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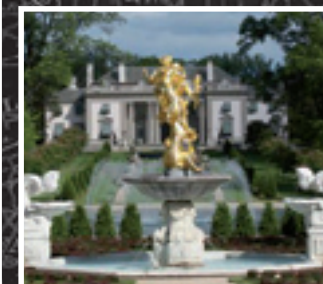
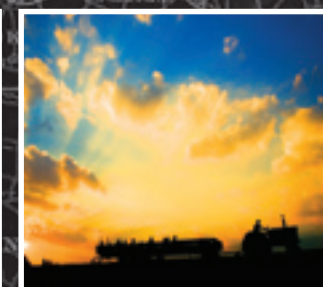
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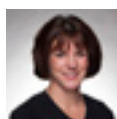
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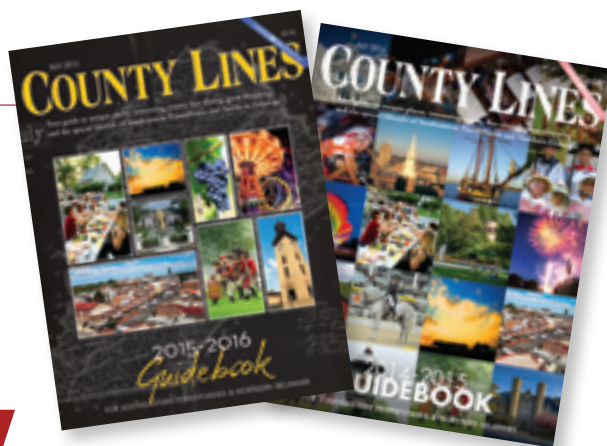
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In other words, our July Guide tells you where to find “Fireworks for the 4th!” and sights along “The Scenic 52,” Malcolm Johnston’s self-drive tour from West Chester to Wilmington. Our Year-Round Guide tours Chester County, Delaware, Lancaster County, the Main Line and more, visiting museums, historic sites, farm markets, gardens, shopping and restaurants. Plus we suggest five special destinations within a few hours drive. A highlight closer to home this year is Longwood Garden’s “Nightscape: A Light and Sound Experience.” Our center spread gives you a glimpse.

Along the way, we also visit four accessible golf courses and interview the pros in “Going, Going to the Green,” then we try “Beer Cocktails” recommended by Jamie Robinson of Boxcar Brewing Co., and top that off with our “Fall Guide to the Arts,” previewing the coming season of theater, music, drama, dance, events and performance groups. Finally, we head for Glenmoore, site of a beautifully restored year-round retreat in our Home of the Month feature.

And as always, we bring you the Best Local Events, selected to make your summer even better. Thank you for reading *County Lines*.

  
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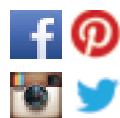
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## Good to Know

Just a few things we thought you'd like to know this month



**March Sadness.** Ever cried at a sporting event? You're not alone. Villanova band member Roxanne Chalifoux, known fondly as the **Piccolo Girl**, was captured on camera teary-eyed while playing her piccolo as the Wildcats had their hoop dreams dashed in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Her emotional response went viral, touching millions of hearts in the video that's a social media sensation. Thanks to a successful Kickstarter, her March moment will be preserved as a bobblehead doll at The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame. See [Bit.ly/NovaPiccolo](http://Bit.ly/NovaPiccolo).

**Pottery for a Cause.** In many parts of the world, clean water is still a luxury. To help, Chester County artist **Corey Johnson** took matters into his own hands—literally—using pottery to create ceramic water filters that can be used to purify drinking water. During this year's Chester County Studio Tour, Corey spoke about his annual mission to Nicaragua where he helps bring clean water to millions of people. Check out his work at [CJPottery.com](http://CJPottery.com).



**Bringing Culture to the Borough.** Anyone who's been to West Chester knows a theater is a much-needed addition to this lively town. That's why **Uptown! Entertainment Alliance** has been raising money since 2010 to make that happen. The renovation of the historic National Guard Armory is already underway. Recently Uptown! reached a \$2.1 million milestone towards their \$3.75 million goal, thanks to generous community support. You can be a part of bringing plays, musicals, concerts and films to downtown West Chester by helping fund this great cause! Visit [UptownWestChester.org](http://UptownWestChester.org).

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### THROUGH SEPTEMBER

**Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway.** This year's theme is "Art & Architecture," highlighting miniatures of iconic Philadelphia sculptures and famous lighthouses, to buildings from the last World's Fair. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon–Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8, June–Aug. \$8–\$16. 215-247-5777; [MorrisArboretum.org](http://MorrisArboretum.org).

### THROUGH DECEMBER

**Wharton Esherick Museum.** The 43rd tour season begins with special children's tours every Saturday at 11 am, with hands-on activities and lots of fun. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. Tours by reservation, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 1 to 5. \$6–\$12. 610-644-5822; [WhartonEsherickMuseum.org](http://WhartonEsherickMuseum.org).

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2

**Eagleview Movie Nights.** Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner for a great evening of family fun. *July 8, Maleficent; July 22, Up; Aug. 5, Cinderella; Aug. 19, Box Trolls; Sept. 2, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.* Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, phone 800-851-2779. [InEagleview.com](http://InEagleview.com).

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7

**Delaware Museum of Natural History Exhibit—Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders.** Freakish marvels of the insect world are on display. Scorpions that glow in the dark and the offending stench of the Giant Vinegaroon! 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; [DelMNH.org](http://DelMNH.org).

