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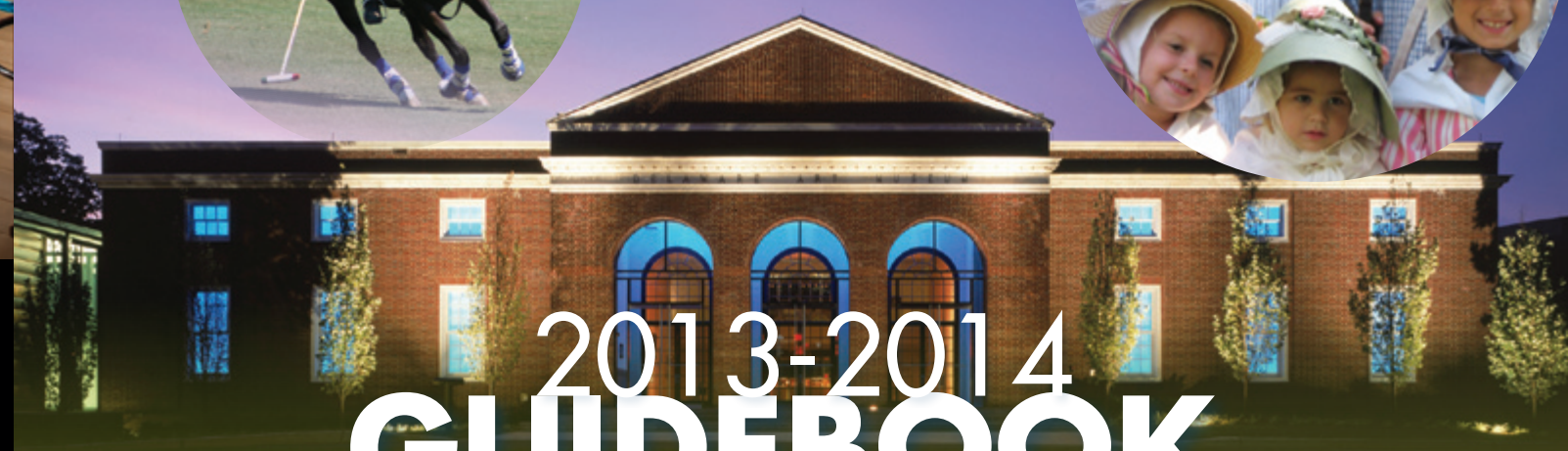
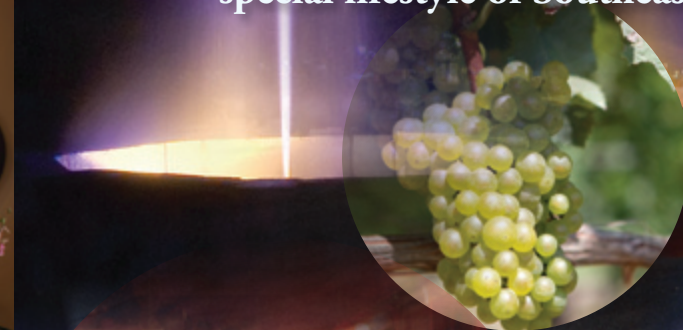
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This year's Area Guide covers the highlights and special pleasures of Chester County and beyond. We include what to see and do. Check local museums big and small—Winterthur's maps exhibition and genealogy at the Chadds Ford Historical Society. Enjoy our recent discoveries, Historic New Castle to take you back to Colonial times and Ardmore, on the Main Line, to visit after the U.S. Open crowds are gone. Both very different, great fun, and representative of the diversity of our area.

Wine trails, beer shops and vintage photos from Delaware Art Museum's "French Twist" exhibition give you more ways to spend a summer day ... or night. And you may want to test drive upscale and eco hybrids after reading "Up To Speed" columnist Jack Smith's review of the luxury Lexus hybrid and the fun Fiat 500.

As always, our pages are full of the Best Local Events, some Of Special Note, plus others that are Good To Know, along with Food News. Just make sure you heed Dr. Cirillo-Hyland's advice and wear sunscreen!

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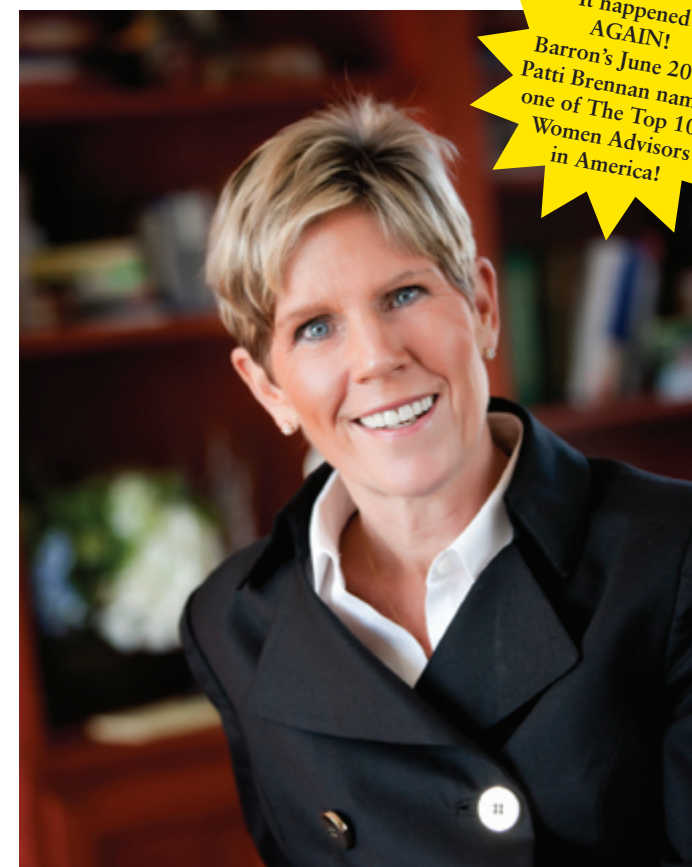


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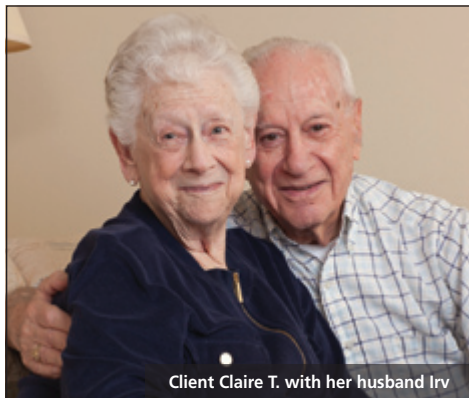
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## Summer is Here and the Time is Right for ... Advice on How to Protect Your Skin

Dr. Vicki Cirillo-Hyland

The best advice to protect your skin during the summer comes from our Australian colleagues:

**"Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide!"**

- **Slip** on protective clothing.
- **Slop** on sunscreen with SPF 30+.
- **Slap** on a wide brim hat to shade head, face, ears and neck.
- **Seek** shade or shelter, especially during midday hours.
- **Slide** on wrap-around sunglasses.

### Big Exposure

The skin is the largest organ in your body, so it's imperative that you take care of it, especially during the summer when ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure greatly increases. UVR is a proven human carcinogen and increases your risk of skin cancer. In fact, one in five Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime, and one person dies of malignant melanoma every 57 minutes. The cumulative damage caused by UVR prematurely ages your skin and

increases your risk of cataracts, a problem that afflicts more than 20 million Americans over 40.

A tan forms in response to UVR-induced damage to the skin's DNA. In addition, long-term exposure to sunlight causes premature aging of the skin leading to increased wrinkles, loose skin, brown spots, uneven pigmentation and an unattractive leathery appearance. And that's why there's no such thing as a "safe tan."

### Sunscreen is Not Enough

Even "slopping" on sunscreen isn't the complete answer. Remember SPF (sun protection factor) measures how much the product protects you from the sun's shorter-wave UVB radiation, but does not guarantee that you're protected from the more deeply penetrating UVA radiation.

No SPF offers 100% protection. The difference in UVB protection between a SPF 100 and SPF 50 is marginal: SPF 100

blocks 99% of UVB rays, while SPF 50 blocks 98% and SPF 30 blocks 96.7%.

Did you know that to get the SPF advertised, you must use a full shot glass-worth of lotion on your body? Most people apply half that amount. And if you apply only half the recommended amount, your protection level decreases to the square root of the SPF. For example, applying half a shot glass of SPF 70 won't give you SPF 35 protection, but only the square root of 70 protection—and that's just SPF 8.4!

Important lessons: wearing enough sunscreen and reapplying it. Skimp and you lose.

### Use the Best Protection

The difference between chemical and physical sunscreens is that light is absorbed into the chemical screens but reflected away from the body by physical screens. There are some excellent sunscreen ingredients that help protect you from UVB and UVA radiation, such as the physical screens zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, and chemical screens Mexoryl SX/XL, Helioplex and Parsol 1789. The best sunscreens combine both chemical and physical sunscreens. Be sure to read the labels!

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### Just Say NO to Tanning Beds!

Final advice: Tanning bed use before the age of 35 increases your risk of malignant melanoma by 75% and use at any age increases that risk by 15%. Consequently, the World Health Organization has put tanning beds on the highest carcinogen list.

But you don't have to stay out of the sun to be safe. Just remember "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide"! And if you need to

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Dr. Cirillo-Hyland, managing partner of Bryn Mawr Skin & Cancer Institute, is the

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**Militia Muster.** History buffs can travel back in time as part of a Colonial reenactment by joining the **Gathering of the Chester County Militia** at Ridley Creek State Park, July 27th. Dress up in Colonial garb and get immersed in the day's events. Socialize while enjoying food for purchase such as hot dogs, corn on the cob and other goodies. A fitting ending for this day of fun



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### Summer, Set!

We all remember last year's Summer Olympics in London when the Women's Volleyball team took home the gold. (Or do you remember only the beach volleyball gold medalists?) For aspiring athletes, the **Villanova Volleyball Camp** (July 30-August 2) will hone skills of campers grades 8 through 12 through yoga, conditioning and seminars to create future medalists. For more information, [VUVolleyball.com](http://VUVolleyball.com).



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Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill  
• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10  
Bryn Mawr College - Thomas Great Hall

**HANDEL MESSIAH**  
• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6  
The Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia  
• SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
Nassau Christian Church, Princeton, NJ  
• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
Daylesford Abbey, Paoli  
• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill  
• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
St. Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

**RENAISSANCE NOËL**  
• FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20  
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• SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22  
Bryn Mawr College - Thomas Great Hall

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GERSHWIN - RAVEL - JOHN WILLIAMS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3  
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**RENAISSANCE CANDLEMAS**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia

**BACH GALA**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2  
Gladwyne Presbyterian Church

**THE IDES OF MARCH**  
DRAMATIC BAROQUE MASTERWORKS  
• FRIDAY, MARCH 14  
Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill  
• SUNDAY, MARCH 16  
Daylesford Abbey, Paoli

**MOZART REQUIEM  
& ROSSINI STABAT MATER**  
• GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18  
St. Katharine of Siena Church, Wayne

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### A Month of Fireworks Celebrations

**July 3:** Longwood Gardens Festival of Fireworks & Fountains. 9:15. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. \$18-\$38. 610-388-1000; Longwood-Gardens.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, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. 610-664-2840.

**Lititz Springs Park 4th of July Celebration.** 9:30. Rain date, July 6. LititzSpringsPark.org.

**Phoenixville Fireworks.** Dusk. Corner of 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 & 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 6:** North Coventry Fire Company Fair. 10:30. Rt. 724, E of Coventry Mall, Pottstown. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

**Brandywine Picnic Park.** Special Package Night, 4 to 8:30, picnic food, fun & fireworks. 690 S. Creek Rd., West Chester. \$25-\$38; under 3' tall, free. 610-793-3198; Picnic.com.

**Freedom Fest at Nottingham Park.** Dusk. \$10 parking. 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 610-932-2589; CCParks.org.

**July 7:** Celebrate Coatesville. Dusk. Gateway Park, Lincoln Hwy. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

**Miller Park, Exton.** Concert at 6:30, fireworks at 9:30. 220 Miller Way. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

**July 12:** Malvern Fire Company Fair. 9:30. Monument Ave., Malvern. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

**July 20:** Longwood Gardens Festival of Fireworks & Fountains. See July 3.

See Events for more information.



# Best Local Events

## Noteworthy in July ...

### Weekends Through July 27

**Disney's 101 Dalmations.** Based on the animated film, this play has a large cast with many 'tails' as Cruella De Ville plots to use the cute dogs for her own selfish purposes. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Sat, 11 am; Sun, 1 pm. \$10-\$12. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.



### July 4-14

**Chesco Grand Prix.** National and international cyclists come to Chester County. **July 4**, Chesco Road Race and Holiday BBQ, Unionville, 8 am to 3 pm. **July 8-13**, evening races from Malvern, Parkesburg, Eagle, Phoenixville, Oxford, Coatesville and Kennett Square. **July 14**, Chesco Tour, families and recreational riders choose a cycling route between 20 and 75 miles on country roads through Chester County. 610-383-9700; ChesCoGrandPrix.com.

### July 11, 14, 16

**Chester County Pops Orchestra 2013 Summer Concerts.** "Red, White and ... Swingin'" is this year's theme. **July 11**, Unionville High School, 750 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square, 7:30; **July 14**, Phoenixville Area Middle School, 386 City Line Ave., Phoenixville, 3 pm; **July 16**, Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7:30. \$12-\$15; children free. 610-594-9178; ChesCoPops.org.



### July 12-14

**BlobFest 2013 at The Colonial Theatre.** Festivities begin with the traditional "Running Out of the Theatre" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other highlights include: contests, food, a street fair, film screenings and, of course, multiple showings of *The Blob*. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. \$6-\$10. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

## Eat, Drink & Be Merry

**Wednesdays Through September 25 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. Entertainment and children's activities. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

### July 6-7

**Brandywine Big Bang BBQ.** The eight win-

eries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail, invite you to this BBQ and Wine outing offering a variety of wines, food, picnicking and music to celebrate Independence Day. No passports or tickets required to attend. BVWineTrail.com.

### July 20

**Blues and Brews on the Grounds of PA Renaissance Faire.** Enjoy the taste of Maryland with an all-you-can-eat menu featuring crabs, shrimp, brisket and more. Also non-stop

music from live bands and unlimited brews. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Two entrance times: noon to 3 pm or 5 to 8 pm. \$49.95. 717-665-7021; PaRenFaire.com.

### July 27

**Tomato Tasting at Rushton Farm.** See Food News in this issue.

## Equestrian Events

**Fridays, Sundays, Through September Brandywine Polo.** Spectators can picnic and tailgate at the grounds. On Friday, spend a relaxing evening under the stars with live music, polo, great regional wines and delicious food. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$25; Sun, at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

### July 3-7

**The Brandywine Valley Summer Series.** Exciting AA hunter/jumper/equitation horse show highlighting the participation of the local community. Benefits Danny and Ron's Rescue and Main Line Animal Rescue. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. Check website for hours and more information. BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com.

## Family Fun

### Through October

**Tyler Arboretum Presents "Totally Terrific Treehouses."** Come climb, explore and play at Tyler. **July 21**, is the annual **Tree House Festival** (see Of Special Note). 515 Painter Rd., Media. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 9 to 6. \$5-\$9. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org

### Through September 14

**Longwood Gardens Fireworks & Fountains.** Get ready for an evening of oohs and ahhs as Longwood presents spectacular Fireworks & Fountains shows guaranteed to make your summer memorable. **Celebrate America—July 3**, 9:15 pm. **Festive Fireworks: Music of Dmitri Shostakovich—July 20**, 9:15 pm, **Aug. 31**, 8:15 pm. **Rocket Man: Music of Elton John—Aug. 17**, 9:15 pm; **Sept. 14**, 8:15 pm. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$22-\$38. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

### Through August 31

**Big Bugs Come to Morris Arboretum.** Imagine a 16-ft., 1200-lb. praying mantis, 25-ft. long ants or a dragonfly with a wingspan of 17 ft. Sculptor David Rogers made these creatures from materials like fallen hardwood trees, standing deadwood and willow saplings. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5 (July-Aug. until 8:30). 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

### July 4

**Valley Forge National Park—July 4th Com-**

**munity Picnic in the Park.** Artillery demonstrations, games, an All-American cook-out, music and more. Meet one of the founding fathers and sign the Declaration of Independence. N. Outer Line Dr., Valley Forge. 11 to 3. Food available for purchase. 610-783-1099; NPS.Gov/VaFo.

### July 4, 27

**Events at Colonial PA Plantation.** **July 4**, "When in the Course of Human Events—A Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic," picnic and reading of the Declaration of Independence, 11 to 5, \$8-\$10. **July 27**, 40th Anniversary Party and Concert, noon to 9, \$8-\$12. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

### July 11–August 1

**Brandywine River Museum Explorer Mornings.** Fun-filled educational workshops for ages 3–10. Tour one of the galleries and then create an art activity. **July 11**, Cool Colors; **July 18**, Art and Nature; **July 25**, Animal Safari; **Aug. 1**, Who Am I? Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 10 am or 11 am. \$6-\$12; under 6, free. 610-388-8382; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

### July 11–August 8

**For Young Audiences at The Colonial Theatre.** **July 11–Aug. 8**, Phoenixville Library's Thrilling Thursdays—family fun through reading, Thursdays at 10:30 am. \$8.50; **July 16**, Rolie Polie Guacamole; **July 23**, Craig Collis: Magic & Comedy; **July 30**, The Plants; **Aug. 6**, Balloon Freak John Cassidy; **Aug. 13**, Elska; **Aug. 20**, Segal Puppet & Theatre Co. presents *Ropenose*. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-0223; TheColonialTheatre.com.

