 8 am; race at 9. \$20. 610-891-0806; TylerTrailRun.com.

APRIL 10

Spring Super Sunday in Media. State Street and Veteran's Square will be blocked off for this street fair, which features food, crafts, antiques and lots of fun. Benefits local charities. Rain date, April 17. 610-583-4432; VisitMediaPA.com.

Theater

THROUGH MARCH 13

People's Light & Theatre Family Discovery Series Presents Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." Everyday is an adventure, and everyone will thoroughly enjoy this adaptation. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sat, 7; Sat-Sun, 2. \$24-\$35. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

MARCH 1-6

"Young Frankenstein." Wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend based on Mel Brooks' classic comedy movie masterpiece. The DuPont Theatre, DuPont Building, Wilmington. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Wed, Sat, 2. \$55-\$80. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com. See the article included in this issue.

MARCH 23-APRIL 17

"The Master Builder." Reinterpreting the classic by Henrik Ibsen; directed by Ken Marini. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30 Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; matinees: Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$25-\$45. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

MARCH 29-APRIL 17

"Bat Boy." In a West Virginia cave, three teens stumble on a curious creature who is half-boy, half-bat. Villanova Theatre, Vasey Hall, 800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova. Tues-Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$7-\$25. 610-519-7474; Villanova.Edu.

MARCH 30-MAY 22

The Who's "Tommy," The teenager with an uncanny knack for pinball becomes a superstar. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Wed-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Wed, Sat, 2; Sun, 3. \$22-\$42.50. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

APRIL 5-10

"Blue Man Group." See the article included in this issue.

Tours

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MARCH 19

Breakfast and Historic Walking Tour. Enjoy breakfast in one of the downtown's most historic buildings followed by a guided tour that highlights West Chester's history and its place on the Underground Railroad, the connection to Abraham Lincoln, the architecture of Thomas U. Walter and how the bloodless Battle of Turks Head established West Chester as the county seat. The Lincoln Room, 22 S. High St., West Chester. Breakfast, 8 am; tour, 9:30. \$20, reservations required. 610-696-2102; LincolnRoomWestChester.com. ♦

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Giving and Gardens for a Great Cause

Bridge of Hope Garden Luncheon, March 19

Say goodbye to falling snow and hello to blooming flowers when the **Bridge of Hope of Lancaster and Chester Counties** welcomes spring with its **12th Annual Chester County Garden Luncheon**, March 19, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bridge of Hope's Associate Executive Director Sue Groff says, "This event celebrates nature's beauty and offers hope to homeless single mothers and their children." Funds from the event go towards empowering single mothers who are homeless or facing eviction. To help these mothers find permanent housing, financial self-sufficiency, healthy relationships and holistic growth, Bridge of Hope uses trained staff and mentoring groups along with a 12- to 18-month program tailored to meet the needs of each woman.

Following the event's garden theme, this year's guest speaker is Sharon Lee, former Deputy Director of the Amer-

ican Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta and founder and editor of *The Public Garden*. Lee will discuss the "holistic heroines" who founded the garden club tradition, created some of America's finest gardens and helped establish horticulture as a profession for women.

Silent auction bidding begins at 10:30 a.m., featuring golf outings at French Creek Golf Club and Stonewall Golf Club, a tour of Chadd Ford's historic Abiah Taylor House and Gardens, and a Jackie Kennedy Onassis replica bracelet.

Help build a bridge of hope by supporting this worthy event. ♦

~ Kaitlin Tito

March 19 at the *Desmond Great Valley Hotel, One Liberty Blvd., Malvern*. Tickets are \$55. For more information, phone Kate Kooker, 610-380-1360 x107; or visit BridgeOfHopeLCC.org.

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Young Frankenstein & Blue Man Group DuPont Theatre

Coming this March and April, the name DuPont Theatre should be music to your ears. Two big acts will showcase their distinct style of musical performance. One is a classic turned modern and the other is a modern classic. One hits the high notes, the other doesn't even speak a word. Need another hint? One is green and one is blue.

The classic Mel Brooks movie *Young Frankenstein* is ALIVE! You'll have a monstrously good time at this spectacular new production of *Young Frankenstein*, winner of the 2008 Outer Critics Circle Award and the Broadway.com Audience Award for Best Musical.

A wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend, *Young Frankenstein* is a comedy masterpiece. The story follows bright, young Dr. Frankenstein (that's Fronkensteen) as he attempts to complete his grandfather's masterwork and bring a corpse to life. Together with his oddly shaped and

endearing helper Igor (that's Eye-gore), his curvaceous lab assistant Inga, and his incredibly madcap fiancée Elizabeth, Frankenstein succeeds in creating a monster — but not without scary and quite often hilarious complications.

The brains behind the laughter in this show is mad genius and three-time Tony winner Mel Brooks himself, who wrote the music and lyrics and co-wrote the book. Brooks was joined by his record-breaking team from *The Producers*, five-time Tony-winning director and choreographer Susan Stroman, and three-time Tony-winning writer Thomas Meehan.

With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boy-friend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz," the new Mel Brooks musical *Young Frankenstein* is scientifically proven to be frighteningly good entertainment. And it's the only place you'll witness a singing and dancing laboratory experiment in the largest tuxedo ever made.

Fans of the original *Young Frankenstein* will experience what it was like to see the classic for the first time all over again. *Young Frankenstein* the musical puts a new spin on an old favorite.

When **Blue Man Group** arrives, April 5-10,, sounds the likes of which no one has ever heard will be bouncing off the walls of the DuPont Theatre.

This Grammy-nominated group is best known for their wildly popular theatrical shows and concerts. Combining music, comedy and multi-media theatrics, the performance is a totally unique form of entertainment.

Far from your typical drum-line assembly, *Blue Man Group's* show is an intensely exciting and wildly outrageous experience. After being seen on *The Tonight Show*, *Ellen*, *Regis & Kelly* and a soon-to-be released IMAX film, Blue Man Group performs live in Wilmington April 5 through 10.

Trading verbal communication for a tightly choreographed, thundering performance of layered percussion, *Blue Man Group* transcends age, culture

and language. Banging on everything from trash cans to PVC pipe, this group shows that the world is their drum set. Incorporating intense light and color works to provide an overall aesthetic experience — guaranteed to be an outing you'll never forget!

