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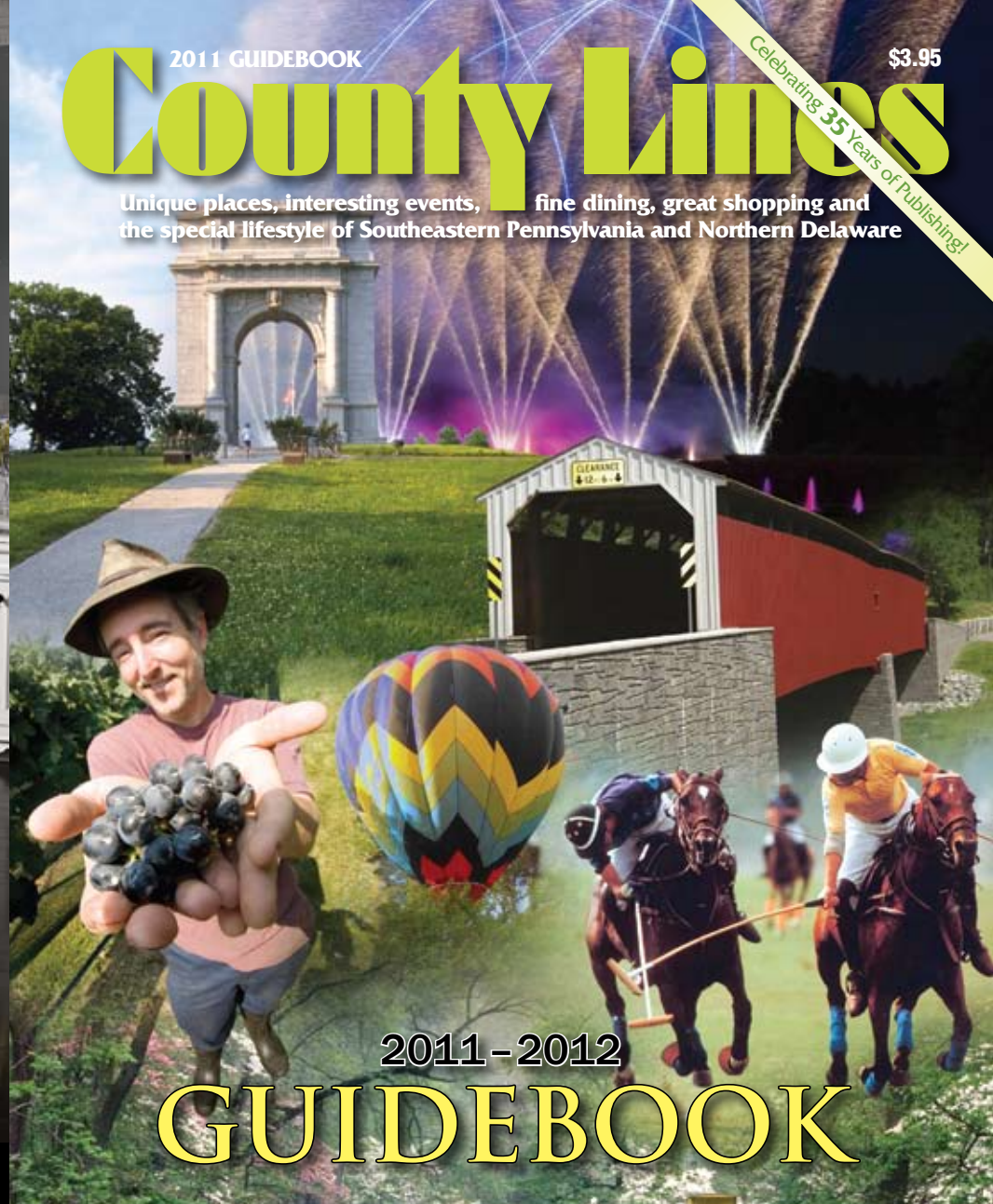
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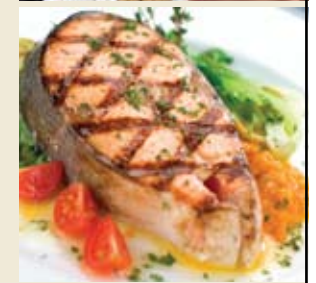
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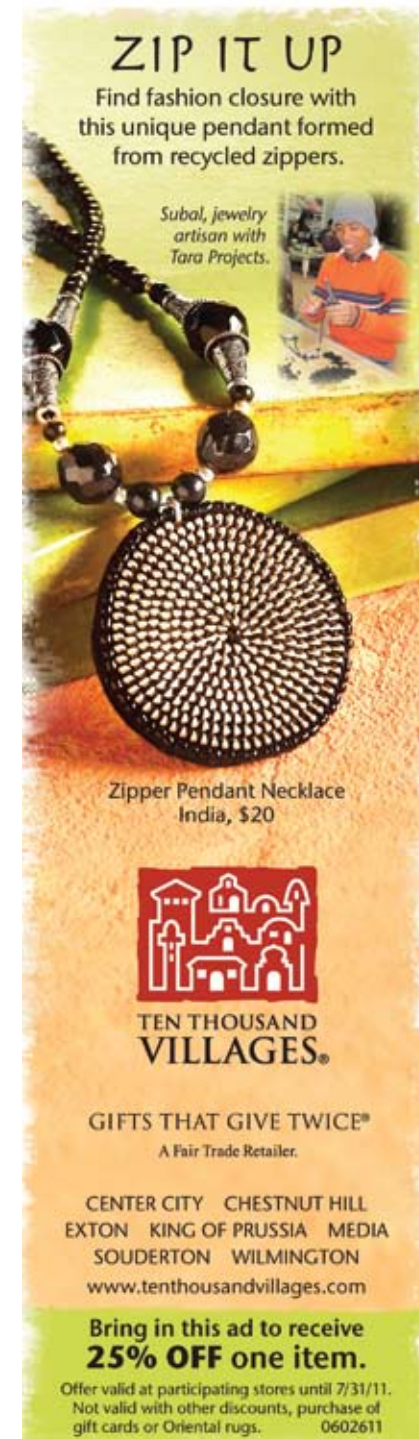
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# EVENTS

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JULY 2-4

**6th Annual Brandywine Valley Big Bang BBQ.** Six Wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail host wine tastings, vineyard tours, concerts and great outdoor cooking. 12 to 5. \$5-\$8. BVWinetrail.com.

JULY 4

**Independence Day Commemoration at Valley Forge National Park.** Join Park Rangers for a living history demonstration at the Muhlenberg Brigade huts. Enjoy children's craft activities and a traditional Fourth of July barbecue at the Visitor Center. Valley Forge Park, Rt. 23, Valley Forge. 11 to 4. Free. 610-783-1099; NPS.gov/VaFo.



JULY 8-10

**BlobFest 2011 at The Colonial Theatre.** Festivities begin with the traditional "Running Out of the Theatre" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other event highlights include: contests, food and vendors, live entertainment, a street fair, film screenings and, of course, multiple showings of the 1958 B-movie horror classic *The Blob*. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. \$6-\$10. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

JULY 9

**2nd Saturday in Media is Bastille Day.** This special 2nd Saturday celebrates French independence with street performers, children's activities, plien aire painters, storming the Bastille reenactment and lots of dancing and music. 6 to 10 pm. For a map of activities and other information visit MediaArtsCouncil.org.

JULY 25-30

**Kimberton Community Fair.** Celebrating 82 years and offering great food, family entertainment, educational exhibits, competitions and contests, lots of rides and fun for everyone. Rt. 113, Kimberton. Benefits The Kimberton Volunteer Fire Company. Exhibits open Mon-Fri, 4 to 10; Sat, 1 to 10; midway opens at 6 pm Mon-Fri, Sat at noon. 610-933-4566; KimbertonFair.org.

## Art Shows & Exhibits

THROUGH JULY 9

**"Size Matters" — An Art Event in West Chester.** Twenty artists are featured at 4 galleries: Serpentine Gallery, Chester County Art Association, The Art Trust Gallery and Sunset Hill Fine Arts Gallery. For information phone Serpentine Gallery, 138 E. Gay St., West Chester. Tues, Wed, Sat, 11 to 5, Thurs-Fri, 11 to 7. 610-344-3992; SerpentineGalleryWC.com.

JULY 1-31

**Regional Center for Women in the Arts Presents "Abstractions of Nature."** Seven area women artists exhibit their abstract works on canvas, wood and paper. **July 8**, reception and gallery talk, 5 to 8. RCWA is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to highlighting the work of women artists and raising money for women's charities. 38 S. Third St., Oxford. Mon-Thurs, 11 to 5; Fri, 11 to 6; Sat, noon to 4. 510-467-0301; RCWAWeb.org.

## Equestrian

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

**Brandywine Polo. Fridays and Sundays.** Spectators are invited to picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, 5:30 pm; Sun, at 3. Gates open 1 hour before the match. \$10. Can be cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Phone, 610-268-8692; BrandywinePoloClub.com.

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## Family Fun

THROUGH JULY 28

**Brandywine River Museum. Explorer Mornings Thursdays:** children, ages 3 to 10 accompanied by an adult. **Advanced Explorer Mornings Tuesdays:** designed for ages 10 to 14. Both feature thematic guided tours followed by hands-on art projects. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. For information, 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

JULY 2-3

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JULY 4

**Downingtown Good Neighbor Day Celebration.** This day-long event starts with the Run for Life (5K, 10K, 15K) and 5K Freedom Walk, both at 8 am, plus the Kids-K Fun Run at 10 am and continues with food, carnival rides and crafts, plus canoe, big wheel and duck races. Fireworks, 9:30. Benefits the ambulance and rescue squads in Downingtown. Kerr Park, Rt. 282, Downingtown. GoodNeighborDay.com.

JULY 5-AUGUST 2

**Colonial Theatre Children's Summer Series.** **July 5**, Segal Puppet Theatre presents "Go Fish!" **July 12**, Craig Collins: Magic & Comedy; **July 19**, movie selected by children; **July 26**, Recess Monkey; **Aug. 2**, Gustafer Yellowgold. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. All shows, 10:30 am. \$7-\$8. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

JULY 12

**Campside Chats at Paoli Battlefield.** Bring your folding chairs and questions to where Gen. Anthony Wayne's troops camped before the Battle of Paoli and hear stories and music from that era. Bring a snack or purchase one on site. Monument Ave., Malvern. 7 pm. 866-650-7273; USHistory.org/Paoli.

JULY 16

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### Festivals & Fairs

#### THROUGH JULY 5

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** With 11 patriotic days packed with free events, a full-scale parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food, culture and pageantry, there's fun for the whole family. **July 2-4**, "Super Scooper All-You-Can-Eat Ice Cream Festival," \$7 donation for a ticket to more than 20 ice cream vendors, benefits the Joshua Kahan Fund fighting against pediatric leukemia, Penn's Landing, Sat, noon to 5 and 6 to 9; Sun-Mon, noon to 5. **July 4**, "Party on the Parkway" with spectacular fireworks displays and the largest free concert in America. 215-683-2200; [WelcomeAmerica.com](http://WelcomeAmerica.com).

#### JULY 1-2

**194th Fourth of July Celebration in Lititz Springs Park.** The festivities begin on July 1 with a patriotic parade, 6:30 pm, leaving from Wilbur Chocolate Co. On July 2, gates open at noon and the celebration continues with dancing, 3-legged race, a baby parade, bell ringing ceremony, live music, the 168th Grand Illumination of Candles and finally a spectacular fireworks display. 717-626-7960; [LititzSpringsPark.org/Celebration.html](http://LititzSpringsPark.org/Celebration.html).

#### JULY 3

**Nottingham 2011 Freedom Fest.** An Independence weekend concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks display. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 5 to 10:30 pm. Rain date, July 4. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; [ChesCo.org/CCParks](http://ChesCo.org/CCParks).

#### JULY 9

**4th Annual Market Street Block Party.** Local businesses band together to give a special welcome to everyone attending the Criterium. Great food, live music, face painting, street chalk art contest and more. Market Street between Church and Darlington Streets, West Chester. The fun starts at 4. [IronHillTwilightCriterium.com](http://IronHillTwilightCriterium.com).



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#### JULY 2

**Nottingham Freedom Fest.** Events 5 to 11. Fireworks at 9:45. 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. Rain date, July 3. \$10 parking. 610-932-2589; [ChesCo.org/ccparks](http://ChesCo.org/ccparks).

#### JULY 3

**Lititz Springs Park 4th of July Celebration.** All day concerts with Pyromusical Fireworks Celebration at 10. Rain date, July 5. [LititzSpringsPark.org](http://LititzSpringsPark.org).

**Fireworks in Rock Hall, MD.** All day events. Fireworks over harbor at 9. [RockHallMD.com](http://RockHallMD.com).

**Long's Park, Lancaster.** 257th Army Band and Cannon Brigade at 7:30, followed by fireworks. Harrisburg Pk. at Rt. 30, Lancaster. 717-735-8883; [LongsPark.org](http://LongsPark.org).

**Longwood Gardens Festival of Fireworks and Fountains.** 9:15. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. \$18-\$38. 610-388-1000; [LongwoodGardens.org](http://LongwoodGardens.org).

#### JULY 4

**Downingtown's Good Neighbor Day.** All day events. Fireworks. 9:30 Kerr Park, Rt. 282, Downingtown. [GoodNeighborDay.com](http://GoodNeighborDay.com).

**Narberth Fireworks.** Fireworks at dusk. Community Park, bordered by Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. 610-664-2840.

**Pottstown's July 4th Homecoming Celebration.** 10 pm. Memorial Park, King & Manatwny Sts. 610-970-6607.

**Chestertown, MD.** Fireworks at dusk. Chester River. 410-778-0600; [Chestertown.com](http://Chestertown.com).

**Georgetown Harbor, MD.** Fireworks & Boat Parade on the Sassafras River. Parade at 5, Fireworks at dusk. 410-275-1200.

**Phoenixville Fireworks.** Friendship Field, Filmore St. & Franklin Ave. Celebration at 7; fireworks at dusk. 610-933-8801.

**Radnor High School 4th of July Fireworks.** Fireworks at dusk. 130 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. \$2-\$5; \$15 per car. 610-688-5600.

**Tredyffrin/Easttown Township Concert and Fireworks.** Concert at 7:15, fireworks at dusk. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 610-644-1400.

**Wawa Welcome America.** Fireworks at 10 on the Parkway, Philadelphia. 215-683-2200; [WelcomeAmerica.com](http://WelcomeAmerica.com).

#### JULY 17

**4th Annual Downtown Car Show in Media.** Over 200 antique cars parade down State Street. Hot rods, classics, funny cars, hearses and more. Noon to 4 pm. Rain date, July 24. 610-566-5039; [Visit-MediaPa.com](http://Visit-MediaPa.com).

#### JULY 19, AUGUST 6, 20

**Linvilla Orchards Annual Summer Festivals.** Jam-packed fun for the whole family with live entertainment, hayrides, pony rides, costumed characters and special treats highlighting each festival's theme.



**July 19**, Blueberry Festival; **July 23**, Sweet Corn and Blackberry Festival; **Aug. 6**, Peach Festival; **Aug. 20**, Tomato and Pear Festival; **Sept. 24-25**, Apple Festival. Linvilla Orchards, 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. 9 to 6. 610-876-7116; Linvilla.com.

#### JULY 22-30

**The Cecil County Fair.** Family fun and entertainment with lots of food, 4-H displays, an agricultural showcase, rides and more. Fair Hill Fairgrounds, Rts. 273 & 213, Fair Hill, MD. Daily 9 to 11. Admission. 410-392-3440; SeeCecil.org.

#### AUGUST 1-6

**Goshen Country Fair.** Experience 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. Fair opens Mon-Fri, 6 pm; Sat, 5 pm. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

#### AUGUST 12-13

**45th 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, giving demonstrations while dressed in period costumes. Old-fashioned foods and PA Dutch meals for sale. Henry Antes Plantation, Rt. 73, Perkiomenville. Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. \$2-\$10. 215-234-8953; Goschenhoppen.org.

### First Friday . . .

#### JULY 1, AUGUST 5

**First Fridays.** Stroll through area towns to find

exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **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. **Phoenixville**, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne**, 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.

### And Second Saturday

#### JULY 9, AUGUST 13

**Media's Second Saturdays.** Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

### Food & Drink

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28

**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, which will be closed to traffic from Jackson to Orange Sts. Plus entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

#### JULY 3-SEPTEMBER 17

**West Chester Railroad. July 3-Aug. 28, Sundays, Summer Picnic Special,** pack a picnic and take the railroad to the picnic grove at Glen Mills,

then return. Noon. \$10.50-\$12.50. **July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 17, BBQ Choo Choo**, enjoy a train ride on a beautiful evening and have a delicious BBQ dinner from Pig Out BBQ in Glen Mills. 6 to 8 pm. \$15-\$20. 610-361-8200. Trains depart Market Street Station (248 E. Market St.). 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.

### Music, Music, Music

#### ONGOING

**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. Sun, Open Mic Nights. Mon, Blue Monday Jam. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 3

**Radnor Township Summer Concert Series.** Bring blankets and chairs to these great free summer concerts. **July 6**, The Real Feel, blues, funk and rock, Ithan Elementary School, 695 Clyde Rd., Bryn Mawr; **July 13**, Ellie Perez & the Black Ties, The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova, 7 pm. **July 20**, Diverse, teen pop group, Radnor Elementary School, 20 Matsonford Rd., Radnor; **July 27**, Midlife Crisis, doo wop, soul and rock 'n roll, Clem Macrone Park, Conestoga Rd., Rosemont; **Aug. 3**, Yosi, family children's show, St. Davids Community Park, Lancaster Ave., St. Davids. Concerts 6:30 (unless otherwise noted). If inclement weather, phone 610-688-5600, ext. 141, between 2 and 4 on the day of the scheduled concert. Radnor.com.

