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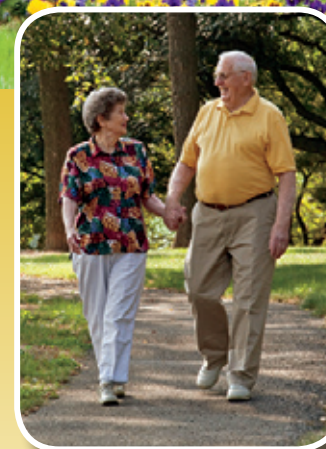
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From the Editor

The dog days of summer summon fewer hot and sultry images if you're a dog in *County Lines'* country. Like the pooch on our cover—enjoying a swim at a doggie birthday party—area pets live the good life. Emily Hart tells us what indulgent owners do to ensure that “Every Dog Has Its Day.”

For a few years now, our August issue has celebrated the good life—for people as well as pets. We include our 4th Annual Guide to the Arts, to remind readers of the great entertainment options in dance, theater, music and art that

our area offers this summer and throughout this year.

Our Mark Your Calendar feature gives a heads-up on other ways to enjoy the best of the Brandywine Valley—from world-class cars at Concours d'Elegance to Olympic-class riding at Dressage at Devon.

Area seniors enjoy the good life here at a range of specialized communities—from those for the fit and active to those offering needed support—plus options for services to stay at home. Our Guide to Senior Communities shows choices, including a new “green” residence. For a different kind of green, Natural Lands Trust's Kirsten Werner describes work to preserve the natural heritage treasure of Unionville's serpentine barrens, a unique eco-system. To preserve nature's produce bounty, Brandywine Table's Laura Brennan takes the fear out of canning local fruits and vegetables with recipes and tips from a pro.

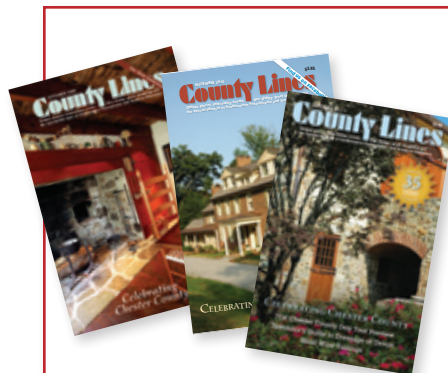
The good life continues as we explore Exton, where Patricia Finn finds a charming town within a town at Eagleview Town Center. Dr. Sidney Jacoby helps us maintain good hand health, and Jaimielynn Cooper shows how businesses give back at Radnor's Fall Festival, just one of many events in this issue.

We hope these articles inspire you to celebrate the good life in August and beyond.

Thank you for reading.

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Being Well

Sports and Overuse Injuries of the Hand and Wrist

Sidney M. Jacoby, M.D., Phoenixville Hospital

Whether you're an athlete playing your favorite sport, a "weekend warrior" who enjoys occasional athletic activity, or someone who uses your hands for keyboarding, typing and texting for work or pleasure, your hands and wrists are uniquely prone to athletic and overuse injuries. Some of these injuries may not seem serious at first, but if left untreated, could put you on the sidelines for months—and have a lasting effect on your comfort and function.

Common Injuries

Sports-related and work-related hand injuries range from seemingly minor problems to those more serious, such as a fracture or dislocation to the wrist or finger joints. Here are some of the most common injuries:

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome occurs when one of the main

nerves to your wrist and hand becomes pinched and causes numbness, tingling and even night pain that prevents sound sleep in some individuals.

Trigger Finger results from inflammation of the tendons that move our fingers. This condition can result from repetitive activities such as typing, texting, etc. The fingers may actually "click" and become stuck with attempted clenching or straightening.

Skier's thumb (or Game Keeper's Thumb) is a high-energy injury in which the ligament at the base of the thumb is torn resulting in pain, swelling, laxity at the thumb joint, and may progress to painful arthritis.

Wrist fracture can occur from many athletic activities or from a simple fall on an outstretched arm. It's one of the most frequently seen injuries in individuals of all ages—from young children to grandparents.

Finger sprains occurs during any athletic activity where the hand comes in contact with a ball or sporting equipment, and ranges in severity from a sprain to a dislocated finger joint or even a bony fracture.

Prompt Diagnosis

Regardless of the severity of the injury, prompt attention from a hand specialist can make an important difference in your long-term recovery and ability to continue participating in sports and enjoying pain-free use of your hands.

Treatment Options

Fortunately, many of these injuries can be treated with simple procedures that yield excellent long-term results. Jammed fingers can be put back in proper alignment. If the finger is broken, the joint may need to be immobilized or fixed surgically. Tendon injuries may be treated in a variety of ways. The affected joint may need to be immobilized.

Therapy and anti-inflammatory medication to decrease inflammation and swelling can also be extremely useful. Another potential intervention by your physician includes steroid injections made directly to the area of discomfort.

If these measures fail, surgery by a qualified hand surgeon can ultimately provide relief and restore form and function.

Preventive Steps

Preventing sports-related hand injuries may not always be possible, but you can take steps to reduce their impact if they do occur. One step is to do sport-specific stretching and strengthening exercises regularly. Always stretch before playing, and don't play through pain. Stretching and strengthening exercises are simple and don't require special equipment. But equipment like wrist and elbow guards are quite useful in minimizing injury from accidental slips and falls.

For those with work-related discomfort, ergonomic equipment and workplace evaluations may minimize stressors that can cause hand and wrist discomfort and injury. Equipment such as adjustable keyboard trays and monitors and a computer mouse with a trackball helps, as does maintaining good form and posture. Frequent breaks and hand stretches may minimize repetitive strain or overuse discomfort.

Hand and wrist injuries, either acute—from a specific injury—or those from repetitive activity, are common and can cause significant pain and discomfort.

As our hands let us interact with the world around us, we should all exercise great caution when we experience persistent hand pain. For acute injuries see a qualified hand surgeon, and overuse injuries that don't respond to conservative care are also a good reason to seek professional hand care.

Here's to your healthy hands! ♦

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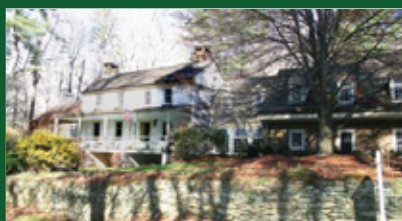
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Long Live the Queen!

Did you know the first Renaissance Faire was held in 1963 in—where else—the Hollywood Hills? After World War II there was a revival of interest in medieval history and culture, and it wasn't long after the first Ren' Faire that the phenomenon swept across the country.



Today fairs are held in almost every state, and people travel from around the world to see the English Renaissance come alive each year. In 1980 the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire began as a two-day jousting event, and since its humble beginnings has grown into a 12-week fest marked by high attendance. Take a trip back in time as close as Manheim, PA. PARenFaire.com.



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August in the Garden.

Think August gardening is limited to watering diligently, pruning persistently and hoping the heat doesn't wilt your flowers? Think again. August is when you should plant irises and container-grown perennials, like marguerite daisies. It's also when you should divide daylilies and peonies. And plan to spend some late August days ordering spring bulbs and harvesting vegetables that have been thriving. Think killer zucchini.

Fitness for All.

Put on your sneakers and head down to Lionville Community YMCA in Exton for programs and classes designed for active older adults. Offering classes to improve overall strength, flexibility and balance, the Y is a perfect place to maintain your health and independence. Worried about being out of shape? Instructors are trained to guide you through exercises at your own pace.



After a workout, check out the weekly table games, such as bridge and pinochle, plus health seminars and monthly luncheons. Staying true to their mission to improve mind, body and spirit for all who come, the Lionville Y has boosted their older adult programs to ensure that the whole community has something to jump about. More at UMLY.org/Branch/Lionville.

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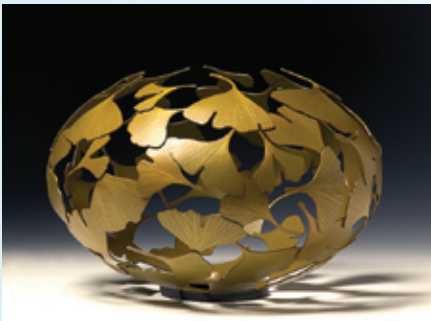


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69th Annual Ludwig's Corner Horse Show & Country Fair

September 1–3

More than 500 horses compete in events at the 33-acre Ludwig's Corner horse show grounds. Also featured are rides and games, carriage exhibition, antique cars, retailers, crafters and children's activities. Benefits open space conservation. *Rt. 100, N of Rt. 401, Ludwig's Corner. 8 to 6. \$3-\$7. 610-458-3344; LudwigsHorseShow.org.*

Upcoming Events

Noteworthy in August . . .



August 4

3rd Annual Phoenixville Green Earth Festival. This festival celebrates area businesses and service groups that are working to make Phoenixville a sustainable community. Enjoy exhibitors, food, music, children's entertainment and a speakers forum. Phoenixville Farmers Market on the Schuylkill River Trail, Taylor Ave. to the Foundry. 9 to 2. 484-995-8305; PXVGreen.org.

Through August 19

Mr. Hart and Mr. Brown. A play by local author Bruce Graham about freedom of the press, the myth of the Old West, and a whole lot more. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$25-\$45. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



August 10-11

46th Annual Goschenhoppen Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival. An authentic recreation of the life and customs of Pennsylvania Germans in the 18th and 19th centuries, with craftsmen, using authentic tools and giving demonstrations in period costumes. Old-fashioned foods and PA Dutch meals. Henry Antes Plantation, Rt. 73, Perkiomenville. Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. \$2-\$10. 215-234-8953; Goschenhoppen.org.

August 24, September 21
Longwood Gardens 1906 Wine Dinners. Each multi-course menu will feature an amuse bouche, first course, second course, intermezzo, main course and dessert course. Aug. 24, Sustainable Wines; Sept. 21, Wines from South America and Chile. 1001 Longwood Rd. 6 pm. \$97. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



Antiques

August 23-26

Baltimore Summer Antiques Show. International dealers showcase their collections. Baltimore Convention Center, One W. Pratt St., Baltimore. Thurs, 12 to 8; Fri-Sat, 11 to 7; Sun, 11 to 6. \$12. 561-822-5440; Baltimore-SummerAntiques.com.

August 31-September 2

159th Semi-Annual York Antiques Show. Over 90 exhibitors at Memorial Hall East, York

Expo Ctr., 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Fri-Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. \$10. 302-875-5326; TheOriginalYorkAntiquesShow.com.

Art & Craft Shows

Through September

Happenings at Beauty Art, Antiques, Gifts. *Through Aug. 17*, "American Stories" by Paul MacWilliams; *through Sept.*, art glass by Robin Flynn. 3857 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. Tues, Wed, Fri, 11 to 6; Thurs, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net.

Through May, 2013

The Rosenbach Museum & Library Presents "Maurice Sendak: A Legacy Exhibition." The most comprehensive exhibition of Sendak's work offers visitors a look into his life and his art. 2008-2010 Delancey Place, Philadelphia. Tues & Fri, noon to 6; Wed-Thurs, noon to 8; Sat-Sun, noon to 6. \$5-\$10. 215-732-1600; Rosenbach.org.

August 31-September 3

2012 Long's Park Art & Craft Festival. Recognized as one of the country's top 10 fine art and craft shows, with 200 juried artisans, a gourmet food court, live music and a kids' tent. Benefits the free Long's Park Summer Music Series. Harrisburg Pike and Rt. 30, Lancaster. 10 to 5. \$10. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.



September 1

The 105th Arden Fair & Antiques Market. Handmade crafts, antiques market, children's games and rides, plants, live music, great food and more. 2126 The Highway, Arden, DE. 10 to 6. Rain date, Sept. 4. 302-475-5814; ArdenClub.org.

Equestrian

Through September
Fridays and Sundays

Brandywine Polo. Spectators can picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, 5:30; Sun, at 3. \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Phone, 610-268-8692; BrandywinePoloClub.com.

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Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Wednesdays Through September 26
Stroll, Shop, Dine — Dining Under the Stars in Media. Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. Plus entertainment and children's activi-

ties on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

Family Fun

Through August 19

Summer at Valley Forge. Bring the family and walk the historic roads at Valley Forge National Park. Sign up for Ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, bike rentals, cell phone and audio car tours, or hike the trails on your own. 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. Daily, 7 am until dark. 610-783-1099; NPS.gov/VAFO.

Through September 17

Longwood Gardens Fireworks & Fountains. *Swan Lake—Sept. 1*, 8:15 pm. *The Amazing 80s!—Aug. 11*, 9:15 pm, *Sept. 29*, 7:15 pm. 1001 Longwood Rd. Kennett Square. \$22-\$38. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

Sundays Through September 23

West Chester Railroad Summer Picnic Specials. Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute train ride on a warm summer afternoon. Pack a lunch to have at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. Trains depart Market Street Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$10.50-\$12.50. 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.

August 2, 8

Wayne Art Center Visiting Artists Demonstrations for Kids. *Aug. 2*, "Glorious Glass Beads," a demonstration of techniques used to create beautiful beads; *Aug. 8*, "Play With Your Food! Fun Food Sculpture," shows how to turn a pepper into a camel, grapes into bugs and more. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Please register for demos. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

August 4

"In The Good Old Summertime" at Penny-packer Mills. A full day of activities and fun with the Phydeaux's Flying Flea circus and Chief Wahoo's Medicine Show, a British Car Show, live music, games, a Victorian cook and more. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. 11 to 4. Free. 610-287-9349; HistoricSites.MontcoPa.org.



