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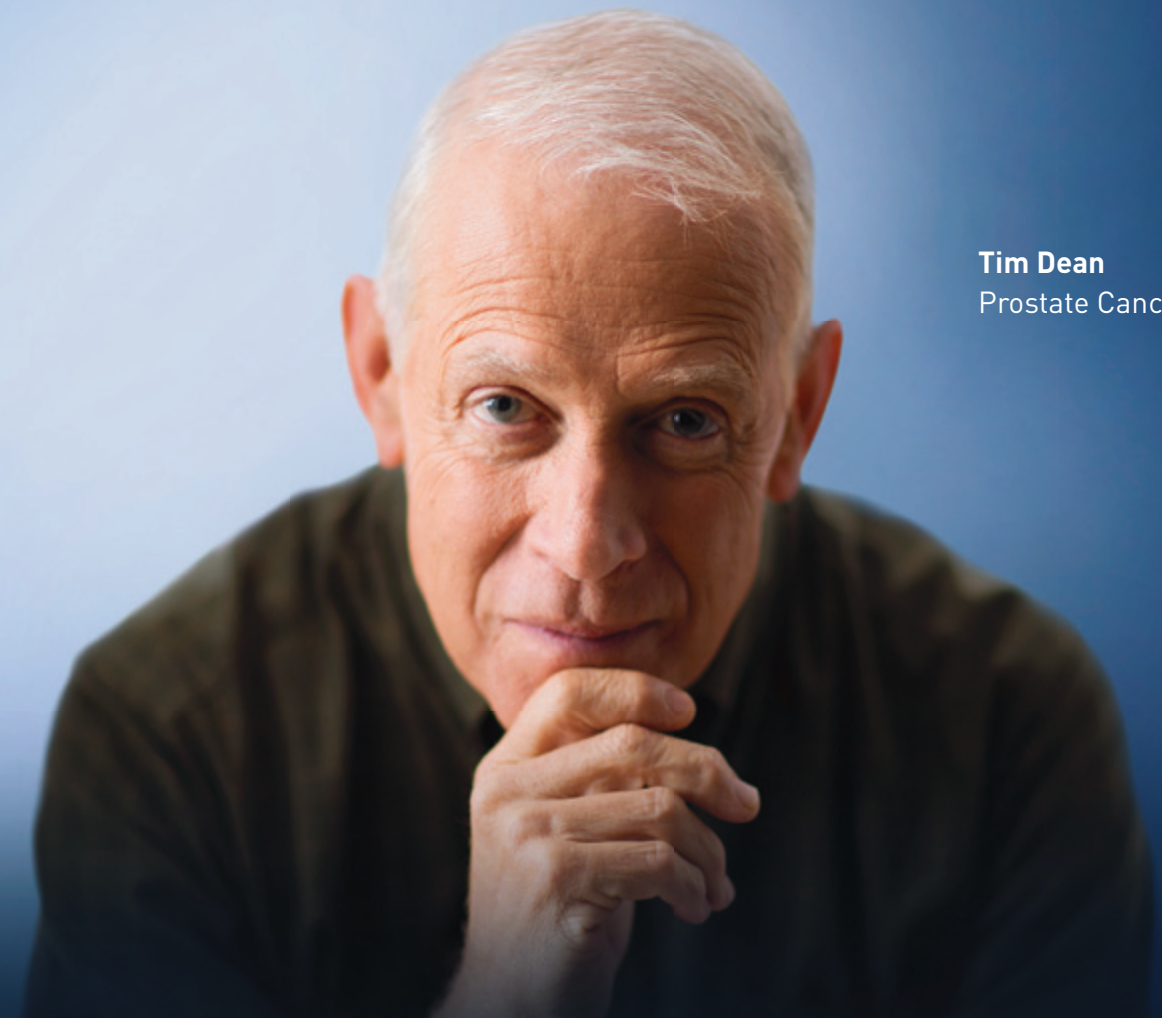
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from the EDITOR

Happy April ... and full-fledged spring! Time for weddings and gardens, Easter and Passover, plus renewal and hope.

In this wedding issue, Carol Metzker learns how couples make the day distinctly their own in “Like No Other,” along with gorgeous photos from Asya Photography. We also share our “Guide To Wedding Venues & Services,” “Wedding Style” and Mary Dolan’s piece on “A Natural Glow,” highlighting organic spa treatments.

If renewal means a new home, Laurel Anderson suggests historic Pine Creek Mills—a heavenly slice of history—in “Home of the Month.” With a 1764 sawmill, this eight-acre family compound conveys “a serenity ... equaled by few other locations in the country.”

Jack Smith is on the road, on Route 252 to visit Newtown Square and Paoli, for what’s new around Ellis Preserve and Paoli’s train station in “A Community Created, Another Updated.”

Independent school athletes traveled, too—to games during “A Spectacular Season.” Westtown, Malvern Prep and Bishop Shanahan, among others were ranked nationally or tops in the state this past season. For younger kids, we’ve got arts, sciences, computers, sports and more in our Summer Camp Guide.

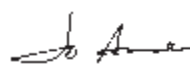
For Easter and Passover, Laura Brennan shares memories and recipes—from lamb to matzoh ball soup and brisket in “Brandywine Table,” with help from Finley Catering’s Chef Jeff Ebert.

Gardeners should enjoy an intro to foodscaping—mixing ornamental and vegetable gardening—by Christopher Freimuth, formerly of Chanticleer. And beer fans will drink in “Hops: A Worldwide Obsession” by Levante Brewing’s Tim Floros.

Finally, Rachel Ezrin turns the Theater Spotlight on *I And You* at People’s Light, Rachel Alfiero highlights the 72nd Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show at Ludwig’s Corner, and Dr. Theresa Smith explains what’s new in “Dental Implants.”

As always, check out our Best Local Events and Family Fun sections for things to do.

Thank you for reading!


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Dental Implants

Theresa M. Smith, D.D.S.

A MODERN SOLUTION TO TOOTH LOSS

AS A YOUNG DENTAL STUDENT SOME 30 YEARS AGO, I was told about a new procedure on the horizon—it was still in its infancy, but it had the potential to revolutionize dentistry. My classmates and I kept our eyes and ears open.

Well, as predicted, dental implants became a part of modern dentistry and are here to stay.

And as I know from my own experience, they're a godsend.

WHY CHOOSE DENTAL IMPLANTS?

There are many reasons we may lose a tooth and need a replacement—cavities, trauma, fracture, gum disease, failed root canals, or just never developing an adult tooth. Replacing a tooth is important because an empty space can alter your bite—increasing wear and

tear on your remaining teeth—and can lead to bone loss in your jaw.

In the past, a tooth replacement was either a removable denture or a cemented bridge. For a bridge, a dentist would cut down the teeth next to the space and make a replacement that's cemented in place. That's still recommended in many situations.

But if the adjacent teeth have no or only minimal fillings, then the dentist has to cut away part of a perfectly healthy tooth. And if there's a problem later with the supporting teeth, the whole bridge must be replaced, cutting out the problem, but also cutting out more of the healthy tooth.

A dental implant may be a better solution to restore the area of the missing tooth to the proper form and function without altering the surrounding teeth.

WHAT IS AN IMPLANT?

An implant replaces a lost tooth or teeth with an artificial tooth root, usually made of titanium, which over time fuses into the bone of the jaw.

There are three parts to the implant: the implant (tooth root), abutment and crown. The implant is placed after the broken or diseased tooth is removed and the bone is determined to be healthy and strong enough for it. The implant needs time to integrate into the jaw—three to six months—and your dentist or oral surgeon will confirm when it's stable.

The next step is to create the abutment, a permanent but removable connection to the implant in the bone. This will be the framework and support the final piece, the porcelain or ceramic dental cap or crown—a beautiful, white new tooth.

HOW DO YOU CARE FOR AN IMPLANT?

Implants require the same care as your natural teeth—brushing, flossing and routine check-ups. Although an implant can't decay like a natural tooth, bacteria can still cause gum disease around the implant. It's very important to keep an implant as well as your teeth as clean as possible so everything in your mouth remains stable and healthy for a very long time.

Remember if you ignore your teeth or implant ... they will go away!

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF DENTAL IMPLANTS?

With today's 98% success rate, dental implants will become even more widely available and less complicated as time goes on. Dental insurance, which often lags behind dental research and developments, often pays part of the cost of placing and restoring implants. The cost for a simple implant—\$3,000 to \$6,000—is comparable to the cost of a dental bridge.

Like many patients, I have a tale to tell. While having dinner with a friend, I took a nibble of an appetizer and felt something crunch in my mouth. Back at my office and a few x-rays later, it was obvious my tooth, in perfect view when I smiled, fractured right down the middle and had to be removed.

Given the severity of my fracture, an implant was the right solution. The implant process, all done with a little novocaine, was pain free, effortless and much easier than I expected.

Today I'm able to smile with confidence and be reminded that a smile is a gift that keeps on giving. ♦

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[Good to Know]

Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

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Forgotten Men. Men aren't the focus of most weddings, but Greystone Hall—marking 25 years in the wedding business—is looking to close that gender gap. Their *“Focusing on the Groom”* event celebrates husbands-to-be and helps them with everything needed to tie the knot—tuxedo try-ons, limo choices, groom-friendly food and DJs! Remember to grab a Wedding Survival Kit—a swag-bag of practical items, like foot warmers “in case of cold feet.” *June 11, \$30/couple, register at ChesterCountyNightsShool.org.*



Mood Ring for Your Hair.

The latest, greatest beauty trend taking the runway by storm is hair that changes color. **Fire hair dye**, developed by The Unseen, actually changes color at different temperatures. How does it work? When exposed to different temperatures, carbon-based atoms in the dye produce molecules that absorb different amounts of light. And since light absorption produces color, the more the temperatures change, the more colorful the dye becomes. Coming soon to the U.S. *SeeTheUnseen.co.uk.*

A Revolutionary Experience.

On April 19th history comes to life at the grand opening of the **Museum of the American Revolution** in Philadelphia. This museum's features include an interactive map, live performances, galleries and more. Four featured exhibits explore America's revolutionary period, from the first acts of rebellion to the Declaration of Independence. The opening ceremony starts in Washington, D.C. and continues to Independence Hall in Philadelphia. *101 S. 3rd St., Phila. AmRevMuseum.org.*



Only One. You may know about National Siblings Day, on April 10th, but did you know there's a **National Only Child Day**, too? Celebrated on April 12th, the day marks only children's “historic struggle against fear, injustice and oppression.” They may wear a tiara, visit their pony, catch up with their imaginary friend. Some famous only kids: Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, FDR, John Lennon, Elvis Presley, Betty White, Alicia Keys. Do you know one?

Here Comes the Dress! So, you exchanged rings, said vows and made beautiful memories to last a lifetime. But, what to do with your **wedding dress**? If you don't want it to sit in storage or be donated, why not recycle? There are plenty of options—from turning it into lingerie, a quilt, cocktail dress, christening gown or even a Christmas tree skirt. The possibilities are out there! More at *BridalGuide.com.*





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[April Picks] Our Picks for top events this month



Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-Mile Run April 23

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American Helicopter Museum Annual Gala

April 22

This year's theme is "The Roaring Twenties" and features an open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, great music, dancing and more. Benefits the museum.

1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets \$125. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum.



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April 30

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Green Valleys Watershed Assoc. Events at Welkinweir. *Apr. 5, 19, 26*, Little Wonders Nature Class, age 3–5, 10 to 11; *Apr. 9, 23, May 6, 21, June 3, 18*, Bird Walks at Welkinweir, 8 am, free; *Apr. 22*, French Creek Clean-Up, 8 am; *Apr. 30*, Native Tree ID, 9 am, \$10. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. 610-469-4900; Green-Valleys.org.

THROUGH MAY 29

Dinosaur Revolution at Delaware Museum of Natural History. An interactive learning experience within a maze setting where visitors experience reptilian role-play activities and become junior paleontologists. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

APRIL–OCTOBER, Third Thursdays
Story Time in Winterthur's Enchanted Woods. Share the joy of reading with your 3–6 year-old while cultivating an appreciation of nature. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10:30 am. \$5–\$20. 302-888-4864; Winterthur.org.



APRIL 1
Saturday Club's Shuffle 5K & Kids Race. All ages welcome in downtown Wayne. Benefits local women's and children's charities. 117 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne. \$10–\$30. Kids race, 8:30 am; 5K, 9 am. SaturdayClub- Shuffle.org.