## Festivals, Fairs & Parades

### Through July 7

**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 1-7

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** Fun for the whole family with seven days packed with free events, a parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food and culture. Spectacular fireworks displays at night and the largest free concert in America, a "Party on the Parkway," **July 4**. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.

### July 3-4

**Independence Day Festivities in Lititz.** **July 3**, the celebration begins with the parade through the streets, beginning at 6:30, music follows in Lititz Springs Park. **July 4**, entertainment, pageants, games, a car giveaway,

lighting of 5,000 candles and more. Gates open at noon. \$10; under 12, free. Rain date, July 6. 717-626-8981; LititzSpringsPark.org.



### July 4

**Downingtown 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 6

**Nottingham Park 2013 Freedom Fest.** A concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks display. Nottingham

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County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 7. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

**July 6**  
**Brandywine Picnic Park Picnic and Fireworks Show.** The home of the "Great American Picnic" hosts a special package before the fireworks. Enjoy activities such as canoeing, paddle boating, tubing, rock wall climbing, miniature golf and more. Then sit back and enjoy the spectacular fireworks. 690 S. Creek Rd., West Chester. 4 to 8 pm. \$25-\$38.50; under 36", free. 610-793-3198; Picnic.com.

**July 6**  
**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 7**  
**Coatesville Celebrates 2013.** The Rotary Club of Coatesville will be partnering with the City of Coatesville and the Road Cycling League to make this a full day of activities. Beginning at noon there will be food, craft booths,

games and other activities for the entire family. Bike races will begin for all ages at 2 pm and run throughout the afternoon. The day will end with the City's famous fireworks display. CoatesvilleDoes.com/Celebrate-Coatesville.

**July 9-13**  
**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; Malvern-FireCo.com.

**July 13**  
**Bastille Day in Media.** Experience the ART of Independence as Media storms the Bastille with art, music, dancing, theater, outdoor dining and fun for all ages. *Plein air* painters and abstract artists, crafters and musicians will line State Street along with children's activities and dance lessons along the trolley tracks. 6 to 10:30. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.



**July 14**  
**6th Annual Media Downtown Car Show.** A parade of 300 antique cars on State Street in Media from 11 to 4 pm. Rain date, July 21. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

**July 19-27**  
**The Cecil County Fair.** Family fun and entertainment. Fair Hill Fairgrounds, Rts. 273 & 213, Fair Hill, MD. Daily 9 to 11. 410-392-3440; SeeCecil.org.

**July 22-27**  
**Kimberton Community Fair.** Food, entertainment, exhibits, competitions and contests and lots of rides. Benefits The Kimberton Volunteer Fire Company. Rt. 113, Kimberton. 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-August 3**  
**Goshen Country Fair.** An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer Goshen Fire Company. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk., West Chester. Gates open 6 pm. 610-430-1554; Goshen-CountryFair.org.

## Local Farmers Market

**Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt.,** Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. **Through Nov.,** Sat, 9 to 1. BrynMawrFarmersMarket.com.

**Coatesville Farmers Mkt.,** Rts. 30 & 82. **Through Oct. 26,** Sat, 10 to 2. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

**Collegeville Farmers Mkt.,** 217 E. Main St. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Downingtown Farmers Mkt.,** Kerr Park, Rt. 30. **Year-round,** Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**East Goshen Farmers Mkt.,** E. Goshen Park, 1580 Paoli Pk. **Through Nov.,** Thurs, 3 to 7. EastGoshenFarmersMarket.blogspot.com.

**Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.,** downtown. **Through Oct. 25,** Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

**Lancaster County Farmers Mkt.,** 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. **Year-round,** Wed, Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-688-9856; Lancaster-CountyFarmersMarket.com.

**Malvern Farmers Mkt.,** Burke Park, Roberts Rd. and S. Warren Ave. **Year-round,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

**Media Farmers Mkt.,** State St. b/w Monroe & Gayley Sts. **Through Nov. 14,** Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

**New Garden Grower's Mkt.,** 8934 Gap Newport Pk. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-972-7194.

**Newtown Square Farmers Mkt.,** Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. **Through Oct. 23,** Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; PRC.org.

**Oxford Village Mkt.,** 3rd & Locust Sts. **Through Oct. 30,** Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

**Phoenixville Farmers Mkt.,** 200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Swarthmore Farmers Mkt.,** 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. **Through Oct.,** Sat, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

**Upper Merion Farmers Mkt.,** 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. **Through Nov. 23,** Sat, 9 to 1. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org.

**West Chester - Artisan Exchange Indoor Artisan Foods & Farmers Mkt.,** 208 Carter Dr. Sat, 10 to 2. ArtisanExchangeWCPA.com.

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

**West Grove Mkt.,** Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. **Through Oct.,** Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveFarmersMarket.com.

## In Towns & Burroughs . . .

**July 5, August 2**  
**First Fridays.** Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Berwyn,** 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. **Kennett Square,** 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude,** 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.

com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; Downtown-WestChester.com; **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

**July 13, August 10**  
**Media's Second Saturdays.** See **July 13** *Bastille Day listing in Festivals & Fairs*. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; Media-ArtsCouncil.org.

**August 2, September 6**  
**West Chester Vintage Garage Sale.** Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14



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## Museums

Through November 17  
**Brandywine River Museum Exhibits.** *Through July 28*, “Which Way the Wind Blows: Antique American Weathervanes.” Viewed today as folk art, weathervanes were one of the earliest sculptural forms in the country. *Through Nov. 17*, “Jamie Wyeth, Rockwell Kent and Monhegan,” examines the fascination that the island of Monhegan, off the coast of Maine, held for both artists. *July 12*, “Celebrating the Artist: Andrew



Wyeth's Birthday,” honors his life and legacy by offering free admission. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford.

Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12; under 6, free. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

### Through November 17

**Delaware Art Museum Exhibits.** *Through Sept. 15*, “French Twist: Masterworks of Photography from Atget to Man Ray,” see article in this issue. *July 21–Oct. 14*, “Recognition: Artists of the Delaware Foundation for Visual Arts,” high school student competition. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12; under 6, free; Sundays, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### Ongoing

**National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum.** View the works of German-born artist, Klaus Guido Grutzka—paintings are on permanent display at NISHM. 50 S. First Ave., Coatesville. Mon-Sat, 10 to 3. \$5. 610-384-9282; LukensNHD.org.

### Ongoing

**Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.** In addition to frequently changing galleries that showcase the permanent collection, Winterthur presents extraordinary exhibitions. On view now: “Common Destinations: Maps in the American Experience;” “The Flowering of American Tinware;” “Boston Furniture.” 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

## Music, Dance & Live Shows

### Through September 20

**Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club.** See *Equestrian Events*.

### July 2–August 29

**Longwood Gardens Summer Performances.** Get your tickets early as the summer lineup includes more than 40 great performances, all in the most beautiful outdoor settings. *July 2*, Buddy Guy; *July 9*, Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs; *July 11*, Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group; *July 18-19*, The Philadelphia Orchestra; *Aug. 13*, The Beach Boys. Concerts continue through Aug. 29. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Phone for tickets and information. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

### July 3–August 7

**Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park.** Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available. *July 3*, Zack DuPont; *July 10*, Mason Porter; *July 17*, Kombu Combo; *July 24*, Juston Stens and the Get Real Gang; *July 31*, Toy Soldiers; *Aug. 7*, The Spinto Band. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. AnsonBNixonPark.org.

### July 3–August 18

**Delaware County Summer Festival.** Grab your blankets and chairs and enjoy another summer of performances on the hillside.

*July 3*, West Chester Band; *July 4*, Upper Darby Sousa Band; *July 5*, British Invasion Tribute; *July 6*, Eric Mintel Quartet Tribute to Dave Brubeck; *July 7*, The Rockafillys; *July 10*, Chester County Concert Band; *July 11*, Steve Pullara; *July 12*, Eternal Rhythm Band; *July 13*, Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble; *July 14*, Live at the Fillmore; *July 17*, George Whittam Big Band; *July 18*, Philly Brass and Electric; *July 19*, Robert Eric Band Tribute to Billy Joel; *July 20*, Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars; *July 21*, The Rockdale Boys; *July 24*, Makin' Music; *July 25*, Charlie Gracie; *July 26*, Brandywine Ballet; *July 27*, Field of Play; *July 28*, Still Surfin' Tribute to the Beach Boys; *July 31*, Bryn Mawr Mainliners; *Aug. 1*, Payton Taylor; *Aug. 2*, First Ladies of Rock & Soul; *Aug. 3*, PA Symphonic Winds; *Aug. 4*, Plants. Concerts through August 18. 7:30. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. Free. Inclement weather, phone 610-891-4455; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

### July 4–July 25

**Summer in the Park Concert Series at Chesterbrook.** *July 4*, Chester County Concert Band and fireworks; *July 11*, Yosi & The Super Dads with Engine; *July 18*, The O'Fenders; *July 25*, Common Band. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org.

### July 6–August 3

**Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series.** *July 6*, Lisa Wilson Vocal Academy; *July 13*, XPN Welcomes Steve Forbert; *July 20*, Stephen Kellogg; *July 21*, The Whiskey Hickon Boys; *July 27*, Christine Havrilla and Mary Fahl of October Project; *Aug. 2*, Ella's Retreat Benefit Concert, \$20; *Aug. 3*, David Wilcox. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

### July 7–28

**Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars.** *July 7*, Almost McGraw and Tribute to Tim McGraw with Stephanie Grace; *July 14*, XPN Welcomes Philly Local Night with Helen Leicht; *July 21*, Chris Smither with special guest Mark Schultz; *July 28*, “Kids and Family Night” featuring Ernie and Neal with special guest Rock n' Roll Afterschool Supergroup. Upper Merion Township Building, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 7 pm. Free. 610-265-1071; KOPBID.com.

### July 7–August 25

**Miller Park Summer Concert Series.** *July 7*, Independence Day Celebration with Chester County Band, 3 Shades of Blue and fireworks at 9:30; *July 21*, Family Fun

Day begins at 5 pm, music at 6:30; *Aug. 4*, The Bulldogs. Concerts through August 25. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30. Free. Rain dates the following Sunday. 610-363-9525; West-Whiteland.org.

### July 7–August 25

**Long's Park Summer Music Series.** *July 7*, Runa with Dave Curley; *July 14*, Greg Adams and East Bay Soul; *July 21*, Dawes; *July 28*, The Lone Bellow; *Aug. 4*, Mountain Heart; *Aug. 11*, Eddie Palmieri; *Aug. 18*, Samba Mapangala; *Aug. 25*, Taj Weekes & Adowa. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441

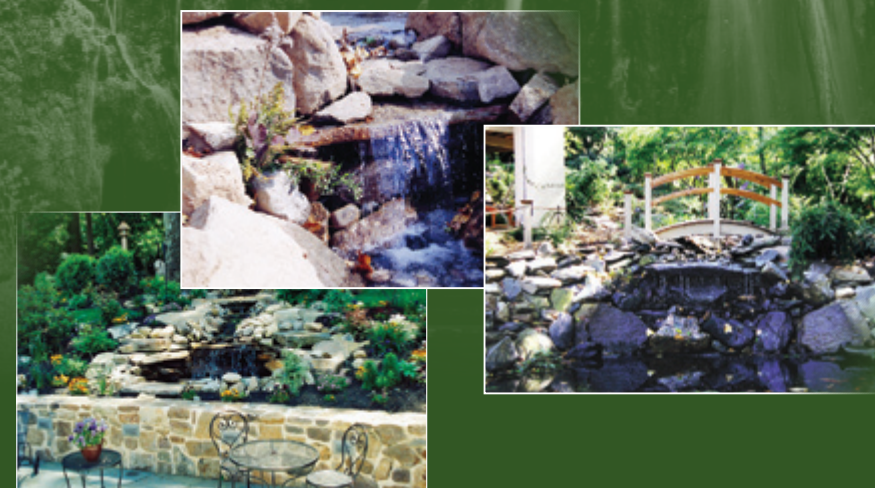
Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

### July 9–August 27

**Eagleview Town Center “Concerts on the Square.”** *July 9*, Brother Josphus the Manatawny Creek Ramblers; *July 16*, Buffalo Killers with Graham Alexander; *July 23*, Eric Steckel with Brian Flanagan; *July 30*, Incendio with Trevor Gordon Hall; *Aug. 6*, Family Night. Concerts though Aug. 27. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, phone 800-851-2779 after 4 pm on day of the show. InEagleview.com.

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**July 13**  
**The Tie-Dye Music Festival at The Community Arts Center.** Live music and tie-dye activities for the whole family. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 7 pm. Free. 610-566-1713; [CommunityArtsCenter.org](http://CommunityArtsCenter.org).

**July 14, 28**  
**West Goshen Summer Concerts.** **July 14**, West Chester Band plays Big Band music; **July 28**, The Greaseband. Concerts through Aug. 25. West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds. Rainsite: WC East High School. Dry goods donations for WC Food Cupboard appreciated. 6:30. 610-692-2550; [WGoshen.org](http://WGoshen.org).

**July 17, August 7**  
**Radnor Township Summer Concert Series.** **July 17**, Mid-Life Crisis, doo wop, soul and rock at Clem Macrone Park, 810 Conestoga Rd., Wayne. 6:30. **Aug. 7**, Big Chill performs 60s, 70s and 80s music at Bo Connor Park, 590 S. Devon Ave., Wayne. 6:30 pm. If inclement weather, phone 610-688-5600, ext. 141, between 2 and 4 pm on the day of the scheduled concert. Free. [Radnor.com](http://Radnor.com).

**July 18**  
**2nd Annual Ladybug Music Festival in Wilmington.** Market Street will be shut down and transformed into a street festival featuring free live music from independent female musicians in Market Street's LOMA neighborhood. 201-239 N. Market St. 5 to 9:30. Free. [TheLadyBugFestival.com](http://TheLadyBugFestival.com).

**July 18, August 15**  
**Music at Marshall Square Park, West Chester.** Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. **July 18**, John Grecia; **Aug. 15**, Lukens Band. Check for rain dates. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

**July 19**  
**Music Along the Bank at Winterthur.** Pack a picnic and lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy a summer evening of music. Winterthur's Cottage Café and Museum Store will be open late for the performance. Concert set along the Clenny Run Bank, 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 5:30 pm. \$10. 302-888-4600; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).

**July 21**  
**Turks Head Music Festival in West Chester.** Great bands, lots of crafters, children's activities and food. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 8 pm. Free. Rain date, July 28. 610-436-9010; [TurksHeadFestival.com](http://TurksHeadFestival.com).

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**WXPN XPoNential Music Festival.** A stellar line-up of artists perform at New Jersey's Wiggins Park and Susquehanna Bank Center, One Harbour Blvd., Camden, NJ. [XPN.org](http://XPN.org).

**July 27**  
**Old Crow Medicine Show at The Grand Opera House.** Folk rags and blues with a rock personality. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$36-\$44. 800-37-GRAND; [TheGrand-Wilmington.org](http://TheGrand-Wilmington.org).

**August 2-4**  
**Riverfront Blues Festival in Wilmington.** Outdoor music festival at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, S. French and Walnut Sts., Wilmington. Fri: 4:30 to 10; Sat, 11 to 10; Sun, 11:30 to 6. \$30-\$50. 302-576-3095; [RiverfrontBluesFest.com](http://RiverfrontBluesFest.com).

## Outdoor & Sporting Events

See also: *Festivals & Fairs.*

**July 3-August 28**  
**Bike and Hike at Hagley Museum.** Wednesday evenings through the summer, visitors are welcome to bike along the Brandywine River, hike around the museum, or enjoy an outdoor evening excursion. Bring a picnic or dine at the Belin House Organic Café. Rt. 141, Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. 302-658-2400; [Hagley.org](http://Hagley.org).



**July 6**  
**Iron Hill Twilight Criterium.** Pro bike racing and family fun in downtown West Chester. Plus a Kid's Zone, Mile Dash, bungee jumping,

community festival and great food. Begins at 4 pm. [IronHillTwilightCriterium.com](http://IronHillTwilightCriterium.com).

**July 11**  
**10th KAPRB Kids Cross Country Race.** A fun, 1.5 mi. race in the park for children ages 3 to 14. Trophies for the winners in the age categories, tee shirts and prizes, drinks, ice cream and other treats for the children to enjoy. Anson B. Nixon Park, Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square. Registration at 6 pm, race at 7. Free. 610-444-1416; [AnsonBNixonPark.org](http://AnsonBNixonPark.org).

**July 20**  
**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. Noon. Free-\$90. 610-388-8315; [www.YoungFriends.org](http://www.YoungFriends.org).

## Theater

**July 10-August 4**  
**Noises Off.** Lacy lingerie and plates of sardines appear both in the air and underfoot while a dysfunctional company of actors prepare for the opening performance. They forget props, miss cues and somehow survive. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Wed-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat,

8; Wed, Sun, 2; Sun, 7. \$25-\$45. 610-644-3500; [PeoplesLight.org](http://PeoplesLight.org).