August 7, 14, 21

Children's Summer Series at The Colonial Theatre. *Aug. 7*, Balloon Freak John Cassidy; *Aug. 14*, Makin' Music Rockin' Rhythms; *Aug. 21*, Gustafer Yellowgold. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 10:30 am. \$8.50. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

August 9, 16, 23

Old Time Thursdays at Terracina. Step back in time and discover how to freeze corn, can tomatoes and make preserves in the restored Victorian home of Isabella Lukens Huston, 76 S. First Ave., Coatesville. 1 to 4. \$15. 610-384-9282; LukensNHD.org.

August 11

Storytelling Day at Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum. Tales and songs from the Civil War and of Old Canal Days. Hands-on workshops and children's stories. Take a wagon ride and share stories of your own. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 10

to 4. \$8-\$12; under 5, free. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

August 11

Technology Tours at The Mill at Anselma. Learn about using water as a power source, crafting wooden gears and water wheels, cleaning wheat fresh from the field, and sifting flour into grades of fineness. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. 10 to 4. \$3-\$5. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.

August 19

Historic Scavenger Hunt at The Sanderson Museum. Kids ages 9-14 will search through

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historic artifacts for answers to clues provided for the hunt. Promotes reading comprehension and an understanding of local history. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 1 to 4 pm. \$3. 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.

Festivals & Fairs

Through August 4
Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer Goshen Fire Company. Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk., West Chester. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

Gardens

Through October 28
Tyler Arboretum Presents "Sit A Spell: Seats That Tell a Tale." Talented artisans bring their imaginations to life in the form of outdoor seating. Chairs, benches, rockers and hammocks encourage visitors of all ages to sit, relax and enjoy nature all around them. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 9 to 7. \$5-\$9. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

Museums

Through September 16
Delaware Art Museum – "100 Works for

100 Years." As part of the year-long celebration of the Museum's Centennial, this exhibition will feature one or more works of art for each year of the Museum's existence. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

Through January 6, 2013
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library's "Uncorked! Wine, Objects & Tradition." This exhibition explores the stunning range of objects associated with the history of wine drinking, especially in Britain and America. See website for events related to exhibit. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

Music & Entertainment

Through August 19
Delaware County Summer Festival. *Aug. 1,* The BelAirs and The Fabulous Tailfin Band; *Aug. 2,* The Obsolete & Rodney Bradley Friends Choir; *Aug. 3,* Syntheses Latin Band; *Aug. 4,* PA Symphonic Winds; *Aug. 5,* Philly Party Band; *Aug. 8,* The Plants; *Aug. 9,* Melissa Martin & The Mighty Rhythm Kings; *Aug. 10,* Ron E. Kayfield & Co.; *Aug. 11,* Real Diamond; *Aug. 12,* U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers Chorus; *Aug. 15,* Jimmy & The Parrots; *Aug. 16,* Blackthorn; *Aug. 17,* Moonlight & Love Songs; *Aug. 18,* Cabin Dogs; *Aug. 19,* Penn Chinese Dance Club. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Free. Cancelled for rain. 610-565-7410; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

Through August 26
Long's Park Summer Music Series. *Aug. 5,* Lúnasa; *Aug. 12,* Booker T; *Aug. 19,* Joshua James; *Aug. 26,* Michael Kaeshammer. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongPark.org.

Through August 28
Eagleview Town Center's "Concerts on the Square." *Aug. 7,* Big Package with Danielle Miraglia; *Aug. 14,* Pete Donnelly with Modern Inventors; *Aug. 21,* Toy Soldiers with Riley Road; *Aug. 28,* Entrain. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. In case of rain, phone 800-851-2779 after 4 pm on the day of the show. Free. InEagleview.com.

Through August 31
Longwood's Summer Performances. *Aug. 2-4,* The Brandywiners, Ltd., "Hello Dolly;" *Aug. 9,* Pat Metheny Unity Band; *Aug. 10,* FiddleKicks; *Aug. 15,* Vince Gill; *Aug. 17,* Keola Beamer with Moanalani Beamer; *Aug. 18,* The Kennett Symphony - Water Music; *Aug. 19,* Carillon Concert; *Aug. 22,* Straight

Local Farm Markets

Be sure to check CountyLinesMagazine.com for a complete list of area farm markets.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. BrynMawrFarmersMarket.com.

East Goshen Farmers Market, E. Goshen Park, Paoli Pk., East Goshen. Thurs, 3 to 7 pm. EastGoshenFarmersMarket.blogspot.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, downtown. Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

Lancaster Central Market, 23 N. Market St. Lancaster. Year-round, Tues, Fri, 6 to 4; Sat, 6 to 2. 717-735-6890; CentralMarketLancaster.com.

Media Farmers Market, State St. between Monroe & Gayley Sts. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

Oxford Village Market, 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; OxfordMainStreet.org.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, under Gay St. Bridge accessed by Taylor Alley. Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut and Church Sts., West Chester. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

West Grove Farmers Market, Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveFarmersMarket.com.

Wilmington's Urban Farm Market, 12th & Brandywine Sts. Through Oct. Mon, 4 to 7 pm. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

No Chaser; *Aug. 23,* The Manhattan Transfer; *Aug. 24,* Mountain Heart; *Aug. 25,* Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys; *Aug. 26,* Carillon Concert; *Aug. 31,* Freshlyground. Concerts through Sept. 23. 1001 Longwood Rd. \$25-\$40. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

Through September 23
Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club. Live music, polo and great regional wines. Bring a picnic or purchase a meal onsite. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Gates open at 5:30. For schedule, 610-292-0880; FridayNightsUnderTheStars.com.

August 1
Radnor Township Summer Concert Series. Bring blankets and chairs to this great free summer concert. The Rockabillies, Bo Connor Park, S. Devon Ave., Wayne. 6:30. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

August 1, 8
Summer Concerts at Anson B. Nixon Park. *Aug. 1,* JD Malone; *Aug. 8,* Cabinet, bluegrass, country and folk. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 pm. Free. AnsonBNixonPark.org.

August 2, September 6
Swingin' Summer Thursdays, West Chester. Great food, live music, clowns, dancers and more. Downtown West Chester on Gay Street. *Aug. 2,* jazz with Rob Diener & Anomaly and Rob Swanson Project; *Sept. 6,* rock/funk with the Dirk Quinn Band and Wave Radio. 6:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

August 3
Summer Breezin' in Paoli. Cold drinks, appetizers, a silent auction and Caribbean, reggae and oldies music make for a relaxing summer evening. Benefits the Paoli Blues Fest. Royer-Greaves School, 118 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 5 to 8. \$35. 610-644-6759.

August 3, 4
Kennett Flash. An all-ages concert venue where national, regional and local recording artists perform in an intimate setting. All genres of music—folk, rock, country, blues, jazz and family shows. *Aug. 3,* Swearingen & Kelli; *Aug. 4,* A Tribute to Jerry Garcia:



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The Michael Morrow Band. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

August 3, 10
Summer Concert Series at Morris Arboretum. *Aug. 3*, XPN Kids Corner Concert featuring The Plants; *Aug. 10*, XPN Kids Corner Concert featuring The Suzi Shelton Band. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. 6:30. \$40 per car. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

August 4
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series. Tom Chapin Family Show. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$10

donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

August 5, 19
West Goshen Summer Concert Series. *Aug. 5*, folk music with the Rob Dickenson Band; *Aug. 19*, The West Chester Swing Kings. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. Rainsite: West Chester East High School Auditorium. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-692-2550; WGoshen.org.

August 9-25
"One Song Rock Fest" at Media Theatre. Various genres of rock—with a few layers of

pop—in a fast tempo of guitar jams and meaningful lyrics. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Thurs-Sat, performances, 7:30. \$12. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

August 11
84th Chester County Old Fiddlers' Picnic. Old-time country music takes center stage at this annual event, where musicians perform to a crowd at Hibernia County Park. Fun for the whole family. Rain date Aug. 14, 11 to 5. Hibernia County Park, Cedar Knoll Rd., 4 mi. N of Coatesville off Rt. 82, West Caln Township. 10 to 4. \$5 parking fee. 610-383-3812, 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

August 16
Music at Marshall Square Park. Classic rewind with the Pompeo Brothers Band, rain date Aug. 23. Marshall Square Park, 248 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 6:30 pm. Free.



August 17, September 21
Music Friday in Lancaster Square. *Aug. 17*, The DiSanto Brothers; *Sept. 21*, The Johnny Bravo Combo. Lancaster Square, Lancaster. 6 pm. 717-291-4758; LancasterCityEvents.com.

August 18
Kennett Symphony, "Water Music: Titanic 100 Years." Music inspired by water: Handel's *Suite on the River Thames*, a trip to the Blue Danube, Richard Rodgers' WWII classic and the grand music from the film *Titanic*. The voyage ends with a spectacular Fountain Show. Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1 7:30. \$5-\$40, includes gardens admission. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.



Outdoor Activities

Through August
Bike and Hike at Hagley Museum. Wednesday evenings through the summer, visitors are welcome to bike along the Brandywine River, hike around the museum, or enjoy an outdoor evening excursion. Perfect for a dinner picnic. *Sept. 15*, Bat Chat—learn about bats, their hunting skills, habitats and more. Rt. 141, Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

In Towns & Boroughs . . .

August 2-September 6
Town Tours & Village Walks. Discover Chester County's historic villages, residences, waterways and mills. For times, reservations (required) and locations, call 877-442-2476 (press the menu # corresponding to the tour). *Aug. 2*, menu #107, The Country School at Chester Springs (1916-1952) and Art Exhibit; *Aug. 9*, menu #108, The Continental Powder Mill on French Creek; *Aug. 23*, menu #109, Oxford Historic District; *Aug. 30*, menu #110, Isabella Furnace & Langoma Mansion; *Sept. 6*, menu #111, The Village of Unionville. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.



August 3
Murder Mystery Art Stroll. Kennett Amateur Theatrical Society (KATS) presents a murder mystery where visitors solve the whodunnit. A family-friendly event. Genesis Walkway, 101 E. State St. 6:30. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

August 3, September 7
First Fridays. *Berwyn*, 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. *Kennett Square*, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. *Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. *A Main Line ARTitude*, with free trolley from Bryn Mawr to Ardmore, 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. *Oxford*, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. *Phoenixville*, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. *Wayne*, 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; *Wilmington*, 302-576-2100; ArtLoop-WilmingtonDE.com.

August 11, September 8
Media's Second Saturdays. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Theater

August 2-4
Brandywiners, Ltd. — "Hello Dolly." Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1. \$20-\$30 includes garden adm; fountain display after the show. 8:30 pm. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org. ♦

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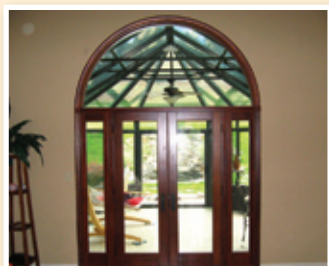
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Valley Forge Military Academy Marching Band kicks off the Festival.



Left: The popular Top Dog Contest brings out proud owners and canine contestants.

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Bottom: World champion juggler Josh Horton entertains the crowd.

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Families come to the festival for the rides and other entertainment.

Businesses Give Back Radnor Fall Festival – Sunday, September 16

"At a time in our country when it's hard to find time to travel, it's important to remind our neighbors that we live in a walkable, beautiful community." So say the organizers of the Radnor Fall Festival.

What started as a health fair two decades ago has turned into the biggest event in Radnor Township, giving neighbors a chance to catch up and others a chance to see the livable village of Wayne.

And Wayne is well worth a visit. Combining the best of town and county as one of America's first planned communities, Wayne is home to some of the area's most alluring architectural residences: Queen Anne, Stick styles, Colonial Revival, Tudor and Craftsman homes grace its tree-lined streets.

Radnor Township has its own draw. Recently named one of the top 100 places to live and start a small business, Radnor is the only Pennsylvania community to place in the top 50 by *Fortune Small Business* magazine.

Dr. Todd Serinsky, of Westside Wellness Chiropractic and chair of the Festival for the past six years, says the Radnor Fall Festival, is a "thank you to the community" for helping making that and more possible. "When it started, it was a community event and it still is today. Every year we try to make it better than the last, so we can show our neighbors that we appreciate their support."

Sponsored by the Wayne Business Association, the Festival has featured entertainment ranging from world class jugglers and dancers to face painting and a popular Top Dog Contest, with celebrity judges awarding trophies for Best Trick, Best Trained and Best Personality to the canine contestants.

Over 50 vendors will line North Wayne Avenue in the heart of the downtown district on Sunday, September 16. You'll find a kickoff from the Valley Forge Military Academy Marching Band, family-friendly rides and attractions, live music, tons of food—some from Wayne's great restaurants—and much more.

To celebrate the Festival's 20th anniversary, Dr. Serinsky, along with co-chairs Sam Strike of *Radnor Patch*, Christopher Todd of Christopher's Restaurant, and Diane Jorle, President of the Wayne Business Association, promise something special. But, it's a surprise, so you'll just have to go to see for yourself.