To date, over 17 million people around the globe have seen a live *Blue Man Group* performance. This is your chance to join the movement. ♦

~ Robert Waterman

If You Go

What: *Young Frankenstein*, *Blue Man Group*

Where: DuPont Theatre, Hotel du Pont

When: *Young Frankenstein*, Mar. 1-6;
Blue Man Group, Apr. 5-10

Tickets: *Young Frankenstein*, \$55 and up; *Blue Man Group*, \$50 and up

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Paint, Pattern & People

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Wendy A. Cooper and Lisa Minardi
wrote the book for this exhibit.



*This landmark Winterthur exhibit is
so much more than dovetails and glue blocks.*

When Winterthur reopens after its February hiatus, there's always something very special and worth waiting for. Last year you may have visited the two stunning exhibits that opened in March, "Flower Power: Floral Artistry at Winterthur" and "Lost Gardens of the Brandywine."

This year, we're treated to a landmark exhibition – six years in the making – of the diverse furniture of our region, along with the people who made, owned, inherited and collected it. But you'll have to wait until April 2nd for the opening of "Paint, Pattern & People: Furniture of Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1725-1850."

This exhibit of over 200 objects is worth waiting for, and in addition to furniture, there are related paintings, watercolors, fraktur and needlework. Designed to delight scholars, private collectors and those of us curious about the rich cultural heritage of southeastern Pennsylvania, it highlights the creative expression of local artisans. Focusing on the diversity of furniture made and owned by both English and German-speaking people, specific emphasis is placed on the distinctive local expressions of form and ornament.

Despite the extensive research that informs the exhibit, this is not merely a collection of stuffy brown furniture and priceless antiques, according to senior curator Wendy A. Cooper and assistant curator Lisa Minardi.

The "Paint and Pattern" aspects of the exhibit encompass both brightly painted, eye-catching chests, candle boxes, spice boxes and desks, while pieces made of rich native walnut and inlaid with light wood and sulfur also enliven the exhibit. And everyone can relate to the various tables and chairs on display.

The exhibit's focus is not on priceless, high-style Philadelphia furniture, but rather on locally made furniture often influenced by urban sophistication. To convey this point, the first two pieces that greet visitors are imposing high chests of drawers from Philadelphia and Lancaster. These pieces present a rare opportunity to compare and contrast the details of their carved decoration.

The Philadelphia high chest, shown in this article, is among the finest examples of rococo style, made of highly figured imported mahogany, with pierced brasses tinted to resemble gold, heavily carved foliate-and-shell designs, and a



The exhibit highlights the differences in regional styles, such as the decoration on the high chests of drawers from Philadelphia, left, and Lancaster, right.

commanding original cartouche. The Lancaster high chest, also shown here, may appear to the casual observer to be remarkably similar. But, guided by the curators, exhibit visitors will learn about and appreciate the differences.

For example, decoration on the Lancaster piece shows foliage and shells similar to the Philadelphia chest, but is more profusely carved and covers the entire skirt and tympanum (the top-

most board). Closer examination reveals that the ornament on the Lancaster high chest was carved from the solid wood of the piece, rather than separately made and applied, as done in the Philadelphia chest. To learn more, you'll simply have to see for yourself.

Debunking Myths

As the last part of the title "Paint, Pattern & People" reflects, people are

Enjoy 200 objects in the exhibit, with many displaying vibrant painted surfaces, as in the 1834 desk and the patterned spice box from the Nottingham area of Chester County, 1724-40.



Above: A highly decorated painted white pine candle box, possibly from Lancaster County, 1785-1820.

Left: The 1941 issue of *House & Garden* was a special double issue featuring Pennsylvania Dutch design.

were owned by women.

- Schrank – wooden wardrobes thought to be newlyweds' furniture – have been found to be commissioned by well-established married couples who could afford the substantial costs.

Learn More

For anyone who has admired the wealth of regional furniture in area antique shops, antique shows, museums or private homes, this landmark exhibit will provide unique insights into the furniture and people of southeastern Pennsylvania. ♦

Photos courtesy of Winterthur Museum

Related Events & Activities

Preview Day. April 1, 10 to 5 p.m. Winterthur members are invited to a free preview of the exhibit. Guided gallery walks.

Sewell C. Biggs Winterthur Furniture Forum. April 27-30. A forum of groundbreaking lectures and workshops by scholars presenting key discoveries related to the exhibit.

Lunchtime Lecture Series. May 5 & 19, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. A variety of curators, craftsmen, designers and historians will discuss exhibition themes. Members free. Included with admission.

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Buy What You Like: A New Collector's Guide

Matt Freeman

**Some common sense advice and a bounty of local
resources can help you start your antiques collection.**

If you ask just about any antiques expert how to start a collection of your own, you're likely to get some variation of what people in the field sometimes call the "Golden Rule," and appraiser Brent Souder is no exception.

"Buy what you like," he says, "and buy the best you can afford."

Of course there's more to it than that. There's often a third part: "Do your homework." Professionals spend a lifetime learning about their specialties, and so do avid collectors.

Fortunately for people in our area,

the Brandywine Valley happens to be an excellent place to learn. It's rich in high-end antique shops and auctions, it has museums that focus on local antiques, and it has yearly antique shows that attract the best dealers from the region and beyond.

And fortunately, the homework is actually kind of fun. People who think antiques are mostly furniture are often pleasantly surprised to find shops full of collectibles such as art, jewelry, silver, maps, folk art (think quilts, rugs, samplers, weathervanes, toys) — almost any type of artifact imaginable.

Do Your Homework

Your homework can certainly include reading books. H.L. “Skip” Chalfant, a well-known antiques dealer in West Chester, says he probably has every book written on early American furniture. But while you can read books “until you’re blue in the face,” he says, it’s even more important to see things.

Chalfant points out that in a shop you can look at objects that are of particular interest to you, touch them, and learn about them from the dealers who are happy to explain their background and value. You don’t have to buy something to ask questions. Building a collection usually happens over decades, and Chalfant says dealers want to establish a relationship with customers, becoming mentors and friends over the years.

Although antique furniture in perfect condition is pricey, Chalfant says you can get furniture with a relatively minor flaw — a dresser, say, that had its original feet replaced at some point — for about a quarter of a perfect one’s price. It’s still beautiful, still handmade,

An 88” sofa for \$300-500, six wooden chairs for \$400-700, and dinnerware for even less: just a few of the items auctioned off at Pook & Pook.



still has a story — and the price is comparable to machine-made furniture from high-end stores. And unlike the machine-made stuff, the antique will tend to hold its value, Chalfant says.