APRIL 1–9

2017 Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival. Celebrate traditional and contemporary Japan with a variety of events for the whole family including live musical and dance performances. *The main event, Sakura Sunday is held at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and features two stages of performers. For details visit SubaruCherryBlossom.org.*

APRIL 2

Annual Radnor Spring Eggstravaganza. Fun for the entire family with egg hunts for children and adults, live entertainment, crafts, food, prizes, the Easter Bunny and more. Villanova University Stadium, 800 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova. 2 to 5 pm. Free. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

APRIL 8

Easter Egg Hunt at Everhart Park. Children ages 2–9 are invited to bring a bag or a basket and meet by the green shed for the hunt. 500 block of W. Union St., West Chester. 10 am sharp. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

APRIL 8

Victorian Tea & Tour at Landis Valley Museum. Tour the new Visitor Center then enjoy tea and light lunch in the historic Landis Valley House Hotel, 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 10 to 1:30 pm. \$34. 717-581-0590; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

APRIL 13, 15

Brandywine River Museum of Art—The Way Springtime Works. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the trails, hear about the signs that indicate spring's return then assemble a birdhouse or bee house to take home. *Meet at the Historic Chadds Ford Schoolhouse, 10 Station Way Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs, 2 to 4; Sat, 10 to noon. Children \$20; adults, free. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.*

APRIL 22

All Parks Clean Up in West Chester. Celebrate Earth Day by signing up for a particular park and help keep the borough beautiful. 9 to 10:30 am. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

APRIL 28

Arbor Day Celebration in Wayne. Radnor Township holds an annual tree planting ceremony. Clem Macrone Park, 810 Conestoga Rd., Wayne. Phone for time. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

APRIL 29

Sheep and Wool Day at Springton Manor Farm. The sheep are losing their winter wool and you're invited to the shearing. Enjoy live music, demonstrations and animals. 860 Springton Rd., Glenmoore. 11 to 3. Parking, \$5. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

APRIL 29

Celebrate Arbor Day at Scott Arboretum. Bring the family to receive a free sapling tree (one per family). Enjoy refreshments and a scavenger hunt and bring your questions as the staff will be on hand to help out. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 9 to noon. Free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

APRIL 30

72nd Annual Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show. See article in this issue.

APRIL 30

5th Annual Wheels of Wayne. Antique, classic and custom cars and motorcycles line N. Wayne & West Aves. Entertainment, food, prizes—the whole family will enjoy. 1 to 4 pm. Rain date, May 7. 610-688-5600; Radnor.org.

MAY 7

4th Annual Haverford Spring Fest. All day music, food and fun. Benefits music education and local nonprofits. Brookline Blvd. at Darby Rd., Haverford. Noon to 7. Donation requested. HaverfordSpringFest.com.

MAY 7

Malvern Blooms Festival. Celebrate Malvern at the festival that includes activities for the whole family—live music, kids activities, artists and crafters, a food court with food trucks and restaurants and more. King St. & Warren Ave., Malvern. 11 to 4. Malvern-Festivals.com.

MAY 7

Bike Rodeo. Bring your bike for this free event featuring safety demonstrations, rides, obstacle course and more. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 3 to 5 pm. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com/Recreation.

MAY 7

May Day Festival of the Arts in West Chester. A celebration of the arts with live music and entertainment, art, crafts and kids' activities. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. 11 to 4. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

APRIL 1–2

Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Spring Arts & Crafts Festival. Handcrafted work by juried artisans. Kutztown Univ., O'Pake Fieldhouse, 312 Trexler Ave., Kutztown. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. Admission donation, \$6; under 12 free. RBCrafts.org.

APRIL 7–9

Chester County Antiques Show. Dealers of 18th- and 19th-century American and Continental furniture and decorative arts. This year's theme is "Botany in Chester County." The Phelps School, 583 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. Preview Fri, 6 to 9 pm, early adm. 5 pm, \$200; \$140 at 6. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5, \$15. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

APRIL 20–23

The Philadelphia Antiques & Art Show. Fine examples in Colonial through mid-century fine and decorative arts. Loan exhibit: "What So Proudly We Hail." The Navy Yard, S. Broad St. & Intrepid Ave., Phila. Preview, Thurs, 5 to 9, \$150–\$600. Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 11 to 8; Sun, 11 to 5. \$20. 610-902-2109; PhiladelphiaAntiquesAndArtShow.com.

APRIL 21–23

The Artists Circle Annual Art Show & Sale. Member artists showcase original works. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. Fri, 1 to 9; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. Free. 610-942-3234; TheArtistsCircle.net.

APRIL 28–MAY 14

44th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show. Over 200 juried artists. *Apr. 28*, Opening Gala—silent auction of this year's poster competition winner, 6 to 9 pm, \$75. *May 5*, Wine & Cheese Happy Hour, 5:30 to 8, \$5. 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Daily, 10 to 4. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

MAY 5

Gallery Walk in Downtown West Chester. Receptions and exhibits provide the perfect opportunity to experience downtown West Chester. Downtown West Chester. 5 to 9. Free parking after 5. 610-696-4046; Greater-WestChester.com.

MAY 5

West Chester's Vintage Market. Booths selling many items, food vendors, live music. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 4 to 8. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

BOOKS.....

THROUGH APRIL

Wellington Square Bookshop. *Through Apr., Tues*, children 2–5 enjoy songs and cookies and listen to stories come alive in the bookshop, 10

to 11; *Apr. 6*, adult nonfiction: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance; *Apr. 19*, adult fiction: *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 10 to 11 am. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

DESIGN / HOME SHOWS.....

APRIL 28–MAY 28

Bucks County Designer Showhouse. Designers show their creativity in interior and landscape design at Hill Crest Manor, 3690 Burnt House Hill Rd., Doylestown. *Apr. 28*, Preview Gala, 7 to 10, \$150 and up. Show: Mon–Wed, Fri, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Sat,

10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. \$25. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS.....

APRIL 2

75th Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point. Watching the horses over cross country jumps, enjoying children's activities, tailgating and the pony races have made this a traditional family event. Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. Gates open at 11 am, first race, 12:30. \$20/car. 610-793-1090; Brandywine-RedClay.org.



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FILM.....

APRIL 7-8

10th Annual Media Film Festival. Independent short films. The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Purchase tickets at the door or online. For tickets and movie times, visit MediaFilmFestival.org.

APRIL 28-30

West Chester Film Festival. The stated mission is to "Entertain, Enlighten and Educate" through global independent and innovative short film. For venues and tickets, WestChester-FilmFestival.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE.....

APRIL 3-8

City Restaurant Week in Wilmington. This year Restaurant Week has expanded to include fine dining restaurants on Wilmington's West End, offering everything from Thai to Chilean to Italian. Two-course lunch, \$15; three-course dinner, \$35. CityRestaurantWeek.com.

APRIL 3-8

Media Restaurant Week. Select restaurants offer fixed priced menus, \$25-\$45. Reservations suggested. Free street parking after 6. VisitMediaPA.com.

APRIL 8

2nd Annual Rails & Ales at the Railroad Museum of PA. All aboard for a craft beer tasting event that includes food trucks, live music and historic trains. 300 Gap Rd. (Rt. 741), Strasburg. 7:30 to 10:30 pm. \$40-\$50; designated driver, \$15. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPA.org.

APRIL 8

Philly Farm & Food Fest. The focus is on local farmers, artisans and regional experts in the agricultural fields and connecting them with chefs, restaurateurs and grocers. PA Convention Center, Hall F, 12th and Arch Sts., Phila. 10 to 4. \$15. 267-254-6119; PhillyFarmFest.org.

MAY 6

Phoenixville Food Truck Festival. Food trucks line Bridge St. offering a wide variety of fare and vendors will be selling their wares, noon to 6 pm. Free shuttle service from Schuylkill Elementary School or The University of Valley Forge. PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.

FUNDRAISERS.....

APRIL 1

The Red Ball. Black tie charity gala with dancing, live entertainment, raffles and silent auction. Benefits Red Cross House Center for Disaster Recovery. Lincoln Financial Field, One Lincoln Financial Field Way, Phila. 8 to midnight. \$175-\$350. TheRedBall.org.

APRIL 1

Brandywine Ballet—"The Beauty of Spring." Welcome the season and upcoming performance of *Beauty and the Beast* at this fundraiser. Auction, light fare, music. Teca Restaurant, 38 E. Gay St., West Chester. 6:30 to 9:30. \$60-\$70. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.

APRIL 1

Thorncroft's 32nd Annual Victory Gallop. This year's theme, "A Field of Dreams," celebrates the opportunities created between horse and rider. Black-tie dinner, dancing and silent auction benefit their programs. Hyatt at The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Phila. 6 to midnight. \$225. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

APRIL 1

Dress for a Good Cause. Sale of gently worn dresses and jewelry benefits local female survivors of human trafficking by finding them a local, new home. Westtown School's "Cabin," 960 Shady Grove Way, West Chester. 1 to 3. 610-793-4387; DressForAGoodCause.com.

APRIL 6-9

Life's Patina Spring Barn Sale at Willowbrook Farm. Historic barn will be full of new home décor accents, vintage finds, architectural salvage and unique gifts. 1750 N. Valley Rd., Malvern. Benefits Greener Partners. Thurs, preview, 11 to 2, \$25. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. LifesPatina.com.

APRIL 8

"Through the Looking Glass" Fundraiser for DVCCC. The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County provides services to victims of domestic violence. Tracy Davidson hosts, Victoria Wyeth auctions a work from her grandfather, Andrew Wyeth. Mendenhall Inn, Rt. 52, Mendenhall. 7 to 11 pm. For tickets, call Terry at 610-431-3546; DVCCC.com.

APRIL 8

Murder Mystery Fundraiser at Colonial PA Plantation. "Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Death." Help Ben Franklin, Molly Pitcher, Sam Adams and others find a spy before it's too late. Hunting Hill Mansion at Ridley Creek State Park, 351 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. Doors open at 7:30, show at 8. \$35. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

APRIL 20

"Taste of Spring" Fashion Show. "Get Your Glam On!" and enjoy the show. A delicious lunch will be served. Raffles and a silent auction with items donated by local merchants round out the afternoon. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Valet parking is provided. Waynesborough Country Club, 11:30 am. \$55. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org.

APRIL 20

Dining Out for Life. An annual dining fundraising event raising money for AIDS service organizations in the area. For a list of participating restaurants visit DiningOutForLife.com/Philadelphia/Restaurants.

APRIL 22

Community Arts Center Spring Fundraiser—Island Style. Live reggae, steel drum and ska music, Caribbean cuisine, open bar, silent auction and more. Dress in your most creative and colorful island style best. Duke Gallery, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 to 10 pm. \$55. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

APRIL 22

Baker Industries' 36th Anniversary Spring Gala. Dinner and silent auction to celebrate the accomplishments of Baker Industries. Merion Cricket Club, Haverford. 6 pm. Tickets \$150 and up. 610-296-9795; BakerIndustries.org.

APRIL 23

Cruise for a Cure. Car show featuring classic, antique, street rods and muscle cars. Refreshments, prizes and trophies. Benefits the Scleroderma Foundation of the DE Valley. Sanford School, 6900 Lancaster Pk., Hockessin. Judging at noon. \$20-\$25. Scleroderma.org/CruiseForACure.

APRIL 29

Surrey Services Gala & Auction. Celebrating 36 years, the theme is "Night of the Stars." Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live and silent



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APRIL 29

Safe Harbor's Spring Celebration. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and auctions. Benefits Safe Harbor. Mendenhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Chadds Ford. 5 to 10. \$125. 610-692-6550; SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

APRIL 29

DE Humane Society Diamond Anniversary Gala. Celebrate 60 years of love for animals in

need of a second chance. Vicmead, 903 Owls Nest Rd., Wilmington. 7 to 10. \$160. 302-571-0111; DeHumane.org.

GARDENS.....

APRIL 22

Daffodil Day at Winterthur. Heirloom daffodils are arranged in cloud-like drifts on Sycamore Hill. The day includes tours, a children's daffodil show and crafts, and afternoon tea. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10 to 3:30. \$5-\$20. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

APRIL 29

DE Center for Horticulture 37th Annual Rare

Plant Auction. Rare or newly introduced plants are auctioned. Benefits communities and urban greening programs. Featured guest, David Culp, writer, horticulturist and creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage in Downingtown. Open bar, fine food. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 6:30 to 10 pm. \$125 and up. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

MAY 6-7

Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum. Hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs—an inspiration for the whole garden. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; Tyler-Arboretum.org.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH MAY 21

The Delaware Art Museum Exhibit. "No Jury, No Prizes: The Society of Independent Artists, 1917-1944." *Through May 21*, "Wonder and Whimsy: The Illustrations of W. Heath Robinson. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, free, Sundays. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH MAY 30

Brandywine River Museum of Art. *Through May 21*, "From Homer to Hopper: Experiment and Ingenuity in American Art." *Apr. 8-May 30*, "New Terrains: American Paintings from the Richard M. Scaife Bequest." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$15. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

APRIL 1-JANUARY 7, 2018

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. "Treasures on Trial: The Art and Science of Detecting Fakes" examines intriguing questions such as: What gets faked and why? How do you spot a fake? 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT.....