**July 14**  
**Free Theatre in the Parks 2013.** Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, sit back and enjoy Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. [CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org](http://CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org).

**July 19**  
**Shakespeare in the Park at The Willows Mansion—A Midsummer's Night Dream.** All ages will enjoy this. Light refreshments are offered, but feel free to bring a picnic. 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. 7 pm. Free. 610-688-5600; [Radnor.com](http://Radnor.com). ♦

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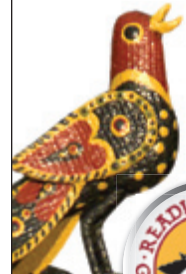
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## Vintage Prints With a Parisian Twist

Champ-de-Mars from the Eiffel Tower, 1931; Ilse Bing

Lovers, Bal Musette des Quatre Saisons, rue de Lappe, c. 1932; Brassai

Winding down from one World War and gearing up for the next, the early 20th century was desperate to find a safe haven in the storm. From 1910 to 1940, that place was Paris—the eye of the hurricane—the epicenter for artistic exploration, the birthplace of avant-garde.

The artists who spearheaded this creative change lived life behind the lens. This summer you can experience France as they did.

The Delaware Art Museum is featuring "French Twist: Masterworks of Photography from Atget to Man Ray," showcasing Michael Mattis and Judith Hochberg's collection of 100 vintage photographs, through September 15. The prints highlight the golden age of French photography and explore the variety and inventiveness of native and immigrant photographers working in France during the first half of the 20th century. The exhibition captures more than Paris's streets and gardens; it captures the flavor of the French and the essence of the era presented in several themed groupings.

Experience **Art for Art's Sake**, a focus on the technical experimentation and virtuoso technique of photographers including Pierre Dubreuil, Edward Steichen and Pal Funk Angelo. Plus, Eugène Atget's lyrical views of Paris streets and gardens, Man Ray's surrealist experiments, and Henri Cartier-Bresson's pioneering photojournalism.

See **Paris by Night**, Brassai's 1933 chronicle of the city's bars and brothels, performers, and prostitutes and Jacques-Henri Lartigue's contribution to **Diversions**, an insider's view of upper-class life in the Belle Epoque, and the myriad amusements available in the City of Lights.

Take in **Life of the Streets**, a large selection of photographs by Ilse Bing, the "Queen of the Leica" (her camera of choice). The images take you from the bustling Champ-de-Mars to the deserted Avenue du Maine—a rare take on an old city.

Visit **The Lower Classes**, and see how between the wars, photographers from Ilse Bing to Andre Kertész to Brassai chronicled lives of poor Parisians, often bringing a Modernist sensibility, rather than a reformer's eye, to scenes of urban poverty.

Many of these artists settled in France for life, while others brought their Paris-trained sensibilities and influences to America. You can see how those influences changed American art this fall as you view "American Moderns—O'Keeffe to Rockwell," October 12 through January 5 also at the Delaware Art Museum.

Check the website for events related to the exhibit. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

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# Coming of Age

Jaimielynn Cooper

Pennsylvania wines are coming into their own.

It's no secret that Pennsylvania is home to a growing collection of vineyards and wineries, each sure to intrigue even the most refined of palates. While some may say that Brandywine Valley growers are aspiring to turn our area into the Napa Valley of the East Coast, native winemakers and drinkers heartily disagree.

Our area wines are elegant, complex and have a depth of flavor and terroir that's distinctive and unmatched with those produced anywhere else. And most will agree that because of Pennsylvania's mercurial climate, each vineyard and vintage has its own unique character. A tour across *County Lines* Country highlights some of these vineyards—and, my, what characters they are.

## Our Best Kept Secret

Of Pennsylvania's nine wine trails, the closest to our area is the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail. Nestled in Chester County's rolling hills, the trail is home to eight wineries, including Chaddsford Winery, Paradox Vineyard and Black Walnut Winery.

Like many on the wine trail, Penns Wood Winery is family owned and operated. With his daughter Carly, Gino Razzi has a lifetime of experience in the world of wines and, much to the surprise and delight of the Italian native, he's found that amazing wine can be grown right here in our own backyards!

Penns Wood is a must visit during the warmer months, especially considering their exciting lineup of events, like Yoga in the Vinyard, on Thursdays and Sundays through October. With the debut of their new *Traminette 2012*, yellow in color with a clean, crisp and mineral finish, you can sip, sit back and relax all summer long.

Kreutz Creek winemakers Carole and Jim Kirkpatrick have captured the art of the wine-making process, from vine to bottle, and with events like their summertime Evening Concert Series, it's not hard to see why the winery prides itself on offering the ultimate wine experience. Kreutz Creek's *Pinot* is a classic, with peach overtones, and their *Proprietor's Red* is a must try. So, bring a blanket and a picnic basket—go for the wine, but stay for the music.

Grape chasers rejoice! You don't have to travel farther than your own backyard this summer to find great wine *and* entertainment!

## Soaking in Stars

Just off the beaten path in Newlin Township, Stargazers Winery takes you down charming country roads, past picturesque bridges and barns—in a classic Chester County setting.

Named for the Stargazers Stone, of Mason-Dixon Line fame, the vinifera (local grape) vineyard strives to preserve

the fine art of winemaking. (For more on the Stargazers Stone, see "Walking the Mason-Dixon Line" in our March issue.) John Weygandt, owner and grower, says Stargazers' wine is made exclusively with pure European grapes—no hybrids. "We grow the grapes, we make the wine, and we do our very best to make the wine express the place where it grew."

Tucked away in the rolling hills, Stargazers also prides itself on respecting the land. Sustainability resonates throughout the vineyard, a proud passive solar winery boasting 54 solar panels.

All Stargazers' wines are made dry, without added sugar, a rarity in a region known for sweet wines. Their delightful *Solar Celebration Chardonnay* is made on site, without oak. And their flagship red, *Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve*, is bold and bright, mixing mocha flavors with locally grown blackberries.

Spend a sunny afternoon at Stargazers and be sure to pack a picnic to enjoy outdoors by their lavender garden.

## Italian Inspiration

On a small hill near Avondale, the winemakers at Va La Winery are proving that with a little insight, inspiration and ingenuity anything is possible.

Anthony Vietri's hilltop vineyard contains four separate soils and each soil pro-

duces one wine, from the white blend *La Prima Donna* to the deep rosé *Silk*.

According to renowned foodie Craig LaBan, Va La has "some of the most unconventional and refined bottles of East Coast vino" that he's ever tasted. That rave should make you rethink whatever you thought you knew about Pennsylvania wines.

Family farmed and superiorly crafted, Va La wines will have you wondering, "why not" when someone asks if you'd like another glass.

## Beyond Brandywine

Just across our county line in Lehigh County, you'll find Blue Mountain Vineyards and Cellars in New Tripoli. Part of the Lehigh Valley Wine Trail, Blue Mountain began growing in 1986 with just five acres of grapes, and today has expanded to over 50. Their handpicked grapes produce 35,000 gallons of wine each year.

Blue Mountain's most notable wines are their sweet wines. *Mountain Frost*, a white grape blend of fresh and fruity, is smooth enough to be enjoyed with fish or dessert. *Red Horizon*, a concord wine, is just as versatile.

There are other area wineries to discover, explore and sample. From those in the Susquehanna Heartland to the Endless Mountains and vineyards in the Southwest Passage, they're definitely worth the trip!

Although the industry of modern wine-making in our area is growing, it's still in its youth. While it may need to age a little longer before it reaches its peaks, when it does, you can be sure it will be sweet. ♦

## SIP & STAY GETAWAYS

Summer is in full swing and there's no better way to enjoy the sunshine than to sip, sit back and stay put. Making your summer vacation a staycation is now easier than ever with Brandywine Valley Wine Country's Sip & Stay Getaway packages.

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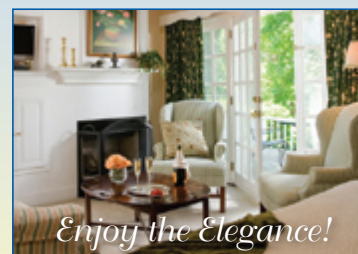
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# Up to Speed



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Lexus LS 600h L

## A Matter of Virtue

Jack Smith

When, in January 1989, the first new luxury marque in decades made its debut at the New York Auto Show, skeptics snickered. A luxury car from Japan? Where was the mystique, the passion, the pedigree? How could Lexus expect to compete with the likes of Mercedes, BMW, Jaguar or Cadillac? Critics wallowed in schadenfreude when, less than a year into its inaugural season, the Japanese car maker announced a total recall of all Lexi sold in the United States to repair potentially defective wiring.

But what happened next was—for salesmen like Dan Hayes, of Koons Lexus of Wilmington—the stuff of legend. “It began in December, 1989,” says Hayes. “Lexus sent technicians over from Japan to inspect and repair the cars while providing owners with loaners free of charge. After the repairs were completed, the cars were returned not only with the problem fixed but spotlessly washed and cleaned inside and out and with full tanks of gas.”

Thus was an engineering defect transformed into one of the most successful PR coups in automotive history. Remarkably, Lexus has managed to build on its early reputation for reliability and attention-to-detail year after year. This year it's the LS 600h L's turn atop the J.D. Power quality rankings for the second year in a row, a position it's held for seven of the last 10 years.

The difference is, while other luxury cars project an image of power and prestige, Lexus projects a message of unrivaled probity. Sliding into the car and wrapping my fingers around

the big hybrid's steering wheel for the virtually silent ride to the gardens at Chanticleer, I felt more virtuous.

This, says one Lexus salesman, is by design. “The LS 600h L buyer does not represent a mass market,” says Dan Hayes. “After all, the car is priced from \$120,000. But if they want quality and if they want to drive an environmentally clean car, they'll want to drive this Lexus. We built the world's first luxury hybrid and the first all-wheel-drive V8 hybrid, and we've improved every year. Today the LS 600h L produces 70 percent fewer emissions than other cars on the road.”

Currently available only in long-wheelbase, all-wheel-drive form, the LS 600h L is the hybrid for the driver who prizes performance as much as he does fuel economy. For this motorist the good news is that, when the LS 600h L's 5.0 litre V8 and electronic



Lexus LS 600h L Interior with bamboo trim



motor both kick in, they produce 438 total horsepower, sufficient to propel this motorized lounge from zero to 60 mph in a 5.5 second whoosh. Alas, however clean, the hybrid power train delivers only 20 mpg in the city and 23 mpg on the highway.

No matter what your driving style, driving the LS 600h L can take some getting used to. Hybrids are known for the silence of their engines, especially at idle or low speeds, leading the neophyte driver to believe the engine isn't running when it actually is. This is especially so with a Lexus, whose operation is intrinsically smooth and hushed.

As for technology, just when you think you've mastered your iPhone, the LS 600h L beckons with the Lexus Enform® App Suite which uses a compatible smartphone for in-vehicle access to mobile applications on a 12.3-inch monitor. Then there's the Advanced Illumination System, which welcomes your arrival with an elegant sequence of soft, warm lights. Drivers who hate waiting for their steering wheel to warm up will enjoy the Climate Concierge which

automatically adjusts not just the ventilation, but also the temperature of the seats and steering wheel individually so that each zone achieves its pre-set level of comfort as quickly as possible.

While previous LS models have been characterized by understated—dare we say bland?—styling, the grille on the LS 600h L swings for the fences with an oversized version of Lexus' new corporate identity, a "spindle."

My favorite touch was the bamboo wood trim that adorns the interior all around. Lexus reminds us that the wood they use hasn't just been hand-polished for the perfect feel, it is also sustainable. How virtuous.

### Fiat Fever

In view of the sensibilities that led to bringing the Fiat 500 back, it's remarkable that Fiat had considered re-badging the four seater as a Chrysler, the marque the Italian carmaker had acquired in 2009. To understand the difference in appeal, imagine yourself at a sidewalk café on the



Fiat 500

Via Veneto or for that matter, in Wayne, holding a glass of Barolo while telling admiring on-lookers your car at the curb is a Chin-que-chen-to.

Let the name roll off your tongue.

Now project that same mental picture while saying "Small Chrysler."

It's not quite the same, is it? For that matter, as a Chrysler spokesperson explained, buyers in the USA wouldn't find the Fiat 500 at dealerships or showrooms but instead in studios, stylish temples to *la dolce vita* and Italian motoring. "We wanted to keep the Chrysler buyer and the Fiat buyer separate."

To be sure, for broadcast engineer and Fiat enthusiast Thad Kirk, of Springfield,



in his Fiat 500 Prima Edizione Sport, even the ride to work doesn't feel like an ordinary commute. "It's totally fun," says Kirk, who's owned Fiats for 30 years, and who currently serves as Vice President of Fiat Club America. Part of it is the size and the looks. While the gleaming little four seater looked like so many oversized gumdrops next to a full sized SUV and retained the whimsical "eyes, nose, whiskers and mouth" face of the original cinquecento, they appear downright limo-like by way of comparison with their even tinier ancestor.

To be sure, the very mention of Fiat is likely to prompt memories of the time

which cuts emissions while increasing power and mileage, was named the "Single Most Innovative Engine Technology" of 2010 by the International Engine of the Year Awards panel. Curiously, Fiat's marketing thrust for 2013 is based on the public's taste for things "smaller, feminine and Italian" at a time when at least one competitor—Volkswagen—was moving to re-brand its Beetle as being bigger, more masculine and more German.

For 2013 Fiat offers a quartet of the jaunty mini-cars, all powered by a 1.4 litre engine delivering 101 hp. The base model is the \$16,000 Pop, with cloth seats and

15-inch wheels. The \$17,500 Sport features 16-inch wheels and leather upholstery, while the \$18,500 Lounge comes with a glass roof. For \$19,500 the Turbo is equipped with 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels and red lacquered brake calipers bespeaking the kind of performance you might see at Daytona. Also available are cabriolet roofs, which may be completely retracted at vehicle speeds of up to 50 mph.

For all the fun of driving his Turbo, says Kirk, it's even more fun to gather with other Fiat owners over the weekend. "We'll call a dealer we like and tell him we're coming over," says Kirk. "It's like one big party. Except it's even more fun because we all own Fiats." ♦

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## LADIES OF THE VINES

Kristin Collier Van Riper

*Taste a few bottles and you'll appreciate the impact of women on winemaking.*

A hundred years ago the roles of women were clearly defined and seemingly etched in stone—women were to run the household and bear the children. In the vineyards of France women were forbidden even to be in the wine cellars. As women have fought for an equal place in other spheres of society, so too are women cultivating major roles in the wine world.

And, although historically women were thought to be incapable of deciphering the subtleties in wines, today women are recognized for their talents and have taken the helm at major vineyards where they create amazing wines. These “Ladies of the Vines” are turning both male winemakers and old wives tales on their heads.

Here are a few recommendations for you to taste to better understand the impact of women on winemaking around the world.

### A TOAST TO THE LADIES

Since women are taking their place in the wine world—something to celebrate—let's begin with a bubbly.

Champagne became a drink of choice for Roman monks in France nearly 500 years ago. But in the Champagne region, there was only one woman who was “allowed” to create the beloved beverage, Madame Clicquot. She was a pioneer for Nicole Moncuit, who now creates one of the finest champagnes in the region, *Pierre Moncuit Brut* (\$44.99). Moncuit's wines have received 91 points in the prestigious *Wine Advocate*.

This vineyard has become known for producing champagne with a clean, fresh taste, in part, because Moncuit insists the barrels be cleaned before each harvest. You'll find the wine is loaded with the tastes of apricots and flowers and would best accompany poached chicken or buttery sea scallops. Santé!

### OLD WORLD ELEGANCE & NEW WORLD SUNSHINE

While Nicole Moncuit grew up in a wine family and learned from the best, many women find themselves fighting for a chance to break into the industry.

Take Erika Obermeyer, who fell in love with wine at an early age and pursed winemaking with tenacity. She is now the Cellar Master at the Graham Beck's Robertson Estate in South Africa. There, she's producing one of the finest *Chenin Blancs* (\$14.99) in the country and in the world.

Obermeyer has said, “My winemaking style is to really capture the essence of the vineyard in the bottle. In our wines, we've got the best of both worlds—Old World elegance combined with the up-front fruit from the New World sunshine.” She is an innovator, producing wine that showcases her attention to detail.

In this chenin blanc, delightful aromas of sweet melon and fragrant grapefruit swirl on the nose, while on the palate you can expect rich ripe tropical fruit and citrus. This well-rounded wine is perfect for summer and pairs with grilled fish or apertifs. Obermeyer recommends a cold glass on a hot day. As do we.

### ROSES OF SPAIN

Fruity whites and champagnes are delightful, but those aren't the only wines women are creating. Maria Elena Jimenez and Marta Casas make one of the finest roses in Spain. In their Penedes region vineyard in Catalonia, they tell their husbands what needs to be done in the fields, while the women create masterpieces in the cellars.

Their *Pares Balta, Ros de Pacs 2011* (\$14.99) has recently been called Best Spanish Rose and Best Spanish Value Wine by *The New York Times*. The blend of syrah (45%), merlot (41%) and cabernet sauvignon (14%) makes a perfect wine for bolder food. The wine is deep strawberry-red in color and delicate on the nose with aromatic orange peel, strawberries, cherries and spice. It's crisp and clean with medium body and the finish is long, flavorful and refreshing.