The Festival is a nonprofit fundraiser with proceeds and donations supporting scholarships to help local students employed by Wayne businesses. "The members of this community give to us all year—this is our way of giving back," says Serinsky. ♦

From 1 to 5 p.m. on N. Wayne Ave. in Wayne. For more or to volunteer: 610-687-8988; RadnorFallFestival.com.

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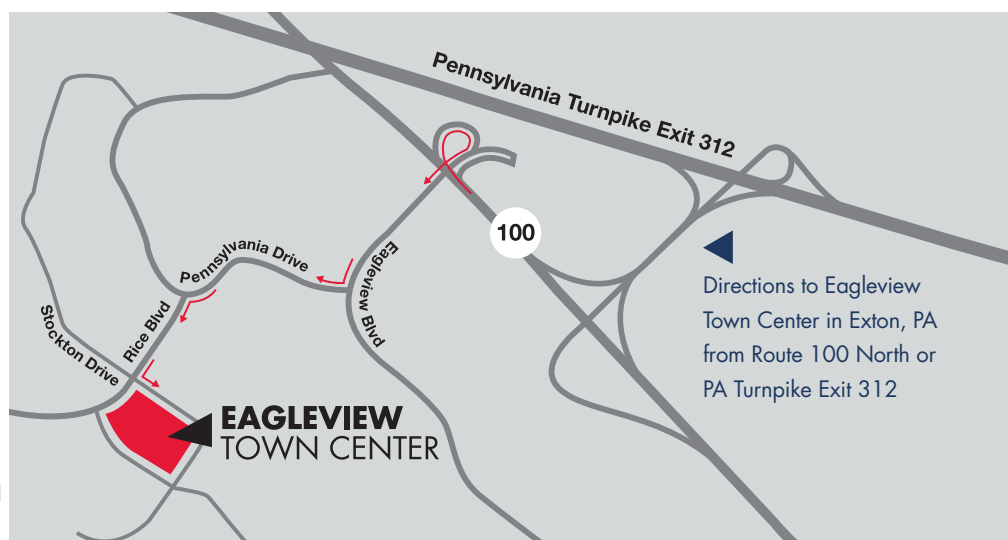
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Exploring X-Town

Patricia Finn

Driving along Route 100, you might see Exton as just an industrial town or a perfect spot to hit the mall for the day. But on closer look, Exton offers more—alive with local history, culture and—you guessed it—more than a little shopping.

Named after the X-crossing of its location at the intersection of Routes 30 and 100, Exton ("X-Town") began as a stop for travelers on their commutes into Philadelphia. Business boomed because of the commuters, yet Exton has deep roots and several families that have considered Exton home for generations. At the site that's now Exton Square Mall stand two historical homes, the Massey House (c. 1717) and the Zook House (c. 1734), both open to visitors interested in perusing the period antiques.

Since those days, Exton locals have expanded the opportunities to enjoy nature, art galleries, shopping excursions and community events, proving that X truly marks the spot.

Town Within a Town

About five miles from the X intersection is **Eagleview Town Center**, bursting with an eclectic collection of shops surrounded by fountains, flowers and even gazebos, a place that locals describe as a slice of life from the past. First stop, sit down with your favorite classic or a best seller at **Wellington Square Book and Coffee Shop**. Hosting book clubs, weekly open mic nights, visits from local authors, and the store's own radio show, this comfortable hub truly believes in the

Eagleview Town Center hosts a Summer Concert Series.



Other Colors Gallery is a forum for regional artists.





Marsh Creek State Park offers a variety of water sports for summer fun.

personalized power of independent bookstores. *WellingtonSquareBooks.com*.

Just a few feet away, discover **Other Colors Gallery**, a “green space” art gallery that brings a hip Soho feel straight to Exton. Visitors will find work that’s as thought-provoking for art enthusiasts as it is collectible for the discriminating buyer. *OtherColorsGallery.com*.

Vibrant in its community appeal, Eaglevue makes for a perfect stage during **Concerts on the Square**, a free summer music series featuring live bands on Tuesday evenings. When you feel a nip in the air, come back to enjoy their Fall Festival. *540 Wellington Square; Hank-inGroup.com*.

More To Explore

From scenic walking and biking paths, to glistening Marsh Creek Lake, to the many community attractions, Exton and its environs offer entertainment options. To explore Exton and its northern neighbor

Lionville-Marchwood, stroll down the newly constructed **Chester Valley and Uwchlan Trails** that weave through shopping centers, residential neighborhoods, and alongside the ponds and streams hidden throughout the township.

Make a splash in **Marsh Creek State Park**, just northwest of Main Street, with your choice of canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, sailboats, windsurfers and fishing rods for fun-filled afternoons. *MarshCreekLake.com*.

Not your typical Y, the **Lionville Branch of the Upper Main Line YMCA** includes classes in the arts as well as fitness and even hosts game nights and luncheons regularly for a well-rounded experience. *100 Devon Dr.; UMLY.org*.

At the heart of the county’s library system, **Chester County Library & District Center** is not only bountiful in books, but also in Exton’s history. One wall is devoted to the beloved **Guernsey Cow**, the giant cow on Route 30 that marked

the place of the former ice cream shop that shared its name. For the record, the missing head is still to be found! *450 Exton Sq. Parkway; CCLS.org*.

Where To Shop

Want the full shopping experience? Go to the X of Routes 30 and 100 to **Exton Square Mall** and the open-air **Main Street at Exton** with shops from Aldo to Zale Jewelers. The Exton Mall, with a variety of big-name stores such as Macy’s and Banana Republic, is also home to one-of-a-kinds like the **Chester County Art Association’s** gallery and art shop. While running from shop to shop at the mall, grab a bite at their state-of-the-art food court to keep your energy level up.

Enjoy the other side of the crossroads in Main Street’s flower-lined walkways and brick buildings as you explore its 30+ stores and restaurants, in a settling designed to feel like you’re shopping along the classic Main Streets of Home Town, U.S.A.



Ship Inn



Waterloo Gardens

A burst of color a few miles beyond these two centers is **Waterloo Gardens**, boasting a large selection of flowers, trees and outdoor furniture. Despite the planned July closing of its Devon location, the Exton site will continue to keep our area green. *200 N. Whitford Rd.; WaterlooGardens.com*.

A long-standing family business from another Exton-rooted family, **Ball and Ball Hardware Reproduction** features a fascinating array of unique reproduction 18th-century hardware created locally every day. The family hails from former armour makers to The Crown! *463 W. Lincoln Hwy.; BallandBall-us.com*.

Where to Eat

Dining in Exton offers so many exciting options—from family-friendly to formal, indoors and out—you’ll want to return to try more than one.

Duling-Kurtz House, a beautiful B&B and Exton landmark, provides a home-like setting perfect for a bottle of wine from their extensive wine cellar and a delicious meal of traditional fare. *146 S. Whitford Rd.; DulingKurtz.com*.

Looking for a new dish? Another Exton favorite, **Ship Inn** puts a twist on classic meals by including lighter fare and an infusion of meals with Southwestern and Asian flavors. *693 E. Lincoln Hwy.; ShipInn.net*.

For a fun-filled family dinner, visit **Ron’s Original Bar and Grille** with options including Italian classics, sand-

wiches, steaks and seafood just to name a few choices. *74 E. Uwchlan Ave.; RonsOriginal.com*.

Or take a seat inside or outside at **Eaglevue’s Brickside Grille**, a casual restaurant serving a creative American menu with ethnic influences and a large selection of

beer. Order one of the catches of the day, a Brickside favorite. *540 Wellington Sq.; BricksideGrille.com*.

Whether you’re looking for relaxing days outdoors, shops as unique as its locals, or music and art galleries, “X-town” offers an excellent experience. ♦



Exton is home to two large malls: Exton Square Mall, left, with food court and air-conditioned shopping, and open-air Main Street at Exton, below.

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A preview of upcoming events this season



Clockwise from top right: Great Pumpkin Event at Chadds Ford Historical Society, DuPont Theatre's *Anything Goes*, People's Light & Theatre present *Aladdin*, Kennett Square Mushroom Festival

SEPTEMBER

1-3, 69th Annual Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair. Equestrians compete in a variety of events. Carriage exhibition, antique cars and country fair. Rt. 100, N of Rt. 401, Ludwig's Corner. 610-458-3344; LudwigsHorseShow.org.

7-9, Glen Willow Combined Driving Event. Combined driving, dressage, equestrian event and trade fair. Wood View and Glen Willow Rds., West Grove. 910-691-7735; GlenWillowCDE.org.

7-9, 16th Annual Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance. Premier, nationally recognized motor car event. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 610-353-3536; RadnorConcours.org.

8-Nov. 18, Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Showcase. Festive foliage for the fall. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

8-9, 27th Kennett Square Mushroom Festival. Street fair with mushroom-related events. Fun for the whole family. 610-793-3909; MushroomFest.com.

8-9, 47th Annual Chadds Ford Days. 18th-century celebration, tours of the John

Chads House, vendors, food and an art show. Rt. 100, Chadds Ford. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

16, 33rd Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival. Seventy restaurants serve up their best. Gay St., West Chester. Rain date, Sept. 25. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

16, Radnor Fall Festival. A day of food, music and fun for the whole family. N. Wayne Ave., downtown Wayne. 610-688-9188; RadnorFallFestival.com.

16, The Hagley Car Show. More than 500 antique cars, trucks and motorcycles are displayed. Main entrance off Rt. 141, Wilmington. 10 to 4. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

22, 10th Annual Community Arts Center's Arts & Crafts Show. Held on the streets of Media this year and offering even more festivities. State Street, Media. 11 to 7. CommunityArtsCenter.org or VisitMediaPA.com.

25-30, Dressage at Devon. Top horses and riders from around the world compete. Festival Shops. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. 484-358-5510; DressageAtDevon.org.

26-Nov. 4, Media Theatre Presents *Hairspray*. Broadway's classic hit comes to Media with its terrific score and inspired choreography. 104 E. State St., Media. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

29, 15th Annual Kennett Square Brewfest. Over 60 microbrewers from across the region offer samples. Food from local restaurants is part of the fun. 600 S. Broad St. 610-444-8188; KennettBrewFest.com.

29-30, Oct. 6-7, Brandywine Valley Wine Trail's 10th Annual Harvest Festival. Local vineyards and wineries invite you to discover the Brandywine Valley Wine district. BVWineTrail.com.

OCTOBER

6, 72nd Annual Chester County Day Tour. Fine homes and historic landmarks in the southwestern quadrant of Chester County are on this year's tour. Benefits Chester County Hospital. 610-431-5301; CCHosp.com.

6, Paoli Blues Fest 2012. Musicians perform throughout the day, street fairs. Village Shops, Rt. 30, Paoli. PaoliBluesFest.com.

7, 32nd Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival. Restaurants and craftspeople dis-



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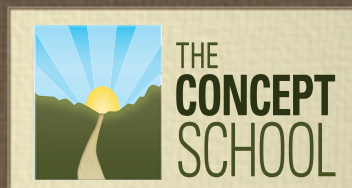
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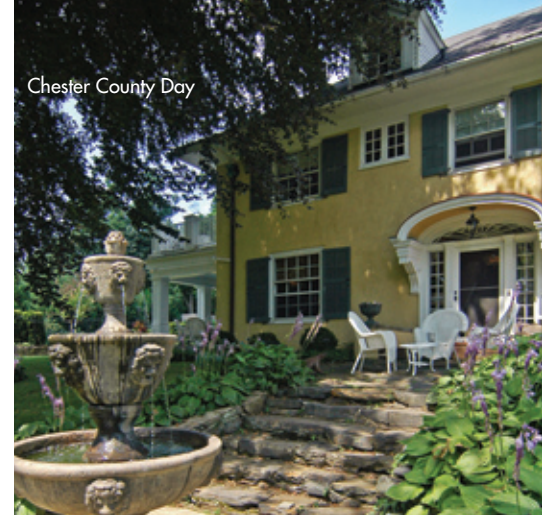
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11, Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Fall Festival of Homes. Enjoy distinctive private residences, a vendor boutique home and a lovely lunch spot. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. 610-525-2533; TheDevonHorseShow.org.

13, Harvest Days Festival at Landis Valley Museum. Demonstrations, crafts, wagon rides, and food to immerse you in Pennsylvania German traditions. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

17-21, 2012 Dansko Fair Hill International 3-Day Event & Festival in the Country. USEF Championships, horse trials, country fair and more. Gallagher Rd., Rts. 273 & 213, Fair Hill, MD. 410-398-2111; FairHillInternational.com.

25-27, The Great Pumpkin Event. Traditional pumpkin carve and show. Chadds Ford Historical Society, Rt. 100 N., Chadds Ford. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

30-Nov. 4, Anything Goes at DuPont Theatre. A new production based on the Tony Award-winning Lincoln Center Theater production. 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

NOVEMBER

4, 78th Running of the PA Hunt Cup. Enjoy a day in the country featuring great timber racing, tailgating, carriage parade and shopping. Benefits local conservancies and land trusts. Rt. 926 & Newark Rd. Unionville. 484-888-6619; PAHuntCup.org.

8-11, 36th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show. Show and sale of contemporary art-quality crafts, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St. Philadelphia. 215-684-7930; PMACraftShow.org.