### THURSDAYS, JULY 2–SEPTEMBER 3

**Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester.** Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians and jugglers. *July 2, Nxt 2 Normal and Phyllis Chapell & Siora; Aug. 6, Those People and The Mighty Manatees; Sept. 3, Dirk Quinn and Dirty People.* Gay St. between High & Darlington or High & Matlack. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; [DowntownWestChester.com](http://DowntownWestChester.com).

### THROUGH JULY 4

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** A huge Independence Day celebration with free events such as Philly @ the Movies, POPS! on Independence, Liberty Block Party and the Philly

4th of July Jam and fireworks. 215-683-2200; [WelcomeAmerica.com](http://WelcomeAmerica.com).

### THROUGH JULY 5

**Kutztown Folk Festival.** Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. *Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat–Sun, 10 to 8; Mon–Fri, 10 to 6. \$5–\$14; under 12, free.* 888-674-6136; [KutztownFestival.com](http://KutztownFestival.com).

### JULY 4

**Good Neighbor Day Celebration in Downingtown.** Begin with the Run for Life and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then fabulous food, craft exhibitors and other activities. A Fireworks Grand Finale starts at dusk. Benefits area emergency providers. Free. 610-285-1119; [GoodNeighborDay.com](http://GoodNeighborDay.com).

### JULY 4

**Valley Forge National Park—July 4th Community Picnic in the Park.** Artillery demonstrations, games, a cook-out and 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](http://NPS.Gov/VaFo).

### JULY 4

**Nottingham Park 2015 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 5. \$10 parking fee. 610-932-2589 or 610-344-6415; [ChesCo.org/CCParks](http://ChesCo.org/CCParks).

### JULY 4–5, 18

**Colonial PA Plantation.** *July 4–5, "When in the Course of Human Events"—A 4th of July Celebration and Picnic, 11 to 5. July 18, Kids Pirate Splash Day, bring your swimsuit, noon to 4. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. \$8–\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.*

### JULY 7–11

**Malvern Fire Company Fair.** Every night is Family Night at this annual fair with rides, games. *Monument Grounds, Monument Ave., Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10 pm. Fireworks, Fri, 9:30 pm.* 610-647-0693; [MalvernFireCo.com](http://MalvernFireCo.com).

### JULY 10–12

**Blobfest at the Colonial Theatre.** Festivities begin with the traditional "Running Out of the Theatre" scene reenactment, Fri, 7:30. Other highlights include: contests, food, a street fair, film screenings and, of course, multiple showings of *The Blob*. 227 Bridge

St., Phoenixville. \$6–\$10. 610-917-1228; [TheColonialTheatre.com](http://TheColonialTheatre.com).

### JULY 11

**Tip-a-Canoe and Barbecue, Too!** Take a canoe trip down the Brandywine then enjoy a barbecue and barn dance. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. Advance reg. required. *Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Noon to 10 pm. \$35–\$90. 610-388-8315; YoungFriends.org.*

### JULY 12

**Kidz Bop at The Grand Opera House.** The popular music brand for kids will bring "Make Some Noise" to The Grand, guaranteed to have everyone singing and dancing along. 818 N. Market St. Wilmington. 5 pm. \$27–\$65. 302-652-5577; [TheGrandWilmington.org](http://TheGrandWilmington.org).

### JULY 16

**KAPRB Kids Cross Country Race.** The Kennett Area Park & Recreation Board hosts a 1.5 mi. race for children 3 to 14. *Anson B. Nixon Park, Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square. Registration, 6 pm and the race begins at 7. Free.* 610-444-6314; [KAPRB.com](http://KAPRB.com).

### JULY 17, AUGUST 14

**Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park.** *July 24, The Sound of Music, preceded by a free concert by the West Chester Band at 7pm. 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. Check website for shows.* 610-692-1930; [WesttownPA.org](http://WesttownPA.org).

### JULY 19, AUGUST 22

**Tyler Arboretum's Summer Festivals.** *July 19, Tree House Festival—see birds, including hawks and falcons, up close with their trainer. Aug. 22, Butterfly Festival—visit the Butterfly House to see live butterflies in all stages of their life. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 2. \$7–\$11.* 610-566-9134; [TylerArboretum.org](http://TylerArboretum.org).

### JULY 24–AUGUST 1

**The Cecil County Fair.** Highlights include the carnival midway, demolition derby, tractor and truck pulls, a rodeo and shows. *Fair Hill Fairgrounds, Rts. 273 & 213, Elkton, MD. Daily 9 to 11.* 410-392-3440; [SeeCecil.org](http://SeeCecil.org).

### JULY 27–AUGUST 1

**Goshen Country Fair.** An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer Goshen Fire Company. *Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk. Gates open 6 pm.* 610-430-1554; [GoshenCountryFair.org](http://GoshenCountryFair.org).

## ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13

**Philadelphia Museum of Art Presents "Discovering the Impressionists: Paul Durand-Ruel and the New Painting."** The exhibition reunites paintings by the Impressionists that were shown in the earliest exhibitions in the U.S. and demonstrates Durand-Ruel's role in the formation of those collections. 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5, Wed, Fri, until 8:45. \$14–\$20. 215-763-8100; [PhilaMuseum.org](http://PhilaMuseum.org).