#### JULY 1-31

**Delaware County Summer Festival.** **July 1**, Scot Silver & The Jazz Guise; **July 2**, Ken Delmar & The Cheers 10; **July 3**, Upper Darby Sousa Band; **July 6**, Peabody Ragtime Ensemble; **July 7**, John Hoey Orchestra; **July 8**, Hollywood Nights; **July 9**, David Stone: The Johnny Cash Experience; **July 10**, U.S. Naval Academy Electric Brigade; **July 13**, Little Martha; **July 14**, The Plants at 10 am and Chesapeake Brass at 7:30 pm; **July 15**, Beautiful Day; **July 16**, Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars; **July 17**, The Rockaphylls; **July 20**, Chester County Concert Band; **July 21**, Main Line Opera; **July 22**, Separate Ways; **July 23**, Goodfellas; **July 24**, The Cat's Pajamas; **July 27**, Beatlemania Now; **July 28**, Snap Jazz; **July 29**, Brandywine Ballet; **July 30**, Big G and the Cool Cats; **July 31**, The Obsoleets and the Rodney Bradley Friends Choir. Concerts continue through Aug. 14. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Cancelled for rain. 610-565-7410; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

#### JULY 1-AUGUST 26

**Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club.** Spend Friday nights at the Brandywine Polo Club listening to live music, watching polo and sipping regional wines. Bring a picnic or purchase a meal on site. Every week features a different winery from the Brandywine Valley, selling glasses and bottles of award-winning wine. **July 1**, Stolen Rhodes/Black Walnut Winery; **July 8**, Bronze Radio Return/Twin Brook Winery; **July 15**, The Steve Liberace

Band/Chaddsford Winery; **July 22**, Spokee Speakey/Penns Woods Winery; **July 29**, Ryan Tennis and the Club House Band/Kreutz Creek Vineyards; **Aug. 5**, The Q Factor/Paradox Vineyard; **Aug. 12**, Zack DuPont Band/Black Walnut Winery; **Aug. 19**, Casey Alvarez/Twin Brook Winery; **Aug. 26**, The Angel Band/TBD. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. \$20-\$25. Gates open 5:30, polo before music at 7. 610-292-0880; FridayNightsUnderTheStars.com.

#### JULY 2-AUGUST 6

**Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series.** **July 2**, Cabin Dogs; **July 9**, Steve Forbert; **July 16**, Atzilut: Concerts for Peace; **July 17**, Vince Raimondo Memorial Scholarship Concert; **July 23**, Theatre Horizon, "Much Ado About Nothing"; **July 30**, Christine Havrilla; **Aug. 6**, Beats Walkin'. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$10 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

#### JULY 3-31

**Long's Park Summer Music Series.** **July 3**, 257th Army Band, Cannon Brigade and Fireworks!; **July 10**, Oz Noy Trio; **July 17**, Danny Kortchmar Band; **July 24**, The Paul Thorn Band; **July 31**, Baka Beyond, Afro-Celtic dance band. Concerts continue through Aug. 28. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.



#### JULY 3-AUGUST 14

**Miller Park Summer Concert Series.** **July 3**, Independence Day Celebration featuring the Bryn Mawr Mainliners and The Chester County Concert Band, 7 pm, fireworks, 9:30; rain date for fireworks, July 10. **July 17**, The Janis Nowlan Band; **July 31**, The Highballs; **Aug. 14**, The Big Band from the Valley. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30 pm. Rain dates posted on website. 610-738-7101; WestWhiteland.org.

#### JULY 6-AUGUST 10

**Anson B. Nixon Park Summer Concert Series.** Light supper available for purchase each night. **July 6**, Spokee Speakey, reggae; **July 13**, Mason Porter, funky bluegrass; **July 20**, Andrew Lipke &



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## Local Farm Markets

**Anselma Farmers & Artisans Market**, 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. Wed, 2 to 6. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.

**Bryn Mawr Farmers Market**, Lot 7, Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 10 to 2. BrynMawrFarmersMarket.com.

**Great Valley Farmers Market**, Lower Parking Lot, Penn State Great Valley, 30 E. Swedesford Rd., Malvern. Thurs, 11 to 2. SGPS.PSU.edu/Market.

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

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

**Lititz Farmers Market**, Water St. 8 to noon. 717-626-6332; LititzFarmersMarket.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, 2 to 6. 610-998-9494; OxfordMainStreet.org.

**Parkeburg Farm and Community Market**, 315 W. First Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-857-2616; Parkeburg.org.

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

**Swarthmore Farmers Market**, 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. Sat, 9:30 to 1:30. FarmToCity.org.

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

**West Chester Wellness Growers Market**, 2 locations: Courthouse patio, High & Market Sts. and Government Services Center, Westtown Rd., West Goshen. Fri, 11:30 to 1:30. DowntownWestChester.com

**West Grove Farmers Market**, Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveBorough.org.

**Wilmington's Urban Farm Stand**, 12th & Brandywine Sts. Sat, 10 to 2. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

The Prospects, alternative; **July 27**, Ben Arnold; **Aug. 3**, Spring Standards, folk rock; **Aug. 10**, Summer Benefit Concert, a family party with food, music and fun for the whole family. Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square. 7 pm. Free. 610-444-4902; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

### JULY 7-28

**Summer in the Park Concert Series at Chesterbrook.** **July 7**, Philly Big Band; **July 14**, The Mango Men; **July 21**, Cool Beans Music; **July 28**, Flower Power. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Phone 610-408-3626

if inclement weather, or visit Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

### JULY 7-SEPTEMBER 1

**Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester.** Great food, live music, clowns, dancers and more. Downtown West Chester on Gay Street. **July 7**, JD Malone and Mason Porter; **Aug. 4**, Drive 26 and KAPOW; **Sept. 1**, Animus. 6:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

### JULY 8, AUGUST 12, SEPTEMBER 9

**Downtown Oxford Edge Concert Series.** Come out for an evening of live music in an outdoor setting. All genres of music from rock to classical will be featured. Wine tastings and sales from Flickerwood Wine Cellar. Broad and Third St., Oxford. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

### JULY 8-29

**Community Arts Center in Wallingford Summer Concert Series.** Bring a blanket or lawn chair on Friday evenings. **July 8**, The Flamenco of Tres Compadres; **July 15**, Latin jazz of Karen Rodriguez; **July 22**, swinging sounds of Flying Home; **July 29**, roots music of Sonoma Sound. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, concerts will be held in the Duke Gallery at the CAC. 414 Plush Mill Rd. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

### JULY 10-AUGUST 21

**West Goshen Summer Concert Series.** **July 10**, country-western music with Double-Clutchin' Weasels; **July 24**, The Greaseband plays party hits; **Aug. 7**, Motown with The New Special Blendz; **Aug. 21**, The U.S. Navy Jazz Band, The Commodores. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Goshen. Rainsite: West Chester East High School Auditorium. 6:30 pm. 610-692-2550; WGoshen.org.

### JULY 12-AUGUST 30

**Eagleview Town Center's "Concerts on the Square."** **July 12**, Family Night; **July 19**, The Giving Tree Band, Anne McCue; **July 26**, Incendio, Nicole Zell; **Aug. 2**, Los Straitjackets, The Darby Trials; **Aug. 9**, Band of Heathens, Brian Flanagan; **Aug. 16**, Bobby Long, Cheyenne Marie Mize; **Aug. 23**, US Rails, Joel Plaskett; **Aug. 30**, Entrain. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain cancellation, phone 800-851-2779 after 4 pm on the day of the show. InEagleview.com.

### JULY 13-SEPTEMBER 17

**Longwood Gardens Performing Arts Events.** Longwood has a full summer performance schedule. Check their website for details. **July 13**, Pink Martini, 7:30 pm, \$39-\$65; **Aug. 18**, The Beach Boys, 7:30 pm, \$49.50-\$69.50; **Aug. 24**, Gipsy Kings, 7:30 pm, \$49-\$89; **Sept. 17**, Keb' Mo', 7:30 pm, \$35-\$55. **Fireworks & Fountains shows are:** **July 3**, Celebrate America; **July 23**, Summer Pops; **Aug. 13**, Stravinsky 'Stravaganza'; **Sept. 3**, Summer Pops. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9:15 pm. \$22-\$38. 610-388-5200; LongwoodGardens.org.

### JULY 15-SEPTEMBER 16

**Music Friday in Lancaster Square.** Great food, locally crafted beer and live music. **July 15**, Latin Night with Melina; **Aug. 19**, Series 42 presents Modern Roots with The Defibrulators and Cinegar Creek Constituency; **Sept. 16**, Fonky Reggae Night

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#### JULY 17

**28th Annual Turks Head Music Festival.** Annual music event with twelve bands, craftspeople, children's entertainment, amusement rides, tethered hot air balloon rides and great food. Everhart Park, W. Miner St. & S. Bradford Ave. Noon to 8 pm. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com/Recreation.



#### JULY 22-24

**2011 XPoNential Music Festival.** WXPN hosts this weekend festival featuring over 30 bands on two stages at Camden County's Wiggins Park, on the waterfront in Camden. In addition to the music there will be a Kids Corner area and lots of family-friendly activities. For tickets and info, 215-825-9644; XPN.org.

#### JULY 23

**Blues & Brews on the Grounds of PA Renaissance Faire.** Enjoy the taste of Maryland with an all-you-can-eat menu featuring crabs, shrimp, brisket and more. Also non-stop music from live bands and unlimited brews. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Two entrance times: noon to 3 pm or 5 to 8 pm. \$49.95. 717-665-7021; PaRenFaire.com.

#### JULY 24, AUGUST 21

**Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust Summer Music Festival 2011.** *July 24*, The Bryn Mawr Mainliners, rain date July 25; *Aug. 21*, The Mango Men, rain date Aug. 22. Reeves Park Bandshell, Main St. between 2nd & 3rd Ave., Phoenixville. 6:30. Free. For weather cancellation information, PhoenixFed.com.

#### JULY 28-AUGUST 11

**Summer Concert Series at Morris Arboretum.** *July 28*, Plan B Jazz Band, free beer tasting precedes concert at 6 pm, concert, 7. *XPN Kids Corner Concerts:* *Aug. 4*, Alex and the Kaleidoscope Band; *Aug. 11*, Yosi & The Superdads. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. 6:30. \$30 per car. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

#### JULY 31, AUGUST 28

**King of Prussia Summer Concert Series.** *July 31*, Almost McGraw — A Tribute to Tim McGraw; *Aug. 28*, Scythian. Upper Merion Township Building Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 7 pm. \$5; 16 and under, seniors, free. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionConcerts.com.

## Sporting Events

#### JULY 9-10

**7th Annual Iron Hill Twilight Criterium in West Chester.** The professional cycling race begins and ends at Gay and High Sts. Kids' Race, 5 pm; Amateur Men's, 5:45; Elite Women's, 6:45; Pro Men's, 7:45. On Sunday, there is a Community Bike Tour, where riders of all levels enjoy tours starting at Hoopes Park and traveling through the Chester County countryside. IronHillTwilightCriterium.com.

## Theater

#### THROUGH JULY 10

**"Hatchetman."** A comedy set in the offices of *Putts*, a golf magazine headed for corporate takeover. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30 Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; matinees: Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$25-\$45. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

#### THROUGH AUGUST 7

**"Two Into One."** A classic farce by English playwright Ray Cooney. Hedgerow Theatre, 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Thurs-Sat, 7:30; Sun, 2. \$10-\$25. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

#### JULY 21

**"Richard III" – Shakespeare in the Park.** Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company brings their production to Everhart Park, Union St. & Bradford Ave., West Chester. 7 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

#### JULY 28-30, AUGUST 4-6

**Brandywiners, Ltd. Perform "Kiss Me, Kate."** Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1. \$20-\$25 includes garden adm; fountain display after the show. 8:30 pm. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org.

## Tours

#### THROUGH OCTOBER

**Guided Walking Tours Through Historic Downtown West Chester.** Your guide will lead you on a one-hour walk where you'll hear stories of the people and places that made West Chester a Distinctive Destination, selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Fun for the entire family. Meet at The Lincoln Room, 28 W. Market St. 10 am. \$10. 610-696-2102; LincolnRoom-WestChester.com.

#### JULY 14-AUGUST 25

**Town Tours & Village Walks.** See the article in this issue. ♦

Send a description of your activity to Info@ValleyDel.com by the first of the month preceding publication.

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**T**own Tours & Village Walks celebrate national and regional themes this summer. Sponsored by our regional historic societies and sites, this year's series of tours honors the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War, while exploring Chester County's rich iron and steel heritage.

Tour-goers visit historic towns, villages, iron master plantations and ironworks and explore the depths of knowledge gathered by our historical organizations. Prepare to immerse yourself in the life and work of early times as you witness re-enactors playing their parts at stately mansions, humble worker houses, and aged ruins nestled in the beautiful Chester County countryside at the following tours:

*July 14*, Historic Spring City Borough, #104

*July 21*, Historic Joanna Furnace, #105

*July 28*, Elverson 100th Anniversary, #106

*Aug. 4*, Historic Yellow Springs Civil War Orphanage, #107

*Aug. 11*, Phoenixville Historic District, #108

*Aug. 18*, Hopewell Furnace, #109

*Aug. 25*, Hibernia Mansion, #110

Tours include light refreshments, are free and are cancelled only for severe weather. There's also a related Lecture Series running through July 29. New to Town Tours, four driving tours are available at many of Chester County's historical societies.

Reservations are required. For times, reservations and locations, call 877-442-2476, and enter the tour's extension listed above. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks. ♦

**Pictured top:** Hibernia Mansion

**Below clockwise from top right:** Art rendering of Spring City, Joanna Furnace Casting House, Hopewell Village, Lukens Historic District, orphans at Historic Yellow Springs.



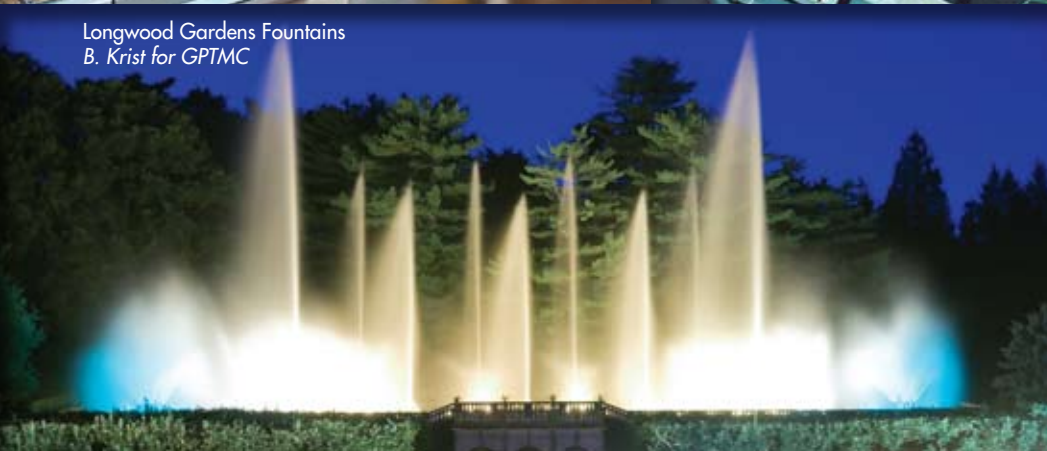




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**W**elcome to *County Lines* country! Whether you're visiting or making this your home, we're glad you're here.

Although we may not be entirely objective, we think our region is one of those rare, something-for-everyone places. We're practically wall-to-wall with historic sites, while our lush landscape offers woods, parks, lakes, farmland and unparalleled gardens, both public and private. Our appealing back roads lead to villages first settled almost three centuries ago, and at the same time, our modern highways take you to the latest in mall and outlet shopping. It's all here.

You'll discover great shopping and dining — from an especially fine selection of antiques dealers, art galleries and superb crafts- people, to shops offering trendy fashion and home design, to dining of virtually every ethnic origin, and from traditional haute to the latest culinary innovation, with all stops in between. No matter your interests and preferences, you're going to love it here!

This Guide is intended to give you an insider's view, focusing on special places we'd take you to if you were visiting us. With a good map, GPS or smartphone, you can head out to discover all we have to offer.

So, if you're visiting, we hope this Guide will make your stay even more enjoyable. If you're a new neighbor settling in or a resident still exploring, we suggest you keep the Guide handy for year-round use.

To all we say, welcome to our corner of the world!



## RECENT DISCOVERIES

### City of Lancaster

Put aside images of farms and buggies for a trip to the **City of Lancaster**, where you may be surprised to find 125 art venues and more Tory Burch flats than gingham dresses. Downtown Lancaster boasts a vibrant arts community — with galleries, museums, an arts college, theaters, symphony and opera company, plus a full calendar of events celebrating this vibrant, modern side of the county seat that also owns its historic roots. See [LancasterArts.com](http://LancasterArts.com).

