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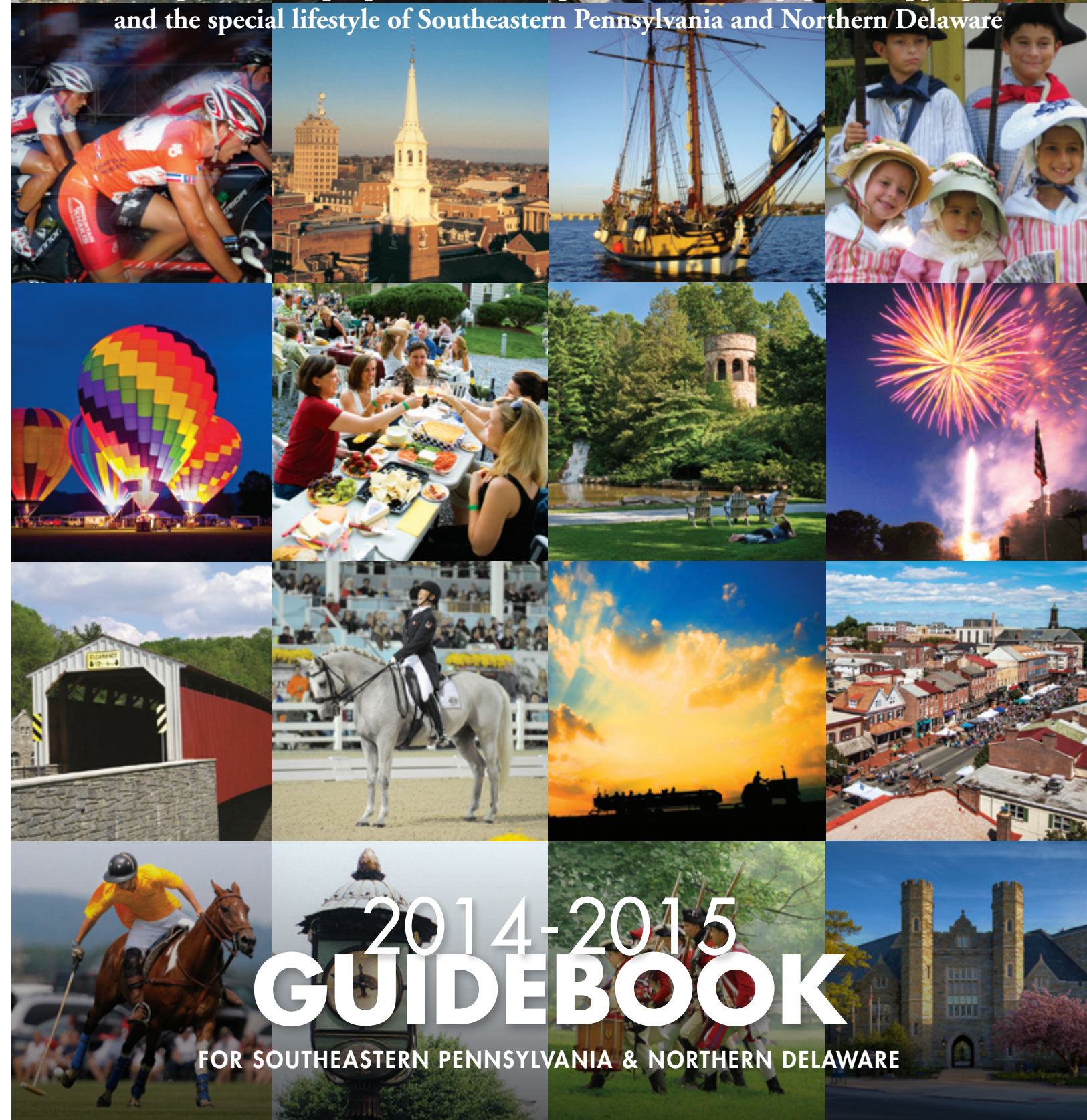
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For other ideas on how best to while away the leisurely days, check out our Guidebook to the area. We take you on a personal tour of hundreds of attractions, starting with two Recent Discoveries. You'll find there's more to the Valley Forge/King of Prussia area than battlefields and malls, and Hockessin, DE has more attractions than we knew before our visit.

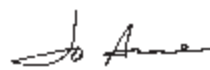
Covering Southeastern Pennsylvania and Northern Delaware—with side trips to Lancaster County and northern Maryland—the Guidebook is our once-a-year roundup of top attractions, historic sites, charming towns, lush gardens and more for visitors and residents alike to enjoy. We've been doing this for years and each time we're struck by the richness and diversity of this special place we call home. We hope our insider's Guide is a useful introduction if you're new here and a worthy resource if you're a local.

To complement the area Guide, we've included our Fall Guide to the Arts in this issue. The collection of local arts venues and performance groups is impressive and likely to inspire you to support the arts locally and often.

A few more recommendations. Take local writer Jim Breslin's new book *Shoplandia* to the beach or hammock. Learn about Pennsylvania microbrewing with Carol Stoudt's lesson on American Pale Ale. Let the folks at Chefanti help with dinner so you can enjoy the summer. And learn how to protect your knee joints with advice from Dr. Chip Hummer.

As always, our pages are full of the Best Local Events selected to make your summer even better.

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Preventing Knee Injuries: Keeping You and Your Family in YOUR Game

Charles Hummer, M.D.

"Hey, Doc, my knee really hurts!"

As an orthopaedic surgeon with a sub-specialty in Sports Medicine, I often hear this complaint from family, friends and patients. Both acute injuries and overuse injuries can cause knee pain and dysfunction in athletes of all ages. So, what are common knee problems? How can they be prevented? And, what treatments are there for common knee pain?

The most common knee problem I see in my practice is "kneecap pain" or patella-femoral pain syndrome (PFPS). The kneecap (patella) acts as a lever to allow the front thigh muscles to extend the knee, allowing us to stand upright and walk. The force generated through the kneecap increases geometrically as the knee bends in the standing position—in full squat there's about seven times body-weight pressure on the kneecap joint surface. Kneecap pain

occurs because of this pressure and because of subtle misalignment of the kneecap in the groove of the femur, caused by injury or change in level or type of activity—a new sport, lots of kneeling and the like.

Some other common causes of knee pain are sprains or tears of the knee ligaments, tears of the knee floating cartilages and wear and tear of the joint cartilage on the surface of the kneecap, the femur and the shin bone.

No matter your age, my key message is that prevention of knee injuries is much easier than treatment. Fortunately, sports science has advanced rapidly, and we've learned that strengthening muscles around the knee is important to prevent injury and that core conditioning is vital.

Modern injury prevention focuses on conditioning the entire athlete and, particularly, strengthening the strongest muscles in the "core" of the body—lower back, abdominal, hip and buttock muscles.

Many effective conditioning programs can be done several times weekly before engaging in sports. These programs have been statistically validated as reducing the incidence of lower body injuries, especially injuries of the knee.

I recommend the "FIFA 11 plus" program, created by the world soccer governing body and freely available online (Google "FIFA 11 plus" for descriptions and videos). This 20-minute warm-up program was designed for soccer athletes but is useful for everyone.

The most common treatment for overuse knee problems or acute injuries is rehabilitation, with exercises initially supervised by a physical therapist or an athletic trainer. These exercises share many elements of the FIFA 11 plus program. The key to rehabilitation is for the injured athlete to *actually do the exercise program daily* until completely recovered!

In rare cases, surgery is needed for acute knee pain. Almost always, though, this can be done in a minimally invasive way, most often with a fiberoptic camera (arthroscope) used in the knee joint. With an arthroscope as a guide, surgeons can treat meniscus tears, knee ligament tears (most commonly, the ACL or anterior cruciate ligament, which prevents abnormal knee twisting), joint surface cartilage injuries and other problems. Recovery after arthroscopic surgery is usually rapid, so patients can return to activity much sooner than when using older technologies.

The most serious pain from overuse occurs when there's advanced degenerative arthritis. This condition involves wear and tear of the knee joint surface resulting in the cartilage no longer functioning or being absent, leaving bone to meet bone. Strengthening exercises, anti-inflammatory medicine (ibuprophen), lubricant injections (called "injectable visco-supplementation"), and using braces may provide relief.

If non-surgical treatments are unsuccessful, surgery for advanced knee joint wear and tear involves re-surfacing the joint with an artificial implant—a composite of metal and polyethylene—for a "knee replacement." Today, this treatment is no longer used exclusively for senior, sedentary patients. Knee replacement

technology has advanced significantly, and is at most a two-night hospital stay with return to activities in three months for active adults.

Bottom line: For healthy knees, prevention is best, but when injury occurs or overuse leads to pain and dysfunction, rapid recovery with modern technology and rehabilitation can get you back in your game quickly. ♦

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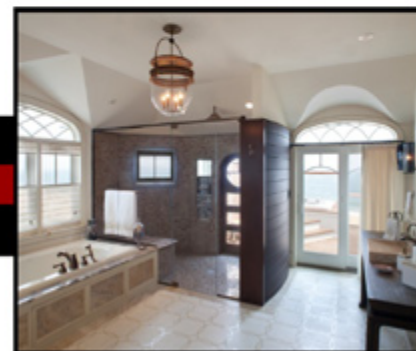
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Stuck on Fun. West Chester native, duct tape expert, and YouTube personality Sophie Maletsky is back in town to promote her book *Sticky Fingers: DIY Duct Tape Projects*. The book is packed with over 70 types of duct tape crafts. Really! Projects are fun and the instructions are easy, making it a great resource for parents and kids. Your family will have a hard time putting this sticky book down. For hands-on help, see Maletsky at the **Chester County Book Company** at 7 p.m. on July 1.



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of Special Note

Iron Hill Twilight Race Series

August 2

Top professional cyclists take to the streets of historic downtown West Chester to compete for the big cash prize of \$10,000. This year also marks the return of pro women's racing, expected to attract the top female bike racers in the country. For amateur cyclists, the day is filled with opportunities to compete in a series of nine criterium-style races. Spectators will also enjoy a day of family fun. Find details of all the day's activities at IronHillTwilightCriterium.com.



Town Tours & Village Walks Through August 21



Free summer strolls take you through Chester County's historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sights. *July 10*, Birchrunville: Mills and Mechanics; *July 17*, Fricks Lock: The Village a Canal Built; *July 24*, "At Phoenix—It's the People That Make the Difference;" *July 31*, Nantmeal Village: the "Sweet Water" Meeting on Coventry Road; *August 7*, Malvern Borough, 125 Years of History by Trolley; *August 14*, Oxford Historic District Tour & Taste; *August 21*, Romansville: John Romans and His Village. *Tours begin at 5:30 p.m.; last tour leaves at 7 p.m. Free. Reservations required for some tours. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

15th Annual Tip-A-Canoe & Barbecue, Too!

July 19

Join the Young Friends of the Brandywine Conservancy for this family-friendly canoe ride down the Brandywine River, enjoying the breathtaking views that have inspired so many painters, and end the night with a barbecue and barn dance. Canoe rental, barbecue dinner and barn dance are included in the cost. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. *Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Noon. Full day, adult, \$90, child, \$50; barbecue only, adult, \$65, child, \$35. 610-388-8315; YoungFriends.org.*



Friday Night Lights at Natural Lands Trust's ChesLen Preserve

July 11



A wonderful evening of live music, complimentary adult beverages, delicious treats, stargazing with Chesmont Astronomical Society and sunset socializing around a crackling fire at the 1,300-acre ChesLen Preserve in Unionville. Bring your own blanket or camping chairs, and wear sturdy shoes for the uneven ground. *1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. Advance registration required. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$20. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.*

64th Annual Goshen Country Fair

July 28–August 1

An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides, games, great food and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer *Goshen Fire Company*. *Fair*

Grounds, 1320 Park Ave., West Chester., off West Chester Pk., West Chester. Mon.-Fri., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat., 5 to 11 p.m. 610-430-1555; GoshenCountryFair.org.



best Local Events

NOTEWORTHY THIS MONTH

JULY 13

Victorian Tea at Historic Penny-packer Mills. Butlers and maids in period dress serve a three-course meal on the mansion's wrap-around porch. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. 4. \$40. 610-287-9349; MontCoPa.org/PennypackerMills.



JULY 17, AUGUST 21

Third Thursday on State Street in Kennett Square. A new event in Kennett—State Street will be closed from Broad to Center Sts. so visitors can enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, strolling entertainers and children's activities. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

JULY 20

Turk's 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 27. 610-436-9010; TurksHeadFestival.com.



JULY 24-26, JULY 31-AUGUST 2

Brandywiners, Ltd.—Annie. Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1, Kennett Square. \$15-\$30 includes garden admission; fountain display after the show. 8:30 pm. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS

JULY 28-30, AUGUST 2-3

Painting in the Meadow Plain Air Event at Longwood Gardens. Views of Longwood's new meadow area and Webb House are captured by artists of the Delaware Valley Art League. Painting takes place Mon-Wed, sale and exhibit Sat-Sun. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Free with garden admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

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FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the polo grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$25; Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Phone for information, 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

THROUGH JULY 6

Brandywine Valley Summer Series Horse Shows. An exciting 'AA' hunter/jumper/equitation horse show benefiting the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. Check website for hours and more information. BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com.