### JULY 18–19

**Crafts in the Courtyard at Brandywine River Museum.** Exceptional works from 13 juried members of the Chester County Guild of Craftsmen are available. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30. Included in museum adm., \$10–\$15. 610-388-2700; [BrandywineMuseum.org](http://BrandywineMuseum.org).

### JULY 25–26

**PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair.** Almost 200 craftspeople participate in this crafts fair, now in its 8th year. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; [PACrafts.org](http://PACrafts.org).

## AUTO SHOW.....

### AUGUST 8–9

**The New Hope Automobile Show.** One of the oldest shows in the country and a showplace for enthusiasts, owners and spectators. Great food and live music available. Benefits Fox Chase Cancer Center. New Hope–Solebury High School, 180 W. Bridge St., New Hope. Daily 9 to 4. \$3–\$5. 215-862-5655; [NewHopeAutoShow.com](http://NewHopeAutoShow.com).

## EQUESTRIAN.....

### FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS

### JUNE–SEPTEMBER

**Brandywine Polo.** Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$10–\$15; Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; [BrandywinePolo.com](http://BrandywinePolo.com).

### JULY 5, 6–7, 8

**Brandywine Valley Summer Series.** *July 5, a premier hunter/jumper/equitation horse*



show. *July 6–7, The East Coast US Junior Hunter National Championship finals; July 8, Local Day Brass Ring Horse Show & Hunter Championship.* Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. [BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com](http://BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com).

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Nov 15 4pm Thomas Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College

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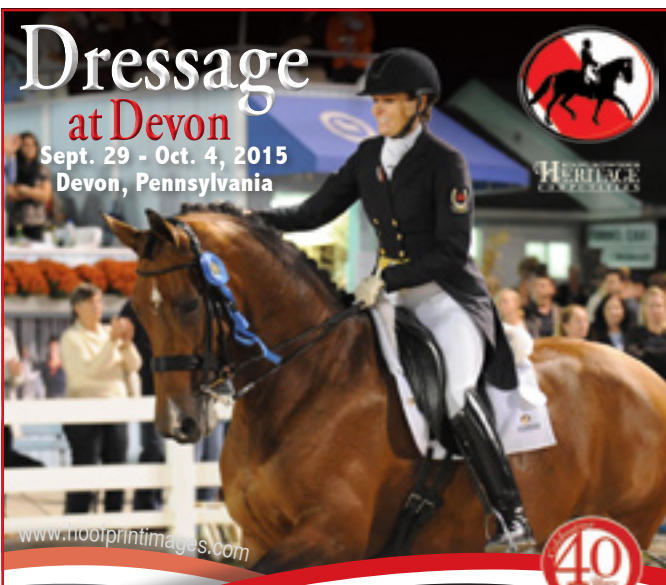
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### FILM.....

JULY 30

Film Screening at Chester County Historical Society—2007: *A Space Odyssey*. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Doors open at 5:30, guest speaker at 6:30, film at 7. \$6. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

### FOOD.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

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 live entertainment and children's activities on each block as well as plenty of retail shopping. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

JULY 18

The 2015 Cecil County Food & Wine Festival. Bring a chair or blanket to sit under a tree, at the water's edge or in front of the bands and enjoy wine tastings, great food, live music, shopping the craft vendors. North East Community Park, 106 S. Main St., North East. 11 to 6. \$10–\$25. 11 to 6. 443-687-WINE; CecilWineFest.com.

JULY 25

Willistown Conservation Trust 8th Annual Tomato Tasting. Enjoy a summer evening with tomatoes (many types presented in a variety of ways), beer and wine. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. \$35. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

JULY 30

Toasts and Tunes Wine Tasting at Tyler Arboretum. Adults are invited to to cool off with a sampling of fine wines and a selection of hors d'oeuvres while enjoying acoustic guitarist Bob Croce. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 6 to 8 pm. \$30. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

### FUNDRAISERS.....

THROUGH JULY 20

ARTSister Exhibit at Main Line Art Center. Benefits New Day Women's Drop-In Center to end human trafficking. Main Line Art Center, 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon–Fri, 9 to 9; Sat–Sun, 9 to 5. 610-525-8818; ARTSisters.org.

### GARDENS.....

THROUGH AUGUST 11

The Delaware Center For Horticulture Tours and Workshops. The DCH offers garden tours, nature walks, classes, workshops and more. For information and registration, TheDCH.org.

### MUSEUMS.....

See "Day Trips & Outings" and "Museums" in the Guidebook.

### MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT.....

JULY 1, 8

Friends of the Summer Stage Concerts. July 1, Philadelphia Folk Song Society Welcomes No Good Sister and Chris Kasper; July 8, WXPN Welcomes The Hooters' David Uosikkinen and In the Pocket. Valley Creek Park, 361 Morehall Rd., Malvern. 6:30 pm. Free. FriendsOfSummerStage.com.