A perfect symbol of blending roots and shoots is Lancaster's **Quilt and Textile Museum**. Housed in a Beaux Arts beauty of a building, the Museum displays the world-class former Esprit collection of antique, regional quilts, a dazzling combination of handcrafted Amish heritage and modernist color palette and design. The current exhibit, "Grid: Artisan Amish Quilts, Esprit Clothing & Postmodern Design," says it all about the old infusing the new as it explores the influence of the quilts on Esprit's trendy clothing designs. 37 N. Market St., 717-299-6440; [QuiltandTextileMuseum.com](http://QuiltandTextileMuseum.com).

### WHEN TO GO—WHAT TO SEE

Try to time your visit for a **First Friday**, when several neighborhoods — **Gallery Row** on N. Prince St., **Uptown** on N. Queen St., **Backstage** around N. Water St. — overflow with music on every corner and lively crowds visiting art galleries, upscale boutiques and hip restaurants hosting open houses and late hours.

Residents and visitors mingle along Gallery Row in shops with art-quality crafts and home décor items, others full of unique jewelry and accessories, and blocks of galleries (Red Raven Gallery's sign will catch your eye) that make this an "authentic arts town." There's so much art here there's even a boutique Arts Hotel sporting its own gallery.

To get the most from your visit, stop by the well-stocked **Visitors' Center**, providing maps and information about the many dimensions of Lancaster and surroundings. Perhaps join a **Historic Walking Tour** and let knowledgeable guides introduce you to a sampling of the heritage, history and architecture — three centuries in four blocks! Penn Square, 777-299-6440 for information.

### MUSEUMS OF ALL SIZES

For the museum-minded, a must-see stop is the **Heritage Center Museum** for its 1920s print shop in action and exhibits of Amish furniture and fine decorative

arts. Penn Square, 717-299-6440; [HeritageCenterMuseum.org](http://HeritageCenterMuseum.org). Also worth a visit are the **Lancaster Museum of Art**, 135 N. Lime St., 717-394-3497; [LMAPA.org](http://LMAPA.org), **North Museum of Science & History**, 400 College Ave., 717-291-3941; [NorthMuseum.org](http://NorthMuseum.org), and **Lancaster Newspapers Newseum**, 28 S., Queen St., 717-291-8600.

Small is also beautiful, as evidenced in specialized museums like the **Demuth Museum**, located in the house, workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. American modernist painter Demuth traveled widely, but always came back to Lancaster. From July 8 to Aug. 28, enjoy "Demuth in the City of Lights," focusing on his Paris travels. 120 E. King St., 717-299-9940; [Demuth.org](http://Demuth.org).

### FOOD OF ALL KINDS

Hungry yet? The nation's oldest continually operating farmer's market, **Central Market**, hosts 60-some stalls in a Romanesque Revival building that's on the National Register. The recently renovated Market offers the best of local farms and gourmet delicacies, plus more options from around the world (German, Thai, Middle Eastern food). Like Wanamaker's Eagle of old, the Market has been a meeting spot in Lancaster for decades. Market days: Tues. & Fri., 6 to 4, Sat., 6 to 2. 717-735-6890; [CentralMarket-Lancaster.com](http://CentralMarket-Lancaster.com).

Lancaster also offers a full range of restaurants, from Zagat-rated **Gibraltar's** New American cuisine to local and casual **Lancaster Brewing Company**, housed in a working microbrewery, and everything in between. Refer to the "Restaurants" section of this Guide for more of our favorites.

### FOR YOUR NEXT VISIT

One visit and one article can't do this city justice. We haven't even mentioned **Lancaster's Mural Trail** or the **Ghost Tour**. Maybe a tour of **area wineries** is more your style? Sample Mount Hope Estates, Nissley, Tamanend, Twin Brook and Waltz Vineyards. Or if you want quality, hand-made products, like the brass lighting fixtures at **American Period Lighting**, that's an entire other side of Lancaster that will easily fill a weekend.

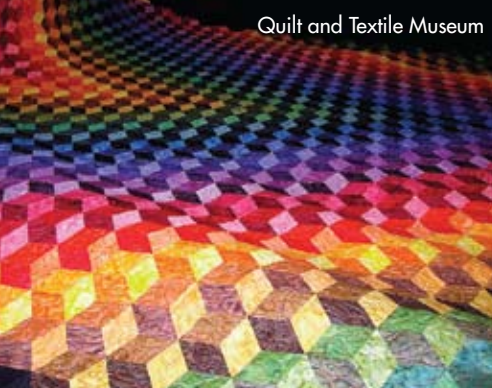
So, plan to catch a show at the **Fulton Opera House**, a performance at **Opera Lancaster**, or a **Barnstormers' baseball game** in Clipper Magazine Stadium. Or come back for **Music Fridays** and **Second Sunday Flavor Fairs**.

Whatever your pleasure, you'll love the City of Lancaster. [DowntownLancaster.com](http://DowntownLancaster.com).

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First Friday on Gallery Row



Quilt and Textile Museum



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## Living Lititz

One visit and you'll know, Lititz has learned how to blend old and new. Go on **2nd Fridays** for a sidewalk celebration or seek the calm and quiet of historical houses. Or get advice at the **Lititz Welcome Center**, tucked into a replica of a 1884 train station. *N. Broad St. LititzPA.com*. No matter what, you'll love a taste of Lancaster County's "Sweet Spot."

## TASTE LITITZ HISTORY

Lititz has always been proud of its history. Named for a Bohemian castle, the town was established in 1756 by the founder of the modern Moravian Church. More recently, Lititz was named a 2009 Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and had its **General**

**Sutter Home** added to the National Register. It's evolved into a thriving, welcoming town, all while keeping its roots intact.

Over a dozen historic buildings line East Main Street, like the **Sturgis House**—turned-Spill the Beans Café or **Linden Hall**, the country's oldest girls preparatory school. At **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, America's first commercial pretzel bakery, you can roll and knead your own pretzels, 219 E. Main St., 717-626-4354; *JuliusSturgis.com*.

Next stop is the **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** for a taste of their famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) and a walk through the **Candy Americana Museum** to see the chocolate-making process and memorabilia. 48 N. Broad St., 888-294-5287; *WilburBuds.com*.

**Lititz Historical Foundation & Museum** offers more history on self-guided walk-

ing tours. The Museum showcases artifacts alongside works from residents — don't miss the Parquet Clocks: beautiful grandfather clocks crafted by the aptly named Rudolph S. Carpenter. Next door, the **Muel-ler House** (c. 1792) hosts tours of traditional 18th-century living. 137-145 E. Main St., 717-627-4636; *LititzHistoricalFoundation.com*.

## THINGS TO DO

For some Lititz flair, head downtown on a **2nd Friday**, when businesses stay open until 9 and Main and Broad Streets are dotted with musicians, artists and dancers. As the town motto proudly proclaims, you'll be "Lovin' Lititz Every Second!"

If you loved those Wilbur Buds, come back in October for the annual **Chocolate Walk**. Chocolatiers line the streets selling samples of their best chocolates, and ticket holders can sample any stall for free! 717-560-2295; *LititzChocolateWalk2011.com*.

Join the locals at the **Saturday Farmers' Market**. Amidst the stalls of locally grown goods — fruits, vegetables, meats and more — you'll find live music and chef demonstrations. *May-Oct., 8 to noon. Water St., 717-626-6332; LititzFarmersMarket.com*.

Next head to **Lititz Springs Park**, a sprawling expanse of greenery and shaded pavilions — the perfect place to stroll and catch a cool, calming breeze. On July 2, the park hosts the **194th Continuous Fourth of July Celebration**, claimed to be the oldest in the country. You'll find food, music and dance shows and a first-class fireworks display.

On July 30, browse the **45th Annual Outdoor Art Show**, showcasing local artists and their works. *N. Broad St., 717-626-7960; LititzSpringsPark.org*.

## BOUTIQUE SHOPPING

For a quieter outing, visit Lititz's shops and boutiques, like Lamplighter and the Lady, A Tea Affair or The Sassy Tassel for fine crafts, antiques or specialty items. You'll find stoneware pottery, homemade glass art and Moravian stars and cookies amidst art galleries and specialty food stores. The Savory Gourmet offers wild game meats, artisan cheeses and gourmet vinegars.

If that whets your appetite (and it should), head for one of Lititz's many restaurants.

## DINING OPTIONS

If you've enjoyed Lititz's expert blending of old and new, head to the **General Sutter Inn's Dining Room** for fine dining, or go next door to the **Bulls Head Public House**, serving pub fare and beer. 14 E. Main St., 717-626-2115; *GeneralSutterInn.com*.

Elsewhere you'll find ice cream parlors, barbecue shacks and cafés, like the **Tomato Pie Café** (and no, it's not pizza!). And, of course, Sturgis Pretzels and Wilbur Chocolates are always on hand.

## STAY A WHILE

Too much for one day? Lititz's charming B&Bs are great for settling in and exploring more of Lancaster County. Check into the **General Sutter Inn** or, just a few minutes outside of town, the **Forgotten Seasons Bed & Breakfast** (c. 1730s). 304 E. Newport Rd., 717-626-3088; *ForgottenSeasons.com*.

If a weekend isn't enough, make it a lifetime. Lititz supports two thriving retirement communities, Moravian Manor and Luther-care at Luther Acres, located in the heart of town with easy access to downtown.

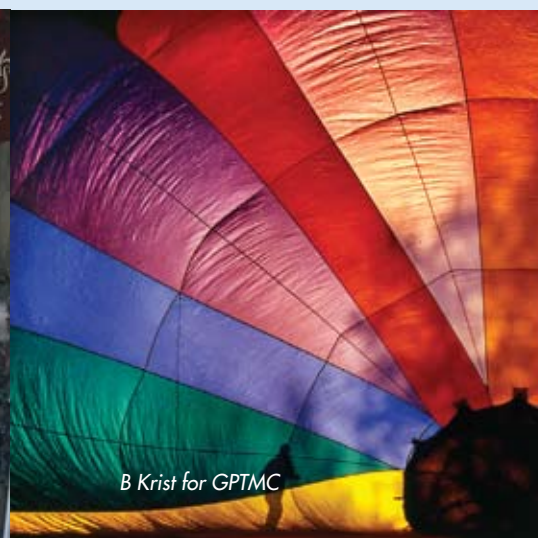
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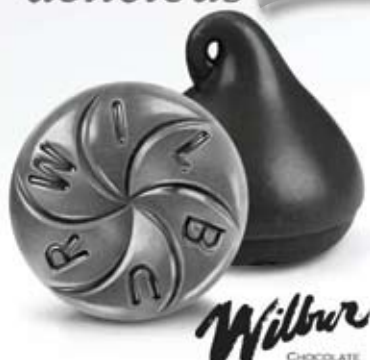
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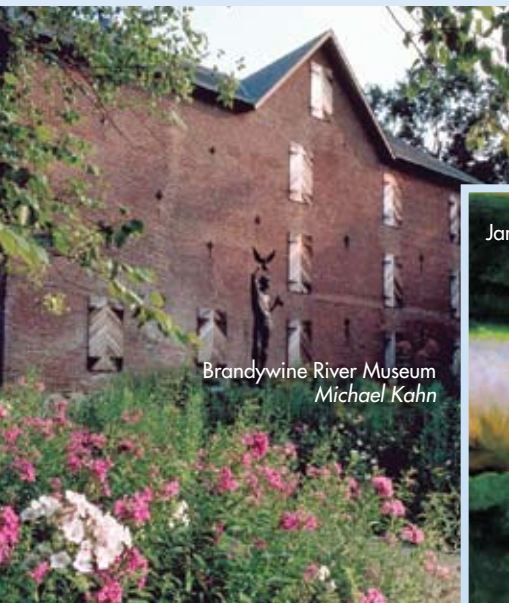
## DAY TRIPS &amp; OUTINGS

Any tour of our area has to include the three most visited places — **Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens** and **Winterthur**. Although it's physically possible to visit all three in one day, we strongly suggest you resist the temptation. Instead, plan leisurely visits to savor each one fully, and consider adding some smaller, special interest stops to your itinerary, too.

**Tip:** If you plan to visit several local attractions, consider the **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport** for admission to ten major museums and gardens in the area. *\$35 for adults, \$75 for families.* [BrandywineTreasures.org](http://BrandywineTreasures.org).

For the "Big Three," start by visiting the **Brandywine River Museum**. Situated on the scenic banks of the Brandywine River, the Museum emphasizes the history of the art of the Brandywine Valley, American landscape, and still-life painting and illustration. It features a world-class collection of works by three generations of Wyeths — N.C., Andrew and Jamie — and, during the week, guided tours from Andrew's granddaughter, Victoria, for a fourth generation.

If you're there before September 11, check out "Farm Work by Jamie Wyeth," with five decades of lively depictions of farm animals, equipment and the surrounding landscape, all inspired by visits to the Olson Farm in Maine and Wyeth's own farm, Point Lookout, on the Brandywine.



Brandywine River Museum  
Michael Kahn



Longwood Gardens Children's Garden

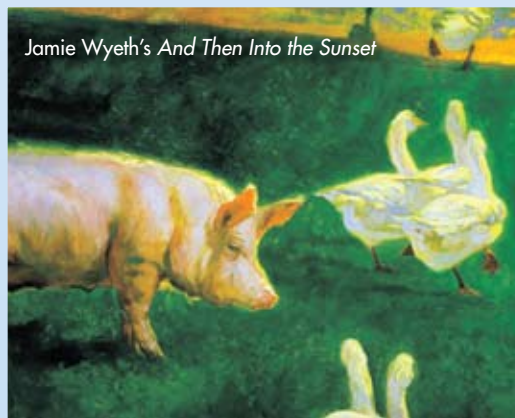
Longwood Gardens Orchid Display  
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In July, the Museum also offers free workshops for children, Museum Explorer Mornings (ages 3-10) and Advanced Explorer Mornings (ages 10-14), with guided tours and hands-on art projects. *For registration, 610-388-8382; [education@brandywine.org](mailto:education@brandywine.org).*

Consider a visit to the Kuerner Farm, a site whose charm and intrigue inspired hundreds of Andrew Wyeth's works of art, or explore the restored home and studio of N.C. Wyeth, where the artist cultivated his work and his gifted family. *Tours through Nov. 20. \$5, plus Museum admission.*

*Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Adm: \$6-\$10, free Sun mornings (9:30-noon) and free to military personnel and their families through Labor Day, as part of the Blue Star Museum Program. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; [www.BrandywineMuseum.org](http://www.BrandywineMuseum.org).*

Jamie Wyeth's *And Then Into the Sunset*



Farther south on Route 1 is legendary **Longwood Gardens**. Named a "National Wonder" by *National Geographic Traveler*, this internationally famous 1,000-plus-acre horticultural mecca has extraordinary gardens featuring 11,000 types of plants and more fountains than any other garden in the U.S. And it hosts 400 performances a year!

Enjoy theatrical shows and musical performances from symphonies to soloists. For information on the Summer Concert Series, see "Events" in this issue and check *CountyLinesMagazine.com*. Note: August's Beach Boys concert is already sold out!

For the younger crowd, don't miss Family Firefly Night, featuring an energetic, family-friendly concert by Yosi and The Superdads, catching fireflies, kids' crafts and more. *Free with Gardens admission. 6 pm, Fri, July 8.*

The Daytime Fountain Shows, 9 to 5 pm through Oct. 15, will be a sure-fire hit for the whole family. Plus on four special summer evenings, "Fireworks and Fountains," a beautifully choreographed program, combines fountains, music and fireworks at the spectacular Main Fountain Garden. These very popular fireworks evenings require advance tickets because of limited parking.

*Fireworks tickets: \$18-\$38. July 3, 23, Aug. 13 and Sept. 3. Gardens are open Sun-Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri-Sat, 9 am to 10 pm. Adm. varies by age. Restaurant, café and gift shop on site. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; [LongwoodGardens.org](http://LongwoodGardens.org).*

Next stop is **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**, which houses the world's largest and finest collection of American decorative arts in an elegant, 200-room stone manse set in an exquisitely landscaped 1,000-acre park, all of it once the home of Henry F. du Pont. You may want to start your visit with a Garden Tram Ride to get an overview of the property and history.

In addition to an extensive permanent collection, this summer Winterthur offers two noteworthy exhibits. Visit "Paint, Pattern, & People," an exhibit of the furniture of southeastern Pennsylvania and its surrounding culture, through January. *Guided gallery walks, Sat-Sun at 11:30 am, 1 pm, and 2 pm.* Also visit "Made for the Trade,"



Winterthur Museum

Winterthur's "Paint, Pattern & People" exhibit





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Washington's Headquarters, Brandywine Battlefield

featuring Native American objects from the Winterthur collection, through Aug. 28.

*Open Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. Closed Mon (except holidays and during Yuletide), Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tours vary in price and depth; tickets valid for 2 days. Restaurant, cafeteria, gift shops on site. Rt. 52, N. of Wilmington, 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 302-888-4600; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).*

## Sample History

For a bit of history, visit the **Brandywine Battlefield State Park**, a beautiful 52-acre greensward where Washington and his troops suffered a decisive defeat at the hands of the British on September 11, 1777.

Lush rolling hills and shady woods make this an inviting stop for a picnic (facilities throughout the grounds). Take a tour of the Visitor Center and the restored headquarters of both Washington and Lafayette. Check the website for several driving tours

that let you trace the troop movements for a different take on a history tour.