Timing is Right

The recent recession makes this a good time to start a collection, according to Philip H. Bradley, an antiques dealer in Downingtown. There’s no discount at the high end, the sorts of pieces that go for hundreds of thousands of dollars at Sotheby’s, but there’s more flexibility for more reasonably priced antiques. “Right now is a good time to be buying,” Bradley says. “I think dealers are certainly eager to make deals.”

Another way to learn about and acquire antiques is by visiting one of the established antiques auctions in the area. Pook & Pook Inc. in Downingtown has monthly auctions with ample pre-view time. Vice President Ron Pook says



auctions are helpful because you can see millions of dollars worth of merchandise at one time. “It’s a great place to actually learn, which is what you should do before you buy,” he says.

You can view items and bid for them at Pook & Pook’s website. But Pook encourages the hands-on approach, where you can come in and get questions answered by his staff. “We always encourage people to come in and view the items personally,” he says. “It’s more fun, to begin with.”

Spinning Wheel Tale

And fun is what it’s all about. When antique professionals say “buy what you like,” they’re saying that you should buy things that please you aesthetically, not because they might appreciate in value. “There’s no guarantees in this world about what your return’s going to be,” Bradley says.

Brent Souder, an experienced auctioneer and appraiser for Sanford Alderfer Auction & Appraisal in Hatfield, would offer the same warning — there are too many variables. Decades ago, Souder says, you could get a spinning wheel for two or three hundred dollars. Then came the bicentennial. Interest in them soared, and so did the price, up to several thousand dollars. Today? It’s back to a few hundred again. Once-popular antique cradles are no longer sought out because they lack the safety features modern ones have.



Visit museum collections to train your eye. Chester County furniture exhibit, courtesy Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The reason to buy the best you can afford, Souder says, is more to protect your investment than to make it grow. For example, silverware by a recognized designer will be worth five times that of an unknown designer. So silver by a recognized name — like Tiffany or Georg

Jensen — is far likelier to retain its value decades into the future.

Lessons from the Museums

Area dealers are quick to mention museums as places to learn, as well. Anyone with any interest in antiques would enjoy the Chester County Historical Society, Brandywine River Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Biggs Museum of American Art and Winterthur (see the article in this issue about southeastern Pennsylvania

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The 20th-century Jensen tea service, above, will hold its value because it comes from a well-known designer.

The ring, at right, is a great example of following the advice to buy what you like. Sandford Alderfer Auctions

furniture), and many other local-interest museums. And if you're up for an excursion, Philip Bradley recommends a visit to Colonial Williamsburg.

In addition to the shops, auctions and museums, the region's yearly antiques shows offer a huge sampler platter that can help you learn what's out there and discover what interests you. These shows offer scores of different dealers, and many of the wares are surprisingly affordable — prints that would grace any wall, or collectibles to add interest to a windowsill.

Dealers at Brandywine River Museum's annual antiques show will help educate new collectors.



Best Area Antiques Shows

Notable shows include:

March 12-13, Annual Heart of the Valley Antiques Show and Sale
March 18-20, Chester County Antiques Show
March 19-20, Antiques at Kimberton
April 9-12, The Philadelphia Antiques Show
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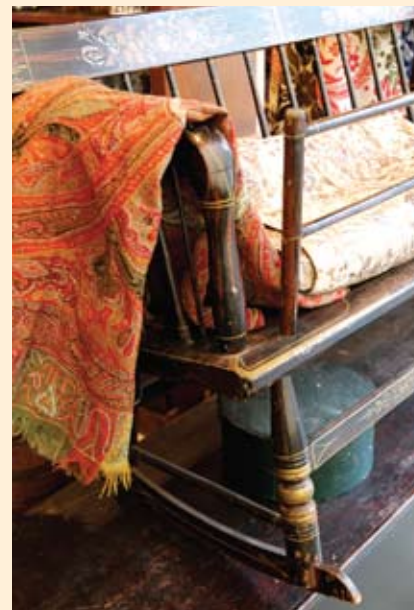
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Brandywine River Museum, *Seeing Red: South-eastern Pennsylvania Earthenware from Winterthur*. 610-388-8318; www.BrandywineMuseum.org



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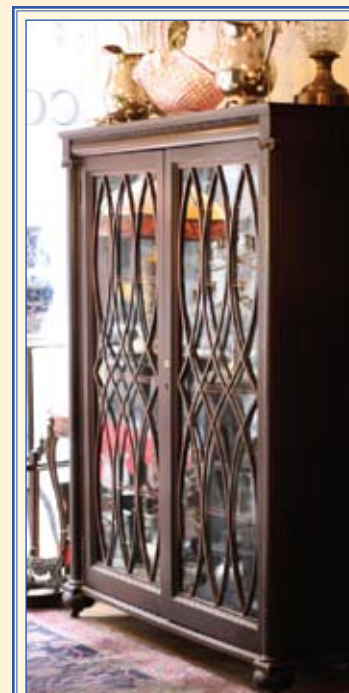
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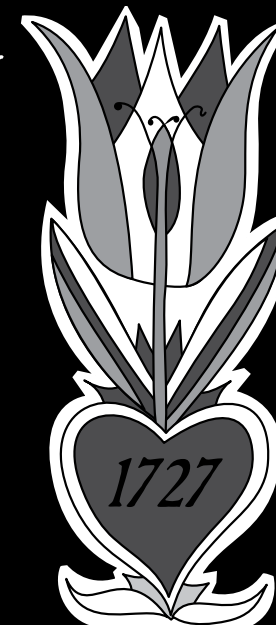
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Hearing Susan Frens' plans for bathroom renovations is like learning which treatment the pediatrician chooses for her kids. Or discovering E.F. Hutton's investments. The designer at Frens and Frens Restoration Architects and her husband bought a home built in the 1880s. And now they're renovating four

bathrooms, including a large main bath on the second floor and a tiny one with charming quirks in the attic. I'm all ears.

Susan discusses her designs in layers, from visible surface designs to invisible infrastructure. For each layer, she describes features that are luxurious, "green" and sensible for maintenance and economy.