JULY 1–31

Delaware County Summer Festival. Grab your blankets and enjoy these summer performances. July 1, Sensational Soul Cruisers; July 2, Upper Darby Sousa Band; July 3, Steve Pullara & His Cool Beans Band, 10 am; July 5, John Hoey Orchestra; July 8, Ska & Reggae concert; July 9, Melissa Martin & Mighty Rhythm Kings; July 10, Jimmy & The Parrots; July 11, Philadelphia Songwriters Project; July 12, Weird Science; July 15, Spirit Wing; July 16, Merion Concert Band; July 17, East Coast Rivas; July 18, Upper Darby Summer

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JULY 1–AUGUST 12

Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon

**Park.** Enjoy a free concert in the park, light supper available for purchase. *July 1*, Christine Havrilla and Gypsy Fuzz; *July 8*, Beyond the Pale; *July 15*, Mason Porter; *July 22*, Kategory 5; *July 29*, Billy Penn Burger; *Aug. 5*, Bullbuckers; *Aug. 12*, SOS, Chicago Tribute Band. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. Free. 610-444-1416; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

JULY 2, 16, AUGUST 20

**Uptown! Entertainment Presents ... Concert Series:** *July 2*, Matt Santry, 7:30, \$5–\$10. **Jazz Cocktail Hour:** *July 16*, The Larry

McKenna Quartet; *Aug. 20*, Alex Snyderman. Doors open at 6; concert 6:30. \$15. Ballroom at the Westside, 430 Hannum Ave., West Chester. UptownWestChester.org.

JULY 5–AUGUST 2

**Long's Park Summer Music Series.** *July 5*, The U.S. Army Concert Band; *July 12*, TIZER; *July 19*, Lake Street Dive; *July 26*, Parker Millsap; *Aug. 2*, The Brothers Landreth. Concerts through August 30. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

JULY 7, 11, 15

**Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series.** Get your tickets early as the summer lineup is heating up! *July 7*, Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey; *July 11*, Danny Weinkauf; *July 15*, Gizmo Guys. Concerts through Sept. 26. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Most free with garden admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JULY 7, 18

**On the Deck at Sunset Grille.** *July 7*, there's a California Beach Party with The Chatterband; *July 18*, Crowsfeet Live! The Desmond Great Valley, One Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 610-296-9800; DesmondGV.com.

JULY 7–AUGUST 4

**Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square.** *July 7*, Shook Twins with Mason Porter; *July 14*, Della Mae and Billy Strings & Don Julin; *July 21*, A Fistful of Sugar and The Splashing Pearls; *July 28*, Family Night with Steven Courney; *Aug. 4*, Phil D'Agostino. Concerts through Aug. 25. Canned food items requested for Chester County Food Bank. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. 800-851-2779. InEagleview.com.

JULY 8

**Music Along the Bank at Winterthur Museum & Gardens.** Pack a picnic and lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy a summer evening of music along the banks of Clenny Run. Buffalo Chip performs. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 6 pm. \$15. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

JULY 8, 22, AUGUST 5

**Radnor Township Summer Concert Series.** *July 8*, Back to Rock, Veteran's Park, Lancaster & Midland Aves., Wayne; *July 22*, Where's Pete?, Clem Macrone Park, 810 Conestoga Rd., Wayne; *Aug. 5*, Melissa Martin & the Mighty Rhythm Kings, Bo Connor Park, 590 S. Devon Ave., 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 9–30

**Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park.** *July 9*, Cool Confusion; *July 16*, Sofa Kings; *July 23*, Shades of Silver; *July 30*, Where's Pete. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JULY 10

**Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve.** Live music, adult beverages, delicious treats, stargazing with Chesmont Astronomical Society at the 1,300-acre ChesLen Preserve in Unionville. Bring a blanket or chairs and wear sturdy shoes. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. Adv. reg. req. 8 to 11. \$25. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.



JULY 10–AUGUST 8

**Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series.** *July 10*, Dukes of Destiny with Broken Arrow, Neil Young Tribute Band; *July 11*, Megan & Liz; *July 18*, Marc Silver & The Stonethrowers; *July 25*, Steve Forbert; *Aug. 1*, XPN welcomes Dar Williams; *Aug. 7*, Lisa Willson Vocal Academy; *Aug. 8*, Christine Havrilla & Gypsy Fuzz. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

JULY 12, 26

**West Goshen Summer Concerts.** *July 12*, Zydeco-A-Go-Go; *July 26*, Love's Magic. Concerts through Aug. 23. West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds. Rainsite: West Chester East High Sch. Dry goods donations for West Chester Food Cupboard. 6:30 pm. 610-696-5266; WGoshen.org.

JULY 12, 26

**Miller Park Summer Concert Series.** *July 12*, Chico's Vibe, fireworks at 9:30; *July 26*, Zydeco-a-Go-Go. Concerts through August 23. Albert C. Miller Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30. Free. Rain dates the following Sun. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.

JULY 16

**Ladybug Music Festival.** The line-up is coming soon for this all-day block party with lots of entertainment and great fun at 2nd & Loma, Wilmington. 5 to 10 pm. TheLadyBugFestival.com.

JULY 16, AUGUST 20

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**JULY 18**

**Community Arts Center 3rd Annual Tie Dye Music Festival.** Jimmy Shoe and the Shine, Obsolete and Paul Brion perform. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 2 to 7 pm. Free. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

**JULY 18, 19, 21**

**Chester County Pops Orchestra 2015 Summer Concerts.** *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; ChesCoPops.org.

**JULY 19**

**33rd Annual Turk's Head Music Festival.** Great bands, lots of crafters, children's activities and food vendors. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. Noon to 8 pm. Rain date, July 26. 610-436-9010; TurksHeadFestival.com.