FAMILY FUN

ONGOING

Delaware Nature Society Programs. From kayaking to cooking, you'll find a program for every season at one of their locations: Ashland Nature Center, Coverdale Farm Preserve, DuPont Environmental Education Center and area preserves. DelawareNatureSociety.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1

Morris Arboretum Debuts "Home Tweet Home" Designer Birdhouses. More than 30 birdhouses, crafted by artists and bird lovers of all kinds are on display. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. \$8-\$16. 215-247-5777 MorrisArboretum.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13

Longwood Gardens Fireworks & Fountains. *July 4, Celebrate America. July 19, A Touch of Classical: Tchaikovsky. Aug. 16, Abba-cadabra: The Magic of ABBA. Aug. 30, Rachmaninoff Power and Passion. Sept. 13, Ladies & Gentlemen ... The Beatles.* 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Check website for times. \$22-\$38. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JULY 4-26

Colonial PA Plantation. *July 4-5,* "When in the Course of Human Events—A Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic." *July 12,* Pirate / Splash Day, come prepared to get wet. *July 26,* Farm Day and Evening Concert featuring Black Horse Motel. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 5. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

JULY 20, AUGUST 23

Tyler Arboretum's Summer Festivals. *July 20,* Tree House Festival—featuring a variety of birds including hawks and falcons, up close with their trainer before and after the show. *Aug. 23,* Butterfly Festival—visit the Butterfly House to see live butterflies in all stages of their life cycle. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 2. \$7-\$11. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

FESTIVALS, FAIRS, PARADES

THROUGH JULY 4

Wawa Welcome America Festival. Fun for the whole family with free events, a parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food and culture. Headliners include The Roots, Ed Sheeran, Nicki Minaj, Aloe Blacc and many more. Spectacular fireworks displays at night and the largest free concert in America, a

"Party on the Parkway," July 4. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.

THROUGH JULY 6

Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily, 9 am to 6 pm. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

JULY 4

Upper Merion Township Fourth of July Celebration. Live entertainment, rides, games and festival food. 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. Rain date, July 5. Free. 610-265-2600; UMTownship.org.

JULY 4

Fourth of July Celebration on the Riverfront in Wilmington. Day-long activities with fireworks in the evening. 815 Justison St. Wilmingtonde.gov/Visitors/July4th.

JULY 4

Valley Forge National Park—July 4th Community Picnic in the Park. Artillery demonstrations, games, an All-American cook-out, music. 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 5

Coatesville Celebrates 2014. 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. Lukens National Historic District, Gateway Park & Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. Fun begins at noon and ends with fireworks at 9:15. 484-378-9001; RotaryClubOfCoatesville.org.

JULY 5

Nottingham Park 2014 Freedom Fest. An Independence weekend concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks display. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 6. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

JULY 8-12

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. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 12

Bastille Day in Media. 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 along the trolley tracks. 6 to 10:30. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.

JULY 13

7th Annual Media Car Show. Over 300 Antique Cars on display throughout State & Front Sts, Media. 11 to 4. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.

JULY 18-26

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 21-26

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.

AUGUST 2

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.

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FILM.....

FIRST FRIDAYS, THROUGH NOV. 7
Uptown! Entertainment First Friday Film Series in West Chester. Planned to coincide with First Friday, a week later due to the holiday this month. **July 11, Casablanca.** Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 W. Market St. 8:30. \$7.50. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

JULY 25, SEPTEMBER 5
Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park. Kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie (titles to be determined at a later time). 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. WesttownPA.org.

FOOD & DRINK.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24
Stroll, Shop, Dine — Dining Under the Stars in Media. It's that time of year again when Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. There's entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH JULY 6
Demuth Museum of Art Exhibit. "James Warhola: Visiting a Pop Icon." 120 E. King

St., Lancaster. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. Free. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

THROUGH AUGUST 10
Delaware Art Museum Exhibits. "Transitions: The Brandywine Photo Collective." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. Free on Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH AUGUST 10
Brandywine River Museum Exhibits. *Through Aug. 10,* Lure of the Brandywine: A Story of Land Conservation and Artistic Inspiration. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. \$6-\$12. Free Sunday mornings, 9:30 to noon. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1
Delaware Museum of Natural History Exhibit. BUGS: Outside the Box. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7-\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 2015
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Presents "Costumes of Downton Abbey." Forty costumes and accessories, worn on the period drama TV series are on display. Highlights: Lady Sybil's harem pants and Lady Edith's wedding dress. Rt. 52,

Wilmington. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

JULY 25
A Night at Downton: Costumes of Downton Abbey Cocktail Party. Enter a world of elbow-length gloves, beaded dresses and formal dinners. Come in your finest vintage style (costumes are optional) and dance the night away to the Downton-era live jazz and swing band. Rt. 52, Wilmington. 7 to 10. \$90. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT.....

THROUGH NOVEMBER
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
West Chester Story Slam. A monthly event where anyone can take the stage and tell a five-minute true story based on the theme of the night. No notes, no props and no music allowed. Side Bar & Restaurant, 10 E. Gay St., West Chester. 8 pm. \$8. 610-429-8297 or visit SideBarAndRestaurant.com.

JULY 2-AUGUST 6
Delaware County Summer Festival. Grab your blankets and enjoy these summer performances. **July 2,** John Hoey Orchestra; **July 3,** Peter Moses, 10 am; **July 5,** Minas Brazilian Jazz; **July 6,** The Original Orions; **July 9,** Hot Club of Philadelphia;

Local Farm Markets

Booths Corner Farmers Mkt., 1362 Naamans Creek Rd., Garnet Valley. Fri, 9 to 9; Sat, 9 to 8. 610-485-0775; Booths-Corner.com.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. Bryn-MawrFarmersMarket.com.

Coatesville Farmers Mkt., Rts. 30 & 82. Sat, 9 to 1. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

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

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Kerr Park, 1 Park La. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Town Ctr., Wellington Sq. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, 2 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

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

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. Sat, 10 to 2. Farm-ToCity.org.

Upper Merion Farmers Mkt., 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. 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 & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

July 10, Zydeco-A-Go-Go; **July 11,** Wojamm featuring Shiron Denise; **July 12,** Philadelphia Songwriters Project; **July 13,** Live at the Fillmore; **July 16,** Steve Pullara & His Cool Beans Band, 10 am; **July 17,** Pennsylvania Symphonic Winds; **July 18,** Philly Brass & Electric; **July 19,** Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars; **July 20,** Jessie Lowey & Lonnie Shields Band; **July 23,** Bryn Mawr Mainliners; **July 24,** Payton Taylor; **July 25,** Brandywine Ballet; **July 26,** Real Diamond; **July 27,** 22 Park Avenue; **July 30,** Main Line Opera; **July 31,** The Jazz Ambassadors; **Aug. 1,** British

Invasion Tribute; **Aug. 2,** The Rip Chords; **Aug. 3,** The Plants; **Aug. 6,** Blackbird Society Orchestra. Concerts through August 17. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Free. 610-891-4455; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.

JULY 2-AUGUST 13
Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park. Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available for purchase. **July 2,** Roots Americana; **July 9,** The Melton Brothers; **July 16,** Lizanne Knott, Tom Hampton & Jesse Terry; **July 23,** Sin City Band; **July 30,** Rolling Thunder Blues Revue; **Aug. 6,**

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Red Alert, dance party music; **Aug. 13**, Real Diamond Tribute Band. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9. Free. AnsonBNixonPark.org.

JULY 6-27

Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. **July 6**, Cheryl Wheeler with special guest John Beacher; **July 13**, Liz Longley with special guest Brian Dunne and Kevin Killen; **July 20**, WXPB welcomes Trout Fishing in America with special guest Caveman Dave; **July 27**, Sweet Loretta Fat—a Tribute to the Beatles with special guest Dan Rooney. Upper Merion Township Building, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 7. Free. 610-265-1071; KOPBID.com.

JULY 6-AUGUST 3

Miller Park Summer Concert Series. **July 6**, Blue Route Blues and the Chester County Concert Band, fireworks at 9:30; **July 20**, Family Fun Day begins at 5 pm, music with The Diamond Project at 6:30; **Aug. 3**, 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; WestWhiteland.org.

JULY 6-AUGUST 3

Long's Park Summer Music Series. **July 6**, Patriotic Pershing Band; **July 17**, Darrell Scott & Tim O'Brien; **July 20**, WXPB

Welcomes The Kopecky Family Band; **July 27**, The Steel Wheels; **Aug. 3**, Girs. Concerts through August 24. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

JULY 8-AUGUST 5

Eagleview Town Center "Concerts on the Square." **July 8**, Family Night with Steven Courtney and The Splashing Pearls; **July 15**, The Lawsuits; **July 22**, Driftwood with The Barefoot Movement; **July 29**, Christine Havrilla with Lovebirds; **Aug. 5**, Lera Lynn and The Wallace Brothers. Concerts continue though Aug. 26. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. Canned food item requested for Chester County Food Bank. In case of rain phone 800-851-2779. InEagleview.com.

JULY 10-AUGUST 7

Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series. Get your tickets early as the summer lineup includes more than 40 great performances. **July 10**, Patti LuPone, 7:30; **July 12**, Casuarina, samba music, 7:30; **July 18**, Summer Soirée, a celebration the Open Air Theatre's 100th year with performances in the Open Air Theatre and in the gardens, 6 to 9; **July 24-Aug. 2**, The Brandywiners

perform "Annie," 8:30; **July 29**, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, 7:30; **Aug. 7**, Pat Metheny Unity Group, Bruce Hornsby with Sonny Emory Campfire Tour, 7:30. Through Sept. 7. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Most concerts free with garden admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JULY 10-31

Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park. **July 10**, Chico's Vibe; **July 17**, Sofa Kings; **July 24**, Crow's Feet; **July 31**, The O'Fenders. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JULY 10, AUGUST 7, SEPT. 4

Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester. Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers and more. **July 10**, Blackbird Society Orchestra and Hot Bijoux; **Aug. 7**, Kwesi-K and Danie Ocean; **Sept. 4**, New Sweden and The Quixote Project. Gay St. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

JULY 12-AUGUST 9

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series. **July 12**, Susan Werner; **July 19**, Christine Havrilla and Gypsy Fuzz; **July 20**, Steve Forbert;

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JULY 13

Arrival From Sweden: "The Music of ABBA."

DuPont Theatre welcomes Arrival From Sweden, internationally-known ABBA show band. 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 7 pm. Tickets start at \$40. 302-656-4401; DuPontTheatre.com.

JULY 13–AUGUST 24

West Goshen Summer Concerts. **July 13**, Love's Magic; **July 27**, Café con Pan; **Aug. 10**, the Big Big Jazz Band; **Aug. 24**, Blackthorn. 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.

JULY 18

Music Along the Bank at Winterthur. Pack a picnic and lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy a summer evening of music along the banks of Clenny Run. On this night, The

Unruhliies perform. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 5:30 pm. \$15. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

JULY 19

Community Arts Center 2nd Annual Tie Dye Music Festival. Jimmy Shoe and the Shine, Manatawny Creek Ramblers, Herb Mondros and Last Chance and swUKEstra perform. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 7 pm. Free. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

JULY 19–22

Chester County Pops Orchestra 2014 Summer Concerts. "Dancing with the Pops" is this year's theme. **July 19**, Oxford Area High School, 705 Waterway Rd., Oxford, 7 pm; **July 20**, Phoenixville Area Middle School, 386 City Line Ave., Phoenixville, 3 pm; **July 22**, Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7 pm. \$12-\$15; children free. 610-594-9178; Ches-CoPops.org.

JULY 17–AUGUST 21

Music at Marshall Square Park, West Chester. Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. **July 17**, Back2Life; **Aug. 21**, Free Rein. Check for rain dates. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

JULY 23–AUGUST 20

Radnor Township Summer Concert Series. **July 23**, Steve Pullara, Veteran's Park, Lancaster & Midland Aves., Wayne; **Aug. 13**, The Flamin' Caucasians, Bo Connor Park, 590 S. Devon Ave., Wayne; **Aug. 20**, Chico's Vibe, Clem Macrone Park, 810 Conestoga Rd., Wayne. If inclement weather, phone 610-688-5600, ext. 141, between 2 and 4 pm on the day of the scheduled concert. 6:30. Free. Radnor.com.

JULY 31

Uptown! Entertainment Alliance Presents the Jazz Cocktail Hour Series "Women of Jazz." Jazz and blues vocalist Kelly Meashey and The Dylan Taylor Quartet perform. Knights of Columbus Hall, 121 Market St., West Chester. Doors open at 6, concert, 6:30. Cocktails and small bites available. Tickets \$15. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

AUGUST 1–3

Riverfront Blues Festival in Wilmington. Outdoor music festival at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, S. French and Walnut Sts., Wilmington. Fri: 5 to 10; Sat, noon to 10; Sun, 12:30 to 6. \$30-\$50. 302-576-3095; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.

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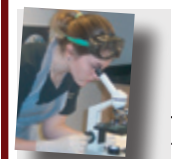
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JULY 17

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WEDNESDAY, THROUGH AUGUST 27

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THEATER.....

THROUGH AUGUST 17

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JULY 15

Commonwealth Classic Theatre, Shakespeare in the Park—Twelfth Night, Or What You Will. All ages will enjoy this show with live music performed at several locations this summer. **July 11,** Kimberton Park, 2202 Kimberling Rd., Kimberton; **July 12,** Everhart Park, S. Bradford Ave. & W. Miner St., West Chester; **July 15,** The Willows Mansion, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova; **July 16,** East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pk., West Chester; **July 19,** West Goshen Park, Fern Hill & N. Five Points Rds., West Chester; **July 25,** Earthworks, W. Pikeland Twp. Cultural Ctr., 1645 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. All performances, 7 pm. Free. 610-688-5600; CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org.

JULY 9–AUGUST 10

Bach at Leipzig. Innovative comedy by playwright and screenwriter Itamar Moses. Seven rival musicians battle to win the most sought-after musical post in Europe. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Sat, Sun, 2 pm. \$26-\$46. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

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JULY 4, AUGUST 1

NOTE: Because of the holiday, some First Friday activities may be cancelled in July or held the following week. Check websites.

First Fridays. Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Berwyn,** 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. **Kennett Square,** 610-444-8188; Historic-KennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude,** 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoop-WilmingtonDE.com.

JUNE 14

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

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JULY 4:

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

Lititz July 4th Celebration. 10:15 pm. Lititz Springs Park, 24 N. Broad St., Lititz. \$4-\$10. 717-626-8981; LititzSpringsPark.org.

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

Narberth Fireworks. Dusk. Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves, Narberth. 610-664-2840; NarberthPa.com.

Penns Woods Wine & Fireworks. Dusk. The Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. 610-459-0808; FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

Phoenixville Annual Fireworks. Dusk. Friendship Field (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; FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert & Fireworks. Live music at 7. Fireworks at dusk. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 610-644-1400.