THROUGH APRIL 8

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. An interactive, culinary "who-done-it." Enjoy a four-course meal and have the opportunity to become a detective. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Fri-Sat, 7 pm; Sat-Sun, 1 pm. \$43.95. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

THROUGH APRIL 20

Uptown! Events at Knauer Performing Arts Center. *Mar. 31-Apr. 16*, Monty Python's Tony Award-winning *Spamalot*, see *Theater*, \$42-\$51; *Apr. 20*, Jazz Cocktail Hour: Josh Lawrence and Color Theory, \$10-\$20. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

APRIL 1, 2

Kennett Symphony Orchestra. *Apr. 1*, Men-

Local Farm Markets

Winter markets are open at least once a month or are indoors. Check their websites for details.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station parking lot. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 10 to noon. FarmToCity.org.

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Kerr Park parking lot, 122 Wallace Ave., Downingtown. 2nd, 4th Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Chester County Food Bank, 650 Pennsylvania Dr., Eagleview. 1st, 3rd Thurs, 3 to 5 pm. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 112 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 2nd, 3rd Fri, 2 to 4. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Mkt., 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed & Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCounty-FarmersMarket.com.

Malvern Farmers Mkt., First Baptist Church of Malvern, 146 Channing Ave., Malvern. 1st, 3rd Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Mon-Sat, 9 to 6:30; Sun, holidays, 9 to 6. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.com.

Phoenixville Farmers Mkt., 200 Mill St., Phoenixville. Sat, 9 to 1. Phoenixville-FarmersMarket.org.

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut & Church Sts. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 10 to noon. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

Westtown Amish Mkt., 1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5299; Westtown-AmishMarket.net.

delssohn, Mimosas and More, Mendenhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Rt. 52, Chadds Ford, 1 pm, \$10-\$25. *Apr. 2*, Mozart & Mendelssohn, Longwood Gardens Exhibition Hall, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, 7:30, \$10-\$40. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

APRIL 1-MAY 5

The Grand Wilmington. *Apr. 1*, Illstyle & Peace; *Apr. 6*, "In The Mood," 1940s musical revue; *Apr. 6*, Home Free; *Apr. 6*, Gary Gulman; *Apr. 8*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 8-9*, First State Ballet Theatre—*A Midsummer Night's Dream*; *Apr. 12*, David Sedaris; *Apr. 15*, Classic Albums: Ziggy Stardust; *Apr. 20*, Fabulously Funny Females; *Apr. 22*, Shaun Hopper; *Apr. 27*, An Evening With Noah & Abby Gundersen; *May 5*, Whose Live Anyway?, cast members of the TV show *Whose Line Is It*

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APRIL 1–MAY 6

The Keswick Theatre Presents. *Apr. 1*, The Beach Boys, 3 & 8 pm; *Apr. 6*, Ann Wilson of Heart; *Apr. 7*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 12*, Welcome to Night Vale; *Apr. 13*, Leela James and Daley; *Apr. 15*, The Musical Box: The Black Show; *Apr. 21*, Aimee Mann; *Apr. 22*, The Shady Tour: Haters Roast; *Apr. 28*, storytelling by The Moth; *Apr. 29*, Doo Wop Vol. 3; *Apr. 30*, Tower of Power and Average White Band; *May 4*, Marsha Ambrosius and

Eric Benet; *May 6*, Raffi. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. For tickets and show times, 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

APRIL 1–29

Point Entertainment Presents ... *Apr. 1*, Livingston Taylor and Susan Werner; *Apr. 8*, Sonia de los Santos; *Apr. 15*, Two Funny Philly Guys; *Apr. 29*, The Pop Ups. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

APRIL 2, 30

Delaware County Symphony Concerts. *Apr. 2*, chamber concert featuring the works of

Mahler and Schumann, \$10; *Apr. 30*, “New Ventures,” \$15. Neumann Univ. Meagher Theatre, Thomas A. Bruder, Jr., Life Center, Aston. 3 pm. 610-459-0905; DCSMusic.org.

APRIL 2

Theatre Organ Society of the DE Valley presents the first film version of J.M. Barrie’s *Peter Pan*, with musical accompaniment by Wayne Zimmerman on TOSDV’s Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. \$5–\$10. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

APRIL 8

Americana Roots Ramble in Media. A wide variety of music: from early rock ‘n’ roll, classic rhythm and blues to alternative, country and folk. State St., Media. 6 pm to 1 am. \$15–\$20. 610-566-5039; StateStreetBlues.com.

APRIL 10, MAY 5

WCU—Live! *Apr. 10*, from Japan, the Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming & Dance Troupe make a return appearance, 7:30, \$10–\$15; *May 5*, The Stunt Dog Experience, 7:30, \$13–\$20. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S High St., West Chester. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

APRIL 22, 23

Chesco Pops Spring Concerts. The theme is “All that Jazz,” with guest soloist, trombonist Benjamin Ford, from the US Navy Band. *Apr. 22*, Downingtown West High School, 445 Manor Ave., 7 pm; *Apr. 23*, Phoenixville Area Middle School, 1330 Main St., 3 pm. \$5–\$20. 610-594-9178; ChescoPops.org.

APRIL 27

Delaware Art Museum Presents Concerts on Kentmere. Illustrating the genius of W. Heath Robinson. The concert is preceded by a curator talk that connects the evening’s music to Museum exhibitions—coffee and desserts at intermission. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 7:30. \$50. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

APRIL 29

4th Annual Wyebrook Music Fest. Welcome spring with great music and fun at the farm. Food stands will be set up—bring a blanket for seating. BYOB. 150 Wyebrook Rd., Honey Brook. 10 to 6. \$30–\$40; under 12, free. 610-942-7481; WyebrookFarm.com.

MAY 6–7

Ballet 180—“A Secret Garden.” An interpretation of the healing power of love found in a secret garden. Rotwitt Theater at Rosemont College, 1400 Montgomery Ave., Brown Science Bldg., Rosemont. Sat, 3; Sun. 4 pm. \$15–\$35. 484-639-9571; Ballet180.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

APRIL 1

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APRIL 8

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APRIL 8

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APRIL 22

The Schuylkill River 50K Relay. Race solo or in teams of 3 or 6 runners. Starts and ends at St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare across the river from Phoenixville. Benefits the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. 9 am. \$89–\$219. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiverRelay.com.

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THEATER.....

MARCH 29–APRIL 23

I And You. See article in this issue.

MARCH 31–APRIL 2

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APRIL 29–JUNE 4

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TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

APRIL 4

Valley Forge Nat'l Historical Park Speaker Series. Meet Alexander Hamilton. Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge. 7 pm. Free. 610-783-1777; NPS.gov.

APRIL 6

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APRIL 7, 8, 20

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APRIL 20

Chadds Ford Hist. Society Tavern Talks. This month, Tavern Night. Barns Brinton House, 6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$20. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

APRIL 23

Joan and Dick Stroud Memorial Lecture Presents “Flint Water Crisis,” where are they now? There are still many unanswered questions and people who cannot access potable water. 970 Spencer Rd., Avondale. 4:30. Free. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org/Events.

APRIL 29

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THEATRE SPOTLIGHT

BREAK OUT THE TISSUES AND get ready to laugh until it hurts, because the tragic comedy about life, love and terminal illness is coming to our area! Lauren Gunderson's sharp and poignant play, *I and You*, opened to critical acclaim back in 2013. This play and several others have made Gunderson the second most produced playwright in America in the 2016–17 season.

Set in a teenage girl's bedroom, *I and You* is the stuff young adult best-sellers are made of. The cast of characters—snarky Caroline and outgoing Anthony—connect over the most mundane of tasks: homework. While Caroline's illness leaves her homebound, star-athlete Anthony tries to connect over an assignment on Walt Whitman, the 19th-century poet whose themes of life, death, nature, the American spirit, unity and the soul are seamlessly woven into a play about millennials.

While the play deals with tragic themes, it avoids sentimentality. Taking a cue from Caroline's line of avoiding "all that mushy stuff," *I and You* doesn't focus on tragedy. Yet it doesn't sweep it under the rug, either. Instead, *I and You* acknowledges the ups and downs of life in a way that's surprisingly mature for a pair of high schoolers.

Rich characters add life to any play, and the hilarious duo of *I and You* is no exception. The conversations are sharp and funny, while the dialogue feels natural. This critically acclaimed, charming, thought-provoking play deals with real issues in surprising ways, including a plot twist at the end that's left audiences stunned.

A study in teenage psyche and the ties that bind, *I and You* is the rare kind of play that touches and entertains an audience. Or, as one reviewer wrote: "Gunderson's gift is the best thing a play can offer: we might be better people after seeing it."

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—Rachel Ezrin

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FOODSCAPING for the Home Gardener

Christopher Freimuth, for Chanticleer Garden

FLOWER GARDEN OR VEGETABLE GARDEN—
WHY MUST WE CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER?



Swiss chard, beets and strawberries fill a wooden container in the Kitchen Courtyard



Redbor and Lacinata Kale in the Serpentine Garden



Purple Mustard serves as a colorful ground cover in a bed of pink tulips.



Rows of kale, lettuce, cabbage and fennel produce a bounty in the Vegetable Garden, while peas climb on carrot-shaped trellises

EACH SPRING, GARDENERS ACROSS THE country decide how we'll divvy up our time and space outdoors. A general rule of thumb says that ornamental beds must highlight the fronts of our properties, while vegetable gardens are relegated to fenced-off patches out back.

But does this division have to be so?

The practice of foodscaping has emerged as a means of blending ornamental and food gardening. In essence, foodscaping encourages us to approach vegetable crops as attractive annuals while also taking advantage of the edible and medicinal qualities of ornamental plants.

It's a simple shift in perspective.

At Chanticleer in Wayne, expert horticulturists have integrated edibles in their designs for years. A quick tour through the grounds offers visitors countless tips on how to weave edibles and ornamentals with style and grace.

Here are three ideas to inspire you to consider foodscaping in your garden this spring.

STEP 1: RE-IMAGINE THE VEGGIE GARDEN

The simplest way to practice foodscaping is just to tweak our approach to traditional vegetable gardening. Instead of viewing our veggie patches as solely utilitarian, we can re-imagine them as ornamental spaces where designs highlight intermixed successions of diverse annuals. And it just so happens that the whole thing is edible!

Surrounded by a rustic, wooden picket fence, Chanticleer's vegetable beds are laid out in geometric lines that are efficient for the gardener and visually intriguing for visitors. Both entrances to the garden are framed by woody plants—the front by a weeping blue Atlas cedar and the back by a hardy kiwi that bears fruit at the end of the growing season.

In Chanticleer's impeccably tended vegetable plot, gardeners take care to mulch pathways with salt hay so the lines between beds and pathways are crisp. Yellowing leaves are removed from plants, which improves attractiveness while also promoting plant health. Artful structures (think tuteurs) are used as trellising support for peas and beans, and tomatoes are staked with precision.

Throughout the garden, taut lines of jute run above newly seeded beds to indicate what's going on below the soil. David Mattern, Chanticleer's vegetable gardener, values the importance of showing "signs of intent" like this. Something as simple as this—a taut string over bare soil—can be an effective design element and an educational experience for visitors.

Even a vegetable garden's borders can integrate traditional ornamental features. Cucumbers are woven through the picket fence at Chanticleer like showy gourds (their botanical cousins). And herbs line the perimeter, offering refreshing scents and a comforting reference to the cottage style of English gardening.

STEP 2: ORNAMENTAL INTEGRATION

The next level in the art of foodscaping is using edible crops beyond the bounds of the vegetable garden. Fortunately, a lot of vegetables also happen to be beautiful plants. They fit seamlessly into ornamental beds by virtue of their aesthetics alone. And with the added benefit of providing food, their wider use is a no-brainer.

Herbs are especially easy to highlight in ornamental landscapes. One popular option is creeping thyme, which happily inches through the cracks of stone walkways. Another option gaining popularity is fennel, whose height and thread-like foliage provide a structural element that is equal parts sturdy and gentle. Sages, oregano and basil can all be used as bedding and edging plants, while mint is best displayed in pots or a confined bed—to prevent it from taking over the garden!

In other areas, how about using asparagus as a seasonal hedge, as Chanticleer does alongside its cut-flower garden? The sight of early morning dew on the fine foliage of a mature asparagus plant is absolutely extraordinary. The whimsical gardeners at Chanticleer have even trained an asparagus up a decorative post in the teacup garden. Why not?

Also in the teacup garden, kales have been used as bold structural elements—punctuation marks alongside traditional bedding plants and potted succulents. Nasturtiums are an excellent filler, in garden beds as much as in summer salads. Lettuces and mustards provide early-season color and texture, and are harvested just in time to install summer annual displays.

This process can be repeated in reverse when fall arrives.

STEP 3: RECOGNIZING WHAT'S ALREADY THERE

A third option for the foodscaper is to learn more about the edible and medicinal qualities our ornamentals already offer. How about popping some flowers off our marigolds and throwing them in a summer salad? Or harvesting some dogwood fruits and making a fall jam?