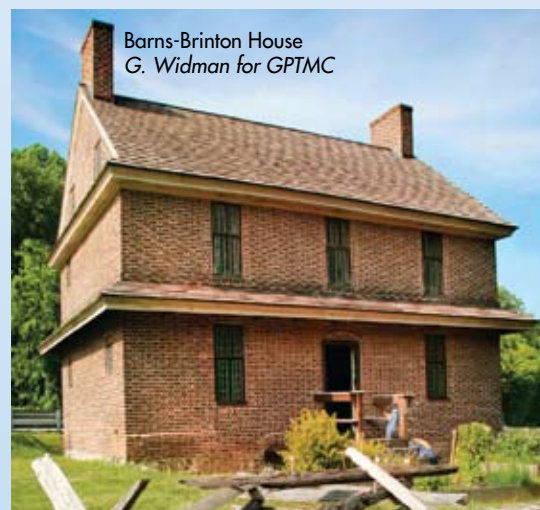
*Open Wed-Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, noon to 4; closed Mon-Tues & some holidays. Guided tours by appt., Wed-Fri. Special activities throughout the year. Adm. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-459-3342; [Brandywine-Battlefield.org](http://Brandywine-Battlefield.org).*

Nearby is a lovely reproduction fieldstone barn that houses a museum and headquarters of the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**. The Historical Society maintains two 18th-century restorations: the **John**

**Chads House** and **Barns-Brinton House**, both on the National Register of Historic Places as exceptional examples of period architecture and furnishings. Guides in colonial garb narrate tours and demonstrate period crafts. The Historical Society hosts the 46th Chadds Ford Days, Sept. 10-11, and the Great Pumpkin Carve, Oct. 27-29.

*The Center is free and open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9 to 2; 1 to 5, weekends, May - Labor Day. Houses are open summer weekends, 1 to 5 pm, through Aug. Adm: \$5 for both houses. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 610-388-7376; [ChaddsFordHistory.org](http://ChaddsFordHistory.org).*

Chester County's southwest corner is home to the charming village of **Oxford**, founded in 1754 and now a historic district dotted with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and a thriving farmers market on Tuesdays. Oxford hosts

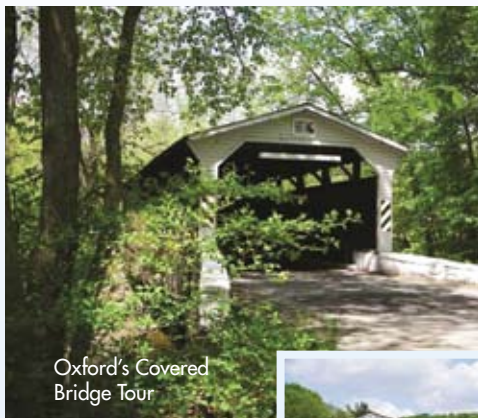


Barns-Brinton House  
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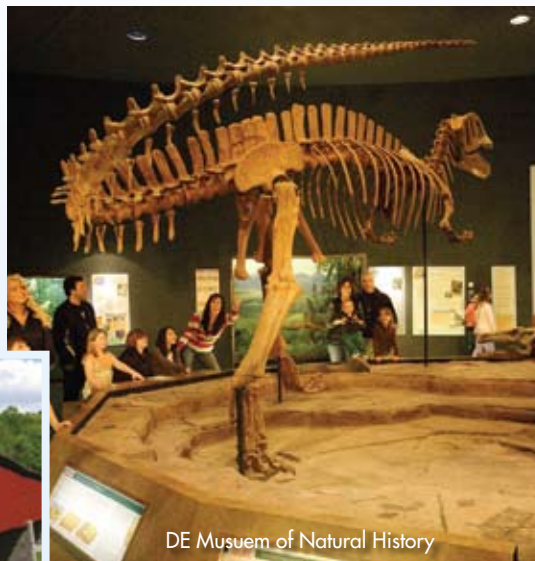




Oxford's Covered Bridge Tour

**Historic Walking Tours** (also with a children's version) and a fascinating **Driving Tour of Covered Bridges**.

Of Chester County's almost 100 covered bridges, four are near Oxford. Built in the 1880s, these bridges showcase the lasting craftsmanship of our region's carpenters, stonemasons and engineers, while evoking the sound of rhythmic clapping of horse-shoes and the memory of suitors stealing a kiss under the cover of the bridge.



DE Museum of Natural History

*Self-guided tour maps at [DowntownOxfordPA.org](http://DowntownOxfordPA.org). For more covered bridges see [BrandywineValley.com/Trails-Covered.aspx](http://BrandywineValley.com/Trails-Covered.aspx).*

For a taste of snack food history, head a few miles southwest to **Nottingham** and **Herr's Potato Chip Factory**. Started in 1946, Herr's has flourished through the decades and expanded into a nationally recognized symbol and regional treat. Factory tours show the actual operation, with real workers, and end with a trip to the Snack Bar and Gift Shop so you won't leave hungry or empty-handed.

*Factory tours Mon-Thurs, 9 to noon, 1 to 3; Fri, 9 to noon. To schedule: 800-637-6225; [Herrs.com](http://Herrs.com).*

For a different kind of history, head south of Route 1 onto Route 52 and you'll come to the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**, home to Delaware's only permanent dinosaur display, as well as the world's largest bird egg and a 500-pound clam.

It's an engaging place to participate in the adventure of discovery of the natural world through dioramas, exhibits and special programs, including a walk over the Great Barrier Reef, in a Dinosaur Gallery and under a giant squid.

*Open Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. Closed major holidays. Adm: \$5-\$7. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville. 302-658-9111; [DelMNH.org](http://DelMNH.org).*

## Brandywine Polo

For a glimpse of a unique aspect of our local horse country, visit a Sunday polo match. Called the sport of kings, polo is fascinating to watch, with its combination of fast-paced action, elegant spectatorship and audience participation (divot stomping). Pack a picnic and visit Brandywine Polo Club on Sunday afternoons through September.

This summer **Brandywine Polo Club** also hosts "Friday Nights Under the Stars" that feature live music, polo, southern barbecue and selections from regional wineries.

*On Polo Rd., off Newark Rd., S. of the Rt. 1 Toughkenamon exit. Sunday Polo: gates open at 1:30, matches at 3. Adm: \$7-\$10. Matches are cancelled for wet fields or extreme heat; call 610-268-8692 to confirm. [BrandywinePolo.com](http://BrandywinePolo.com). For Friday Nights: Adm: \$20 online, \$25 at the gate, under 12, free. 610-292-0880; [info@rollingbarrel.com](mailto:info@rollingbarrel.com).*



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### Visit Wilmington

First a little history. **Wilmington**, Delaware's major city, was called New Sweden after it was settled by Swedes in 1638. When the English gained control, it became known as Willingtown, named for Thomas Willing, who laid out the streets of the then-village in 1731. Eventually, King George II directed the town name be changed to honor his friend Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington. And that name stuck.

A first stop should be the **Delaware Art Museum**. Located at the center of one of the city's most gracious neighborhoods, the Museum sits on 12 acres that also include a Sculpture Park. Boasting gems in its permanent collections that run from Howard Pyle's America's Golden Age work to Dale Chihuly's contemporary glass artistry and an internationally recognized pre-Raphaelite collection, the Museum has an impressive lineup of changing exhibits.

This summer test your perceptions against the shadow play and tricks of the eye in "Perception/Deception: Illusion in Contemporary Art" through Sept. 25.

*Open Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. Adm: \$6-12 & family rates. Free Sundays. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.*

Heading to the city center, you can see some of the early history of Wilmington at the **Delaware History Center Complex**, 5th and Market Streets. On one side of Market Street is **Wilmington Square**, a lovely vest-pocket park surrounded by restored 18th-century brick houses moved from an urban renewal area by the **Delaware His-**

**torical Society**, which has its office and library there. Across the street is the **Old Town Hall**, 512 N. Market St., a handsome Georgian-style building constructed c. 1800, which opens occasionally for school groups to tour the jail in the basement.

Spend a fascinating couple of hours at **The Delaware History Museum**, exploring attractive displays in a permanent interactive exhibit called "Distinctively Delaware," focusing on the people, places, events and products that make the First State unique, plus changing exhibits highlighting Delaware's history and artistic achievements.

*Open Wed-Fri, 11 to 4; Sat, 10 to 4. Adm: \$2-\$6 (free on 1st Fridays). Gift shop. 504 Market St., Wilmington. 302-656-0637; HSD.org/dhm.htm.*

Frawley Stadium, home of the Blue Rocks



While in Wilmington, be sure to visit the **Delaware Children's Museum**. With a focus on science, math and technology, the Museum is designed to help children reach their full potential through playful learning. For example, the exhibit "The Power of Me" helps children see their own capabilities while teaching them how the body functions.

*Open Mon-Sun, 9 to 4:30. Adm: \$12; under 1, free. 550 Justison St., Wilmington. 302-654-2340; DelawareChildrensMuseum.org.*

Wilmington's major redevelopment on the banks of the Christina River resulted in a renaissance of what was once an area of derelict warehouses. Today visitors to **Riverfront Wilmington** find a lively destination with recreational, cultural, retail and culinary attractions, including about a dozen tasty choices from coffee to sushi at the Riverfront Market. *From I-95. Exit 6, follow the signs. RiverfrontWilm.com.*

Park your car and stretch your legs along the **Riverwalk**. This 1.3-mile beautifully landscaped riverfront path provides pedestrian access to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, Aug. 5-7. *RiverfrontBluesFest.com.*

You'll also find restaurants on the river, and there's even a ballpark. **Daniel S. Frawley Stadium** is home to the **Wilmington Blue Rocks**, a top minor league baseball club affiliated with the Kansas City Royals. Enjoy spirited and affordable family entertainment during the baseball season.

*Tickets: \$9 and up. Check website for*



Wilmington's Riverwalk

*times and schedule. 801 S. Madison St., Wilmington. 302-888-2015; BlueRocks.com/stadium.html.*

The **Kalmar Nyckel**, Delaware's three-masted tall ship, is usually cruising the coastline this time of year, but it's sometimes berthed at the Riverfront, currently scheduled for July 2-16. Tour at dockside and see the 10-story mainmast and nine miles of rigging, or book a day-sail and you can help hoist and trim the sails! *For schedule, locations and tours, 302-429-7447; KalmarNyckel.org.*

At the south end of Riverwalk, check out the **DuPont Environmental Education Center**, located on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. The Center offers great field trips for children PK-5th grade and programs for every age. Explore the changing programs offered by the Delaware Nature Society, such as "Fantastic Fish," an exploration of the science and culture of fish in the area.

*Open Tues-Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. 1400 Delmarva Ln., Wilmington. 302-656-1490; DuPontEEC.org.*

### More Delaware Sites

Northwest of Wilmington on 230 acres of historic and attractively landscaped grounds along the Brandywine River are the **Hagley Museum**, site of the first du Pont black powder mills on the Brandywine River, and **Eleutherian Mills**, the 1803 manor house of E.I. du Pont and home to five generations of du Ponts.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits and working models depict the evolution of American industry and du Pont family memorabilia. Mill buildings and a workers' community recall life and labor in mid-19th-century America's largest black powder works. There's a restored French-style garden and an Italianate garden built on industrial ruins.

Through July 22, 2012, "An Oath of Allegiance to the Republic: The du Ponts and the Civil War," explores the roles played by the du Ponts and the surrounding community during the American Civil War.

*Open daily 9:30 to 4:30. Adm: \$4-\$11; under 6, free. Summer Dollar Days, Thurs in July and Aug. Adm. \$1 all day. Popular "Creek Kids" series and Wednesday Bike and Hike along the river. Museum gift shop. Belin Organic Café. 200 Hagley Rd, Wilmington (GPS address). 302-658-2400; Hagley.Lib.de.us.*





Historic New Castle

South of Wilmington, just east of Route 13, is Odessa, home to the **Historic Houses of Odessa** on Main Street. Five distinctive properties are unique examples of the architectural heritage of colonial Delaware and tell of Odessa's role in the Underground Railroad. Once a bustling grain shipping port, this charming town now houses a treasure chest of over 4,000 objects that capture the best of regional decorative arts (1760 to 1850) in historically accurate settings.

Open Mar.-Dec., Thurs-Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. Adm: \$8-\$10; under 5, free. 302-378-4119; [HistoricOdessa.org](http://HistoricOdessa.org).

Head farther south and visit the remarkable little town of **New Castle**, established in 1651. An absolute gem, the beautifully preserved colonial town center is situated on the Delaware River. You'll find tree-lined cobble-stone streets, a village green, and period homes that run the gamut from stunningly beautiful to quietly charming. There's a park along the river, historic restaurants and accommodating B&Bs, as well as interesting shops. Visit **Immanuel Church** and its churchyard (dating back to 1703), and the **George Read II House**, a grand federal mansion surrounded by a handsome garden and open to the public. [NewCastleCity.net](http://NewCastleCity.net).

### Head for Maryland

For a change of pace, we'll head to **Cecil County, MD**, our neighbor to the southwest, sharing a border with Chester, New Castle and Lancaster Counties. Cecil County sits at the top of Chesapeake Bay and offers diversity of landscapes and attractions making it well worth a visit. See [CCGov.org/Tourism](http://CCGov.org/Tourism).

You'll find, for example, the lush rolling countryside in and around **Fair Hill**, at Routes 273 and 213. This is classic horse country, famous for thoroughbred horse breeding farms, the **Fair Hill Races** in the spring, and a multi-day international event, "**Festival in the Country**," in October. The crossroad village of Fair Hill offers dining and shopping for antiques and fine art. [FairHillInternational.com](http://FairHillInternational.com).

A drive south on Route 213 takes you to **Elkton**, the Cecil County seat, and then to **Chesapeake City**, located on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. This enchanting town, with 19th-century Victorian homes and shops, suggests a sort of miniature Cape May-New Hope fusion — but without the T-shirts, saltwater taffy and crowds.

In Chesapeake City's historic area, on the National Register of Historic Places, you can pass hours browsing in shops featuring antiques, crafts and fine art. Virtually all this is in South Chesapeake City. Across the bridge is the **Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Museum**, which houses the wooden lift wheel and two-story steam engine that operated from the early 1850s. Free, Mon-Fri, 8:30 to 4; Sat, 10 to 3. 410-885-5622.

And finally, while you're exploring the area, keep a lookout for a quaint restaurant for a stop to enjoy the local seafood. If the timing is right, you just might get to savor a stunning sunset on the water, too.

Next, head northwest into a town called **North East**. There's some great dining to be had here along with the shopping, both in the center of the town and overlooking the water. Visit a historic oak basket factory, wonderful marinas and a riverfront park where you'll find the small **Upper Bay Museum**, with displays of hunting, boating, fishing and decoys. Consider returning for the popular decoy show the end of October or flea markets through August.

At the end of Walnut St. May through Oct., Sun, 10 to 4; holidays, 10 to 4. 410-287-2675; [Fieldtrip.com/md/0a287590.htm](http://Fieldtrip.com/md/0a287590.htm)

Farther west via Route 40 are **Perryville**, home to a 20-store outlet shopping mall, and **Port Deposit**, a very old river town in the process of being rediscovered (and listed on the National Register). A detailed walking tour map on the web page can be printed and used for a self-guided tour of historic and architecturally interesting buildings here. Port Deposit is also part of

**Maryland's Geocaching program** (an outdoor treasure-hunting game using GPS or smartphones). [PerryvilleOutletCenter.com](http://PerryvilleOutletCenter.com); [PortDeposit.org](http://PortDeposit.org).

### Maryland's Eastern Shore

To get the full Chesapeake experience, we suggest a trip to the **Eastern Shore**, across the Bay. With Chestertown and Rock Hall marking 300-year anniversaries a few years ago, visiting **Kent County's** Eastern Shore towns is like stepping back in time to an area that's unspoiled, with country settings of waterfront towns, stretches of rolling farmlands, scenic beauty, rich heritage and accommodating inn keepers.

Before your go, contact Kent County Tourism Office, 410-778-0416; [KentCounty.com](http://KentCounty.com). If you visit in the fall, read "An Autumn Day in Kent County" at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com) (Back Issues, Oct. 2010).

Whether you prefer an inn on a historic main street, a B&B on the water or a conventional hotel, Kent County has dozens of lodging choices, plus restaurants that range from fine dining to blackboard menus. Shopping is equally varied, with more than three dozen shops to explore in Chestertown plus more in Rock Hall, a fishing village nestled between Chesapeake Bay and Chester River.

Once a thriving colonial port, **Chestertown** maintains its character as a well-kept

historic treasure on the scenic Chester River. Stroll red-brick, tree-lined sidewalks past the second largest collection of 18th-century structures in Maryland. Chestertown was named by the National Trust as one of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations," an annual list of unique, preserved communities.

Visit the **Geddes-Piper House Museum** (c. 1784), 101 Church Alley, the **Charles Sumner G.A.R. Hall** on Queen Street (one of four Civil War Trail sites), the **Schooner Sultana**, and **Washington College's** historic campus.

Mark your calendar for: Music in Fountain Park, July 2, and every other Sat through Aug.; Kent County Photographers, July 1 to Aug. 31; and Art in the Park, Sept. 10. For more, visit [Chestertown.com](http://Chestertown.com).

A dozen miles southwest, you'll find **Rock Hall**. Once a tobacco port, then a fishing and crabbing center, the town now thrives as a sailing, boating and tourist destination. You'll find Eastern Shore flavor and character throughout the town in shops featuring local artwork, crafts and antiques plus restaurants serving the freshest seafood. With a music venue, the **Mainstay**, Rock Hall attracts visitors with music, festivals and entertainment. [MainstayRockHall.org](http://MainstayRockHall.org).