9-11, 49th Annual Delaware Antiques Show. Premier event featuring more than 60 fine antiques dealers. Chase Center, Wilmington. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

14-Jan. 6, People's Light & Theatre Present Aladdin: A Musical Panto. This hilarious holiday panto is a treat for the whole family. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-647-1900; PeoplesLight.org.

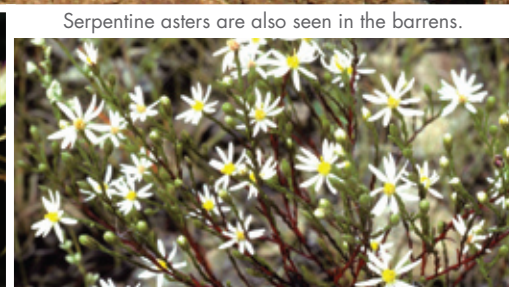
17, Jazz By Night Celebration in Media. The music reverberates up and down State Street — traditional, classic and genuine Jazz from Bebop to Avant-Garde to NuJazz. 610-566-5039; State-StreetBlues.com.

17-18, Main Line Antiques Show. The only antiques show on the Main Line is held this year in the Radnor Country Club, featuring 30 top dealers. Benefits Surrey Services for Seniors. MainLineAntiquesShow.com. ♦





Bright fameflowers dot the landscape.



Serpentine asters are also seen in the barrens.

The Incredible Shrinking Ecosystem

Kirsten Werner, Natural Lands Trust

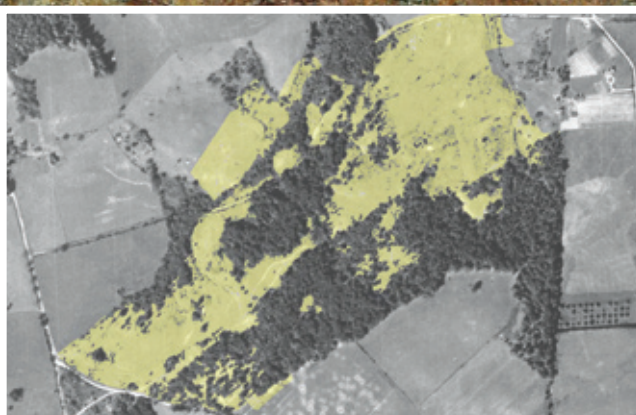
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A cool fog envelops the fields at ChesLen Preserve as a Northern Bobwhite carefully rearranges her clutch of eggs nestled in the thick grass. A juniper hairstreak caterpillar nibbles the tender growth of a scrubby evergreen. The fields are dotted with round-leaved fameflower and serpentine aster, which open their flower heads to the warming sun.

These plants and creatures, many of them rare or even endangered, are thriving in a unique habitat known as the Unionville Barrens.

Serpentine Barrens

Scientists who talk about the Unionville Barrens use phrases like “globally significant” and “a natural heritage treasure.” But this unique ecosystem—most of it within the 1,263-acre ChesLen Preserve in Unionville, Chester County—is slowly shrinking and, without intervention, the barrens will disappear entirely. But Natural Lands Trust, which owns and manages ChesLen Preserve as well as 40 other preserves across eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey, is determined save them.



Grasslands at the barrens have been shrinking for decades, from 58 acres in 1937 (shown in light green, at left), to only 7 acres in 2010.

Serpentine rock, showing its characteristic green hue.

Dr. Latham has authored a Restoration and Management Plan for the Unionville Barrens.



Serpentine Barrens derive their name from both the serpentinite bedrock that lies beneath the soil and their inhospitable growing conditions. The term “barrens” was coined by farmers who discovered long ago that the soils were poor for growing crops. The presence of serpentinite—a rare, greenish, metamorphic rock that was formed in a deep ocean half a billion years ago—makes the soils inhospitable to all but a few tenacious grasses, forbs (groundcover, like clover), and small trees that have adapted to high levels of magnesium and nickel and low levels of calcium.

Many of these plants are rare, threatened or endangered as are some of the insects and other animals that make the grasslands their home.

Root of the Problem

Ironically, much of the loss of serpentine grasslands is due to inattention from humans over the past century. Without periodic disturbance, surrounding woodlands will overtake the barrens.

For millions of years, this essential disturbance came from native animals: mastodons, mammoths and herds of hungry elk kept trees at bay by browsing and trampling the ground beneath them.

Humans have done their part, too. Native peoples set fires to improve hunting conditions, grazed livestock and mined for soapstone. Mining for various minerals continued through the 19th century.

Today, in the absence of these activities, bordering woodlands quickly encroach, creating a richer soil layer over the inhospitable

serpentinite as their leaves drop and decompose.

“Simply protecting serpentine barrens from development is not enough to sustain them,” says Dr. Roger Latham, conservation biologist and Natural Lands Trust Board of Trustees member. “There once were 40 barrens sites in the eastern United States; today, there are fewer than 20. It is only recently that conservation organizations like Natural Lands Trust have made the stewardship of such places intentional.”

With funding from the William Penn Foundation, Dr. Latham authored a Restoration and Management Plan for the Unionville Barrens. This comprehensive document is serving as a blueprint for Natural Lands Trust’s efforts to restore the grasslands to nearly 50 acres, three-quarters of their historical size (today, a mere seven acres remain) and sustain the integrity of this rare and precious ecosystem.

Bringing Back the Barrens

This month, restoration work will begin with a timber harvest on 19 acres of former grasslands that were once, decades ago, devoid of trees. This will increase the sunlight that reaches the ground and eliminate the main source of organic material. Natural Lands Trust’s stewardship experts have also sprayed invasive shrubs and select eastern red-cedars with herbicide to eliminate them as competition for the barren’s plants but still provide perches for hawks and owls.

Next steps include managing invasive plants and deer and planting the area with seeds gathered from the remaining seven acres of grasslands. With an exhaustive botanical survey of the barrens as a baseline, scientists will monitor 32 different quadrats (square test plots) for indicators, such as the numbers and diversity of plant and animal species, to track ecological improvement.

“As a scientist I’m particularly proud that Natural Lands Trust is a leader in science-based restoration and management of this ancient, priceless ecosystem,” says Dr. Latham. “To paraphrase Mark Twain, ‘Everyone talks about science-based management but only a very exceptional few, out at the cutting edge, do anything about it.’” ♦

Natural Lands Trust is the region’s largest land conservation organization, preserving open space in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. Find more at NatLands.org.



Many West Chester University buildings are made of serpentinite.

Spot the Serpentine

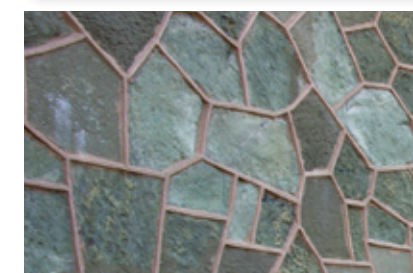
Ever admire the rustic yet dignified architecture of Chester County’s stone farmhouses and barns, old churches and university buildings? Have you noticed that many of these, including West Chester University’s buildings, have a green hue?

Many of these county landmarks point back to the days of active serpentine quarries, a unique element of history you can see today.

Serpentine—a green, metamorphic rock found almost exclusively in our area—was used as a building material back in the 1720s. A handful of private quarries, including Devon Quarry, Easttown Quarry, and the Serpentine Ridge Quarry (West Goshen Township) used the serpentinite exclusively for farm buildings in the area.

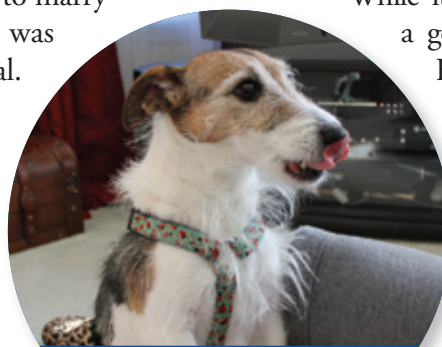
Most of the familiar public serpentine structures, however, were developed from the materials of Brinton’s Quarry (Westtown Township) and the imagination of architect Joseph Brinton. These include West Chester Friends Meeting House, Chester County Courthouse in downtown West Chester and several buildings on West Chester University’s campus.

Though only a few examples remain, due to the material’s crumbly nature, these landmark structures add to the uniqueness of our area and give a visible link to the past.





When Dom asked Becky to marry him, he knew she was part of a package deal. Along with Becky came Hunter, a seven-year-old Jack Russell terrier. Over the next seven years, Dom adopted Becky's dog and her philosophy of caring for pets: treating Hunter as an equal member of the Marinucci household from puppyhood training to sensitive senior care. "When you get a pet, you're expanding your family," says Becky.



Hunter, a 7-year-old Jack Russell terrier, is the third member of the Marinucci family.

While it's Becky who is most likely to buy a gourmet taco-shaped biscuit or dress Hunter in fancy coats, Dom admits to serving as Hunter's elf at Christmastime. He shops for and wraps Hunter's gifts to Becky—including items like luxury perfume—and is the first one to grab a camera as Hunter, dressed in pink, unwraps gifts by the tree. At many Brandywine Valley homes, four-footed family members rule the roost, partake in royal treats, and command a fair share of the family treasury.



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Happy dogs in group play at Wagsworth Manor, above and below, show why this is a top area pet resort. Note the special canine grass, astro turf for dogs!



Every family member, including the canine kind, deserves a professional portrait. This one is by Melody McFarland, who contributed several photos to this article. MELODYPETPHOTOGRAPHY.COM





Bark Avenue Dog Day Camp hosts birthday parties with pup-cakes, hats and photos.

Pup Cakes & Stud Muffins

Among the royal indulgences for pets and admirers are premium dog biscuits, swanky cat toys and owners' novelties. Giggy Bites in Chadds Ford sells natural gourmet treats in a variety of shapes, sizes and nutritional ingredients for Marmaduke-sized dogs to the tiniest of Chihuahuas. In addition to snacks for different diets—wheat-free, vegetarian, low fat—the shop offers a favorite oatmeal peanut butter treat.

Bark Avenue Dog Day Camp in northern Wilmington is one place that serves those special treats. For its campers, the 3,200-square-foot facility will host birthday parties complete with pup cake, party hats and photographs. Costumed pooches leave the camp's annual Halloween party with a bag of goodies.

Giggy Bites also offers gourmet Molasses Bites for horses, says shop owner Stephanie Rossini. They were originally designed for thoroughbred Barbaro, the Kentucky Derby winner who fractured bones in his leg during the 2006 Preakness Stakes. Fans were looking for ways to show support, so Giggy Bites began making the gourmet bites to send to Barbaro during treatment at nearby New Bolton Center.

When it comes to food and treats, the most important thing to remember is that "all four-legged kids are different," says Amy DePaoli, marketing director at Pet Valu. "It does not take long before our employees know your pets by name, any medical conditions they may have, the food they eat, and their favorite types of toys."

Life as Top Dog

For practically royal gifts, vet care, professional dog training and pampering, The Pet Village in Wayne can boast of an array of jaw-dropping items at eye-popping prices. At the award-winning Dogma Grooming Spa and Salon, Fido can enjoy a Very Berry Facial; feline queens can emerge in style after a "White Diamond" coat-whitening treatment. At The Bark Avenue Boutique, pick up a \$450 doggie bed with faux leather tailoring.

Pet lovers can also arrange for their best friends' coiffures or massages during overnight stays at Wagsworth Manor Pet Resort in Malvern. The facility offers upscale amenities, indoor and outdoor play areas, and a dog swimming pool.

West Chester resident Dawn deFuria took Cosmo, the family's pug puppy, to Wagsworth Manor when they traveled.

They toured various facilities before choosing the resort. "It was like the Ritz Carlton," said deFuria, describing rooms where dogs could nap on the bed, VIP treatment and facilities that "did not smell like pets." Cosmo enjoyed playtime with dogs his size, one-on-one tender loving care from a human, and a romp in a bone-shaped baby pool since he was too tiny for the large swimming pool and didn't own a life preserver.

"It wasn't cheap, but he loved it," deFuria said. The rationale behind special care, despite greater cost, was clear. Cosmo joined the family three months after Dawn's surgery to remove a brain tumor; he sat with her during recovery. "Once we got Cosmo, I was able to focus on loving my puppy, instead of worrying about being ill," she said. "He truly helped me recover." Who wouldn't treat a best friend to the best care?

TLC

Whether a family has royal coffers for a pet resort, entrusts care of a pet to its vet when the family travels, or hires a sitter to come to the home, the bottom line is great care. "I want to know that the person taking care of Hunter is knowledgeable," says Becky Marinucci.

Ben Burke, owner of Bark Avenue Day Camp, suggests this question when choosing caregivers: "Will they love my pet almost as much as I do?" (See additional tips from Burke in the sidebar.)

Jen Galfano, owner of PetCare Group Inc., quotes The Wizard of Oz: "There's



no place like home." Not just for Toto, but for cats sensitive to environmental changes or for skunks, pigs or other exotic animals not usually found at a pet resort.

For owners who know their pets are happier at home, Petcare Group provides in-home pet sitting services. Benefits include allowing animals to stay around their familiar smells and belongings, Galfano explains. Furthermore, neighbors or even the most dedicated relatives might not want to cuddle pythons or nocturnal chinchillas.