There are many books and websites dedicated to harvesting "wild edibles," but we might do well to see just how many of these "wild" plants are cultivated right in our own backyards.

From serviceberry compote to homemade coffee from the Kentucky coffee tree, there is a surprising abundance of food in our landscapes just waiting to be harvested! ♦

Christopher Freimuth interned at Chanticleer in 2016 and is now a garden designer in New York City. CFGardens.com.

For more inspiration and information about how to integrate edibles and ornamentals, take a stroll through Chanticleer and talk with the gardeners about their methods. For a resource, try the recently published "Foodscape Revolution" by horticulturist and garden communicator Brie Arthur. Chanticleer is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. ChanticleerGarden.org.



THE WEATHER IS WARMING UP AND THAT CAN MEAN only one thing: it's time for outdoor horse shows! Soak up the sun at the 72nd Annual Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show, named the Pennsylvania Horse Show Association's Horse Show of the year in 2015 for providing the best experience for spectators, riders, trainers, owners, and, of course, horses.

Mark your calendar for April 30 and head for Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, the new location.

Kimberton Hunt Club is one of North America's oldest hunt clubs, and was founded in 1870 to preserve open spaces so current and future generations can enjoy the sport of foxhunting and the pleasures of the countryside. As the club's largest fundraiser, the horse show is able to help keep membership fees down so the hunting grounds can be protected.

Take the whole family to this April event—leashed pet allowed, too. It's a fun Sunday outing with live entertainment and delicious homemade food. Watch as riders from across the region compete

in several classes—hunters, jumpers, lead line and the popular side saddle event with prizes up to \$1500 from sponsors NAL, Do Trot In Tack Shop and Silvia Cole of Keller Williams.

The event is perfect for those looking to warm up before the Devon Horse Show in late May.

Craving some retail therapy? Check out the vendor tents for everything from equestrian equipment to handcrafted coffee mugs. There's also plenty to enjoy in the legendary food tent, offering some of the best French fries in Chester County—all sold by hunt club volunteers.

The Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show is a fantastic family event that contributes to the preservation of local hunting grounds for foxhunters and community members alike.

A perfect way to kick off horse show season! ♦

— Rachel Alfiero

Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show, Apr. 30th, free admission, 8 to 6, 5 Nantmeal Rd., Glenmoore. For more information, KimbertonHunt.org.



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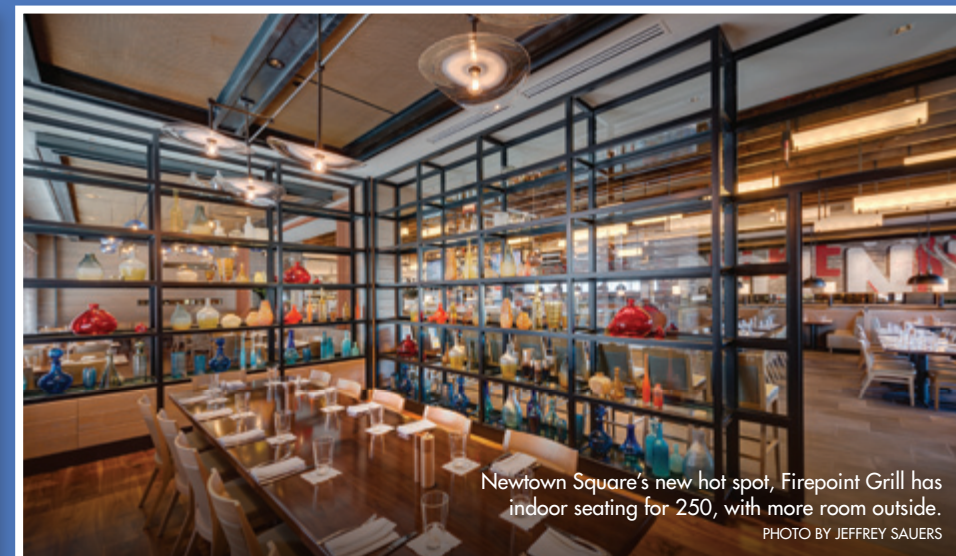
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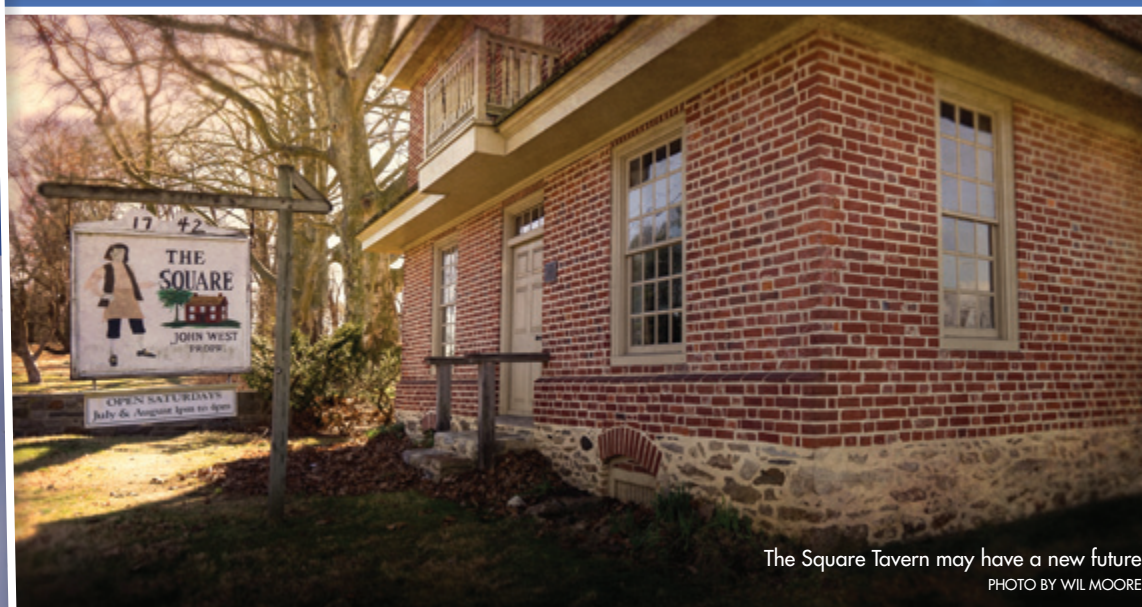


Overview of Ellis Preserve before the recent wave of development.



Newtown Square's new hot spot, Firepoint Grill has indoor seating for 250, with more room outside.

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The Square Tavern may have a new future
PHOTO BY WIL MOORE

IN 1742 THE SQUARE TAVERN, THE LITTLE INN AT THE intersection of what was Darby and Goshen Great Roads in Newtown Square, was the center of social, political and business life in the hinterlands west of Philadelphia and the childhood home of Benjamin West, the colony's finest painter. Two and a half centuries later the Square Tavern still stood but the outlying pasture and farmland had become a suburban ghost town, almost a million square feet of abandoned office buildings and laboratories.

Today the old tavern stands unchanged, but the nearby fields and woodlands have been transformed. When Equus Capital Partners acquired the former ARCO Chemical property at the intersection of Route 252 and Goshen Road, there were some 125 souls toiling in splendid isolation, with 218 acres of sprawling countryside all to themselves.

WHAT'S UP AT ELLIS PRESERVE?

Ellis Preserve, as the new development is called, is now home to 35 different corporate headquarters. "This is a true 'mixed use' community," says Stephen Spaeder, Equus senior VP. "We're attracting

more and more companies like Sunoco and SAP, the international software and high tech company. Others include investment firm Graham Partners, ever-expanding Main Line Health, and Trinity Health and Pet Plan, which provides insurance for pets. Every day we have 6,000 people coming here to work."

Some will have a short commute. Toll Brothers is following up its vast Liseter development, just north of Goshen Road, with 76 new luxury townhouses at Enclave at Ellis Preserve. For a different take on campus living, Madison Ellis Preserve Apartment Homes offer 215 luxury apartments on the grounds.

Visitors from overseas will soon be invited to stay at the 136-room Hilton Garden Inn, set to open some time this summer. "Hilton is the world's biggest commercial travel hotel group so that will plug us into a global business network of over 550 hotels," Spaeder says.

The grounds are laced with multiple walking, running and dog walking trails with embedded exercise stations spanning the campus. Ellis Athletic Center offers a full size gymnasium, personal training, weight room, cardio and aerobics rooms and a juice bar. For the kids, there's childcare at Chesterbrook Academy, a state of the art 12,000-square-foot facility designed with an eye to early childhood education.

During your run, you might spot a wedding happening at the Ballroom at Ellis Preserve. This historic Greek Revival building is finding a new life as an elegant venue for corporate retreats and more.



New development brings new events to Newtown Square, like Pints in the Square and this 5k race in September.



The current Paoli Train Station is in need of the planned update
PHOTO BY WIL MOORE

NEW SHOPPING AND DINING

After working up an appetite, there are plenty of fast-casual options nearby in Newtown Square. Healthy, hearty breakfasts are the thing at First Watch, a “daytime café” (with other locations in Villanova and Wynnewood), while Mediterranean cuisine and healthy options abound at Zoe’s Kitchen (find them in Wayne and Glen Mills, too). Mod Pizza (also in Wayne and Glen Mills) lets its clientele get creative with a selection of over 30 exotic toppings, while Chipotle (Wayne, Ardmore and more) tempts with tacos and burritos.



The Van Cleve Pavilion showroom
PHOTO BY WIL MOORE



ANEU Approach Market, the latest from Meridith Coyle
PHOTO BY WIL MOORE

For a big night out Firepoint Grill—winner of *County Lines*’ 2017 Buzzworthy award—offers fare from an open kitchen with a wood fired grill and seating for 250 indoors and 150 more on its outdoor patio, perfect as the weather warms. Their martinis are said to be excellent.

For turning heads while dining out there’s nothing like having your locks crimped, colored, glazed or curled at the Salon at ULTA. Other retailers at The Shops at Ellis Preserve include Pennsylvania Fine Wine & Good Spirits, AT&T, FedEx, Luxury Nails and the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

One of the region’s most eagerly awaited changes is the new Whole Foods Market, set to open this summer and sure to add to the buzz.

MORE TO COME

Maybe it’s a ripple effect but Ellis Preserve isn’t the only sign of revitalization in the neighborhood. To the East, there’s another new development, the Penrose Carriage Homes, an upscale retirement community of 40 cottages ranging up to 4,000 square feet.

And there are even more developments in the offing, some which will tie the property to its Colonial roots. “We’re thinking of restoring the Square Tavern and somehow putting it back in business,” says Spaeder. A fitting finishing touch.

Today, strolling the campus grounds—former home of the Ellis School (see sidebar)—visitors might conclude the new community is what the property should have been all along.



EatNic, an “urban farmhouse” eatery in Paoli

PAOLI LOCAL RENAISSANCE

Barely ten minutes up the road from Newtown Square is Paoli, a town with no village green, town center or pedestrians strolling along scenic trails—not even the historic Paoli Battlefield, which is in Malvern. Some may know the town as part of the duo from SEPTA’s Paoli/Thorndale Line (formerly known as the R5)—the train route that runs to Philadelphia.

We’ll start our visit at the humble Paoli Train Station. Once described by a Chester County commissioner as the ugliest along the Main Line, the station, built in 1953, is (finally) undergoing a \$36 million makeover—to become the “Paoli Intermodal Transportation Center.” When complete the station—which currently serves some 740,000 SEPTA passengers annually—will have a more traveler-friendly platform, a pedestrian overpass, elevators and ramps, and expanded parking lot.

Groundbreaking for the project led Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Trip Lukens to say, “This is the beginning of a renaissance for Paoli.”

WHO WAS CHARLES ELLIS?

Charles E. Ellis was born in 1835 to a wealthy Philadelphia family and compounded his fortune in the horse drawn trolley business. A long-time admirer of Stephen Girard, Ellis set out to create a female version of Girard College, which educated orphan boys.

With this in mind Ellis wrote a will that outlined his idea. But in April 1909, he was found dead in bed and so never saw his girls’ school come to fruition.

Nonetheless, as dictated by his will, Ellis’s plans for a school for orphaned girls proceeded, and in 1922 the school admitted its first girls. From the outset it was an impractical business model, with hundreds of acres of prime real estate accommodating a few dozen students.

In 1977 the school was sold to the Atlantic Richfield Company. And later the land became Ellis Preserve.




Future look of the Paoli Train Station
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This October the Paoli Blues Fest will be at a new location at the Paoli Presbyterian Church.

NEW SPOTS TO CHECK OUT

Nearby and much more attractive is The Van Cleve Pavilion, which welcomes an elegant clientele in new surroundings. Formerly housed farther west on Lancaster Ave., the wedding pavilion moved into the former Paoli Design Center (or Ethan Allen store, if you're a local) and hosted its 30th anniversary in January. The 7500-square-foot space—with chandeliers and blush pink walls—showcases well-known fashion designers' wedding gowns plus other formalwear and accessories for the mother-of-the-bride, maids of honor and prom-goers.