For wildlife, waterfowl, birding and fantastic observation decks and trails, visit **Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge**. Be sure to check out the walking trails, many of which lead to the water, and the Butterfly Observation Deck, where you'll discover a panoramic view of Chesapeake Bay. 1730 Eastern Neck Rd., 6 miles S. of Rock Hall, [fws.gov/Northeast/EasternNeck](http://fws.gov/Northeast/EasternNeck).

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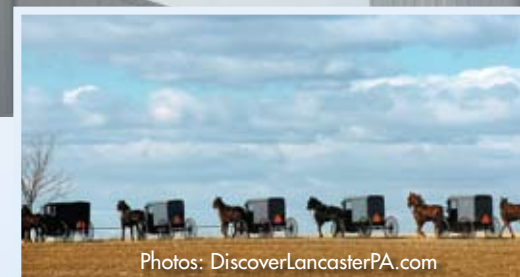
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## Lancaster County

As farms continue to give way to suburban development, there's still plenty of the old Lancaster County left to visit and enjoy. It's a place of rolling hills and lush farms, and home to the Old Order Amish and Mennonites — the Plain People. Their farms are concentrated in the part of the county east of Lancaster City, and the most convenient section to reach from our area. These traditional folk still live on farms without electricity, ride in horse-drawn buggies and wear plain dark-colored clothing.

We urge guests to respect the privacy of Amish homes they encounter, as well as the sensibilities of the people they will see. In particular, resist the temptation to take close-up photos. The Amish religion forbids "graven images;" posing for photos is considered a form of worldly pride and vanity.

It's likely that during your visit you'll find yourself crawling along in your car behind a horse-drawn buggy. Do try to appreciate the uniqueness of what you see. And please take care passing — accelerate quietly and give the horse lots of room.

That said, let's get going!

For more, see, "Lancaster at 300!" at *County Lines Magazine.com* (Back Issues, Apr. 2010).

Route 30, also called **Lancaster Pike** or **Lincoln Highway**, is the commercial spine of Lancaster County. On this road you'll find everything from tiny pretzel stores, bona fide antiques shops and horse-drawn Amish buggies to huge outlet malls, Pennsylvania Dutch eateries, fast food chains and westward-bound 18-wheelers.

Off this road you can still find the tranquility of by-gone times. Take a stop at a roadside produce stand, where you'll find freshly picked, home-grown fruits, vegetables and flowers, and quite often delectable homemade baked goods fresh from a farm-wife's oven. If you arrive at the stand when nobody is there, you'll find a box with cash, which means please serve yourself and leave the correct payment.

Back on Route 30, if you head west toward Lancaster City, you'll find yourself descending a hill shortly before you come to Route 41. Known locally as **Gap Hill**, it's a great vantage point to glimpse a scene that could have been painted by Grandma Moses. An endearing landscape of tidy farms about as far as the eye can see, it's beautiful in every season.

Continue through Lancaster County toward the village of **Strasburg**. You'll start noticing railroad motifs on practically everything in sight. There are restaurants and motels with railroad names (even one housed in real railroad cars!), plus shops selling all sorts of railroadiana.

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You'll also find the **Strasburg Rail Road**, where you can take a ride aboard a historic coal-burning steam train through the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, hop aboard a miniature steam train or use your own power to operate an authentic Pump Car. 717-687-7522; [StrasburgRailroad.com](http://StrasburgRailroad.com).

Also worth a visit is the **National Toy Train Museum**, which offers a world-class collection of toy trains for kids of all ages, some of which you can run yourself. The museum itself is built like a historic train station. 717-687-8976; [NTTMuseum.org](http://NTTMuseum.org).

Continue on Route 741 to a lovely 19th-century town center, so beautifully preserved and restored that it's been designated a National Trust Historic District. Don't even try to resist homemade ice cream and waffle cones at the **Strasburg Country Store**, 1 W. Main St., 717-687-0766; [Strasburg.com](http://Strasburg.com).

Another option lies to the north on Route 340. **Intercourse**, at the heart of the oldest Amish settlement in North America, was once a crossroads village that's become a popular tourist stop. If you're there early in the day, and never on crowded summer weekends, you may still feel the flavor of the charming village it once was. Don't miss the museum and shops of **The People's Place** and **Kitchen Kettle Village**, 800-732-3538; [KitchenKettle.com](http://KitchenKettle.com). Or for an overnight, try the **Inn and Spa at Intercourse Village**, 800-664-0949; [AmishCountryInns.com](http://AmishCountryInns.com).

Continuing west on Route 340 will take you to **Bird-in-Hand** and **Smoketown**. De-tours onto side roads here can be delightful.

You may be startled by some of the animals you see grazing in the fields. Area farmers have been breeding bison, ostrich and other exotic game to serve the needs of local fine dining establishments.

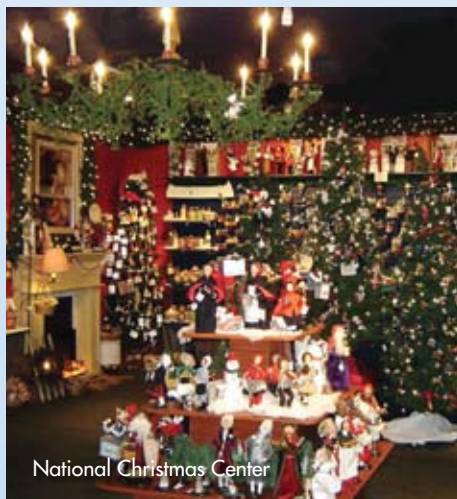
To spend more time exploring Lancaster County from a place with historic charm and modern amenities, visit the **Inn at Leola Village** just outside Lancaster City on Route 23. You'll find pampering and gracious accommodations in the converted Amish tobacco farm, which boasts luxurious suites, first-class service, two on-site restaurants, full-service spa and salon, along with AAA's 4 Diamond Award! 38 Deborah Dr., Leola. 717-656-7002; [TheInnAtLeolaVillage.com](http://TheInnAtLeolaVillage.com).

We hope our descriptions of **Lancaster City** and **Lititz** in the "**Recent Discoveries**" section inspire you to visit these two fascinating destinations in Lancaster County.

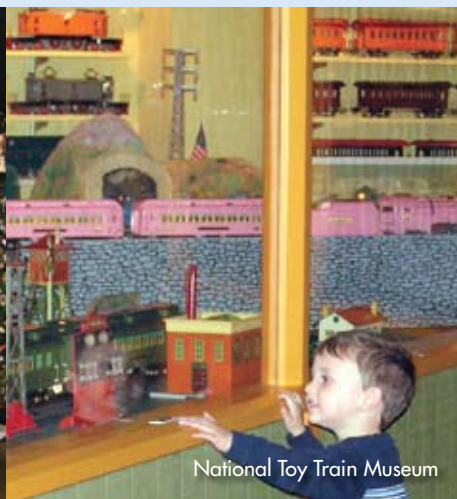
And there's still more to explore. With Lancaster City as your base, we suggest three additional side trips, each north of the city.

For the first, head to the **Landis Valley Museum**, Lancaster County's version of Sturbridge Village, though somewhat more modest in scope. Devoted to the Pennsylvania German rural heritage, the Museum is a nationally known living-history village dedicated to this special history and culture from 1740 to 1940. It's a great family day trip.

This year, August 13 will be "Storytelling Day" at the Museum. Designed for the young at heart, this event features costumed interpreters who share delightful tales and perform vignettes based on Pennsylvania German village life.



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Sharing a parking lot with Landis Valley Museum is the **Hands-On House Children's Museum**, offering interactive activities for children ages 2-10 and their families, through self-directed exhibits and programming that stimulate curiosity and invite the joy of discovery through creative play.

721 Landis Valley Rd. Call for dates and hours. Adm: \$7. 717-569-KIDS; [HandsonHouse.org](http://HandsonHouse.org).

Next, head north again to **Ephrata**, and the **Ephrata Cloister**, an extraordinary restoration of the 18th-century cloister grounds and structures of the German Seventh Day Baptists, a religious communal society. The Cloister contains 12 buildings, medieval in design, that depict the austere lifestyle and impressive architecture, printing, calligraphy and music of this sect. There's a slide show at the Visitors' Center and hourly guided tours.

Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5; Adm: \$6-\$9, under 3, free. Rts. 272 & 322. 717-733-6600; [EphrataCloister.org](http://EphrataCloister.org).

Virtually next door to the Cloister is tree-shaded **Ephrata Park**,

with an outdoor amphitheater, the **Eicher House** and **Indian Museum Shop**, located in restored houses built in the 1730s, and the **Playhouse in the Park**, which presents a summer season of theater for adults and a children's series. 717-733-7966; [EphrataPlayhouseinthePark.org](http://EphrataPlayhouseinthePark.org).

For the third side trip, head northwest of Lancaster City to the intersection of the Route 30 Bypass and Harrisburg Pike where you'll find **Long's Park**, a 71-acre site with picnic areas, petting zoo, fitness trail, and for 13 weeks in the summer, the **Summer Music Series**, ending Aug. 28. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment — from the 257th Army Band (with cannon brigade and fireworks) on July 3, to Afro-Celtic dance band Baka Beyond on July 31. So pack a picnic (no alcohol), bring your blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy Celtic, Cajun, Latin, swing, jazz or patriotic music and a night of fireworks.

For Labor Day weekend, don't miss the **Annual Art and Craft Festival** featuring 200 exhibitors. It's become one of the top shows in the country and attracts quality crafters and good-sized crowds. 717-735-8883; [LongPark.org](http://LongPark.org).

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## The Main Line

**The Main Line** stretches along Route 30 (a.k.a. Lancaster Ave., farther west, Lancaster Pike) between **Bala Cynwyd**, closest to Philadelphia, west to **Paoli** — a distance of 15 miles. The area got its name because it parallels what was the Pennsylvania Railroad's main rail line from Philadelphia to Chicago. Many of the Railroad's original large shareholders built lavish homes and estates in the towns along this line outside Philadelphia, and they were followed by more of Philadelphia's elite, until the area became "the" upper class place to live.

Drive a few blocks north of Route 30 and you'll find yourself in a seemingly endless wonderland of estates, beautifully landscaped mansions, near-mansions and merely very, very big houses. It's great fun just to drive the winding, tree-lined roads and enjoy the scenery.

While much of Route 30 has become a commercial strip, it offers the considerable benefit of marvelous shopping and dining. (See our sections on "**Great Shopping Towns**," "**Specialty Shops & Services**" and "**Restaurants**.")

Two of the Main Line's prettiest towns, **Bryn Mawr** and **Wayne**, have commercial centers where you can park your car and walk from shop to shop. Ardmore's **Suburban Square**, an attractive outdoor shopping center operating for over 75 years, serves a similar function, as does **Eagle Village Shops** in Strafford.

For more on Wayne, read "Wayne's Architectural Legacy" online at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com) (Back Issues, May 2010).

A fascinating aspect of life on the Main Line is the large number of private schools and colleges located there. Starting with St. Joseph's University (technically in Philadelphia, but never mind), and heading west, there's Haverford College, Harcum College, Bryn Mawr College, Rosemont College, Villanova University, Eastern College, Cabrini College and Immaculata University.

There are also over a dozen elite private schools here, too, including Agnes Irwin, Baldwin, Devon Prep, Episcopal Academy, Friends' Central, Haverford School, Malvern Prep, Shipley and Valley Forge Military Academy, to name a few.

If you have time, visit the campuses of **Haverford College** and **Bryn Mawr**



Ardmore's Suburban Square  
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**College**, near one another and both with lovely grounds. Haverford College is located on Lancaster Avenue, in Haverford, and Bryn Mawr is a few blocks north of Lancaster Avenue, in — you guessed it — Bryn Mawr. You can park on the campuses and stroll around the inviting stretches of tree-shaded lawns and walks.

Haverford College has a well-used 3-mile jogging path and over 300 labeled trees in the 18-acre Pinetum (collection of living coniferous trees). The pond on campus is a great spot for feeding resident ducks and geese, or you may catch a cricket match with the only varsity cricket team in the country.

If you're at Bryn Mawr College around lunch time on a weekday, stop for lunch at **Wyndham**, 101 N. Merion Ave., the inviting 18th-century stone farmhouse that's the Alumnae House on the campus, and where the public is welcome.

**Note:** If you were hoping to visit the legendary collection of early French modern and post-Impressionist paintings at the **Barnes Foundation**, in Merion, sadly, you're too late. After years in the courts, the collection will reopen in 2012 at a new location on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. 610-667-0290; [BarnesFoundation.org](http://BarnesFoundation.org).

If you head west on Route 30 from Bryn Mawr to **Paoli**, then south, you'll find historic **Waynesborough**, a magnificent fieldstone Georgian manor house situated on 16 acres. This stately building was home





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*Open April – mid-Dec. Mansion tours Thurs-Sun, 1 to 3; closed major holidays. Wedding site, gift shop, library. Adm: \$3-\$5; under 6, free; family rate, \$12. 2049 Waynesborough Rd., Paoli. 610-647-1779; [PhilaLandmarks.org/Wayne.aspx](http://PhilaLandmarks.org/Wayne.aspx).*

A final stop on the Main Line is a special gem. See the stunning home and studio of renowned artist and sculptor Wharton Esherick (1887-1970). **The Wharton Esherick Museum** is a National Historic Landmark for Architecture, housing 50 years of work from organic Arts & Crafts pieces, to sharp-edged Expressionist objects, to curvilinear free forms for which the artist is best known. Esherick's hilltop studio/residence has been preserved much as it was when he lived and worked there, with over 200 works displayed: paintings, woodcuts, prints, sculpture, ceramics, furniture and utensils. The dramatic spiral stairway is a piece of sculpture in itself!

*Hourly guided tours, res. req. Mon-Sat, 10 to 5, groups only; Sun, 1 to 5. Adm. Horse-Shoe Trail (2 mi. W. of Valley Forge Park). 610-644-5822; [WhartonEsherickMuseum.org](http://WhartonEsherickMuseum.org).*

## Valley Forge and Beyond

Perhaps the best-known site associated with the American Revolution, the 3,600-acre **Valley Forge National Historical Park** is a living monument to the men of George Washington's ragged, ill-equipped Continental Army, who spent the frigid winter of 1777-78 encamped there. Thousands died of hunger, disease and exposure.

You'll find reconstructed soldiers' huts, fortifications, cannons, Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge Historical Society Museum (one of the largest collections of George Washington and Revolutionary War artifacts), Washington Memorial Chapel, and Visitors Center, offering guided or taped tours.

In addition to all the historically-oriented sites, there are miles of jogging, walking, biking and horseback riding trails, plus plenty of picnic areas. Valley Forge is a great park for families and summer days filled with just enjoying the sunshine.

Using the "Valley Forge Muster Roll," the first automated record of nearly 30,000 soldiers who served there during the Revolutionary War, visitors can search soldiers' records at two interactive kiosks in the Visitor Center. Soldier Life programs are presented daily by costumed interpreters at the Muhlenberg brigade site.

*ValleyForgeMusterRoll.org. Park open daily, 7 am to 10 pm. Most sites are open 9 to 5. Adm: free to most sites. 610-783-1099; [nps.gov/vafo](http://nps.gov/vafo).*

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Valley Forge National Historic Park  
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Our last stop is in the Ft. Washington area, at **The Highlands**, a historic 44-acre country estate with a wonderful restored late Georgian-style mansion and lovely walled formal gardens. Built for Quaker merchant and lawyer Anthony Morris, it served as a refuge for his family from the yellow fever epidemics sweeping Philadelphia at the end of the 18th century. Today the estate is a grand and serene refuge from a frenetic world, thanks to the Highlands Historical Society.

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*Mansion and gardens tours, Mon-Fri, 1:30 & 3, or by appt. \$3-\$5; res. req. for large groups. Gardens open and free year-round. 7001 Sheaff Lane, Ft. Washington. 215-641-2687; HighlandsHistorical.org.*

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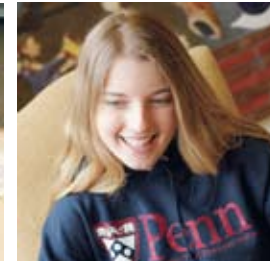
While touring County Lines Country, you may find yourself on the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail, stretching from Chadds Ford to Gap. Think of it as southeast Pennsylvania's Napa Valley. If you're passing by, we urge you to stop in for a tasting or a tour. We've got some award-winners here.

Or make a day of it and sample several of our regional wineries. **The Brandywine Wine Trail** offers a Passport program, granting access to discounts and special events at member wineries — Black Walnut, Chaddsford, Kreutz Creek, Paradox, Patone, Penns Wood and Twin Brook.

The wineries also host special events year-round. Over the July 4th weekend, step onto the Trail for their 6th Brandywine "Big Bang" BBQ at participating wineries, with concerts, games, barbecue favorites and great local wines. In late September, join the 9th Harvest Festival to celebrate the 2011 vintage, with grape stomping contests, picnics, concerts, tastings and tours of the vineyards to learn about some of the region's best wineries. See winery websites for details.