You'll want to enjoy this rose with

Spanish sausages, empanadas or ahi tuna steaks. These ladies incorporate the terroir of a land they know and love into every bottle of their distinctive rose.

### NO LONGER THE NEW KID

Justine Keeling not only had to learn the art of winemaking, but she had to familiarize herself with the land and juice of a foreign county. And she had to do this while ingratiating herself into a very close-knit wine community that saw her as an outsider.

Keeling moved from England to Italy to open her own vineyard, an uphill battle to say the least. She and her husband opened Poggio Argentiera in Southern Tuscany in 1997. Their *Morellino di Scansano “Bellamarsilia” 2011* (\$16.99) is an example of the amazing product that helped them shed their “new kid on the block” image.

This wine has great fruit with black cherry. The sangiovese blend has some

wonderful tannin that lasts on the palate making it perfect to pair with risotto, pasta and red meat. You'll want to enjoy it often.

Women are turning the wine world around with a fresh spin on old and new grapes. When asked why women make great winemakers Keeling responded, “We have a multi-tasking gene, and winemaking certainly needs that! We are buyers, drinkers, lovers of wine, we have opinions about it and what makes it ‘good.’ We have a refined palate (scientifically proven to be more so than a male one), and I think we have new ideas, a fresh approach.”

Try these wines and you'll be amazed by the bottle and the ladies that created them! ♦

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# A Year-Round Guide to *County Lines* Country

## Welcome to *County Lines* country!

This Area Guide is our chance to showcase just some of the reasons living here is such a singular experience. Whether you're a first-time visitor or count your time here in generations, we know you'll agree.

Let us be your guide through covered bridges, past historic markers, and into towns full of fun. Head out for First Fridays or sip and stay as you tour local vineyards. Stop in Ardmore or Wayne for a beer and Paoli for the jazz festival. In Wilmington, visit magnificent museums featuring vintage photos. Extend your trip to Maryland at Cecil and Kent Counties.

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. And a special trip to Historic New Castle.

You'll see we enjoy art, antiques, birdhouses and weathervanes. Plus horses, heroes and history. Our area is rich with all this and so much more. From a day of tailgating and polo, to a browse of the latest Wyeth exhibition at Brandywine River Museum, to a workout on a fitness trail or a stroll through Longwood Gardens, to elegant or casual dining.

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 attractions and what's a little-known gem.

So, no matter if you're a day-tripping visitor, a new neighbor settling in, or a long-time resident with stories of your own, we suggest you keep our Guide handy for year-round use.

And let us know what we should add next year!

The many pleasures of Longwood Gardens. PHOTOS: COURTESY LONGWOOD GARDENS







New Castle hosts many Colonial parades and re-enactments.



The Courthouse on Delaware Street is the hub of historic buildings. PHOTO: J. HARRY FELDMAN



Enjoy the gardens at the George Read II House.

## RECENT DISCOVERIES

### NEW CASTLE & ARDMORE

## RECENT DISCOVERIES

### OLD NEW CASTLE, DE

#### An Historic Town that History Forgets to Mention

Columbus discovered America, but mistakenly thought it was the East Indies. History ignored several Norse adventurers who settled in modern-day Canada about 500 years earlier. Columbus himself ignored a million “native Americans,” descended from mammoth-chasing hunters about 35,000 years before that. Many “firsts” deserve an asterisk.

#### Local History Blips

Similarly, popular history tells us that William Penn’s arrival in the New World occurred at Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia. The overlooked history is that Penn landed at New Castle, Delaware. He over-nighted at 206 Delaware Street, then sailed to Philadelphia the next day.

The facts regarding our nation’s independence are also confused. Most of us “know” that the U.S. declared independence from England on July 4, 1776. Yet, on June 15, 1776—weeks before—the three counties of lower Pennsylvania (now Delaware) had already declared themselves independent, not only of the big bad Crown of England, but of Quakerly Pennsylvania. They’d long been uncomfortable with their relationship to Pennsylvania. To this day, Delawarians—

particularly New Castlerians—celebrate June 15 as “Separation Day.” Uh, oh. Missed it.

Such is history. The winners generally have better publicists. But not in New Castle, where a statue commemorates Penn, and Separation Day is celebrated, complete with fireworks and parade.

#### Touring New Castle

I look out from Penn’s *real* landing. The Delaware River is wide, with New Jersey on the opposite shore. The **Kalmar Nyckel**, a replica tall ship, sails by as passing cargo ships rumble past in either direction. The Delaware Memorial Bridge majestically spans the river to the north, making New Castle seem small.

Sadly, New Castle’s old wharf was washed away by Hurricane Sandy. Residents held

dances on the wharf once a month in the summer. A replacement is under study, and for now, the dances continue on an abbreviated pier.

I become aware of laughter of playing children: what Terry Gormley, on the Board of Trustees of the Historic New Castle Alliance, and my guide, calls the “sounds of life.” **Battery Park**, about 30 acres of waterfront, is alive. The **River Walk** snakes the water’s edge, inviting bicyclers and pedestrians. Children frolic. Couples picnic. Joggers jog. Singles enjoy their solitude. Pets get walked. Every Wednesday, there’s a concert in the park.

**The Strand** is the first street up from the pier, opposite the park. Once heavily commercial, it was mostly destroyed by fire in 1824. Since then, it’s become residential: a long block of historic brick homes. At the

end of the block is the **George Read II House** (open to the public). Reed was a signer of the Declaration and the Constitution, plus the legislature’s Separation Declaration.

On the Strand and elsewhere around the town is evidence of the New Castle and Frenchtown Turnpike and Railroad: an antique ticket office, the stone railroad ballasts on the street. The Railroad was built in 1831 to move freight from the Delaware River to the Chesapeake. Initially, it was horse-drawn; later, a steam locomotive was purchased. By 1840, however, it became moot: by-passed by another railroad and the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

The **Immanuel Episcopal Church** dates from 1689, the first parish of the Church of England in Delaware. The building was completed in 1708, renovated

and expanded several times, destroyed by fire in 1980, then restored in keeping with its 1820 design. The chapel is beautiful, simple and serene. Nearby is the hexagonal **Old Library Museum**, designed by Frank Furness, with lovely skylights. **The Academy**, operated as a library and then a school until the 1930s, is also here.

On Delaware Street are several old government buildings: the **Court House**, **Sheriff’s House**, **Town Hall**. They are, in essence, working museums, more or less like the town itself.

Once each year, the Court House hosts a real trial. It also houses portraits of George Read, William Penn and others, and the upper floor currently displays an exhibit on the underground railroad. The Sheriff’s House is being restored and is the center of Delaware’s First State National Mon

ument, consisting of several sites distributed around the state. Town Hall is where the town’s newspaper is now published and a meeting place for the City Council, Trustees and other municipal gatherings.

#### More than History

Not every activity in New Castle is historical. The **Blue Heron Gallery** features local artists, and **Cactus Wren Gallery** includes jewelry and Native American artwork, collected mostly from the owner’s travels to the Southwest. **Penn’s Place**, where Penn spent the night on his way to Philadelphia about 340 years ago, is down an alley at 206 Delaware Street, with several galleries on two floors.

**Trader’s Cove**, also at Penn’s Place, serves a great cup of coffee, not to mention sandwiches, soups and more. Behind is **The Grotto**, recently opened, featuring comedy and music most Saturdays.

**Jessop’s Tavern**, a few steps from the Wharf, offers hearty food and a thick menu of Belgian beers. **Nora Lee’s** is known for Cajun and live music on Saturday nights. **Caroline’s** may have the best food in town, but she cooks what she wants and serves a limited number for dinner. Make reservations, but think of it as a dinner invitation. If she’s not busy in the kitchen, she and her husband will welcome you with a smile.

And there’s more. Visit *HistoricNewCastle.com*. Next time, we’ll take the first dance on the wharf. ♦

-Ed Malet

The tall ship Kalmar Nyckel on the Delaware River, beyond the old wharf



Immanuel Episcopal Church dates from 1689



Old Library Museum was designed by Frank Furness. PHOTO: COURTESY NCHS







Merion Golf Club, site of the 2013 US Open



Ardmore has a vibrant business district along Lancaster Avenue.



MilkBoy Coffee, above, is a lively entertainment venue. Clover Market, right, is open spring and fall.



## RECENT DISCOVERIES

### ARDMORE, PA

#### Main Street of the Main Line

The eyes of the world were on Ardmore in June—at least the eyes of the golf world—when the U.S. Open returned to historic **Merion Golf Club** despite detractors’ hollow warnings that the course was too small. (It was a BIG success.) To prepare for the influx of almost 200,000 spectators, security and support staff, plus golfers and their groupies, Ardmore buffed up its downtown area, residential streets and businesses.

So, a visit now will let you enjoy the enhancements but without the crowds. Great timing!

#### A Little History

For those unfamiliar with this fourth Main Line stop on the Thorndale-Paoli SEPTA R-5 Rail Line, Ardmore is a “Classic Town” of just two square miles, spanning Montgomery and Delaware Counties and located nine miles west of Philadelphia.

Named Athensville in 1811 and renamed Ardmore (meaning high ground or hills), it’s also known as the home of Lower Merion High School, where **Kobe Bryant** made watching local basketball games exciting.

With 40-some restaurants and over 200 businesses, Ardmore is a thriving community proud of its rich architectural heritage, vibrant businesses, and lively events and entertainment options.

#### Architectural Tour

A walking tour of historic Ardmore is a great way to see the diversity of architectural styles concentrated here. The **Ardmore Initiative** has maps of the tour on its website, *AllAboutArdmore.com*, and at its office, 56 E. Lancaster Ave.

Among 30 points of interest on the walk, you’ll discover an Italian Renaissance apartment building, Dutch Colonial former residence (one of the oldest buildings), Classic Revival bank (now a restaurant), Art Deco theater and facades along Lancaster Ave., and Princess Anne Victorian (with smaller features than Queen Anne style) and Tudor Revival homes. Businesses in the buildings are happy to talk to visitors.

Of special note are a **Frank Furness**-designed church with lovely stained glass windows, a four-unit dwelling designed by **Frank Lloyd Wright** known as Suntop Homes, three historically important **African-American churches**, and North America’s oldest skating club, **Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society**. Not bad for two square miles.

#### Shopping Options

Although **Suburban Square** is on the Walking Tour—it’s one of America’s first outdoor shopping centers, dating from 1926, with impressive Art Deco buildings—it’s evolved with the times and is now home to many upscale mall-stalwarts—an Apple Store, J. Crew, Lululemon, Starbucks.

You’ll also find a Trader Joe’s and **Ardmore Farmers Market** (open Tues.-Sun.). That upscale, indoor market offers flowers, wheat grass and brilliant bromeliads along with the best meat, sweets and produce. You’ll find seafood, Asian food, Saxby’s coffee, DiBruno Brothers cheese, Great Harvest Bread, the Cupcake Gourmet and much more.

Lancaster Avenue offers additional shopping ranging from the fashionable **Styche** to the thrifty **Junior League Thrift Shop**, with lots of options in between. Fans of West Chester-based **A Taste of Olive** will be happy to see a branch here. And for those tired of red envelopes in the mail, visit “the last picture store,” **Viva Video** (from the ashes of TLA Video), open from 11 to 10 every day! Or plan your next trip to Australia through **Swain Tours** (we did), a specialist in exotic, luxury travel.

Off Lancaster Ave., you’ll find great, old-fashioned stores like **Mapes Hardware** and **Rittenhouse Electric**, where you can find everything you need along with the personal service you love.

New businesses are fitting in nicely. After 30 years in nearby Gladwyne, **Trilium Flowers** opened on Rittenhouse Place. Look for **pucciManuli’s** collection of finely crafted toys on Cricket Avenue. And **Maido**, the Japanese grocery in Narberth, is opening a branch soon.

#### Drinking and Dining

Ardmore boasts 40-some eateries:

although that does include several pizza places—**Felicia’s** and **Bella Italia** are personal favorites, though the new **Jule’s Thin Crust Pizza** could become one. Though Ardmore is a small town, there are big choices from around the world. Just a few: **Hunan Restaurant**, **Hummus Mediterranean Grill**, **A la Maison Bistro**, **Café San Pietro**, **Bombay Grill**, **Positano**, **Mikado**, **Barbacoa** (offering Peruvian chicken), and later this year **Dante To Go** (an offshoot of Italian Market’s Dante & Luigi’s).

Beer deserves special attention, and not just because **Iron Hill Brewery** (with ten locations) got approval in June to open in Ardmore. Suds lovers also support **McCloskey’s**, **Jack McShea’s** and **Tired Hands Brew Pub**, founded as a brew-café in 2011 and valuing local over imported, small batches over mass production, and a balance between giving back and personal profit.

The last stop is the **Beer Shoppe**, which offers eight rotating beers on tap and over 800 from their 30-foot, 12-door cooler lining most of one wall of the store, or shoppe. Specializing in craft, imported,

microbrew and domestic beer, the Beer Shoppe was kind enough to share some favorites with us in this issue, see “A Six-Pack to Sample.”

#### Events and Entertainment

While it’s hard to top the U.S. Open for an event, Ardmore has a full calendar. Of course there are **First Fridays**, bringing art to everyday places. One Sunday a month, come for the **Clover Market**—sadly not in July or August—back Sept. 15 with 100-plus art, antiques and vintage vendors.

Plan now for Ardmore’s **Oktoberfest** (Sept. 28, really) and **Taste of Ardmore Food & Fashion** (Oct. 24). The holidays find snowflake lights in town and Santa arriving for seasonal events.

Throughout the year **MilkBoy Coffee**, an all-ages venue founded in 1994 that’s open early for coffee junkies and open late for shows and creative arts events, is a meeting place where people’s minds and bellies can be filled. Come for open-mic nights or paid performances on weekends.

A nice touch—**parking meters** give you ten free minutes to get change, run an errand, or make plans to come back. ♦

An historic stop on the R-5 SEPTA line, Ardmore is now also an AMTRAK stop to New York City.



Suburban Square is an outdoor, upscale shopping mall.





## DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS

With so many places to start your tour, it's best to have a plan. And we have some suggestions. Any tour of our area has to include the three most visited places—**Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens** and **Winterthur**. Although it's 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 add some smaller, special interest stops to your itinerary, too.

**Inside Scoop:** *Forbes Travel Guide* ranked the Brandywine Valley fourth on "Top American Road Trips," so you'll likely want to see many of the local sights. To visit several attractions and save big on admissions (up to \$380!), get a **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport**. You'll save on admission to 11 major museums and gardens in the area and likely be inspired to visit more of them.

The passport covers: Brandywine River Museum, Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Delaware History Museum & Read House, Delaware Museum of Natural History, Hagley Museum & Library, Longwood Gardens, Mt. Cuba Center, Nemours Mansion & Gardens, Rockwood Museum, and Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Get your passport online or at the attractions. *Valid through Sept. 2. \$35/adults, \$75/families. BrandywineTreasures.org.*

Start with art and more with a visit to the **Brandywine River Museum**. Surrounded by wildflower and native plant gardens 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. And it's home to a world-class collection of works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew and Jamie.

A special treat this summer is the debut of a new painting by Jamie Wyeth as part of "Jamie Wyeth, Rockwell Kent and Monhegan," through November 17, featuring paintings by two artists inspired by the scenic island of Monhegan, off the coast of Maine. Also featured are paintings by Kent from Wyeth's personal collection, plus a dozen recent works by Wyeth.

Jamie Wyeth, *Jenny Whibley Sings*, 2008. Brandywine River Museum.



Through July 28th, view "Which Way the Wind Blows: American Antique Weather-vanes," featuring 28 unique, antique weather-vanes. Learn about this type of folk art and early sculpture and the finer details of their history, utility and growing collectability.

Thursday mornings in July, the Museum offers creative art workshops for children. These hands-on classes include guided museum tours, art projects, and supplies. Costs vary. *For registration, 610-388-8326.*

Consider a visit to the Kuerner Farm, inspiration for hundreds of Andrew Wyeth's works, or explore the restored homes and studios of both N.C. and Andrew Wyeth, where the artists cultivated their work and gifted families, and which were recently featured in *The New York Times* travel section. Glimpse the studios of over 30 other artists in "Creative Spaces: Photographs of Artists' Homes and Studios" through September 8. *Studio tours through Nov. 24. \$8, plus Museum adm.*

*Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Adm: \$6-12, free Sun mornings until Nov. 24, 9:30 to noon. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.*

Your next stop, a few miles south on Route 1 is legendary **Longwood Gardens**, where all summer long the arts come alive. Named a "National Wonder" by *National Geographic Traveler*, these internationally famous 1,000-plus-acre gardens elevate the art of horticulture featuring 11,000 types of plants, the newly restored 10,000-pipe organ, and more fountains than any other garden in the U.S.! Find out what's in bloom from the website for dazzling displays at the 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens on the property.

Longwood also 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 "**Best Local Events**" in this issue and check *County LinesMagazine.com*.

Children can join summer camp activities, from "What's the Buzz," where they'll read and write about the creepy crawlies that live in the beautiful landscape, to "Zooming in on Nature," a digital photography-

based camp for



Longwood Gardens hosts hundreds of summer concerts.



Longwood's Indoor Children's Garden is a treat for all ages.