Another new addition just down the road is ANEU Approach Café, the latest from Meridith Coyle, formerly of Meridith's Market, Binnie & Flynn's II, Fresh Ideas Market and ANEU Catering. Stop in the 60-seat café for an organic breakfast or lunch and sample scratch-made goodies like gluten-free pancakes, avocado toast plus organic smoothies, fresh pressed juices, teas and Golden Valley Organic coffee. We suggest their Cauliflower pizza crusts, made with the new white veggie miracle. Got an event? Next door there's ANEU Catering and Events, with 25 years of customized catering expertise.

A short stroll from the junction of Routes 252 and 30 you'll find the new-ish EatNic, an "urban farmhouse" eatery from former Saladworks CEO John Scardapane. EatNic features new American fare, a farm-to-fork mission and a vegan menu, all in a rustic setting open seven days a week from 9 to 9.

Culinary Institute of America-trained chef Tim Courtney heads the EatNic team that serves up whatever you want from the menu whenever you want it—like lobster risotto for breakfast.

Another claim to fame for Paoli is its annual tribute to music and community. Eating, dancing, shopping and fun are a few of the attractions at the Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair, set for the first Saturday in October. This year there's a new location—Paoli Presbyterian Church on South Valley Road—less than a mile from the original location, with plenty of room for the stage, blues musicians, dancing, vendors galore, KidZone and more.

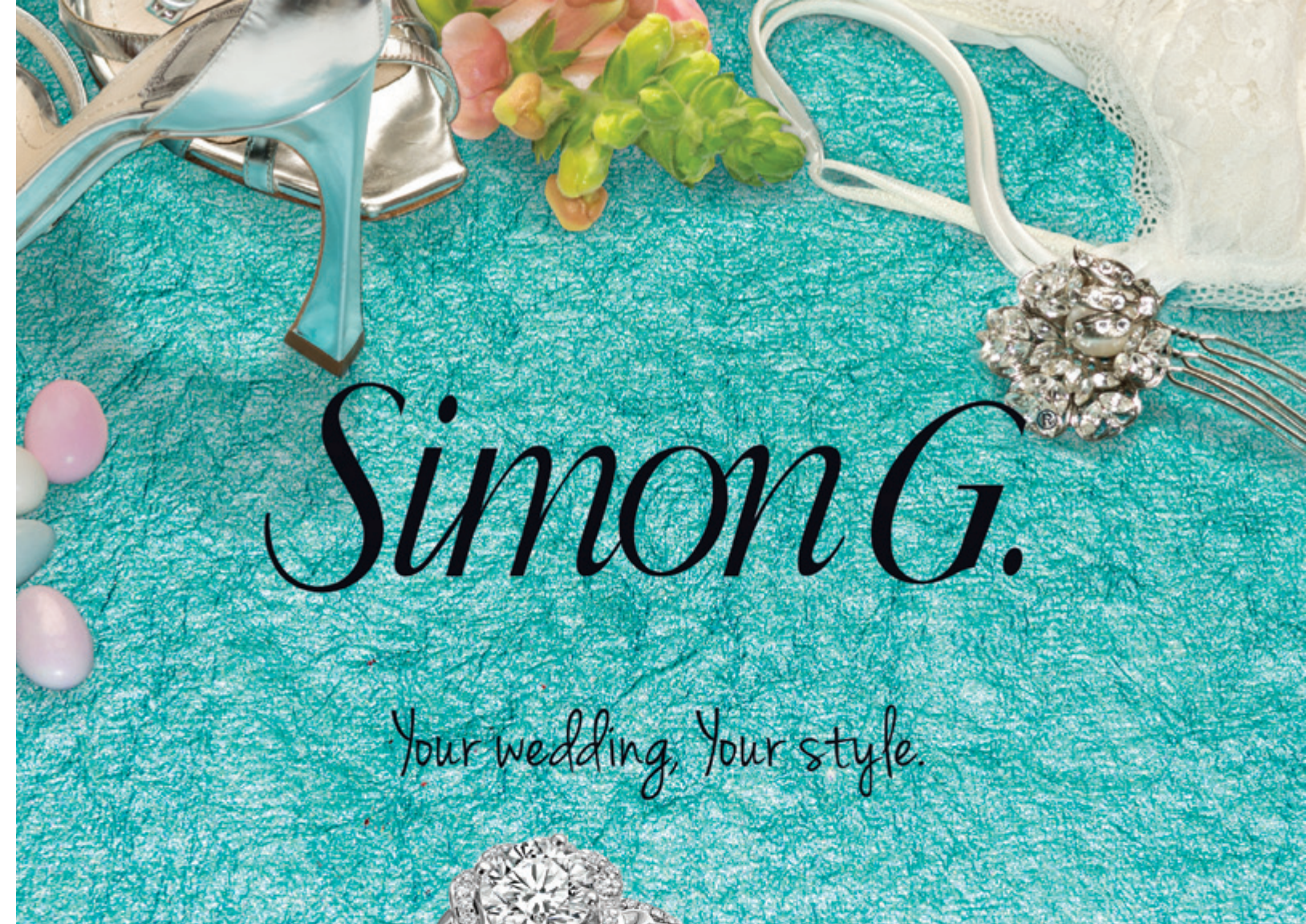
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WEDDINGS TODAY ARE AS UNIQUE
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LAST SPRING, TWO LONGTIME SWEETHEARTS APPROACHED fine-art metal-smith Martin Moon with a challenge. They wanted wedding bands that were one-of-a-kind works of art, beautiful yet simple, expressing their one-of-a-kind relationship. Moon proposed bands hand-crafted using an ancient Japanese technique—*mokume gane*—of white gold and silver. Through engraving, the metal-smith exposed layers of silver and gold, thereby creating patterns that can't be duplicated. The couple's rings and their fall wedding—like the journey they began together—were like no others'.

Weddings today are thoughtfully designed events with elements that tell couples' unique love stories. Step aside, Cinderella—there are many more tales being celebrated in the Brandywine Valley.

Anything goes, from classic to crazy and sometimes both.

SETTING THE STAGE

The Farmhouse at People's Light has seen exquisite weddings in which creativity has known no bounds. Jim Pyne, resident scenic designer at People's Light, helped two yoga instructors create their dream event by transforming a rectangular room into a circular space aglow with candles and colored glass lanterns, and adorned with colorful silk banners and Indian fabric pillows. Live sitar music enchanted guests, as did the bride's hot pink lace wedding gown and the groom's orange tie.

For another couple that loved gardening and herbs, The Farmhouse's onsite wedding coordinator arranged a beautiful garden wedding and reception with vegan cuisine. Decorations of flowers and vegetables included a cake draped with real carrots and carrot boutonnieres. Each guest received a souvenir succulent plant. There are still breathtaking fairy tale events—majestic all-white weddings with silk swags, twinkle lights and dresses fit for royalty—but many are tailored. "Taking cues from pop culture, couples are creating mash-ups," said Pyne. The results are magnificent, personal and meaningful. A marriage that brought together Italian and Mexican families featured a mariachi band. A meal celebrating the nuptials of a couple with Asian and European backgrounds included fortune cookies filled with messages from the bride and groom.

This spring, The Farmhouse unveils its new pavilion with hardwood floors, large windows and a cathedral entrance.



The new design makes spaces for ballroom and garden weddings even more versatile.

Another venue with versatility and unsurpassed flair is Material Culture. Less than half an hour's drive from the Philadelphia airport, Center City and the Philadelphia Art Museum, the spectacular 60,000 square-foot arts and antiques emporium has been transformed into a palatial site for an Indian wedding and a memorable, intimate spot to stand under a chuppah.

At Material Culture the photo opportunities are nearly limitless: a funky outdoor gazebo for a nighttime stolen kiss, or, indoors, a bridal dance twirl on a magic carpet—captured from the second floor balcony. For candids, find a dazzling atmosphere of exotic architectural elements, Asian sculpture and eclectic chandeliers.

The Stone Barn was the romantic site for a day themed “lucky in love” for a bride who loved horses and met her groom as he mended a Chester County split rail fence. They used the section of the lucky fence as a backdrop for their vows, decorated with horseshoes and gorgeous flowers, and included horses in their wedding photos.

IN THE MIRROR

Wedding attire and jewelry also reflect wedding themes, venues and interests. Brides are mixing and matching endless





possibilities found on online idea garden Pinterest for their big day.

When it comes to wedding wear, “there are rules but no one follows them,” says Sabrina Sigler, owner of Sabrina Ann Couture in West Chester. The year-old shop offers a curated collection of samples and never-worn bridal and evening gowns to fit a range of tastes and sizes. There are still many strapless, mermaid-style or ballroom gowns, Sigler continues, but there are now more influences from the 1960s—flowing dresses, bell sleeves and wreath headpieces.

“Wear the gown that feels right,” Sigler says, whether it’s ruffles on the beach or chiffon in the middle of winter. A recent customer to be married in an old bank bought a Casablanca brand 1920s style dress with a low back and beaded straps. Another chose layers of lace over champagne-colored fabric to wear at a romantic garden wedding at Faunbrook. Both were perfect.

Staff at Claire’s Fashions in Wilmington concurs. They encourage members of a wedding party to try on a variety of styles with open minds. When the right dress is discovered, the wearer knows it by an overwhelmingly happy feeling.

With jewelry, too, rules are out and rings that express stories of joy and love are in. The week of Valentine’s Day, Walter J. Cook Jeweler delivered a set of bands that spoke of generations of love. The groom asked the jeweler to add a new inscription—without disturbing the old—to his grandfather’s wedding band. The bride received two bands—a simple yellow one to match her husband’s heirloom ring and a second platinum and diamond band to match her engagement ring.

If they don’t have a family ring, some couples search for unique vintage and estate pieces, jewelry with history and perhaps with romantic stories to tell. Art Deco and Victorian pieces are popular now with millennials, says Craig Whitten, of Whitten’s Fine Jewelers. Blue zircons (real gemstones, not to be confused with synthetic cubic zirconia) and antique diamonds (that have fewer facets than modern cuts) are also sought after. An



antique ring will be unlike any other and at today’s labor costs, something that can’t be recreated—a world and century away from a familiar Tiffany solitaire.

Wedding flowers offer yet another outlet for personal style using heirlooms and meaningful colors. Brides may incorporate a favorite aunt’s antique brooch into a bouquet or use a special handkerchief to wrap the flower stems, says Kate Delaney of Matlack Florist. A collection of milk glass containers honored a departed grandmother as each reception table used heirloom pieces to hold floral centerpieces.

Other personal touches appear in boutonnieres that reflect a couple’s love of beer, said Delaney who put Yard’s bottle caps amid the flowers in the groomsmen’s lapels. Floral color schemes may come from the college where the couple met—so that’s orange and black for Princeton alums!

For a more informal feel, nearby farms and farmers’ markets offer glorious seasonal flowers for extraordinary bouquets, boutonnieres and more. Find buckets of some of earth’s most beautiful red poppies,

purple larkspur and yellow statice from Triple Tree Farm’s stands at Rittenhouse and Clark Park farmers’ markets. Pack a picnic and visit Carousel Lavender Farm for fresh or dried lavender blossoms to add romance to your ceremony.

TELLING THE STORY

It doesn’t have to be an epic fairy tale to be an inspiring love story.

Paper Moon, located within the Chester County Historical Society, helps couples relate their stories with unique invitations and wedding packets. One couple that wanted to do something good for the environment sent invitations printed on handmade paper embedded with flower seeds. They encouraged guests to plant the invitations after the celebration.

For the wedding of a photographer, each piece of stationery—invitation plus reception, response and place cards—featured pictures of the couple’s favorite places.