Upper Merion Township Fireworks. Dusk. Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia. 610-265-2600; UMTownship.org.

Waltz Golf Farm Fireworks. 9:45 pm. Waltz Golf Farm, 303 W. Ridge Pk., Limerick. 610-489-7859; WaltzGolfFarm.com.

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JULY 5:

Adventure Aquarium Waterfront Fireworks. Dusk. Penn's Landing Great Plaza, Columbus Blvd. Market & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia.

Celebrate Coatesville. 9:15 pm. Lukens National Historical District, E. Lincoln Hwy & S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. FireworksInPennsylvania.com.

Freedom Fest at Nottingham Park. An Independence weekend festival with concert and food vendors. Fireworks at dusk. 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. \$10 parking. Rain date, July 6. 610-932-2589; CCParks.org.

North Coventry Fire Company Fair. The fair beings on July 1, with rides, food and games. Fireworks on Sat, begin 10:30. Rt. 724, E of Coventry Mall, Pottstown. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 6:

Long's Park Patriotic Concert & Fireworks. Annual patriotic concert featuring 257th Army Band, Cannon Brigade and fireworks at dusk. Long's Park, 1441 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. LongsPark.org.

Miller Park, Exton. 9:30 pm. 220 Miller Way. Free. ChesterCountyFireworks.com.

JULY 11:

Malvern Fire Company Fair. 9:30 pm. Malvern Memorial Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. 610-647-0693; MalvernFireCo.com.

JULY 12:

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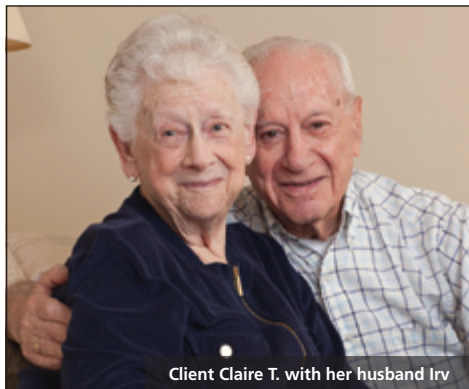
JULY 19:

Longwood Gardens Fireworks & Fountains. See July 4.

JULY 25:

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What do you get when you mix reality TV stars, self-help gurus and A-Team actors? A three-ring circus and the world's largest home shopping network. With nearly 60 million viewers tuning in every day, many must have wondered what goes on behind the scenes of West Chester's own QVC. Well, wonder no more! We sat down with local author Jim Breslin for an insider's look at his latest novel *Shoplandia*, told through stories, with perspectives from production assistants, show hosts, producers and a Marketing VP. And although the novel is completely fiction, the former producer for nearly 17 years was clearly inspired by his time working in a live television studio.

When QVC began in 1986, no one could have predicted how it would take off. What was it like being a producer there?

Insane! We're filming live, 24 hours a day. And with so many people working to make that possible, each with their own personality, you can expect it would get hectic.

Shoplandia is based on QVC, but what is the story about?

At first glance, it's about the hijinks that go on while working at a home-shopping network that's filming around the clock. But, below the surface it's about much more. *Shoplandia* is about the universal struggles we all feel every day—at work and at home. While it certainly will appeal to those who work at QVC and viewers, it's not just for them. I worked hard to capture the spirit of the studio and show, the bonds that form under pressure in the workplace. Those are universal themes that anyone can relate to.

Why the name 'Shoplandia'?

I struggled with the title, actually. I wanted a name that could really capture the feeling of this bizzaro place. In the end, I think that *Shoplandia* is the best way to describe the live studio—it's a world unto itself—and just as much a character in the book as the people are.

What was your favorite part of writing Shoplandia?

It's important to keep in mind that the novel is fiction, even though so much of it was drawn from real life. I think my favorite part was bringing to life the things we used to joke about in the studio. Those, 'Wouldn't it be funny if...' moments. I got to make those real, and I enjoyed that.


Without giving too much away, what's the most important message in the novel? What do you want readers to walk away with?

Most importantly, I want them to be entertained. Reading is fun! *Shoplandia* is a great book to take to the beach or on vacation. There are other lessons in the novel, a lot of them in fact. But, you'll have to read it for yourself to find out what they are. ♦





In addition to being a full time author, Jim is also the creator of the West Chester Story Slam, a monthly event where anyone can get on stage and tell a five-minute story. With over 440 stories shared, the event, held in West Chester, is a perfect example of Jim's passion for writing and the writing community here in Chester County. *Shoplandia* is available at Chester County Book Company and BookPlace, online at Amazon, Indiebound, and other websites. For more on Jim Breslin, visit JimBreslin.com.





A YEAR-ROUND GUIDE TO *County Lines* COUNTRY



WELCOME TO *COUNTY LINES* COUNTRY!

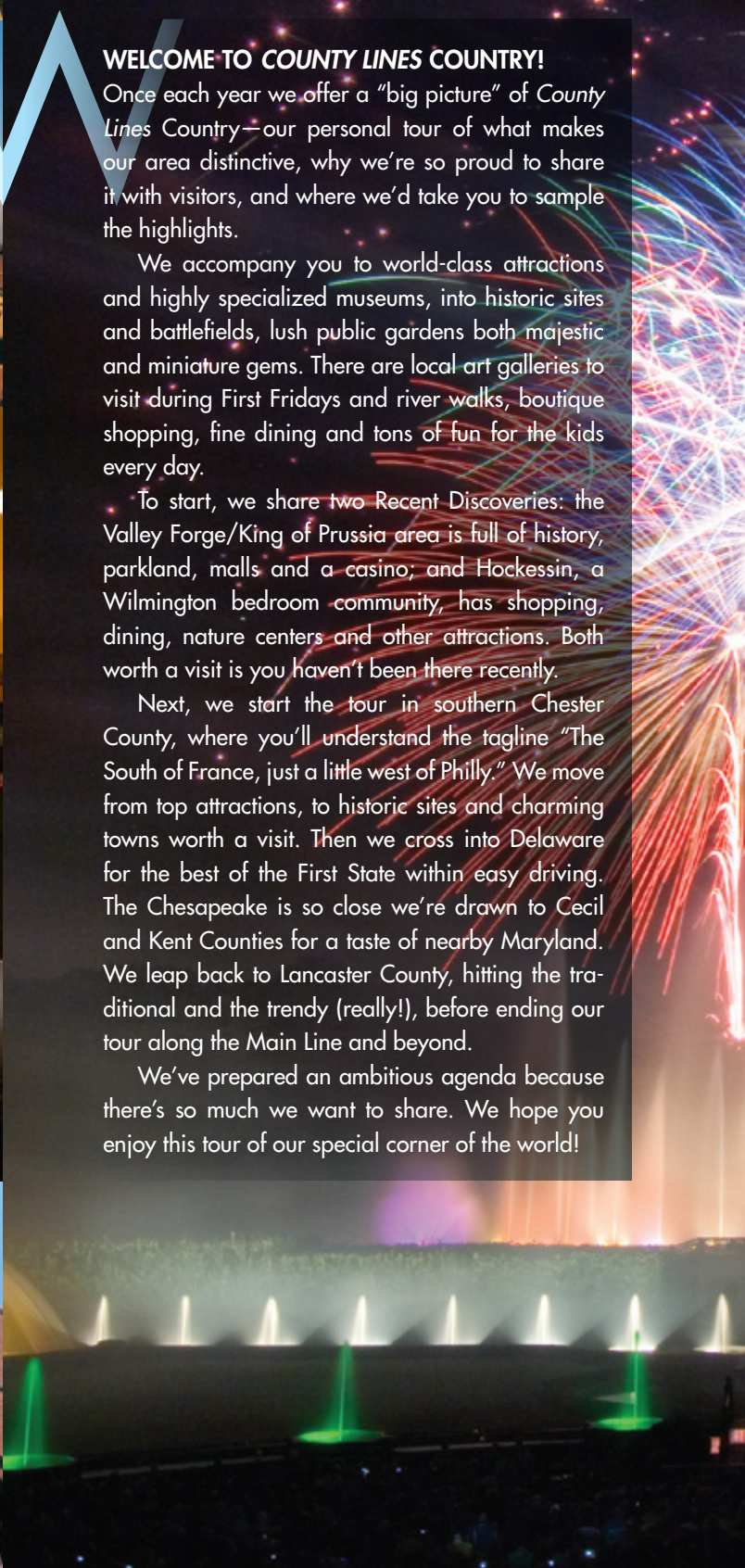
Once each year we offer a “big picture” of *County Lines* Country—our personal tour of what makes our area distinctive, why we’re so proud to share it with visitors, and where we’d take you to sample the highlights.

We accompany you to world-class attractions and highly specialized museums, into historic sites and battlefields, lush public gardens both majestic and miniature gems. There are local art galleries to visit during First Fridays and river walks, boutique shopping, fine dining and tons of fun for the kids every day.

To start, we share two Recent Discoveries: the Valley Forge/King of Prussia area is full of history, parkland, malls and a casino; and Hockessin, a Wilmington bedroom community, has shopping, dining, nature centers and other attractions. Both worth a visit if you haven’t been there recently.

Next, we start the tour in southern Chester County, where you’ll understand the tagline “The South of France, just a little west of Philly.” We move from top attractions, to historic sites and charming towns worth a visit. Then we cross into Delaware for the best of the First State within easy driving. The Chesapeake is so close we’re drawn to Cecil and Kent Counties for a taste of nearby Maryland. We leap back to Lancaster County, hitting the traditional and the trendy (really!), before ending our tour along the Main Line and beyond.

We’ve prepared an ambitious agenda because there’s so much we want to share. We hope you enjoy this tour of our special corner of the world!



The Declaration of Independence may have been signed in Philadelphia, but the America we know today was born 18 miles to the north in **Valley Forge**. Named after an iron forge in Valley Creek, Valley Forge remains a living testament to the perseverance, sacrifice and strength of the Continental Army.

For a study in contrasts, just a few miles away is **King of Prussia**—a chic shopping destination that has more to offer than just the mall.

Discover Valley Forge Park

The village of Valley Forge is perhaps best known as a major encampment during the Revolutionary War, where George Washington and his soldiers banned together to form what would become the victorious American Army.

Nearly 3,600-acres, **Valley Forge National Historical Park** is a tangible reminder of the significance of the area, filled with preserved landscapes and period structures, like the **Knox Covered Bridge**, built in 1851, and the **Washington Memorial Chapel**, completed on the 125th anniversary of the Revolutionary War in 1903. Visit **Washington's Headquarters**, the original stone building was where General Washington plotted his strategy against the British. You'll also find reconstructed soldiers' huts, fortifications and cannons.

The **Valley Forge Historical Society Museum** displays one of the largest collections of George Washington and Revolutionary War artifacts, while the **Visitors Center** offers maps, self-guided driving tours, ranger-led walking tours, trolley tours, podcasts and more.

In addition to history, there are 55 miles of interconnected trails, including 20 in the Park, perfect for jogging, running, biking and horseback riding. If you'd rather walk, Valley Forge hosts guided hikes, including a family-friendly guided bird walk. With plenty of open space and picnic areas, the Park is perfect for families and summer days filled with soaking up the sunshine along with a little history.

Easy Access to King of Prussia

Washington did it, so can you—make Valley Forge your base for exploring the surrounding area. Check out the many shopping, dining and entertainment

options that draw visitors from around the region. While King of Prussia isn't a walkable town, don't worry—it's never been easier to get there.

At the intersection of four major highways—the Schuylkill Expressway, Pennsylvania Turnpike, and Routes 422 and 202—the district is easy to reach from just about anywhere. But, if you'd rather not drive, King of Prussia now offers regional rail access from the Main Line via shuttle. (Visit ConnectKOP.com for information.)

More Than a Mall

Did you know King of Prussia is home to the biggest mall in America? The **King of Prussia Mall** is the largest shopping complex in the U.S., based on shopping area square footage, beating the Mall of America, with much of its interior space devoted to an amusement park.

From upscale designer department stores like **Neiman Marcus** and **Nordstrom's**, to hip labels like **H&M**, **Betsy Johnson** and **Janie and Jack**, the mall is a shoppers' paradise. And with new additions like **Hearts on Fire**, offering one-of-a-kind designer diamonds, **Uniqlo** and **Make Up For Ever**, it's only getting better—and easier to navigate. The mall's expansion, which began in March, will connect the Court and the Plaza, making window shopping even more wonderful.

And for even more shopping, head 20 miles northwest to Limerick for **Philadelphia Premium Outlets**—a must-visit for bargain-hunters and fashionistas alike.

Wine & Dine

Whether you're planning a romantic dinner for two, a quick bite for lunch or a family meal, King of Prussia has enough dining options so everyone's taste buds will be tingling.

In the mood for a burger? Head to **Shake Shack** for mouthwatering juicy burgers and killer fries. The retro restaurant has it all—beer, wine (their label), shakes and concretes (dense frozen custard with mix-ins).

For something a little more upscale, the **Capital Grille** offers delectable dry-aged steaks, fresh seafood and an extensive wine list, to make your lunch, intimate dinner or a grand soiree an experience to remember.

Craving Italian? You're in luck! Located in the Sheraton at Valley Forge, **Ralph's of South Philly** is the real deal. The original Ralph's was created in 1900 by Francesco Dispagno and named for his son, Raphael, and today is the oldest Italian restaurant in America. Still owned and operated by the Dispagno family, the restaurant features recipes passed down for over 100 years.

For more Mediterranean, **Maggiano's Little Italy** offers authentic, scratch-made Italian-American cuisine in a huge dining room, big enough for the largest families.

On the off chance there's room for dessert, the new **Pinkberry** has so many flavors of frozen yogurt, plus nearly 30 different fixings, you'll need more than a minute to decide.

Come Back for Fun!

Held every April, the **Valley Forge Revolutionary Run** is a challenging 5-mile USATF-certified course through the scenic park. And while you're running through the steep trails, **The Young Patriots Fun Run** makes sure you can concentrate on the task at hand—by taking your kids off your hands and walking them around the Park, while teaching them about Washington's winter encampment there.