Dream Features

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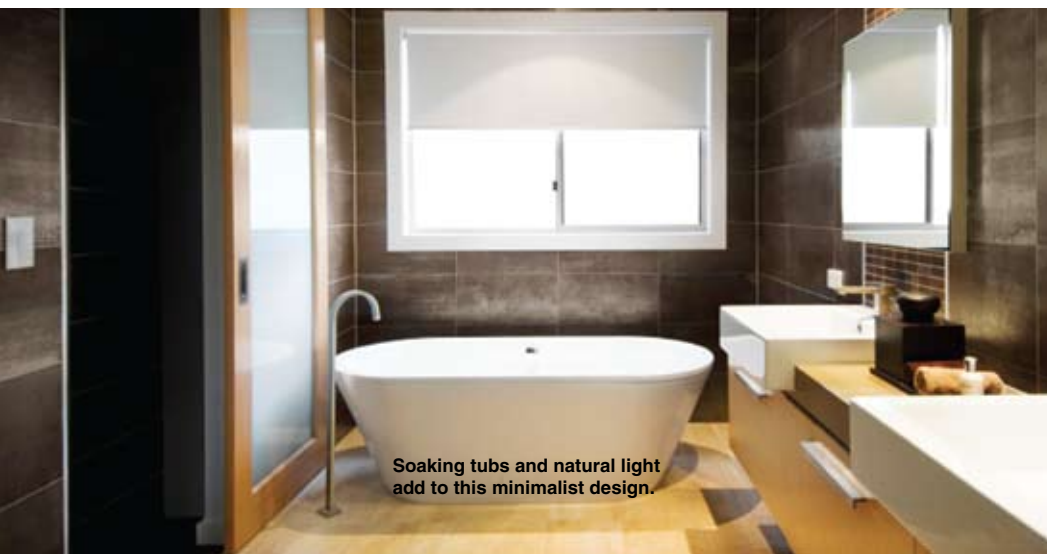
appear to have depth. Natural and borrowed lighting — from exterior and interior windows — cut electricity use and energy bills, while pleasing the eye. New automatic moisture-sensing fans reduce condensation on surfaces; some have glowing nightlights with energy-saving bulbs.

State-of-the-art dual-flush toilets minimize water consumption while maximizing performance. Beneath tiles and paint, an efficient geo-thermal system

heats and cools air and pre-warms water, Susan explains.

The pièce de résistance is the bathroom adjoining the main bedroom, adapting a floor plan Susan and her husband saw in Japan. A long narrow bathing room holds a deep soaking tub (no more cold shoulders!) on one end, a spacious showering area at the other, and a floor drain in the middle.

A wall separates the bathing area from the toilet and an antique marble-



Soaking tubs and natural light add to this minimalist design.

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top table holding the sink. When the project is finished, natural lighting and muted blue-green glass tiles will evoke the ambiance of a relaxing garden pond.

According to Holly Gross, realtor at Holly Gross Group at Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors, many of those features — soaking tub, spacious shower and marble counters — are coveted by home buyers and provide a return on investment. High-quality name-brand fixtures, not gold faucets or unusually-designed amenities, have a wide appeal, she says. Other bathroom features that hold value during home resale: whirlpool or bubbling tubs, double sinks, and granite tiles and countertops.

Lush and Lovely

Lush with ferns and lighted by sunshine, the new Green Wall at Longwood Gardens (see photo) resembles a picnic courtyard. It's actually a hallway of restrooms that can boast about beauty as well as top-notch environmentally friendly facilities. The Conservatory's lavatories also offer inspiration for residential bathrooms.

In individual restrooms, low-flush commodes and motion-activated flushers and faucets conserve water. Etched translucent glass in each room's domed ceiling allows natural lighting; motion detectors automatically turn light fix-

tures on and off. Stainless steel doors, polished concrete floors, and coated stucco walls make for easy cleaning. The perfect finishing touch is the bloom-filled vase on each counter.

"Sustainable practices are important at Longwood Gardens, and the Green Wall and bathrooms are an excellent example," says Patricia Evans, communications manager at Longwood Gardens. "We wanted to show our guests that utilizing environmentally friendly design, products and practices can be beautiful and functional, as well as earth-friendly."

Longwood Adaptation

Although motion sensors may require more technical maintenance than most homeowners can manage, and 47,000 ferns (that provide oxygen and clean dust and toxins in the air) need more space and horticultural expertise than most homeowners have, some features at Longwood are ready for transplanting:

- Etched glass and natural lighting
- Low-flush toilets
- Plants — a few — that thrive in low light and moisture on the rim of a tub or windowsill
- A bud vase with a seasonal flower.

In Susan Frens' "new" third-floor bathroom — about the size of an airplane toilet and has angled ceilings —



A well designed small bathroom is a better investment than knocking down a wall to expand.

borrowed lighting brightens the room.

By placing an interior window in the wall between the bathroom and a larger sunny room, the bathroom borrows the other's cheery natural light. Use glass blocks or obscure glass — textured or etched — to ensure privacy, she recommends. The choice for her room: a pane etched with the pattern of winter morning frost.

Big Ideas, Small Spaces

Bathrooms need not be the size of the Taj Mahal to be high value and performance or fashionable enough to make a splash in *Architectural Digest*.

In fact, suggests Geoff Wilkinson, agent/owner at Keller Williams Real Estate, Exton, the return on investment to demolish walls and build a

large powder room in a small Cape Cod home or modest townhome wouldn't justify the cost. There are fixtures and décor to create small bathrooms that are warm and welcoming, he says.

Web sites, home centers, designers and architects are full of ideas and products to get you going.

To expand spaces visually, Jeff Norman, owner of Jeffrey A. Norman Architects (Kennett Square), recommends creating a line of sight to four walls. Replace chunky vanities with pedestal sinks, cantilevered countertops or surfaces supported by legs. Consider a wall-hung toilet. Install a recessed medicine cabinet to look like a wall-mounted mirror. Then use a palette of airy colors throughout the space — "the lighter, the more spacious the room will feel," he says.

Even a small space can become a personal spa, continues Jeff. Turn a 3' x 4' bathing space into a tropical steam shower using two walls and ceiling with tiles, two surrounding glass walls, a hidden steam unit and small bench. Or create a vertical whirlpool effect with multiple shower mounts for pulsing, streaming jets of water as you stand. Outside the shower, warm your floor with electric heating mats under stone or tile.

