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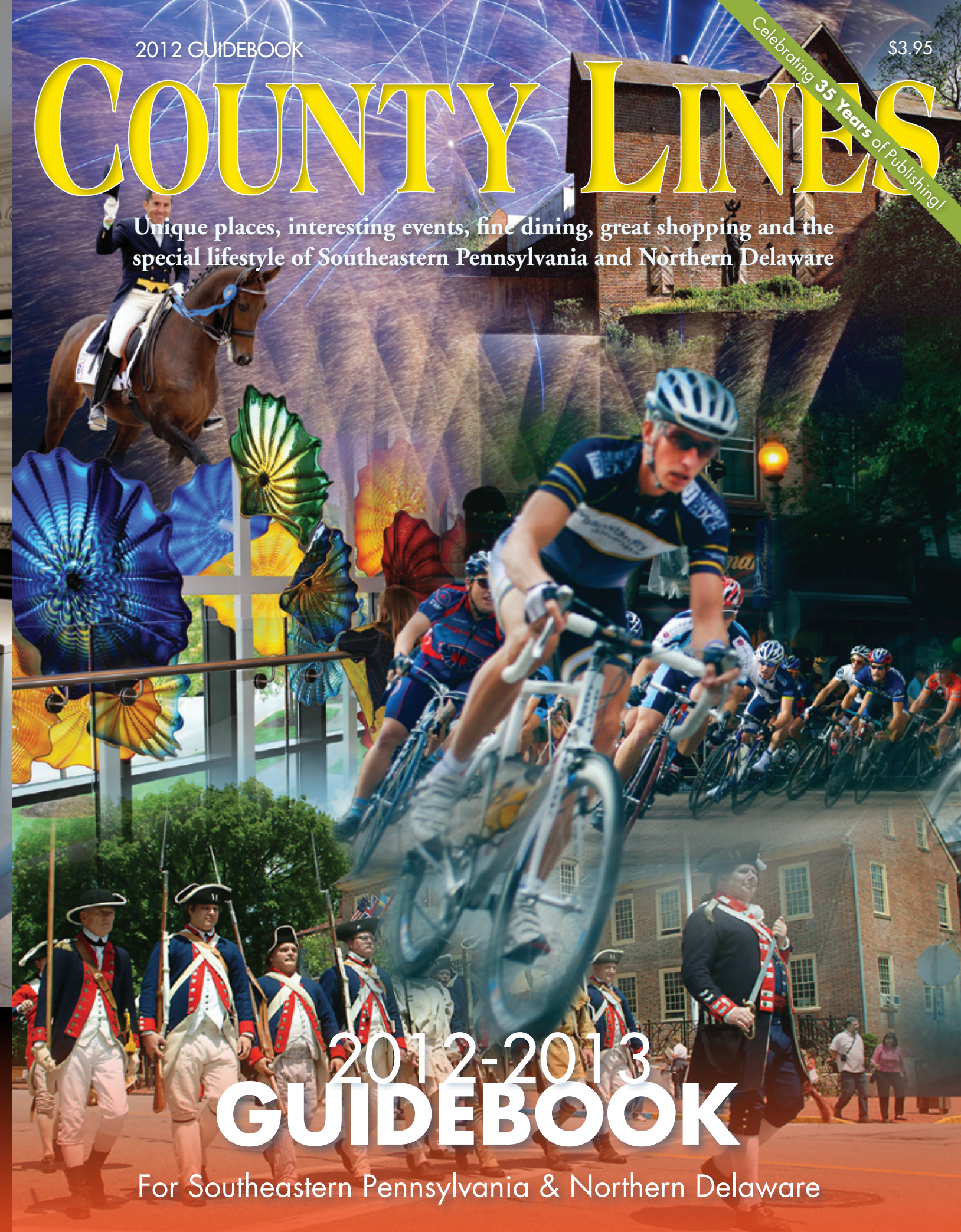
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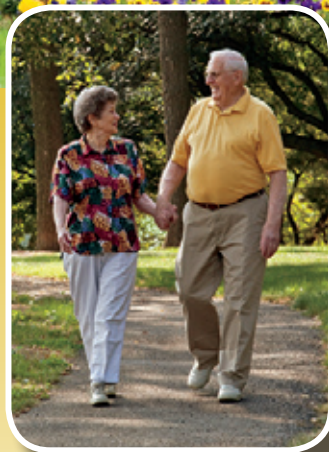
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Welcome, summer! Long days and lingering evenings to enjoy the pleasures of our area. And our Annual Guide will help you discover what to visit and when.

Look at our history anew. Our Quaker roots, the path of the Revolution, the Underground Railroad. Visit the special summer exhibits an easy drive from home—from “Bayard Rustin’s Local Roots” at Chester County Historical Society, to Winterthur’s “Uncorked,” and the 235th anniversary of the Battle of the Brandywine.

Enjoy the arts. The Delaware Art Museum marks its centennial with “100 Works for 100 Years.” Plus, a rare treat: tour Andrew Wyeth’s studio, which recently opened to the public. Combine that with a visit to the Brandywine River Museum for three generations of Wyeths’ works.

Gardens public and private are at their peak. A must stop is Longwood Gardens’ stunning new exhibit: “Light: Installations by Bruce Munro.” Catch a glimpse from the photos we showcase and make your reservations soon!

We revisit Chadds Ford, full of history, art and antiques, and Lancaster City, where First Fridays are fabulous. For food, Lancaster Brewing Company fills the bill.

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And this month’s Being Well column is about ovarian cancer. Catch it early.

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Being Well

Ovarian Cancer: Not Really a “Silent” Disease

Joel Noumoff, M.D., and Justin Chura, M.D.

Ovarian cancer is often called a “silent” disease because early symptoms may be subtle. But the statistics are loud and clear.

More than 1 in 70 women will develop ovarian cancer in her lifetime. In 2012, more than 22,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and more than 15,000 will likely succumb to the disease. Ovarian cancer has the highest death rate of all cancers of the female reproductive system, and it is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women. (By comparison, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women after lung cancer.)

The good news: if found early, the five-year “cure” rate is better than 92%.

Who Is At Risk?

While most ovarian cancers are not linked to a family history, about 8% to 13% of women with ovarian cancer have

inherited mutations (changes), notably in the genes BRCA1 or BRCA2. Few people routinely undergo genetic testing, so most women don’t know if they have these mutations. But women with a family history of ovarian or early breast cancer may be at increased risk.

Other risk factors include: family history of ovarian cancer; increasing age; past history of breast cancer; use of infertility drugs; and no pregnancies.

On the other side of the equation, a reduced risk of ovarian cancer is associated with use of oral contraceptives (“the pill”), tubal ligation (sterilization), hysterectomy, and giving birth and breast-feeding at least one child.

What Are the Symptoms?

Early symptoms of ovarian cancer tend to be subtle, yet persistent. Symptoms include:

- increased abdominal girth

- abdominal bloating, feeling of fullness
- abdominal pain
- inability to eat normally
- more frequent urination
- pelvic pain
- constipation
- back pain
- new onset of urinary incontinence
- unexplained weight loss
- unusual fatigue

Unfortunately, symptoms may go unnoticed or may be dismissed as “nothing serious,” so many women with ovarian cancer are not diagnosed until symptoms intensify and the cancer has spread beyond the ovary.

Are There Screening Tests?

Routine pelvic exams and Pap tests do not detect ovarian cancer, and most health care experts do not recommend routine use of specialized tests to screen all women for ovarian cancer.

However, a woman with a family history of ovarian or early breast cancer, BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation, or persistent, unexplained symptoms would be wise to discuss special testing with her doctor. Specialized tests include genetic testing, “CA 125” blood test, and transvaginal ultrasound.

If preliminary tests are abnormal, her physician will recommend diagnostic testing.

What If It Is Cancer?

If ovarian cancer is diagnosed, treatment depends on the specific type, stage and risk level of the cancer, and the patient’s desire for a future pregnancy. Generally, if it’s a lower-risk cancer in an early stage, the physician may recommend surgery to remove one or both ovaries. If the cancer is more advanced, more aggressive, or has spread to other organs, additional surgery would likely be needed, along with chemotherapy.

If ovarian cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate is better than 92%. And newer types of surgery and chemotherapy are improving outcomes for many patients at various stages of disease.

On the Horizon

There is exciting research aimed at prevention, early detection and better treatments for ovarian cancer, including new drugs to prevent cancer in women with gene mutations, new blood tests to identify

early cancer, and new treatments tailored for each woman.

Meanwhile, go to your healthcare provider for regular physical exams, including an annual pelvic exam. Talk with your doctor about family medical history. And don’t ignore persistent symptoms.

Ovarian cancer symptoms may be subtle, but ovarian cancer is not really a “silent” disease. ♦

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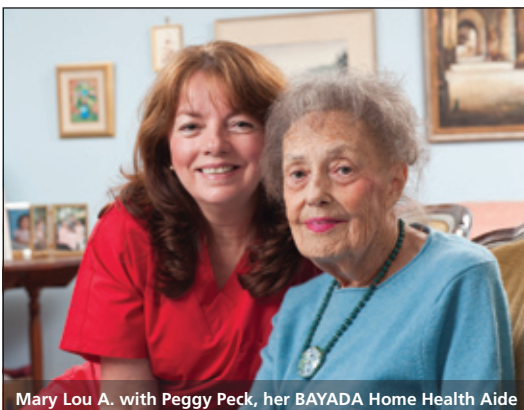
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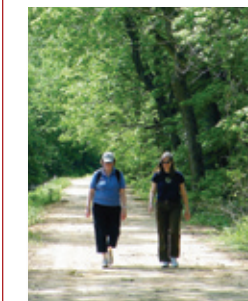
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Discover Chester County's historic villages, residences, waterways and mills. For times, reservations (required) and locations, call 877-442-2476 (press the menu # for the tour). July tours include: **July 12**,

menu #104, Scandals, Scoundrels & Spirits in Kennett Borough; **July 19**, menu #105, Village of Marshallton; **July 26**, menu #106, The Mill at Anselma. Tours continue through September 6. For information, 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.



Brandywine Polo

Through September
 Fridays and Sundays

Dating back to 1950, the Brandywine Polo Club is one of the East Coast's oldest polo establishments. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic to tailgate at the grounds. Leashed dogs are welcome. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, 5:30 p.m., live music and regional wines; Sun., at 3 p.m. \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Phone, 610-268-8692; BrandywinePoloClub.com.

A Week of Fireworks Celebrations

From July 1st through the 7th

July 1, Celebrate Coatesville. Dusk. Gateway Park, Lincoln Hwy. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

Long's Park, Lancaster. Concert at 7:30, followed by fireworks at dusk. Harrisburg Pk. at Rt. 30. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

Miller Park, Exton. Concert at 7, fireworks at 9:30. 220 Miller Way. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

July 3, Longwood Gardens Festival of Fireworks and Fountains. 9:15, Rt. 1, Kennett Square. \$18-\$38. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

July 4, Chester Valley Golf Club. Dusk. 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern.

Downingtown's Good Neighbor Day. 9:30. Kerr Park, Rt. 282, Downingtown. GoodNeighborDay.com.

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

Pottstown's July 4th Homecoming Celebration. 10. Memorial Park, King & Manatawny Sts. 610-970-6608.

Lititz Springs Park 4th of July Celebration. 9:30. Rain date, July 7. LititzSpringsPark.org.

Phoenixville Fireworks. Dusk. Filmore St. & Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. Rain date, July 5. 610-933-8801.

Radnor High School 4th of July Fireworks. Dusk. 130 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. \$5-\$10; \$20 per car. 610-688-5600.

Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert and Fireworks. Dusk. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 610-644-1400.

Wawa Welcome America. At 10 on the Parkway, Philadelphia. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.

July 7, North Coventry Fire Company Fair. 10:30. Rt. 724, E of Coventry Mall, Pottstown. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

Upcoming Events

Noteworthy in July . . .



Through May, 2013
Rosenbach Museum & Library Presents "Maurice Sendak: A Legacy Exhibition." The most comprehensive exhibition of Sendak offering visitors a look into his life and work. 2008-2010 Delancey Place, Philadelphia. Tues, Fri, noon to 6; Wed-Thurs, noon to 8; Sat-Sun, noon to 6. \$5-\$10. 215-732-1600; Rosenbach.org.

Through September 23, Sundays
West Chester Railroad Summer Picnic Specials. Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute train ride on a warm summer afternoon. Pack a lunch to have at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. Trains depart Market Street Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$10.50-\$12.50. 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.



July 13-15
BlobFest 2012 at The Colonial Theatre. Festivities begin with the traditional "Running Out of the Theatre" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other highlights include: contests, food, 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 14
Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue Too! Join the Young Friends of the Brandywine Conservancy for this family-friendly canoe ride down the Brandywine River, followed by an outdoor party with live music. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 11 am. 610-388-8315; www.YoungFriends.org.



Art & Craft Shows

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

Through December, First Fridays
Lancaster Art Market. Local art and craft vendors exhibit and sell their handmade wares.

Lancaster Square, 100 block of N. Queen St., Lancaster. 5 to 9pm. LancasterCityEvents.com/ArtMarket.

July 14-15
20th Annual Haddonfield Crafts and Fine Art Festival. Not too far over the bridge you'll find this nationally-ranked festival. Kings Court, Kings Hwy., Haddonfield. Sat, 11 to 7; Sun, noon to 5. Free. HaddonfieldNJ.org/EventsCrafts.php.

August 4-5
Pennsylvania Guild Fine Craft Fair. Hand-

crafted works of art, furniture, clothing, jewelry, sculpture, photography and fine art, all locally or regionally made by over 180 craftspeople. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Sat., 10 to 6; Sun., 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; PaCrafts.org.

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Through September 26
Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media. Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. Plus entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

July 1
7th Annual Brandywine Valley Big Bang BBQ. Six Wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail host wine tastings, vineyard tours, concerts and great outdoor cooking. Pulled pork sandwiches, mac and cheese and baked beans for sale. 12 to 5. \$5-\$8. BVWinetrail.com.

July 13-14
Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore Farm Dinner on the Shore—Crow Farm. Dinner takes place right on the farm, using produce and other products from that farm and surrounding farms, prepared by accomplished chefs from the region. 410-810-4898; FarmDinnersOnTheShore.com.



July 21
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.

Family Fun

Through August 19
Summer at Valley Forge. Bring the family and walk the historic roads at Valley Forge National Park. Sign up for Ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, bike rentals,

audio car tours or hike the trails on your own. 1400 North Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. Daily, 7 am until dark. 610-783-1099; NPS.gov/VAFO.

Through September 17
Longwood Gardens Fireworks & Fountains. *Swan Lake—July 21*, 9:15 pm; *Sept. 1*, 8:15 pm. *Stars & Stripes—July 3*, 9:15 pm. *The Amazing 80s!—Aug. 11*, 9:15 pm, *Sept. 29*, 7:15 pm. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$22-\$38. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

July 1
Celebrate Coatesville Day. A citywide event including professional bike races, booths, entertainment, food, children's rides, hot air balloon demos, fireworks. The Lukens National Historic District will be open for tours, 10 to 5. Gateway Park and Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

July 1, 4
"When in the Course of Human Events"—A Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic at Colonial PA Plantation. Celebrate our Nation's birthday by hearing the Declaration of Independence. Activities include hearth cooking, long rifle demos, garden and animal talks. Ridley Creek State Park, Media. 11 to 5. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

July 4
Downtown Good Neighbor Day Celebration. This event kicks off 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 at 9:30. Kerr Park, Rt. 282, Downingtown. GoodNeighborDay.com.