Later in October, join the King of Prussia District for its **Beerfest Royale**. Reminiscent of Oktoberfest, the outdoor event has great eats, live music, authentic German dancers, and of course, over 100 exclusive craft and international beers to sample. Tickets are on sale now. Don't wait, though—the event sells out every year!

Don't just come for the day—spend the night! **The Valley Forge Casino Resort** is the area's only full-amenity resort with spa, offering the high intensity gaming experience of Las Vegas, all while providing luxurious accommodations, including two hotels and entertainment on and off the casino floor. Also enjoy dining destinations like **Pacific Prime** and **Viviano** at the casino.

There's so much to see and do in Valley Forge and King of Prussia you just might want to return. Visit ValleyForge.org and KoPBID.com for all the latest news—and come back soon! ♦

Valley Forge Casino



Summertime strolls in Valley Forge National Historical Park



Knox-Valley Forge Dam Covered Bridge



Great shopping options at the King of Prussia Mall



King of Prussia's shuttle



Revolutionary War Reenactment



King of Prussia Beerfest Royale

Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge



Vegas-style gaming at the Valley Forge Casino



Ralph's of South Philly



One of several upscale bedroom communities northwest of Wilmington, Hockessin is a rapidly growing home to financial, pharma and other professionals drawn to the shopping and dining options and community amenities supported by a strong business association. Take a winding drive from nearby Kennett Square on scenic Creek Road (Route 82) on a straight shot from Wilmington on the Lancaster Pike (Route 41) to this spot, midway between New York City and Washington, D.C. You'll be glad you did.

Incorporated in 1688, Hockessin is technically a village, drawing its name either from a Lenape word for pieces of bark or a misspelling of occasion, as pronounced by the Quakers who settled the area, if you believe Wikipedia. There are remnants of its history scattered throughout the area—in a local Quaker Meeting House, converted stone mill (now housing professional offices), historic Wilmington and West Chester railroad, and places claiming to be stops on the Underground Railroad.

Rich in Resources

In addition to the wide selection of shopping and dining spots, Hockessin also boasts natural attractions worth a visit. For one, the **Red Clay Creek** watershed area covers about 55 square miles of rolling hills, woodlands and farms in Chester County, Pennsylvania and New Castle County, Delaware. It provides drinking water to suburban areas as well as water for the local mushroom industry to the north in Avondale and Kennett Square.

Home to the Ashland Hawk Watch, **Ashland Nature Center**, which serves as Delaware Nature Society's headquarters just off Barley Mill Road, has over a hundred acres of woods, meadows, marsh and the Red Clay Creek, plus plenty of trails to explore. The site is open year-round, features educational programs, a picnic area, the Butterfly House, two Lenni Lenape longhouses and an overnight lodge for public groups.

Also on Barley Mill Road you'll find **Mt. Cuba Center** (not to be confused with Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory nearby in Greenville). The Center is a botanical garden designed to inspire an appreciation of native plants and a commitment to protect their habitats, set on over 50

acres of display gardens and over 500 acres of natural lands. Come for garden tours, classes and picnicking when the grounds are open, Fridays and Saturdays, April through November.

More a historic than natural resource and now part of Delaware State Parks, **Auburn Heights Preserve** features a furnished 1897 mansion plus the **Marshall Steam Museum**, home to the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world! Visit during a "Steaming Sunday"—first Sundays through November—for a ride on a miniature steam-engine-powered train or on September 21 for the Invitational Historic Auto Display, with a dazzling array of classic-era vehicles at the elegant estate. Note: It's actually in Yorklyn but feels like Hockessin.

Shopping Around

As befits an affluent suburb, Hockessin has plenty of tempting shopping. Nature lovers will enjoy a trip to family-owned **Gateway Gardens** for organic gardening tips, native plants and help with your water garden.

Wild Birds Unlimited is the right stop for those working on their life list or looking for the best bird feeders and bird food to invite birds into their backyards. Avid birders have been flocking to these stores in the tri-state area for 20 years.

Equestrian fans have two reasons to shop in Hockessin. **Dover Saddlery** offers apparel, tack and even stable supplies, as well as custom fittings for your boots and saddles. Get expert advice from store manager Carolanne, who's been riding since she was three! Then visit **Maryland Saddlery Consignment**, the largest such place in the Mid-Atlantic, to find lovingly used equestrian clothing and equipment. Animal lovers with smaller objects of their affections may want to stop in at **Concord Pets**, one of the 22 locations in our area.

If you're just browsing, **Everything But The Kitchen Sink** is a perfect shop for you. Offering something for every room in your house—plus Bridal Registry and Cooking School—they're bound to have what you didn't know you needed. Other enticing options at Hockessin Corner include **Casual MarketPlace**, **Jennifer's Bridal** and **Creations Fine American Craft Gallery**.

It's a truth universally acknowledged that every self-respecting town must have an

independent bookstore. And the **Hockessin Book Shelf** fills that need. At press time, they're planning events linked to the summer hit movie *The Fault In Our Stars*, based on the YA (young adult) novel.

Dining In or Out

If the reputation of its pumpkin mushroom soup wasn't enough of a draw, would you head for the **Back Burner** for Lobster Friday? Lobster, potatoes and corn equal summertime bliss.

Other options include the popular **House of William and Merry** (no typo, that's the co-owner's name) for fine dining in a farmhouse setting, **Lettie's** for their famous fried chicken and homemade comfort food, and **Six Paupers Tavern** for historic charm and rustic ambiance.

Home cooks have plenty of options, too. There's **Harvest Market Natural Foods**, a Delaware version of Kimberton Whole Foods, **George & Sons' Seafood Market**, which is also at Kennett's Market at Liberty Place. For gourmet to go, there's **Back Burner To Go** or choose **Chefs' Haven**, which offers cooking classes (including a session of knife skills) along with catering.

One of our favorite dining options involves dessert, so it's no surprise **Woodside Creamery** is high on our list. Home to seven generations, working 75 acres and 35 cows (small Jersey cows prized for the high-fat content of their milk), the farm started making ice cream in 1998. You may remember seeing their trucks at Winterthur, Willowdale or the Mushroom Festival. Stop by for National Ice Cream Day, the third Sunday in July, or for Tuesday afternoon summer story times, when visitors read to whomever shows up under the big tree. *Summer + stories + ice cream = bliss!*

Small Town Events

Norman Rockwellesque events fill the calendar, thanks to the active support of the **Hockessin Business Association**. There's Chinese New Year's celebrations, Spring in Bloom fun, neighborhood Olympics, and a popular Halloween event when kids follow a candy-corn trail on a map taking them to local businesses.

Visit on July 4th and you can enjoy fireworks, courtesy of the local Rotary.

For what's happening, follow the Destination Hockessin Facebook page. As we said, you'll be glad you did. ♦



DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS

No need to be overwhelmed by the many places to visit in the Brandywine Valley. We've been checking out the sights for years and have some suggestions for you. To begin, any tour of our area has to include the three most popular attractions—**Brandywine River Museum, Longwood Gardens** and **Winterthur**. So, that's where we'll start. Some advice: although you could visit them all in one day, don't do it! You'll enjoy each much more with leisurely visits to savor their distinctive pleasures. Mix it up with special interest stops and small museums added to your itinerary.

Insider's Tip: The Brandywine Valley was ranked in *Forbes Travel Guide* as among the "Top American Road Trips," so you'll want to see lots of the local sights. To do this and save big on admissions (up to \$350!), get a **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport**—save at 11 major area museums and gardens.

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. Available online or at the attractions. *Valid through Labor Day 2014. \$45/adults, \$95/families (two adults, up to three kids).* BrandywineTreasures.org.

A good start is with art and more and 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.

If you fancy yourself a lover of land conservation and of art, this is your summer.

Through August 10, view the "Lure of Brandywine: A Story of Land Conservation and Artistic Inspiration." The exhibit features 45 works from public and private collections, emphasizing the link between the artists' appreciation of our region's landscape and the Brandywine Conservancy's commitment to maintaining that legacy of natural beauty. Also visit the new exhibition space, "Imagine Brandywine," displaying art projects inspired by the Museum's collection and landscape and created by students from the Chester Charter School of the Arts, through August 17.

Consider a visit to 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. Walking through the Wyeth homes is a fascinating introduction to a family of talented artists. Tours run through November 23.

Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

Next stop, a few miles south, is legendary **Longwood Gardens**, mixing the arts with nature. Named a "National Wonder" by *National Geographic Traveler*, these internationally famous 1,000-plus-acre gardens elevate the art of horticulture and feature 11,000 types of plants and more fountains than any other garden in the U.S.! Check what's in bloom on the website for dazzling displays at the 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens on the property.

Longwood hosts 400 performances a year, with theatrical shows and musical performances from symphonies to soloists—big names in a beautiful setting. Actress and singer Patti Lupone performs her original show, "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda...Played that Part." In August, Tony Award-winner Savion Glover performs tap and jazz, crafted specially for Longwood Gardens. For details, check the website and Best Local Events in this issue.

Children can join summer activities with "It's Alive: What's Living in the Garden," where they'll search for creatures ranging



Longwood Gardens

from tadpoles and fish to birds and cats, or "Zooming in on Nature," a digital photography-based camp focusing on the imagery in the gardens.

Don't miss the "Festival of Fountains," through September 1, featuring dazzling fountain shows on the grounds daily and "Fireworks and Fountains," as glittering fireworks and colorful fountains light up the night sky. Dance to music on select evenings, all in the midst of lush, natural beauty.

Fireworks tickets: \$22-\$38. July 4, July 19, Aug. 16 & 30, Sept. 13. Gardens are open Sun-Thur, 9 to 6; Fri & Sat, 9 am to 10 pm. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

Number three on the list of attractions is **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 mansion set



Winterthur's "Costumes of Downton Abbey" exhibit

in an exquisitely landscaped 1,000-acre park, all of it once the home of Henry F. du Pont.

A must-see is the immensely popular "Costumes of Downton Abbey" exhibition based on the award-winning television series and featuring 40 costumes, photos and vignettes inspired by the program and by real life at Winterthur, through January 4.

You'll also find an extensive permanent collection of period settings in the home, gallery displays, plus changing special exhibits and events.

Test your service skills, July 12, at the "Costumes of Downton Abbey Hands on History Cart," where participants will shine shoes, set tables, lace corsets and more to learn the life of a house servant. For the younger crowd, a visit to the Enchanted Woods will be sure to lead to the magic of a fairy-tale garden.

Open Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. Rt. 52, N. of Wilmington, 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

SAMPLE LOCAL HISTORY

Get a taste of history at 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 September 27 for "Encampment Day" to see a re-creation of the conditions soldiers faced and learn how they managed.

Lush rolling hills and shady woods make the park an inviting picnic spot (facilities on the grounds). Check the website for driving tours that let you trace troop movements for a different kind of history tour. For the kids, the historic battlefield holds a summer camp, and the website has downloadable coloring books and games.

Open Tues-Sat, 9 to 4; Sun, noon to 4

through Dec.; Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-459-3342; BrandywineBattlefield.org.

Don't miss the lovely reproduction fieldstone barn nearby 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 the Barns-Brinton House, which is celebrating its 300-year anniversary, complete with a historic plaque to commemorate this milestone.

Both houses are 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.

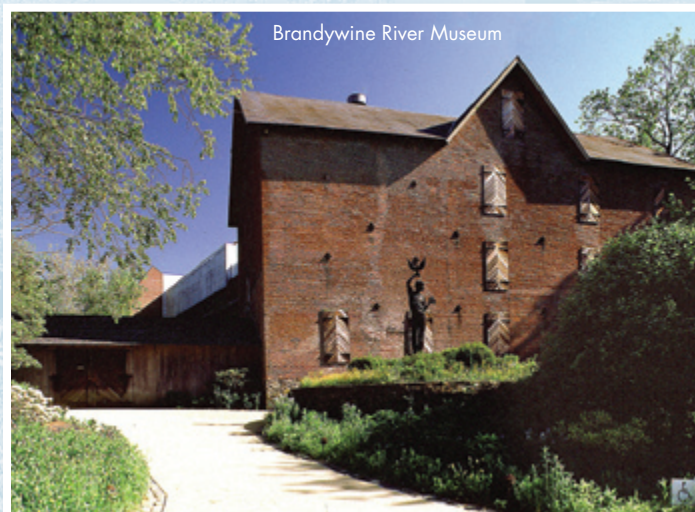
The Historical Society hosts two popular events: the **49th Annual Chadds Ford Days**, Sept. 6 & 7, and the **Great Pumpkin Carve**, Oct. 23-25. On December 7, join the Yuletide tour of Marlborough Village and Unionville to admire the festive decorations of 15 properties.

The Center is 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. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

Now on to one of our favorite small museums. History lesson, nostalgia trip and fascinating look at one man's life—all describe the **Christian C. 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!

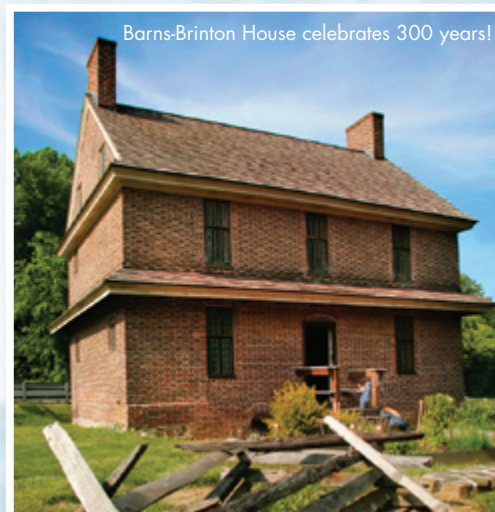
Open Mar-Nov, Thurs-Sun, 12 to 4. Group tours. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). 610-388-6545; Sanderson_Museum.org.



Brandywine River Museum



Brandywine River Museum



Barns-Brinton House celebrates 300 years!



Christian C. Sanderson Museum



Herr's Potato Chip Factory



Historic Covered Bridge Tour



The Laurels Preserve in Southern Chester County



Delaware Museum of Natural History



Chihuly Glass display at Delaware Art Museum

Next head to West Chester, Chester County's county seat, 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.