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**JULY 31-AUGUST 2**

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**AUGUST 6, 9**

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JULY 17–AUGUST 2

**Delaware Shakespeare Festival at Rockwood Museum & Park.** Bring a blanket, pack a picnic, come for the pre-show then enjoy *The Taming of the Shrew*. 4651 Washington St. Extension, Wilmington. Wed–Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, gates open 4:45. \$13–\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

JULY 23–25, JULY 30–AUGUST 1

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There are about 100 golf courses within 25 miles of West Chester. All waiting for you. There are famous courses, like the historic Merion Golf Club, site of the 2013 U.S. Open. And there are the local courses, many family owned and operated. And some that don't require membership to play.

Still fun, these local courses provide a venue where an amateur—or a pro—can test a challenging landscape, experience the scenery, get some fresh air. Our recommendation: Pick one ... and play.

## In Atglen

Set in Atglen on rolling farmland, Moccasin Run Golf Club seems like an oasis. The course is meticulously maintained. Large granite stones mark the entrance and the holes. It's a public course—meaning you can play by paying just greens fee—no initial investment or membership fees are required, though you can become a member.

"We try to make it like a private club, but available to the public," says Curt King, who has owned and operated the course since 1988 with wife Grace. She offers family hospitality in the new modern, comfortable clubhouse, surrounded by a deck with expansive views of the course.

Curt clearly is a hands-on owner. He talks about acquiring the former farmland from his father and his brothers; about how his father Paul chose the architect John Thompson because Thompson fit a PGA Championship course—required in King's mind—into about 100 acres. "Maybe we lucked out. The customers: they just love this layout."

Placement of trees, positioning of bunkers, water hazards, changes in elevation and equipment to maintain the turf are topics dear to Curt's heart. And in his mind, he's constantly tinkering. He modestly credits John Thompson for the course, but in the years since, he has become its new architect.

## In West Chester

Though Broad Run Golfer's Club is close to West Chester—a short jog on Route 162—you wouldn't know it. The course feels somewhere between rural and wilderness: an expansive 372 acres

of peace where the holes appear like green serpents on the hilly landscape. The course is listed as one of the "Top 5" in southeastern Pennsylvania, according to *Golf Digest*; its designer Rees Jones as one of the "Top 5" course architects.

Broad Run is a public course with a variety of rates—depending on times of day, days of the week, etc. Juniors (16 and under) play for free with an adult on weekdays or after 2 p.m. on weekends. It also offers annual memberships—full, weekdays, seniors, juniors, young professionals, family memberships—as well. And non-golfers enjoy the Bordley House Grille.

General Manager Jeff Broadbelt and Golf Pro Brady Foore are responsible for Broad Run's marketing innovations. It's a challenging course: a "very difficult course for the average player," according to Jeff. But they minimize the "intimidation factor" and emphasize "playability."

Brady wants every player to leave saying, "I had a great time. Everybody was nice. They were attentive. Pace of play was good. The golf course was good. Everybody was smiling. Let's go back again."

## In Avondale

A 115-acre public course off Route 1 in Avondale, Loch Nairn Golf Club is owned and managed by the Smedley family. In 1979, the father, H.C. Smedley, who'd built other courses in Maryland and the Caribbean, built tree-lined fairways that wander through streams, valleys and wetlands then on to beautiful undulating greens. Son Chris calls it a "shot-makers course," emphasizing the need for accuracy.

Chris and his mother Virginia—Mrs. Smedley to the staff—want to see more

people enjoy the game. New players are always welcome at the Club, which offers nine-hole rounds and afternoon golf at special rates. An expansive clubhouse featuring excellent food and drink add to the attraction.

Currently, the Club has a large men's association on Thursday evenings, sometimes with more than 100 players. A ladies' association plays Monday mornings and a beginning women's group, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday evenings. Plus there's a mixed group playing a "scramble"—when a player can play anyone's ball. They're also encouraging Junior golf and working on more tournaments.

Making the course more player-friendly—rebuilding sand bunkers, paving golf cart paths and trimming trees to allow golfers to recover from that errant shot—occupies Chris. Mrs. Smedley runs a charity tournament to benefit children every September. And they may even add a bring-your-dog tournament this season.

## In Phoenixville

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, Phoenixville Country Club is a private golf, dining and social club, with about 330 members. Its golf course designer was Hugh Wilson, who also designed Merion's east and west courses.

Matt Dever, its Pro, who's been there 13 years, explains that Phoenixville has only nine relatively short holes packed into 56 acres and is ranked one of the best 9-hole courses. But, though short, the holes are deceptive. Most fairways are narrow, the greens are small, rarely flat, typically well-bunkered, and several must be approached

by blind shots because of doglegs or hills. They have names like Trouble, Big Trouble and Heartbreak Hill.

Named Looks Easy, hole number 2 is the club's signature. Only 146 yards, it crosses a deep ravine, and drops 80 feet from the tee to a sloping green. Hole 9 is also treacherous, with a tight green just beyond a water hazard. Matt explains that years ago the club had the pond dredged: they found about 4000 balls.

The feel here is slightly different than the public courses. Players know one another. Matt readily pairs them to play rounds together. Afterwards, they congregate at the clubhouse, which has a bar and four dining rooms on two levels. The lower level features a lovely view of the 9th hole... and sound of the "plunk" of another shot falling short of the green. ♦



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IN MY YOUNGER AND MORE INCORRIGIBLE YEARS, my relationship with beer—and alcohol in general—was focused primarily on availability. It wasn't a question of *what* to drink, but simply *if* I'd be drinking. Ah, the days when evenings were spent in the comfort of a friend's basement slowly sipping on a bottle of fine whiskey or in a local field frantically attempting to empty all 24 cans before being chased away by an irate farmer.