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PENNSYLVANIA

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### Glenmoore

**Springton Manor Farm.** 19th-century Manor House was the country estate of a prominent Philadelphia family. Now a demonstration farm, where children can meet animals in a petting area and learn about farming. *Park is open year-round, 8 am to dusk; barn open from 10-3. Free. 860 Springton Rd. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

### Lancaster

**Dutch Wonderland.** Where Kids Rule! Perfect for kids, with more than 30 rides, including two coasters, Duke's Lagoon water play area and live entertainment shows. *Phone for hours. Adm. Rt. 30, 4 mi. E of Lancaster. 866-FUNatDW; DutchWonderland.com.*

**Long's Park.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

### Langhorne

**Sesame Place.** Sesame Street-themed park for families with kids (age 2-11) offers 50 play/water activities, live stage shows with Big Bird and friends and a big musical parade. *Hours subject to change. Check website. Adm. 100 Sesame Rd. Rt. 1 to Oxford Valley Exit, 215-752-7070; SesamePlace.com.*

### Media

**Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation.** A fascinating recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm, with Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two very large pigs. Farmers and guides in period garb work on the plantation using tools and methods of 200 years ago. *Weekends mid-Apr to mid-Nov 11 to 5. Adm. N of Media, off Rt. 252. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.*

### Nottingham

**Herr Foods, Inc.,** See: "Some Favorite Day Trips & Outings."

### St. Peter's Village

**St. Peter's Village and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site.** Once a thriving country village, now home to a restaurant and artisans whose

shops line the road. A major attraction is picturesque French Creek, with mammoth granite boulders, providing delightful picnic spots. *N on Rt. 100 to Rt. 23, left on Rt. 23 and right at sign to St. Peter's.* After lunch, head for **Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site**, restored 1700 iron making village. The National Park Service does this sort of thing very well. *Wed-Sun, 9 to 5. Adm. 610-582-8773; NPS.Gov/HoFu.*

### Washington Crossing

**Washington Crossing Historic Park.** Where George Washington and the Continental Army crossed the Delaware River on Christmas 1776 to surprise and defeat the Hessians camped at Trenton. The park includes the 19th-C. village of Taylorsville, the outstanding Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and recreation and picnic areas, on a beautiful section of the Delaware River. *Hours and tours subject to change. 1112 River Rd. 215-493-4076; USHistory.org/WashingtonCrossing.*

### West Chester

**Northbrook Canoe Company.** Cool off this summer at Northbrook Canoe along the beautiful Brandywine River. You'll see some of Chester County's most scenic landscapes and experience the many wonders nature provides along the waterway. Northbrook Canoe offers peaceful, self-guided canoeing, kayaking and tubing trips for the entire family, and a beautiful picnic grove. Just outside West Chester in Pocopson Township. *Open daily May-Sept, 9 am; last trip at 4 pm. Fee. 1810 Beagle Rd. 610-793-2279; NorthbrookCanoe.com.*

**QVC.** For fans of electronic retailing, QVC is a modern-day mecca. QVC Studio Park has hosted thousands who take a tour of the studios. A guided walking tour takes you through the broadcasting facility where you'll see products being sourced, tested or sold on air. Observation Deck offers a view of the broadcast area. *Tours Mon-Sun, 10:30 to 4; closed holidays. Adm. 1200 Wilson Dr. 800-600-9900; QVC.com.*

**West Chester Railroad.** Originally one of the oldest railroads in the nation. Today, in a living history preservation effort, it runs a special schedule between West Chester and Glen Mills. A fun 90-minute trip, especially with kids. The train can be chartered for special events — birthdays, anniversaries, and catering is available. *Operates June 5 through Dec 18, on Sun, and selected weekends. Regular departures at noon; holiday train departures noon and 2. Adm. Market St. Station, 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.*



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## DELAWARE

## Greenville

**Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory.** A non-profit educational institution whose mission is promoting the study and appreciation of astronomy, astrophysics and space sciences. Provides facilities, guidance and inspiration for astronomical study to people of all ages and skills. Informal programs on selected Monday nights. *Contact the Observatory weekday mornings for information.* Adm. 1610 Hillside Mill Rd. 302-654-6407; MountCuba.org.

## SELECTED NATURE CENTERS AND PUBLIC GARDENS

An abundance of inviting open space is part of *County Lines* country. There are community, county, state and national parks open to the public throughout the region, plus truly first-rate nature centers and public gardens. The following attractions are noted for outstanding physical facilities and extensive public programs.

## PENNSYLVANIA

## Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

**Morris Arboretum.** The official arboretum of PA, founded in 1887. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare woody plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest and largest trees) are set in a Victorian landscaped garden. Award-winning rose garden; English landscape park; Victorian loggia and hidden grotto; Japanese gardens with rock work; swan pond; ravine walk; Hamilton Fernery, an elegant Victorian gem of a glasshouse devoted to ferns. Special events. *Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5.* Adm. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 5 mi. from Exit 333 (Norristown) of PA Turnpike. 215-247-5777; UPenn.edu/Arboretum.

## Devault

**Great Valley Nature Center.** Formerly the Nature Center of Charlestown, established in 1974. Includes colonial-era fieldstone bank barn and farmhouse. Quality environmental education programs. Facilities provide natural habitats for field studies, including a pond, stream, wetlands, forest and fields. Full-sized replica of a Lenape Village shows what life was like for Native Americans 500 years ago. *Open year-round, Mon-Sat, 9 to 5. Donations.* Rt. 29 & Hollow Rd. 610-935-9777; GVNC.org.

## Devon

**Jenkins Arboretum.** 46-acre arboretum opened to the public in 1976. Emphasizes azaleas,

rhododendrons and plants suited to local woodland conditions, including ferns, groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. Woodland Walk, Pond Walk and walks through Azalea Hill all quite beautiful and a stone's throw from busy Rts. 30 and 202. *8 am to sunset.* Free. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. 610-647-8870; Jenkin-Arboretum.org.

## Gladwyne

**Henry Fdn. for Botanical Research.** Historical garden based on Mary G. Henry's vision, with plants growing naturalistically in woodlands and hillsides. Part devoted to the botany of North American ecosystems, while other areas showcase Asian and European species. Parts grown from wild-collected seed from explorers, botanists, gardeners and Henry. Endangered plants given a safe haven here. Tours and classes, teas on the terrace lawn and areas for bird watching, walking and painting. *Stream-side trail open dawn to dusk daily.* Reservations. Adm. 801 Stony La. 610-525-2037.

## Kennett Square

**Longwood Gardens.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## Media

**Tyler Arboretum.** 650-acre preserve originated with brothers Jacob and Minshall Painter, who in 1825 set aside land for 1,000 varieties of trees and shrubs. Mature plant collections are laid out in a natural setting, with 20 miles of marked trails used by hikers, birders and naturalists. Noteworthy: 85-acre Pinetum; fine rhododendron, flowering cherry, crabapple, holly, magnolia and lilac collections; Native Woodland Walk; fragrant garden; butterfly garden; bird garden; Pink Hill, a barren of serpentine stone with native wildflowers. *Year-round programs for adults, children and families.* Education center, museum collections, library. Hours vary by season. Adm. 515 Painter Rd. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

## Pottstown

**Welkinweir.** Lovely 162-acre estate is an architectural and landscaping masterpiece. Owned and maintained by the nonprofit Green Valleys Assn., it provides programs, environmental lectures, nature walks, workshops, and environmental summer camps. Ponds, wetlands, meadows and woods provide diversity of habitats attracting birds and wildlife. Woodland trails and walks connect hikers to Horse-Shoe Trail. Gardens offer pleasure year-round. *Call for hours.* Free. 1368 Prizer Rd. 610-469-7543; GreenValleys.org.

## Swarthmore

**Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.** Described as "a garden of suggestions," it's the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. Noteworthy: Terry Shane Teaching Garden, Scott Entrance Garden, Dean Bond Rose Garden, Theresa Lang Garden of Fragrance, Harry Wood Courtyard Garden, Winter Garden, Scott Outdoor Amphitheater and Cosby Courtyard. Sponsors activities, including outdoor summer evening concerts. *Open year-round, dawn to dusk.* Free. Tours for 10 or more by appt. 500 College Ave. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

## Wayne

**Chanticleer.** Enchanting 7-acre estate, the creation of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rosengarten, who purchased the land in 1912. The 100 years of planting, cultivating and refining have made this an extraordinary garden. Many inviting lawn chairs placed at beautiful sites on the property, suggesting that you stop, stay a while and enjoy the view. *Open Apr through Oct, Wed-Sun, 10 to 5, and until 8 on Fri, May-Aug.* Adm. 786 Church Rd. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.

## West Chester

**H. E. Myrick Conservation Center.** A varied landscape embracing a variety of vegetation and wildlife habitats on 300 acres. Part of the Brandywine Valley Assn., the country's oldest small watershed association, which has worked for 50 years to protect the picturesque and productive Brandywine Creek. Two marked self-guided nature trails — the Hill and Stream Trail and the Farm Path Trail. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Free. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd. (Rt. 842). 610-793-1090; BrandywineWatershed.org.

## DELAWARE

## Hockessin

**Ashland Nature Center.** Headquarters of the Delaware Nature Society, 600 acres of meadows, forests, marshes, streams and ponds make an ideal setting for nature programs each year, geared to all ages (toddlers to seniors) and all levels of interest (casual and general to intense and highly specialized). 4,000-volume natural history library, meeting facilities. *Open Mon-Fri, 8:30 to 4:30.* Brackenville & Barley Mill Rds. (off Rt. 82). 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

## Smyrna

**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.** This 16,000-acre refuge is one of the best places on the East Coast to view migrating and resident waterfowl, especially in spring and fall. Auto tours, walking paths, obser-

vation towers and boardwalk trail. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Adm. Annual pass options. 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd., Rt. 9, E of Smyrna. 302-653-6872; BombayHook.fws.gov.

## Wilmington

**DuPont Environmental Education Center.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**The Marian Coffin Gardens at Gibraltar.** The grounds of an 1844 restored estate opened to the public, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens are "rooms," each with unique character. Shady 200-foot long Bald Cypress Allee leading to an Italian-style garden pavilion, with marble fountain and lawns accented by stately oaks and pines. *Mon-Fri, dawn to dusk.* Adm. 1405 Greenhill Ave. 302-651-9617; PreservationDE.org.

## Winterthur

**Winterthur Museum and Gardens.** See: "Day Trips & Outings"

## MARYLAND

## Rock Hall

**Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge.** See: "Day Trips & Outings"

## HISTORIC SITES

We have practically wall-to-wall historic sites here, and it would take a hefty tome to list them all. Here are a few we feel are most important, particularly unusual or worth a visit. Also check "Day Trips & Outings," and "Museums."

## PENNSYLVANIA

## Audubon

**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## Birdsboro

**Daniel Boone Homestead.** Boone was born here in 1734 in a log house built in stages between 1730-1779. Other buildings include a PA bank barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitor center. *Phone for hours.* Adm. (7 mi. E of Reading, 1 mi. N of Rt. 422 on Daniel Boone Rd.) 610-582-4900; DanielBooneHomestead.org.

## Broomall

**Thomas Massey House.** One of the oldest English Quaker homes in the Commonwealth, built in 1696. *Open Sun, 1 to 4, May to Oct and by appointment.* Adm. Lawrence & Springhouse Rds. 610-353-3644; ThomasMasseyHouse.org.

## Bryn Mawr

**Harriton House.** Home of Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, furnished with 18th-century antiques. Orig-



nally part of a 700-acre 1700s plantation. *Open Wed-Sat, 10 to 4 (Adv. notice recommended due to scheduling). Adults, \$4; Students and children, free. 500 Harriton Rd. 610-525-0201; HarritonHouse.org.*

## Chadds Ford

**Barns-Brinton House.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Brandywine Battlefield State Park.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**John Chads House.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## Chester Springs

**The Mill at Anselma.** Nestled along the Pickering Creek, the Mill at Anselma is an extraordinary artifact of 250 years of Chester County's industrial heritage, retaining its original Colonial-Era power train, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment ranging from the late 1700s to the mid 1900s. *Monthly demonstrations offer hands-on activities. Apr-Dec, Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. \$3-\$5. 1730 Conestoga Rd. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.*

**Historic Yellow Springs.** Originally named by Native Americans for the iron rich "yellow" spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment, as well as a popular 18th-century mineral water spa. Annual art, crafts and antique shows here are major events. *Grounds are always open. Mon-Fri, 9 to 4. Art School and Pikeland Rds. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.*

## Coatesville

**Lukens National Historic District.** The threads of Coatesville's industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together in the buildings on this street: Rebecca Lukens House (c. 1750, closed to the public); Terracina (1850-51 built by Charles Huston) and Graystone Mansion (1889, built by Abram Francis Huston). Lukens Steel Main Office Building stands on a neighboring site by the steel mills. **National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum** is open Mon-Fri, 10 to 3. *Guided tours by appt. S. First Ave. (one block S of Bus. Rt. 30). 610-384-9282; LukensHistoricDistrict.org.*

## Ephrata

**Ephrata Cloister.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## Fort Washington

**The Highlands.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## Geigertown

**Joanna Furnace, Hay Creek Valley Historical Association.** The Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County's rich agricultural

and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The **Hay Creek Festival**, September 9-11, features Early American crafts, antique toy display, Civil War encampment, home craft marketplace, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. *Gates open at 7 am; main attractions, 10 to 5. Adm. Summer hours for Joanna Furnace: call for reservations; open to visitors the third Sat. of the month. Rt. 10 (2.5 mi. N of the Morgantown exit, PA Tpk). 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.*

## Germantown/Philadelphia

**Cliveden.** Historic house museum on 6 landscaped acres. Site of the Battle of Germantown in 1777, which is reenacted the first Saturday in Oct. Includes original furnishing and decorative arts. *Open Apr 1-Dec 30. Thurs-Sun, noon to 4. Adm. 6401 Germantown Ave. 215-848-1777; Cliveden.org.*

## Lancaster

**Rock Ford Plantation.** The 18th-century Georgian-style home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward Hand. In Lancaster County Park, the estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. *Wed-Sun, 11 to 3, Apr through Oct. Adm. 881 Rockford Rd. 717-392-7223; RockFordPlantation.org.*

**Wheatland.** Lavish Victorian home of President James Buchanan; many furnishings reflect the White House years (200 pound fishbowl was a gift from the Japanese Mikado). Garden and outbuildings. *Mon-Sat, Apr-Oct, 10 to 3. Adm. 1120 Marietta Ave. 717-392-4633; LancasterHistory.org.*

## Morrisville

**Pennsbury Manor.** William Penn's beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnishings include 17th-century antiques. *Apr 1-Nov 30, Tues-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Adm. 400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd. 215-946-0400; PennsburyManor.org.*

## Paoli

**Waynesborough.** See: Main Line, "Day Trips & Outings."

## Pottstown

**Pottsgrove Manor.** Built in 1752, this is the historic home of John Potts, colonial ironmaster and founder of Pottstown. Distinguished for its fine early Georgian architecture. *Open Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. Closed holidays. Free. Rt. 100 & W. King St. 610-326-4014; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.*

## St. Peter's

**Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site.** See: "More Great Places for Outings."

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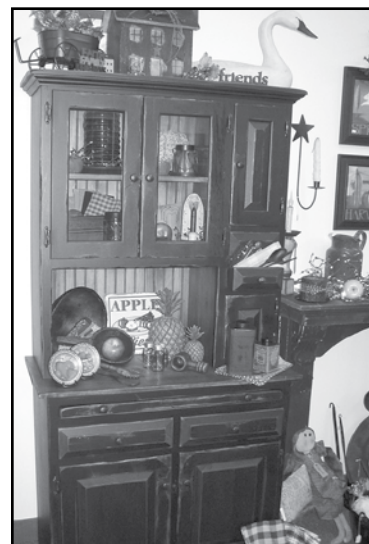
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**Schwenksville**

**Pennypacker Mills.** A colonial revival mansion, this was the home of PA Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, preserved as a country gentleman's estate. *Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. Closed holidays. Free. 5 Haldeman Rd. 610-287-9349; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.*

**Upland**

**Caleb Pusey House.** Two-room stone home on 12-acres, built in 1683 by PA's first historian, friend of William Penn and first English miller. Said to be the oldest remaining home of any English settler in the colony. Museum, 1849 school house. *Open May-Oct, Sat-Sun, 1 to 4. Donation. Landingford Plantation, 15 Race St. 610-874-5665; DelCoHistory.org/FCPH.*

**Valley Forge**

**Valley Forge National Historic Park.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Wayne**

**St. David's Episcopal Church.** A stone wall encloses St. David's graveyard, memorialized in Longfellow's poem: "What an image of peace and rest is this little church among its graves . . ." This park-like setting is welcoming and serene, with an intimate stone church, a fine example of early colonial American architecture. A wonderful place to get away from the hustle and bustle. *763 S. Valley Forge Rd. 610-688-7947; StDavidsChurch.org.*

**Willow Street**

**Hans Herr House.** Oldest house in Lancaster County and oldest Mennonite Meeting House in America, this house was built in 1719. Explore the main floor with its huge fireplace, the attic and cellar, plus a farm museum and colonial garden. *Open Apr-Nov, Mon-Sat, 9 to 4. Adm. 1849 Hans Herr Dr., 717-464-4438; HansHerr.org.*

**Worcester**

**Peter Wentz Farmstead.** Colonial farmhouse used by George Washington before and after the battle of Germantown, restored to its 1777 state. *Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. Donations. Schultz Rd., off Rt. 73. 610-584-5104; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.*

**MUSEUMS****PENNSYLVANIA****Chadds Ford**

**Brandywine River Museum.** See: "Some Favorite Day Trips & Outings."

**Christian Sanderson Museum.** A rich collection of objects relating to life in Chadds Ford as well as an extensive collection of memora-

bilia representing the American experience. Christian Sanderson's fascination with history and the importance of "living records" has culminated in a huge collection of archives, memories and physical remains. *Open Mar-Nov, Sat-Sun, 12 to 4. 1755 Creek Road (Old Rt. 100). 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.*

**Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia**

**Woodmere Art Museum.** Dedicated to preserving, collecting, exhibiting and interpreting arts of Philadelphia, past and present. *Hours vary. Donation. 9201 Germantown Ave. 215-247-0476; WoodmereArtMuseum.org.*

**Collegeville**

**Philip & Muriel Berman Museum of Art.** American, European and Pennsylvania Dutch displays. Changing exhibits range from Old Masters to contemporary art. *Open Tues-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat-Sun, noon to 4:30. Free. Ursinus College. 610-409-3500; Ursinus.edu.*

**Paoli**

**Wharton Esherick Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Valley Forge**

**Valley Forge Historical Society Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**West Chester**

**Chester Co. Historical Society Museum.** Historic archives and regional antique furnishings, clocks and decorative arts are exhibited. *Wed-Sat, 10 to 5. Adm. 225 N. High St. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.*

**DELAWARE****Dover**

**Biggs Museum of American Art.** Fourteen galleries with 150 paintings, a survey of major styles of American art from colonial portraiture to Impressionism, including works by Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Cole, Albert Bierstadt and the Peale family. Fine regional antique furniture and silver collections. *Tues-Sat, 9 to 4:30; Sun, 1:30 to 4:30. Free. 406 Federal St. 302-674-2111; BiggsMuseum.org.*

**Wilmington**

**Delaware Art Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts.** One of the nation's leading contemporary visual arts organizations, housing 7 galleries, 26 on-site artist studios, gift shop and high-tech auditorium. More than 30 exhibits annually of regionally, nationally and internationally recognized artists. *Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10 to 5; Wed & Sun, noon to 5. Free. 200 S. Madison St. 302-656-6466; TheDCCA.org.*

**Delaware Children's Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**The Delaware Folk Art Collection.** Collection is housed in the barn built in 1914 as a working dairy farm for du Pont's Nemours Estate. *Daily 8 to 4. Adm. Blue Ball Barn, 1914 W. Park Dr. 302-577-1164; DE-StateParks.com/BlueBall.*

**Delaware History Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Delaware Museum of Natural History.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Hagley Museum & Eleutherian Mills.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Rockwood Museum.** Designed in 1851 by English architect George Williams, an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture and Gardenesque landscape design. Furnished with 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century decorative arts. *Grounds open dusk to dawn. Tours Wed-Sun, 10 to 2. Adm. 610 Shipley Rd. 302-761-4340; Rockwood.org.*

**Winterthur Museum & Gardens.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**MARYLAND  
Chestertown**

**Historical Society of Kent County Museum & Library.** A non-profit organization dedicated to the collection and preservation of artifacts, documents and information that aid in the interpretation of all aspects of Kent County's history. The Society shares this information through its research library, museum space, programs, publications and website and supports and encourages the preservation of historic buildings and sites throughout Kent County. *Tues-Fri, 10 to 4. Adm. 101 Church Alley. 410-778-3499; KentCountyHistory.org.*

**SPECIAL INTEREST MUSEUMS****PENNSYLVANIA****Boyetown**

**Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles.** A display of rare vehicles traces the evolution of road transportation. All types of vehicles, vehicle builders' tools, memorabilia and vehicle-related exhibits. *Tues-Sun, 9:30 to 4. Adm. 85 S. Walnut St. 610-367-2090; BoyertownMuseum.org.*

**Columbia**

**The National Watch & Clock Museum.** Featuring the treasures of time, from ancient timepieces to modern technologies, the museum captures the evolution of timekeeping over the centuries. Hands-on displays, up-close

exhibits and a beautiful facility will delight people of all ages and interests. *Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. Adm. 514 Poplar St. 717-684-8261; NAWCC.com.*

**Intercourse**

**The People's Place Quilt Museum.** The first permanent exhibit of antique Amish and Mennonite quilt masterpieces. On the 2nd floor of the Old Country Store. *Mon-Sat, 9 to 5. Free. 3510 Old Philadelphia Pk. 800-828-8218; PPQuiltMuseum.com.*

**Kennett Square**

**The Kennett Underground Railroad Center at the History Station.** The Center takes visitors back to a time when slavery existed and the Underground Railroad was a "trackless trail." Meet the people, hear the legends, learn the facts. *Call for tours. Adm. 610-347-2237; UndergroundRR.Kennett.net.*

**Lancaster**

**DeMuth Museum.** See: "Recent Discoveries."

**Heritage Center Museum.** See: "Recent Discoveries."

**Landis Valley Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Quilt & Textile Museum.** See: "Recent Discoveries."

**Lititz**

**Lititz Historical Foundation & Museum.** See: "Recent Discoveries."

**Wilbur Chocolate Factory & Candy Americana Museum.** See: "Recent Discoveries."

**Paoli**

**Wharton Esherick Museum.** See: "Day Trips & Outings."

**Paradise**

**National Christmas Center Family Attraction & Museum.** This museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing Christmas memories, history and traditions shown through life-sized indoor exhibits. There are 15 main galleries, numerous ever-changing smaller exhibits and a gift shop on site. *Handicap accessible with seating throughout. Open daily, 10 to 6. Adm. 3427 Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30 E). 717-442-7950; NationalChristmasCenter.com.*

**Reading**

**Mid-Atlantic Air Museum.** Story of aviation told by displays of restored classic and historic aircraft. *Daily, 9:30 to 4; last tour at 3. Adm. Rt. 183 N, Reading Reg. Airport. 610-372-7333; MAAM.org.*

**Reading Public Museum.** "Discovery Through Art, Science and Civilization." Situated on 24 landscaped acres of park and arboretum

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# Where's Everyone Going?

Having fun on the Shore, in the County of Kent, is the place to be this summer. It seems like just about every weekend, this Eastern Shore County is host to a terrific event or festival; not to mention, you will always find a show, a sail, a cruise, an art exhibit, a piece of history... something is always happening. There just isn't enough room to list all of the events, but you will find them online at [www.kentcounty.com/events](http://www.kentcounty.com/events).

Less than a two-hour drive from Philadelphia are the shorelines of the County of Kent, Maryland. Visiting the historic towns of Chestertown, Rock Hall, Galena, Betterton and Millington is like stepping back in time. There are plenty of things to do, great places to explore and even more ways to relax. An oasis so close to home, where you will find boutique shopping, antiques, sidewalk cafes, art galleries and studios, performing arts theaters in

Chestertown and Rock Hall, museums, quaint beaches in Betterton and Rock Hall, waterfront parks, terrific paddling on the calm tributaries of the Bay, cycling on the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway, exploring the Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, terrific restaurants, and fresh local seafood. In fact, it is a common sight to see watermen returning from a day on the water with their catches.

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## ELEGANT FARM DINNERS ON THE EASTERN SHORE

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When a tractor's roar interrupts Guest Chef Sabrina Sexton's lesson on making Maryland Pork Bun, the guests simply sip their wine and wait for the noise to pass. It's one thing to shop for food at farmers' markets; it's quite another to eat it *on* the farm, mere steps away from the field where it was harvested.

But that's exactly the experience diners get at Farm Dinners on The Shore. Held at farms and gardens mostly in Maryland's Kent and Queen Anne Counties, the meals showcase the bounty of the region as well as the talents of local chefs. Guests don't need to get gussied up — many come in jeans; the food, however, is five-star elegant, featuring gourmet ingredients like heirloom vegetables found mainly at farmers' markets.

I had the good fortune to attend one of the first dinners of the season at Priapi Gardens in Cecilton. At the start of the evening, owner Vic Priapi offered small-group tours of his organic vegetable and butterfly gardens. Then my fellow guests and I gathered for a welcome beverage and simple appetizers before sitting down to enjoy a five-course meal prepared tableside by Chef Sexton.

Started in 2010, the dinners are the bright idea of Marilyn Klompus, Andy Goddard and Robbie Jester, all of whom have strong ties to the Eastern Shore. Klompus and Andy Goddard run *Home-*

*grown and Green*, a website, weekly radio show and organizing force behind events with a lofty goal: "promoting the best of Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore and preserving its rural lifestyle, heritage and environment." At the dinners, Klompus acts as hostess while Goddard, who owned Andy's, a popular bar and restaurant in Chestertown, handles other front of the house duties.

Robbie Jester, executive chef at Piccolina Toscana in Wilmington, DE, serves as executive chef for the meal. Often he cooks the dishes, but tonight he assists Sexton and talks about the wines paired with each course.

A Kent County native, Jester cooked at his father's restaurant, Harbor House in Chestertown. While there, his search for flavorful, fresh ingredients led him to local farms. He also discovered that his customers relished knowing not only who cooked their food but who grew it.

So why not just put farmers' names on the menu? Why dinner on the farm? I wanted to know. For Jester, the reason goes beyond the bucolic setting: "People have become so disconnected from their food," he explains. "They don't know where it comes from." Chef Sexton echoes his sentiments. As she sears the lamb we will enjoy with sautéed greens and rhubarb sauce, she speaks of the pleasure in being the link between farm and food. Like the founders of Farm



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Dinners, her heart belongs to the Eastern Shore. She treasures memories of summers crabbing at her grandparents' place in St. Michaels and just recently, she and her husband purchased a home in Chestertown.

As the evening ends, guests linger over *Almond-Poppy Seed Cake* and *Buttermilk Ice Cream*, savoring the scent of peonies, thanking the chefs, exchanging e-mail addresses. Leaving is sweetened when Marilyn Klompus hands out goody bags that include recipes from this unforgettable meal.

"People are hungering for an authentic experience," she told me earlier in the evening. Judging by their happy chatter, I'd say they're satisfied.

Come to July's Brandywine Table where farm-fresh flavors shine in the recipes below!

## **Fennel and Zaatar Crusted Lamb with Fennel, Sauteed Greens and Rhubarb**

Some of the ingredients in this recipe may be unfamiliar, but they're easy enough to find at gourmet food or spice shops. Zaatar is a Middle Eastern spice blend made from a mixture of sumac, sesame seeds and dried herbs. "Vert jus" or "verjus" literally means "green juice" and refers to the pressed juice of unripened grapes. Fennel pollen is gathered from the flowers of fennel plants. Its flavor is sweeter and more intense than fennel seeds.

*For the Lamb:*

**½ rack of lamb (8 ribs), Frenched  
or ½ saddle of lamb, chine bone  
(backbone) removed**

**1 Tb. zaatar**

**1 tsp. ground fennel  
salt and pepper to taste  
canola oil, for cooking**

*For the Fennel and Greens:*

**1 lg. fennel bulb, trimmed and cut  
into 6 wedges**

**1 lb. mixed greens for cooking  
(spinach, bok choy, kale, etc.),  
trimmed and washed  
olive oil for cooking**

*For the Rhubarb Sauce:*

**1 lb. rhubarb, trimmed and chopped**

**1 Tb. vert jus or champagne vinegar**

**2 Tb. sugar**

**1 tsp. pomegranate molasses**

*For garnish:*

**¼ C. shaved fennel**

**¼ C. celery leaves**

**1 Tb. flat leaf parsley  
fennel pollen**

*For the lamb:* heat the oven to 400°. Season lamb with salt and pepper. Combine zaatar and fennel seed and rub over the lamb's surface. Heat a small amount of canola oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Sear lamb on all sides, until caramelized.

Add fennel wedges to the pan, drizzle with a small amount of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place lamb in the oven and roast for 7-8 minutes, or until an internal thermometer reads 125°. Remove from the oven and rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

*For the greens:* in a new sauté pan, heat a small amount of olive oil over

medium heat. Add cooking greens and a pinch of salt. Cook greens, stirring with tongs, until wilted and tender.

*For the rhubarb sauce:* combine rhubarb, vert jus and sugar in a medium saucepan. Heat rhubarb over medium heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture is reduced by half. Add pomegranate molasses and puree mixture in the blender. Taste and season with salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, slice lamb into 8 pieces and divide between 4 or 8 plates. Place fennel and greens on each plate. Drizzle with sauce. Toss shaved fennel, celery leaves and parsley together. Dress with a small amount of olive oil, salt and pepper. Top each piece of lamb with garnish salad and sprinkle lightly with fennel pollen. Serves 4 (large servings) or 8 (small servings).

## **Almond Poppy Seed Cake with Strawberry-Rose Compote**

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spring or early summer dessert. Place a large spoonful of compote alongside each cake, and if desired, serve with a scoop of buttermilk ice cream and garnish with fresh strawberries.

For the Cakes:

- ¼ C. unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing pans
- ½ C. plus 2 Tb. confectioner's sugar
- ¼ C. almond flour
- 3 Tb. cake flour, plus extra for flouring pans
- 2 large egg whites (about ¼ C.)
- 1 Tb. poppy seeds

Heat oven to 400°. In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Continue to let butter cook until some of the white milk solids fall to the bottom of the pan and turn a rich medium brown. Strain butter through a fine sieve into a clean bowl.

Sift together confectioner's sugar, almond flour and cake flour. Place sifted ingredients in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. On the lowest speed, add egg whites

and mix until all dry ingredients are moistened. Increase the speed to low and mix in brown butter. Increase the speed to medium and beat until smooth. Add poppy seeds and beat until just blended.

Butter and flour 6 cup molds of a cupcake pan or 6 other small cake pans. Spoon batter into each pan. Bake cakes for about 15 minutes (until golden brown around the edges). Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Serves 6.

For the Strawberry-Rose Compote:

- 1 tsp. rose water\*
- ¼ C. rose petals
- 3 Tb. sugar
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered

\*found in gourmet food markets

Combine rose water, rose petals, sugar and strawberries in a medium saucepan. Bring mixture to a simmer and cook for 8-10 minutes (until rose petals begin to turn translucent, strawberries soften and the mixture begins to thicken slightly). Cool before serving.

## Tips from the Chef

Besides plating inventive fare\*, the chefs at Farm to Shore Dinners share helpful cooking tips. Here are a few from Guest Chef Sabrina Sexton, a chef-instructor at The Institute of Culinary Education in New York as well as a veteran of famed Gramercy Tavern.

**Fish Know-How:** Buy the freshest fish you can find. Fresh = less likely to stick. Use a non-stick pan coated with oil or butter. Make sure the pan is hot enough. Sizzling = hot enough. Cook fish "presentation side" down first.

**Meat Matters:** Contrary to popular myth, searing does not seal in juices. It does, however, intensify the flavor. Sear meat on the cooktop, but finish cooking it in the oven.

Chefs use finger pressure to judge a meat's doneness, so next time you press into a steak, keep these guidelines in mind: a *rare* piece feels as soft as the skin between thumb and index finger; a *well done* piece feels as hard as the tip of your nose. For temperatures in between: *medium rare* feels like the spot where your bent index finger touches your palm; *medium* = bent middle finger to palm; *medium well* = bent ring finger to palm.

**Flower Power:** Flowers add beauty and flavor to salads and other dishes. Many people toss in nasturtiums, but marigolds, rose petals and chive blossoms are other tasty choices.

\*For Chef Sexton's elevation of the humble bacon sandwich — Maryland Pork Bun: Smoked Pork Belly with Pickled Ramps, Spicy Ketchup and Radishes — visit our website, CountyLinesMagazine.com.

## Buttermilk Ice Cream

To Chef Sexton, buttermilk just says "farm."

- 1 C. heavy cream
- ½ C. plus 2 Tb. sugar
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 C. buttermilk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- pinch of salt

In a medium saucepan, combine cream and ½ cup sugar. Bring mixture to a simmer over medium heat.

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from scrambling. Pour egg yolk mixture  
into hot cream mixture, whisking cream  
constantly as you pour.

Return custard to the stove and cook  
over low heat, stirring constantly with a  
wooden spoon, until it thickens enough  
to coat the back of the spoon, about 7-8  
minutes. Transfer custard to a bowl and  
let cool completely. Strain mixture and  
stir in buttermilk, vanilla extract and  
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### Maryland Crab, Blueberry, Lemon Cucumber & Sugar Snap Pea Salad with Honey-Lavender Vinaigrette

*This salad was a hit at one of last sum-  
mer's dinners held at Lockbriar Farms  
in Chestertown. Created by Chef Robbie  
Jester, it was selected for Maryland  
Governor O'Malley's "Buy Local Cook  
Out."*

- 1 lb. Maryland crab meat, preferably  
jumbo lump
- ¼ lb. local blueberries
- 2 regular cucumbers, or 3 lemon  
cucumbers if you can find them,  
large diced
- 1 C. sugar snap peas
- 1 oz. lavender seeds
- ½ C. apple cider vinegar
- 3 Tb. honey
- 1½ C. vegetable oil
- salt and pepper to taste

*For the peas:*

Place a pot of water on high heat. Salt  
the water so it's salty, like the sea. (Don't  
worry, as only a miniscule amount will  
flavor the vegetables.) Have a bowl with  
ice water handy to shock the vegetables  
once they're cooked.

Once the water is at a rolling boil,  
add peas. Cook for 1½ minutes or until  
bright green and just barely cooked.

(This is a salad, so we want to retain  
some crispness.) Remove peas with  
tongs and place in ice water until cool.  
Remove, dry with a towel, and store in  
refrigerator.