July 7
5th Annual Market Street Block Party. Local businesses band together to give a special welcome to everyone attending the Iron Hill Criterium. Live music, face painting, street chalk art contest and more. Market Street between Church and Darlington Streets, West Chester. 4 pm. IronHillTwilightCriterium.com.



July 17, 19, 24, 26
Learn the Art of Storytelling. Workshops for children, ages 8-12, led by Susannah Brody who creates "Living History," portrayals of extraordinary 19th-century women.

Lukens National Historic District, S. First Ave., Coatesville. 10 to 11:30 am. \$5. 610-384-9282; LukensHistoricDistrict.org.

July 22
Historic Scavenger Hunt at Brandywine Battlefield. Children, 9-14, search through historic artifacts for answers to clues, promoting reading comprehension and an understanding of local history. 1491 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 1 to 4 pm. \$3. 610-459-3342; BrandywineBattlefield.org.

July 28
Family Art Day in Kennett Square. Enjoy a day of music, dance and interactive arts

for all ages with demonstrations by local artists. Free. Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut St., Kennett Square. 10 to 3. 610-444-1416; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

Festivals & Fairs

Through July 4
Wawa Welcome America Festival. Fun for the whole family with ten patriotic days packed with free events, a full-scale parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food, culture and pageantry. Spectacular fireworks displays and "Party on the Parkway," July 4. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.



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Through July 8
Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture through crafts, folklife demonstrations, historical reenactments, children's activities, great food and more. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily, 9 to 6. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

July 2-7
North Coventry Fire Company Fair. Rides, games, food and fireworks on Saturday night. Fire company fair grounds, Rt. 724, E of Coventry Mall, Pottstown. For information, 610-326-5104; ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

July 10-14
Malvern Fire Company Fair. Every night is family night at this annual fair with rides, games and fun for everyone. Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10 pm. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm. Rain date, Sat. For information, 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

July 14
Bastille Day Celebration in Media. Carriage rides, strolling musicians, street theater, music and dancing celebrate the storming of the Bastille. Downtown Media. 5 to 10 pm. 610-566-5039; MediaArtsCouncil.org/Bastille-Day.

July 15
5th Annual Media Downtown Car Show. A parade of 300 antique cars on State Street from 11 to 4 pm. Rain date, July 22. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

July 20-28
The Cecil County Fair. Family fun and entertainment. Fair Hill Fairgrounds, Rts. 273 & 213, Fair Hill, MD. Daily 9 to 11. Admission. 410-392-3440; SeeCecil.org.

July 23-28
Kimberton Community Fair. Food, entertainment, exhibits, competitions and contests, lots of rides. 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.

July 29
140th Anniversary Celebration of the Borough of Parkesburg. Music, games, a silent auction, food and fun for the whole family. Beale Manor, 200 S. Church St., Parkesburg. 2 to 7 pm. 610-857-4339.

July 30-August 4
Goshen Country Fair. An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer Goshen Fire Company. Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk., West Chester. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

Gardens

Through September 3
Morris Arboretum Exhibit "Adirondack Chairs Re-Interpreted." Artists have been invited to re-interpret the Adirondack chair. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. Daily, 10 to 4; weekends until 5. \$7-\$16. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.



Through October 28
Tyler Arboretum Presents "Sit A Spell: Seats That Tell a Tale." Talented artisans bring their imaginations to life in the form

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

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

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

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

Lancaster County Farmers Market, 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri, Sat, 6 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

Lititz Farmers Market, Water St. Sat, 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.

New Garden Grower's Market, 8934 Gap Newport Pk. Through Nov. 17, Sat, 9 to 3. 610-268-2915.

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

Parkesburg Farm Community Market, 315 W. First Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-857-2616; Parkesburg.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, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

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

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

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

of outdoor seating. Chairs, benches, rockers and hammocks encourage visitors of all ages to sit, relax and enjoy nature. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 9 to 7. \$5-\$9. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

Museums

For more museums, see County Lines' Guidebook, under Daytrips & Outings

Through July 29
Delaware Art Museum - "Beyond Words: The Symbolic Language of Plants." An exhibition of works in various media that

emphasize the historic and symbolic meanings of plants in art. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

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

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Music & Entertainment

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Through July 26

Summer in the Park Concert Series at Chesterbrook. *July 4*, Chester County Concert Band and fireworks; *July 12*, Deja Grove; *July 19*, Yosi & The Super Dads; *July 26*, The Offenders. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

Through July 28

Longwood's Summer Performances. *July 6*,

Sierra Hull & Highway III; *July 7*, Barbara Cook; *July 10*, The Bacon Brothers; *July 11*, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; *July 13*, Billy Jonas; *July 14*, Red Baraat; *July 15*, Carillon Concert. Concerts through



Sept. 23. 1001 Longwood Rd. \$25-\$40. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

Through July 29

Long's Park Summer Music Series. *July 1*, The 257th Army Band, Cannon Brigade and spectacular fireworks!; *July 4*, Allegro: The Chamber Orchestra of Lancaster; *July 8*, City Rhythm Orchestra; *July 15*, Victor Bailey; *July 22*, Dawes; *July 29*, March Fourth Marching Band. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

Through July 31

Eagleview Town Center's "Concerts on the Square." *July 10*, Family Night with Ernie & Neal, special guest John Valerio; *July 17*, Oli Brown Band with special guest Orion Freeman; *July 24*, Darby Trials with special guest Big Fat Marker; *July 31*, Incendio with special guest Christine Havrilla. Concerts continue Aug. 28. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Cancelled for rain. Phone 800-851-2779 after 4 pm on the day of the show. InEagleview.com.



Through August 1, Wednesdays

Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park. Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available. Check the website for this year's lineup. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. AnsonBNixonPark.org.

Through August 1

Delaware County Summer Festival. *July 1*, The 28th Keystone Division Band; *July 4*, Upper Darby Sousa Band; *July 5*, John Hoey Orchestra; *July 6*, Philadelphia Songwriters Project; *July 7*, Minas Brazilian Jazz; *July 8*, Live at the Filmore; *July 11*, Special Brew'd; *July 12*, Zydeco-A-Go-Go; *July 13*, Steve Pulara & His Cool Beans Band; *July 14*, Separate Ways, The Band; *July 15*, Blackbird Society Orchestra; *July 18*, Bryn Mawr Mainliners; *July 19*, Makin' Music, 10 am and Kick It Out Heart Tribute in the evening; *July 20*, Eternal Rhythm Band; *July 21*, Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars; *July 22*, Charlie Phillips Band; *July 25*, Snap Jazz; *July 26*, First Ladies of Rock & Soul; *July 27*, Brandywine Ballet; *July 28*, Matty Santry Band; *July 29*, The

Cat's Pajamas; *Aug. 1*, The BelAirs and The Fabulous Tailfin Band. Concerts through Aug. 19. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Cancelled for rain. 610-565-7410; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

Through August 4

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series. *July 7*, Susan Werner; *July 8*, Vince Raimondo Memorial Concert; *July 14*, Cabin Dogs; *July 21*, ATZILUT; *July 28*, Mary Fahl of October Project; *Aug. 4*, Tom Chapin Family Show. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$10 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.



Through August 5

West Goshen Summer Concert Series. *July 8*, Latin jazz featuring Café con Pan; *July 22*, The Greaseband plays party hits; *Aug. 5*, folk music with the Rob Dickenson Band. Concerts through Aug. 19. West Goshen Community Park, N. Five Points and Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. Rainsite: West Chester East High School Auditorium. 6:30 pm. 610-692-2550; WGoshen.org.

July 5

Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester. Food, music, clowns, dancers and more. Downtown West Chester on Gay Street. Rob Dickson's Tribute to American Music and Junk Rock. Next concerts, *Aug. 2* and *Sept. 6*. 6:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

July 6-27

Community Arts Center Summer Concerts. *July 6*, The Obsolete, roots, jazz and gospel; *July 13*, Soul Fuego, Latin jazz; *July 20*, Don Jones Band, rock, blues, country; *July 27*, Beaufort folk rock. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 pm. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

July 8-29

King of Prussia Summer Concert Series. *July 8*, Carbon Leaf; *July 15*, Craig Bickhardt and Friends; *July 22*, Plush; *July 29*, Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience. 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.

July 13, 20

Kennett Flash. *July 13*, Maria Muldaur; *July 20*, Jeffrey Gaines. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

July 14, 28

Music in The Orchard at 1719 Hans Herr House. *July 14*, the soulful duo Indian Summer Jars and Fire in the Glen, traditional Irish music; *July 28*, folk-country songwriter Dave Lefever and traditional Appalachian-Mountain band Waitin' on a Train. 1849 Hans Herr Dr., Willow Street. 6 pm. \$5. HansHerr.org.

July 15

Turks Head Music Festival. Annual music event with twelve bands, craftspeople, children's entertainment, amusement rides, teth-

ered hot air balloon rides and great food. Everhart Park, W. Miner St. and S. Bradford Ave., West Chester. Noon to 8 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com/Recreation.



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July 18, 25, August 1
Radnor Township Summer Concert Series.
July 18, Indy Rock with Ellie Perez & The Black Ties, Clem Macrone Park, Conestoga Rd., Rosemont; **July 25,** Jimmy Buffet and Beach Boys cover band The Beach Bumz, Cowan Park, Radnor Street Rd. & Willow Ave., Wayne; **Aug. 1,** The Rockabillies, Bo Connor Park, S. Devon Ave., Wayne. All concerts are 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If inclement weather, phone 610-688-5600, ext. 141, between 2 and 4 pm on the day of the scheduled concert. Radnor.com.

July 19, August 16
Music at Marshall Square Park. Come to Marshall Square Park for rock, jazz and more. **July 19,** Billie Joel night with John Grecia, rain date July 26; **Aug. 16,** classic rewind with the Pompeo Brothers Band, rain date Aug. 23. 248 E. Marshall St., West Chester. 6:30 pm. Free.

July 20-22
2012 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. Plus a

Kids Corner area and lots of activities. For tickets, 215-825-9644; XPN.org.

July 20-August 10
Summer Concert Series at Morris Arboretum. **July 20,** Brazilian Jazz Party with Arpeggio; **July 27,** Swing 'n Bop with The Tony "Stickman" Wyatt Quintet; **Aug. 3,** XPN Kids Corner Concert featuring The Plants; **Aug. 10,** XPN Kids Corner Concert, The Suzi Shelton Band. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 6:30. \$40 per car. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

Sporting Events

July 7-8
8th 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, 6 pm; Elite Women's, 6:45; Pro Men's, 7:45. Community Bike Tour on Sunday, where riders of all levels enjoy tours starting at Hoopes Park and traveling through the Chester County countryside. Iron-HillTwilightCriterium.com.



In Towns & Boroughs . . .

Through July
Sundays At Historic Sugartown. Travel back in time and experience life in a rural 19th-century crossroads village. Visit Historic Sugartown's General Store, Book Bindery, Quaker Farm House, Bank Barn, School Room and New Carriage Museum. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 1 to 4 pm. \$5-\$12. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.



July 6, August 3
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; Historic-KennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude,** with free trolley from Bryn Mawr to Ardmore, 610-642-4040; First-FridayMainLine.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com. **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.



July 14, August 10
Media's Second Saturdays. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; Media-ArtsCouncil.org.

July 21
Sidewalk Sale in Downtown Kennett Square. Merchants set up tables. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

Theater

Through July 28
The Jungle Book. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts presents this new version of the Mowgli stories. 104 E. State St., Media. 11 am. \$10-\$12. For tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

July 13
Shakespeare in the Park – Love's Labor Lost. On the grounds of The Willows Mansion, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 7 pm. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

July 18-August 19
Mr. Hart and Mr. Brown. A play about freedom of the press and the myth of the Old West. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga

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July 26-28, August 2-4
Brandywiners, Ltd.—"Hello Dolly." Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1. \$20-\$30 includes garden adm; fountain display. 8:30 pm. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org.

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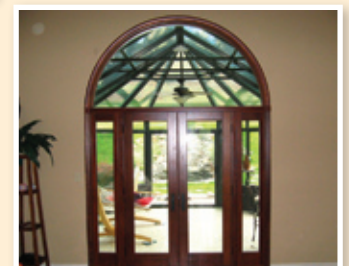
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An upbeat spectacle for eyes, ears and noses, summer performances at Longwood are guaranteed to leave you in awe. *Through Sept. 23. Tickets \$25-40, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.*

Rocking Around the Square

Fill up your coolers, dig out the Frisbees, and bring the whole family as the **11th annual Concerts on the Square** series brings its best musicians to Exton. This can't-miss schedule features local and national artists and hosts a Family Night on July 10th with entertainment created especially for kids.

Pull out the canned goods as Chester County Food Bank will be accepting donations in lieu of admission. Going out with a bang, this concert series thinks outside the square as it pulls out the stops for its big finale—fireworks! *Through Aug. 28. Eagleview Town Center, 540 Wellington Square, Exton. Tuesdays at 7 p.m., 800-851-2779; InEagleView.com.*

Take It To The Street

Come out to **Lancaster Square** in Lancaster City the **third Friday of the month** to enjoy free, live music. Jam out July 20 at 6 p.m. as Trinidad North Steel Band and B-Tropical take the stage to turn the Square into a Caribbean Island.

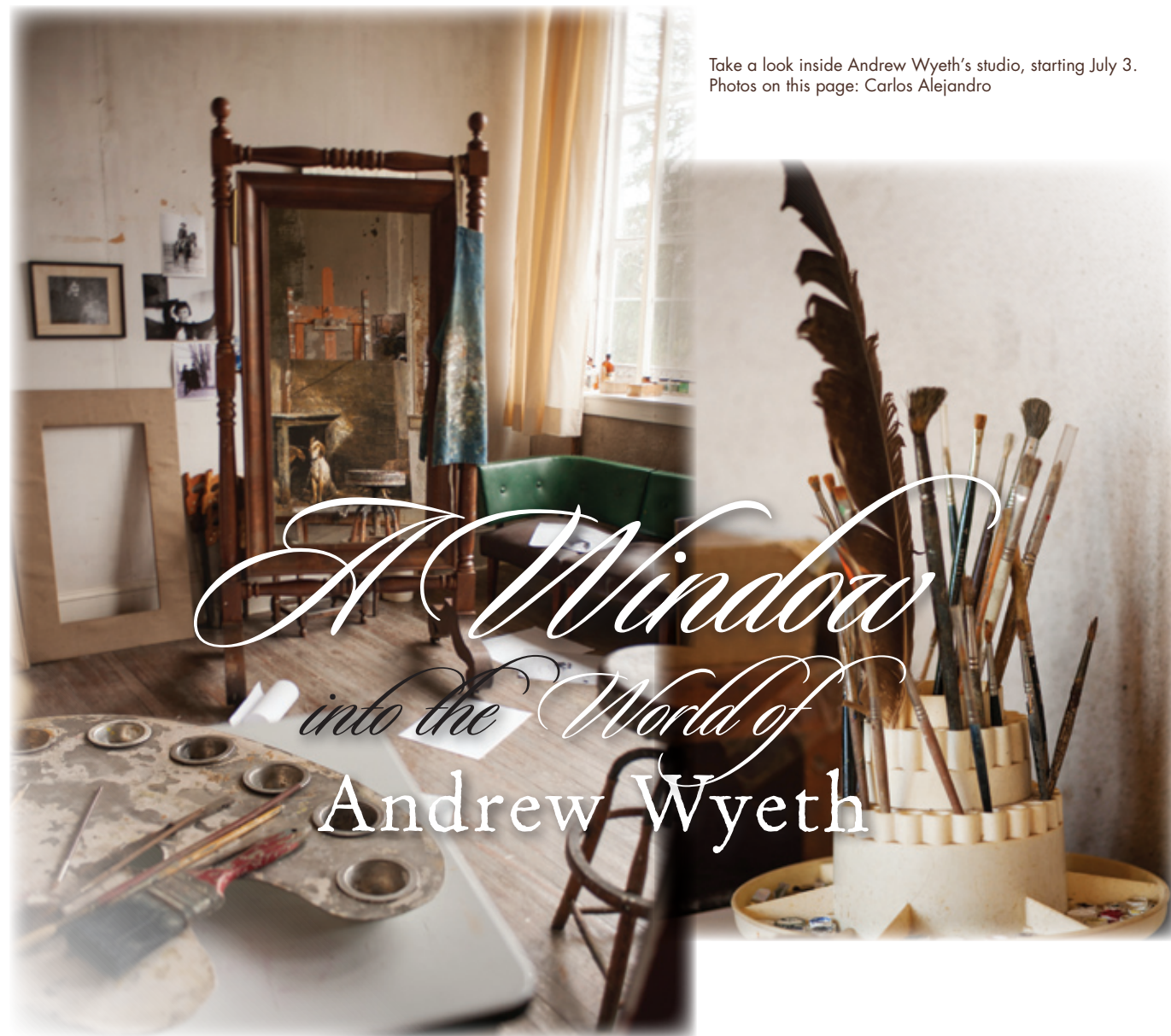
As a special treat this year, various musicians are moving beyond the main stage and stationing themselves at over 40 "street spots" in downtown Lancaster to spread music to every nook and cranny in the city. Sponsored by "Music for Everyone," which raises awareness for music in schools and communities, this event will fill the whole city with the sound of music. *717-291-4758; LancasterCityEvents.com.*

Barefoot in the Park

Bring out your blankets and chairs and relax under the stars at the hillside Rose Tree Park Ampitheater for the **Delaware County Summer Festival**. Pick your favorite bands from the line-up or see them all as the festival presents music ranging from jazz to "rock and soul." No tickets required; concerts are free, brought to you by the Delaware County Council.