Orchids were one of the first collections Longwood founder, Pierre S. du Pont, developed for the Gardens.

the older crowd that takes full advantage of the stunning imagery in the gardens.

Don't miss the "Festival of Fountains," through Sept. 2, featuring dazzling fountain shows at locations on the grounds daily and "Fireworks and Fountains," as glittering fireworks and colorful fountains light up the night sky. Dance to music, including the pop hits of Elton John, on select evenings all in the midst of lush, natural beauty.

*Fireworks tickets: \$18-\$38. July 3, July 20, Aug. 17 & 31, Sept. 14. Gardens are open Sun-Thur, 9 am to 6 pm; Fri & Sat, 9 am to 10 pm (extended holiday hours). Adm. varies by age. Restaurant, café & gift shop. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.*



Antique weathervanes are on display at the Brandywine River Museum.

*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

While you're in the area, get a taste of history with a visit to the **Brandywine Battlefield State Park**, a beautiful 52-acre greensward where General Washington and his troops suffered a decisive defeat at the hands of British General Howe on September 11, 1777. Inside the Visitor's Center are historical exhibits of uniforms, weapons and artifacts found on the battleground. Come back in September to see a re-enactment of the battle, complete with authentic costumes and Revolutionary War muskets.

Lush rolling hills and shady woods make this park an inviting picnic spot (facilities on the grounds). Check the website for driving tours (one- and two-hours) that let you trace troop movements for a different take on a history tour. For the kids, the historic battlefield holds a summer camp, and the website offers downloadable coloring book and word games.

*Open Wed-Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, noon to 4 through Dec.; closed Mon-Tues & some holidays. Special activities during the year. 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: **48th Annual Chadds Ford Days**, Sept. 7 & 8, and the **Great Pumpkin Carve**, Oct. 24-26. And through December 7, discover your family genealogy with the help of

a new exhibit "What's in a Name? Roots to Branches of an Old Family Tree."

*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—all describe the **Christian Sanderson Museum**, an eight-room country house where you'll find an astonishing collection of artifacts relating to life in Chadds Ford. There's an extensive collection of memorabilia representing the American experience—from Wyeth paintings to melted snow from the South Pole. Sanderson's fascination with history and the importance of "living records" resulted in a huge collection of archives, memories and physical remains—200 years of history captured in 3,000 artifacts.

*For events on Sundays, check website. Open Mar-Nov, Sat-Sun, 12 to 4. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). 610-388-6545; Sanderson\_Museum.org.*



Enchanted Woods COURTESY: WINTERTHUR

Winterthur's major summer exhibit focuses on how maps were used in American life. Samuel Jennings, *Liberty Displaying the Arts and Sciences*, 1792



On to **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**, (*Tip:* it's pronounced "winter-tour"). This is home of the world's premier collection of American decorative arts displayed in an elegant, 200-room stone mansion set in an exquisitely landscaped 1,000-acre park, all of it once the home of Henry F. du Pont. Best to start your visit with a Garden Tram Ride to get an overview of the property and history.

You'll find an extensive permanent collection of period settings in the home, carefully curated gallery displays, plus changing special exhibits. Highlights this summer include "Common Destinations: Maps in the American Experience" through January, showcasing how maps were incorporated into American life in the 18th and 19th centuries. (Read more in our March 2013 issue, or online at *County LinesMagazine.com*.)

Also on display is "The Flowering of American Tinware," a collection of beautifully crafted and decorated antique tinware, and the permanent, world-renowned Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens.

For the younger crowd, a visit to the **Enchanted Woods** will be sure to lead to the magic of a fairy-tale garden. In a three-acre plot of the Garden, from the Tulip Tree House to Frog Hollow, children will find a special world to explore.

*Open Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. Closed Mon (except holidays & during Yuletide), Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day. Tours vary in price and depth;*





The Christian Sanderson Museum is almost overflowing with artifacts representing life in Chadds Ford.



Chadds Ford Days, in early September, are fun for the whole family.



Chadds Ford Historical Society hosts a popular genealogy exhibit, through December 7.

West Chester, Chester County's county seat, is where you'll find **The Chester County Historical Society**. There, you'll discover a treasure trove of local history from A to Z, with programs, museum, research library with newspapers dating back to Ben Franklin, photos from the beginning of the camera, interactive exhibits, a History Lab—all related to Chester County's history from 1600 to today.

Special exhibits: "Faces of Chester County," through November, shows that before Facebook, paintings revealed people, their settings and artistic styles of their era. This extensive collection of portraits spans two centuries of the people who lived here. "On the Edge of Battle: Chester County and the Civil War," tells of the turmoil and divide during the time of America's bloodiest war, through September 28. History in a very special venue.

Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. Adm. 225 N. High St. 610-692-4800; [ChesterCoHistorical.org](http://ChesterCoHistorical.org).

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. Today Oxford is a

growing part of southern Chester County that celebrates its history.

Oxford's historic district is dotted with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and a thriving farmers market on Tuesdays. We recommend you drive the **Covered Bridge Tour** and sample the **Historic Walking Tour**, a one-mile, self-guided tour, along with a pint-sized companion tour for kids. Afterwards, stop downtown for shopping and refreshments. For a detailed description of the tours, printable guides and more on the surrounding area, visit [DowntownOxfordPA.org](http://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](http://Herrs.com).

There's more history—but a different type—south of Route 1 on Route 52, where 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 giant squid. Join 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 into the Nature Nook. Summer is the perfect time to explore the Museum's mile-long nature trail through the surrounding woodlands and the Butterfly Gardens.

Through September 2, visit "Water's Extreme Journey" and go on an adventure quest for clean water, including a trip on a 24-foot zipline. Experience the watershed as a water drop, exploring first-hand the science behind the water cycle. In October, visit the

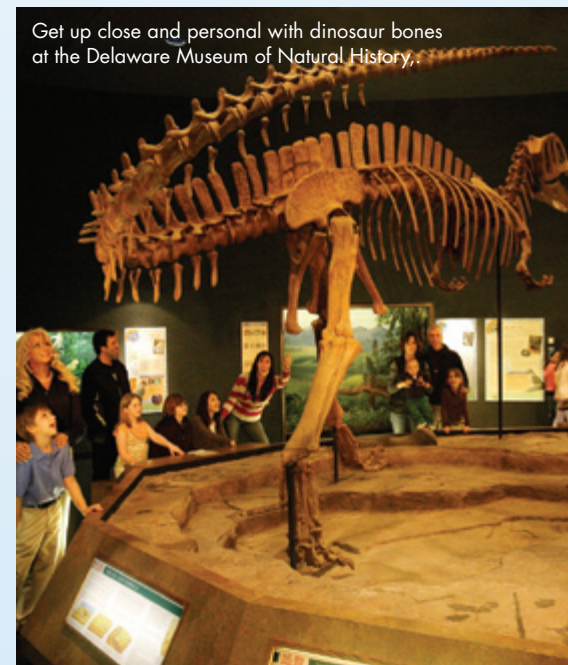
"Ice Age Imperials" exhibit to interact with real fossils from prehistoric beasts such as the sabertooth cat, the woolly mammoth and the giant sloth.

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

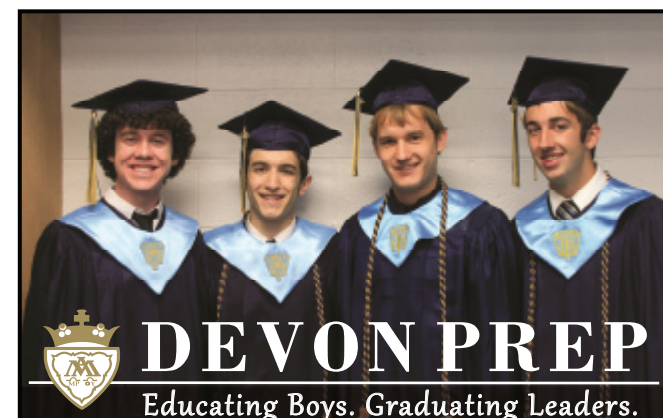
#### VISIT WILMINGTON

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

Halfway between New York City and Washington, D. C., Wilmington's cultural attractions, restaurants, theater and music scene (World Café Live at the Queen is a hub of entertainment), plus tax-free shopping, have made it an attractive tourist destination.



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Delaware Art Museum hosts popular events on its 12-acre site. PHOTO: ALESSANDRA NICOLE



Visit the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts located on Riverfront Wilmington.



The south end of Riverwalk is home to the DuPont Environmental Education Center. PHOTO: ROD HAMPTON



Delaware Children's Museum focuses on science, math and technology. PHOTO: ERIN FARRELL

A first stop should be the **Delaware Art Museum**. Located in one of the city's most gracious neighborhoods, the Museum sits on 12 acres that include a Sculpture Park and Labyrinth, which allows visitors to walk and contemplate. Boasting gems in its permanent collections that run from Howard Pyle's America's Golden Age work to Dale Chihuly's glass artistry and an internationally recognized pre-Raphaelite collection, the Museum has an impressive lineup of changing exhibits. (In this issue, see "French Twist: Masterworks of Photography from Atget to Man Ray.")

Through August, view original works by illustrator, Alexi Natchev, as a celebration of his contributions to the magical world of children's literature in "Imagined Places: The Art of Alexi Natchev." In September, "Femfolio," assembles the prints of 20 women important to the feminist art movement of the 1970s, also known as the first wave of feminist art. Come back in October for "American Moderns, 1910-1960: From O'Keefe to Rockwell," featuring 57 paintings and sculptures from that creative period. And check their calendar for exciting events.

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

Heading to the city center, you can experience 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. 302-656-0637; HSD.org/dhlm.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—and dinner on the **Riverboat Queen**. 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*.

You may want to explore the Christiana and Brandywine Rivers from the comfort of a **River Taxi**, a 36-passenger boat that gives you a different perspective on the Riverfront. Board from six docks along the Riverfront for a special History Tour, Tuesday or Thursday Family Night (\$15/family of 4), and more. *302-530-5069 for info; 302-425-4890 for cruises.*

Ready for a walk? Then park your car and stretch your legs along the **Riverwalk**. This 1.3-mile beautifully landscaped riverfront path provides pedestrian access to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, Aug. 2-4. *InWilmingtonDE.com*.

Notice a collection of birdhouses? Maybe you saw the feature on CBS "Sunday Morning" a few months ago, showcasing "**Houses that are for the Birds**," a special exhibit of extraordinary birdhouses crafted by Tom Burke, Wilmington resident and custom home builder. Burke's unique birdhouses are on dis-

play along Riverwalk, with houses inspired by Andrew Wyeth's home and much more.

You'll even discover a ballpark along the Riverfront. **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 with 70 home games a year.

*Tickets: \$9 and up. Check website for schedule. 801 Shipyard Dr. 302-888-2015; BlueRocks.com/stadium.html.*

Frawley Stadium is also home to the **Delaware Sports Museum & Hall of Fame**, making highlights from the Civil War days to the present comes alive through photos, audio and video presentations and memorabilia. Hear Hall of Famer "Judy" Johnson tell his story to a young fan and relive Olympic moments with Delawareans.

*Through Oct. 31, Tues-Sat, noon to 5 (other months, by appt.). Adm. \$4-2, under 12 free. 302-425-3263; DESports.org.*

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.

The exhibit "EConnect" lets children use a highly interactive stream table to understand the connections the Earth's sustainability has

to our everyday lives as city-dwellers. "Playing With the Phillies" highlights sports art related to the spirit of the Phillies and their fans throughout history with pieces from six visual artists. Don't be surprised if you crave a hot dog and some Cracker Jacks at the end!

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

Celebrating the 375th Jubilee of the original ship arriving in the New World, the **Kalmar Nyckel**, Delaware's three-masted tall ship, has begun her 2013 sailing tour. Tour at dock-side 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 through October. The ship is scheduled to be in Wilmington in early July and all of August.

*For schedule, locations and tours, 302-429-7447; KalmarNyckel.org.*

Located where the city, the river and the marsh meet at the south end of Riverwalk, the **DuPont Environmental Education Center**, on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge, is worth a visit. The Center offers field trips for children PreK-5th grade and programs for every age. Explore the changing programs offered by the Delaware Nature Society, such as "Urban Wildlife Walk," a hike that explores wildlife between the Concord Pike and downtown Wilmington.

*Open Tues-Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. Adm. varies. 1400 Delmarva Ln. 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 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 next March, "Fashion Meets Science: Introducing Nylon" tells the tale of how nylon became a staple in women's fashion after its creation and introduction by DuPont Co.

*Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Adm: \$5-\$14; under 6, free. Popular "Creek Kids" series and Wednesday Bike & Hike along the river. 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 6, free. 302-378-4119; HistoricOdessa.org.*

Head farther south and visit the remarkable little town of **New Castle**, established in 1651. *NewCastleCity.net*. Read more in **Recent Discoveries** in this issue.



Stretch your legs on Wilmington's Riverwalk. PHOTO: CARLOS ALEJANDRO



"Houses that are for the Birds" includes examples of Tom Burke's custom-built birdhouses, also along the Riverwalk.



Hagley Museum includes the home of five generations of du Ponts and the first black powder mills.



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## HEAD FOR MARYLAND

Next on your travels cross into Maryland and on 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](http://CCGov.org/Tourism).

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

Drive south on Route 213 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 all the negatives of a tourist destination.

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 to 4. 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.

Then you'll head northwest into a town called **North East**, where you'll find great dining 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.

209 Walnut St., Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 12 to 4; [UpperBayMuseum.org](http://UpperBayMuseum.org).

Farther west on Route 40 is **Perryville**, home to a 20-some store outlet shopping mall, [PerryvilleOutletCenter.com](http://PerryvilleOutletCenter.com), and the **Hollywood Casino**, Maryland's first. 1201 Chesapeake Overlook Pkwy. 410-378-8500; [HollywoodCasinoPerryville.com](http://HollywoodCasinoPerryville.com).

Then on to **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 using GPS or smartphones), along the Captain John Smith Historic Trail. [PortDeposit.org](http://PortDeposit.org). For more on Geocaching, see "X Marks the Spot" on [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com), May 2012.

## DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS



Fair Hill Races are a highlight of the spring steeplechase season. Come back in October for the Festival in the Country.

PHOTO: ANDREA COLLINS



Cecil County has plenty of charm and miles of flat roads for scenic bike trails.

A trip to Chesapeake City, along the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, should include a stop for some seafood. You can head to the charming town of North East for more shopping.







Sunset over a harbor in Kent County. PHOTO: JEN DAVIS



Osprey are among the many birds at Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge. PHOTO: ROBERT F. AMPULA



The Schooner Sultana offers public sails on weekends from Chestertown.

Chestertown, as historic as it is picturesque, was named a "Distinctive Destination" by the National Trust.



## 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, and scenic beauty. 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.*

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 black-board 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 and shopping at the Chestertown Framers' and Artisans' Market on Saturdays, plus special events on First Fridays.

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 25-27; and Chestertown Jazz Festival, Sept. 7. For more, visit Chestertown.com.*

Head southwest on July 3rd and you'll find the sky full of fireworks at **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.

For wildlife, waterfowl, birding and fantastic observation decks and trails, visit **Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge**. Try 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. A birders' paradise, more than a hundred thousand bald eagles, ducks, geese and swans seek sanctuary here, along with migratory songbirds and shorebirds.

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A visit to Lancaster County is sure to include views of tidy farms and horse and buggies along the road.

## LANCASTER COUNTY

Art galleries may line the streets of Lancaster City, but 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!

Head out on Route 30, also called **Lancaster Pike** or **Lincoln Highway**, the commercial spine of Lancaster County. This road has 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.

Yet, off Route 30 you can still find the tranquility of by-gone times. Take a stop at a roadside produce stand, where you'll find fresh-picked, home-grown fruits, vegetables and flowers, and often, 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.

If you head west on Route 30, 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 reminiscent of a Grandma Moses painting. 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—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. 717-687-8628; [RRMuseumPA.org](http://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. You can even eat in the elegantly restored “Lee E. Brenner” Dining Car. 717-687-7522; [StrasburgRailroad.com](http://StrasburgRailroad.com).

Another must-see is the **National Toy Train Museum**, which offers a world-class collection of toy trains from the mid 1800s to present for kids of all ages, some of which you can run yourself. The museum is built like a historic train station and recreates a family “train room,” but on a much grander scale—all done beautifully to carry out the theme. 717-687-8976; [NTTMuseum.org](http://NTTMuseum.org).

Continue on Route 741 to a lovely 19th-century town center, so beautifully preserved and restored that it's been designated a National Trust Historic District. A stop for homemade ice cream and waffle cones at the **Strasburg Country Store** is a must. 1 W. Main St., 717-687-0766; [Strasburg.com](http://Strasburg.com).

Head north on Route 340 and you'll find **Intercourse**, at the heart of the oldest Amish settlement in North America and once a crossroads village that's become a popular tourist stop. If you're there early in the day (Tip: avoid crowded summer weekends), you may still feel the flavor of the charming village it once was. Don't miss the museum and shops of **The People's Place** and **Kitchen Kettle Village**, 800-732-3538; [KitchenKettle.com](http://KitchenKettle.com). Or for an



The Lancaster City skyline reminds you this is no sleepy farm town!

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](http://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.