One drink I remember from that period was what we called "po-mosas" or poor man's mimosas. This beer cocktail was a creative concoction of malt liquor cut with the cheapest orange juice available. Perhaps it was our attempt to bring some class to 40 ounces of flavorless booze, or more likely legitimizing daytime drinking by adding a breakfast ingredient to our early morning imbibing.

Whatever the reasoning, that was my first and crudest exposure to the wonderful world of beer mixology.

As the palate matures, with it comes a greater appreciation for flavor combinations. Experimenting with both subtle and bold ways to manipulate brewed beverages opens up a world of possibilities.

While I don't claim to be a professional mixologist, nor believe there's a right or wrong way to enjoy your favorite beverages, I do want to share some of my mature experiences as a professional brewer and shed light on some options for tasty beer cocktails—their origins, popularity and recipes—with a focus on summer sipping.

## Breakfast Drink of Champions

Since we must start somewhere, why not with breakfast?

Perhaps the best-known and most popular morning drink is the Bloody Mary, the mainstay of brunch menus everywhere. Far less known is its lighter, beer-based cousin, the *Michelada*. Although many variations exist throughout Mexico and Latin America, most versions of the drink use beer, lime juice, spices, peppers and various sauces—teriyaki, Worcestershire, hot sauce and the like. This drink is often served in a chilled, salt-rimmed glass and, like its popular cousin, is said to be ideal for nursing a hangover.

The story behind this spicy, flavor-rich beer cocktail traces back to Club Deportivo Potosino in Mexico. It was there Michel Esper would order his beer in a special cup called a chabela, with lime, salt, ice and a straw, as a kind of beer lemonade. Soon other customers began ordering the drink as "Michel's lemonade," which eventually became michelada. Variations of this drink use clamato—a tomato and clam juice mixture.

In the last few years, versions of these drinks have been produced and pre-packaged by large breweries. In my opinion, there's no substitute for fresh ingredients and certainly no substitute for a professional bartender, educated and well seasoned in his craft.

Michelada is made with lime, peppers, spices and salt over ice.



## Perfect Quencher

Later in the day when you're looking for something to slake a summer thirst, the answer is another beer cocktail, the **Shandy!**

Although a wide variety of ready-made shandies have come to market in the last ten or so years, I've yet to find one that does justice to a fresh one. The true art behind this drink is all in the ingredients, flavor profiles and balance.

At the most basic level, a shandy is beer mixed with a soft drink—carbonated lemonade, ginger beer, ginger ale—or with apple or orange juice, mixed in about equal proportions. The mixing yields a lower alcohol content, which some folks prefer to adjust upward by increasing the proportion of beer, using hard cider lemonade, or adding a shot of limoncello liqueur.

Multiple versions of the origin of this drink exist, but most agree the name is a shortened variation of the British term, shandy-gaff, referring to beer cut with ginger beer or ginger ale and dating back to around 1853.

Shandies today in the U.S. are much closer to German Radlers, a beer cocktail said to first be mixed when a group of cyclists enjoying a refreshing beverage after a ride realized the beer supply wouldn't last the day. Their solution was to mix the remaining brew with a lemonade-like drink to stretch the supply.

Recipes for shandies are limited only by your imagination and access to ingredients. The *Epicurious* recipe uses homemade lemonade and sprigs of mint, *Buzzfeed* had 23 recipes online, and those in search of sour taste add grapefruit juice. Customization is encouraged.

The version currently served at Boxcar Brewpub is a variation of both the English



Summer Hoedown is made with watermelon.

and German styles. After extensive and enjoyable experimentation, we found a combination that hit the sweet spot, so to speak: using our Passenger Ale—an English Mild Ale—mixed with sparkling lemonade and garnished with an orange wedge. The freshness this cocktail provides is far superior to any pre-packaged imitators.

When creating your own shandy recipe, remember that the flavor profile of the base beer ultimately decides the type and amount of non-alcoholic mixers used. And it's wise to steer clear of mixers with artificial flavors and sweeteners. No diet ginger ale or fake lemon!

Whatever your taste buds fancy, a shandy can be a refreshing alternative way to enjoy your favorite brews with a bit of a twist under a sweltering summer sun.

## More Inspiration

Micholadas and shandies are only the tip of the brew-based beverage iceberg. I recommend you make this summer memorable by exploring and inventing your own beer cocktails.

Start with the **Snakebite**, a drink popularized in England using lager-style beer mixed with hard apple cider (thus, not a shandy). Then try the **Summer Hoedown**, a wheat beer and watermelon combination—light, flavorful and refreshing. The perfect way to use that other half of a big watermelon.

Perhaps a **Stout Float**—a beverage/dessert hybrid pairing vanilla ice cream with the rich coffee or chocolate flavors of your favorite stout—appeals. Or for another hangover

chaser, mix up a **Red Eye**, from the Tom Cruise movie *Cocktail*, with beer, tomato juice and Tabasco or try the variation that uses beer, tomato juice, vodka and an egg.

Whatever your preference, beer cocktails bring a fresh perspective and new life to one of man's oldest fermented beverages. Experimenting with juice, fruit or spice additions can be almost as rewarding and challenging post-fermentation as it can be pre-fermentation.