Bring your own tasty provisions or grab snacks at the concession stands as you move to the music. Make memories as the sun goes down and the stage lights up for another summer of music at Rose Tree. *Through Aug. 19. Route 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. 610-565-7410; CoDelaware.PA.US/Summer.*

Patricia Finn



Take a look inside Andrew Wyeth's studio, starting July 3. Photos on this page: Carlos Alejandro

A Window into the World of Andrew Wyeth

Jaimielynn Cooper

"The world of Andrew Wyeth is best understood by a visit to his studio." Jamie Wyeth

For many years art lovers visiting the Brandywine Valley have toured the home and studio of N.C. Wyeth, the father of American Illustration. Now, for the first time, comes the unique opportunity to see the space where Andrew Wyeth, N.C.'s son and one of America's most significant artists, painted many of his most important works.

This summer, get a deeper understanding into Andrew Wyeth's work by visiting where this beloved artist created some of his most iconic works of art, from 1940 to 2008, and learn about his creative process on guided

tours at the Brandywine River Museum, from July 3 through November 18, 2012.

Intimate Beginnings

Tucked away on a quiet road just off of Route 1 amidst the lush grass and green hills that inspired his work, the secluded sanctuary was the site for Andrew Wyeth's painting for nearly 70 years.

Stepping inside the whitewashed 1875 building that was once a schoolhouse and later the modest family home for Andrew, wife Betsy and sons Nicolas and

Jamie, is like stepping back in time. Great effort has been made to preserve the feeling of domestic life and the authentic details of the art studio, donated to the Museum by Betsy Wyeth.

The tour begins in the foyer, once the dining area and eventually an entryway for the Wyeth's creative brood. On the walls, which have been preserved and maintained to reflect their original appearance down to the handwritten telephone numbers that Andrew distract-edly jotted down, hang intimate family photos, photos of friends and celebrities as well as keepsakes. Visitors see a photo collage showing candid moments of Andrew and his model, Siri.

Background music plays, much as it did while Andrew was painting, as the tour moves to the kitchen, complete with 1950s appliances, where Betsy Wyeth entertained family and guests. A mantle over the kitchen fireplace served as display space for Andrew's latest works. A replica of *Monday Morning* hangs there—a charming reminder of the building's family ties.

Down the hallway, past the personal library with over nine hundred objects, including a full-scale skeleton and the painter's beloved movie reels, and into the living room. Here visitors catch a glimpse into Wyeth's hobbies—fencing gear, military miniatures collection, costumes and props adorn walls. A video and slide show help tell the story of the home and studio.

Artists' Retreat

The living room houses the space that son Jamie claimed by installing partitions to provide privacy in the large room for

his own work space. There he set up his first studio, where he painted early works, including *Draft Age* and his post-humous portrait of John F. Kennedy. Sketches of Robert and Ted Kennedy are also on view.

And finally, the room that inspired a thousand works.

A wall of windows allows light to flood into Andrew Wyeth's studio. Here, the artist painted by north light, the most stable natural light that remains cool and constant for painting throughout the day.

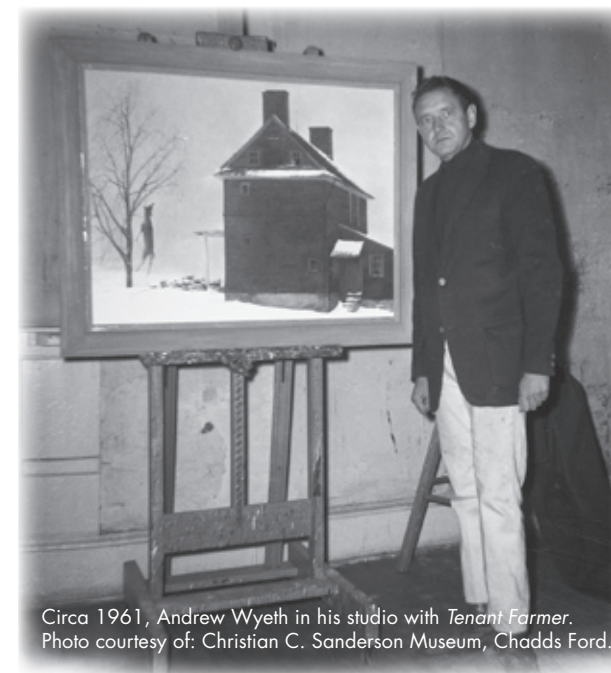
Shockingly, the walls are bare—no warm wood paneling, not even paint on the unadorned, rough, unfinished walls. What little paint that remains is peeling. A team of specialized architects, trained in historic preservation, have fixed the hanging plaster and peeling paint so it remains visible without danger of falling on visitors.

Sketches litter the floor and surround the easel in the center of the room.

On the windowsills sit vials of color, ready to be mixed with local eggs for the tempura Andrew used for his paintings. A large mirror allows for a different view of paintings on the easel. More photos of family—wife Betsy, father N.C. and brother-in-law and artist Peter Hurd—provide company and inspiration.

Life and art entwine within these four walls. Walls that reveal the intimate, informal moments and memories of Chester County's most beloved artist. ♦

"A Painter's View: The Andrew Wyeth Studio," at the Brandywine River Museum, through October 28, features Wyeth's own view of his studio in paintings and drawings lent from private collections. U.S. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. For information, 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.



Circa 1961, Andrew Wyeth in his studio with *Tenant Farmer*. Photo courtesy of: Christian C. Sanderson Museum, Chadds Ford.



Jamie Wyeth partitioned off part of the living room to create his studio, where posthumous sketches and a portrait of JFK are on display. Photo: Lora Englehart



Whitewashed exterior of the former schoolhouse and Andrew Wyeth's studio. Photo: Carlos Alejandro

Longwood Gardens "Light: Installations by Bruce Munro" illuminates the gardens with large-scale, site-specific light artistry spanning 23 acres.

A Year-Round Guide to *County Lines* Country

Welcome to *County Lines* country! From fashionable shops on the Main Line to the working farms and art galleries of Lancaster County. From the bustle of the malls to the personality of a West Chester boutique. From the beat and rhythm of a night in Media to the rush of a steeplechase at Willowdale or Radnor Hunt.

There's so much to discover here, through covered bridges, past historic markers and into towns full of fun. Head out First Fridays for tastes of wine! Wayne or Downingtown for a beer! Pottstown for a parade of antique cars! Paoli for the jazz festival! In Wilmington, we walk through a meticulously manicured garden. In Phoenixville, the steel mill is quiet, but the Firebird burns! Kent County's got crabs—the blue kind!

We relish variety! And celebrate our history at Valley Forge and the Brandywine Battlefield, in stories about the Underground Railroad and the ghosts that stalk West Chester, Phoenixville, Kennett Square and Chestertown.

We enjoy art and antiques. And horses, heroes and history. And our area is rich with all this and so much more.

From a day of polo and tailgating, to a browse of exhibits at Chester County Historical Society or the Brandywine River Museum, to a strenuous workout on the fitness trail or a stroll through Longwood Gardens, to a trip on the Brandywine Wine Trail, to elegant or casual dining. Hamlet or O'Neill plays at the theater—indoors and out. Mozart is in a local park.

We enjoy life in our special corner of the world and invite you to join us on our tour of discovery and rediscovery. We offer you an insider's view—what's noteworthy at the popular attractions and what's a little-known gem. We start with a glimpse of Longwood Garden's "Light Installations by Bruce Munro" on these two pages.

Whether you're a visitor, a new neighbor settling in, an explorer, or a long-time resident with stories of your own, we suggest you keep our Guide handy for year-round use.

Photos: Hank Davis, Mark Pickthall, Corriette Schoenaerts

RECENT DISCOVERIES

CHADDS FORD

Nestled on the banks of Brandywine Creek, between West Chester and Kennett Square, is the picturesque village of Chadds Ford. Known as the “Heart of the Brandywine Valley,” Chadds Ford is home to scenic country roads with rolling hills and winding lanes plus a captivating cultural scene. Combined with its rich history, this small community is a charming reminder to slow down and take in the sights. *See ChaddsFordPA.net.*

Preserving History and Art

Just 25 miles west of Philadelphia, Chadds Ford is home to some of our nation’s most important historical moments. For an overview, stop in the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**, located in founder **John Chads’ House**. 1736 Creek Rd., 610-338-7376; *Chadds-Ford-Historical-Society.org*.

Or visit the **Brandywine Battlefield Park**, which celebrates the 235th Anniversary of the battle this year. Rt. 1. 610-459-4432; *BrandywineBattlefield.org*.

To see an astonishing collection of historical and fascinating memorabilia amassed by one man over nearly 80 years, visit the **Christian C. Sanderson Museum**. 1755 Creek Rd., 610-338-6545; *SandersonMuseum.org*.

Fondly known as “Wyethville, USA,” Chadds Ford and its countryside have inspired some of America’s most influential artists and collectors. The **Brandywine**

River Museum houses an astonishing collection of works by N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth, well worth a visit. 610-388-2700; *BrandywineMuseum.org*.

*For more information on these attractions and others in Chadds Ford, see the **“Daytrips and Outings”** section of this Guide.

Art and Antiques

Art lovers are in for another treat—not only is the village the backbone of the Brandywine painting scene, Chadds Ford boasts an amazing array of antiques shops and art galleries.

Over a dozen shops line the main thoroughfare, Route 1, the largest of which is the **Pennsbury Chadds-Ford Antiques Mall**. This treasure trove features two stories and nearly 200 booths of collectors selling everything from antiquarian books to Venetian glass. 640 E. Baltimore Pk., 610-338-1620; *PennsburyAntiquemMall.com*.

Be sure to visit **Brandywine View Antiques**, an historic building that hosts over 5,000 square feet of space on three floors and a wrap-around porch filled with primitives, porcelain, collectables and much more. 1301 Brintons Bridge Rd., 610-338-6060; *BrandywineView.com*.

Next up is the **Brandywine River Antiques Market at the White Barn**, a 19th-century Chester County barn that’s filled with antiques and collectables and is reminiscent of the antiques malls in Lancaster County. 878 Baltimore Pk., 610-338-2000; *BrandywineRiverAntiques.com*. Before you head

home, please your palate at **Mushrooms Café**, located just behind the barn in the carriage house. 484-885-4556.

As a community proud of its artistic roots, Chadds Ford is also home to studios and stores like **Art Beat**, a cozy studio that offers weekly art classes, workshops and projects sure to get your creative juices flowing. 10 Station Way, 610-350-8052; *ArtBeatPA.com*.

Wine, Dine, Shop and Stay a While

After a stroll through history and an afternoon of arts and antiques, you’re sure to work up an appetite, and Chadds Ford can satisfy every taste.

If you want to eat where the locals hang, stop into **Hank’s Place**, a local institution that always has a full counter on weekend mornings. Rt 1 & Creek Rd., 610-338-7061; *Hanks-Place.net*. Andrew Wyeth was often spotted here when he was alive.

For an elegant meal in an historic building, a casual afternoon bite or a drink on the lovely patio surrounded by the foundation of an 1897 stone bank barn, **The Gables at Chadds Ford** is hard to pass up. 423 Baltimore Pk., 610-338-7700; *TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com*. Or try **Brandywine Prime Seafood & Chops**, where the name says it all. 1617 Baltimore Pk., 610-388-8088; *BrandywinePrime.com*. Another choice is the more casual neighbor **Bistro on the Brandyne** that even offers **Bistro To Go**. 1623 Baltimore Pk. 610-388-8089; *BistroOnTheBrandywine.com*.



The Gables at Chadds Ford



Summer events at Chaddsford Winery



Brandywine Battlefield Park celebrates the 235th Anniversary of the historic battle.

Chadds Ford is also home to several wineries, and each can prove there’s nothing snobby about our local wine or winemakers. **Chaddsford Winery**, located just down Route 1, features fun festivals and events, like “Summer Nights Under the Stars Outdoor Concert Series,” a hiking trail and a picnic-perfect vineyard. 610-338-6221; *Chaddsford.com*. **Penns Wood Winery** provides an all around vineyard experience with guided tours, weekly tastings and special events. Try their “Yoga in the Vineyard,” July 8 and 22, followed by a wine tasting

and cheese pairing. 124 Beaver Valley Rd., 610-459-0808; *PennsWoodEvents.com*.

If you’re in the mood for more shopping, stop in **Olde Ridge Village Shoppes**, and check out the boutiques, specialty stores and shops there. You may want to visit **Special Teas Tea Room** for a restorative cup and a homemade scone. Rt. 202 at Ridge Rd., 610-588-0466; *OldeRidgeVillage.com*.

When the day is over, no need to head home. Chadds Ford is just minutes from Philadelphia, Wilmington and as the heart of the Brandywine (Winterthur and Long-

wood Gardens are close by), there’s no better place to make your home base for further touring.

For a night or weekend, stay at the **Fairville Inn Bed and Breakfast**, an elegant escape situated on five acres with rooms and suites in the Main House, Carriage House or Springhouse, or try the **Mendenhall Inn or Pennsbury Inn**.

Big things come in small packages and though Chadds Ford may be small in space, it’s huge in charm.



The Wyeth Room at the Sanderson Museum



Chadds Ford Historical Society reenactors at the Barns Brinton House.