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

Try to visit on a **First Friday**, when several neighborhoods—**Gallery Row** on N. Prince St., **Uptown** on N. Queen St., **Backstage** around N. Water St.—overflow with music on every corner and lively crowds visiting galler-

ies, boutiques and hip restaurants hosting open houses and late hours. Browsers mingle along Gallery Row in shops with art-quality crafts and home décor items, others with unique jewelry and accessories, and blocks of galleries that make this an “authentic arts town.” There's so much art here there's even a boutique Arts Hotel!

To get the most from your visit, stop by the well-stocked **Visitors' Center**, for maps and information about Lancaster and surroundings. Join a **Historic Walking Tour** to sample the heritage, history and architecture—three centuries in four blocks! *Penn Square*, 777-299-6440 for information.

For the museum-minded, check out the **Heritage Center Museum** for its 1920s print shop in action and exhibits of Amish furniture and fine decorative arts. *Penn Square*, 717-299-6440; [HeritageCenterMuseum.org](http://HeritageCenterMuseum.org). Also worth a visit are the **Lancaster Museum of Art**, 135 N. Lime St., 717-394-3497; [LMAPA.org](http://LMAPA.org), **North Museum of Science & History**, 400 College Ave., 717-291-3941; [NorthMuseum.org](http://NorthMuseum.org), and **Lancaster Newspapers Newseum**, 28 S. Queen St., 717-291-8600.

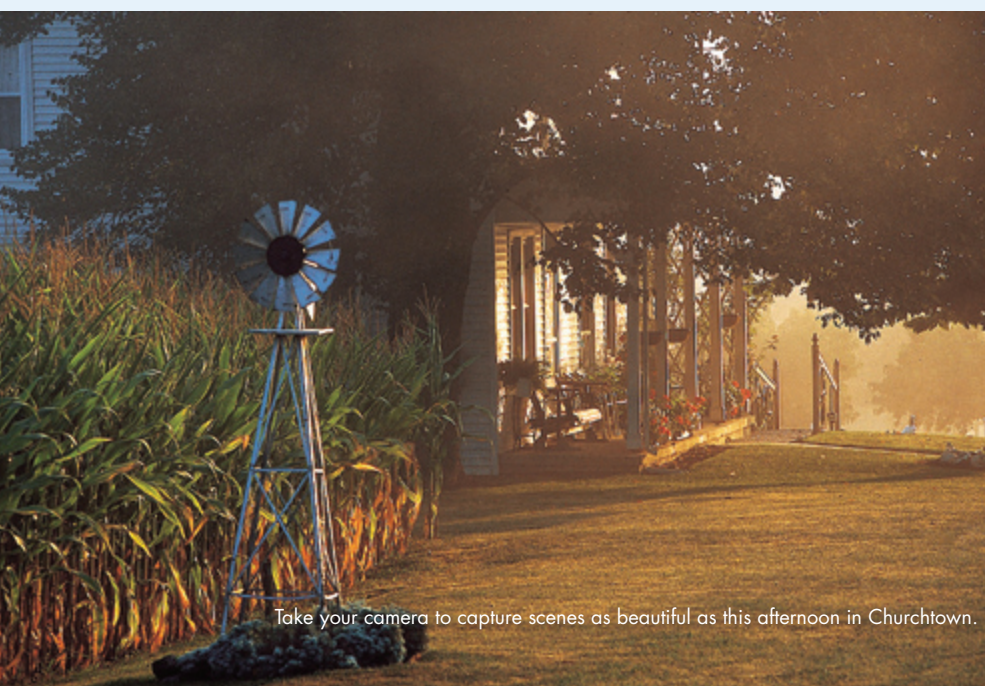
Small is also beautiful, as evidenced in specialized museums like the **Demuth Museum**, located in the house, workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. American



First Friday in Lancaster is filled with art, music, excitement and crowds.



The DeMuth Museum gives a glimpse of this American artist's work.

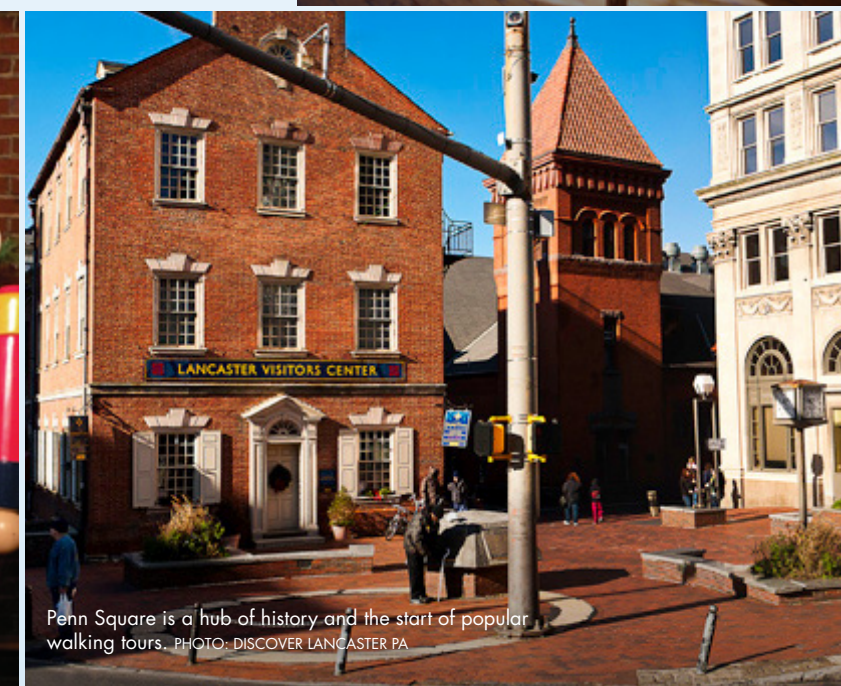


Take your camera to capture scenes as beautiful as this afternoon in Churchtown.



Strasburg Rail Road offers rides aboard a historic coal-burning steam train.

Everyday is Christmas at the National Christmas Museum.



Penn Square is a hub of history and the start of popular walking tours. PHOTO: DISCOVER LANCASTER PA





Long's Park hosts free concerts, including a Patriotic Concert celebrating July 4th.

modernist painter Demuth traveled widely, but always came back to Lancaster. 120 E. King St., 717-299-9940; [Demuth.org](http://Demuth.org).

Hungry yet? The nation's oldest continually operating farmer's market, **Central Market**, hosts 60-some stalls in a building that's on the National Register. The Market offers the best of local farms and gourmet delicacies, plus more options from around the world. *Market days: Tues & Fri, 6 to 4, Sat, 6 to 2.* 717-735-6890; [CentralMarketLancaster.com](http://CentralMarketLancaster.com).

Lancaster also offers a full range of restaurants, from Zagat-rated **Gibraltar's** New American cuisine to local and casual **Lancaster Brewing Company**, housed in a working microbrewery, and everything in between.

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

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

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

First head to the **Landis Valley Museum**, Lancaster County's version of Sturbridge Village, though somewhat more modest in scope. Devoted to the Pennsylvania German rural

heritage, the Museum is a nationally known living-history village dedicated to this special history and culture from 1740 to 1940. It's a great family day trip. Travel back in time to the Civil War era with "Civil War Days at Landis Valley," July 27 & 28th, when reenactors bring the Civil War right to you and transform Landis Valley into a crossroads village.

*Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Closed some major holidays. Adm: \$8-\$12; under 2, free. Off Rt. 272 at 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 717-569-0401; [LandisValleyMuseum.org](http://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: \$8.50. 717-569-KIDS; [Handson-House.org](http://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-\$10, under 3, free. Rts. 272 & 322. 717-733-6600; [EphrataCloister.org](http://EphrataCloister.org).*

Virtually next door to the Cloister is tree-shaded **Ephrata Park**, with an outdoor amphitheater, the **Eicher House** and **Indian Museum Shop**, located in restored houses built in the 1730s, and the **Playhouse in the Park**, which presents a summer season of theater for adults and a children's series. 717-733-7966; [EphrataPerformingArtsCenter.com](http://EphrataPerformingArtsCenter.com).

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. 25. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment—from Daves on July 21 to Samba Mapangala on August 18. So pack a picnic (no alcohol), bring your blanket and enjoy Celtic, Cajun, Latin, swing, jazz or patriotic music and a night of fireworks.

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

The final trip gives you a taste of Lancaster County's "Sweet Spot" at **Lititz**, a "Distinctive Destination" town that's evolved into a thriving, welcoming town, while keeping its roots intact. You may want to plan your trip for July 27 to catch the **47th Annual Lititz Outdoor Art Show**.

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](http://LititzPA.com).* Then on to the dozen historic buildings lining East Main Street, like Sturgis House-turned-Spill the Beans Café.

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](http://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](http://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.

Next door, the **Mueller House** (c. 1792) hosts tours of traditional 18th-century living. 137-145 E. Main St., 717-627-4636; [LititzHistoricalFoundation.com](http://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, "Welcome to Lititz. Pretty Sweet."

## TOUR THE MAIN LINE

We think there's something special about **The Main Line**, running along Route 30 (a.k.a. Lancaster Avenue, farther west, Lancaster Pike) between **Bala Cynwyd**, and west to **Pooli**—a distance of 15 miles. In fact, this year we're including Ardmore, site of the U.S. Open at the Merion Golf Club, in our **Recent Discoveries** section.

Natives know that the Main Line 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" up-scale place to live.

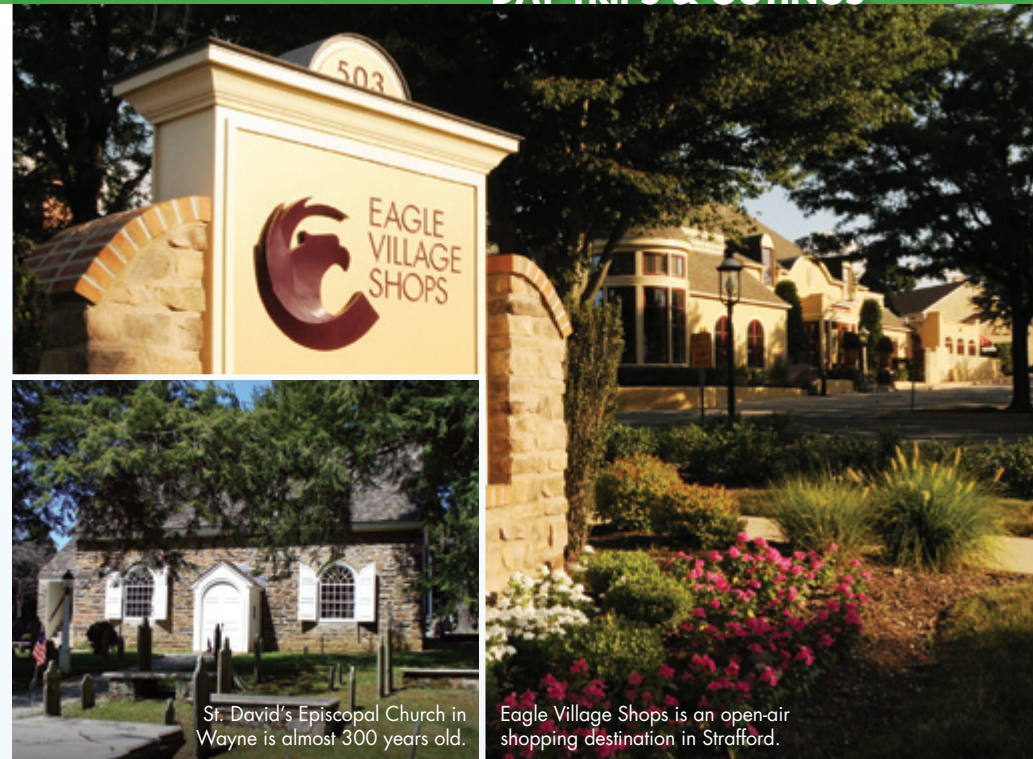
Drive a few blocks north of Route 30 and you'll find yourself in a seemingly endless wonderland of estates, beautifully landscaped mansions, near-mansions and merely very, very big houses. Spend some time wandering the winding, tree-lined roads and enjoy the scenery. A GPS comes in handy for finding your way back to Route 30.

While much of Route 30 is now a commercial strip, it offers the considerable benefit of great 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 "Weekend in Wayne" online at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com), under *Back Issues*, May 2013.

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, you'll find



St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne is almost 300 years old.

Eagle Village Shops is an open-air shopping destination in Strafford.

Haverford College, Harcum College, Bryn Mawr College, Rosemont College, Villanova University, Eastern College, Cabrini College and Immaculata University.

There are also over a dozen elite private schools here, too, including Agnes Irwin, Baldwin, 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.

Even if you don't have a prospective college student in tow, we suggest visits 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. 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. The campus hosted some of the U.S. Open activities in June.

If you're at **Bryn Mawr College** around lunchtime on a weekday, stop at Wyndham Alumnae House, 101 N. Merion Ave., the inviting 18th-century stone farmhouse, where the public is welcome to enjoy a gracious meal. A hidden gem!



Lititz Springs Park's 4th of July Celebration



Lititz hosts a Craft Show as well as a summer Art Show. PHOTO: GEORGE SAYLES



Haverford College boasts a tranquil duck pond and the nation's only collegiate cricket team.



St. Thomas of Villanova Church is a landmark on the University campus.



## DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS



Wharton Esherick Museum houses a stunning studio.



Valley Forge National Historical Park is a living monument to the Continental Army.

**Note:** Just a reminder that the **Barnes Foundation**, once in Merion, moved to a new location on Museum Mile, along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. 215-278-7000; [BarnesFoundation.org](http://BarnesFoundation.org).

A final stop on the Main Line is a local treasure. 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!

Starting September 15, stop by to view the winning entries of the 20th Annual Woodworker's Competition and Exhibition. Many of the works on display will be for sale. The theme this year was birds.

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

## VALLEY FORGE AND BEYOND

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

You'll find reconstructed soldiers' huts, fortifications, cannons, Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge Historical Society Museum (one of the largest collections of George Washington and Revolutionary War artifacts) and Washington Memorial Chapel. The Visitors Center offers maps, self-guided driving tours, ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, cell-phone tours, podcasts and more.

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. (Note: There are trail and road closures for ongoing work related to the Asbestos Release Site cleanup, so check the website.)

Using the "Valley Forge Muster Roll," the first automated record of nearly 30,000 soldiers who served there during the Revolutionary War, visitors can search soldiers' records at two interactive kiosks in the Visitor Center. Soldier

Life programs are presented daily by costumed interpreters at the Muhlenberg brigade site.

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

If, when you hear Valley Forge, your thoughts turn to casinos, you may want to check out **Valley Forge Casino Resort** which opened in March 2012, for casino gambling, live

entertainment, dining, shopping, nightlife, plus a hotel, spa and conference center. 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. 610-354-8118; [VFCasino.com](http://VFCasino.com).

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; [PA.Audubon.org](http://PA.Audubon.org); [John-James-Audubon-Center-Mill-Grove](http://John-James-Audubon-Center-Mill-Grove)*

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.

*Mon-Fri, 10-4; Mansion & gardens tours, Mon-Fri, 1:30 & by appt. \$3-\$5; res. req. for groups. Gardens open, free year-round. 7001 Sheaff Lane, Ft. Washington. 215-641-2687; [HighlandsHistorical.org](http://HighlandsHistorical.org).* ♦

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John James Audubon's home is nearby at Mill Grove. PHOTO: MI TICCINO



## MORE GREAT PLACES FOR OUTINGS PENNSYLVANIA

See also: Historic Sites

### Glen Mills

**Newlin Mill Park.** Restored 18th-century milling community, with an active 1704 water-powered grist mill, 1739 miller's home, log cabin, active forge. Hiking and trout fishing on weekends, picnicking and nature walks. *Open 8 am to dusk. Free. Adm. to tour historic structures. Rt. 1 & Cheyney Rd. 610-459-2359; NewlinGristMill.org.*

### 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 2:30. 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

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

### Pottstown

**Ryerss Farm For Aged Equines.** Celebrating 125 years of providing a safe and caring environment for retired and rescued horses. Situated on 383 acres, Ryerss welcomes visitors 365 days a year. From Stanley, a belgian draft, to Omen, a miniature horse, the residents always enjoy a treat. Visit their website to learn more about the farm. *1710 Ridge Rd. 610-469-0533; RyerssFarm.org.*

### 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.*

## DELAWARE

### Greenville

**Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory.** A nonprofit educational institution whose mission is promoting the study and appreciation of astronomy, astrophysics and space sciences. *Adm. 1610 Hillside Mill Rd. 302-654-6407; MountCuba.org.*

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nature centers and public gardens. The following attractions are noted for outstanding physical facilities and extensive public programs.

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### Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

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

### Devault

**Great Valley Nature Center.** Formerly the Nature Center of Charlestown, established in 1974. Includes colonial-era fieldstone bank barn and farmhouse. Quality environmental education programs and facilities provide natural habitats for field studies. Full-sized replica of a Lenape Village shows what life was like for Native Americans 500 years ago. *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, ground-covers 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

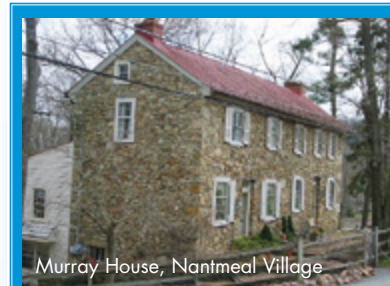
**Henry Foundation for Botanical Research.** Historical garden based on Mary G. Henry's vision, with plants growing naturalistically in woodlands and hillsides. Part devoted to the botany of North American ecosystems, while other areas showcase Asian and European species. Parts grown from wild-collected 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."