Through August 30, "Profiles: Chester County Clothing of the 1800s" takes you for a walk through fashion history with examples of clothing spanning the ornate to the modest.

Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 225 N. High St. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

We recommend a visit to **Historic Sugartown**, an 18th-century rural village in Chester County that was a typical crossroads village. In its day, Sugartown provided goods and services for the surrounding farm community. Its location made it a favored place for political and social organizations to hold meetings in its schoolhouse, tavern and community hall. The buildings remain largely intact, so the village provides an exceptional example of a self-sufficient, late 18th- early 19th-century community.

Visit Historic Sugartown's General Store, Book Bindery (which holds classes), Quaker Farm House, Bank Barn with antique equipment, School Room, and Carriage Museum.

690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org

In Chester County's southwest corner, the **Village of Oxford** began as a crossroads in 1754. Today Oxford is a growing part of southern Chester County that celebrates its rich history. Oxford's charming historic district is dotted with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and a thriving farmers market.

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 tours, printable guides and more, visit DowntownOxfordPA.org.

March 14 was National Potato Chip Day, but summer is an even better time for a taste of snack food history. A few miles southwest will find you in **Nottingham**, home to **Herr's Potato Chip Factory**. Started in 1946, Herr's has flourished and expanded into a nationally recognized symbol and regional

treat. Factory tours show the actual operation, with real workers, and includes secrets like how pretzels get their brown color. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop so you won't leave hungry or empty-handed.

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

For a different type of history, head south of Route 1 on Route 52, to the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**, home to Delaware's only permanent dinosaur display, along with 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, and in a Dinosaur Gallery. Summer is the perfect time to explore the mile-long nature trail and Butterfly Gardens.

Through September 1, visit "Outside the Box" and see bugs like never before—some up to ten feet tall and five feet wide! Enlarged bug sculptures allow visitors to see details usually invisible to the naked eye. And see the largest snake fossil ever found, dating back to the Paleocene period and stretching an impressive 48 feet, September through January.

Open Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

VISIT WILMINGTON

Before you visit 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. It is indeed "a place to be somebody."

Stop first at the **Delaware Art Museum**. Located in one of the city's most gracious neighborhoods, the Museum is located on 12 acres that include an outdoor Sculpture Park and Labyrinth. With 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.

Through September 21 check out "Retro Active: Performance Art from 1964-1987." See how dance, music and theater addressed social, political, economic issues and more. July 12 to September 21, see "Performance Now," which surveys performance arts from the beginning of the 21st century, showcasing sound, video and objects that capture the role of performance art in our culture.

Open Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

In the city center, you can experience some of the early history of Wilmington at the **Delaware History Center Complex**, 5th & Market Sts. 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.

Spend a fascinating couple of hours at The **Delaware History Museum**, in a converted Art Deco Woolworth's building. Explore 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 on Delaware's history and artistic achievements.

Saturday July 19, the Museum will host the "Saturday Family Program: Shopping the

Sears Catalog." Find out what it meant to be a consumer in a time before shopping malls and online shopping as you handle products from the 1908 Sears catalog.

Open Wed-Fri, 11 to 4; Sat, 10 to 4. 504 Market St. 302-656-0637; HSD.org/dhm.htm.

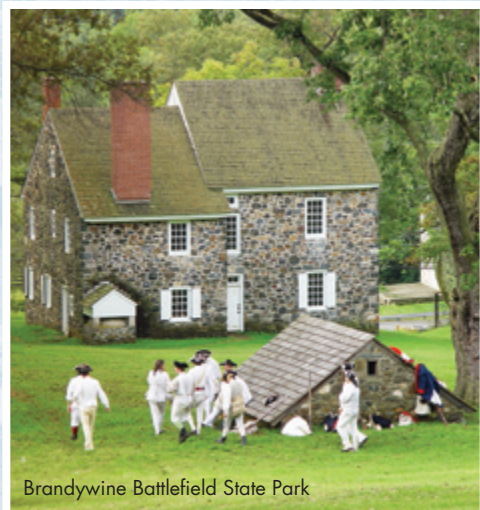
Visitors to **Riverfront Wilmington**, along the banks of the Christiana River, find a lively destination with recreational, cultural, retail and culinary attractions, including about a dozen tasty choices from coffee to sushi at the Riverfront Market—and dinner on the **Riverboat Queen**. You'll also find entertainment venues like the **Chase Center**, museums like the **Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts**, 200 S. Madison St. 302-656-6466; TheDCCA.org, plus public docks and more. RiverfrontWilm.com.

You might want to explore the Christiana and Brandywine Rivers from the comfort of a **River Taxi**, a 29-passenger boat that gives you a different perspective on the Riverfront. Board from six docks along the Riverfront, Tuesday-Saturday, 12-8 and Sunday, 2-8. For a special history tour go on a Tuesday or Thursday for Family Night (\$15/family of 4). 302-530-5069 for info; 302-425-4890 for cruises.

Ready for a walk? Park your car and stretch your legs along the **Riverwalk**. This 1.3-mile beautifully landscaped riverfront path pro-



Historic Sugartown



Brandywine Battlefield State Park

PLAY POLO

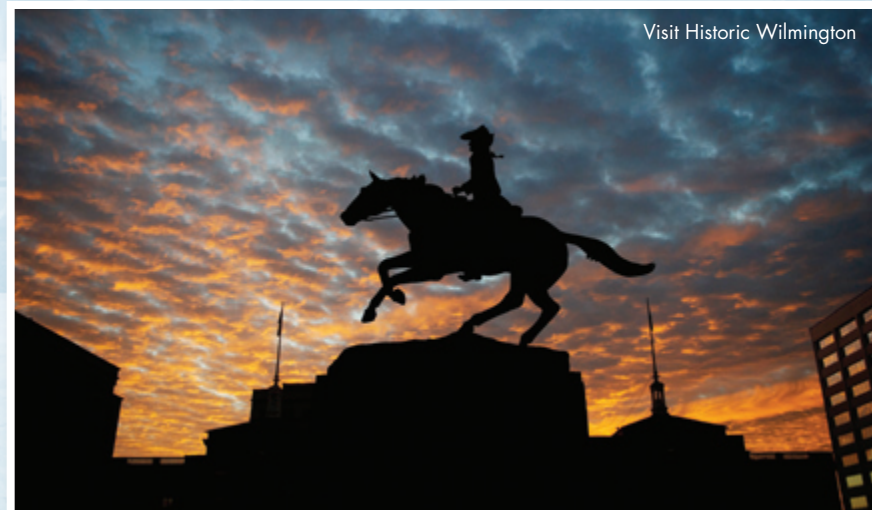
Head for the Brandywine Polo Club with your picnic or tailgate on a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon through September if you want a glimpse of a unique aspect of our local horse country. Called the sport of kings, polo is fun to watch, with its combination of fast-paced action, elegant spectators and audience participation (you can help with the divot stomping). And you can learn to play polo, too.

The club hosts Twilight Polo on Fridays featuring live music and dancing, food and drink for sale, and of course, polo.

Polo Rd., off Newark Rd., S. of the Rt. 1 Toughkenamon exit. Sundays: gates open, 1:30, matches at 3. Matches cancelled for wet fields or extreme heat; call 610-268-8692 to confirm. BrandywinePolo.com.



Delaware Children's Museum



Visit Historic Wilmington



Wilmington Riverfront



Historic Odessa

vides pedestrian access to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, Aug. 1-3. Keep current with what's happening at *In-WilmingtonDE.com*.

Check out the collection of birdhouses or "**Houses that are for the Birds**," an ongoing exhibit of extraordinary birdhouses crafted by Tom Burke, Wilmington resident and custom home builder. Burke's unique birdhouses are on display along Riverwalk, with houses inspired by Andrew Wyeth's home and much more.

During your walk, 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.

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-Fri, noon to 5 (other months, by appt.). 302-425-3263; DESports.org.

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. Your kids can flex their muscles and their brains at "The Power of Me," an interactive and active exhibit that tests their capabilities.

Open Tues-Sun, 9 to 4:30. 550 Justison St. 302-654-2340; DelawareChildrensMuseum.org.

Ever wonder if you had what it took to sail the high seas to the New World? Test your mettle and go for a sail on the **Kalmar Nyckel** as you haul lines and set sails. During your duties, enjoy tales of the sea told by the ship's crew. The original Kalmar Nyckel, a three-masted tall ship, 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 September 28. The ship is scheduled to be in Wilmington in early July.

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

Where the city, the river and the marsh meet at the south end of Riverwalk is where you'll find the **DuPont Environmental Education Center** on the 212-acre Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. 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 "Animal Adventures," where visitors get up close and personal with the region's wildlife. Traverse the marsh and stream or just relax by the butterfly house. Your journey, your call.

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

MORE DELAWARE SITES

Find out where the du Pont story begins, and 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.

On July 26 see "Hagley Science Center: Tumbling Tower." Bring the family and engage your brains as you gain an understanding of architecture by deconstructing a cardboard tower.

Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Popular "Wednesday Bike and Hike Evenings" through August 27. 200 Hagley Rd, Wilmington (GPS address). 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

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 over 4,000 objects that capture the best of regional decorative arts (1760 to 1850) in historically accurate settings. In addition to 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 more—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. 302-378-4119; HistoricOdessa.org.

Farther south is the remarkable little town of **New Castle**, established in 1651. An absolute gem, the beautifully preserved Colonial town center is situated on the Delaware River. You'll find tree-lined cobblestone streets, a village green, public and private gardens and period homes that run the gamut from stunningly beautiful to quietly charming.

There's a park along the river, historic restaurants and accommodating B&Bs, as well as interesting shops. Visit **Immanuel Church** and its churchyard (dating back to 1703), and the **George Read II House**, a grand federal mansion surrounded by a handsome garden and open to the public. NewCastleCity.net.

HEAD FOR MARYLAND

We recommend you cross into Maryland and on to **Cecil County**, 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.

Tighten your family bond by participating in the "Summer Together Family Camp" or enjoying the fresh produce from the Perryville Farmer's Market on Fridays through October 24. See CCGov.org/Tourism.

Cecil County also boasts harbors and history, rolling hill-sides 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. Classic horse country, this area is 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 also offers dining and shopping for antiques and fine art. FairHillInternational.com.

Next, 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, browse 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. Mon-Fri, 8 to 4. 410-885-5622.

While you're exploring the area, keep a lookout for a quaint restaurant 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 as well as 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. You may want to return for the popular decoy show and benefit auction mid-October or flea markets through August. 219 Walnut St., Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 12 to 4; UpperBayMuseum.org.

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

Head on to **Port Deposit**, a very old river town that's being rediscovered and is on the National Register. Print a walking tour map from the website and enjoy a self-guided tour of historic and architecturally interesting buildings here. After touring the town's parks or museums, you'll have no trouble finding somewhere to refuel. Restaurant options range from Texas-style barbecue to traditional German and Bavarian cuisine.

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.



Chesapeake Bay



Crabs from Chesapeake City



Turkey Point Light House



Chesapeake City Street Fair



Fair Hill Races



Chestertown



Chestertown Farmers' & Artisans' Market



Rock Hall



Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

MARYLANDS EASTERN SHORE

For 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 back, 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 the Chesapeake Bay and Chester River.

Chestertown maintains its character as a former Colonial port and now 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 Farmers' 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.

For more, visit Chestertown.com.

To celebrate Independence Day, 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.

If you take photos, share them! You can upload your images, discuss them and blog about them at Flickr.com/Groups/LetsGoOutside.

1730 Eastern Neck Rd., 6 miles S. of Rock Hall, Fws.gov/Northeast/EasternNeck.



Lincoln Highway in Lancaster

LANCASTER COUNTY

While Lancaster County grows increasingly cosmopolitan, there's still plenty of the Olde Lancaster County left to visit and enjoy.

Rich in 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, 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 and straw boaters.

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!

Route 30, also called **Lancaster Pike** or **Lincoln Highway**, is 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.

Head west on Route 30, toward Lancaster City, and 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.

Next 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.

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.

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.

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. Making 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.

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



Strasburg Rail Road



Historic Wheatland



Lancaster Farmers Market

(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.

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

Continuing west on Route 340 will take you to **Bird-in-Hand** and **Smoketown**. Detours onto side roads here can be delightful. You may be startled by some of the animals you see grazing in the fields. Area farmers have been breeding bison, ostrich and other exotic game to serve the needs of local fine dining establishments.

Explore the history of an entire county and the life of an American President in one stop. **Lancaster County Historical Society** and the **James Buchanan Foundation for Preservation of Wheatland** merged in 2009, forming LancasterHistory.org (both the organization's name and Web domain).

Tour Buchanan's impressive Wheatland estate and mansion, which has remained relatively unadulterated, to see where the 15th President spent his days. Objects from Buchanan's time decorate the home and

many items displayed actually belonged to the President.

The museum houses a rich collection of historic pieces ranging from costumes and accessories to photographs and paintings. Take a living history tour at "Questions and Answers: James Buchanan Comes of Age," August 2nd. The tour will guide visitors through Buchanan's life: from young boy to mature politician. 230 North President Ave. 717-392-4633; LancasterHistory.org.

Farms and buggies are left behind when you visit **Lancaster City**. You may be surprised to find 125 art venues and see more yoga pants 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.

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 galleries, boutiques and hip restaurants hosting open houses and late hours. Browsers mingle in shops and along blocks of galler-



Lancaster County

ies 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 the area. 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.* Also worth a visit are the **Lancaster Museum of Art**, 135 N. Lime St., 717-394-3497; LMAPA.org, **North Museum of Science & History**, 400 College Ave., 717-291-3941; NorthMuseum.org, and **Lancaster Newspapers Newseum**, 28 S. Queen St., 717-291-8600.

Small is also beautiful, as evidenced in specialized museums like the **Demuth Museum**, located in the house, workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. American modernist painter Demuth traveled widely, but always came back to Lancaster. 120 E. King St., 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

Hungry? 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. 717-735-6890; CentralMarketLancaster.com.