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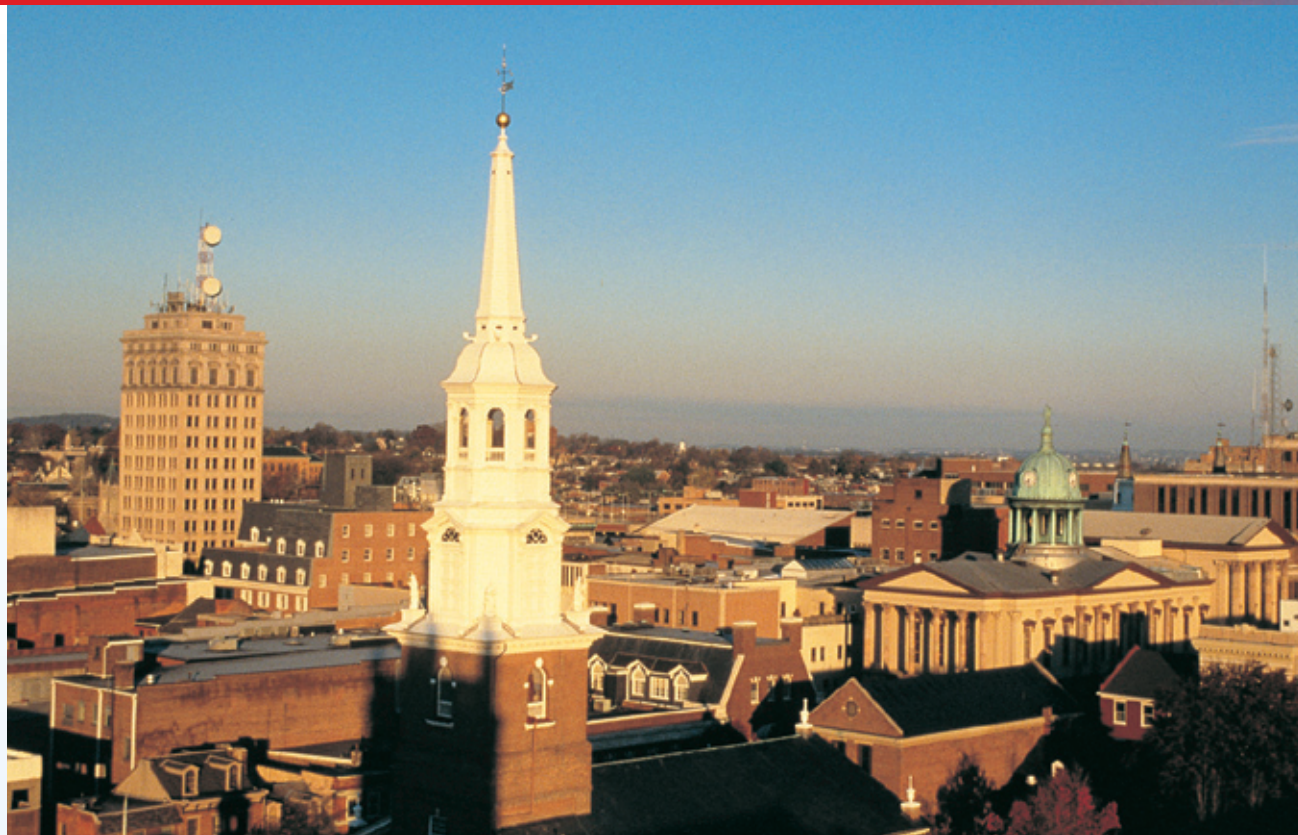
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Surprises in Lancaster City

For a singular introduction to any town, try visiting on a First Friday when shops and galleries stay open late, restaurants run specials, and the streets pulse with music, performers and lively crowds. Towns in our area—from Phoenixville to West Chester and Kennett Square, plus towns on the Main Line—each display distinctive personalities on the first weekend of the month. (*Calendar Note:* In Media the fun happens on Second Saturdays.) Generally starting in May and running until most folks prefer the indoors to strolling the streets, First Fridays are just plain fun.

A special favorite of ours is **Lancaster City's First Friday**, and not just because the event is marked all year round there. Started in 1999 with two museums and a gallery, Lancaster's First Fridays have grown, now showcasing the arts at over 125 arts venues, with new exhibitions, live music, theatrical performances, artist receptions and surprises that draw thousands to the events throughout the city. *Go to LancasterArts.com to download seven gallery walks and drives for a thorough introduction to the city scene.*

Art and Collectibles

With a thriving urban center dappled with unique boutiques, restaurants,

art galleries, and entertainment and cultural venues, Lancaster City mixes a rich heritage with an upscale, downtown vibe that many first-time visitors find unexpected.

You'll find much more than handicrafts and quilts—although there is a world-class collection of late 19th- and 20th-century indigenous Amish Quilts, open to groups and for special events. *Quilt and Textile Museum, 37 N. Market St., QuiltandTextileMuseum.com.*

Art galleries form the core of the First Friday attraction, with several neighborhoods offering distinctive destinations. **Gallery Row**, along Prince Street around Walnut, is the hub for galleries of all genres. The *Red Raven Art Company* sign

is sure to catch your eye, in the same block as *City Folk*, *Mio Studio Gallery*, *Simplicity Art Gallery* and more.

For an artisan feel, there's the *Artisans Gallery*. (*Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen* recently moved to Queen St.) Not far away on Prince Street, you'll find the *Pennsylvania College of Art & Design*, with a three-level main gallery.

North Queen Street, in the **Uptown neighborhood**, offers galleries, unique boutiques, and shops with antiques and collectibles, all celebrating First Fridays. *Annex 24* (actually on West Walnut Street), boast hip, high style, accessible art. *Mommalicious* is your source for vintage home furnishings and fashions. And *Building Character* houses a lively market with 35 vendors and architectural salvage booths.

Calendar Note: Come back for the **2nd Sunday Flavor Fair** to enjoy the flavors of Lancaster at a summertime food event in the courtyard area outside Building Character. June-Oct., 11 to 3. Live music.

Arts Market

New this year is **Lancaster Art Market**, where local art and craft vendors exhibit and sell their works in Lancaster Square, *100 block of N. Queen St., May-Dec., 5 to 9 p.m.* The Art Market allows artists and artisans not affiliated with a gallery to bring their work to the public.

You'll find a changing and eclectic collection of booths at the Art Market, including such specialty offerings as *All Together Art's* collections of buttons selected for their beauty and history, *Galactic Art's* original space sci-fi and astronomical artwork, and

Wren Papers' fine paper products including stationery, journals and jewelry.

Sprinkled among the arts and crafts are edibles delights, such as *Stroopies*, with delish cinnamon cookies made on a waffle press with home-made caramel sauce, based on the Dutch Stroopwafel, and *MiLi's Bakery*, with homemade sweets using the finest ingredients.

Old-School Museum

For a change of pace and a special Lancaster treat, stop into the former home of Lancaster's most famous artist, Charles Demuth (1883-1935). Now a gem of a specialty museum with continuously expanding collections, the **Demuth Museum** boasts 42 Demuth originals, displayed in the artist's studio to allow visitors to experience the environment where the artist created more than 1,000 watercolors, drawings and architectural oils.

The museum is dedicated to developing an appreciation of the art work and legacy of American modernist Charles Demuth, best known as a pioneer of the Precisionist style and a master watercolorist. *120 E. King St., Demuth.org.*

More Fridays

First Friday's have been so popular that festivities spilled over to **Third Fridays**, or **Music Fridays**, May to September, in Lancaster Square. July 20 will showcase Trinidad North Steel Band and B-Tropical at the Square and more music throughout the city. See the article on summer concerts in this issue for information.

More reasons to visit Lancaster City. ♦



DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS

Where to start on your tour? When there are so many choices, a sound plan is essential. 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, and you should, consider the **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport** for big savings on admission to 11 major museums and gardens in the area (all within a ten-mile radius) including: Brandywine River Museum, Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Delaware History Museum & Read House, Delaware Museum of Natural History, Hagley Museum and Library, Longwood Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center, Nemours Mansion & Gardens, Rockwood Museum and Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Purchase your passport online or at participating attractions. *Valid through Sept. 3. \$35/adults, \$75/families. BrandywineTreasures.org.*

To begin your tour of 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. Of special note is its world-class collection of works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew and Jamie.

For a taste of Wyeth through October 28, visit “A Painter’s View,” an exhibition featur-

ing Andrew Wyeth’s own view of his studio in paintings and drawings created between 1943 and 2005. Of the 20 paintings on display, half have never before been on view to the public. Enjoy this exhibit in conjunction with a visit to Andrew Wyeth’s studio, now open to the public. (Read more in this issue.)

If you visit before September 3, check out “Summer Sojourns: Art on Holiday,” for a visual journey from rocky sea coasts and sandy shores, to tropical settings and mountainous vistas. Discover depictions of pastoral landscapes, European cities and villages, Middle-Eastern markets, Asian rice paddies, and bamboo forests in nearly 100 paintings, drawings, and prints from the collection.

In July, the Museum also offers 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.*

Consider a visit to the Kuerner Farm, a site whose charm and intrigue inspired hundreds of Andrew Wyeth’s works, or explore the restored home and studio of N.C. Wyeth, where the artist cultivated his work and his gifted family. Tours through Nov. 18. \$8, plus Museum admission.

Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Adm: \$6-\$12, free Sun mornings, 9:30 to noon. For the third summer, the Museum offers free admission to active military duty personnel and their families through Labor Day 2012 as part of the Blue Star Museums program. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

Just a few miles 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—big names in a beautiful setting. For information on the Summer Concert Series, see “**Upcoming Events**” in this issue and check *County Lines Magazine.com*.

Longwood Gardens was named a “National Wonder” by *National Geographic Traveler*. Photos top & rt: Larry Albee



A highlight this summer is “Light: Installations by Bruce Munro,” which shows off the grounds in a whole new ... you guessed it ... light (through Sept. 29; timed tickets required). For family fun, don’t miss “Light Nights” on select Friday nights through September. Sing along at an outdoor concert, make an illuminating craft, and enjoy other family-fun activities including catching fireflies and stargazing. *Free with Gardens admission. 7 pm, Fri, July 13, Aug. 10 & Sept. 14.*

Also not to be missed, mark your calendar for Longwood’s “Fireworks and Fountains” as glittering fireworks and colorful fountains light up the night sky and dance to exciting music on select evenings all in the midst of lush, natural beauty. These very popular fireworks evenings require advance tickets because of limited parking.

Fireworks tickets: \$18-\$38. July 3, Aug. 11, Sept. 1 & 29. Gardens are open Sun-Tues, 9 am to 6 pm; Wed-Sat, 9 am to 11 pm. Adm. varies by age. Restaurant, café and gift shop on site. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

Jamie Wyeth’s *Portrait of Pig*
Photo: B. Krist for GPTMC



N.C. Wyeth’s Studio

Open Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. Closed Mon (except holidays and during Yuletide), Thanksgiving Day & 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.

SAMPLE LOCAL HISTORY

For a bit of history in the area, 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. To mark the 235 anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine, the Chadds Ford Historical Society and the Christian C. Sanderson Museum (keep reading) are co-sponsoring an exhibit to tell the story of how the Battlefield has gained recognition and protection.

Lush rolling hills and shady woods make this park 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 (one- and two-hour tours) that let you trace the troop movements for a different take on a history tour. Plus downloadable coloring book and word games for the kids.

Open Wed-Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, noon to 4 through Dec.; closed Mon-Tues & some holidays. Guided tours by appt., Wed-Fri. Special activities throughout the year. Adm. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-459-3342; BrandywineBattlefield.org.

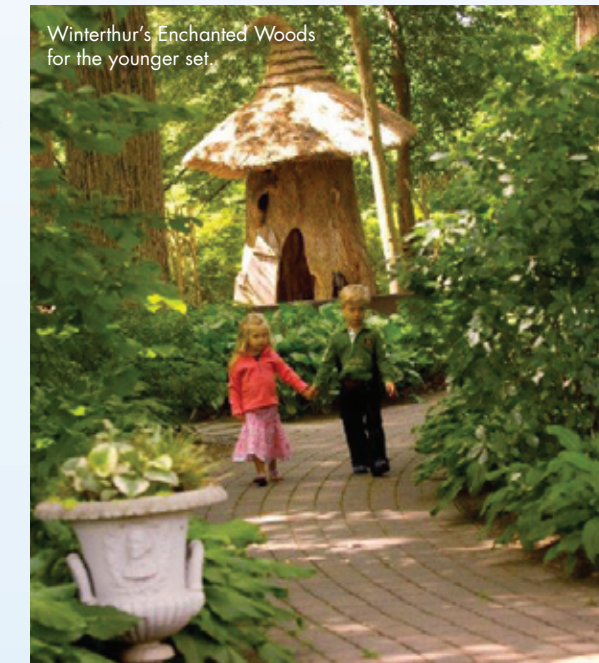
Nearby is a lovely reproduction fieldstone barn that houses a museum and headquarters of the **Chadds Ford Historical Society**. The Historical Society maintains two 18th-century restorations: the **John Chads House** and **Barns-Brinton House**, both on the National Register of Historic Places as exceptional examples of period architecture and furnishings. Guides in Colonial garb narrate tours and demonstrate period crafts.

The Historical Society hosts two popular events: 47th Chadds Ford Days, Sept. 8-9, and the Great Pumpkin Carve, Oct. 25-27.

The Center is free and open year-round, Mon-Fri, 9 to 2; weekends, 1 to 5, 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.

History lesson, nostalgia trip and fascinating look at one man’s life—just a few ways of describing the **Christian Sanderson Museum**, where you’ll find a rich collection of objects relating to life in Chadds Ford. There’s an extensive collection of memorabilia representing the American experience—from Wyeth paintings to a wanted poster from the Lindbergh kidnapping. Christian Sanderson’s fascination with history and the importance of “living records” culminated in a huge collection of archives, memories and physical remains.

Aug. 19, 1 to 4 pm, come for the Historic Scavenger Hunt Series for kids. Open Mar-Nov, Sat-Sun, 12 to 4. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.



Winterthur’s Enchanted Woods for the younger set.



Winterthur’s popular “Uncorked” exhibit focuses on wine. Photos: Courtesy Winterthur

Brandywine River Museum houses three generations of Wyeths’ works.





Chester County Historical Society has a full schedule of changing summer exhibits.



Historic Sugartown preserves life in a crossroads village.



The Village of Oxford mixes old and new.



Delaware Art Museum celebrates its centennial with "100 Works for 100 Years." Photo: Dennis Navarette.



Riverfront Wilmington is a lively destination with events, shops and dining.

In the heart of West Chester, you'll find **The Chester County Historical Society**, a treasure trove of local history, with programs, activities, museum, research library with newspapers dating back to Ben Franklin, photos from the beginning of the camera, interactive exhibits, a History Lab where you can dress in a Civil War officer's jacket—all related to the history of Chester County from 1600 to today.

Special exhibits: "Bayard Rustin's Local Roots," about a West Chester native and civil rights leader; "In Stitches: Unraveling Their Stories," with a stunning collection of local needlework from the Westtown School's and Historical Society's archives; "If Walls Could Talk," an interpretation of events at Horticultural Hall, the main museum building designed by Thomas U. Walter (designer of the U.S. Capitol Building dome); and "Just Over the Line: Chester County and the Underground Railroad," a popular and award-winning exhibition. History in a very special venue.