### 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 don't miss their "Totally Terrific Tree Houses" exhibit. *Year-round programs for adults, children and families. Education center, museum collections*



Murray House, Nantmeal Village

### Through August 22

**Town Tours and Village Walks.** Mark your calendars for the 19th summer of sharing Chester County's heritage. This series of free summer strolls takes you through the county's historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites. *July 11, It Creeps, It Crawls, It Will Get Us All! (The Blob, that is); July 18, Inside the Churches of Church St., Phoenixville; July 25, Goshenville 1863; Aug. 1, Nantmeal Village, the "Sweet Water" Meeting on Coventry Road; Aug. 8, Soldier-Statesman-Leader: The Legacy of Rich Thomas III (1744-1832); Aug. 15, An Inside Glimpse of the Lukens National Historic District; Aug. 22, Barn Again in Chester County. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m.; last tour leaves at 7. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

*and 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.*

### 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.*



Chanticleer

### 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/Refuge/Bombay\_Hook.*

### 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.*

**Nemours Mansion & Gardens.** The Mansion was a gift from Alfred I. du Pont to his second wife, Alicia, built in the late-18th-century French style. Alfred named the estate Nemours, after the French town that his great-great-grandfather represented in the French Estates General. While looking to the past and his ancestors for inspiration, Alfred ensured that his new home was thoroughly modern by incorporating the latest technology and many of his own inventions. *850 Alapocas Dr. 302-651-6912; NemoursMansion.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; Daniel-BooneHomestead.org.*

### Broomall

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

### Bryn Mawr

**Harriton House.** Home of Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, furnished with 18th-century antiques. 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 industrial heritage, retaining its original Colo-



nial-Era power train, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment ranging from the late 1700s to the mid 1900s. *Monthly demonstrations offer hands-on activities. 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 hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment, as well as a popular 18th-century mineral water spa. Annual art, crafts and antique shows here are major events. *Grounds are always open. Mon-Fri, 9 to 4. Art School and 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); Terracina (1850-51, built by Charles Huston) and Graystone Mansion (1889, built by Abram Francis Huston). Lukens Steel Main Office Building stands on a neighboring site by the steel mills. **National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum** is open Mon-Fri, 10 to 3. *Guided tours by appt. S. First Ave. (one block S of Bus. Rt. 30). 610-384-9282; LukensHistoricDistrict.org.*

#### Ephrata

**Ephrata Cloister.** See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

#### Fort Washington

**The Highlands.** See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

#### Geigertown

**Joanna Furnace, Hay Creek Valley Historical Association.** The Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County’s rich agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The **Hay Creek Festival, September 6-8**, features Early American crafts, antique toy display, Civil War encampment, home craft marketplace, children’s hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. *Gates open at 7 am; main attractions, 10 to 5. Adm. Summer hours for Joanna Furnace: call for reservations; open to visitors the third Sat. of the month. Rt. 10 (2.5 mi. N of the Morgantown exit, PA Tpk). 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.*



#### Germantown/Philadelphia

**Cliveden.** Historic house museum on 6 landscaped acres. Site of the Battle of Germantown in 1777, which is reenacted the first Saturday in Oct. Includes original furnishing and decorative arts. *Open Apr*

*1-Dec 30. Thurs-Sun, noon to 3:30. Adm. 6401 Germantown Ave. 215-848-1777; Cliveden.org.*

#### Lancaster

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

**Wheatland.** Lavish Victorian home of President James Buchanan; many furnishings reflect the White House years (200-pound fishbowl was a gift from the Japanese Mikado). Garden and outbuildings. *Apr-Oct, Mon-Sat, One-hour tours begin at 10, last tour at 4. Adm. 1120 Marietta Ave. 717-392-4633; LancasterHistory.org.*



#### Malvern

**Historic Sugartown.** An 18th-century typical rural 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. *May-July, Sun, 1 to 4 pm. 690 Sugartown Rd. HistoricSugartown.org. Tour \$5, \$12/family.*

#### Morrisville

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

#### Paoli

**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. Guided tours, slide lectures and a Paoli Massacre diorama with self-activating tape commentary. *Through mid-Dec., Thurs-Sun, 1 to 3; closed major holidays. 2049 Waynesborough Rd., Paoli. Tour \$5, \$12/family. 610-647-1779; PhilaLandmarks.org/Wayne\_Location.aspx.*

#### 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 holidays. Free. 5 Haldeman Rd. 610-287-9349; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.*

#### Upland

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

#### Valley Forge

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

#### Wayne

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

#### Willow Street

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

#### Worcester

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

## MUSEUMS PENNSYLVANIA

#### Chadds Ford

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

**Christian Sanderson Museum.** See: “Some Favorite Day Trips & Outings.”

#### Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

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

#### Paoli

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

#### Valley Forge

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

#### West Chester

**Chester Co. Historical Society Museum.** 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 & Eleutherian Mills.** See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

**Rockwood Museum.** Designed in 1851 by English 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-Sat, 10 to 3; Sun, noon to 3. 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, documents and information that aid in the interpretation of all aspects of Kent County’s history. The Society shares this information through its research library, museum space, programs, publications and website and supports and encourages the preservation of historic buildings and sites throughout Kent County. *Tues-Fri, 10 to*

*4; May-Oct, Sat, 1 to 4. Adm. 101 Church Alley. 410-778-3499; KentCountyHistory.org.*

## SPECIAL INTEREST MUSEUMS PENNSYLVANIA

#### Boyetown

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

#### Columbia

**The National Watch & Clock Museum.** Featuring the treasures of time, from ancient timepieces to modern technologies, the museum captures the evolution of timekeeping over the centuries. Hands-on displays, up-close exhibits and a beautiful facility will delight people of all ages and interests. *Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. Adm. 514 Poplar St. 717-684-8261; NAWCC.com.*

#### Intercourse

**The 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 visitors back to a time when slavery existed and the Underground Railroad was a “trackless trail.” Meet the people, hear the legends, learn the facts. *Call for tours. Adm. 484-734-0079; UndergroundRR.Kennett.net.*

#### Lancaster

**DeMuth Museum.** See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

**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.** They’re not what you expect—Lancaster County’s hidden treasure! Experience a one-of-a-kind journey as you discover the memories, history and traditions of Christmas through life-sized indoor exhibits. Fifteen main galleries, numerous ever-changing smaller exhibits and a gift shop. *Handicap accessible w/seating throughout. Open daily, 10 to 6. Adm. 3427 Lincoln Hwy (Rt.30), 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 Mon-Sun, 11 to 5. Adm. 500 Museum Rd. 610-371-5850; ReadingPublicMuseum.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

#### Haverford

**Main Line Art Center.** 746 Pannure Rd. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

#### Wayne

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

#### West Chester

**Chester County Art Association,** 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.

#### Collegeville

**Ursinus College**, 601 E. Main St. 610-409-3000; Ursinus.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**, 700 S. High St. 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](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com) for "Special Issues & Guides."

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Bryn Mawr

**Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy**, 272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-922-2300; JBHA.org. 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. Grades PreK-12. Girls. Catholic.

**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.

#### Crum Lynne

**Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School**, Philadelphia Support Center, 1553 Chester Pk., Ste. 103, 888-PACYBER; PaCyber.org. The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School (PA Cyber) is a pioneer in online education and now in its 13th year of offering K-12 students an innovative, high-quality education using the latest technology, accredited courses and experienced, state-certified teachers. It is a public, tuition-free school for students residing in the Commonwealth. Learn more by calling or visiting their website.

#### Devon

**Devon Preparatory School**, 363 N. Valley Forge Rd. 610-688-7337; DevonPrep.com. Devon Prep is a small, private, Catholic, college preparatory school for young men conducted by the Piariist Fathers and located on Philadelphia's Main Line. Through challenging academics, competitive athletics, devotion to Christian values and commitment to service, Devon Prep students are prepared to be responsible, compassionate leaders able to face the challenges of life with confidence. Grades 6-12. Boys only. Roman Catholic.

#### Dresher

**The Montessori School**, 1701 Jarrettown Rd. 215-542-0740; DiscoverTMS.org. 18 months to 12 years. Coed. Non-sectarian.

#### Eagle

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

#### Exton

**The Church Farm School**, 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. Grades 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. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.com. 418 S. Warren Ave. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.org. Malvern Prep is an Independent, Augustinian, Catholic college preparatory school for young men where the education balances rigorous academics, deep extracurricular commitment, spiritual development, global citizenship and Christian service, preparing each student to become a gentleman and a scholar. Grades 6-12. Boys. Catholic.

**Villa Maria Academy**, 370 Old Lincoln Hwy. 610-644-2551; VMAHS.org. Prepares students to face the challenges of the 21st century with a college preparatory academic program that includes 21 Advanced Placement courses. The school is founded on the charisma 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. Devoted to academic excellence, learning and achievement, the Hill School stresses independent critical thinking, analysis and writing. The mission is to develop the moral character of its students, with the understanding that strong values remain the foundation for a successful life. Boarding only. Grades 9-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

**Wyndcroft School**, 1395 Wilson St. 610-326-0544; Wyndcroft.org. Grades PreK-8. Coed. Non-sectarian.

#### Rosemont

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

**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.

**Wilmington Friends School**, 101 School Rd. 302-576-2900; WilmingtonFriends.org. Global curriculum and IB, emphasis on engaging complex issues intellectually and in action, in and outside of the classroom, with a sense of confidence and responsibility. Early Learning Center (ages 2 and 3) to grade 12. Coed. Quaker.

### LEARNING DIFFERENCES & SPECIAL EDUCATION

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Newtown Square

**Stratford Friends**, Two Bishop Hollow Rd. 610-355-9580; StratfordFriends.org. Day only. Ungraded (approx. K-8).

#### Stratford

**Woodlynde School**, 445 Upper Gulph Rd. 610-687-9660; Woodlynde.org. Grades 1-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

#### Westtown

**The Concept School**, 1120 E. Street Rd. 610-399-1135; TheConceptSchool.org. Grades 5-12. Coed. Non-sectarian.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Devon

**Dressage at Devon – Sept. 24-29**, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30. 410-398-1740; DressageAtDevon.org. World-class horses and riders compete in this event, which features the elegance and agility of the classical horse and rider. A festival area offers shops with exclusive apparel, fine arts, antiques and collectibles from 65 vendors and food from burgers to full gourmet meals at charming outdoor cafés.

#### Gladwyne

**VoxAmaDeus**, 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org. VoxAmaDeus and music director, Valentin Radu, look forward to a tuneful, musically delightful 2013-14 season of audience-pleasing favorites from the Baroque and Classical eras. Tickets to concerts of Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi, Beethoven, Handel's Messiah, even George Gershwin, with internationally-renowned pianist, Peter Donohoe, are reasonably priced from \$10 to \$70.

#### Kutztown

**Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Holiday Show – Nov. 2-3**, Kutztown University, O'Pake Fieldhouse, 312 Trexler Ave. 610-678-6650; RBCrafts.org. Fine traditional and contemporary crafts by juried artisans from the largest guild in the state. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$4 donation.

#### Ludwig's Corner

**Ludwig's Corner Horse Show & Country Fair – Aug. 31-Sept. 2**, Rt. 100, N of Rt. 401. More than 500 horses compete in events at the 33-acre Ludwig's Corner horse show grounds. Also featured, rides and games, carriage exhibition, antique cars, retailers, crafters and children's activities. Benefits open space conservation, Horse Power for Life and the Ludwigs Corner Fire Company. 8 to 6. \$3-\$7. 610-458-3344; Ludwigs-HorseShow.org.

#### Malvern

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

**The Great Colonial Festival and Fine Crafts Fair – Sept. 28**, St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, 2475 St. Peters Rd. Colonial times come alive at this festival. Listen to period music, watch demonstrations and reenactments, play with Colonial toys and games, shop at vendors booths—a

fun day for the whole family. You can also enjoy docent-led tours of the original church building. 10 to 5. TheGreatColonialFestival.org.

#### Media

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

#### Perkiomenville

**Goschenhoppen Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival**, Henry Antes Plantation, Rt. 73. A family-friendly event providing an exceptional educational experience for children, giving them an opportunity to try firsthand the pleasures of a former time. Dipping candles, creating a rag doll, petting a calf, sampling potato candy or rolling a barrel hoop are all sure to bring a smile. This year's theme is the cook stove. Come enjoy the fun. Aug. 9-10, Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. Adm: \$2-\$10. 215-234-8953; Goschenhoppen.org.

### DELAWARE

#### Wilmington

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

**Pennsylvania Guild of Fine Craft Fair**, see *Of Special Note*.

### GREAT SHOPPING TOWNS

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### 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.

#### King of Prussia

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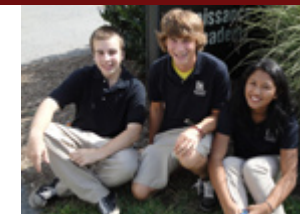
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### Malvern

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.

### West Chester

West on Rt. 3 to center of town, or S on Rt. 202 to W on Rt. 3. Chester County's historic county seat, replete with handsome period architecture, has been restored and offers a diverse shopping and dining experience in an inviting nostalgic atmosphere. You'll find many shops and restaurants—from quaint to cosmopolitan. Nearby residential streets afford delightful self-guided walking tours. For information, contact West Chester B.I.D., 119 S. High St., 610-738-3350; [DowntownWestChester.com](http://DowntownWestChester.com).

## DELAWARE

### Greenville

Rt. 52 (Kennett Pike) in Greenville. A once-sleepy crossroad north of Wilmington is now the site of four upscale and interesting malls, with one-of-a-kind, non-chain shops.

### Hockessin

**Hockessin Corner**, Old Lancaster Pk. 302-234-2024. This cluster of upscale shops offers a friendly small-town atmosphere. Make it a day's outing and select from home furnishings, aromatherapy, gifts and bridal and lady's fashions. Fine dining as well.

### New Castle

See: "Day Trips & Outings."

## MARYLAND

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

## HEALTH / MEDICAL FACILITIES PENNSYLVANIA

### Glen Mills

**Crozer-Keystone Health System**, Crozer Medical Plaza at Brinton Lake, Evergreen Dr. (off Rt. 1). 610-579-3400; [CrozerAtTheLake.org](http://CrozerAtTheLake.org). Encompassing three different buildings off of Route 1 in Glen Mills, Crozer Brinton Lake is Crozer-Keystone Health System's comprehensive care complex in western Delaware County. The facilities include a cancer center, surgery center, imaging center, endoscopy center, sleep center and more than 20 medical specialties.

### Haverford

**Bayada Home Health Center**, 354 W. Lancaster Ave., 2nd floor. 610-658-7150; [Bayada.com](http://Bayada.com). Home health aides provide personal care and companion services. Skilled nurses provide care and manage chronic conditions working in consultation with the client's physician to develop an individualized plan of care.

### West Chester

**Gateway Medical Associates**, offices in Coatesville, Downingtown, Exton and West Chester. 610-423-8181; [GatewayDoctors.com](http://GatewayDoctors.com). A physician-owned practice consisting of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, at eight sites throughout Chester County. They aim to be the leader in providing excellent, full spectrum primary care to the residents of our community, are affiliated with Brandywine Hospital, Paoli Hospital and The Chester County Hospital and provide nursing home care at many facilities.

## SPECIALTY SHOPS AND SERVICES PENNSYLVANIA

### East Earl

**Country Home Furniture**, 1352 Main St. 717-354-2329; [CHFS1.com](http://CHFS1.com). Located next to Goods Store at Shady Maple, in the original smorgasbord building. Quality American-made sofas and recliners; solid wood dining, bedroom, office, occasional and entertainment ... and the area's largest selection of Amish furniture. Mon and Fri, 10 to 7; Tues-Thurs, 10 to 5; Sat, 9 to 5. They ship and deliver anywhere.

### Malvern

**Flowing Springs Landscape Design, Inc.**, 426 Old Conestoga Rd. 610-408-0739; [FlowingSpringsDesign.com](http://FlowingSpringsDesign.com). Talented designers and craftsmen offer expert consultation on creative design and custom building for your property. They'll create waterfalls, ponds, water gardens, patios, landscape lighting, walks, custom swimming pools and stone walls. Professional tree and shrub care and quality nursery items. Serving the Main Line and surrounding area for 30 years; excellent references.

**Hoover Financial Advisors, PC**, 112 Moores Rd, Malvern; 610-651-2777; [PeteHoover.com](http://PeteHoover.com). Pete Hoover, an independent financial advisor, has no product allegiance or proprietary ties, assuring clients that plans are based on individual goals. Whether objectives are to lower taxes, educate children, retire in ease or hand down assets, HFA provides exemplary, comprehensive financial services. Because of HFA's exceptional client loyalty, it has tripled in size and enjoys a 98.25% retention rate.

### Media

**AquaVita Pools**, 660 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-565-0900; [AquaVitaPools.com](http://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.