Lancaster also offers a full range of restaurants, from Zagat-rated **Belvedere Inn** to local and casual **Lancaster Brewing Company**, housed in a working microbrewery, and everything in between.

So, 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.



First Friday Lancaster City

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 more modest version of Sturbridge Village. 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. Travel back in time to the Civil War era with "Civil War Days at Landis Valley," July 26 & 27th, when reenactors bring the Civil War right to you and transform Landis Valley into a cross-roads village.

Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Off Rt. 272 at 2451 Kissel Hill Rd. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

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

721 Landis Valley Rd. Call for dates and hours. 717-569-KIDS; HandsonHouse.org.

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

Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5; Rts. 272 & 322. 717-733-6600; EphrataCloister.org.

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

On to your third stop. Head northwest of Lancaster City to the intersection of the Route 30 Bypass and Harrisburg Pike to **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. 24. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment—from fireworks and music courtesy of The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," to a performance by Nashville's hottest indie-rock band, Kopecky Family Band. So pack a picnic (no alcohol), bring your blanket and enjoy Celtic, Cajun, Latin, jazz or patriotic music and a night of fireworks.

Labor Day weekend, don't miss the **Annual Art and Craft Festival** featuring works from over 200 artists and craftspeople—one of the top shows in the country. 717-735-8883; LongPark.org.

Finally, get 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. Check out "**Lovin' Lititz Every Second**" on July 11, when shops and businesses host fun activities and events for the whole family.

Start at the **Lititz Welcome Center**, in a replica of an 1884 train station. *N. Broad St. LititzPA.com.* Then on to the dozen historic buildings lining East Main Street.

At **Sturgis Pretzel Bakery**, America's first commercial pretzel bakery, you can roll and knead your own pretzels. 219 E. Main St., 717-626-4354; JuliusSturgis.com. For sweet treats check out the **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** to taste their famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) and the **Candy Americana Museum**. 48 N. Broad St., 888-294-5287; WilburBuds.com.

Head downtown on a **Second Friday**, when businesses stay open and Main and Broad Streets are dotted with musicians, artists and dancers. As the epicenter for so much activity, it's easy to understand why Lititz calls itself "The Heart of Lancaster County."



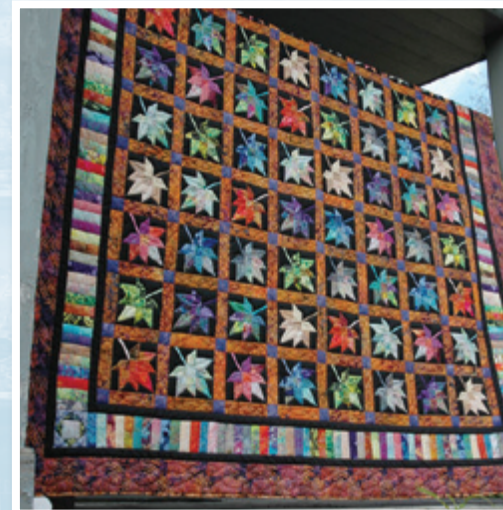
National Christmas Center



Fulton Theater



Lititz



TOUR THE MAIN LINE

We hope you'll agree that 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 **Paoli**—a distance of 15 miles.

Locals know 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. Wander the winding, tree-lined roads and enjoy the scenery in an area where a GPS comes in handy for finding your way back to Route 30.

While much of Route 30 is a commercial strip, it offers the considerable benefit of great shopping and dining. (See our sidebar on "Great Shopping Towns.") 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 "What's New in Wayne" online at CountyLinesMagazine.com, May 2014.

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 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, Church Farm School, Devon Prep, Episcopal Academy, Haverford School, Malvern Prep, Shipley and Villa Maria 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!

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

Come celebrate Wharton Esherick's 127th birthday, July 15, when the museum will offer tours at half price. No gifts required.

Guided tours, res. req. Tues-Fri 10 to 5, groups only; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 1 to 5. Horse-Shoe Trail. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherick-Museum.org.



Wharton Esherick Museum

VALLEY FORGE AND BEYOND

A few more stops before we leave the area. Perhaps the best-known site associated with the American Revolution, **Valley Forge National Historical Park** is a living monument to the men of George Washington's ragged, ill-equipped Continental Army. Read more in **Recent Discoveries** in this issue.

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 Perkio-men 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; 1201 Pawlings Rd. 610-666-5593; PA.Audubon.org/ 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: July 14-18 check out "Hobbits at the Highlands" and spend the morning listening to tall tales and crafting some of your own. Or visit 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; 7001 Sheaff Lane, Ft. Washington. 215-641-2687; HighlandsHistorical.org. ♦



Chanticleer



Malvern Blooms Festival



St. Thomas Cathedral in Villanova



GREAT SHOPPING TOWNS

PENNSYLVANIA

Bryn Mawr

Shops and restaurants are along Lancaster Avenue (Rt. 30) in Bryn Mawr. 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.

King of Prussia

See "Recent Discoveries."

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 on its 125th anniversary.

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Head for State St., the main thoroughfare. This is still very much a town where shopkeepers know many patrons by name and make visitors welcome. Most of the shopping and dining are on State Street, where a trolley still runs regularly, although there are nifty shops on cross streets and Baltimore Pike.

Phoenixville

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 events.

Strafford

Eagle Village Shops, 503 W. Lancaster Ave., is 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.

Wayne

Wayne is where everyone has gone to shop for generations—and they still do. It's a real town and the shopping and dining don't just run on the strip of Lancaster Avenue, but also on the cross streets like Wayne Ave., north and south of it.

West Chester

Head west on Rt. 3 to the center of town, to Gay and Market Streets. Chester County's historic county seat, with handsome period architecture, has been restored and offers a diverse shopping and dining experience in an inviting nostalgic atmosphere.

DELAWARE

Greenville

Head south on Rt. 52 (Kennett Pike) to 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

See "Recent Discoveries."



Tour James Buchanan's Wheatland

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National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum

Upcoming Events

Coatesville Remembers:
12th Anniversary World Trade Center Commemoration
September 11th.

Lukens Reunion Barbecue
October 4th.

Holiday Open House
December 12th.

Open 10 to 4 Monday - Saturday
SteelMuseum.org 610-384-9282



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. *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 open year-round. 860 Springton Rd. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

Lancaster

Dutch Wonderland. Fun for kids, with over 30 rides—two coasters, Duke's Lagoon water play area and live entertainment shows. *Rt. 30, 4 mi. E of Lancaster. 866-FUNatDW; DutchWonderland.com.*

Langhorne

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

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Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. A recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm, with farmers and guides in period garb, Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two very large pigs. *Weekends mid-Feb to mid-Dec. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.*

Nottingham

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

Pottstown

Ryerss Farm For Aged Equines. Celebrating 126 years of providing a safe and caring environment for retired and rescued horses, on 383 acres, Ryerss welcomes visitors 365 days a year. Learn more about the farm on their website. *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. *Off Rt. 23, St. Peters Rd., St. Peters.* After lunch, head for **Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site**, restored 1700 iron-making village. *2 Mark Bird La., Elverson. 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-century village of Taylorsville, the outstanding Bowman's Hill

Wildflower Preserve, and recreation and picnic areas, on a beautiful section of the Delaware River. *1112 River Rd. 215-493-4076; USHistory.org/WashingtonCrossing.*

West Chester

Northbrook Canoe Company. Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River as you take 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. *Open daily May-Oct. 1810 Beagle Rd. 610-793-2279; NorthbrookCanoe.com.*

QVC. A guided walking tour takes you through the broadcasting facility including a spectacular view from the Observation Deck where guests may be able to watch QVC programs in progress and catch a glimpse of a favorite host or guest. *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. *Market St. Station, 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.*

★★★ DELAWARE ★★★

Greenville

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

SELECTED NATURE CENTERS AND PUBLIC GARDENS

An abundance of inviting open space is part of *County Lines* country—including the following with outstanding physical facilities and extensive public programs.

★★★ PENNSYLVANIA ★★★

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest, largest trees) are set in a Victorian landscaped garden. Award-winning rose garden; English landscape park; loggia and hidden grotto; Japanese gardens; swan pond. Special events. *100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 215-247-5777; UPenn.edu/Arboretum.*



Devault

Great Valley Nature Center. Formerly the Nature Center of Charlestown. 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. *Rt. 29 & Hollow Rd. 610-935-9777; GVNC.org.*

Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants suited to local woodland conditions, including ferns, groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. *631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.*

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Tyler Arboretum. A 650-acre preserve originated with brothers Jacob and Minshall Painter. Mature plant collections are laid out in a natural setting, with 20 miles of marked trails. Noteworthy: 85-acre Pinetum; Native Woodland Walk; butterfly garden; bird garden; Pink Hill and special exhibits. Education center, museum collections, library. *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, conveyed in 1703. The Preserve includes meadowlands, upland hill-sides and old-growth woodlands, with 5 miles of hiking and horse riding trails.

The Okehocking Nature Center, in the historic Garrett Farmhouse, provides environmental education and recreational activities including workshops on sustainable gardening, demonstration gardening and energy conservation. *Willistown Towns hip Parks & Recreation Dept., 610-641-5300 ext.224; OkehockingNatureCenter.org*

Pottstown

Welkinweir. Lovely 162-acre estate is an architectural and landscaping masterpiece. Owned and maintained by the nonprofit Green Valleys Assn., it provides programs, environmental lectures, nature walks and environmental summer camps. Trails and walks connect hikers to Horse-Shoe Trail. Gardens offer pleasure year-round. *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. *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. *Apr through Oct. 786 Church Rd. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.*

West Chester

H. E. Myrick Conservation Center. A varied landscape embracing a variety of vegetation and wildlife habitats on 300 acres. Part of the Brandy wine Valley Assn., the country's oldest small watershed association, which has worked for over 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. *1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd. (Rt. 842). 610-793-1090; BrandywineWatershed.org.*

★★★ DELAWARE ★★★

Hockessin

Ashland Nature Center. Headquarters of the DE Nature Society, 130 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. *Brackenville & Barley Mill Rds. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.*

Mt. Cuba Center. A botanical garden that inspires an appreciation for native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. *3120 Barley Mill Rd. 302-654-6407; MtCubaCenter.org.*



Mt. Cuba Center

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. *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 open to the public and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gardens are “rooms,” each with unique character. *1405 Greenhill Ave. 302-651-9617; PreservationDE.org.*

Nemours Mansion & Gardens. The late-18th-century French-style Mansion was a gift from Alfred I. du Pont to his wife, Alicia. Named after the French town his great-great-grandfather represented in the French Estates General, Nemours was thoroughly modern, incorporating the latest technology and many of Alfred's inventions. *850 Alapocas Dr. 302-651-6912; NemoursMansion.org.*



Nemours Mansion & Gardens

Winterthur

Winterthur Museum and Gardens. See: “Day Trips & Outings”

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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.”

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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. *400 Daniel Boone Rd. 610-582-4900; DanielBooneHomestead.org.*

Broomall

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest English Quaker homes in the Commonwealth, built in 1696. *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. *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 over 250 years of Chester County's industrial heritage, retaining its original Colonial-era power train, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment. Monthly demonstrations offer hands-on activities. *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 prin-

cipal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment and a popular 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. *Art School and Pikeland Rds. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.*

Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District. The threads of Coatesville's industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together in the buildings on this street: Rebecca Lukens House (c. 1739); Terracina (1850-51, built by Charles Huston) and Graystone Mansion (1889, built by Abram Francis Huston). **National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum** S. First Ave. *610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.*

Ephrata

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

Fort Washington

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

Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. The Hay Creek Valley 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 5-7,** features Early American crafts, antique toy display, Civil War encampment, home craft marketplace, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. *Rt. 10. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.*

Germantown/Philadelphia

Cliveden. Historic house museum on six landscaped acres. Site of the Battle of Germantown in 1777, which is reenacted the first Saturday in Oct. Includes original furnishing and decorative arts. *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. *881 Rockford Rd. 717-392-7223; RockFordPlantation.org.*

Wheatland. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Malvern

Historic Sugartown. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”



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. *Mar 1-Dec 31. 400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd. 215-946-0400; PennsburyManor.org.*

Paoli

Historic Waynesborough. Stately Georgian manor house was home to seven generations of the Wayne family, including Major General “Mad Anthony” Wayne. Guided tours, slide lectures and a Paoli Massacre diorama with self-activating tape commentary. *2049 Waynesborough Rd. 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. *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. *5 Haldeman Rd. 610-287-9349; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites*

Valley Forge

Valley Forge National Historic Park. See: “Recent Discoveries.”

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. *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, built in 1719. Explore the main floor with its fireplace, the attic and cellar, plus a farm museum and colonial garden. *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. *Schultz Rd., off Rt. 73. 610-584-5104; MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites.*

MUSEUMS

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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. *2201 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. *Ursinus College. Main St. 610-409-3500; Ursinus.edu/berman.*

Paoli

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

Valley Forge

Valley Forge Historical Society Museum. See: “Recent Discoveries.”

West Chester

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

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Wilmington

Delaware Art Museum. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

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. *Blue Ball Barn, 1914 W. Park Dr. 302-577-1164; DEStateParks.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 Gardenesque landscape design. *610 Shipley Rd. 302-761-4340; Rockwood.org.*

Winterthur Museum & Gardens. See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

Yorklyn

Auburn Heights Preserve. Featuring a furnished mansion completed in 1897 as well as the Marshall Stream Museum with the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world. *3000 Creek Rd. 302-239-5687; AuburnHeights.org.*

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Chestertown

Historical Society of Kent County Museum & Library. Dedicated to collecting and preserving artifacts, documents and information that aid in the interpretation of all aspects of Kent County's history. *101 Church Alley. 410-778-3499; KentCountyHistory.org.*

SPECIAL INTEREST MUSEUMS

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Boyetown

Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles. A display of rare vehicles traces the evolution of road transportation. *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. *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. *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. *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. *3427 Lincoln Hwy (Rt.30), 717-442-7950; National-ChristmasCenter.com.*



National Christmas Center

Reading

Mid-Atlantic Air Museum. Story of aviation told by displays of restored classic and historic aircraft. *Rt. 183 N, Reading Reg. Airport. 610-372-7333; MAAM.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. *1220 American Blvd., Brandywine Airport. 610-436-9600; HelicopterMuseum.org. ♦*

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ART: CENTERS GALLERIES & FRAMING

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Haverford

Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Rd. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

Wallingford

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

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Paoli

Malvern Federal Savings Bank, 42 E. Lancaster Ave. Visit their website for a list of all locations. 610-644-9400; MalvernFederal.com. See ad on pg. 76.