*For the honey-lavender vinaigrette:*

Place lavender seeds and vinegar in  
a small saucepan and bring to a boil.  
Once mixture boils, turn off heat and let  
seeds steep in vinegar for 1 hour. Strain  
to remove seeds, and refrigerate until  
cool. Place lavender vinegar and honey  
in a blender. Turn on low. Slowly stream  
in vegetable oil until well-combined.  
Season with salt, pepper and additional  
honey to taste.

*Assembly:*

Place blueberries, cucumber and peas  
in a mixing bowl. Add enough dressing  
to coat vegetables. Gently fold crab meat  
into the salad, being careful not to break  
up large pieces. Divide among chilled  
plates. Serves 6-8.

### Lockbriar Farms Grilled White Peach with Bay Bees Blueberry Honey Mas- carpone, Granola & Salted Caramel

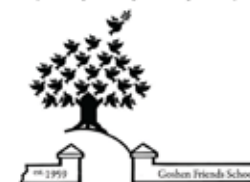
*This dish was also selected for Governor  
O'Malley's "Buy Local Cook Out." Chef  
Jester used Lockbriar Farms peaches,  
Bay Bees Blueberry Honey, Cassinelli  
Chocolate Merlot and granola from The  
Village Bakery in Chestertown. Feel free  
to use similar ingredients from your  
neck of the woods.*

- 1 C. merlot
- 1½ C. sugar
- 1 C. mascarpone cheese
- 4 Tb. blueberry honey
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 Tb. cold butter, plus melted butter  
for grilling peaches
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 Tb. heavy cream
- 3 white peaches, peeled, halved,  
pit removed
- 1 C. granola

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In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat mascarpone, honey and vanilla extract with whisk attachment until smooth. Refrigerate.

Pre-heat grill to high. Make sure grates are clean.

Place remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  C. sugar and 1 tsp. water in a sauté pan over medium heat. Slowly sugar will melt and begin to form a caramel. If sugar starts to brown too quickly, lower the heat. (Patience is key here.) Once the sugar is a light amber color, add 2 Tb. butter and swirl. (Be careful as butter may splatter.) Remove pan from heat, and whisk in cream and salt.

Brush flat side of peaches with melted butter and place on grill. Cook peaches until edges begin to caramelize. Remove peaches from grill, and soak in merlot syrup for 5 minutes.

To serve, place one peach half on a serving plate. (Cut a small piece off the peaches' round side, so that it will sit flat.) Spoon mascarpone into cavity, where pit once was. Top with granola and salted caramel. Serves 6.

### Seared Scallops with Farm Fresh Vegetable Sauté and Shallot Buerre Blanc

For the vegetable sauté, Chef Jester likes a mix of asparagus, yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes and English peas, but the recipe works well with many different combinations. Note: If you use asparagus and peas, first blanch them in boiling water and shock them in ice water.

4 large sea scallops  
1 Tb. minced garlic  
1 C. farm fresh vegetables, cut into small dice  
1 Tb. minced shallots  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  C. white wine  
juice of 1 lemon  
1 stick cold butter, cut into cubes  
vegetable oil  
salt and pepper to taste

For the scallops:

Preheat medium sauté pan on high heat. When pan is warm, add a touch

of oil to grease pan. Season both sides of scallops with salt and pepper. When pan is smoking, add scallops and cook for 2 minutes (until they brown around the edges). Add a cube or two of butter. (This will add exceptional flavor and beautiful color.) When browned about a third of the way up, flip scallops and cook for 1 minute more. Remove scallops to plate with a paper towel on it.

For the vegetables:

Place minced garlic in the pan and cook until translucent. Add vegetables and sauté until cooked. Season with salt and pepper. Divide the vegetables between 2 small plates.

For the sauce:

Return sauté pan to heat and add shallots. (Note: you may need to add a bit more oil.) Add wine and lemon juice, and cook until juices are reduced by half. Whisk in remaining cold butter until incorporated.

To serve, place two scallops on each plate of vegetables, and top with a spoonful of sauce. Serves 2 as an appetizer.

### Pumpkin Buttermilk Panna Cotta

This dessert is one of Farm Dinners' autumn favorites — cold enough to be served at the beginning of the fall but pumpkiny enough to be served right up to Thanksgiving.

4 Tb. orange juice  
 $3\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. gelatin powder  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  C. pumpkin purée  
2 C. cream  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  C. sugar, generous  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. cinnamon  
1 vanilla bean, split  
4 C. buttermilk, cold

Combine orange juice and gel and stir to allow to bloom, about 5 minutes. Combine pumpkin, cream, sugar, cinnamon and split vanilla bean in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat. Add gel mixture and allow to come to room temperature, while stirring occasionally. Strain to remove solids. Add cold buttermilk. Mold immediately into 16, 4-oz.

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soufflé cups and refrigerate overnight. Serves 16.

### Cinnamon Infused Chicken Tagine

The founders of Farm Dinners sent this recipe out in their winter holiday mailing. Tuck it away for a chilly night when you want to scent the entire house. Note: tagine refers to a highly seasoned Moroccan stew as well as to the shallow clay pot with cone-shaped lid in which the stew cooks.

**4 organic free-range chicken thighs salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste**  
**1 Spanish onion, diced**  
**2 large carrots, diced**  
**3 celery stalks with leaves, diced**  
**½ tsp. cinnamon**  
**½ tsp. cumin**  
**1 tsp. chopped garlic**  
**3 bay leaves**  
**dash of cayenne pepper**  
**8 oz. canned plum tomatoes with juice**  
**1 qt. chicken broth**  
**vegetable oil**

Preheat your tagine or heavy skillet to high. (The color on the surface of the tagine will start to dull. This will tell you it's hot enough.) Season both sides of chicken thighs with salt and freshly cracked black pepper (pre-ground stuff is a shadow of its former self). Place a little vegetable oil in the bottom of the tagine and start to sear the thighs, skin side first. Once browned, flip thighs and repeat. When both sides are browned, remove thighs to a plate.

Place onions, celery and carrots into the tagine and sweat until tender. Add cinnamon, cumin, garlic, bay leaves and cayenne and cook for 1 minute. Place thighs back in the tagine, along with tomatoes and chicken broth. Stir lightly and place the lid on the tagine. Reduce the heat slightly. Cook chicken until tender and falling off the bone, about 35-40 minutes. Remove the tagine from the stove and set atop a towel at your table. Serve family-style!!! Serves 4.

### Gouda Macaroni and Cheese

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**1, 16-oz. package of dry elbow macaroni**  
**1 stick salted butter**  
**½ Tb. flour**  
**16 oz. of aged gouda, shredded**  
**1 C. light cream**  
**salt and pepper to taste**  
**4-5 strips good-quality bacon, cooked, drained and crumbled (optional)**

Prepare macaroni according to package instructions.

While pasta is boiling, melt butter in a pot over low heat. When butter has turned into liquid, add flour and stir until there are no lumps. Reserve ½ cup of grated cheese for topping and add remaining cheese to butter/flour mixture.

Turn up heat to medium low. Stir until cheese is fully integrated into the mixture. Then stir in cream in 3 intervals, making sure cream is fully integrated into cheese before adding more. If desired, stir in bacon (just don't tell your cardiologist!). Continue to stir for 1½ minutes.

Add drained pasta. Mix everything together over low heat for 2 minutes, constantly stirring. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Remove pot from heat. Turn on broiler. Equally divide macaroni and cheese into 8, 12- or 16-oz. ramekins. Sprinkle remaining cheese onto each portion and place in broiler for 60 seconds or until cheese is melted and golden brown. Serves 8. ♦

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##### Dover

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Chester County Art Association, 100 N. Bradford Ave. 610-696-5600; [ChesterCountyArts.org](http://ChesterCountyArts.org). CCAA is a non-profit cultural organization that promotes participation in the arts through gallery exhibitions, special arts events, quality instruction and outreach. Since 1931, CCAA believes art makes a difference and has enhanced the community by involving people of all ages and aspirations in the arts.

#### BANKS

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###### Paoli

Malvern Federal Savings Bank, 42 E Lancaster Ave. 610-644-9400; [MalvernFederal.com](http://MalvernFederal.com).

#### COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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###### Bryn Mawr

Bryn Mawr College, 101 N. Merion Ave. 610-526-5000; [BrynMawr.edu](http://BrynMawr.edu).  
Harcum College, 750 Montgomery Ave. 610-525-4100; [Harcum.edu](http://Harcum.edu).

###### Chester

Widener University, 1 University Place. 888-WIDENER; [Widener.edu](http://Widener.edu).

###### Exton

Widener University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 825 Springdale Dr. 484-713-0088; [Widener.edu/olli](http://Widener.edu/olli).

###### Haverford

Haverford College, 370 Lancaster Ave. 610-896-1000; [Haverford.edu](http://Haverford.edu).

###### Immaculata

Immaculata University, 1145 King Rd. 610-647-4400; [Immaculata.edu](http://Immaculata.edu).

###### Media

Delaware County Community College, 901 S. Media Line Rd. 610-359-5000; [DCCC.edu](http://DCCC.edu).

Penn State, Delaware County Campus, 25 Yearsley Mill Rd. 610-892-1200; [Brandywine.PSU.edu](http://Brandywine.PSU.edu).

###### Radnor

Cabrini College, 610 King of Prussia Rd. 610-902-8100; [Cabrini.edu](http://Cabrini.edu).

###### Rosemont

Rosemont College, 1400 Montgomery Ave. 610-527-0200; [Rosemont.edu](http://Rosemont.edu).

###### St. Davids

Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Rd. 610-341-5800; [Eastern.edu](http://Eastern.edu).

###### Swarthmore

Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave. 610-328-8000; [Swarthmore.edu](http://Swarthmore.edu).

###### Villanova

Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Ave. 610-519-4500; [Villanova.edu](http://Villanova.edu).

###### Wayne

Valley Forge Military Academy & College, 1001 Eagle Rd. 610-989-1300; [VFMAC.edu](http://VFMAC.edu).

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Delaware College of Art & Design, 600 N. Market St. 302-622-8000; DCAD.edu.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

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Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 480 Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-527-3915; cdssh.org. The Shipley School, 814 Yarrow St. 610-525-4300; ShipleySchool.org. Grades PreK-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

### Chester Springs

Montgomery School, 1141 Rt. 113. 610-827-7222; [www.MontgomerySchool.org](http://www.MontgomerySchool.org). Grades PreK-8. Coed. Non-sectarian.

### Eagle

Windsor Christian Academy, 213 Little Conestoga Rd. 610-458-7177; WindsorCA.org. Grades PK-6. Coed. Baptist.

### Exton

CFS, The School at Church Farm, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy. 610-363-7500; GoCFS.net. Boarding. Grades 7-12. Boys. Episcopal.

### Haverford

Friends School Haverford, 851 Buck La. 610-642-2334; FriendsHaverford.org. Grades K-6. Coed. Quaker.

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#### **Kimberton**

Kimberton Waldorf School, 410 West Seven Stars Rd. 610-933-3635; Kimberton.org. Grades, parent-child circle-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

#### **Lititz**

Linden Hall School for Girls, Lititz, 212 East Main St. 717-626-8512; LindenHall.org. An independent, college preparatory school for girls, founded in 1746 and acclaimed as the oldest girls' school in the U.S. Boarding and day. Grades 5-12. Girls. Non-sectarian.

#### **Malvern**

Malvern Preparatory School, 418 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.com. Grades 6-12. Boys. Catholic.

Villa Maria Academy, 370 Old Lincoln Hwy. Malvern. 610-644-2551; VMAHS.org. Prepares students to face the challenges of the 21st century with a college preparatory aca-

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#### **Newtown Square**

The Episcopal Academy, 1785 Bishop White Dr. EpiscopalAcademy.org. Founded in 1785; college preparatory. Grades PK-12. Coed.

#### **Phoenixville**

Renaissance Academy, 40 Pine Crest St. 610-983-4080; RAK12.org. A tuition-free public Charter School whose mission is to prepare a diverse cross-section of children for success as students, workers, and citizens by providing them with a high-quality liberal arts, college preparatory education. Parents, students, and teachers sign quarterly learning contracts in which they promise to work together for student success. Grades K-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools, 37 E. Germantown Pk. Ste. 302. 610-567-2960; PAISPA.org. A member-services organization that represents, supports and serves private, independent schools in PA. It

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#### **Pottstown**

The Hill School, Pottstown, 717 E. High St. 610-326-1000; TheHill.org. Devoted to academic excellence, learning and achievement, stressing independent critical thinking, analysis and writing. The mission is to develop the moral character of its students, with the understanding that strong values remain the foundation for a successful life. Boarding only. Grades 9-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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Agnes Irwin, Ithan Ave. & Conestoga Rd. 610-525-8400; AgnesIrwin.org. An independent, nondenominational all-girls' college preparatory day school. Founded in 1869, the school provides a rigorous academic education, and dedicates itself to developing each student's highest potential in intellect, character and physical well-being. Grades PK-12. Girls. Non-sectarian.

Rosemont School of the Holy Child, 1344 Montgomery Ave. 610-922-1010; RosemontSchool.org. Catholic, independent school accredited by the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools. It has an accomplished faculty and student body, 98% of whom annually are accepted into their first-choice high schools. Grades PK-8. Coed.

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Valley Forge Military Academy & College, 1001 Eagle Rd. 610-989-1300; VFMAC.edu. Boarding only. Grades 7-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

#### **West Chester**

Goshen Friends School, 814 N. Chester Rd. 610-696-8869; GoshenFriends.org. Grades PK-5. Coed. Quaker.

#### **Wynnewood**

Friends' Central School, PK-Grade 4, 228 Old Gulph Rd. 610-642-7575; Grades 5-12, 1101

City Ave. 610-649-7440; FriendsCentral.org. Grades PK-12. Coed. Quaker.

#### **DELAWARE**

##### **Wilmington**

Salesianum, 1801 N. Broom St. 302-654-2495; Salesianum.org. Grades 9-12. Boys. Catholic.

The Tatnall School, 1501 Barley Mill Rd. 302-998-2292; Tatnall.org. College preparatory. Grades Pre-K-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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The Concept School, 1120 E. Street Rd. 610-399-1135; TheConceptSchool.org. An independent school specializing in career counseling, for students who thrive in a small environment. Grades 5-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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People's Light & Theatre Co., 39 Conestoga Rd. 610-647-1900; PeoplesLight.org.

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Media Theatre, 104 E. State St. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

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#### Kennett Square

Driving south on Rt. 1 past Longwood Gardens, take the Kennett Square exit and you’ll find yourself in a charming, historic town that offers the ambience of days gone by along with a great selection of shops and restaurants. For a full day’s adventure, combine a visit to Longwood, then on to Kennett and stroll the town, shop and have lunch.

#### Malvern

From Rt. 30 headed west, turn left at the fork in road just before the overpass, and drive to King Street. This lovely Victorian town center has been revitalized and is a delightful place to stroll and shop, with a mix of old and new. There are antiques and interior design shops, plus a range of retail shopping and interesting places to eat, including an old inn dating back to colonial days.

#### Media

Rt. 252 S from Newtown Square, right turn on State St. This is still very much a town where shopkeepers know many patrons by name and make visitors welcome. There’s an interesting concentration of antiques, clothing and gift shops and an impressive variety of dining options here. Most of the shopping is on State Street, where a trolley still runs regularly, although there are nifty shops on cross streets and Baltimore Pike.

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Ten Thousand Villages, The Court-Upper Level, 690 W. Dekalb Pk. 610-265-2119; TenThousandVillages.com. See their listing under Exton, PA.

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Destinations Hair Salon & Day Spa, The Inn at Leola Village, 38 Deborah Dr. 717-556-0276; TheInnAtLeolaVillage.com. The intention here is a personalized spa experience that allows you the opportunity to relax, renew and rediscover your essential self. They truly look forward to sharing their beautiful, uplifting spa facilities with each visitor.

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Ten Thousand Villages, 101 West State St. 610-892-5020; TenThousandVillages.com. See their listing under Exton, PA.

#### Morgantown

Country Porch Primitives, 150 Morview Boulevard (Martin’s Country Market). 610-286-5045. CountryPorchPrimitives.com. Bring your spouse along to Country Porch Primitives, where they can sit in a rocker on the rustic country porch and reminisce of days gone by, while you browse a complete line of primitive country décor: from primitive country furniture and accent pieces to pottery and candles, even a few antiques mixed in, all at bargain prices.

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Christopher Chocolates, 3519 West Chester Pk. 610-359-1669; Christopher-Chocolates.com. Family-owned and operated candy and gift basket store, celebrating its 25th anniversary this fall. They specialize in homemade chocolates, custom gift baskets with homemade



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Thornbury Farm CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd. (Rt. 926 West & S. New St.). 610-793-2933; ThornburyFarmCSA.com. Thornbury grows organic produce on their 302 year-old farm. The weekend farm market is open with local goods and produce on Sat, 9 to 4 and Sun, 12 to 4.

### DELAWARE

#### Greenville

Ten Thousand Villages, 4021 Kennett Pk. 302-428-0340; TenThousandVillages.com. See their listing under Exton, PA.

### MARYLAND

#### Chestertown

Chester River Bike & Paddle, 210 Cross St. 410-778-6940; ChesterRiverBikeAndPaddle.com. Located on the beautiful Eastern Shore, in historic Chestertown, MD. A full-service bicycle and paddle shop, offering sales, service, and rental of bicycles, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and accessories.

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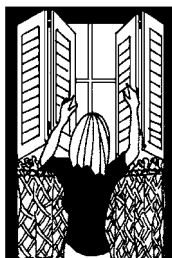
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