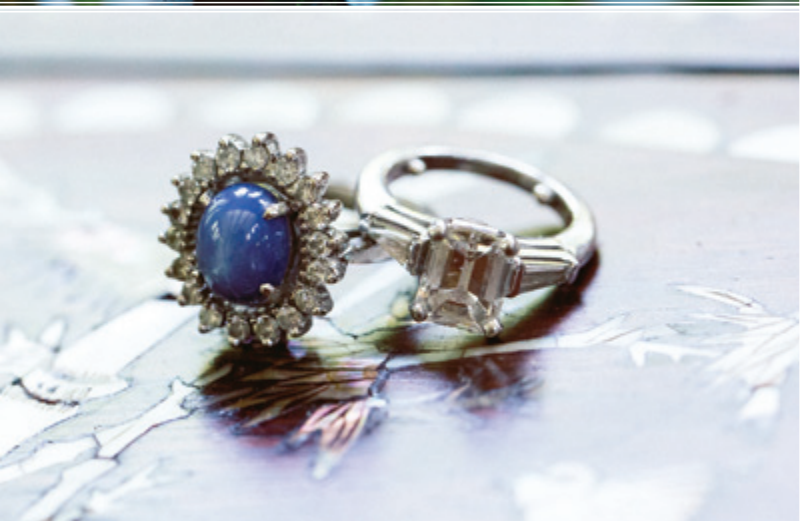
Each wedding is a glimpse into a special love story. There are infinite ways for two people to say, “I do,” and to start a new chapter together. ♦



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Guide to Wedding Venues & Services

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Wedding Venues

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The High Point at St. Peter's

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610-644-2261; TheHighPointGV.com

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610-213-3097; TylerArboretum.org

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1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown
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Chester County Historical Society
225 N. High St., West Chester
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Franklin Institute
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215-448-1165; www.FI.edu

Hagley Museum & Library
298 Buck Road, Wilmington
302-658-2400; Hagley.org

Independence Seaport Museum
211 S. Columbus Blvd. & Walnut St., Philadelphia
215-413-8613; PhillySeaport.org

Penn Museum
3260 South St., Philadelphia
215-898-4000; Penn.Museum

PA Academy of the Fine Arts
118 & 128 N. Broad St., Philadelphia
215-972-1609; PAFA.org

Rockwood Museum
610 Shipley Rd., Wilmington
302-761-4340; Rockwood.org

Wayne Art Center
413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne
610-688-3553; WayneArt.org

Winterthur Museum & Gardens
5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur
800-448-3883; Winterthur.org

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Appleford
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Radnor Hunt

826 Providence Rd., Malvern

610-644-4439; RadnorHunt.org

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610-688-9746; SaturdayClub.org

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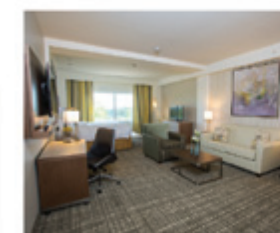


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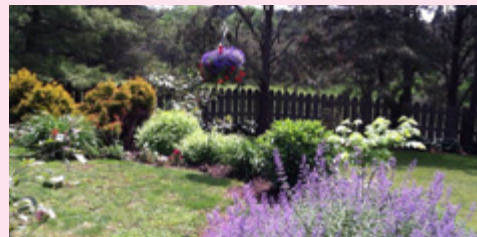
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A Natural Glow

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ORGANIC SPA OPTIONS FOR HEALTHIER, HAPPIER SKIN

OUR SKIN (INCLUDING OUR HAIR AND NAILS) IS THE largest organ in our body. As the barrier between us and the outside world, that should give us reason enough to take care of it and treat it right. Unfortunately we don't always follow through.

Too much sun, caffeine and stress along with not enough water, vitamins and sleep create a killer cocktail for lackluster skin.

But what we put on our skin matters, too. In fact, Tiffany Lahn of Salon Secrets Spa in Kennett Square believes the lotions and potions we use on our skin are just as important as what we put in our bodies. "Our skin absorbs everything," she says. "If you put it on your skin, it will end up inside you, too."

That's why many spas and salons are turning to more skin-friendly—and environmentally responsible—beauty products and treatments. Often this means switching from products with harsh, toxic ingredients to ones that are organically derived and both gentle and beneficial to the skin.

Our local spas share popular options for head-to-toe natural glow.

FACE

Fresh, glowing, hydrated and clear—a few words to describe our best face. Many spa facial treatments promise just that. Yet some can leave skin feeling raw and irritated in the process, especially if that skin is on the sensitive side.

Microdermabrasion and chemical peels are two of the top offenders. So why not choose kinder, gentler exfoliating treatments that work just as well? Services like Salon Secrets Spa's Tulasara Dual Exfoliation Peel are great for plant-powered, non-invasive alternatives to traditional peels and still make your skin "smoother and more radiant in just one treatment," according to Tiffany Lahn.

The key to healing, bio-based treatments is they not only exfoliate the skin but also hydrate it. Kristy Cole of Cole Wellness Spa in Wayne explains her natural beauty philosophy: "Organically based skincare is much better accepted by the skin as opposed to its synthetic counterparts," she notes. "Instead of masking a problem or leaving a film on the skin, natural ingredients are absorbed easily, providing moisture and cell-building goodness."

For hydration and an instant glow, Cole Wellness's "C" & "Sea" Facial is a popular choice. The marine botanicals and high-grade antioxidants both soothe and deliver the perfect blend of nutrients to thirsty skin. See for yourself.

Makeup is great for instant brightening, too, and a nice finishing touch after a facial. Though most products—like foundation, concealer and blush—sit on top of our skin, some find their way inside—think lipstick while you're eating. So, going the toxic-free route is the way to go.

Emily Alice in West Chester uses a wide range of brands that are natural looking and perfect for reactive skin types. Mineral makeup is a staple as well as cruelty free products that aren't tested on animals.

We like the sound of that!

BODY

Tanning, waxing, exfoliating, you name it ... We subject our body to the unpleasant, bordering on the painful, in the name of beauty. So why not include some pampering in the mix?

A soothing, slimming body wrap may be just what your skin needs. These treatments don't just remove toxins and water weight, they also can help to increase blood flow, boost fat metabolism and soften the appearance of stretch marks. Natural ingredients



Cole Wellness Spa in Wayne offers a wide range of natural beauty options.

like algae extracts, essential oils and caffeine are used in Eden Day Spa and Salon's Provence Body Slimming Wrap to help the process along. And you can treat yourself to these treatments up to three times a week!

For a glowing tan, lying out on the beach and soaking up the sun may seem as natural as it gets. But we certainly don't recommend it! And although no one wants sunburn, premature aging or skin cancer, you don't have to settle for chemical spray tans that leave you orange, streaky and unhappy.

Eden Day Spa's Biologique Bronze Natural Spray Tan ticks all the right boxes—botanical and safe, plus no toxic ingredients, alcohol, dyes, perfumes, artificial colors or streaking. What is it made of? Beet, aloe, cane sugar extracts, a safe tanning agent and natural preservatives. And it lasts just as long as other options—7 to 10 days, on average.

HAIR

We all know dying our hair is not the kindest treatment. But but not all permanent hair color is created equal. The amounts of ammonia, hydrogen peroxide, formaldehyde, PPDs and other toxic chemicals in a formula vary across brands, some forgoing them altogether.

Cole Wellness's brand of choice, Organic Color Systems, is derived completely from plant and organic ingredients, comes in a complete color range, and has no ammonia and the lowest amount of PPDs needed to

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For smoother, straighter hair, Emily Alice swears by AG Hair for shiny, frizz-free hair without the harsh chemicals or animal testing. As a bonus, every bottle sold contributes to AG's Women Leading Change Foundation, helping build schools for girls in Africa. So feel good treating yourself while you're also giving back.

NAILS

Don't forget about the keratin on your hands and feet as well! Nail polish is one of the most harmful beauty products out there. Luckily many spas and salons carry brands that omit the worse offenders—toluene, camphor, formaldehyde and DBP to name a few—while instead promoting nail health.

Over at Eden Day Spa and Salon, all manicures and pedicures use Zoya Natural Nail Products. Their line not only cuts out all the bad stuff, but also adds nail-friendly ingredients like protein, Vitamins B5 and E, plus botanicals like red algae and ginkgo to aid in nail flexibility, circulation, cellular renewal and prevent cracking. Plus you can indulge in a hand massage while you're at it.

Make this spring the season to start treating your skin right, the natural way! ♦



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July 3-28

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DEVON PREP

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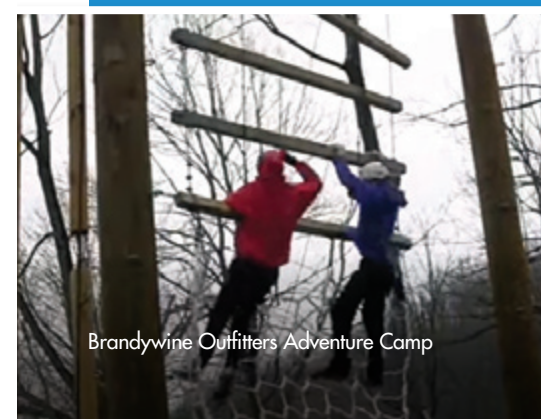
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Mohammed Bamba from Westtown School, 6'11" and #5 college recruit nationally, led the team to the PA prep championship.

A Spectacular Season

Edwin Malet

LOCAL PREP SCHOOLS SHINE AND COLLEGES TAKE NOTICE

THE SEASON WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY WESTTOWN School's basketball team—the #1 team in the state, Malvern Prep's wrestling team—in the top 10 nationally, and Bishop Shanahan's track team—mid-distance demons! Several other independent schools from *County Lines* Country also produced outstanding athletes this season. Basketball, wrestling, swimming We cover them below.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Westtown School won the championship for Pennsylvania prep schools, compiling a 32-2 overall record. Their five starters all have offers—or have accepted offers—to play at prestige colleges.

At the core of the team, senior center Mohammed Bamba is ranked 5th nationally by ESPN and has offers from Duke, Kentucky and Texas, among others. Senior Brandon Randolph is ranked 34th and has signed with University of Arizona. And senior Anthony Ochefu is committed to Stony Brook.

Ranked 4th among juniors, Cameron Reddish, with offers from at least a dozen sports schools, will be back. Junior Jake Forrester also holds over a dozen offers, including University of Pennsylvania and St. Joseph's.

At **Episcopal Academy**, which won the Inter-Ac, senior Connor Delaney, averaged 18.7 points per game. A multi-sport athlete with a 4.2 GPA, he'll go to Johns Hopkins next year. Senior Nick Alikakos averaged 17.6 points per game and committed to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Hill School's 7'1" Solomon Ruddell signed with University of California at Irvine. Senior Colton Lawrence averaged 12 points per game and was a 45% 3-point shooter. He has offers from several Division 2 schools. Junior Chase Audige averaged 16 points per game and has scholarship offers from St Joseph's, Drexel and several Ivy League schools.

Shipley School compiled an overall record of 20-9. Junior Sam Sessoms set Shipley's career scoring record with 1385 points.

Its senior captain, guard Kiyon Hardy, has a Division 2 offer from Felician University.

BASKETBALL – GIRLS

Shipley boasted a record of 20-5. Senior Yndiah Bobo had 13.5 points and 3.6 steals per game and committed to Clarion University. Sophomore Anna Camden had 13.5 points, 10 rebounds, and 3.1 blocks per game. Drexel, Princeton, Penn State and St Joseph's are among the schools looking at her. Sophomore Lauren Ross averaged 16.1 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3.3 steals. She's being recruited by St. Joseph's and Penn State.

Renaissance Academy finished 11-1 overall and were led by senior Kaylah Andrews and sophomore Arianna Prince. Kaylah averaged 10.3 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, while Arianna averaged 10.7 points and 2.2 steals.

Ranked #9 in Pennsylvania, **Hill School** had a 8-5 record. Kelly Ebner, their 5'11" senior center, averaged 9.3 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. With a GPA of 4.33 and other sports, she's signed to play softball at Lafayette.

WRESTLING

Michael Beard, a junior at **Malvern Prep** who wrestles at 195 pounds, had a 50-0 record and already committed to Northwestern. Senior Seth Janney, who will wrestle at Cornell next year, and junior Ryan Karoly, were also formidable team members, as are the rest of the Friars: the team was 22-1 and ranked #6 in country.

Haverford School's Chris Kober, wrestling at 220 pounds, had a 35-7 season, finished 1st among Pennsylvania Independent Schools, and 3rd in the Prep National All-American. He'll wrestle at Campbell University next year.

At **Westtown School**, senior Max Starr had a record of 24-4 and is going to Earlham College.

SWIMMING – BOYS

It must be the water at **Haverford School**. Junior Alex Boratto, senior Charlie Ryan, and freshmen Brian Brennan and Antonio Octaviano swam for school records. Boratto, who holds 8 records, won the 100-yard backstroke at

the Eastern Swimming championship. He's looking at Stanford, Texas, USC, and several Ivies for college. Ryan holds 6 school records and has committed to Michigan State University.

Salesianum's swimmers, Delaware's champions, finished 11-2-1, led by its three captains. Matt Otto won four gold medals at the state championship, has a GPA of 4.04 and signed at University of Virginia. Andrew Boyle won the 100-yard freestyle, and Jake McFate finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Both are members of the National Honor Society.

Wilmington Friends' team, 6-5 overall, was led by Sam Huo, a junior with a 4.0, and Sean Cochran, a senior, who will attend Washington College. Huo was 1st team all-conference and the DISC champion in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle.

The **Friends' Central** boys successfully defended their Friends' League championship for the 14th consecutive time. Freshman Dyaus Rai won the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke. Sophomore Billy Wilkerson won the 500-yard freestyle.