Wed-Sat, 10 to 5. Adm. 225 N. High St. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

Historic Sugartown, an 18th-century rural village in Chester County, was a typical crossroads village that provided goods and services for the surrounding farm community. Its location made it a favored place for political and social organizations to hold meetings in its schoolhouse, tavern and community hall. The buildings remain largely intact, so the village provides an exceptional example of a self-sufficient, late 18th- early 19th-century community. Visit Historic Sugartown's General Store, Book Bindery (which holds classes), Quaker Farm House, Bank Barn with antique equipment, School Room, and New Carriage Museum.

Tour \$5, \$12/family. Sun, 1 to 4 pm. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.

Did you know the charming **Village of Oxford** in Chester County's southwest corner was named after Oxford, England? With its earliest beginnings at a crossroads in 1754 when John Hayes built a log cabin at the site of the current Oxford Hotel, in what was then Londonderry Township, Oxford is now a growing part of southern Chester County, which protects its historic past.

Oxford's historic district is dotted with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and a thriving farmers market on Tuesdays. For a perfect Sunday afternoon, take the **Historic Walking Tour**, a one-mile, self-guided tour. For young tour-goers, a pint-sized companion to the tour is available. Afterwards, be sure to stop downtown for shopping and refreshments. For a detailed description of the tour and printable guide or to participate in other tours in Oxford and its surrounding area, visit DowntownOxfordPA.org.

Though you missed National Potato Chip Day in March, summer is a good time 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 include secrets like how pretzels get their brown color. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop so you won't leave hungry or empty-handed.

Free tours Mon-Thurs, 9 to 11, 1 to 3; Fri, 9 to 11. To schedule: 800-637-6225; 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.

Through September 3, see "Earth From Space," a traveling exhibit through the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, where you'll learn about the different ways satellites are used, including tracking birds.

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.



Delaware Museum of Natural History houses the world's largest bird's egg.

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 Wil-lingtown, 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 and a labyrinth that allows visitors to slow down, let their minds settle, and step into the quiet of another time. 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.

As part of the year-long celebration of the Museum's Centennial, the "100 Works for

100 Years" exhibition will feature one or more works of art for each year of the Museum's existence, through Sept. 16.

Also on display this summer is "Tales of Folk and Faeries: The Work of Katharine Pyle," a rare collection of illustrations from one of Delaware's most prolific women authors and illustrators, Howard Pyle's youngest sibling, Katharine.

Open Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. Adm: \$6-12 & family rates. Free Sundays. Café, museum shop, tours. 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 Historical 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 (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**, in a converted Art Deco Woolworth's building. Explore 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.

Visitors to **Riverfront Wilmington**, along the banks of the Christiana River, 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. You'll also find entertainment venues like the **Chase Center**, museums like the **Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts**, plus public docks and more. 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



POLO

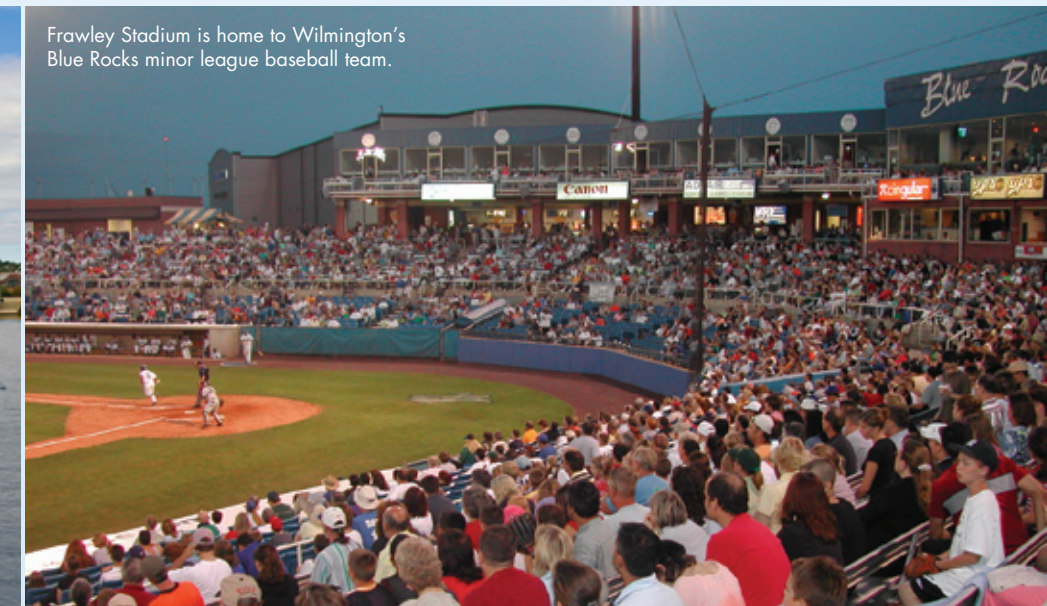
Pack a picnic and visit Brandywine Polo Club on a Sunday afternoon through September 23rd if you want a glimpse of a unique aspect of our local horse country. Called the sport of kings, polo is interesting to watch, with its combination of fast-paced action, elegant spectatorship and audience participation (divot stomping).

This summer the club continues to host "Friday Nights Under the Stars," events that feature live music, polo, southern barbeque and selections from local wineries.

On Polo Rd., off Newark Rd., S. of the Rt. 1 Tough-kenamon 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. For Friday Nights: Adm: \$20 online, \$25 at the gate, under 12, free. 610-292-0880; Info@RollingBarrel.com.



The Christiana River runs along Riverfront Wilmington. Photo: Dickdubroff/Finalfocus



Frawley Stadium is home to Wilmington's Blue Rocks minor league baseball team.

DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS



Delaware Children's Museum



Historic New Castle



Hagley's Eleutherian Mills manor house

to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, *Aug. 3-5. RiverfrontBluesFest.com*.

You'll also find a variety of 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. (See "Minor League Baseball Is Major League Fun," *CountyLinesMagazine.com*, under Back Issues, Aug. 2011)

Tickets: \$9 and up. Check website for times and schedule. 801 S. Madison St., Wilmington. 302-888-2015; BlueRocks.com/stadium.html.

If you're traveling with kids or are a kid at heart, be sure to visit the **Delaware Children's Museum**, in the big yellow building on the Wilmington Riverfront. With a focus on science, math and technology, the Museum is designed to engage children in playful learning.

This summer, the exhibit "Bank On It" lets children explore every facet of financial management, from earning and managing a budget, to saving and spending.

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

The **Kalmar Nyckel**, Delaware's three-masted tall ship, has begun her 2012 sailing tour. 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 yourself! The original Kalmar Nyckel sailed from Sweden to the New World in 1638 leaving its passengers to establish the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley, the Colony of New Sweden in present-day Wilmington.

Tours leave from Dravo Plaza in Wilmington and the Ferry Terminal in Lewes and continue through October. The ship is scheduled to be in Wilmington in early July.

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 PreK-5th grade and programs for every age. Explore the changing programs offered by the Delaware Nature Society, such as "Forces in Motion," an exploration of the physics behind flight and movement.

Open Tues-Fri, 11 to 3; Sat, 10 to 3; Sun, noon to 4. 1400 Delmarva Ln., Wilmington. 302-656-1490; DuPontEEC.org.

MORE DELAWARE SITES

To find out where the du Pont story begins, head northwest of Wilmington. There, 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.

Exhibits and working models depict the evolution of American industry and du Pont family memorabilia. Mill buildings and a workers' community recall life 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 that 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.

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 shipping port for grain, 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. In addition to many pieces of original family furniture made by prominent Delaware cabinetmakers of the 18th century, the collection includes major works of regional paintings, prints, textiles, silver, pewter, and other metals—all steeped in Delaware history and rich in the finest examples of mid-Atlantic craftsmanship.

Open Mar.-Dec., Tues-Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. Adm: \$8-\$10; under 5, free. 302-378-4119; 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 cobblestone streets, a village green, public and private gardens, 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.*

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HEAD FOR MARYLAND

For a change of pace, we'll take you 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 a diversity of landscapes and attractions making it well worth a visit. See 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.

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.

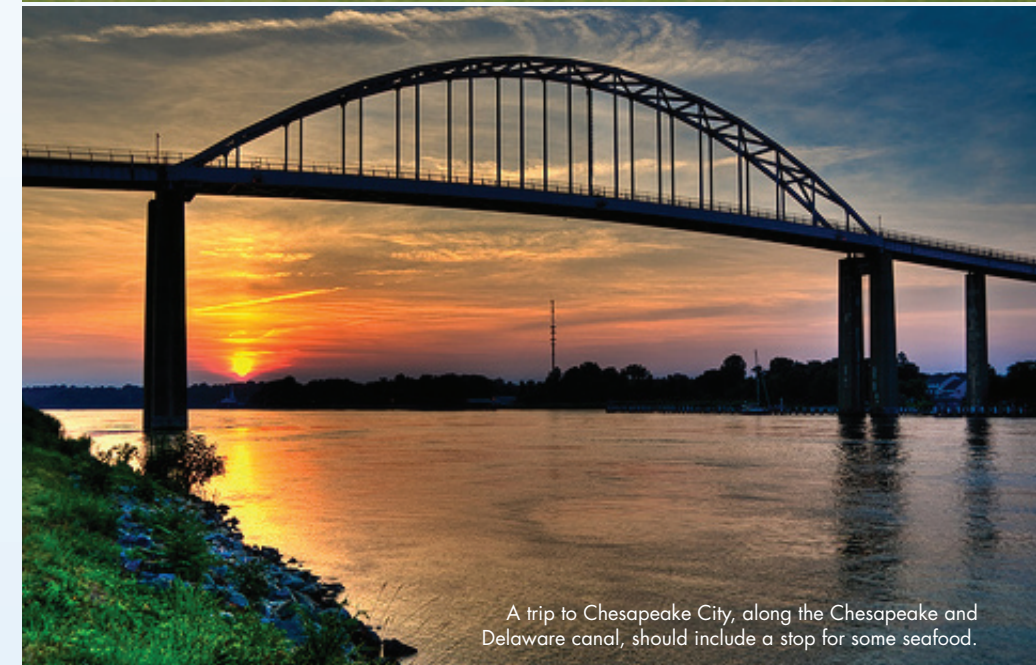
Next, head northwest into a town called **North East**. There's some great dining to be had here along with the shopping, both in the center of the town and overlooking the water. Visit a historic oak basket factory, wonderful marinas and a riverfront park where you'll find the small but charming **Upper 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; UpperBayMuseum.org.

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 (on the National Register). A walking tour map on the website 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** (treasure-hunting game using GPS or smartphones). PortDeposit.org. For more on Geocaching, see "X Marks the Spot" on CountyLinesMagazine.com, under Back Issues, May 2012.



Fair Hill Races are a highlight of the spring steeplechase season. Photo: Andrea Collins.



A trip to Chesapeake City, along the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, should include a stop for some seafood.



Charming Chesapeake City is on the National Register of Historic Places.



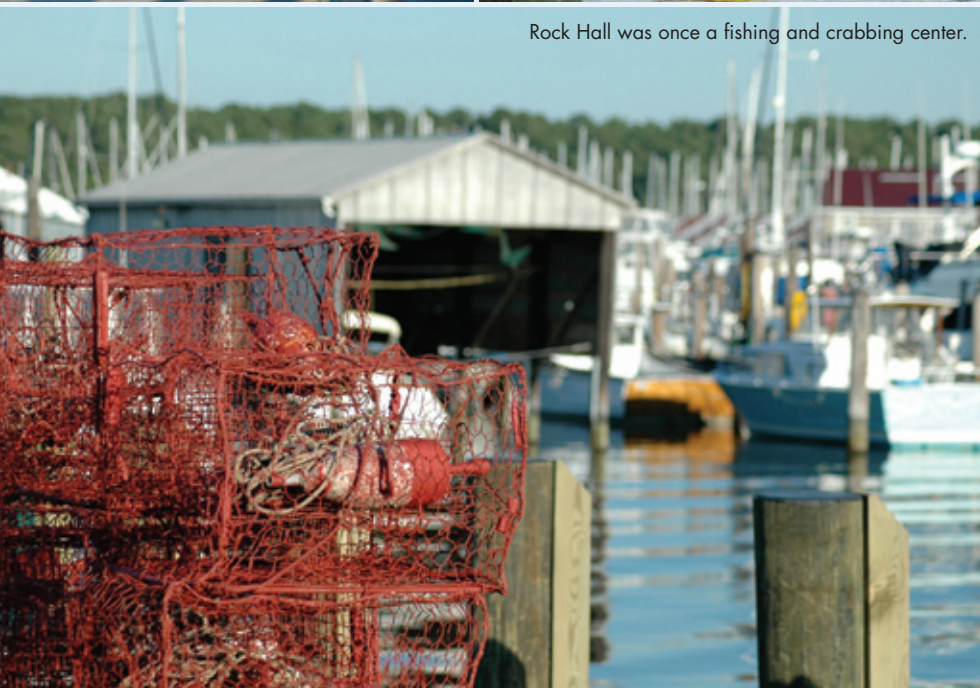
Chestertown hosts the Schooner Sultana, among other sailing vessels.



Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. Photos: Bernadette Van Pelt.



The Eastern Shore is made for water sports.



Rock Hall was once a fishing and crabbing center.

MARYLANDS EASTERN SHORE

To get the full Chesapeake experience, we suggest a trip to the Eastern Shore, across the Bay, less than two hours from our area. 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. You'll see watermen harvesting the bounty of the Bay, cyclists cruising on flat, untrafficked roads, and everyone from antiques lovers to kayakers enjoying the special flavor of the Eastern Shore.

Before you go, contact Kent County Tourism Office, 410-778-0416; KentCounty.com. If you visit in the fall, read "An Autumn Day in Kent County" at County LinesMagazine.com, under 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. Don't miss live performances at Prince's Theatre, festivities at First Fridays, and shopping at the Chestertown Framers' and Artisans' Market on Saturdays.

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: Chestertown Crazy Days, July 26-28; Kent County Photographers, July 1 to Aug. 31; and Chestertown Jazz Festival, Sept. 15. For more, visit 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.

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. More than a hundred thousand bald eagles, ducks, geese and swans seek sanctuary here, along with migratory songbirds and shorebirds. 1730 Eastern Neck Rd., 6 miles S. of Rock Hall, Fws.gov/Northeast/EasternNeck.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Despite the unrelenting march of suburban development, there's still plenty of the old Lancaster County left to visit and enjoy.

A place of rolling hills and lush farms, Lancaster County is, among other things, 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 they visit, 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.

At some point during your visit, you'll likely find yourself crawling along in your car behind a horse-drawn buggy. Do try to appreciate the uniqueness of the experience and what you see at this slower pace. 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 LinesMagazine.com, under Back Issues, Apr. 2010.

Head out on Route 30, also called Lancaster Pike or Lincoln Highway, the commercial spine of Lancaster County. On this road you'll find everything from tiny pretzel stores, bona fide fine 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 oven. If you arrive at an unattended stand, you'll find a box with cash, which means please serve yourself and leave the correct payment.

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 herself. 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.

This is because Strasburg is home to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, which

houses one of the world's most significant collections of historic railroad artifacts, including more than 100 locomotives and cars. This summer the Railroad Museum joins over 1,500 other museums, many in our area, to offer free admission to military personnel and their families as part of the Blue Star Museum Program through Labor Day. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPA.org.

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.

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, just to carry out the theme. 717-687-8976; NTT-Museum.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.

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. Or for an overnight, try the Inn and Spa at Intercourse Village, where a massage at the spa will get you back in the mood for more sights. 800-664-0949; AmishCountryInns.com.

Continuing west on Route 340 will take you to Bird-in-Hand and Smoketown. Detours 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.