Prized features — heated toilet seats and towel racks, for instance — "show a buyer you've thought of every detail," says Geoff Wilkinson. "But highlight the granite and high-quality fixtures. Regardless of its size, that's what makes a bathroom sing." ♦



The Green Wall at Longwood Gardens is a hallway of restrooms. Photo by Albee



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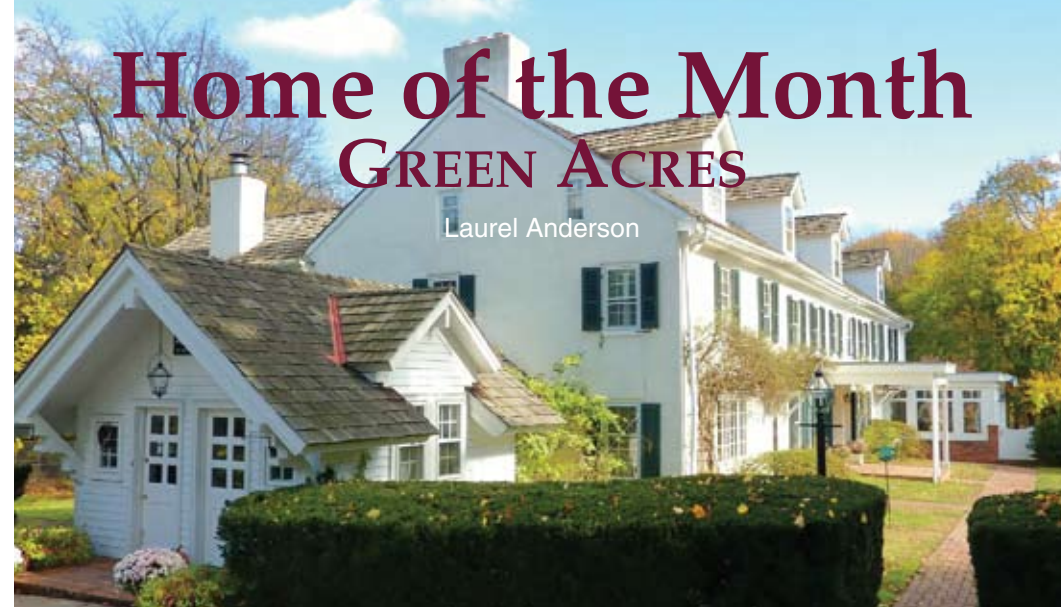
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Historic homes in Willistown Township seldom come on the market. When they do, too often they've been neglected for so long that images of *The Money Pit* loom for potential owners.

Not "*Green Acres*," however, which is a meticulously restored classic estate, just one mile from Paoli and Radnor Hunt and 300 years young. A private yet convenient location on South Valley Road makes for a comfortable home down a tree-lined drive on six level acres in a neighborhood of larger parcels of land, many with conservation easements.

Caretakers of History

The unglamorous hard work of restoration was already done ten+ years ago by the current owners, an experienced couple who have restored several homes all over the world. Their care and expertise were aided by their contractors Joe and Michael Krafchik of K-Home, who lived on site for three years.

Five HVAC systems, a new cedar shake roof, tons of concrete and massive steel beams visible in the basement are just part of the evidence of the solid work done to create a home to last for the next 300 years. A chef's kitchen,





new conservatory, three-season porch, terrace, pool with hot tub and climate-controlled wine cellar are a few of the amenities added to make this gracious home perfect for grand-scale entertaining and idyllic family life.

Referred to in the book *Acres of Quakers* as the Thomas Smedley House, this classic colonial farmhouse has gotten better over time, as generations have cared for and tended it over the centuries. Considering themselves “caretakers of history,” the owners hope that the next family to enjoy this home will share that passion.

The Main House

A stately tree-lined drive is a fitting approach to the main house, which, like many grand Chester County homes, has been expanded over the years and now has 6 bedrooms and 5.1 baths. The oldest section now houses the spacious country kitchen made possible by removing a wall to create space with modern proportions. Bright Portuguese tile, modern appliances and custom cabinets by local artisan David Thal merge with thick exterior walls, period window glass, and an original raised hearth for the best mix of history and modern convenience.

This heart of the home opens to some of the features that make this a unique property. The eat-in space leads to a cozy den for intimate family gatherings around the fireplace. A handy butler’s pantry with commercial grade dishwasher helps with the largest parties, and a special dog area off the mudroom is separated by a handy gate. At the core of the house is the original staircase to the second floor, the steps polished by centuries of use.

Entertaining

The more formal rooms on the main floor are graceful, airy and light-filled, as each spans the 29-foot width of the house and has multiple doors and large windows on each end. The regal red dining room is the perfect setting for intimate family dinners and large dinner parties. The adjacent sunny yellow



living room, with another fireplace, new built-ins with glass display shelves, is both elegant yet comfortable.

At the end of this wing is a bright family room, with beamed ceiling, fireplace and eight sets of French doors, leading to a conservatory and a sun porch. These rooms were added by the owners to expand entertaining space.

New owners will enjoy the three-season porch, with interchangeable glass and screen panels and glass doors that open to the flagstone patio, which overlooks the pool, with an all-season heated hot tub and lovely gardens. The conservatory, with dramatic black and white tile floor and radiant heat, can accommodate dinner for 30 and overlooks the property through the largest windows Pella manufactures (12-over-12). The level ground beyond can handle party tents, soccer goals or even pasture for horses, if a new owner is so inclined.

Upstairs

Attention to history and ease of living are also reflected in the renovation of the upper floors. A luxurious master suite enjoys light from windows on three sides, another fireplace, dressing and sitting areas and ample closets. An updated master bath spans two rooms: one with original marble sink and toilet, and another (which was once a bedroom) with modern amenities and a soaking tub.

Four other charming bedrooms on this floor (one used as an office) share three baths, two with rain forest showerheads and radiant heat. The owners added heated towel racks, a thoughtful touch displaying their attention to

detail. A second-floor laundry room, with more closets, makes life easier.

Tucked under the eaves, the third floor gets character from the dormer spaces (big enough for a four-poster bed), window seats, and large common area. Bedroom with bath, playroom and “kid cave” make this space teenagers’ paradise.

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One of the oldest continuously operating steakhouses in the U.S., its colorful history includes ownership by a sitting American president, James Buchanan, a local boy born in Mercersburg. He bought the building in 1856, when it was already 100 years old, and sold it to the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1864. By the end of the 19th century, 23 surrounding acres were reserved to develop a stockyard along the railway's main line, and the home was converted to an inn where business people stayed and cattlemen stopped in for a cool one.

To get a feel for the colorful flavor of cattlemen hanging out after a hard day's work, stop by the Bar Room for a before-dinner cocktail and check out the array of black-and-white photos that capture the long-gone scene.