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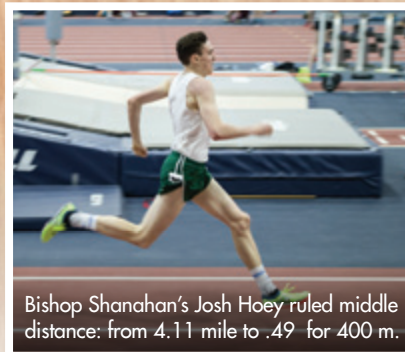
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Michael Beard (top) was 49-0 at Malvern Prep, which finished 3rd in the National Prep Championship.



Emma Seiberlich led Episcopal Academy to the Easter Interscholastic Championship.



Bishop Shanahan's Josh Hoey ruled middle distance: from 4.11 mile to .49 for 400 m.

GIRLS – SWIMMING

Episcopal's girls team compiled a 7-0 record and swam to the Eastern Interscholastic championship. Senior Emma Seiberlich won the 100-yard freestyle, junior Alex Sumner won the 100-yard backstroke and freshman Hadley DeBruyn won the 500-yard freestyle.

The **Friend's Central** girls won 8 of 11 events at the Friends' League championship. The foursome of Sofia Acchione, Maddie Anderson, Elisabeth Forsyth and Kate Raphaely set a league record in the 400-meter freestyle. Achione set the league record for the 100-meter butterfly and the 100-meter backstroke. Forsyth, a freshman, won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100- and 400-yard backstroke.

A **Wilmington Friends** senior, Blair Atkins, was the Delaware Independent Schools Conference champion in the 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter freestyle. She'll go to Franklin and Marshall next year. Ashley Chompre, a freshman, was the conference champion in the 100-meter butterfly and 200-meter individual medley. Atkins and Chompre also contributed to the school's win in the 200-meter and 400-meter medley relays.

TRACK

Bishop Shanahan's mid-distance runners burned up the track this year. Senior Nate Alleyne won the 400-meter in 48.21 and junior Josh Hoey ran the 800-meter in 1:52.2—both were the fastest in the state—at The Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches Association Indoor State Championship. Then both contributed to Shanahan's triumphal 4x400, shattering the school record at 3:21.8, again fastest in PA for 2017. Wow! Alleyne has signed a "Letter of Intent" at Georgetown University. Hoey is interested in Penn State, Oregon, Virginia, Michigan and Indiana. ♦

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Laurel Anderson

WITH A PEDIGREE DATING BACK TO THE 1764 sawmill and the prestige of a National Register of Historic Places designation, Pine Creek Mills is a more welcoming and homey property than you might think for such a landmark. Having a picture-perfect waterfall view—complete with soothing soundtrack—helps set the scene on the eight acres that the extended Richmond family has called home for 20 years.

You may have passed the collection of buildings—four separate residences, three-level stone barn, stone wagon shed, two-car garage, plus a pond, stone dam, waterfall and pasture—that looks like a small settlement across the charming arched stone bridge and cobblestone entrance along Lower Pine Creek Road.

With its converted sawmill and gristmill set among the majestic oaks and sycamores, the property was featured on a Chester County Day Tour years ago. Now it attracts curious drivers who pull over to ask the owners about its history. If you're a local, you may know it as Clement's Mill, named after the owner from the 1920s.

Having lovingly restored this second historic property (the family previously renovated an 1800s stone home nearby), the Richmonds are ready for their next adventure. And they are leaving a meticulously maintained estate for someone who appreciates Chester County history.

THE RESIDENCES

A stone walkway to the main house (c. 1801) includes just one of the many millstones that dot the property. This fitting approach to a classic Chester County fieldstone farmhouse foreshadows the period wood details, wide-plank hardwood floors, deep windowsills and other charms of a well loved architectural style.

Yet little prepares you for the open space within. The overused phrase “the best of old and new” does not do justice to the transformation within—think dark wood and stone details in spacious, white-walled rooms.

Red oak beamed ceilings and massive timber mantels in the formal living and dining rooms mix with soaring vaulted ceilings in the single bedroom and large, light-filled modern kitchen (SubZero, Viking appliances). Period chandeliers combine with new skylights. An office and laundry room join the bedroom and en suite bath on the second floor.

Far enough away for ample privacy, the miller's house (c.1890) features stucco and stone outside and an open floor plan inside. A large living and dining room, kitchen and studio/family room are on the main level, with a grand bedroom, bath, office and loft on the second floor. Special features include three skylights in the cathedral ceiling of the oversized master bedroom and a stone cold





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storage room with arched ceiling—perfect for a wine cellar and tasting room.

Next along the line of residences is the gristmill (c.1790). The mill's works were sold to the Pennsylvania Museum Commission. This charming three-story stone building has been converted into two apartments—a two-bedroom unit on the main level and one-bedroom unit, with private entrance and wall-to-wall carpeting, above. A broad, covered porch is one of many spots on the property to take in the waterfall view.

The stone and cyress siding sawmill cottage (c. 1764) is the fourth and final residential building in the compound and nearest the mill pond and stone dam with waterfall, as well as the stream that powered the mill's wheel. Many local homes and barns were built from timber cut here before the sawmill closed and the works were donated to the Smithsonian Institute.

Again an open floorplan with vaulted

ceilings and skylights, accented by dark wood details, is nestled inside a quaint Colonial exterior to create a two-bedroom home. This structure was built on the stone foundation of the original sawmill.

THE OUTBUILDINGS

At the opposite end of the property from the waterfall and sawmill sits a massive, three-level stone bank barn (c. 1824) with several frame additions. Once used as a movie theater (the prior owner also owned West Chester's Warner Theater), the barn still has a projection booth.

As well-maintained as the other structures, the barn could easily become a party barn, studio or whatever the new owner's imagination can conjure. The insulation and structural integrity are there, as well as a lower level with ample space for stabling. All that's needed are new plans.

A stone wagon shed has ample space for a workshop or vehicle storage. And the stall

at the rear was for many years home to the Richmond's miniature pony, often spotted grazing in the pastures. A two-car garage (c. 1960) also houses the property's generator, with separate breakers for each building.

IN SUM

As the National Register nomination aptly puts it: these venerable, solid and handsome structures that served their community for an extraordinarily long time are bounded by the beautiful and unspoiled Pine Run, shaded by huge sycamores and oaks, and "convey a serenity and sense of another era which is equaled by few other locations in the country." ♦

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HOPS

A WORLDWIDE OBSESSION

Tim Floros, Levante Brewing

WHY ARE OUR TASTES SO INCREASINGLY HOP-CENTRIC?

IPA (INDIA PALE ALE) IS AN ACRONYM THAT'S pretty hard to avoid in the beer world today. You see it written on the draft lists at your favorite bars and restaurants, sitting on the shelves at the grocery store, and stacked to the ceiling at the local beer distributor. It's undoubtedly the fastest growing style of beer in the U.S. and is becoming ever more popular around the world.

Why are we so obsessed with IPAs? To some, that's not a simple question to answer, but we'll try to dive into why these beers are so cherished and how our taste buds have become so hop-centric over the years.

WHAT ARE HOPS?

Hops are the cone-shaped flowers harvested from the vine of the hop plant (*humulus lupulus*), a member of the cannabaceae family, which also includes cannabis. Yup, hops and marijuana are very closely related.

Unlike marijuana, hops produce a resinous powder called lupulin. This powder contains acids and essential oils that contribute bitterness, flavor and aroma to beer.

Brewing is certainly just as much of an art form as it is a science, but brewers and scientists alike have been trying to unlock the secrets

of the flavor and aroma compounds found in hops for decades. They still don't have it completely figured out yet.

All the while, hops themselves keep changing to meet the demands of beer lovers around the world.

THE EVOLUTION OF HOPS

For hundreds, if not thousands of years, hops used for making beer were harvested in the wild. Around the 9th and 10th centuries AD, Roman Catholic monks in Europe recorded growing their own hops in the small gardens of monasteries that focused solely on producing beer for themselves and their surrounding community.

As the years went by, hops became more widely accepted as the gold standard for bittering, flavor and aroma in beer. Everyone from the Germans to the British, Czechs and the American Colonists began cultivating their own varieties of hops that maintained very specific flavor and aroma profiles characteristic to their respective growing regions and tastes.

British hops, like the Fuggles and East Kent Goldings varieties, ranged from earthy and floral to delicate, citrusy and spicy. These were used in porters, bitters and classic pale ales.

German Hallertau and Czech Saaz hops were mild in bitterness, floral and spicy. They were used in German lagers, wheat beers and Czech pilsners for their clean "Noble" hop character.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries things started to get really interesting.

Serious hop shortages in Europe and the U.S. caused by mildew, pests and disease led to governments, universities and breweries around the world forming hop research programs. The goal of these programs was to find new hop varieties that, while disease and pest resistant, had all the desired properties of the hops commonly used to make the popular beer styles of that era.

These breeding experiments started with blending wild American and Canadian hop plants with British and German (Noble) hops. As a result of these new hybrid breeding techniques, hop varieties such as Cascade were born.

Cascade, with its floral, grapefruit and spicy characteristics, was made popular in the U.S. by breweries like Anchor and Sierra Nevada in their famous, game-changing pale ales of the 1970s and 1980s.

Many would argue that this was the beginning of the modern IPA and the start of the American craft beer revolution. And I'd agree.

FAST FORWARD TO THE 21ST CENTURY

While Cascade and Centennial hop-based beers ruled the craft beer roost in the 1990s, hops continued to change with the times. IPA lovers, dubbed "Hop Heads" by the craft beer community, wanted more and more hop flavor and aroma in their beers.

West Coast-style IPAs took the world by storm. Private hop growers began to breed more unique hop varieties such as Simcoe, Amarillo, Citra and Mosaic. These proprietary varieties had even more acids and essential oil content in their lupulin powder, thus providing even more floral, tropical fruit, piney and earthy flavors and aromas to beer.

Breweries like Stone, Victory and Lagunitas expanded globally and started exporting their hoppy creations to Europe, the South Pacific and Asia.

Although the world markets were still dominated by mass produced, light, Pilsner-style beers, beer drinkers' taste buds began to change.

INNOVATION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

New Zealand and Australia have been at the forefront of this "Hop Head" revolution as well. New Zealand, known for their world-class wine production, developed hop varieties that many consider to have "New World" flavors. These include favorites such as

Nelson Sauvin—with hints of white wine and berries—and Motueka—with its fresh lime and tropical fruit character.

One of Australia's great hop innovations has been the Galaxy variety with its passion fruit and citrus aromas. In combination with newly discovered U.S.-grown hops, these South Pacific varieties are in high demand for making a new style dubbed the "NE IPA."

THE "NE IPA"

Here in the U.S. the latest craze is the Northeast or New England Style IPA. These beers look, smell and taste very different from the original West Coast IPAs of the early 2000s. They appear straw colored and cloudy from the use of large amounts of flaked oats and wheat in the mash. This gives the beers a thicker, silk-like mouth feel and a long-lasting white head of foam. Along with the cloudy appearance and great mouthfeel of the beer comes a huge, juicy hop punch of flavor and aroma.

This style of IPA tends to bridge the gap between the hardcore IPA-drinking "Hop Heads" and the everyday beer drinker because of its lack of bitterness compared with West Coast IPAs. Plus there's the presence of extremely pleasant and fruity hop character.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Who knows where the wonderful world of craft beer will take us next. Will we continue to innovate and experiment with new hop varieties and combinations? Will we use these new hybrid hop creations to create new styles of beer? Or, will we decide we want to revert back to the Old World styles of beer that were not so hop dependent?

One thing we can say for certain is that no matter what beer you find yourself drinking, rest assured there will be hops in it. At this point, the love of hops is in our DNA. ♦

Tim Floros is co-founder and brewmaster at Levante Brewing. His fascination with, and passion for brewing, as well as hops, began nine years ago and led him to brewing professionally. He places an emphasis on innovative recipes showcasing different hop varieties and other unique ingredients sourced locally and from around the world. Levante's mission is to create beer of exceptional quality and freshness for Philadelphia's suburbs and beyond. 208 Carter Dr., West Chester. LevanteBrewing.com.



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Something to Celebrate. Get your pint glass ready for **New Beer's Eve** on April 6th. The night before National Beer Day on April 7th, New Beer's Eve celebrates the end of Prohibition in the U.S. On



Farm-Forward. King of Prussia Town Center added another eatery to its restaurant row: Founding Farmers Restaurant Group. This co-op from the North Dakota Farmers Union works to promote farmers' rights and advance the quality of their livelihoods while serving locally inspired fare. Founding Farmers offers dishes like Farmers Slaw Reuben, Seafood Bucatini and Glazed Bacon Lollis—short for lollipops. This two-story venue has its own bakery along with a dining room and bar on the second floor. More at WeAreFoundingFarmers.com.

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Easter and Passover

Laura Muzzi Brennan

SHARING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS



I GREW UP CELEBRATING EASTER, AS did most of my neighbors. Eating chocolate-coconut eggs for breakfast and sitting down to a ham dinner are some of my happiest childhood memories.