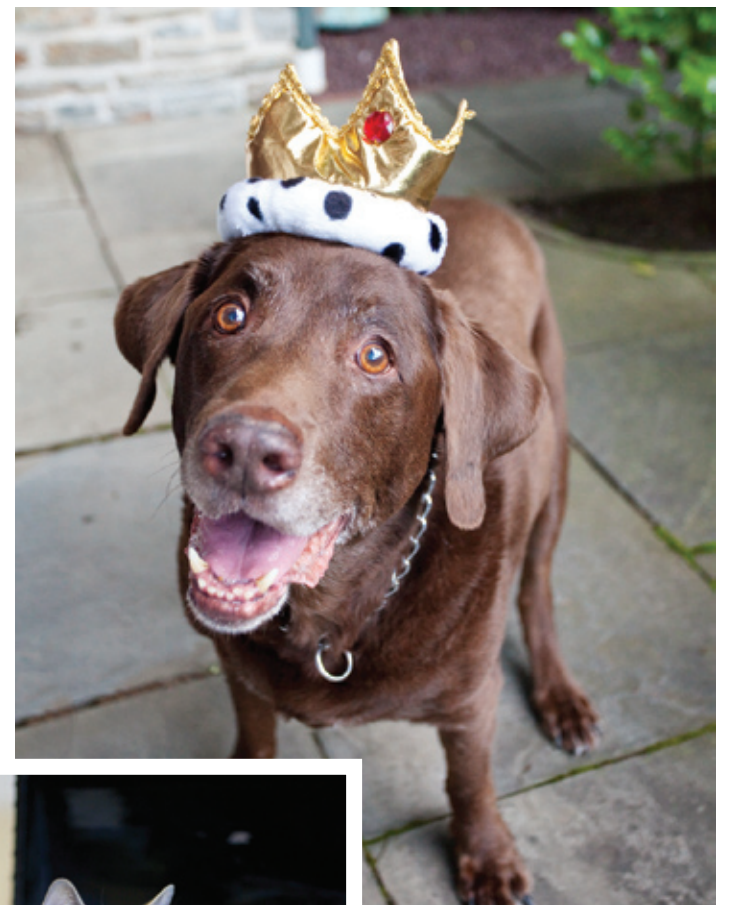
Part of the Community

Pets are community builders, bringing people together and bringing out their best nature.

At the Lincoln Room in West Chester, owner Susan Johnstone has hosted dogs in tiaras and pet owners in party hats at Paws for Tea. Dogs get treat bags and owners sip tea at light-hearted tea parties in the courtyard. "There are lots of wagging tails, and people are more likely to intermingle at the events," Johnstone says. She looks forward to the next Paws gathering on September 8. "Cats and bunnies are welcome, too," she adds.

Viktor Ohnjec, cofounder of Pedaling4Paws, understands the mutual adoration of pets and people in communities. His family adopted cats Pumpkin and Skiddles from the SPCA. "We love them," he said. "They give us balance. Pets can transform the grouchiest person into someone who is calm and caring." In thanks, he and other bicyclists ride 500 miles in five days each June to raise awareness and money for animal shelters from Pennsylvania to Canada.

Next time you fetch slippers and robe, wrap your special star in matching pajamas, and plop onto the sofa to watch TV together, ask: Which dog is really having its day? ♦



From special carriers, doggie crowns, and wacky wardrobes (see the lavender goggles, above), to swims in a special salt-water pool (at Wagsworth Manor), our best friends live a dog's life! Our feline friends do well, too.



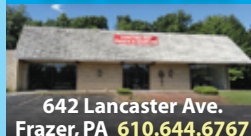
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Ben Burke, owner of Bark Avenue Day Camp, offers suggestions when selecting a day camp or overnight sleep-over location for a pet:

- Visit the prospective site and meet the caregivers. Determine: Will the caregivers love my pet almost as much as I do?
- Stop in at any point in the day. Assess the activities and facilities that are occurring during the actual time that pets are there.
- Check cleanliness. What does the location look and smell like? It should smell clean—not like pets and not like an air freshener is covering up odors.
- Compare staff numbers to pet numbers. Are animals left alone? While there are no official rules, according to Burke, a decent guideline is no more than ten dogs per staff member.
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From top-left: Eagleview Senior Living grounds and apartment. Photo: The Williams Group for The Hankin Group

MY GENERATION: Older, Wiser and Turning ... Green?

In the '70s, during my *Whole Earth* period, I lived "green." Very "back to the earth," so to speak. On a communal farm, we had compost bins, solar hot water, windmills for occasional electricity, wood for occasional heat. But what, I wondered, did "green" mean today? And what about green for senior housing?

New Green

Having worked with the U.S. Green Building Council on buildings with LEED certifications, The Hankin Group, a well-respected local developer, knows green. Its new Bernard Hankin Senior Living facility (named after Hankin's founder) is the companion to the nearby Henrietta Potter Hankin Building (Bernard's wife). Opened in May, the new building is set on the lush grounds of Eagleview Town Center. A prime example of modern green.

My tour begins outside. The parking lot, it turns out, is permeable, unlike most lots. The usual approach is to pour a load of asphalt. The rain just drips through this one, which is a good, green thing.

Inside, you can smell the new carpet and a hint of fresh paint—also green, I assume. There are bright, sunny recreation rooms at the several corners. Comfortable furniture in the common rooms. Very normal.

The key to green here is the building's envelope: it's very efficient, very tight. A whole system of building wraps and flashing products minimize air and water infiltration. The roof, walls and

foundation all have additional insulation: yielding R-31 as compared with a usual R-19. Dupont's Tyvek representatives trained Hankin's sub-contractors, inspected the installation, and warranted the work. Also, the windows have insulated, low-E glass, far exceeding code for thermal performance. Impressively green.

Outside, the summer sun warms up the air. Inside, it's comfortable. The heating is geothermal, with 42 wells that are 500 feet deep and extend below the parking lot. The earth, in other words, is supplying all the heat required. In winter, I'm told, it will be warm and cozy.

Then there are photovoltaic panels—nearly 200 of them—on the roof. The electricity supplied displaces about a quarter of the building's demand. But it's all hidden from view, at least on the parking lot side. Invisibly green.

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All this earns the building a LEED gold certificate. Maybe LEED platinum, if the building passes several more hurdles. They'll know by September. Either way, gold or platinum, the building is a valuable demonstration of what's possible and adds to a growing number of green options in our area's senior housing.

Green goes well with silver, too. ♦

~ Ed Malet



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Our region has many communities built and managed for active seniors. They're essentially planned neighborhoods—townhouses, condos and apartments—that cater to older adults who still feel young. Some are called “55+” communities, others “active adult,” “retirement” or “independent living” communities. Generally, though, many feel like resorts. Here are a few.

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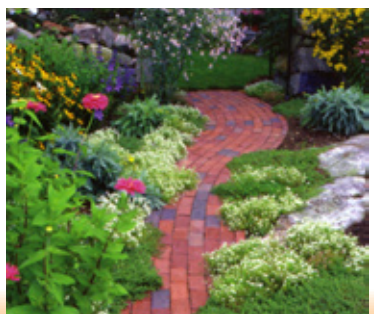
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Big hair and lively dancing start the season as Media Theatre puts on *Hairspray*. Featuring an award-winning score, this Broadway classic brings the 1960s streets of Baltimore to the stage as it follows a larger-than-life adolescent jolting her way into the spotlight.

Brush up your Shakespeare at People's Light and Theatre's twist on *The Winter's Tale*. Watch as Scotland's internationally acclaimed director Guy Hollands reinvents this tale of kings and queens, revenge and betrayal—a dynamic performance that even features acrobatics!

Celebrating its centennial with a delightful, delicious and de-lovely story and catchy music, DuPont Theatre presents the beloved musical *Anything Goes*. Set on the fictional S.S. *American*, the story follows two unlikely pairs that set off on the course towards true love, creating a hilariously bumpy ride along the way.

Telling time-honored stories through dance, the Brandywine Ballet gracefully entertains their audiences, and this season is no exception. See the mysterious *Dracula* this fall and join the *Nutcracker* tradition for the holidays.

Edgar Allan Poe comes back to life at the Brandywine River Museum's fascinating special exhibit *Picturing Poe: Illustrations for Edgar Allan Poe's Stories and Poems*. With artistic interpretations from the most widely acclaimed illustrators in the world, this exhibit brings Poe's macabre stories and poems to light. Delaware Art Museum marks 100 years of supporting local visual art with a celebration featuring works of art for each year of the museum's existence in "100 Works for 100 Years."

For art updates, visit our website, CountyLinesMagazine.com, sign up for our events newsletter at Newsletter@ValleyDel.com, and find us on Facebook and Pinterest.

Delight in the diversity of local art this season!

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News so local that we report lost dogs



Media Theatre's *Chicago*



Mann Center for the Performing Arts
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DuPont Theatre's *Flashdance*

THEATERS & VENUES OFFERING MUSIC, DANCE & THEATER PERFORMANCES

Suburban PA Counties

Academy of International Ballet and International Ballet Classique
300 Pennell Rd., Ste. 320, Media
610-459-9221; AcademyBalletRU.com

American Music Theatre
2425 Lincoln Hwy E., Lancaster
717-397-7700; AmericanMusicTheatre.com
**Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Charley Pride, Martina McBride*

Bryn Mawr/Haverford College
101 N. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr
610-526-5210; BrynMawr.edu/Calendar/Performing_Arts.html

Cabrini College Theatre
610 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor
610-902-8100; Cabrini.edu

Chester Co. Historical Society Cultural Ctr.
225 N. High St., West Chester 610-692-4800
ChesterCoHistorical.org/CulturalCenter.php

Coatesville Area Arts Alliance
120 Reservoir Rd., Coatesville
610-384-2535; CThreeA.org

The Colonial Theatre / Point Entertainment
227 Bridge St., Phoenixville
610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com
610-642-0292; PointEntertainment.com
**Little Feat, Al Stewart*

Daylesford Abbey
220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli
610-647-2530; Daylesford.org

Franklin & Marshall College
415 Harrisburg Ave., Lancaster
717-291-3911; FAndM.edu

The Hadley Memorial Fund
Kennett Square. 610-444-1855; HadleyFund.org

Haverford College
See Bryn Mawr/Haverford College

Hill School of Performing Arts
717 East High St., Pottstown
610-326-1000; TheHill.org

Immaculata University
Alumnae Hall Theatre, Immaculata
610-647-4400; Immaculata.edu

Kennett Flash
Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square
484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org
**Francis Dummary, Kim Richey*

Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts
Easton Rd. & Keswick Ave., Glenside
215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com
**The Machine, David Sedaris, Joe Jackson & The Bigger Band*

Longwood Gardens Performing Arts
Route 1, Kennett Square
610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org
**Kennett Symphony, Hello, Dolly!*

Mt. Hope Estate & Winery
Rt. 72, Cornwall 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com
**Murder Mystery, New Year's Eve Gala*

Neumann University – Meagher Theatre
1 Neumann Dr., Aston
610-459-0905; Neumann.edu

Reading Civic Theatre
126 N. 10th St., Reading
610-375-7482; ReadingCivic.org

The Rock School – Rock West
1510 Paoli Pk., West Chester
610-431-4321; TheRockSchool.org/West

School of Rock – Downingtown
478 Acorn La., Downingtown
610-518-7625; SchoolOfRock.com

School of Rock – Main Line
511 Old Lancaster Rd., Suite 4, Berwyn
610-647-2900; SchoolOfRock.com

Sight & Sound Theatres
300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Strasburg
800-377-1277; Sight-Sound.com
**Noah The Musical*

Sovereign Performing Arts Center
136 N. 6th St., Reading
610-898-7469; SovereignCenter.com
**Barry Manilow, Carrie Underwood, Reading Symphony Orchestra*

Sunnybrook Ballroom
50 Sunnybrook Rd., Pottstown
484-624-5186; SunnybrookBallroom.net
**Holistic Interlight Show*

Swarthmore College
Lang Performing Arts Center
500 College Ave., Swarthmore
610-328-8149; Swarthmore.edu/Theater.xml

Villanova Univ., Music & Theatre Dept.
Vasey Theatre, Villanova
610-519-6000; Villanova.edu/ArtSci/Theatre
**The Drowsy Chaperone, Salome*

West Chester Univ. – Theatre & Dance
West Chester. 610-436-3356
WCUPA.edu/CVPA/TheatreDance
**She Loves Me, The Mousetrap*

Delaware

Arts in Media LLC
302-377-3156; ArtsInMedia.com

Christina Cultural Arts Center
705 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-652-0101; CCACDE.org

Grand Opera House
818 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-658-7897; GrandOpera.org
**Doobie Brothers, Smokey Robinson*

Theatre N at Nemours
800 N. French St., Wilmington
302-576-2135; TheatreN.org

Wilmington Music School
4101 Washington St., Wilmington
302-762-1132; WilmingtonMusic.org

World Café Live at The Queen
500 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-994-1400; Queen.WorldCafeLive.com
**Gin Blossoms, The Cat's Pajamas, The BoDeans*