Since 1952, the Fournaris family has owned and operated Stockyard Inn. Thomas and Athena, the second generation, and their son Jim, keep the popular restaurant humming. Jim's response to a compliment on the creamy rice pudding prompted some family pride: "It's my grandmother's recipe," he beamed.

The family honors the site's history throughout its many rooms where the décor salutes Old World elegance. In the main dining room, deep burgundy draperies frame tall windows covered with wide-slat, wood blinds. Large paintings of fox-hunting scenes stand out against forest green walls, all softly lit with colonial-style chandeliers and slender white tapers on the tables.

A Leisurely Lunch

Having enjoyed dinner here several times (see a sampling of dinner entrées above), we opted for lunch — a hearty lunch — and were seated in the Crystal Room, painted in a mood-lifting rosy shade of coral, with tables covered in white linens, each accented with a single red rose. We just had to take a closer look at the beautiful china plates

on display, some with Chinese themes, others "romantic English," according to my companion. They are the handiwork of an area potter, Shenango China in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and are shown in handsome corner cabinets created by local craftsmen. A period hunting scene continued the main dining room's theme. When our server introduced himself as Hunter, we smiled at the apt name and as lunch proceeded, we applauded his ability to keep many diners happy, never missing a beat and always personable.

Clams on the Half Shell (\$6), a half-dozen super-fresh beauties on ice with a taste of the briny and a zesty cocktail sauce launched lunch with style. A delicate mustard sauce accented the three large mushroom caps heaped with a lightly seasoned mix of crab, much of it lump, that made *Mushrooms Stuffed with Crabmeat* (\$9.50) a winner. We figured out that the intriguing tangle of dark-red curly strings that garnished the mushroom appetizer plate was shredded, deep fried beets. It was eye-catching and tasted good, too.

Other appetizer choices included classic French onion soup, snapper soup and the day's special, cream of cauliflower soup. Also Bluepoint oysters on the half shell, scallops wrapped with bacon and "golden" calamari.

We had to sample the steak, of course, and savored every bite of the *Sirloin* (\$14). It came just as ordered, medium-rare to rare, thanks to Hunter's guidance. It was imbued with a slightly smoky taste, courtesy of the bacon strip that encircled the thick slice. The perfect sides: homey, creamy mashed potatoes and frizzled onions.

I opted for the blackened version of *Broiled North Atlantic Salmon* (\$11), and it was right on with just enough sass and spiciness to enhance but not overwhelm the plump fillet. Along with a toss of julienned green beans and carrots, the salmon was presented on a square plate with dabs of red pepper puree in each corner plus a few swirls of pesto sauce and of Chardonnay sauce that added to the fun.

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Other “petite” entrées included broiled Maryland crab cake, grilled chicken, beef tips with fettuccine, fish and chips, old-fashioned meatloaf with burgundy sauce and the day’s special, beef stew over rice.

Burgers, Sandwiches & Salads

Ladies who lunch will like the array of salads: poached pear and goat cheese, Greek salad, California greens topped with warm steak and blue cheese crumbles, Caesar salad with choice of chicken, salmon or crab cake and garden greens with coconut shrimp and apricot chutney. Stockyard’s deluxe salad includes julienne strips of ham, turkey, cheese and hard-boiled egg on crisp greens.

For the seriously hungry: the “ultimate” burger topped with Gorgonzola or the cheddar-bacon burger should make your mouth water. Sandwiches include the Stockyard Club, jumbo lump crab cake, grilled chicken with cheddar and bacon, fried oyster, chicken or tuna salad and that all-American fave: hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes.

Sweet Abundance

The tempting dessert tray overflowed with serious samples including bourbon pecan pie, chocolate mousse, mascarpone cheesecake, strudels,

raspberry layer cake, apple crisp and peanut butter pie. We savored *House-made Cheesecake* (\$8), dense and rich, and a three-layered chocolate delight called *Trilogy Mousse* (\$7.50) that was delectable.

Those hard-working cattlemen would love the desserts as much as the steaks. ♦

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BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

Laura Muzzi Brennan

March is a month of in-betweens, wedged between lions and lambs, winter and spring, Valentine’s Day, Easter and Passover. For years, I saw March as an entertaining desert. Now, I see it as an opportunity, a month of weekends when friends are usually free and more than eager to hang out for hours. In short, it is the ideal month to celebrate that middle child of meals: brunch. The key to hosting a successful brunch — in my mind, that means one that lasts from late morning to just before dinner — is to choose dishes that require little hands-on time after guests arrive.

For menu inspiration, I checked in with Lynn Sinclair at Sinclair’s Sunrise Café and Tearoom in Kennett Square. Since 2005, Sinclair has been plating healthy, satisfying breakfasts and lunches seven days a week at her 80-seat upscale café on East State Street.

Sinclair’s ties to the culinary and hospitality worlds as well as to Kennett Square run deep. Before opening her restaurant in Kennett Square, she and her brother ran Sinclair’s Café in Newark, DE for 22 years. Her grandfather, F. Graff Sinclair, was the proprietor of Sinclair’s Restaurant on State Street in Kennett Square from just before World War I until the mid-1940s. Even before that, her family was known for its hos-

pitality: the former Sinclair homestead, Sycamore Farm, was the scene of many post-foxhunt breakfasts and neighborhood celebrations at the turn of the 20th century. In addition to wearing a toque, Sinclair serves as the Chairwoman of the Kennett Historical Commission and researches her own family tree. Indeed, it was during her many trips to investigate her genealogy that Sinclair fell in love with Kennett Square.

The way Sunrise Café devotees devour Sinclair’s poached egg dishes, sandwiches and gourmet whole grain pancakes shows just how much this small town loves her back. While her pancake ingredients remain top secret — the mixes as well as her homemade chutneys and jams may be purchased at the Café — she graciously shared her recipes for other signature dishes: Ham, Asparagus and Asiago Quicha-dilla, the Bayard Taylor Hunt Sandwich, Huevos Ranchero Sauce and Rosemary Polenta.

To these savory offerings, I’ve added a vegetarian strata and a smoked salmon spread. And since no self-respecting brunch menu can claim greatness without a little sugar, I’ve also included recipes for a blueberry coffee cake as well as a slow-cooker apple cake.

Here’s hoping that you’ll enjoy this March by coming to the Table!

Ham, Asparagus and Asiago Quicha-dilla

At Sinclair's, this cross between a quiche and a quesadilla is a frequent and well-loved special. While the restaurant uses a sundried tomato tortilla, feel free to use any flavor that suits you.