We hope our description of Lancaster City in the "Recent Discoveries" section inspires you to visit there, so we haven't included more about that delightful destination in Lancaster County.

And there's still more to explore. With Lancaster City as your base, we suggest four 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

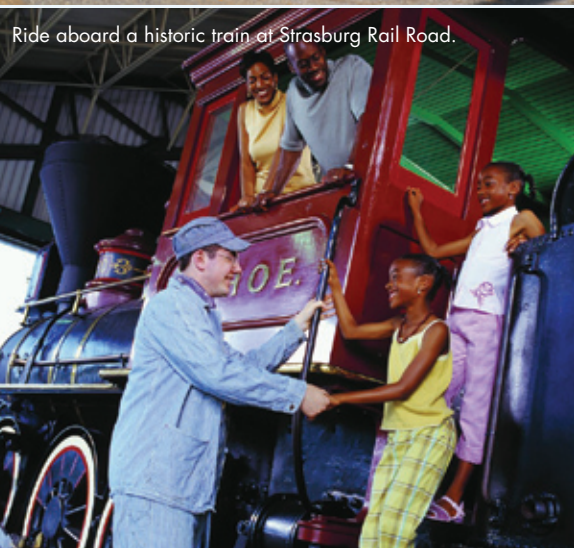
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You'll likely spot a buggy during any visit to Lancaster County.



Ride aboard a historic train at Strasburg Rail Road.



It's Christmas everyday at the National Christmas Museum.



Ephrata Cloisters is a recreation of an 18th-century cloister grounds.



Sturgis Pretzel Bakery is just one tasty stop in Lititz. Photo: DiscoverLancasterPA.com

special history and culture from 1740 to 1940. It's a great family day trip.

This year, through December 31, the Museum will feature "The Golden Age of an American Art Form: The Lancaster Long Rifle." The exhibit tells the story of the development of this distinctive weapon in Lancaster County from the colonial period to the early 19th century and showcases firearms made by many of the earliest known gun makers.

Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Closed holidays, except Memorial Day, July 4 & Labor Day. Adm: \$8-\$12; under 2, free. Off Rt. 272 at 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

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; Handson-House.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.

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.*

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. 26. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment—from Victor Bailey on July 15, to Booker T on August 12. 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; LongsPark.org.*

The final trip gives you a taste of Lancaster County's "Sweet Spot" at **Lititz**, which has

evolved into a thriving, welcoming town, while keeping its roots intact.

To begin this final side trip, stop at the **Lititz Welcome Center**, tucked into a replica of an 1884 train station. *N. Broad St. LititzPA.com.* Then on to the dozen historic buildings lining East Main Street: 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.* For sweet treats check out the **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** to taste their famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) and the **Candy Americana Museum** to see the chocolate-making process and memorabilia. *48 N. Broad St., 888-294-5287; WilburBuds.com.*

For a quiet outing, visit Lititz's shops and boutiques, for fine crafts, antiques or specialty items. Or, head to the **Lititz Historical Foundation & Museum** for self-guided walking 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 **Mueller House** (c. 1792) hosts tours of traditional 18th-century living. *137-145 E. Main St., 717-627-4636; LititzHistoricalFoundation.com.*

Head downtown on a **Second Friday**, when businesses stay open until 9 p.m. 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!"

TOUR THE MAIN LINE

Even if you live in the area, you may enjoy getting to know some of the special attractions of **The Main Line**, which stretches along Route 30 (a.k.a. Lancaster Avenue, 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. And a GPS comes in handy for finding your way back to Route 30.

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 the Wayne/Strafford area.

For more on Wayne, read "Walk About Wayne" online at *CountyLinesMagazine.com*, under Back Issues, May 2012.

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



The Main Line is home to many fine shopping areas, including Eagle Village Shops and Suburban Square. Photos: B. Krist for GPTMC

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, Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Devon Prep, Episcopal Academy, 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 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, the oldest planned college landscape in the country, has a well-used 3-mile jogging path and over 300 labeled trees in the 18-acre Pinetum (collection of living

coniferous trees). Try to find the Penn Treaty Elm, a descendant of the American Elm under which William Penn signed his treaty with the Native Americans in 1682. The 3.5-acre 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 to enjoy a gracious meal.

Note: If you were hoping to visit the legendary collection of early French modern and post-Impressionist paintings at the **Barnes Foundation**, in Merion, you're too late. After years in the courts, the collection moved to a new location, Museum Mile, on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. *610-667-0290; BarnesFoundation.org.*



Keep a lookout for local fruit stands. Photo: DiscoverLancasterPA.com



Long's Park's Summer Music Series runs through August 26.



Haverford College's campus is worth visiting to see its duck pond and cricket team.



The Barnes Foundation moved to Philadelphia, where the galleries recreate the original displays. Photo: M. Edlow for GPTMC



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Wharton Esherick Museum houses a stunning studio.
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If you head west on Route 30 from Bryn Mawr to Paoli, then south, you'll find historic **Waynesborough**, a magnificent field-stone Georgian manor house situated on 16 acres. This stately building was home to seven generations of the Wayne family, the most famous being Major General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, who served with distinction under Washington and Lafayette and was a Revolutionary War hero.

There are guided tours, slide lectures and a Paoli Massacre diorama with self-activating tape commentary.

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_Location.aspx.

WAYNE ART CENTER



While touring the Main Line, take time to visit the Wayne Art Center. Established in 1930 as the first art center in the area, the Center's exhibits include the work of professional and emerging artists, as well as its own students and faculty.

Each year, 5,000 students register for 500 classes and workshops, and over 1200 children register for the Summer Art Camp program, engaging in a variety of disciplines from the visual arts, crafts and music to culinary arts and drama. This summer you'll see the creations from Summer Art Camp 2012: "Rebels With ART a Cause!" focusing on works by radical artists whose contributions and unconventional ideas changed the course of art history.

Open Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4; closed Sundays. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

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), called "Thoreau in wood." 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.

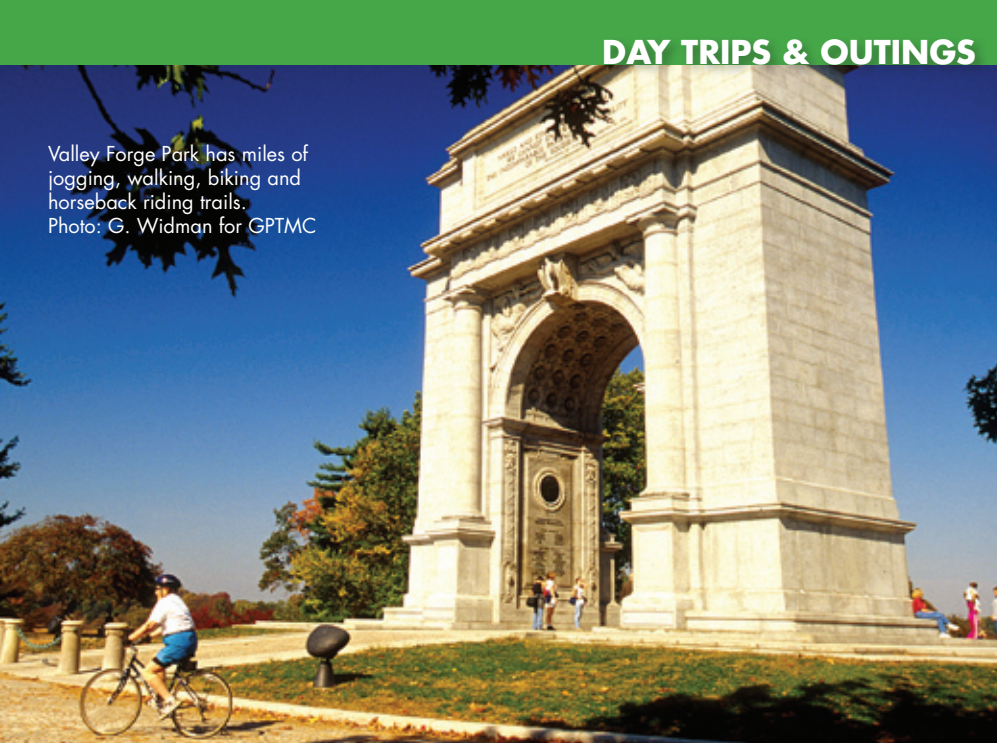
Esherick's hilltop studio/residence has been preserved much as it was when he lived and worked there, with over 200 works displayed: paintings, woodcuts, prints, sculpture, ceramics, furniture and utensils. The dramatic spiral stairway is a piece of sculpture in itself!

Be sure to stop by in the fall when the finalists from the 2012 Annual Woodworker's Competition will showcase their work in the Visitor's Center through December 31. This year's theme is jewelry.

Guided tours, res. req. Mon-Sat, 10 to 5, groups only; Sun, 1 to 5. Adm: \$6-12. Horse-Shoe Trail (2 mi. W. of Valley Forge Park). 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.



Waynesborough was once the home of Mad Anthony Wayne.



Valley Forge Park has miles of jogging, walking, biking and horseback riding trails.
Photo: G. Widman for GPTMC

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 and bird-watching opportunities. Valley Forge is a great park for families and summer days filled with just enjoying the sunshine.

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Valley Forge National Historic Park is a living monument to Washington's Continental Army.



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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.

If, when you hear Valley Forge, your thoughts turn to casinos, you may want to check out Pennsylvania's newest and smallest casino, which opened in March 2012. **Valley Forge Casino Resort** is a \$150-million complex with gambling hall, seven restaurants, night club, spa, hotel and conference center.

1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. 610-354-8118; VFCasino.com.

COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

Chester County once had almost 100 covered bridges, though only 15 remain today and only seven are open to traffic, including the oldest, Sheeder Hall Bridge. Built mostly in the 1880s, these bridges

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and the memory of suitors stealing a kiss under the cover of the bridge.

Today the covered bridges are a reminder of a thriving period in Pennsylvania Bridge Technology and every year they attract visitors who admire their beauty, craftsmanship and scenic settings. Try to visit Knox Bridge, in Valley Forge National Historical Park. It's Chester County's most famous and most photographed covered bridge, so bring your camera.

For more covered bridges see BrandywineValley.com/Trails-Covered.aspx.



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Just about everyone has heard of John James Audubon and his exquisite wildlife art, but far fewer people know about the **John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove**, the beautiful country estate that, in 1804, became his first home in America. The rambling fieldstone mansion, on its tranquil site high on a hill overlooking the Perkiomen Creek, is now a museum displaying Audubon's major published works, including *Birds of America*, plus original prints, oil paintings and memorabilia. The estate's 175 acres are a wildlife sanctuary, with 175 species of birds and 400 species of plants, crossed by miles of trails dotted with feeding stations, nesting boxes and plantings attractive to birds.

Open Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4; closed holidays. Adm: \$2-\$4. 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon. 610-666-5593; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.

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.

Several popular events take place at the estate: a history camp in August, a top-flight Craft Show in October, garden events in the spring, plus exhibits, lectures and programs.

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.

WINERIES OF THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY

For a special side trip through southeast Pennsylvania's Napa Valley, check out the Brandywine Wine Trail. If you're passing by one of the many area wineries, we urge you to stop in for a tasting or a tour. We've got some award-winners here.

It's easy to make a day of it and sample several of our regional wineries, along with your designated driver. 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.

Area wineries also host special events year-round, from Father's Days celebrations to Sunset Yoga in the Vineyard. In late September, join the Harvest Festival to celebrate the 2012 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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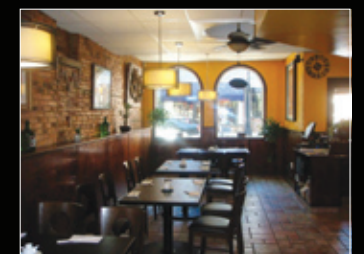
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See also: Historic Sites

Glen Mills

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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 to 3. Free. 860 Springton Rd. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

Lancaster

Dutch Wonderland. 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.*

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 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

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St. Peter's Village

St. Peter's Village and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. Once a thriving country village, now home to an inn, 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, all 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. Take the family on a peaceful, self-guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. When you complete your journey, be ready to continue your fun-filled day with some of your favorite summer foods and refreshing drinks. Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcomed. They can accommodate groups, picnics and birthday parties. *Open daily May-Oct, 9 am; last trip at 4 pm. Fee. 1810 Beagle Rd. 610-793-2279; NorthbrookCanoe.com.*



Northbrook Canoe

QVC. 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. *Regular departures at noon; holiday train departures noon and 2. Adm. Market St. Station, 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.*

West Chester Railroad



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.*



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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. A 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; JenkinsArboretum.org.*

Gladwyne

Henry Foundation 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."



Tyler Arboretum

Media

Tyler Arboretum. A 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; Native Woodland Walk; fragrant garden; butterfly garden; bird garden; Pink Hill, and "Sit-A-Spell" exhibit through **October 28.** *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.

Newtown Square

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve & Okehocking Nature Center. 180 acres of the 500-acre Okehocking Land Grant Historic District, probably the only known grant of land to an Indian tribe authorized by William Penn and conveyed to them in 1703. The Preserve includes meadowlands, upland hillsides and old-growth woodlands, with over 5 miles of hiking and horse riding trails.

The **Okehocking Nature Center**, housed in the historic Garrett Farmhouse, provides environmental education and recreational activities including workshops on sustainable gardening, demonstration gardening and energy conservation. *Call for hours. Free. Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Department, 610-641-5300 ext.224.*

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 and environmental summer camps. Ponds, wetlands, meadows and woods provide diversity of habitats attracting birds and wildlife. Trails and walks connect hikers to Horse-Shoe Trail. Gardens offer pleasure year-round. *Call for hours. Free. 1368 Prizer Rd. 610-469-7543; Welkinweir.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. *Open year-round, dawn to dusk. Free. Tours for 10 or more by appt. 500 College Ave. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.*



Scott Arboretum

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-Labor Day. 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 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, observation 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; FWS.gov/Northeast/BombayHook.*

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. 400 Daniel Boone Rd. 610-582-4900; DanielBooneHome- stead.org.

Broomall

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest Eng- lish 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. Originally part of a 700-acre 1700s plantation. Open Wed-Sat, 10 to 4 (Adv. notice recommended due to scheduling). Adults, \$5; Students and children, free. 500 Harriton Rd. 610-525-0201; HarritonHouse.org.

Chadds Ford

Barns-Brinton House. Brandywine Battlefield State Park. 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 indus- trial 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 activi- ties. May-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 hos- pital 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 Pike- land 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); Ter- racina (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 7-9, fea- tures 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 land- scaped 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 3:30. Adm. 6401 Germantown Ave. 215-848-1777; Cli- veden.org.

Lancaster

Rock Ford Plantation. The 18th-century Geor- gian-style home of Revolutionary War hero Gen- eral 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. Apr-Oct, Mon-Sat, 10 to 3. Adm. 1120 Marietta Ave. 717-392-4633; Lancaster- History.org.

Morrisville

Pennsbury Manor. William Penn’s beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnish- ings 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; Penns- buryManor.org.

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.

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 holi- days. Free. 5 Haldeman Rd. 610-287-9349; Mont- CoPA.org/HistoricSites.