These beer variations may encourage those who ordinarily opt for white wine or a non-beer cocktail to try beer in a unique way. This taste experience may just make a beer believer out of a wine-spritzer-drinking skeptic.

I certainly don't miss the days of the "pomosas," but I do value them as a gateway to appreciating the art of beer mixology. I hope you give one a try! Cheers! ♦

*Founder and owner of Boxcar Brewing Company, Jamie Robinson has grown the company from the original brewery to include a brewpub at 142 E. Market St., both in West Chester. The two-story entertainment venue and brewpub allows Boxcar to pair their locally brewed products with signature pub food. Boxcar's flagship brew, The Passenger, took Gold and Bronze medals (2010 & 2012) for Best English Mild Ale in the U.S. Open Beer Championship. Other favorites: Mango Ginger Pale Ale and 1492 APA.*



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We've compiled this Guide to the Arts to give you a preview of what the fall season promises, covering a wide range of area venues, local performance groups, special events and series.

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11th & Tatnall Sts. Nemours Bldg., Wilmington

302-571-4075; [TheatreN.org](http://TheatreN.org)

##### World Café Live at The Queen

A three-tiered music hall designed to optimize live performances and showcase live music. Affiliated with the Philadelphia location.

500 N. Market St., Wilmington

302-994-1400; [Queen.WorldCafeLive.com](http://Queen.WorldCafeLive.com)

*\*2015 XPNential Music Festival,*

*Los Straitjackets, The Marshall Tucker Band*

#### Philadelphia

##### The Academy of Music

The oldest opera house in the U.S. that's still used for opera. An elegant, Old-World home to the PA Ballet and the Opera Company of Philadelphia.

Broad & Locust Sts.

215-893-1999; [AcademyOfMusic.org](http://AcademyOfMusic.org)

*\*Broadway Philadelphia: Bullets over Broadway,*

*Matilda the Musical*

##### Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

A major cultural destination in the performing arts, presenting world-class theater, music and dance on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

3680 Walnut St. 215-898-6701; [PennPresents.org](http://PennPresents.org)

*\*Urban Bush Woman, River North Dance Chicago*

##### The Dell Music Center

Formerly the Robin Hood Dell East, this open-air amphitheater has 5,284 reserved seats and lawn seating for 600.

Ridge Ave. & W. Huntingdon St.

215-685-9560; [MyDellEast.com](http://MyDellEast.com)

*\*Fire & Ice: Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra,*

*Patti LaBelle*

##### Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

The modern arts complex is home of the Philadelphia Orchestra, housing Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and Dorrance H. Hamilton Roof Garden.

300 S. Broad St.

215-893-1999; [KimmelCenter.org](http://KimmelCenter.org)

*\*Luke O'Reilly with Philly Voices,*

*Philadelphia Orchestra*

##### The Mann Center for Performing Arts

Premier outdoor summer performing venue, with a wide array of cultural programming and popular events, with covered seating and lawn seating.

5201 Parkside Ave. 215-878-0400; [MannCenter.org](http://MannCenter.org)

*\*Christina Perri & Colbie Caillat,*

*Seth MacFarlane & the Baltimore Symphony*

##### World Café Live

*See: World Café Live at the Queen in Wilmington.*

3025 Walnut St. 215-222-1400

[Philly.WorldCafeLive.com](http://Philly.WorldCafeLive.com)

#### EVENTS & SERIES

##### Anson Nixon Park Concert Series

June 24–Aug. 12

Enjoy free summer concerts on Wednesday evenings surrounded by the park's beautiful scenery.

Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square

610-444-1416; [AnsonBNixonPark.org](http://AnsonBNixonPark.org)

##### Brandywine Valley Wine Trail

Year Round

Discover the seven wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail via wine tastings, vineyard tours, and concerts on the grounds.

610-444-3842; [BVWineTrail.com](http://BVWineTrail.com)

##### Chester City 87th Old Fiddlers Picnic

Aug. 8

Bring the entire family to enjoy a day filled with music, memories, food and crafts.

Hibernia County Park, Wagontown

610-383-3812; [ChesCo.org/CCParks](http://ChesCo.org/CCParks)

##### Delaware County Summer Festival

June 17–Aug. 16

Gather on the hillside this summer for performances from a myriad of musical genres.

Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252, Media

610-891-4455; [Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer](http://Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer)

*\*The Cat's Pajamas, Jimmy & The Parrots*

##### Long's Park Summer Music Series

June 7–Aug. 30

Spend Sunday nights delighting in the more than 50-year-old tradition of free summer concerts.

1441 Harrisburg Pk., Rt. 30, Lancaster

717-735-8883; [LongPark.org](http://LongPark.org)

*\*Parker Millsap, Amanda Shaw*

##### Media Jazz by Night, Nov. 21

For over 13 years, this annual festival serves up a lively night full of authentic jazz.

State Street, Media

610-566-5039; [StateStreetBlues.com](http://StateStreetBlues.com)

##### Media State Street Blues Stroll, June, 2016

A summer evening of performances complete with gospel, R&B, blues and country.

610-566-5039; [StateStreetBlues.com](http://StateStreetBlues.com)

##### Musikfest, Aug. 6–16

Ten days of more than 500 free and several ticketed performances in Bethlehem's historic district.

22 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem

610-332-1300; [Musikfest.org](http://Musikfest.org)

*\*Culture Club, Jerry Seinfeld, Reba, Alice in Chains*

##### Paoli Blues Fest, Oct. 3

Top-notch blues bands, great food, shopping, dancing and loads of family fun.