West Chester

Fulton Bank, visit their website for a list of all locations. 800-FULTON4; FultonBank.com. See ad on pg. 14.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For a complete listing of private schools in our area, visit CountyLinesMagazine.com.

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Crum Lynne

Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, Philadelphia Support Center, 1553 Chester Pk., Ste. 103, 888-PACYBER; PaCyber.org. See ad on pg. 28.

Devon

Devon Preparatory School, 363 N. Valley Forge Rd. 610-688-7337; DevonPrep.com. See ad on pg. 28.

Haverford

Haverford School, 450 Lancaster Ave. 610-642-3020; Haverford.org. See ad on pg. 26.

Malvern

Malvern Preparatory School, 418 S. Warren Ave. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.com. See ad on pg. 27.

Villa Maria Academy, 370 Old Lincoln Hwy. 610-644-2551; VMAHS.org. See ad on pg. 27.

Phoenixville

Renaissance Academy, 40 Pine Crest St. 610-983-4080; RAK12.org. See ad on pg. 27.

Pottstown

Wyndcroft School, 1395 Wilson St. 610-326-0544; Wyndcroft.org. See ad on pg. 27.

Rosemont

Agnes Irwin, Ithan Ave. & Conestoga Rd. 610-525-8400; AgnesIrwin.org. See ad on pg. 25.

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Wilmington

The Tatnall School, 1501 Barley Mill Rd. 302-998-2292; Tatnall.org. See ad on pg. 29.

Wilmington Friends School, 101 School Rd. 302-576-2900; WilmingtonFriends.org. See ad on pg. 28.

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

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Aston

Heron Crest Studio, Art Along the Creek—Nov. 15–16, 22–23, 739 Mount Rd. 484-574-6018; HeronCrestStudios.com. See ad on pg. 39.

Devon

Dressage at Devon – Sept. 23–28, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30. 410-398-1740; DressageAtDevon.org. See ad on pg. 30.

Exton

Eagleview Town Center Events, 540 Wellington Square. InEagleview.com. See ad on pg. 7.

Gladwyne

VoxAmaDeus, 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org. See ad on pg. 22.

Kennett Square

Delaware Valley Art League, Painting in the Meadow Plain Air Event—July 28–30, Aug. 2–3, Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd. See ad on pg. 39.

Kutztown

Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Holiday Show—Oct. 25–26, Kutztown University, O'Pake Fieldhouse, 312 Trexler Ave. 610-678-6650; RBCrafts.org. See ad on pg. 30.

Malvern

Shugart's Sunday, BBQ & Bluegrass—Sept. 14, 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 2 to 6. \$10-\$35. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org. See ad on pg. 60.

Perkiomenville

Goschenhoppen Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival—Aug. 8–9, Henry Antes Plantation, Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. Adm: \$2-\$10. 215-234-8953; Goschenhoppen.org. See ad on pg. 30.

West Chester

Chester County Day—Oct. 4, Northeastern quadrant of Chester County. ChesterCountyHospital.org. See ad on pg. 30.

HEALTH & FITNESS MEDICAL FACILITIES

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Glen Mills

Crozer-Keystone Health System, Crozer Medical Plaza at Brinton Lake, Evergreen Dr. (off Rt. 1). 610-579-3400; CrozerAtTheLake.org. See ad on pg. 4.

Haverford

Bayada Home Health Care, 354 W. Lancaster Ave., 2nd floor. 610-658-7150; Bayada.com. See ad on pg. 32.

West Chester

ACAC Fitness & Wellness Centers, 1130 McDermott Dr. 610-431-7000; ACAC.com. See ad on pg. 15.

Gateway Medical Associates, offices in Coatesville, Downingtown, Exton and West Chester. 610-423-8181; GatewayDoctors.com. See ad on pg. 8.

SPECIALTY SHOPS AND SERVICES

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Chadds Ford

Horst Insurance, 610-459-8285; HorstInsurance.com. See ad on pg. 16.

Malvern

CampLi Photography, 338 E. King St. 610-889-0189; CampLiPhoto.com. See ad on pg. 40.

Flowing Springs Landscape Design, Inc., 426 Old Conestoga Rd. 610-408-0739; FlowingSpringsDesign.com. See ad on pg. 66.

Media

Aquavita Pools, 660 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-565-0900; AquaVitaPools.com. See ad on pg. 71.

New Holland

Witmer Quilts, 1076 W. Main St. 717-656-9526. See ad on pg. 80.

Newtown Square

Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. 610-356-8035; Mostardi.com. See ad on pg. 76.

Paoli

Walter J. Cook Jeweler, The Chestnut Village Shoppes, 36 Chestnut Rd. (1 block W of Rt. 252 in Paoli). 610-644-5347; WalterJ-CookJeweler.com. See ad on pg. 11.

Springfield

Aquavita Pools, 1001 E. Woodland Ave. 610-544-2600; AquaVitaPools.com. See ad on pg. 71.

SALONS & SPAS

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Collegeville

Eden Day Spa & Salon, 378 W. Main St. 610-489-0800; EdenDaySpaAndSalon.com. See ad on pg. 67.

HOME: INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DESIGN

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Blue Ball

Heritage Design Interiors, 1064 E. Main St. (Rt. 23), New Holland. 717-354-2233; HeritageDesignInteriors.com. See ad on pg. 76.

Elverson

Chester County Hearth & Home, 19 Park Ave. 610-913-0730; ChesterChimney.com. See ad on pg. 33.

Exton

Ball & Ball, 463 W. Lincoln Hwy. 800-257-3711; BallAndBall.com. See ad on pg. 83.

Kennett Square

McLimans Furniture, 940 W. Cypress St. 610-444-3876; McLimans.com. See ad on pg. 65.

Waterbury Kitchen & Bath, LLC, 818 E. Baltimore Pk. 610-444-9192; WaterburyDesign.com. See ad on pg. 83.

Lancaster

ABK Today, 1929 Lincoln Hwy. E., Ste. 120. Appt. only. 717-715-9488; ABKToday.com. See ad on pg. 3.

Myerstown

Martin Appliance, 717-866-7555. Other locations: Brownstown, 717-859-3131; Cleona, 717-273-7555; Ephrata, 717-733-7730; Reading, 610-401-0390; Quarryville, 717-786-7373. MartinsAppliance.com. See ad on pg. 40.

Newtown Square

Main Street Cabinet PA, 5064 West Chester Pk. 610-325-5500; MainStreetCabinet.com. Also: 111 E. Main St., Morrestown, NJ. 856-234-3400. See ad on pg. 18.

Paoli

Sugarbridge Kitchen & Bath, Paoli Design Center, 1604 E. Lancaster Ave. 484-318-8367; Sugarbridge.com. See ad on back cover.

Paradise

Dutchie's Stone Works, 717-587-8789; DutchiesStoneWorks.com. See ad on pg. 71.

Sylvan Stoltzfus Builders LLC, 800-881-9781; StoltzfusBuilders.com. See ad on pg. 71.

West Chester

Giuseppe Kitchen and Bath Design, 129 E. Gay St. 610-436-8161; GiuseppeKitchenAnd-BathDesign.com. See ad on pg. 71.

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Dewson Construction, 7 S. Lincoln St. 302-427-2250; DewsonConstruction.com. See ad on pg. 16.

RESTAURANTS, RECEPTIONS

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Lionville

Ron's Original Bar & Grille, Heritage Center, Rt. 113 (just north of Rt. 100). 610-594-9900; RonsOriginal.com. See ad on pg. 78.

Malvern

General Warren Inne, 9 Old Lancaster Rd. 610-296-36387; GeneralWarren.com. See ad on pg. 78.

Media

Riddle Ale House, 1037 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-566-9984. See ad on pg. 78.

Mount Joy

Bube's Brewery, 102 N. Market St. 717-653-2056; BubesBrewery.com. See ad on pg. 78.

Phoenixville

Bistro On Bridge, 212 Bridge St. 610-935-7141; BistroOnBridge.com. See ad on pg. 74.

West Marlboro

The Whip Tavern, 1383 N. Chatham Rd. 610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com. See ad on pg. 76.

WEALTH MANAGEMENT

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Malvern

Hoover Financial Advisors, PC, 112 Moores Rd, Malvern; 610-651-2777; PeteHoover.com. See ad on pg. 18.

West Chester

Key Financial, Inc., Patricia C. Brennan CFP, 1560 McDaniel Dr. 610-429-9050; KeyFinancialInc.com. See ad on pg. 6.

LODGING

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Intercourse

The Inn & Spa at Intercourse Village, 3542 Old Philadelphia Pk. 800-664-0949; Inn-Spa.com. See ad on pg. 82.

REALTORS

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Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach Realtors—Holly Gross, 484-678-0367; HollyGross.com. See ad on pg. 5.

James A. Cochrane Realtor, 610-469-6100; CochraneInc.com. See ad on pg. 82.

SENIOR COMMUNITIES

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Devon

The Devon Senior Living, 445 N. Valley Forge Rd. 610-263-2300; TheDevonSeniorLiving.com. See ad on pg. 12.

Lititz

Warwick Woodlands, a Moravian Manor Community, Sales Center, 3rd Fl., 27-31 E. Main St. 717-625-6000; WarwickWoodlands.com. See ad on pg. 32.

Kennett Square

Friends Home in Kennett, 147 W. State St. 610-444-2577; FriendsHomeInKennett.org. See ad on pg. 80.

West Chester

Barclay Friends, 700 N. Franklin St. 610-696-5211; BEKendal.org. See ad on pg. 80.

Willow Street

Willow Valley Communities, 450 Willow Valley Lakes Dr. 717-464-6800; WillowValleyCommunities.org. See ad on pg. 9.

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Wilmington

Foulk Manor South, 407 Foulk Rd. 302-655-6249; FoulkManorSouth.com. See ad on pg. 80. ♦

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Living in a stone cottage was the Taylors' dream, inspired by a photo in a real estate brochure they spotted after breakfast at Hank's Place in Chadds Ford. Drawn by the area's rich history, the couple often visited the Brandywine Valley and was contemplating moving here.

House-hunting visits to charming local cottages—with their Colonial proportions, low ceilings, small windows, tiny stairways—made the tall, former Texans realize that creating a dream-house version of a cottage was the better plan. And so they found a 37-acre parcel of land, providing picture-perfect vistas over lush hay meadows and ten acres of wetlands in a northern corner of Chester County. This area near Warwick Furnace boasts 18th-century buildings, scenes of fox hunting,

and protected lands in the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust.

Designing the Dream

Once the Taylors decided to create their modern stone cottage, they knew the interior had to include rooms that were open and full of light. They'd seen that space before—in the movie *Something's Gotta Give*. Director Nancy Meyer, known for creating sets that spawned the term “decorator porn,” had built the Hampton's backdrop for Diane Keaton's and Jack Nicholson's characters, an interior so striking it was featured in *Architectural Digest*.

Chadds Ford architect Karen Wood was dispatched with a DVD of the movie. The result is this unique custom home

centered around the stunning living area with open kitchen and dining area, with country views through floor-to-ceiling windows and French doors.

In 2004, John Diament, of Chester Springs, began work on the stone home and outbuildings—three-car garage with guest suite, pool house and, a few years later, a substantial barn. Attention to detail is evident everywhere—in the stones selected from the property, the keystones set above each door and window, and what looks like a hun-

dred-year-old stone ruin to disguise the back-up generator. The Taylors were so delighted with the craftsmanship that they tell visitors the story of Diament investigating a leak—some seven years after the house was built—and driving out on Christmas Eve!

First Floor Living

Walk up the Pennsylvania bluestone path and note the large stones set in the outside corners, details of a master builder, along with traces of iron ore in

the local stone. The charming exterior, with angled rooflines and multiple dormers, belies the dramatic, modern space behind the arched front door.

The view of the main living space is simply breathtaking—an open interior leads your eye out to the country views beyond. Elegant columns and a coffered ceiling define the main seating area, while fireside dining and an open kitchen are off to the left.

The chef's kitchen is defined by a granite-topped working island as well as



a breakfast bar comfortably seating four or serving up casual buffets. High-end appliances—Miele, Viking, Sub Zero—include added features, such as a steam oven and two dishwashers.

The adjacent butler's pantry—with a wall of storage cabinets plus a wine cooler—make entertaining a joy. A sizable mud-room and full bath, with steam shower and pebble floor, plus a glass-enclosed sunporch with fireplace, complete this section.

On the opposite side of the main living space, the first-floor master suite enjoys the same spectacular view of gardens, pool and countryside. A large walk-in closet with built-ins and master bath, complete with soaking tub near the windows, make a serene retreat.

Radiant heat beneath hard-wood floors and nine-foot ceilings are examples of modern amenities throughout the home.

Perhaps the most enjoyable feature of this floor is the covered porch—with bead-board ceilings and overhead fans—that runs the length of the house, perfect for sipping a glass of wine, hosting a large fundraiser or serving take-out from nearby Birchrunville Store Cafe.

Other Floors

The exterior dormers foreshadow the coziness of the rooms upstairs. A substantial landing offers a quiet space to read, while shared bath and the two adjacent bedrooms—one with access to second-

floor deck—enjoy both modern-sized closets and period details like window seats, even in the bathroom. A large bonus room with more storage currently serves as an office with countryside views, plus room for an exercise area.

The lower level, which could be converted into a large media room, houses the mechanical systems and a temperature-controlled wine cellar.

Outbuildings

The pool house overlooks a dramatic 18-by-50-foot pool and includes a kitchenette, bathroom and outdoor shower that opens to the sky. Pass the back-up generator, so cleverly camouflaged, to the heated greenhouse.