Philadelphia

The Academy of Music
Broad & Locust Sts.
215-893-1999; AcademyOfMusic.org

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
3680 Walnut St. 215-898-6701; PennPresents.org
**Kenny Barren Trio, Motionhouse*

The Curtis Institute of Music
1726 Locust St. 215-893-7902; Curtis.edu

Forrest Theatre
1114 Walnut St. 800-872-8997; Forrest-Theatre.com
**Wicked*

The Mann Center for Performing Arts
5201 Parkside Ave. 215-893-1999; MannCenter.org
**Step Afrika!, Train, Bon Iver*

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
260 S. Broad St. 215-893-1999; KimmelCenter.org
**Philadelphia Orchestra*

School of Rock – Philadelphia
Check their website for all 8 area locations
1508 Brandywine St.
215-988-9338; SchoolOfRock.com

Theatre of the Living Arts
334 South St. 215-922-1011

World Café Live
3025 Walnut St. 215-222-1400; WorldCafeLive.com
**Tom Rush, Enter the Haggis*

Univ. of Penn Zellerbach Theatre
3680 Walnut St. 215-898-6791; PennPresents.org
**Dance Theatre of Harlem*

EVENTS & SERIES

Suburban PA Counties

Anson Nixon Park Concert Series – June-Aug. 14
Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square
610-444-4902; AnsonBNixonPark.org

Brandywine Valley Wine Trail – Year Round
866-390-4367; BVWineTrail.com

Long's Park Music Series – Year Round
Harrisburg Pk., Rt. 30, Lancaster
717-735-8883; LongsPark.org

Longwood Gardens Concert Series – Year Round
Route 1, Kennett Square
610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org
**The Manhattan Transfer, Gizmo Guys*

Main Line Jazz and Food Festival – June
N. Wayne Ave., Wayne
610-547-6256; MainLineJazz.com

Media – Jazz by Night – Nov. 17
610-566-5039; StateStreetBlues.com

Media – State Street Blues Stroll – June
610-566-5039; StateStreetBlues.com

Musikfest – through Aug. 12
25 W. Third St., Ste. 300, Bethlehem
610-332-1300; Musikfest.org
**Goo Goo Dolls, MGMT, Sheryl Crow*

Chester Cty 84th Old Fiddlers Picnic – Aug. 11
Hibernia County Park, Wagontown
610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks

Paoli Blues Fest 2012 – Oct. 6
PaoliBluesFest.com

PA Renaissance Faire – Aug. 13–Oct. 30
Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, Rt. 72, Cornwall
717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com

Philadelphia Folk Festival – Aug. 17–19
Old Pool Farm, 1323 Salford Station Rd.
Schwenksville. 610-287-7818; PFS.org
**Little Feat, Tracy Grammer*

Rose Tree Summer Festival – June–Aug. 19
Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252, Media
610-565-7410; www.Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer
**Blackbird Society Orchestra, Blackthorn*

Turks Head Music Festival – July
Everhart Park, W. Miner St., West Chester
610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com

West Chester Swingin' Summer Thursdays
June, July, Aug. 2, Sept. 6
Gay St., West Chester
610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com
**Dirk Quinn Band, Wave Radio Delaware*

Riverfront Blues Fest – June
Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park
Water & S. French Sts., Wilmington
302-576-2136; RiverfrontBluesFest.com
**Southern Hospitality, The Nighthawks*

Philadelphia

The Bach Festival of Philadelphia – June
8806 Germantown Ave. 215-247-2224; Bach-Fest.org

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Suburban PA Counties

Lori Ardis Ballet Company
50 N. Feathering Ln., Media. 610-566-8152

Ballet Theater of Lancaster
214 W. Grant St., Lancaster
717-672-0826; BalletTheaterOfLancaster.org

Berks Classical Children's Chorus
201 Washington St., Reading
610-898-7664; BCCCSings.org

Brandywine Ballet
317 Westtown Rd., Ste. 5, West Chester
610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.com
**Dracula, The Nutcracker*

Bucks County Choral Society
P.O. Box 702, Doylestown
215-598-6142; BucksChoral.org

Chester County Ballet Company
321 S. High St., West Chester
610-692-6144; HarrisonDanceStudios.com

Chester County Choral Society
West Chester
610-516-1130; ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org

Chester County Pops Orchestra
P.O. Box 2468; West Chester
610-701-5701; ChesCoPops.org

Delaware County Symphony
Neumann College, Meagher Theatre, Life Ctr.,
Concord Rd., Aston. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester Co.
9 Keller Way, Downingtown
610-269-5499; GSSChesco.org
**H.M.S. Pinafore*

Immaculata Symphony
1145 King Rd., Immaculata
610-647-4400; ImmaculataSymphony.org
**Portraits, Christmas Concert*

Kennett Symphony
206 E. State St., Kennett Square
610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org
**Water Music: Titanic 100 Years*

Lancaster Symphony Orchestra
226 N. Arch St., Lancaster
717-291-6440; LancasterSymphony.org
**An American in Paris*

Main Line Symphony Orchestra
VF Middle School, 105 W. Walker Rd., Wayne
610-688-0235; MLSO.org

Opera Lancaster
411 W. King St., Lancaster
717-392-0885; OperaLancaster.com
**The Mighty Casey*

Pottstown Symphony Orchestra
1848 Unionville Rd., Pottstown
610-327-3614; PottstownSymphony.org

Reading Symphony Orchestra
147 N. 5th St., Ste. 4, Reading
610-373-7557; ReadingSymphony.com
**The Nutcracker Ballet*

Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra
Media 610-565-5010; RVCO.org

Rose Tree Pops Orchestra
P. O. Box 932, Media. RoseTreePops.org

Serafin Quartet
420 E. Packer Ave., Bethlehem
610-368-1078; SerafinQuartet.org

Suburban Music School
201 N. Providence Rd., Media
610-566-4215; SuburbanMusic.org

Swarthmore Ballet Theatre
118 Park Ave., Swarthmore
610-544-8228; SwarthmorePA.org

Tri-County Concerts Association
McInnis Auditorium Eastern University
Radnor; TriCountyConcerts.org

The Turtle Island Quartet
196 W. Ashland St., Doylestown
267-880-3750; TurtleIslandQuartet.com

Turtle Dove Folk Club
Box 701, Unionville. 802-431-3433; TurtleDove.org

Vox Ama Deus
P. O. Box 203, Gladwyne
610-688-2800; VoxAmadeus.org
**Mozart & Bach Soiree, Magic Mozart*

Valley Forge Choir of Men and Boys
518 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville
484-868-0883; VFBoysChoir.org

Delaware

Brandywine Baroque
1205 No rth Orange St., Wilmington
302-594-4544; BrandywineBaroque.org



Vox Ama Deus Renaissance Consort

Choral Ensemble & DE Women’s Chorus
4101 Washington St., Wilmington
302-762-1132; MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org

Chorus of the Brandywine
410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn
302-655-SING; Sing4Fun.org

Delaware Valley Chorale
P.O. Box 4623; Greenville
302-325-4110; DelawareValleyChorale.org

Delaware Symphony Orchestra
818 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-656-7442; DelawareSymphony.org

First State Ballet Theater
818 N. Market St., 2nd fl., Wilmington
302-658-7897; FirstStateBallet.com

Mélomanie
9th & Washington Sts., Wilmington
302-764-6338; Melomanie.org

OperaDelaware
818 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-658-8063, 800-374-7263; OperaDE.org
**Shakespeare in Love, Macbeth*

Wilmington Ballet Academy of the Dance
1709 Gilpin Ave., Wilmington
302-655-1004; WilmingtonBallet.org

Philadelphia

Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra
338 South 15th St. 215-545-5451

Opera Company of Philadelphia
1420 Locust St., Ste. 210
215-893-3600; OperaPhila.org
**The Magic Flute, Silent Night*

Pennsylvania Ballet Association
1819 JFK Blvd., Ste. 210
215-551-7000; PABallet.org
**The Nutcracker*

Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale
225 N. 32nd St. 215-222-3500; PhillyBoysChoir.org

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society
1616 Walnut St., Ste. 1600
215-569-8080; PCMSConcerts.org

Philadelphia Dance Company,
“Philadanco” – 9 N. Preston St.
215-387-8200; PhilaDanCo.org

Philadelphia Folksong Society
7113 Emlen St. 610-247-1300; PFS.org

The Philadelphia Orchestra
260 S. Broad St., Ste. 1600
215-893-1999; PhilOrch.org
**West Side Story, Watts and Beethoven*

The Philadelphia Singers
1211 Chestnut St.
215-751-9494; PhiladelphiaSingers.org

Philomel Concerts Inc.
216 Dupont St. 215-487-2344; Philomel.org

Relache, Ensemble for Contemporary Music
11 S. Strawberry St. 215-574-8571; Relache.org

The Rock School
1101 S. Broad St. 215-551-7010; TheRockSchool.org

THEATER – PROFESSIONAL Suburban PA Counties

Act II Playhouse
56 East Butler Ave., Ambler
215-654-0200; Act2Playhouse.org

Bristol Riverside Theatre
120 Radcliffe St., Bristol
215-785-6664; BRTStage.org

Bucks County Playhouse
70 S. Main St., New Hope
215-862-2041; BucksCountyPlayhouse.com

The Center Theatre
208 DeKalb St., Norristown
610-279-1013; ArtsCC.org

Commonwealth Classic Theatre Co.
P.O. Box 971, Media
610-202-7878; CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org

Fulton Theatre Productions
12 N. Prince St., Lancaster
717-397-7425; TheFulton.org
**Dreamgirls, Singin’ in the Rain*

Hedgerow Theatre
146 W. Rose Valley Rd., Media
610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org
**Deathtrap, Sherlock Holmes*

Media Theatre
104 E. State St., Media
610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org
**Hairspray, Dr. Dolittle, Avenue Q*

People’s Light & Theatre
39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern
610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org
**Aladdin, Barcelona, This Wonderful Life*

Theatre Horizon
See The Centre Theatre
610-283-2230; TheatreHorizon.org
**Pretty Fire, Spring Awakening*

Touchstone Theatre
321 E. 4th St., Bethlehem
610-867-1689; Touchstone.org

Delaware

City Theater Company
4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington
302-220-8285; City-Theater.org

Delaware Theatre Company
200 Water St., Wilmington
302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org
**A Christmas Carol, My Fair Lady*

DuPont Theatre
1007 N. Market St., Wilmington
800-338-0881; DupontTheatre.com
**Anything Goes, Dreamgirls, Flashdance*



Brandywine Singers

The New Candlelight Theatre
2208 Millers Rd., Ardentown
302-475-2313; NCTStage.org
**Bye Bye Birdie*

Philadelphia

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
3680 Walnut St.
215-898-6701; PennPresents.org

Forrest Theatre
1114 Walnut St.
215-923-1515; www.Forrest-Theatre.com
**Catch Me If You Can, Sister Act*

Merriam Theater
250 S. Broad St. 215-732-5445; MerriamTheater.org

Philadelphia Drama Guild
3680 Walnut St. 215-898-6791

Philadelphia Theatre Company
480 S. Broad St. 215-985-0420
PhiladelphiaTheatreCompany.org

Prince Music Theater
1412 Chestnut St.
215-569-9700; PrinceMusicTheater.org

Walnut Street Theatre
825 Walnut St.
215-574-3550; WalnutStreetTheatre.org
**The King and I, The Mousetrap*

Wilma Theater
265 S. Broad St. 215-893-9456; WilmaTheater.org

THEATER – COMMUNITY Suburban PA Counties

Barley Sheaf Players
810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville
610-363-7075; BarleySheaf.org
**Alice in Wonderland*

Barn Playhouse
Rittenhouse Blvd. & Christopher Ln., Norristown
610-539-2276; BarnPlayhouse.org

Barnstormers Theatre
402 Tome St., Ridley Park
603-323-8800; BarnstormersTheater.com

Center Stage Productions
Fred P. Meagher Theater, Aston
610-558-5626; Members.DCA.net/CenterStage

Colonial Playhouse
522 W. Magnolia Ave., Aldan
610-622-5773; ColonialPlayhouse.org

Footlighters Theater
58 Main Ave., Berwyn

610-296-9245; FootlightersTheater.com
**Importance of Being Earnest, Plaza Suite*

Forge Theatre
241 First Ave., Phoenixville
610-935-1920; ForgeTheatre.org
**Our Town, L’il Abner*

Genesis Theatre
153 N. 10th St., Reading
610-371-8151; GenesisTheatre.org
**Annie*

Langhorne Players
Spring Garden Mill, Tyler State Park, Newtown
215-860-0818; LanghornePlayers.org

Montgomery Theater
124 Main St. (Rt. 113), Souderton
215-723-9984; MontgomeryTheater.org
**Sleeping Beauty and Friends*

Narberth Community Theatre
206 Price Ave., Narberth
610-352-4823; NarberthCommunityTheatre.org
**Irving Berlin’s White Christmas, Urinetown*

Playcrafters Theatre
2011 Store Rd., Skipack
610-584-4005; Playcrafters.org

The Players Club of Swarthmore
614 Fairview Rd., Swarthmore
610-328-4271; PCSTheatre.org
**Once Upon a Matress, Little Women*

Town & Country Players
4158 York Rd., Buckingham
215-348-7566; TownAndCountryPlayers.org