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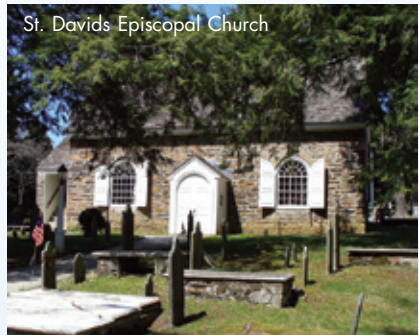
Caleb Pusey House. Two-room stone home on 12-acres, built in 1683 by PA’s first historian, friend of William Penn and first English miller. Said to be the oldest remaining home of any Eng- lish settler in the colony. Museum, 1849 school house. Open May-Oct, Sat-Sun, 1 to 4. Dona- tion. Landingford Plantation, 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 won- derful place to get away from the hustle and bustle. 763 S. Valley Forge Rd. 610-688-7947; StDavids Church.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. See: “Some Favorite Day Trips & Outings.”

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

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

Collegeville

Philip & Muriel Berman Museum of Art. Amer- ican, 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. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

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; Biggs- Museum.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. Delaware Museum of Natural History. Hagley Museum & Eleuth- erian Mills. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Rockwood Museum. Designed in 1851 by Eng- lish architect George Williams, an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture and Garde- nesque 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 nonprofit organization dedicated to the collection and preservation of artifacts, docu- ments and information that aid in the interpre- tation of all aspects of Kent County’s history. The Society shares this information through its research library, museum space, programs, pub-

lications and website and supports and encour- ages the preservation of historic buildings and sites throughout Kent County. Tues-Fri, 10 to 4. Adm. 101 Church Alley. 410-778-3499; Kent- CountyHistory.org.

SPECIAL INTEREST
MUSEUMS
PENNSYLVANIA

Boyertown

Boyertown 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. Fea- turing the treasures of time, from ancient time- pieces 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 Quilt Museum at the Old Country Store. The first permanent exhibit of antique Amish and Mennonite quilt masterpieces. 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 visi- tors 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.” Landis Valley Museum. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Lititz

Lititz Historical Foundation & Museum. Wilbur Chocolate Factory & Candy Americana Museum. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Paoli

Wharton Esherick Museum. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Paradise

National Christmas Center Family Attraction & Museum. This museum is dedicated to perserving and sharing Christmas memories, history and tra- ditions 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 along Wyomissing Creek, home to exceptional collections of PA German folk art, Native American objects, eclectic fine art collection and planetarium. *Open Tues-Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, 12 to 5. Adm. 500 Museum Rd. 610-371-5850; Reading-PublicMuseum.org.*

Strasburg

The National Toy Train Museum. Railroad Museum of PA. Strasburg Rail Road. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

West Chester

American Helicopter Museum & Education Ctr. For visitors of all ages, this museum brings the adventure and history of rotor-winged flight to life. Enjoy a collection of significant vintage rotorcraft, artifacts, reference archives, photos, ongoing educational programs and activities. *Wed-Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Adm. 1220 American Blvd., Brandywine Airport. 610-436-9600; HelicopterMuseum.org.*



ART: CENTERS GALLERIES & FRAMING PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

Chadds Ford Gallery, 1609 Baltimore Pk. 610-388-2412; AWyethGallery.com. A full service gallery, since 1969 specializing in Wyeth art—it's always available. Featuring original and signed, signed limited edition works of art by regional, national, international and award-winning artists, all on one floor. Custom framing, Wyeth appraisals, restorations and gift certificates. They ship worldwide, so take advantage of that service for your art gift giving. Closed Mondays.

Newtown Square

Beauty — Art, Antiques & Gifts, 3857 Providence Rd. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net. Specializing in original art, antiques and artful gifts and décor. They believe that a unique home creates a rich environment in which to enjoy life. Visit them to find unusual, unique and beautiful items to keep and to share! Open Tues-Sat and by appointment. Like them: Facebook.com/BeautyArtGallery.

Wayne

Wayne Art Center. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

West Chester

Chester County Art Association, A nonprofit 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. *100 N. Bradford Ave. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org.*

BANKS**PENNSYLVANIA****Paoli**

Malvern Federal Savings Bank, 42 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-644-9400; MalvernFederal.com.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr

Bryn Mawr College, 101 N. Merion Ave. 610-526-5000; BrynMawr.edu.

Harcum College, 750 Montgomery Ave. 610-525-4100; Harcum.edu.

Chester

Widener University, 1 University Place. 888-WIDENER; Widener.edu.

Exton

Widener University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 825 Springdale Dr. 484-713-0088; Widener.edu/Olli.

Haverford

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

Immaculata

Immaculata University, 1145 King Rd. 610-647-4400; Immaculata.edu.

Media

Delaware County Community College, 901 S. Media Line Rd. 610-359-5000; DCCC.edu.

Penn State, Delaware County Campus, 25 Yearsley Mill Rd. 610-892-1200; Brandywine.PSU.edu.

Radnor

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

Rosemont

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

St. Davids

Eastern University, 1300 Eagle Rd. 610-341-5800; Eastern.edu.

Swarthmore

Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave. 610-328-8000; Swarthmore.edu.

Villanova

Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Ave. 610-519-4500; Villanova.edu.

Wayne

Valley Forge Military Academy & College, 1001 Eagle Rd. 610-989-1300; VFMAC.edu.

West Chester

West Chester University of Pennsylvania, 610-436-1000; WCUPa.edu.

DELAWARE**Newark**

University of Delaware, S. College Ave. 302-831-2792; UDel.edu.

Wilmington

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

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For a complete listing of private schools in our area, see *County Lines' Annual Guide to Education*. Visit CountyLinesMagazine.com for "Special Issues & Guides."

PENNSYLVANIA**Bryn Mawr**

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, 272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-922-2300; JBHA.org. Independent Jewish day school, providing a dynamic dual college preparatory and Jewish studies curriculum to students from every Jewish background. Located on 35-acre campus, featuring state-of-the-art classroom and athletic facilities. Barrack prepares students for learning, for leading and for life. Grades 6-12. Co-ed. For information: Jennifer Groen '91 Dir. of Admin: jgroen@jbha.org; 610-922-2350.

Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 480 Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-527-3915; CDSSH.org. Established in 1865, Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for girls with a vision to produce self-confident women, to provide a challenging intellectual environment, to develop a love of God, and to create a desire to help others. Affiliated with NAIS, PAIS, ADVIS. Affiliation: RC. Girls. Gr: PreK-12.

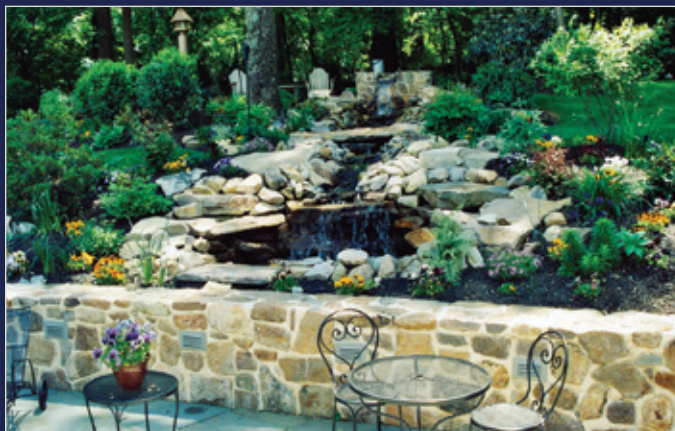
The Shipley School, 814 Yarrow St. 610-525-4300; ShipleySchool.org. Grades PreK-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

Chester Springs

Montgomery School, 1141 Rt. 113. 610-827-7222; MontgomerySchool.org. Grades PreK-8. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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Dresher

The **Montessori School**, 1701 Jarrettown Rd. 215-542-0740; DiscoverTMS.org. The Montessori School (TMS) educates children from 18 months to 12 years using the authentic Montessori approach. Through individualized, multi-sensory learning, TMS students gain a foundation of self-confidence, self-motivation, leadership and intellectual vigor within a diverse community. All faculty members are credentialed Montessori teachers.

Eagle

Windsor Christian Academy, 213 Little Conestoga Rd. 610-458-7177; WindsorCA.org. Grades PreK-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.

Haverford School, 450 Lancaster Ave. 610-642-3020; Haverford.org. The Haverford School provides a superior liberal arts education for qualified boys of differing backgrounds. They are committed to developing the full intellectual, artistic, athletic and moral potential in each boy, and aim

to graduate young men with strong character who possess a passion for learning and the necessary problem-solving skills to make a difference in the world. Jr.K-12. Boys. Non-sectarian.

Kennett Square

Upland Country Day School, 420 W. Street Rd. 610-444-3035; UplandCDS.org. Grades PreK-9. Coed. Non-sectarian.

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. 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 academic program that includes 14 Advanced Placement courses. The school is founded on the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The faculty of religious and lay teachers continues to blend academic excellence and Christian values. Grades 9-12. Girls.

Newtown Square

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

Plymouth Meeting

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 offers services that strengthen and enhance member schools and upholds educational standards of independent education through accreditation. The Association promotes and advocates locally, regionally, and nationally for member independent schools. PAIS is a member of the National Assoc. of Independent Schools (NAIS).

Pottstown

The Hill School, Pottstown, 717 E. High St. 610-326-1000; TheHill.org. Boarding only. Grades 9-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

Wyndcroft School, 1395 Wilson St. 610-326-

0544; Wyndcroft.org. Elementary day school for children offering a rigorous academic program enabling the child to establish a firm foundation for a happy and successful future. In a small class setting, the school endeavors to provide a safe nurturing environment fostering creativity, learning, personal integrity, determination and respect for others. Grades PreK-8. Coed. Non-sectarian.

Rosemont

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Rosemont School of the Holy Child, 1344 Montgomery Ave. 610-922-1010; RosemontSchool.org. Grades PreK-8. Coed.

Wayne

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.

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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Malvern

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

Media

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

Perkiomenville

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DELAWARE

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DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St. 800-338-0881; PlayhouseTheatre.com.

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Bryn Mawr

The shops and restaurants along Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 30) in Bryn Mawr. There is on-street parking, if you're lucky. Otherwise, park in the several lots. This town is fun to walk, and shops run the gamut, from health food and tie dye to upscale clothing, gifts and innovative dining.

Kennett Square

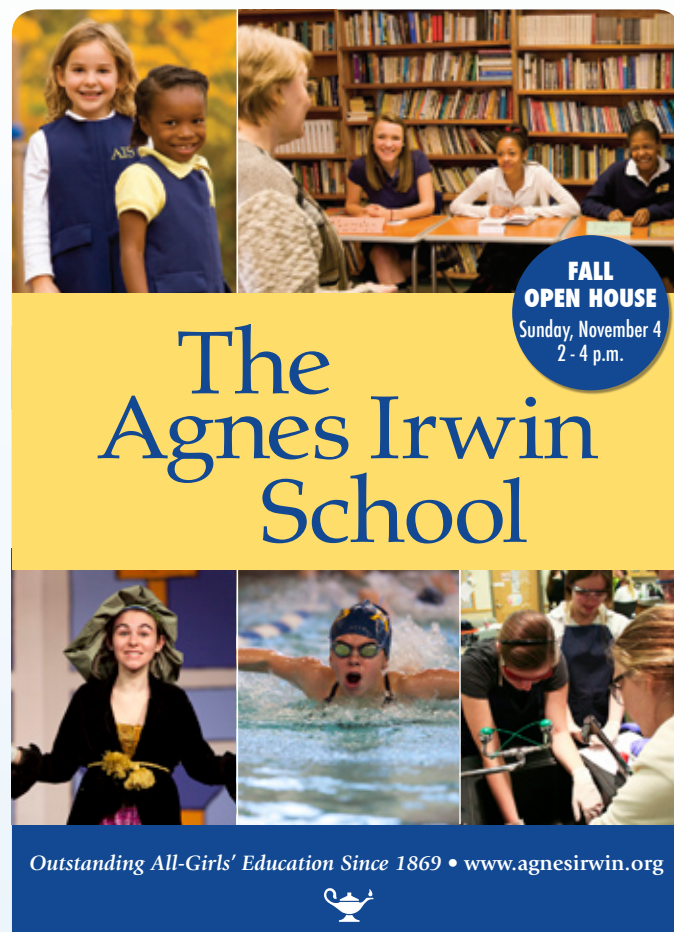
Driving south on Rt. 1 past Longwood Gardens, take the Kennett Square exit and you'll find yourself in a charming, historic town that offers the ambience of days gone by along with a great selection of shops and restaurants. For a full day's adventure, combine a visit to Longwood Gardens, then on to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

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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.

Phoenixville

Just fifteen minutes away from King of Prussia but Phoenixville is light years away from boring shopping. A former steel town reborn, Phoenixville combines sophistication, an artistic vibe and a neighborly spirit. Stroll down Bridge Street for a downtown destination to hip shopping, lively music, a surprisingly varied restaurant row, and countless fun events. First Fridays are a must!

Stratford

Eagle Village Shops, 503 W. Lancaster Ave. A charming shopping village with unique specialty shops and both fine and casual dining in a very pleasant and relaxed atmosphere located on Lancaster Ave. (Rt. 30).

Swarthmore

Village of Swarthmore, Rt. 320, 1 mi. S of Rt. 1. A college town atmosphere of tree-lined streets and small commercial center with a unique mix of fine shops. Visit the attractive campus, home to the Scott Arboretum with wonderful gardens and landscaping planted for year-round interest.

Wayne

Many a lifelong Main Line resident looks upon Wayne with great nostalgia. It's where everyone has gone to shop for generations—and they still do. It's a real town and the shopping doesn't just run on the strip of Lancaster Avenue, but also on the cross streets north and south of it. Attractive and eclectic. Take a closer look. And stay for a meal.

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DELAWARE

Greenville

Rt. 52 (Kennett Pike) in Greenville. A once-sleepy crossroad north of Wilmington is now the site of

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Hockessin

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New Castle

See: "Day Trips & Outings."

MARYLAND

Chesapeake City, Kent County, North East. See: "Day Trips & Outings."

SPECIALTY SHOPS AND SERVICES PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr

Sandy DeMaio Antique & Fine Jewelry, 860 Lancaster Ave. 610-525-1717; SDMAntiqueJewelry.com. You will find an impressive selection of antique and fine jewelry and collectibles including vintage pieces by Tiffany & Company, Cartier among others. Specialties include diamond jewelry, wedding rings, repairs and so much more. Open Tues-Sat, 10:30-5; closed Sat, July-Aug.

Chadds Ford

Chaddsford Winery, 632 Baltimore Pk. 610-388-6221; Chaddsford.com. Visit their charming country winery located between Longwood Gardens and the Brandywine River Museum. Enjoy a guided tour of the winemaking facility and sample award-winning, dry and sweet wines in their tasting rooms and cellar. Relax and picnic with live music on the patio and grounds and taste wines by the glass from the outdoor wine bar in the summer season.

Penns Woods Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd. 610-459-0808; PennsWoodsWinery.com. Sipping a glass of wine while overlooking the rolling vineyards is a quick escape from the daily hustle. Located off Rt. 202, their local, award-winning wines will please every palate. You can enjoy a personal wine tasting of Pennsylvania's finest selections, reserve a picnic lunch or purchase tickets to upcoming events with local vendors, food and live music.

East Earl

Country Home Furniture, at Shady Maple, 1352 Main St. 717-354-2329; CHFS1.com. Located next to Goods Store at Shady Maple, in the original smorgasbord building. You will find American, hand-crafted sofas and recliners, solid wood dining, bedroom, office, occasional and entertainment pieces and the area's largest selection of Amish furniture. Mon and Fri, 10 to 7; Tues-Thurs, 10 to 5; Sat, 9 to 5. Delivery anywhere in the U.S.