Toward the hay field is a large, two-level open barn, ready to be outfitted with stalls below and converted to a spectacular party barn upstairs.

On the opposite side of the main house, past the formal kitchen garden, is the three-car garage with workshop and second-story guest suite complete with kitchen and living area.

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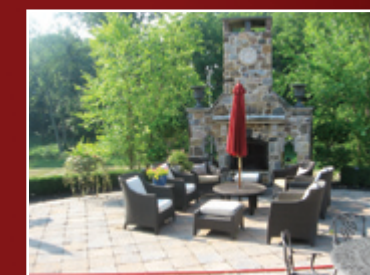
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APA 101 WITH MRS. STOUTD

As told to Zach Green

Our latest beer class is about to start. This time we explore American Pale Ale.

Back in 1987, there were not nearly as many options for beer lovers as the growing world of craft beer offers today. With the difficulties of Prohibition not that far behind, and the constant changing of laws that followed, it was risky to get involved with the movement to create better beer in Pennsylvania.

And although the beer industry was beginning to change, the business was in the hands of a select few. To say the beer business was a man's domain would be an understatement. To say it was anything but challenging would be a flatout lie.

But the time for change was apparent. The palates of the locals needed to be quenched. And I was going to do whatever it took to make these changes and be part of the new beer industry.

The Early Days

I started out my professional life with a love of science, teaching, and most important, learning. In fact, I was a former schoolteacher when my husband, Ed Stoutdt, and I started our first company. In 1962, we purchased Stoutdt's Black Angus Restaurant, and we wanted nothing more than to build our business and have a brewery to call our own. But because of the overwhelming number of laws restricting combining the restaurant with a brewery, the dream of our own brewery seemed out of reach for the time being.

My love of beer didn't start out from being involved with the brewing business. I originally found passion in promoting, educating, tasting and hosting formal beer dinners for my colleagues and friends. I took the next step in 1987, and using my love for cooking and microbiology, I took matters into my own hands and started a brewery under my own name.

I'm proud to say I was the first female brewer in Pennsylvania since Prohibition, and I'm similarly proud to be a pioneer in this beautiful and ever-changing industry.

A first major task when I launched my brewing business was coming up with the best flagship beer possible as a signature product. As the first microbrewery in the state, we

faced many challenges. For example, we had to win over the public. Most people didn't understand the need for fresh beer. And almost everyone thought our beer, since it was local, should be *less expensive* than the national brands shipped from out of state.

So, we had to come up with beer that was both great and affordable. What better way than to start off with our trademark American Pale Ale, or APA for short?

Some APA History

When people think of American Pale Ale, they immediately think flavor, freshness and innovation in brewing. And most important, they want the beer to reflect the community where they live—APA is a beer with a sense and taste of place.

What makes American Pale Ale so distinctive is its use, not surprisingly, of all American ingredients. In crafting our APA, we searched for the finest ingredients that could be found in our country. For instance, our particular APA is made from yeast from Chicago, malt from Wisconsin, hops from the beautiful state of Washington, and the purest local water we could find—sourced from the base of the Susquehanna Aquifer.

One of the greatest beauties of microbreweries is the ability to produce beer that gives a true taste of a specific place. Each brewer's APA is crafted with slight differences in the four key ingredients to reflect the best of the area and to satisfy local tastes. That's why there's no motivation to sell a local beer in all 50 states.

APA—The Short Course

What makes APA different from other beers is the alcohol content (ABV, for alcohol by volume) and the amount of hops used (IBUs, International Bittering Units). For example, in comparison to an India Pale Ale (IPA), which has around 6% alcohol by volume (ABV), or even a double IPA, with about 10% ABV, you can expect a low alcohol content, about 5% ABV, with an American Pale Ale.

As for the amount of hops, the IPA comes in at about 90 IBUs, while the APA has about 40. This low alcohol level and less hoppy flavor for an APA makes it an easy-drinking beer. With the combination of the APA's nice citrusy aroma and a bal-

anced body that isn't too over the top, the APA is a perfect choice when eating pizza, barbecue and burgers.

APAs are produced year round making them readily available nearly everywhere and anytime. When I can't get my hands on our own Stoutdt's APA, I don't worry. There are many breweries that offer their own APAs, from Sierra Nevada, Samuel Adams or Victory Brewing (their Headwaters Pale Ale).

The APA was born in the USA, and it's certainly here to stay!

European Brewers Take Notice

I'd say that American Pale Ale has earned the United States a place on the world map of breweries. Before the popularity of APAs, most beer drinkers considered beer crafted overseas, particularly in Europe, to be near perfection. The pilsners and ESBs (Extra Special Bitters) shine overseas, and rightfully so. But European breweries produced the same lagers year after year, with little or no modification.

Experimentation by microbreweries is the reason American beers began earning admiration and respect in the beer world. By experimenting with various forms of hops, malts, yeasts and other new ingredients, American microbrewers took a product that was once a safe, unchanging drink—the same old, same old—and truly pushed the envelope through innovation.

With this risk of tinkering with the tried and true, comes great reward. The U.S. is now a leader in the world of beer. We're no longer following anyone's lead, but making our own new and exciting path.

Craft Beer Movement

Craft beers are a new and fast-growing market in the U.S. To say they're consumer driven would be an understatement. Craft brewing is an industry where copying rarely takes place. It's a market where brewmasters try to understand a particular style, make it their own, and then watch something beautiful happen. Originality springs from prizing local flavor and celebrating the beauty of farm-to-table.

There was once a time when consumers didn't drink beer based on flavor, but drank up the enticing marketing of the beer industry. That's no longer the case.

With the growth of microbreweries comes a perfect substitute for your glass of wine at dinner. Today there's truly a beer for every occasion and every kind of food. When I'm pairing beer with food, my go-to beer is the APA or a German-style pilsner. Both are what I'd consider mellow and both are perfect for the entry-level beer drinker.

Combining all American ingredients, engineering, ingenuity and a bit of chemistry produced a trend that's here to stay. Now is the time to drink beer! Grab yourself an American Pale Ale, sit back, relax and enjoy a world of endless possibilities. Cheers! ♦

Born and raised in Adamstown, Carol Stoutdt is the first female brewer in Pennsylvania since Prohibition and started its first microbrewery. Stoutdt's Brewing Company has produced award-winning, hand-crafted beer since 1987. The beer is widely available in our area and is rated "outstanding" by the Beer Advocate. Carol and husband Ed have five children.



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Tasty TGIF Lunch

We gathered nine *County Lines* staffers around the office conference table to taste a varied selection of Chefanti creations, delivered at exactly 12:30 as ordered. As the salads, heated main courses and kids' specials made the rounds, the opinions flowed freely.

The universal favorite was the *Buffalo Chicken Hand Pie* (\$5.50). Think turnover, only round and fully packed. The light golden crust encased a diced chicken filling that brimmed with all the expected kicky and happy flavors. A Chefanti creation and menu standby, hand pies are designed to be eaten like a sandwich or served on a plate. One meat and one vegetarian version are standard fare on the menu with the selections changing often.

My top scores went to our two seafood selections for the high quality of the fish and its preparation. I was not surprised to learn it came from Gadaletto's Seafood Market, long appreciated by West Chester residents for its consistent, superb quality. The *Pan-fried Cod* (\$26) impressed with its three super-fresh fillets, lightly breaded and herbed, carefully grilled and perfectly moist. With the sides—hush puppies, all-American cole slaw and a heap of pan-fried potatoes—it serves two.

Equally moist and delectable was the fat salmon fillet crowning the *Spring Salad* (\$8.50/\$13 with salmon). Sprightly mixed greens and baby spinach were tossed with edamame, roasted red pepper, tomatoes, carrots and feta cheese and topped with oven-roasted sunflower seeds. Chefanti's balsamic vinaigrette, full-flavored and mellow, brought all the textures and flavors together beautifully.

Another excellent dressing, lemony and bright, gave the *Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad* (\$11) a lot of personality, making its toss of fresh romaine lettuce, tender chicken and house-made croutons shine. Every bite of the *Small Fruit Plate* (\$11) was perfectly ripe and sweet, showing a commitment to assuring that fresh flavors are at their peak.

There were no kids around, but the adults enthusiastically high-fived the large servings of *Kids' Grilled Chicken* (\$10) and *Kids' Pasta* (\$8.50), the curly noodles lightly coated with buttery/cheesy goodness.

Sisters Rock

Open since April 2013, Chefanti is the brainchild of Anne Moriarta, a restaurant and catering professional, and her sister Jennifer Moriarta. Anne, a culinary school graduate who opened the Seasons 52 restaurant in King of Prussia and served as its executive chef/partner, was burned out from her 15 years of being executive chef at high-end and high-volume restaurants. Jennifer, who has worked as an engineer, is a busy mom of three who was disap-

pointed in the take-out options available in the West Chester area.

They set up shop in a storefront on Market Street, installing a commercial kitchen and expanding slowly over the past 15 months. "We didn't want to over-promise," says Anne. As its reputation and business have grown, Chefanti has tweaked menus and added hours.

Chef Anne appreciates her self-directed professional status. "I really like to cook and to have the food taste the way it's

supposed to taste, to let the natural flavors shine. For example, I believe in using vegetables at their peak in season."

New this summer: Shore meals that can be picked up by noon on Friday, ready to toss in the trunk along with the beach towels. The *Wildwood* dinner is designed for a couple or small family. It includes a BBQ chicken dinner (for 2-3 adults) plus a choice of two kids' meals and six side dishes, all for \$50. The BBQ chicken is Chefanti's most ordered entrée. *Avalon* is a larger version, roughly twice the size.

If you want to pick up your own fresh fish or steak at the beach but would love to have a super selection of accompanying dishes ready to go, then the *Stone Harbor* "sides only" is the one for you.

Six More Things

Orders may be placed as late as 10 a.m. for delivery that day.

The user-friendly website is as appealing as the food it offers, complete with videos of the chef creating particular dishes. Updates are frequent, so check in periodically.

You can pick up a light lunch from the "Grab and Go" case at the shop or eat in at a communal table. Typical offerings include quiche, the hand pies and salad.

Chef Anne welcomes kids to her summer cooking classes, called Culinary Nuts & Bolts.

Off-site catering is available. As with everything else, they're open to your needs and are happy to work with you.

The "Chefanti" Name?

When Jennifer and her children would come to visit Chef Anne when she worked at Seasons 52 in King of Prussia, the kids would scoot through the doors asking for "Chef Aunty." It was a natural. No focus groups needed. ♦

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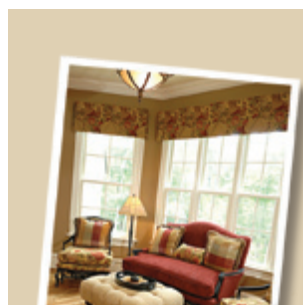
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talking with **Susan Hamley**

With a mission to promote tourism in the Brandywine Valley, Susan Hamley, Executive Director of the Brandywine Conference & Visitors Board, knows a bit about the attractions of our area. She shares some insights with us.



Can you explain the origin of the new tag line for the Brandywine Valley—'The South of France, just a little West of Philly'?

Chester County's Brandywine Valley is blessed with so many unique, world-class attractions—wineries, gardens, equestrian events, historical sites, arts and more. I wasn't here when the new branding was created, but I can understand how challenging it was to try to capture it all in a few words that reflect this diversity. *The South of France, A Little West of Philly* is a way to evoke images of the similar, scenic, rolling countrysides of Europe. The link to Philly adds a sense of place for guests to understand just how close this area is to the city ... and that they can enjoy both the urban scene as well as the beautiful countryside within a very short drive.

What do you think makes this area so distinctive and attractive to residents and visitors alike?

Part of the appeal is that each town has its own special charm. For example, West Chester is a vibrant area with a wealth of restaurants, quaint shops (think world-famous chocolates and uniquely flavored olive oils) and exciting events like the adrenaline pumping Iron Hill Twilight Criterion. Phoenixville shows its quirky side with *Blobfest*, an annual celebration of the iconic sci-fi classic, *The Blob*. A trip here offers endless sights and activities that satisfy interests beyond the famous gardens known around the world. We're currently partnering with Visit Philly on "Towns of the Philadelphia Countryside," with a plan that speaks to this wealth of experiences and strives to move visitors within the five county region from town to town.

In terms of visitors to the Brandywine Valley, what areas do we draw from?

We're a perfect destination for people within a few hours radius who want to escape and experience this piece of paradise without a huge time commitment or having to get on a plane. Collaboration with the Valley Forge Conference and Visitors Board (CVB) and participation in Greater Philadelphia CVB's international programs have also allowed us to broaden our focus outside the U.S., and we're seeing results, particularly with groups and tour business.

How important is tourism to our area?

Tourism is the second largest sector of the economy of Chester County; the benefits are substantial. It generates sales tax from lodging, restaurants and retailers that then can be invested in our community. And it creates tourism jobs as well as the less obvious employment for landscapers, cleaners, construction workers, machinery and the like. Statistics from the State show that one out of every 16 workers has a job related in some way to travel and tourism.

When autumn comes, what are some of your favorite seasonal highlights?

The colors of fall in this lush region provide a great back-drop for hiking and biking. Longwood Gardens is ablaze with fall colors and the not-to-be-missed largest Thousand-Bloom Mum in North America. As for events, Kennett Square as the Mushroom Capital of the World hosts the one-of-a-kind Mushroom Festival. Another area autumn tradition is the Great Pumpkin Carve in Chadds Ford—huge pumpkins are sculpted into true works of art and light up the night.

Can you tell us about your upcoming plans?

We're developing a strategic plan to achieve our long-term vision. More special events are part of this, particularly those promoting active outdoor lifestyles. Our summer calendar expanded, and we're hosting Mudderella, August 16, an obstacle course that runs women through the mud—literally. You'll see us at WXPB's Xponential music festival, July 25-27, with a stage to reach thousands of potential visitors. Other priorities are a website redesign, increased emphasis on amateur sports tournaments, a photo and video library, enhanced social media and more.

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