Delaware

The Ardensingers
2126 The Highway, Arden
610-399-6883; Ardensingers.com

Brandywiners, Ltd.
2313 Concord Pk., Wilmington
302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org
**Hello, Dolly!*

Chapel Street Players
27 N. Chapel St., Newark
302-368-2248; ChapelStreetPlayers.org
**Merry Wives of Windsor, Twelve Angry Jurors*

Delaware Children’s Theatre
1014 Delaware Ave., Wilmington
302-655-1014; DEChildrensTheatre.org

Wilmington Drama League
10 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington
302-764-1172; WilmingtonDramaLeague.org
**Romeo and Juliet, Into The Woods*



Treasure Island: A Musical Panto at People’s Light & Theatre



West Chester University, Cabaret

Brandywine Ballet’s Production of Dracula



Chester County Pops Orchestra



Peace

Friday, November 2 at 7:30 pm
Saint Agnes Church
West Chester, PA

Sunday, November 4 at 7:00 pm
Church of the Holy Trinity
Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, PA

Old-Fashioned Christmas

Friday, November 30 at 7:00 pm
West Chester, PA

Peace & Love at Christmas

Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 pm
Valley Forge Washington
Memorial Chapel
Valley Forge National Park, PA

Friday, December 21 at 7:30 pm
Candlelight Concert
Church of the Holy Trinity
West Chester, PA

Love

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Paoli Presbyterian Church
Paoli, PA

Harmony

Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre
West Chester University
West Chester, PA

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www.thebrandywinesingers.org

Maryland

Prince Theatre Foundation
210 High St., Chestertown
410-810-2160; PrinceTheatre.org

Philadelphia

Plays & Players
1714 Delancey St. 215-735-0630; PlaysandPlayers.org
**Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*

The Savoy Company
215-735-7161; Savoy.org

Stagecrafters
8130 Germantown Ave.
215-247-8881; TheStageCrafters.org
**Lost in Yonkers, Jitney*

MUSEUMS

Suburban PA Counties

Brandywine River Museum
1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford
610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org
**A Painters View: The Andrew Wyeth Studio*

Berman Museum of Art
Ursinus College, 601 Main St., Collegeville
610-409-3500; Ursinus.edu

The Wharton Esherick Museum
P. O. Box 595, Paoli
610-644-6822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org
**Tours by reservation only*

Franklin & Marshall College
637 College Ave., Lancaster
717-291-3911; FAndM.edu

Haverford College
370 Lancaster Ave., Haverford
610-896-1000; Haverford.edu

Mercer & Fonthill Museums
84 S. Pine St., Doylestown
215-345-0210; MercerMuseum.org

James A. Michener Art Museum
138 S. Pine St., Doylestown
215-340-9800; MichenerMuseum.org

Rosemont College, Lawrence Gallery
1400 Montgomery Ave., Rosemont
610-527-0200; Rosemont.edu

Swarthmore College List Gallery
500 College Ave., Swarthmore
610-328-7811; Swarthmore.edu

Villanova University Art Gallery
800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova
610-519-4612; ArtGallery.Villanova.edu

Widener University Art Gallery
One University Place, Chester
610-499-1189; Widener.edu

Philadelphia

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
118 N. Broad St. 215-972-7600; PAFA.org
Philadelphia Museum of Art
26th St. & Ben. Franklin Pkwy.
215-763-8100; PhilaMuseum.org

Delaware

Biggs Museum of American Art
406 Federal St., Dover
302-674-2111; BiggsMuseum.org

Delaware Art Museum
3201 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington
302-571-9590; DelArt.org
**Centennial Juried Exhibition*

DE Center for the Contemporary Arts
200 S. Madison St., Wilmington
302-656-6466; www.TheDCCA.org

Delaware Division of the Arts
Mezzanine Gallery, Carvel State Office Bldg.
820 French St., Wilmington
302-577-8278; ArtsDel.org

Univ. of Delaware Old College Gallery
University of Delaware, Newark
302-831-2792; UDel.edu

Delaware Folk Art Collection
Blue Ball Barn, 1914 W. Park Dr., Wilmington
302-577-1164; DE-State_Parks.com/BlueBall

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur
302-888-4600; Winterthur.org
**Uncorked: Wine, Objects and Tradition*

ART CENTERS

Suburban PA Counties

Chester County Art Association
100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester
610-696-5600; ChesCoArt.org

Chester Springs Studio
1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs
610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org
**The Lure of the Springs*

Community Arts Center
414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford
610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org

Darlington Fine Arts Center
977 Shavertown Rd., Garnet Valley
610-358-3632; DarlingtonArts.org
**Coffee House Series, Master Class Series*

Main Line Art Center
46 Panmure Rd., Haverford
610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org
**Arts Alive Mobile: Taking Art to the Street!*

Phoenix Village Art Center
207 Bridge St., Phoenixville
610-983-9430; PhoenixVillageArtCenter.org

Wayne Art Center
413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne
610-688-3553; WayneArt.org
**Craft Forms 2012*

Delaware

Center for the Creative Arts
410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn
302-239-2434; CCArts.org
**Luck of the Draw fundraising event*

Christina Cultural Arts Center
705 N. Market St., Wilmington
302-652-0101; CCACDE.org

Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts
Box 298, Rockland Rd., Rockland
302-475-8796; ArtsDel.org

ART EVENTS

Suburban PA Counties

Annual Berks County Art Show – Oct. 3–10
1041 Reading Ave., Boyertown
610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital's Art Ability
Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 20, 2013
414 Paoli Pk., Malvern
484-596-5400; MainLineHealth.org

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Main Line Art Center

Community Arts Center Fine Arts & Crafts Festival – Sept. 22
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Way back then, it was a stage-coach stop for travelers heading west, a welcome refuge I'm sure. It felt like that to the three of us, too, after exiting from the bustling traffic at the intersection of Routes 252 and 202. We considered dining on the attractive patio out front, but it was just too hot the day of our visit.

Vintage European-style posters—think Toulouse-Lautrec's bold theatric themes—add color and mood to the contemporary dining room. Warm wood finishes prevail, up to and including the high ceiling. An attractive pattern of black and white tiles create a stylish floor. Large paned-glass windows look out on trees and flowers, which bolsters the oasis feeling. Tall plants and a hat-stand sporting a solitary straw hat complete the comfortable scene.

Great Big Starters

Had we known the hefty size of the appetizers, we'd have ordered one instead of two to share. *Grilled Quesadilla* (\$8) scored with its fire-roasted vegetables and blend of four cheeses

all melty and gooey, plus fresh pico de gallo and super guacamole. Equally tempting was the *Lemon Garlic Shrimp* (\$11). Sautéed in a classic combo of white wine, lemon and butter, with garlic, parsley and diced tomatoes, the shrimp sat on grilled oven-roasted crostini—thick slices that had absorbed the delicious sauce.

Other appetizer/small plate choices: crab cake with roasted corn salsa, bruschetta with roasted tomato basil salad, calamari with sweet-spicy tamarind dip, and Sam Adams cheddar and beer fondue.

The array of salad offerings include blackened steak; Asian-glazed salmon; Alsatian chicken with apples, blue cheese and candied walnuts; and vegetarian chili and salad.

Good Stuff

The tempting photo of the *Cedar-Planked Salmon* (\$21) on Winberie's website fulfilled its promise. The plump oven-roasted fillet came on its own small cedar "plank" (which was included in the take-home container), its basic goodness enhanced with a sprinkle of fresh thyme and butter sauce. Its partners: roasted potatoes and a colorful toss of summer squash, green beans and carrots. No wonder it's a best seller.

A glass of *Canyon Oaks Cabernet* (\$4), slightly fruity and just a bit spicy, paired well with the salmon. Winberie's wine list of about 40 labels includes popular choices from California, Europe and South America.

My steak-loving companion gave a solid thumbs up to his *New York Strip* (\$25), a solid 12-ounce, center cut, char-grilled to a juicy medium rare, as ordered. Herb butter added flavor; a heap of redskin mashed made it a hearty meat-and-



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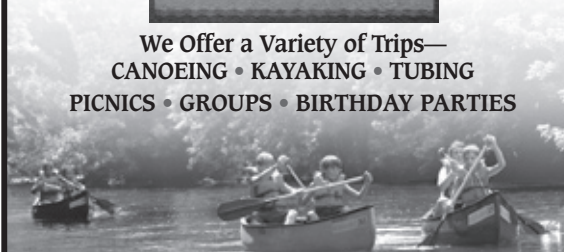
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potatoes winner. The second side: the same vegetable trio that came with the salmon.

The smaller portion of *Shrimp & Spinach Aglio Olio* (\$14/18), gently garlicky, was plenty and plenty good. A bowlful of good eating, it was a toss of the seafood, fresh spinach and penne pasta cooked al dente, with diced tomatoes, feta and roasted pine nuts. It hit the mark with its well-balanced play of colors, textures and flavors. And it was relatively light, too.

Other entrée specialties: a daily special fresh fish “simply prepared your way, grilled or pan-seared,” tilapia Française, crab cakes, chicken marsala with mushrooms, roasted Amish chicken, chicken pot pie, London broil, steak frites and Lager-braised pork shank with Sam Adams gravy. On the pasta list: penne and grilled chicken with a spicy marinara sauce, Cajun mac and cheese with chicken and andouille sausage, pasta with roasted eggplant and kalamata olives and the always-popular Pomodoro tomato/basil sauce. A variety of burgers, including vegetarian, and grilled chicken sandwiches round out the menu.

Sweet!

As we passed them around for that “one bite, just to sample” ritual, we were all won over by every dessert. And asked for another bite. Top billing went to the *Banana Cream Pie* (\$6), its perfect tender/crunchy vanilla-wafer crust cradling lovely banana pastry cream, fresh bananas and the topping that never fails—chocolate curls.

The large, flat chafing dish containing the *Crème Brûlée* (\$5.50) meant there was lots of the crunchy, caramelized sugar topping—is there ever enough?—and that made us happy. So did the *Godiva Chocolate Mousse* (\$4.50), looking elegant in a stemmed glass with rich whipped cream atop the delectable mousse, made with quality chocolate, lightly sweetened and laced with Godiva Chocolate liqueur.

Two More Things

The number of happy Sunday brunch fans keeps growing.

And how about those stories of a ghost in the house? A night manager shared that she has definitely experienced ghostly incidents. She’s heard glasses clinking, a door closing and footsteps when she was absolutely the only one there. She’s never seen “the” ghost but is convinced he or she’s hanging around. ♦

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On Canning

Laura Muzzi Brennan

Who can resist the bushels of tomatoes and quarts of peaches synonymous with late summer? Starry-eyed at the bounty, most of us overstuff our baskets and wonder what to do when we get all that produce home.

Marisa McClellan found herself in just that pickle ten years ago. Luckily, the 13 pounds of blueberries she’d picked at a local farm evoked happy childhood memories, so after a few phone calls to her mother, she set about making jam. One pint led to another and now she shares her stories and recipes in a popular canning blog and cookbook by the same name. Published in May, *Food in Jars: Preserving in Small Batches Year-Round* introduces

canning to a generation of cooks eager to learn the traditional domestic skill.

This past June, I interviewed McClellan while she demonstrated how to make strawberry vanilla jam at Devon’s Whole Foods. As she stirred the bubbling fruit, I wasn’t surprised that the aroma beckoned shoppers. What struck me was the way they lingered. And lingered.

And lingered some more. Undoubtedly, the jam paired with pound cake delighted their palates, but something else kept them talking and asking questions.

McClellan has a few theories about why canning has piqued the interest of today’s cooks. She mentions the economy, the locavore movement and our increasing desire to know what goes into our food. But when she



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says, “I think there’s a deep sense of wanting to have your hands in how you live,” I just know she’s hit upon something fundamental.

Canning, however, can scare even intrepid cooks. Part of McClellan’s mission—she jokingly calls herself a canning evangelist—is to allay would-be canners’ concerns. First, she takes on botulism: “You can never kill anyone with jam or pickles. They’re too high in acid, and botulism cannot grow in high-acid environments.”

Then, McClellan demystifies bursting jars: “Jars explode because fermentation takes place. If you process your jars in a boiling water bath, they won’t explode.” Finally, she addresses those with a small-kitchen complex: not only are her recipes designed for small batches, she herself cans in an 80-square-foot apartment kitchen that hasn’t been remodeled since 1966.

So, I ask, what does a novice canner need besides fruits, vegetables and jars? Turns out, most cooks already possess the necessary tools: a large, deep pot with a rack at the bottom (for processing jars), a small saucepan (for boiling lids), and a nonreactive pot (for cooking the product). McClellan also suggests measuring cups, a wide-mouth funnel and a jar lifter.

“If you can boil water for pasta, canning’s really no different,” says McClellan. So this summer, overstuff your market basket, get out your largest pasta pot, and can away!



Tomato Ketchup

"If you are a ketchup lover," says Marisa McClellan, "I highly recommend taking a stab at making your own. If nothing else, it will give you an appreciation for just how many tomatoes go into every puddle of ketchup you squirt on a burger or plate of French fries. It will also give you a chance to customize it to your liking so that whether you're looking to increase the heat or decrease the sweetness, you can do it with ease." Recipe reprinted with permission from Food in Jars © 2012 by Marisa McClellan, Running Press, a member of the Perseus Book Group.