When I moved to Philadelphia, a new friend invited me to her Passover Seder, introducing me to the wonder of her mother's matzoh ball soup and brisket. That was over 20 years ago, and I've never forgotten the food—and how much richer life is when we share in each other's holiday traditions.

Whether that tradition is Easter or Passover, holiday feasts must strike a balance between feeding their guests well and spending time with shared joy. I called on a professional to share recipes and his best tips for seamless entertaining of groups large and small.

A graduate of the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill, Jeff Ebert has been the executive chef at Finley Catering for five years. Finley's venues include Ballroom at the Ben, the Crystal Tea Room and Union Trust in Philadelphia. Since fall 2016, they've also catered at Newtown Square's Ballroom at Ellis Preserve. While these venues are popular for weddings and corporate events, Finley Catering plans to add other events including an Easter celebration in spring 2018.

Whether Chef Ebert is in his professional kitchen or cooking for family and friends at home, he believes preparation is paramount. He still lives by the 5 Ps—prior planning prevents poor performance—a lesson from his mentorship at Great Valley's Desmond Hotel.

Besides considering budget, number of guests and their tastes, Ebert advises home cooks to factor in cleanup time, oven space and each dish's cooking temperature. Whenever possible, he says, choose dishes that share the same cooking temperature, and you'll make hosting that much easier.

Before shopping, Ebert lays out serving dishes and utensils for each menu item, a trick he first learned from his mother who hosted many an Easter dinner. (Incidentally, lamb was always on the menu in his Irish household.)

He also writes out a "fire list," detailing exactly when to put each dish in the oven and how much cooking and resting time it requires. "You need a plan because when you start drinking wine ...," he laughs, trailing off.

Ebert is also full of ideas for the little touches that make holiday gatherings memorable. If your plates are oven-safe, he recommends heating them at 200–250° for a few minutes. He likes to garnish food simply—with herb sprigs, micro greens or snow pea shoots. And if you're serving buffet style, he suggests placing dishes at different levels to add visual interest. No fancy serving pieces necessary: position a few bricks, boxes or books under linens, top with platters and you've got a show-stopping display.

Whether you're breaking Easter bread or matzoh this spring, I hope the following recipes help you appreciate the beauty of your own—and your neighbor's—traditions.



Chef Jeff Ebert

Herb Crusted Roasted Rack of Lamb With Lavender Jus

“Frenching” a rack of lamb means removing the meat, membrane and fat from the first few inches of bone for a clean, elegant presentation. Ask your butcher to do it or watch this helpful video at www.FineCooking.com/videos/how-to-french-rack-of-lamb.aspx. This classic recipe comes courtesy of Chef Jeff Ebert, Finley Catering.



¾ C. medium coarse bread crumbs
2 Tb. fresh chopped rosemary
1 Tb. minced garlic
Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
2 Tb. melted butter,
2 each 7–8 bone rack of lamb,
trimmed and Frenched
4 Tb. Dijon mustard
2 medium shallots, chopped
1 Tb. vegetable oil
½ C. red wine
3 C. beef or veal stock
2 Tb. dried lavender leaves

Preheat oven to 375°. In a bowl, combine bread crumbs, most of the rosemary, garlic and salt and pepper. Add butter to mixture so it clumps slightly in your hand. Season lamb rack with salt and pepper. In a skillet on high heat, sear all sides of lamb rack until golden brown. Brush the mustard on the lamb rack and roll in bread crumb mixture until evenly coated. Wrap bones in foil to prevent charring.

Place lamb racks on baking sheet, bone side down. Roast in oven for 12–15 minutes depending on desired doneness. (Chef Ebert always recommends rare-to medium rare for lamb racks. Aim for an internal temperature of 110°.)

Remove from oven and let rest, loosely covered, for 8–10 minutes. Remember the meat will continue to cook for a short time.

Symbolic Food: Haroset

Haroset (or charoset), a fruit and nut paste, is one of six symbolic foods on the Passover Seder plate. It represents the mortar and brick Hebrew slaves used to build Egypt’s pyramids. My friend Sara tweaks her haroset from year to year. This is her latest version, adapted from Bon Appetit. Serve on matzoh.

Pistachio and Almond Dried Fruit Haroset

1½ C. unsalted raw pistachios
½ C. chopped pitted dates
½ C. chopped dried cherries
½ C. chopped dried apricots
¼ C. Riesling
¼ C. mix of pomegranate/apple juices
1 Tb. honey

1½ tsp. fresh lemon juice
1 tsp. lemon zest
1 tsp. orange zest
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. cardamom
⅓ C. roasted salted Marcona almonds

Stir pistachios in a heavy skillet over medium heat until lightly toasted, 4 to 5 minutes. Set aside to cool. Mix dates, cherries, apricots, Riesling and juice in a medium bowl. Let stand for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Mix in honey, lemon juice, both zests, cinnamon and cardamom. Chop pistachios and almonds. Mix into haroset.

Makes a generous 3 C.

To make the lavender jus:

In a small sauce pan, sauté the shallots in oil until translucent. Deglaze with red wine and reduce by half. Add stock and lavender leaves and simmer until reduced by half. Strain and discard solids.

Slice lamb rack between each bone and plate. Spoon sauce over meat. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Serrano Ham, Gruyère and Egg Brioche Tartine

A tartine is basically an open-faced sandwich and an easy, yet upscale brunch item for Easter. Chef Jeff Ebert suggests serving mimosas or sangria. Their sweetness will offset the ham’s saltiness.

6, 1”-thick slices of brioche loaf bread
2 Tb. unsalted butter plus more softened butter for brushing
3 C. frisée, torn into bite-sized pieces
2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil
2 Tb. fresh lemon juice
Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
12 large eggs
½ lb. Gruyère cheese, thinly sliced, enough for 12 slices



12 thin slices of Serrano ham, room temperature
½ C. scallions, thinly sliced on the bias

Preheat broiler. Brush each side of brioche with softened butter and toast both sides under broiler until golden brown.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Add frisée and toss.

Working in batches if necessary, melt 2 Tb. butter in a skillet and cook eggs sunny side up over medium heat until egg whites are firm and yolks are runny—about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Top the brioche slices with Gruyère, aiming for maximum coverage.

Place under broiler until cheese is melted. Transfer to plate. Top with the frisée salad, 2 slices Serrano ham and 2 fried eggs each. Garnish with scallions. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings.

Chilled Minted Pea Soup

This soup makes a refreshing start to any spring meal, especially Easter dinner where ham or lamb is the main meat dish. The peas’ sweetness balances ham’s saltiness and lamb’s richness. Adapted from Melissa Hamilton and Christopher Hirsheimer’s recipe in Bon Appetit.

2 Tb. butter
2 leeks, white and light green parts only, chopped
4 C. vegetable broth, divided
2 lbs. frozen peas (6–7 C.)
½ bunch Italian parsley, thick stems removed
½ C. fresh mint leaves

Kosher salt and white pepper, to taste
Garnish: sour cream, fresh snipped chives and radishes



Soak leeks in water to remove any grit. Drain well and pat dry with paper towels.

Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add leeks and cook, stirring frequently, until they soften but do not brown, about 5 minutes. Add 2 C. broth and bring to a boil. Add peas. Reduce to a simmer and cook 2–3 minutes, just to take the cold edge off them.

Turn off heat. Stir in parsley, mint, salt and pepper. Working in batches, ladle soup into a blender and blend until smooth. It’s nearly impossible to get a perfectly smooth texture so you have three options: 1. push the mixture through a fine meshed sieve. 2. purchase a Vitamix, or 3. don’t worry about it and know the soup is delicious no matter what! Refrigerate for a few hours or overnight.

Adjust seasonings and thin with milk or broth if desired.

Garnish with sour cream, chives and radishes sliced paper thin or cut into matchsticks. Makes 8 C. (about 12 servings).

Chicken Soup with Matzoh Balls

Janet Schwartz kindly shared her family’s recipe with me. It originated with her Polish maternal great grandmother. Janet laughed as she told me it was the one dish her mother, a non-cook, could make well.

For the chicken soup:

1 whole chicken or 4–5 lbs. chicken parts, skin on, bone in
1 carrot, sliced
2 stalks celery, sliced
1 medium onion, sliced
1 parsnip
1 bunch curly parsley

4 tsp. salt
Pepper to taste
Water
1 bunch dill, washed and tied with thread

For the matzoh balls:

4 large eggs
1 C. water
Pinch of salt
4–6 Tb. chicken fat, shortening, or oil (Use 6 Tb. for softer balls.)
1½ C. matzoh meal (or a little more to make firmer balls)

Water

1½ tsp. salt

To make the soup:

Put chicken, vegetables, parsley and salt and pepper in a stock pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil. When foam appears on top, remove it with a slotted spoon. Then lower the heat to the lowest possible setting where the soup can stay boiling.

After 45 minutes, add the dill. After 15 more minutes, check to see if the vegetables are soft and chicken is cooked through. (If not soft, cook 15 minutes more.)

Take the chicken out and strain the soup until clear. Discard vegetables (or eat them) and save chicken for another use. (Janet’s mom ground the chicken and used it for chicken croquettes.)

To make the matzoh balls (usually made a day or two in advance):

Mix eggs, water, pinch of salt, chicken fat and matzoh meal in a bowl and refrigerate, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Fill a stock pot with water and 1½ tsp. salt and bring to a boil over high heat.

Make about 24 matzoh balls out of the refrigerated mixture. (They’ll “grow” in the water.)

Drop the balls into the boiling water and return it to a boil. Put a lid on the pot, leaving just a crack for steam to escape. Reduce the heat to medium. The water should still be boiling. Cook 30–40 minutes.

Pick out the balls and lay in a single layer on a tray. Do not cover or refrigerate until cooled. Bring matzoh balls to room temperature before placing them in soup.

When ready to serve, divide soup into 12 bowls and place 2 matzoh balls in each. Makes 12 servings.

Brisket

2½–3 lb. brisket (first cut)
Sweet paprika, to taste
Kosher salt, to taste
Garlic powder, to taste
Black pepper, to taste
2 small or medium onions, sliced
2 Tb. oil, divided
½ C. red wine
1 C. beef broth
½–1 lb. sliced mushrooms, optional



Preheat oven to 325°.

Generously season brisket all over with paprika, salt, garlic powder and a few grinds of black pepper. (Sara uses a couple Tb. paprika.) Allow to sit for a few minutes.

In a Dutch oven or other large ovenproof pan, cook onions over medium high heat in 1 Tb. oil until starting to brown, about 3–5 minutes. Set onions aside.

Add 1 Tb. oil to Dutch oven and brown brisket on all sides. Top with onions and pour wine and broth on top. Cover with foil or lid but leave a little space for venting. Cook for 3–4 hours until brisket is tender. If using sliced mushrooms, add them during the last hour of cooking.

Makes 6–8 servings.

Mom’s Chopped Liver

Cindy Hirsh learned to make this Polish dish from her mother, Raymonde Winkler. Her version is Kosher for Passover. Serve on matzoh.

3–4 large slices calves’ liver, purchased from a kosher butcher
Kosher salt
3 large onions, sliced
Generous ¼ C. olive oil
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced
2 cloves garlic, sliced
¼ piece of matzoh, broken into pieces

Make an “x” or a slit on one side of the liver slices. Rinse livers and pat dry. If there



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are veins, remove them and pull to remove the clear skin surrounding the liver.

Sprinkle kosher salt on one side of liver slices. Place on top of broiler grate so the blood will drain away into the broiler pan below it. Set the oven to broil and place the broiler pan with livers' salted side up on the second highest rack in oven. Cook until the slices turn brown. Flip the slices over and sprinkle kosher salt on the other side. Broil until brown.

To make sure liver has been koshered, (the liver will only be considered kosher if all the blood has been drained and cooked off) slice into it. It should no longer be bloody, and the meat inside should be tan. This process happens quickly so monitor carefully or the liver will be overcooked. Slice into large pieces soon after removing from broiler because you don't want the liver to keep cooking. Set aside.

Heat some olive oil in a frying pan on medium heat and put in the onion slices when oil shimmers. Stir to coat onions with oil. Cover and reduce temperature to low. This allows the onions to soften quickly

and reduces the time needed to caramelize. Once softened and beginning to brown, remove lid and allow the liquid to evaporate, stirring occasionally until the onions are a rich caramel color.



Add the garlic slices and cook a few minutes longer until the garlic slices have softened but not too long so that the onions begin to burn.

Set up your food processor's meat grinding attachment and use the medium-holed disc. Alternate placing liver, onions and eggs into the grinder. To remove any ingredients that have gotten stuck, place some of the broken matzoh pieces into the grinder. Grind the mixture a second time,

adding additional matzoh pieces to clean out the grinder.

Grinding the liver twice ensures a creamy texture and mixing of the ingredients.

Makes 10-12 appetizer servings. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.



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