Exton

Ten Thousand Villages, Main Street at Exton, 271 Main St. 610-594-2370; TenThousandVil

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Glenmoore

Crickets Garden Market at Milkhouse, 1641 Horseshoe Pk. 484-888-1009; CricketsGardenMarket.com. Great gardens made easy—Crickets Garden Market is a member of a 35+ dealer collective offering a wide variety of plants to complement your antique and home and garden treasures.

Kennett Square

The Carriage House at Willowdale Crossing, 696 Unionville Rd. (Rts. 926 & 82). 610-444-6770. Carefully chosen home accessories, gifts, primitives, antiques and fine reproduction furniture, plus distinctive floral designs, wreaths, prints and pottery. There's always something new and interesting. Mon-Sat, 10-5:30.

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Mary Ann Plankinton, Esquire, 211 E. State St. 610-840-0126; MacElree.com. Attorney with MacElree Harvey law office practicing in Pennsylvania and Delaware. Mary Ann's focus of law is all aspects of family law including divorce, custody, support, prenuptial agreements, mediation services, estate planning and administration.

King of Prussia

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

Kirkwood

E. Jacobsen Furniture Maker, LLC, 22 Railway Dr. 610-547-4983; EJFM.com. Eric consults with clients to develop the vision for each creation using historical documentation and close physical study. The finest materials and techniques are used to build and finish museum-quality pieces. Versatile, Eric can solve unique needs through collaborative design/build projects. Full restoration service also available. Check their Facebook page to view portfolio.

Malvern

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nursery items. Serving the Main Line and surrounding area for 30 years; excellent references.

Media

AquaVita Pools, 660 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-565-0900; AquaVitaPools.com. Established in 1981, Aquavita has become one of the largest pool supply and service companies in the area, with two conveniently located stores (also in Springfield). They operate a fleet of 2-way-radio-equipped trucks to service over 2,000 pools a season.

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

Narvon (Churchtown)

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New Holland

Witmer Quilt Shop, 1076 W. Main St. 717-656-9526. New and antique quilts, pillows and wall hangings. Over 100 quilts in stock. Closed Sunday and religious holidays.

Newtown Square

Beauty — Art, Antiques & Gifts, 3857 Providence Rd. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net. *See listing under "Art."*

Christopher Chocolates, 3519 West Chester Pk. 610-359-1669; Christopher-Chocolates.com. Family-owned and operated candy and gift basket store, making life sweeter for over 25 years. They specialize in homemade chocolates, custom gift baskets, candy buffets, personalized favor boxes and logo chocolates for all occasions. Newest item: Sky lanterns—paper lantern meets hot air balloon—great for weddings, memorials, celebrations and just plain fun! Stop in and sample your favorite chocolates!

Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. 610-356-8035; Mostardi.com. Everyone loves a beautiful yard, and the folks at Mostardi Nursery specialize in the plants, supplies and expertise that you need to keep your place looking great. They are a local, neighborhood retailer for over 30 years and are considered *the* place to go when you need the best plants for your home landscape.

Paoli

Walter J. Cook Jeweler, The Chestnut Village Shoppes, 36 Chestnut Rd. (1 block W of Rt. 252). 610-644-5347; WalterJCookJeweler.com. Serving the Main Line for over 65 years with both classic designs and gifts, while introducing exciting and original collections. Walter J. Cook Jeweler provides independent appraisals, expert repairs, custom jewelry and unique gifts. Expect the unexpected!

Pottstown

Alegacy Furniture, 1486 S. Hanover St. (Rt. 100, S of Rt. 422). 610-970-4340; ALegacyFurniture.

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Springfield

AquaVita Pools, 1001 E. Woodland Ave. 610-544-2600; AquaVitaPools.com. *See their listing under Media, PA.*

Wayne

Bayada Home Health Center, 354 Lancaster Ave. 610-658-7150; Bayada.com. Providers of home health aides and nurses to clients on the Main Line for over 30 years.

Cowan's Flowers, 195 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-688-5150; CowansFlowers.net. Floral designs for all occasions. FTD service.

West Chester

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DELAWARE

Centreville

Mary Ann Plankinton, Esquire, 5721 Kennett Pk. 610-840-0126; MacElree.com. *See listing under Kennett Square, PA.*

Greenville

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

ANTIQUES & FINE REPRODUCTIONS PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

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Brandywine View Antiques, 1301 Britons Bridge Rd. and Rt. 1. 610-388-6060; Brandywineview.com. Come visit this historical building with over 5,000 sq. ft. of quality antiques, furniture, architectural, English furniture, country primitives, accessories, jewelry & silver. Three floors with a vast array of amazing merchandise. They even have a Victorian parlor and country store. Open Wed.- Sun., 10-5.

Collegeville

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Kennett Square

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Lancaster

American Period Lighting, 3004 Columbia Ave. 717-392-5649; AmericanPeriod.com. *See their listing under "For the Home."*

Newtown Square

Beauty — Art, Antiques & Gifts, 3857 Providence Rd. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net. *See listing under "Art."*

White Horse

White Horse Mill Antiques, 107 Cambridge Rd. 717-768-0960; WhiteHorseMill.com. A multi-dealer shop in a restored 18th-century grist mill, with three floors of antiques and high-quality collectibles, including 18th- to 20th-century furniture, ceramics, advertising, metalware, woodenware, textiles and glass. No crafts or reproductions. Phone or check their website for hours.

HOME: INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DESIGN PENNSYLVANIA

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Bryn Mawr

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Kennett Square

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Lancaster

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West Chester

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Chadds Ford

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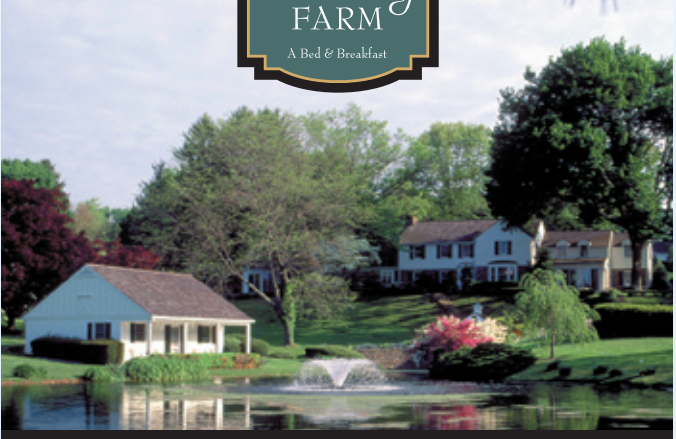
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Kennett Square

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Lancaster

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Lionville

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Phoenixville

Bistro On Bridge, 212 Bridge St. 610-935-7141; BistroOnBridge.com. One of the newer additions to Phoenixville's downtown Historic District, offering live music and a relaxed atmosphere, making it the perfect spot for casual dining, socializing, business events or special occasion. They use the freshest local ingredients, and their contemporary Bistro Menu has a Mediterranean influence.

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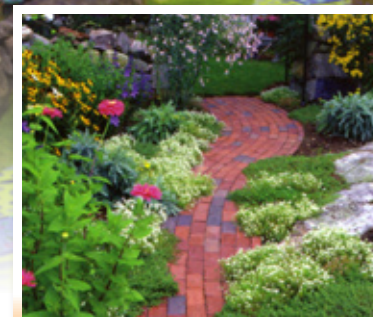
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You'll have plenty to keep you happy, between the array of fresh, award-winning brews—10 on tap—and the full-flavored American food ranging from standard pub fare to lamb burgers, citrus-grilled salmon and Chicago-style deep-dish pizza. You could even sign on for a brewery tour.

Brewing History

LBC celebrates the colorful history and spirit of local brewing that grew from the back rooms of inns in the 1700s to status as one of the country's major producers of quality beers. Famed *Baltimore Sun* columnist H.L. Mencken publicly hailed them as his favorites. Another newspaperman wrote that "Lancaster in America occupies the same position that Munich does in Germany in regards to the brewing industry."

Prohibition took the air out of the city's thriving brewing business, and eventually the local brewing business went flat. Fast forward to 2001: Lancaster Brewing picks up the area's beer-making banner by opening its one-of-a-kind craft-beer restaurant dedicated to the historic German law of *Reinheitsgebot*, mandating that only malt, hops, yeast and water be used

for preparing beer. LBC is proud to be producing Lancaster's first commercially brewed beer in nearly 40 years.

We were curious about the super-size silo standing outside next to the entrance, assuming it had historic importance. It doesn't, but it suits the setting and, more important, provides storage for the grains used in making beer.

From our seats at a copper-topped table in the bustling beer-hall, with industrial-size ceiling fans keeping us cool, we could look down to the lower level at the huge vats that contain popular brews like Hop Hog IPA Ale, Amish Four Grain Pale Ale and Milk Stout.

Let's Eat

I wanted to sip an LBC brew before dinner, to appreciate it on its own, with no pairing decisions and no nibbles. The *Strawberry Wheat Beer* (\$3.25 for 10 ounces) delighted with its crispness and subtle fruit flavor—a perfect aperitif. It was no surprise to learn it's a favorite. Serious brew fans will appreciate the detailed ratings on the menu—OG (original gravity), ABV for alcohol content, and IBU (international bitterness unit.)

The *Blueberry & Chevre Salad* (\$9) scored with its crisp greens, plump blueberries, goat cheese and whole macadamia nuts, all lightly dressed with a lovely champagne vinaigrette. Other tempting salads included Caprese with local tomatoes and fresh mozzarella and grilled Caesar with grilled hearts of romaine. The Adirondack chicken salad tempted with maple balsamic-glazed chicken breast, Granny Smith apples, candied walnuts, gorgonzola cheese and apple-wood smoked bacon, with Milk Stout vinaigrette.

We couldn't stop ourselves, savoring one after another of the *Prince Edward Island Druken Mussels* (\$9) steeped in "our Amish Four Grain Ale" with garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, leeks and fresh herbs. They were the best I've had in years, earthy yet light, with sun-dried tomatoes adding a tasty kick. We sipped spoonfuls of the savory broth, grateful we hadn't had to ask for spoons. It seems like a waste to leave all that goodness in the bowl, and it usually takes too much bread to sop it up.

Other appetizer choices include grilled portobello sliders, colossal shrimp cocktail, nachos, fried calamari with cherry pepper aioli, yellow-fish tuna ceviche. Soups include white bean and chicken chili and French onion.

The Fun Continues

The good eating continued with *Crab Cakes* (\$23), two mildly seasoned jumbo-lump cakes with roasted pepper and sweet corn remoulade sauce, sliced carrots and a heap of red bliss mashed potatoes with bits of skin and melted cheese. Yum.

Entrée favorites are pretzel-encrusted chicken breast with cracked mustard sauce served with cheddar cheese fondue and the seared scallops and wild-mushroom ravioli tossed with baby spinach and finished with champagne vinaigrette and black truffle oil. Other options: baby-back ribs, New York strip steak, fish and chips, cioppino, "cowboy-cut" pork chop and meatloaf with roasted portobello mushrooms and milk stout demi-glace.

The juicy *Lamb Burger* (\$9), perfectly medium-rare, was topped with feta cheese and served with a side of excellent kalamata olive tapenade and tzatziki sauce. Opah! Other sandwiches: bratwurst, burgers and turkey Dagwood. The Brewer's chicken includes grilled breast with caramelized onions, portobello mushrooms and aged cheddar on an artisan roll. For vegetarians: black bean burger with caramelized onions, roasted red peppers and cheddar cheese.

Hand-tossed pizzas include BBQ chicken, portobello and gorgonzola, shrimp, BLT and the Walnut Street with pepperoni, Italian sausage, caramelized onion and green peppers.

A Sweet Note

Our friendly, efficient server presented the dessert tray with four cake options, including chocolate, of course. We shared a hefty slice of *Lemon Shortcake* (\$6), a cheesecake-style goodie made with mascarpone cheese and topped with blueberries and raspberries. ♦

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Food News

A few of our favorite things to share
this month about local food and drink

Cooking in July. My July food-thinking is always guided by advice from Elizabeth David (the mid-20th century British version of Julia Child): “Summer cooking means the extraction of maximum enjoyment out of the produce which grows in the summer season as is appropriate to it. It means catching at the opportunity of fresh food freshly cooked.” (See her classic, *Summer Cooking*.) In preparing grilled meats and fish, refreshing simple salads and soups, and fruit-based desserts, I’m constantly reminded of her words and guided by her recipes and the seasonal suggestions of Alice Waters, of Berkeley’s *Chez Panisse* fame, as well as the instructions and advice in Richard Olney’s *Outdoor Cooking* (Time-Life Good Cook series, another classic).

A Fresh Outlook. Most avid foodies recommend that we mark the summer season in our meals by serving something fresh that provides a change and a new outlook. So in summer I often skip dessert in favor of having another glass of a dry Provençal or Spanish rosé wine. **Collier’s of Centerville** offers a splendid selection (5810 Kennett Pk., *ColliersWine.com*).

But when I remember the glory of our local summer blackberries and raspberries, I adapt them (individually or collectively) in a Fourth of July variation on the traditional and delicious British dessert called “*Eton Mess*” (recipe at *County LinesMagazine.com*). In the end, however, Escoffier said it best: “*faites simple*.” It’s hot in July—especially around here.



In Your Grill. Everyone knows that summer grilling is the best: beefsteaks, chicken, fish-steaks and crustaceans. But the simplest, most basic foods—hot dogs and hamburgers—can also be the most festive and satisfying seasonal fare. For hamburgers, we’ve found the **Country Butcher** in Kennett Square (145 S. Walnut St., *CountryButcherMarket.com*) to have the best quality. Hot dogs are easy around here. Our transplanted New York family loves Philadelphia’s own Dietz & Watson brand, the restaurant-gynormous Hebrew Nationals sold at **Our Deli** in Paoli (41 E. Lancaster Ave., *OurDeliAndMeats.com*). For some of the best hot dog and hamburger rolls, try **D’Innocenzo’s Bakery** at Lancaster Farmers Market (389 W. Lancaster Ave., *Wayne*).



Fish on the Barby. What I really prefer in the summer is fish and seafood. Living close to the splendid southern New Jersey shore, we’re able to dine regularly on excellent sea-fare at **Café Loren** in Avalon and **Axelsson’s Blue Claw**, the **White Heron Grill** and **Quahog** in Stone Harbor. Closer to home, we find fish cooked imaginatively and properly at **Alfredo’s BYOB** and **Thai Orchid** in Berwyn and **Primavera** in Wayne. For home cooking, we patronize **Seafood USA** in Wayne and Paoli and are never disappointed in freshness or selection. For cooking inspiration, everyone’s library should include a copy of *Fish* by Richard Olney, also in the Time-Life Good Cook series.

About Curtis Roberts. I’m a lawyer who also does other things, including appreciate regional food. My family returned to the area to reclaim my wife’s deep Chester County roots, educate our daughter in the right Philadelphia way, and enjoy the food. For more of my gastro-adventures, check my blog, *ACravan*, *ACravan.Blogspot.com*, which is so varied, there may just be something you’ll find interesting.



One Tomato, Two ... Tomatoes are the essence of summer. All year we wait for vine-ripe tomatoes and try our best to avoid out-of-season offerings—a pale reflection of this ultra-glorious fruit. Although nothing can beat a just-picked, still-warm, home-grown tomato dressed in a perfect vinaigrette, this adventurous tomato and watermelon summer salad (recipe at *County LinesMagazine.com*) would go well with any grilled meal.

For the ultimate tomato celebration, my calendar is marked for **Willistown Conservation Trust’s** July 28th “straight from the fields” Heirloom Tomato Tasting at Rushton Farm. Yours should be also. For info on hours, admission, etc., *WCTrust.org*.



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