Because I didn't want to mess around too much with the format of Marisa's recipes, I left in the metric measurements (so important to some cooks!). They're in italics.

8 lbs./3.6 kg chopped Roma or paste tomatoes

1 C./160 g chopped yellow onion (about 1 medium onion)

½ C./75 g chopped red bell pepper (about ½ pepper)

2 C./480 ml cider vinegar

¾ C./150 g (packed) light brown sugar

1 tsp. celery seed

¼ tsp. cayenne pepper

1 tsp. whole cloves

1 tsp. mustard seed

1 tsp. whole allspice

1 cinnamon stick, crushed (see Note)

Prepare a boiling water bath and 6 half-pint/250 ml jars. (Refer to "How to Process" sidebar for a complete explanation of canning using a boiling water bath.)

Place the lids in a small saucepan, cover them with water, and simmer over very low heat.

Combine the tomatoes, onion and red bell peppers in a large pot. Bring to a boil and then reduce temperature to medium. Cook until the vegetables are completely soft, about 30 minutes.

Position a sieve or food mill over a large bowl and press the hot tomato mixture through it. Discard the seeds and skins in the sieve and return the tomato pulp to the pot.

Add the cider vinegar, brown sugar, celery seed and cayenne pepper to the pot. Combine the cloves, mustard seed, allspice and crushed cinnamon stick in a spice bag or tea ball, or bundle them in a piece of cheesecloth and secure tightly with kitchen twine and add to the pot.

Simmer over medium-low heat, stirring regularly, until the mixture has reduced by half and is quite thick, about 60 to 90 minutes.

When the ketchup is finished cooking, remove the spice bundle and discard. Ladle the ketchup into the prepared jars, leaving ½ inch/12 mm of headspace. Wipe the rims, apply the lids and rings, and process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

Makes 6 (half-pint/250 ml) jars.

Note: If you're stumped about how to best crush a cinnamon stick, simply place it in a brown paper bag and fold the top of the bag several times so that it doesn't burst open. Give it several good whacks with a meat tenderizing mallet or rolling pin. It should break the cinnamon up into bits and pieces.

Peach Plum Ginger Jam

As Marisa McClellan explains, "This particular recipe was born because I had a couple of pounds of peaches that were ripening faster than I could eat them, as well as a handful of plums going soft. A generous hunk of ginger was hanging out in the fruit bowl. The result is sweet and spicy and certainly not for those who shy away from a strong ginger flavor. It's a delight on toast, but even more miraculous baked on chicken or stirred together with some toasted sesame oil for a quick stir-fry sauce." Recipe reprinted with permission from Food in Jars.

4 C. peeled, pitted, and mashed peaches (about 2 lbs./910 g whole peaches)

2 C. pitted and mashed plums (about 1 lb./455 g whole plums)

3 C./600 g granulated sugar

½ C./120 ml ginger juice (see Note)

Prepare a boiling water bath and 3 regular-mouth 1-pint/500 ml jars. (Refer to "How to Process" sidebar.)

Place the lids in a small saucepan, cover them with water, and simmer over very low heat.

Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Bring to a simmer. Insert a candy thermometer into the jam and attach it to the side of the pot. Increase the heat and let the jam boil vigorously until it reaches 220°F/105°C.

When the jam has reached 220°F/105°C and the temperature has remained steady for 2 minutes, remove the pot from the heat and ladle jam into the prepared jars.

How to Process

Follow these steps for successful canning with a boiling water bath.

1. If starting with brand-new jars, remove lids and rings. If using older jars, check rims to ensure there are no chips or cracks.

2. Put rack into canning pot. Put jars on top.

3. Fill the pot (and jars) with water to cover. Bring to a boil.

4. Put the lids in a small saucepan. Cover with water, and bring them to the barest simmer on a back burner.

5. While the canning pot comes to a boil, prepare product.

6. When recipe is complete, remove jars from the canning pot (pouring the water back into the pot as you remove jars) and set them on a clean towel on the counter. Remove lids with tongs and lay them out on the towel.

7. Carefully fill the jars with your product. Depending on the recipe, you'll need to leave ¼ - ½" headspace (the room between the surface of the product and the top of the jar). Jams and jellies typically get ¼" while thicker products and pickles get ½".

8. Wipe the rims of jars with a clean, damp paper towel or kitchen towel.

9. Apply lids, and screw bands on the jars to hold the lids down during processing. Tighten bands with the tips of your fingers to ensure they aren't overly tight.

10. Carefully lower the filled jars into the canning pot. You may need to remove some water as you put the jars in the pot.

11. Once the pot returns to a rolling boil, start your timer. Processing time varies from recipe to recipe.

12. When timer rings, promptly remove the jars from the water bath. Gently place them on the towel-lined countertop to let them cool.

13. The jar lids should begin to ping soon after they've been removed from the pot. The pinging is the sound of the seals forming; the center of the lids will become concave as the vacuum seal takes hold.

14. After the jars have cooled for 24 hours, remove the bands. Check the seals by grasping the jar by the edges of the lid and gently lifting it an inch or two off the countertop. The lid should hold fast.

15. Once you've determined that your seals are good, you can store your jars in a cool, dark place (with the rings off, please) for up to a year. Any jars with bad seals can still be used—just store them in the refrigerator and use within 2 weeks.

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Canning Tips from a Pro

Marisa McClellan has canned enough to have developed her own list of do's and don'ts. Here are some she shared with me:

1. **Do** fill jars to the correct level. Most require between ¼" and ½" headspace. Underfilling can lead to jars floating and breaking during processing in boiling water. Overfilling may prevent proper sealing.

2. **Do** screw the lid on so that it's "fingertight." Stop turning as soon as you meet resistance.

3. **Don't** start the timer on your processing until the water has returned to a rolling boil.

4. **Don't** put hot jars on a cold surface such as granite or tile. Instead, place them on a cutting board or kitchen towel.

5. **Do** use the "stained glass" test for determining when jam has set and is ready to be put into jars and processed. Here's the test: if you coat a spoon with jam and hold it over the pot, the jam is set when drops run together to form a sheet of "stained glass." If the drops fall quickly back into the pot, keep cooking.

Wipe the rims, apply the lids and rings, and process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

Makes 3 (1-pint/500 ml) jars.

Note: To make ginger juice, shred a 4-oz./115 g hunk of ginger in a blender or food processor with ¼ C./60 ml of water. Pour the ginger pulp into a cheesecloth-lined sieve and squeeze vigorously to remove the juice. Discard the remaining ginger pulp.

Roasted Corn Salsa

"Trader Joe's sells a salsa that my parents are positively addicted to," explains Marisa McClellan. "Made of sweet corn, red peppers, and spiked with plenty of coriander, it's a dream folded into a burrito or heaped on a pile of oven-toasted nachos. Though I think it's a tasty enough product, I couldn't resist the urge to devise my own version. Charring the corn gives it a smoky flavor that is irresistible." Recipe reprinted with permission from Food in Jars.

8 ears fresh corn, shucked with silks removed

5 C. chopped tomatoes (approximately 3 lbs./1.4 kg tomatoes)

1 C./150 g chopped poblano peppers (about 2 large peppers)

1 C./160 g chopped red onion (1 small onion)

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1½ C./360 ml apple cider vinegar

¼ C./60 ml bottled lime juice

⅔ C./130 g granulated sugar

1½ tsp. ground cumin

½ tsp. red pepper flakes

1 tsp. sea salt

1 tsp. coriander seed

Prepare a boiling water bath and 4 regular-mouth 1-pint/500 ml jars. (Refer to "How to Process" sidebar.)

Place the lids in a small saucepan, cover them with water, and simmer over very low heat.

Preheat the broiler to high. Place the corn on a rimmed baking sheet and place under the broiler. Broil the corn, turning, until the kernels are lightly browned on all sides, about 3 to 5 minutes for each side. If you prefer, this roasting can also be done outside on a grill.

When the corn is cool enough to handle, cut the kernels from the cobs with a large, sharp knife. (You should have approximately 3 cups/460 g corn kernels.)

Combine the corn kernels, tomatoes, peppers, onion, vinegar, lime juice, sugar, cumin, red pepper flakes, salt

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and coriander in a large pot and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, until the liquid has reduced. Taste and adjust the spices as needed.

Ladle the hot salsa into the prepared jars, leaving ½ inch/12 mm of headspace. Wipe the rims, apply the lids and rings, and process in a hot water bath for 15 minutes.

When the processing time is up, remove the canning pot from the heat and remove the lid. Let the jars sit in the pot for an additional 5 minutes. This helps to prevent the salsa from reacting to the rapid temperature change and bubbling out of the jars.

Makes 4 (1-pint/500 ml) jars.

Strawberry Balsamic Mint Jam

When I tasted Marisa McClellan's strawberry vanilla jam, I thought of other flavor companions for strawberries and came up with this jam. Since I was making only one pint and planning to eat it within a week or two, I simply ladled the jam into a jar and kept it in my refrigerator.

6-7 C. chopped strawberries

2 C. sugar

2 Tb. powdered pectin (see Note)

2-4 Tb. balsamic vinegar, to taste

¾ C. chopped fresh mint

Toss strawberries, sugar and balsamic vinegar together in a pot and let sit for 15 minutes until strawberries start to release their juice. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook 20 minutes. Add pectin and cook for 5 minutes until jam reaches 220 on a candy thermometer or until it passes Marisa McClellan's "stained glass" test. (See Tip #5 in "Canning Tips from a Pro" sidebar.)

Remove from heat and stir in mint. Ladle into jar. Allow to cool on counter and put in refrigerator. The mint flavor will develop in the refrigerator.

Makes 1 pint.

Note: Pectin helps jams and jellies set. You can buy it at most grocery stores.

Cherry Rosemary Jutney

I'm not sure whether to call this a jam or a chutney. I developed it to accompany savory dishes such as pork tenderloin. It also makes

a welcome addition to a cheese plate, paired with a creamy brie or tangy goat cheese. I served it the night I made it, but if you want to can it for later, refer to the "How to Process" sidebar and process in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

3½ C. cherries, pitted and chopped

1 C. sugar

¼ C. (or less) champagne vinegar, to taste

1 Tb. chopped rosemary

1 Tb. powdered pectin (see Note above)

Mix all ingredients except pectin in a large pot. Let sit for 15 minutes to allow cherries to release their juice. Bring to a boil over high heat and boil for 20 minutes. Add pectin and boil for another 5 minutes. Take pot off heat. Allow to cool slightly and ladle into a jar.

Makes a generous ½ pint.

Sweet & Spicy Carrot Refrigerator Pickles

According to my friend Sara who loves to bring these to a picnic, these pickled carrots last for weeks in the refrigerator. Since they get spicier as they sit, don't overdo the spices!

1 lb. carrots

2 tsp. fresh ginger, finely grated or

1 Tb. ground ginger

¼ tsp. red chili pepper flakes

¾ C. rice wine vinegar

½ C. cider vinegar

⅓ C. sugar

2 tsp. salt

¼ C. currants

Optional: zest of one orange

Using a food processor, slice the carrots very thin.

In a large pot, boil carrots for one minute. Drain and dunk in ice-water bath to stop the cooking process.

Boil all remaining ingredients, except currants and orange zest, until sugar has dissolved. Cool to room temperature and pour over carrots. Top with zest and mix in currants. Ladle into jars.

Makes 1 to 1½ pints.

Very Garlicky Dill Pickles

My friend Debbie raves about the crisp, garlicky pickles her friend and builder Scott Per-aria makes. Scott has two tricks that make his pickles so irresistible. To ensure crispness, he places the cucumbers in an ice water bath for 5+ hours before starting to cook with them, and he refrigerates them before eating. To achieve that garlicky kick? "Fresh garlic is the key," says Scott. "The more the merrier." Scott usually cans in bulk, but when I tried his recipe, I adapted it to make 6 pints and added 2 garlic cloves to each pint.

6 C. water

2 C. distilled white vinegar

¼ C. sugar

2 Tb. plus 2 tsp. pickling spices (see Note)

2 tsp. crushed red pepper

4 tsp. dill weed

2 Tb. plus 2 tsp. kosher salt

4 tsp. dried minced garlic

2 tsp. crushed red pepper

6 large cucumbers

6 or more garlic cloves, minced, to taste

6 or more sprigs fresh dill, to taste

Place cucumbers in an ice water bath for 5 or more hours.

Boil jars and lids. (Refer to "How to Process" sidebar.)

When you're ready to pickle, mix together all ingredients except cucumbers, minced garlic cloves and dill sprigs in a large pot. Bring to a boil.

Meanwhile, in each pint jar, place 1 or

more minced garlic cloves and 1 or more sprigs fresh dill.

Remove cucumbers from ice bath, and slice into spears or circles. Pack into jars. Fill each jar with hot brine, leaving ¼" headspace.

Place lids on jars. Screw on bands and place jars in boiling water for 15 minutes. Remove from water. Allow to cool, making sure the tops have displayed a vacuum, i.e., they have an indented metal top. Store in a cool, dark place. Before eating, refrigerate the jars so that the pickles are crisp, and refrigerate again after opening.

Makes 6 pints. ♦

Note: Pickling spices usually contain a mixture of mustard seeds, allspice, peppercorns, cloves, bay leaves and coriander.

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