12-inch flour tortilla

¼ lb. ham, sliced thick

½ lb. asparagus

4 oz. grated asiago cheese

1 C. whole milk or light cream

9 large eggs

1 Tb. fresh dill, basil and/or thyme, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°.

Cut baked ham into ¼-inch cubes. Break off tough stem part of asparagus and discard. Cut spear ends into ½ -inch pieces. Steam asparagus for 10 minutes and drain. Beat eggs with milk/cream.

Lightly spray a 10-inch pie pan with olive or vegetable oil. Fold tortilla in quarters and microwave for 20 seconds. Line the pie pan with the tortilla.

Distribute the ham, asparagus, cheese and herbs evenly over the tortilla. Pour milk/egg mixture into pie pan and bake for 45 -60 minutes, until the center of quiche is puffed. Makes 8 appetizer-size wedges.

Bayard Taylor Hunt Sandwich

Following the 1903 Bayard Taylor Foxhunt, Lynn Sinclair's great-great grandfather hosted a breakfast at which the "womenfolk" served guests frankfurters and sauerkraut. Putting a healthy twist on the dish, Sinclair substitutes turkey sausage patties for the frankfurters and sandwiches the ingredients between slices of multigrain bread. While this dish is not on the breakfast menu, many regulars still order it first thing in the morning.

For those unfamiliar with Bayard Taylor, he was a 19th-century novelist, reporter and poet who hailed from Kennett Square. Most notably, Taylor brought attention to the town with his novel, *The Story of Kennett*. A little history is good with breakfast.

What to drink?

Mimosas, Bloody Marys, a steaming pot of coffee and an inviting cup of tea are always hits. While you may not be able to offer tea as Sinclair's does — they sell 35+ types of loose teas, tea paraphernalia and host private teas in their tearoom — you can please a crowd with this no-fuss beverage.

Since I survive on Arnold Palmers in the summer, I thought I'd give my favorite drink a March makeover. It's delicious served hot from a saucepan on your stove or over ice if the weather goes mild instead of wild.

Hot Orange Arnold Palmer

8 C. mint tea

juice of 4 tangerines (about 1 C.)

juice of 3 small lemons (about ½ C.)

1 C. water

¼ C. granulated sugar

In a saucepan, bring orange and lemon juices, water and sugar to a boil. When sugar is dissolved, add juice mixture to tea and stir well. Makes 8 cups.

1 pkg. sauerkraut, drained

16 slices multigrain bread

Country Dijon, grainy or deli mustard

16, 2-oz. turkey sausage patties, cooked

8, 1-oz. slices of cheddar cheese

Butter or olive oil spray for grilling

Heat sauerkraut in microwave or in sauté pan. Butter bread slices on one side. On the other side of 8 bread slices, spread mustard. On the remaining 8 slices, place one slice of cheddar cheese.

Put all bread slices on griddle, butter side down. Top cheesy bread slices with ½ cup sauerkraut and two turkey sausage patties. Grill all slices until brown, and flip bread slices with mustard onto the bread slices with cheese, sauerkraut and sausage. Makes 8 sandwiches.

Huevos Ranchero Sauce

Lynn Sinclair ladles 2/3 cup of this spicy sauce over two sunny-side up eggs. On the side, she serves sour cream, a grilled tortilla and either homefries or

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rosemary polenta (recipe below). For a brunch at home, she suggests making scrambled eggs instead and serving with a side of sour cream and tortilla chips.

Cooking tips: When chopping a jalapeno, wear rubber gloves or wash your hands very well before touching your eyes. If you can't find chipotle powder, increase the chili powder to 2 Tb.

2 Tb. cooking oil
1½ C. chopped onion
1½ C. chopped poblano or red bell pepper
2 fresh jalapeño peppers, seeds removed, finely chopped
2 or 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
4 C. canned diced tomatoes
1 C. water
1½ Tb. chili powder
2 tsp. chipotle powder
1 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. ground cumin
½ tsp. ground coriander

Saute onion, poblano and jalapeño peppers and garlic in oil until vegetables are lightly browned.

Add all the other ingredients and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, for about an hour. Serve over sunny-side up or scrambled eggs. Makes 6 cups, 8 to 10 servings.

Rosemary Polenta

Polenta is just grits with an Italian accent... and every bit as satisfying.

1½ C. stone ground corn meal
2 tsp. crushed rosemary leaves
4½ C. water

Bring water and rosemary leaves to a rolling boil. Slowly whisk in the cornmeal. Put a lid on the pot and reduce heat to low. Cook for 20 minutes. (At Sinclair's, chefs use a heat diffuser to keep the polenta from scorching. At-home cooks should stir it frequently.)

Spray an 8x8-inch pan with olive or vegetable oil. Remove polenta from heat and whisk again. Pour hot polenta into pan and refrigerate until cold.

Using a wet knife, cut polenta into 8 pieces. To serve, heat in a cast iron pan

that's been lightly sprayed with oil. Cook on both sides until toasty and brown.

Vegetarian (or not) Strata

A strata is a savory bread pudding that lends itself to all kinds of variations, so feel free to substitute other vegetables and add some cooked bacon or sausage. Just make sure you let it sit overnight so that the bread fully absorbs the egg mixture.

1 baguette, torn into bite-size pieces
1 Tb. butter
1 medium onion, roughly chopped
1 large red or green pepper, cut into ½-inch dice
4 C. sliced mushrooms
9 large eggs
1½ C. milk (not skim)
½ C. half-and-half
1 Tb. ground mustard (powder)
½ C. dried chives
2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
(a combination of cheddar and Monterey jack also works well).
Optional: 6 oz. bacon, cooked and crumbled

Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan and arrange bread pieces in a layer.

Melt butter in a pan. Add onion and pepper, and sauté 4-5 minutes until beginning to soften. Add mushrooms and a pinch of salt. Sauté vegetable mixture another 2 minutes until mushrooms start to soften and yield their juice. If necessary, drain liquid from veggie mixture. Mix in chives.

Spoon vegetable mixture over bread and distribute evenly. Top with 1 cup cheese and bacon pieces.

In a separate bowl, beat together eggs, milk, half-and-half, mustard powder and chives. Pour egg mixture over the bread/veggie/cheese mixture. Cover with aluminum foil. Refrigerate overnight.

Bake covered at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until eggs are set. (A toothpick inserted in the strata will come out clean.) Uncover. Top with remaining cup of cheese and cook for 5 minutes more, until cheese is melted.