**Christopher Chocolates**, 3519 West Chester Pk. 610-359-1669; [Christopher-Chocolates.com](http://Christopher-Chocolates.com).

com. Family-owned and operated candy store making life sweeter since 1986. They specialize in homemade chocolates, custom gift baskets, candy buffets, logo chocolates for all occasions and Skylanterns—paper lantern meets hot air balloon—great for any celebration and so much fun. At your next event, chocolate dipping and/or fresh squeezed country fair lemonade adds to the fun. Stop in for a sample of your favorite chocolate and say Hi to Christopher.

**Mostardi Nursery**, 4033 West Chester Pk. 610-356-8035; [Mostardi.com](http://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 in Paoli). 610-644-5347; [WalterJCookJeweler.com](http://WalterJCookJeweler.com). Serving the Main Line for over 65 years with both classic jewelry designs and gifts, while introducing exciting and original collections. Walter J. Cook Jeweler provides independent appraisals, expert repairs, custom jewelry and unique gifts and engraving services. Expect the unexpected!

### Pottstown

**Alegacy Furniture**, 1486 S. Hanover St. (Rt. 100, S of Rt. 422). 610-970-4340; [AlegacyFurniture.com](http://AlegacyFurniture.com). They love American-made home furnishings here! The large showroom features room settings of many styles of hardwood furniture and top-grain leather seating, all made in the USA. The hardwood furniture is made to order, and Alegacy Furniture specializes in modifying existing styles and custom designing furniture to fit your needs. Visit them and make your dreams a reality.

### Springfield

**AquaVita Pools**, 1001 E. Woodland Ave. 610-544-2600; [AquaVitaPools.com](http://AquaVitaPools.com). See *Media, PA*.

### Valley Forge

**Washington Memorial Chapel Cabin Shop**, behind Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23 (1 mi. W of Visitors Center). 610-783-0576. "Where the Past Makes a Great Present." The Chapel Cabin Shop has been welcoming visitors for over 50 years. While they are known for their scrumptious baked goods and candies, they also sell patriotic souvenirs and gifts. Lunch is served daily. Daily 10-5. Come for the free carillon concerts on Wednesdays through August at 7:30 pm.

### West Chester

**Artistic Eyewear**, 127 N. High St. West Chester 610-738-7150; [ArtisticEyewear.com](http://ArtisticEyewear.com). Try on a wide array of boutique eyewear including designer brands like Oliver Peoples, Paul Smith, Ray-Ban sunglasses and many unique and exciting European designers. They provide a look and a price to fit the diversity of each individual who walks through their door. Free parking behind store. Also located in Doylestown.

**Key Financial, Inc., Patricia C. Brennan CFP**, 1560 McDaniel Dr. 610-429-9050; [KeyFinancialInc.com](http://KeyFinancialInc.com). As an organization, their commitment to clients is anchored by delivering

comprehensive and thought-provoking financial solutions. They engage in formulating innovative and personally tailored financial advice held to the highest standards of quality. They understand that by recognizing the individuality of each client, they can form a more intimate bond from which superior outcomes will flourish.

**Pete's Produce Farm at Westtown School**, 1225 E. Street Rd. 610-399-3711; [PetesProduceFarm.com](http://PetesProduceFarm.com). Located in the rolling hills of Chester County, Pete's Produce Farm is now growing over 200 acres of fresh fruits and vegetables. At a time when farm land is becoming scarce, Pete's Produce Farm is dedicated to practicing sustainability as well as environmentally responsible farming. Specializing in sweet corn and tomatoes, Pete's Produce Farm is a multi-faceted farm whose "Business Is Growing".

## ANTIQUES & FINE REPRODUCTIONS PENNSYLVANIA

### Kennett Square

**McLimans Furniture**, 940 W. Cypress St. 610-444-3876; [McLimans.com](http://McLimans.com). Selling clean, well-maintained, traditional wood furniture to the tri-state area and beyond since 1976. Stop in and you'll find solid cherry, mahogany, maple, walnut and pine pieces, a bit of 19th-century and quality old reproductions (1920–1960). They also carry fine, used name brands such as Ethan Allen and Thomasville as well as new antique reproductions.

### New Holland

**Martin's Chair, Inc.**, 124 King Ct. 717-355-2177; [MartinsChair.com](http://MartinsChair.com). Highest quality 18th-century Windsor chairs, settees, and cupboards, handcrafted by this family-owned and operated business for 51 years. Featuring curly maple and cherry wood with a variety of stains and beautifully antiqued paint finishes. Also offering Johnston Benchworks upholstered items. Their pieces can be seen from Colonial Williamsburg to the Guggenheim Museum, and soon in your home. Visit them and see why it's time to take your heirloom home!

## HOME: INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DESIGN PENNSYLVANIA

### Blue Ball

**Heritage Design Interiors**, 1064 E. Main St. (Rt. 23), New Holland. 717-354-2233; [HeritageDesignInteriors.com](http://HeritageDesignInteriors.com). Specializing in window treatments, artwork, accessories for the home and floral design and offering interior and exterior color and design consulting for both residential and commercial buildings.

**Bryn Mawr**  
**Shady Lady, Inc.**, 872 Penn St. 610-527-4268; 800-791-2424; [ShadyLadyInc.com](http://ShadyLadyInc.com). Personalized service, specializing in custom window treatments including interior shutters and drapery. Hours are by appointment.

### Elverson

**Chester County Hearth & Home**, 19 Park Ave. 610-913-0730; [ChesterChimney.com](http://ChesterChimney.com). The hearth is the heart of the home, and will make it safe and beautiful. Visit this showroom and find quality hearth products from Regency, Hampton, Enviro, Piazzetta and others, including CSIA certified chimney service, NFI certified gas fireplace service, C-DET certified dryer vent service.

### Kennett Square

**Waterbury Kitchen & Bath, LLC**, 818 E. Baltimore Pk. 610-444-9192; [WaterburyDesign.com](http://WaterburyDesign.com). Waterbury Kitchen & Bath will work with clients from initial design to installation to create their dream kitchen, bath or other interior space utilizing custom cabinetry and millwork.

### Paradise

**Dutchie's Stone Works**, 717-587-8789; [DutchiesStoneWorks.com](http://DutchiesStoneWorks.com). The timeless and natural beauty of stone adds value to your home or commercial property. Dutchie's Stone Works offers quality Lancaster craftsmanship, skilled masonry, stone fronts, retaining walls, fireplaces and enhancement of pools. They also do restoration and custom designs.

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### West Chester

**Giuseppe Kitchen and Bath Design**, 129 E. Gay St. 610-436-8161; [GiuseppeKitchenAndBathDesign.com](http://GiuseppeKitchenAndBathDesign.com). Old-world quality in both products and workmanship with a reputation for honesty, reasonable pricing and professionalism. They offer free design and layout consultation, kitchen and bathroom renovations, custom cabinetry, countertops, backsplash and floor tile installation. This is a full-service, shop at home design center.



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### Lionville

**Ron's Original Bar & Grille**, Heritage Center, Rt. 113 (just north of Rt. 100). 610-594-9900; RonsOriginal.com. The family's pledge is to serve healthy food made daily with the freshest and best quality ingredients. All meals are prepared fresh, from scratch without additives and preservatives. And, to accompany their delicious, healthy food, they offer 20 rotating craft draft beers, 200 bottles of beer and many other choices at the bar. *Best of the Best '11, 12, County Lines*.

### Media

**Riddle Ale House**, 1037 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-566-9984. Serving casual American cuisine with Italian influence and specializing in hand-carved roast beef sandwiches (a specialty). Casual. Seasonal outdoor dining on the patio. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. *Best of the Best '11, 12, County Lines*.

### 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. Come for lunch or dinner, and enjoy their cuisine, prized wine list, outstanding beer selection and attentive service.

### West Chester

**La Tolteca**, 907 S. High St. 610-429-8101; LaTolteca.com. Mexican and Tex-Mex cuisine is served in this BYO. Lunch and dinner specials; Fajitas and Ribs made with green salsa are popular items. Mon-Thurs, 11 am to 10 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 to 10:30; Sun, 11 to 9. *Best of the Best '07, County Lines*.

## WINES & WINERIES PENNSYLVANIA

### Chadds Ford

**Brandywine Valley Wine Trail**, 632 Baltimore Pk. 610-444-3842; BVWineTrail.com. Located mid-way between Philadelphia and Lancaster, the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail offers premium regional wines from eight family-owned wineries. Enjoy tastings, tours, festivals, picnicking and a variety of other events year-round. Visit their website for locations. Come spend a weekend in wine country!

## DELAWARE

### Centreville

**Collier's of Centreville**, 5810 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52). 302-656-3542; ColliersWine.com. An exceptional selection of fine wine can be found here, where they specialize in discovering and promoting wines from around the world that offer good quality and exceptional value. Their knowledgeable staff will answer any questions you may have. Take advantage of in-shop tastings, their wine school and case discounts.

## LODGING

## PENNSYLVANIA

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### Chadds Ford

**Fairville Inn**, 506 Kennett Pk. 610-388-5900; FairvilleInn.com. Elegant accommodations in the heart of the Brandywine Valley just minutes from Longwood Gardens, Winterthur, the Brandywine River ("Wyeth") Museum, local wineries, fine dining and much more. Individually decorated rooms and suites, most with private decks and fireplaces. Breakfast and afternoon tea are, of course, included. Enjoy the elegance!

### Intercoarse

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### Kennett Square

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### Wayne

**Wayne Bed & Breakfast Inn**, 211 Strafford Ave. 610-715-2224; BnBInn.com. Featuring five elegantly appointed rooms each with private bath, the Wayne Bed & Breakfast Inn is the first and only B&B on the Main Line situated on a tranquil acre of gardens. Dating to the 1890s, this inn has retained the beautiful, historic architecture of the Victorian Arts and Crafts period, while offering modern amenities such as complimentary WIFI, central A/C and a great pool. Walk to downtown Wayne or the local train with direct access to downtown Philadelphia and the airport.

## REALTORS

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors—Holly Gross**, 484-678-0367; HollyGross.com.

## SENIOR COMMUNITIES

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Manheim

**Pleasant View Retirement Community**, 544 Penryn Rd. 717-664-6207; PleasantViewRC.org. Nestled in the rolling hills of Northern Lancaster County, Pleasant View blends a relaxing and care-free lifestyle with opportunities to explore passions and interests. With a variety of living accommodations to choose from, plus a multitude of on-campus conveniences, maintaining your active lifestyle is easier than ever. Plan your visit to see why over 400 residents call Pleasant View home.

### Media

**Riddle Village**, 1048 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-891-3700; RiddleVillage.com. Located on 40 acres in Delaware County, amenities and services include indoor pool, fitness center, putting green, beauty salon, personal trainer, bank and much more. Accommodates residents in independent living apartments with a variety of floor plans. Quality First participant.

### West Chester

**Barclay Friends**, 700 N. Franklin St. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org. A Kendal-affiliate that's a highly-regarded continuing care community with short-stay Post-Acute rehabilitation serving older adults in the Quaker tradition. With five gardens surrounding the community, they "cultivate the arts and gardens" through music, visual arts and horticultural therapy. ♦

# a Six-Pack to Sample

Ralph Fleming

*Beer fans on the Main Line have voted with their beer budgets.*



Over the last five years or so, sales of craft beer have doubled in the United States, and are expected to triple over the next five. This growth is spurred in part by today's

beer drinkers who are always searching for new styles and flavors.

Beer fans are excited to tell their friends and other craft beer drinkers, "I just discovered this one," or "Hey, I tried something so crazy, you have to check this out." Your father's old "lawn mowing" beer is simply not going to make the cut anymore.

With demand rising for something new and different, brewers and breweries are getting more experimental in their craft. You'll find that bars and bottle shops are now holding frequent samplings and beer tastings, and you can certainly find information on the Internet if you want to learn more. But the best way to discover what you enjoy (or don't), is to try different kinds of beer for yourself. This process is easier with a little guidance.

So, here's a six-pack of best selling beers from Ardmore's Beer Shoppe that local beer fans like. Give some or all of them a try and expand your beer horizons.

### 1 ~ BELL'S TWO HEARTED ALE

Hailing from Kalamazoo, Michigan, *Bell's Two Hearted Ale* is a super drinkable American IPA (India Pale Ale). With its copper color and white frothy head, this beer has great floral and citrus notes up front, and finishes with a piney touch and light bitterness. This fantastic IPA is available year round and is suitable for all "hopheads," as well as regular craft beer drinkers. If you like *Bell's Two Hearted Ale*, be sure to try *Founders Centennial IPA*.

### 2 ~ YARDS SAISON

Philadelphia's own Yards Brewing Company has brewed their take on a Belgian-style farmhouse ale. This saison pours golden yellow with a white bubbly head—perfect for those hot and humid summer days in our area. *Yards Saison* has a nice crisp body with good carbonation. You'll notice notes of citrus and lemon, with a light pepperiness up front, while finishing crisp and dry with a bit of a yeasty taste. Drink this beer whenever you can find it—it's only available late spring through summer. If you're a fan of *Yards Saison*, give *Stillwater Cellar Door Saison* a chance.

### 3 ~ PETRUS OAK AGED PALE ALE

*Petrus Oak Aged Pale Ale* is a year-round offering from Belgium. This world-class sour ale pours golden yellow with no cloudiness, with a taste that's strong and hits you with tart mouth-puckering sourness. This one might take some getting used to, but for something totally different, this is definitely a tasting treat. *Petrus Oak Aged Pale Ale* is a pleasant adventure for your taste buds and is a great place to start if you want to begin exploring the taste of sour ales. If you enjoy *Petrus Oak Aged Pale Ale*, you might also want to try *Lindemans Cuvee Renee Gueze*.

### 4 ~ LAGUNITAS LITTLE SUMPIN' SUMPIN' ALE

*Lagunitas Little Sumpin' Sumpin' Ale* is an American Wheat Pale Ale from Petaluma, California. Some might mistake this one for an IPA, as it smells like an IPA, and uses plenty of hops to give it that IPA feel. *Little Sumpin' Sumpin'* is brewed with 50% wheat malt, giving it a little less of that hop punch that you'd find in a traditional West Coast-style IPA. This orange, copper-colored beer is available year round on a limited basis and is medium bodied with nice carbonation. If you like *Lagunitas Little Sumpin' Sumpin' Ale*, it's worth sipping some *Ithica Brewing Company's White Gold*.

### 5 ~ WEYERBACHER MERRY MONKS' ALE

*Merry Monks* is a year-round offering from Weyerbacher Brewing Company out of Easton, Pennsylvania. This Belgian-style tripel (a strong pale ale) is bottle-conditioned, staying true to the style. Golden in color, notes of sugar, banana and citrus hit you on the front end, while finishing warm and boozy with a light spice. Even though this Belgian-style tripel weighs in at a hefty 9.3% ABV (alcohol by volume), all flavors blend together nicely making *Merry Monks* a very drinkable beer. If you like *Weyerbacher Merry Monks*, stay local and put *Victory Golden Monkey* on your shopping list.

### 6 ~ BLANCHE DE BRUXELLES

Belgium's *Blanche De Bruxelles*, the blueprint for a standard Belgian Witbier (light yellow color and a cloudy appearance), is the perfect beer for a sunny and warm spring or summer day. This year-round offering has a light wheat taste up front, while notes of coriander and citrus light up your taste buds. This Belgian Witbier has a nice creamy mouth feel and very little bitterness, making it super drinkable and refreshing. If you're a fan of *Blanche De Bruxelles*, you'll likely become a fan of *Belgium's Wittekirke Belgian Witbier*, too. ♦

*Ralph Fleming is beer manager at The Beer Shoppe, which won an award for Best To-Go Beer Selection. Owner Peter Vitale offers hundreds of craft, imported, microbrew and domestic beer. Make your own mix-and-match six-pack of these recommendations, or grab a ready to go six-pack from the cooler. 44 Greenfield Ave., Ardmore. 484-416-3594; ArdmoreBeerShoppe.com.*

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# Food News

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

**A Taste of Summer.** Summer means biting into a juicy, ripe tomato—or 20. To taste summer's bounty, come out to the **Tomato Tasting at Rushton Farm.** Chomp into a cherry tomato or beautiful beefsteak, all the while sipping cold beer or wine. Heirlooms and hybrids abound at this celebration of summer's favorite vegetable (or is it fruit?). Register soon to save your spot! *July 27th, 5 to 7 p.m., \$35. Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. Tomato Tasting 2013.eventbrite.*



**Here to Stay!** Started as an indoor winter market, West Chester's **Artisan Exchange** was scheduled to close in April. But its popularity will keep it open all year long. You can shop at some 40 local food artisan stands to put together your entire meal in one stop: start with appetizers like garlicky hummus with veggies, then fresh-made pasta with grass-fed beef, St. Peter's bread with artisan cheese, Penns Woods wine, topped off with yummy desserts (cupcakes, biscotti and more), plus fresh flowers and soy wax candles for your table. *208 Carter Dr., West Chester. Saturdays, 10 to 2 p.m. 610-719-0282; Artisan Exchange WCPA.com.*



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### Get Grandma's Favorite Recipe Published.

*County Lines* is collecting our readers' best family recipes. Food editor Laura Brennan is looking for the most delectable classic family recipes to share in September's **Brandywine Table** column. So please search through your files for those recipes that have survived years, making countless family gatherings tastier and encouraging generations to loosen their belt buckles. Let's share those legendary dishes! E-mail your recipe to [LauraBrennan@ValleyDel.com](mailto:LauraBrennan@ValleyDel.com) by July 20.

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