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1 tsp. lemon juice.
Optional: 1 Tb. sour cream and
1 Tb. fresh dill, chopped

Mash all ingredients together with a fork. Makes 1 cup.

Jean's Blueberry Coffee Cake

A friend from my old neighborhood, Jean, brought this light cake to many gatherings. Not a crumb was ever left, and Jean was always asked to bring the cake and copies of the recipe to the next get-together. If you have any blueberries from last summer still in your freezer, I can't think of better way to use them up.

For the cake:

1½ C. all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
½ C. butter, softened
½ C. sugar
1 egg
2 C. frozen (or fresh) blueberries
½ cup milk

For the topping:

¼ C. flour
¼ C. sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
3 Tb. butter

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease, lightly flour a square baking dish (9 x9).

Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. In a separate bowl, cream softened butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg. Alternate adding flour mixture and milk to butter mixture. Mix until well combined and batter resembles cookie dough. Gently fold in blueberries and mix until just

combined. Spread batter into baking dish, distributing evenly.

With a fork, mix together topping ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake 45 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the cake's center comes out clean. Serves 8-10.

Slow Cooker Apple Cake

Before you store your slow cooker for the spring and summer, give it one last hurrah. This moist cake takes about 15 minutes or prep time and tastes like a cross between apple cake and apple pudding. It can be served warm right out of the slow cooker or at room temperature, and I'm sure no one would object if you topped it with a scoop of vanilla or butter pecan ice cream.

1 C. flour
1 C. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
4 medium cooking apples (Granny Smith work well), peeled, cored and cut into ¼ -½-inch dice
2 large eggs
2 tsp. vanilla

Grease your slow-cooker with butter or cooking oil. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt together. Add apples, tossing to coat.

In a separate bowl, beat eggs and vanilla together. Stir egg mixture into apple mixture until moistened.

Cover and bake on high for 2 ½ hours. Serves 6-8. ♦

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APRIL 8-12

The Philadelphia Antiques Show
The Navy Yard, Philadelphia Cruise
Terminal at Pier One
5100 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA
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APRIL 9

10th Annual Bucks County Antiques Show
Eagle Fire Hall, Rt. 202 & Suger Rd.
New Hope, PA 215-860-5211
BucksCountyAntiquesShow.com
 Approximately 30 fine dealers participate and present a wide variety of antiques. 9 to 5. \$5. Admission fee benefits the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

APRIL 9-10

Antique City Fun Fair For Collectors
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks
GPS: 1601 Egypt Rd., Phoenixville, PA
800-822-4119; AntiqueCityShow.com
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APRIL 10, MAY 1, JUNE 5

Clover Market
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APRIL 15-16

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Noble St., S of Kutztown, PA
610-683-6848; Renningers.com
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APRIL 30-MAY 1

Black Angus Antiques Mall
Extravaganza Weekend
2800 N. Reading Rd., Adamstown, PA
717-484-4387; StoudtsBeer.com
 This Sunday market expands to include Saturday for the Extravaganza weekends (also on June 25-26, and Sept. 24-25) with 300 dealers inside and more than 150 outside under cover. Daily 7:30 to 4 inside; opens at 5:30 am outside. Free.

APRIL 30-MAY 1

Great Eastern US Spring Antique Book,
Paper & Advertising Show
Agricultural Hall, Allentown Fairgrounds
Allentown, PA
610-706-0214; AllentownPaperShow.com
 Two rooms, 170 booths of quality dealers offering posters, autographs, movie memorabilia, postcards and more. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 9 to 3. \$7.

MAY 1

Renningers Antiques Market
Special Sunday
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MAY 6-7

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MAY 19-21
Historic East Berlin Antiques Show
Community Center, 405 North Ave.
E. Berlin, PA 717-259-9866
The "Great Country Show" featuring Americana dealers offering early samplers, quilts, folk art, country furniture, paintings, Staffordshire and more. There will be a preview on Thursday evening, 5 to 8:30, \$12. Show hours: Fri, 1 to 7; Sat, 9 to 3. \$6.

MAY 20-21
The Greater York Antiques Show & Sale
Memorial Hall East, York Expo Center
334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA
717-872-2778; JimBurkAntiqueShows.net
Quality dealers featuring a variety of Americana participate at this show, now in its 41st year. Show hours Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 11 to 5. \$10.

MAY 21
The Spring Philadelphia Vintage Book & Ephemera Fair
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA
603-509-2639; FlamingoEventz.com
Exhibitors from throughout the Northeast offer fine rare and unusual old books, maps, autographs, prints, posters, playbills, ephemera and more. 9 to 4. \$3-\$6.

MAY 27-30
Brandywine River Museum
40th Annual Antiques Show
Rt. 1 at the Museum, Chadds Ford, PA
610-388-8318 (preview); 610-388-2700
www.BrandywineMuseum.org
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JUNE 5
Tinicum Outdoor Antiques Show
Tinicum Park, Rt. 32, River Rd.
Erwinna, PA 856-459-2229
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JUNE 11
June Festival of Antiques
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ
856-478-0300; YellowGarageAntiques.com
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JUNE 17-18
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OleyValleyAntiquesShow.com
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JUNE 23-25
Renningers Antiques & Collectors Extravaganza, see April 28-30 listing.

JUNE 24-25
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JUNE 25-26
Black Angus Antiques Mall Extravaganza Weekend, see April 30-May 1 listing.

JUNE 26
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SEPTEMBER 22-24

Renningers Antiques & Collectors
Extravaganza, see April 28-30 listing.

SEPTEMBER 23-25

Princeton Fall Antiques &
Fine Arts Show
Princeton Airport, 41 Airpark Rd. (Rt. 206)
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PrincetonHistory.org or BarnStar.com
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SEPTEMBER 24

The Autumn Philadelphia Vintage Book &
Ephemera Fair, see May 21 listing.

SEPTEMBER 24-25

Black Angus Antiques Mall Extravaganza
Weekend, see April 30-May 1 listing.

SEPTEMBER 25

Renningers Antiques Market Special
Sunday, see May 1 listing.

OCTOBER 1-2

Great Eastern US Spring Antique Book,
Paper & Advertising Show, see Apr. 30-May
1 listing.

OCTOBER 2-9

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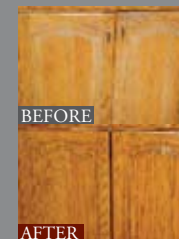


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