41 Paoli Plaza, Paoli. [PaoliBluesFest.com](http://PaoliBluesFest.com)

*\*The Little Red Rooster Blues Band, Billy Pierce Band*

##### PA Renaissance Faire, Aug. 1–Oct. 25

Join the fantasy of the Renaissance at the 35th PA Renaissance Faire—"Long Live the King!"

2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim

717-665-7021; [PARenFaire.com](http://PARenFaire.com)





People's Light, *Arthur and the Tale of the Red Dragon*

West Chester Studio of the Performing Arts



The Brandywine Ballet



Vox Ama Deus



Delaware Chamber Music Festival



Brandywine Singers

**Philadelphia Folk Festival, Aug. 14–16**  
Honor both national and emerging acts at the Philly Folk Festival's 54th Anniversary. Old Pool Farm, 1323 Salford Station Rd. Schwenksville. 610-287-7818; PFS.org  
*\*Lyle Lovett, A Fistful of Sugar, John Flynn*

**Riverfront Blues Fest, July 31–Aug. 2**  
Three days of Blues on the Riverfront. Tubman–Garrett Riverfront Park 80 Rosa Parks Dr., Wilmington 302-425-4890; RiverfrontBluesFestDE.com  
*\*Brandon Santini, Low Rider Band*

**Turks Head Music Festival, July 19**  
Enjoy a day of performances by regional bands, plus vendors at craft and food booths. Everhart Park, W. Miner St., West Chester 610-436-9010; TurkshheadFestival.com  
*\*Nxt2Normal, André Saunders, Cintron Band*

**West Chester Swingin' Summer Thursdays**  
July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3  
Visit downtown West Chester for food, music, dancers and more along Gay Street on Thursdays. Gay St., West Chester 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

**Brandywine Ballet**  
A prestigious company of dancers with performances ranging from contemporary to classical ballet. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall 700 S. High St., West Chester 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.com  
*\*Carmina Burana, The Nutcracker, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

**Brandywine Singers**  
A choral ensemble with a wide repertoire of music. TheBrandywineSingers.org

**Chester County Ballet Company**  
A professional performance group at Chester County's oldest training school for dance. 321 S. High St., West Chester 610-692-6144; HarrisonDanceStudios.com

**Chester County Choral Society**  
Led by a professional director and accompanist with performances of diverse choral music. P.O. Box 3466, West Chester 610-516-1130; ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org

**Chester County Pops Orchestra**  
Formed by Chester County residents, this orchestra holds themed concerts every year. P.O. Box 2468, West Chester

610-594-9178; ChesCoPops.org  
*\*10th Anniversary Concert Series*

**Delaware County Symphony**  
This 70-member community orchestra performs concert series at Neumann University. Meagher Theatre Life Center, Concord Rd., Aston 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org  
*\*Symphony Series, Chamber Series*

**Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County**  
A traveling road show, this performance group presents full-stage productions of G&S operettas, complete with costumes, sets and full orchestra. P.O. Box 195, West Chester 610-269-5499; GSSChesco.org  
*\*Trial By Jury, The Mikado*

**Immaculata Symphony**  
From as far back as 1920, this orchestra has grown from a chamber-size group to a large ensemble. 1145 King Rd., Immaculata 610-647-4400; ImmaculataSymphony.org  
*\*Fall Concert, Christmas Concert, Spring Concert*

**Kennett Symphony**  
Performing six concerts annually, including two children's concerts. Under the leadership of musical director, Michael Hall. 106 W. State St., Kennett Square 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org  
*\*Opera Without Words*

**Lancaster Symphony Orchestra**  
This orchestra performs more than eight concert series annually. 226 N. Arch St., Lancaster 717-291-6440; LancasterSymphony.org  
*\*Classical Inspiration Series, Passion & Redemption*

**Main Line Symphony Orchestra**  
Under its new musical director, Don Liuzzi, this orchestra performs works from the 17th to 21st centuries. VF Middle School, 105 W. Walker Rd., Wayne 610-644-5687; MLSO.org

**Opera Lancaster**  
Volunteer company presenting over 100 performances. 411 W. King St., Lancaster 717-872-3811; OperaLancaster.com

**Reading Symphony Orchestra**  
In its 103rd season, this orchestra is one of the country's longest continuously operating symphonies. Santander Performing Arts Center 136 N. 6th St., Reading 610-373-7557; ReadingSymphony.com

**Rose Tree Pops Orchestra**  
A community orchestra with performances ranging from classical to pops to Big Band. P. O. Box 932, Media 610-459-2312; RoseTreePops.org

**Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra**  
Established in 1907, this group performs two major theatrical productions each season. Strath Haven Middle School, S. Providence Rd. Wallingford. 610-565-5010; RVCO.org

**Serafin Quartet**  
The Quartet frequently visits communities, colleges and universities presenting concerts, master classes and lecture-recitals. 1014 Sweet Cherry Ct., Wilmington 302-593-8447; SerafinQuartet.org

**Swarthmore Ballet Theatre**  
Trained in creative dance and classical ballet, performing at schools, festivals and communities. 118 Park Ave., Swarthmore 610-544-8228; SwarthmoreBalletTheatre.com

**Vox Ama Deus**  
Specializing in performances of High Renaissance, Baroque and Classical period music, musicians are known for historical accuracy, frequently performing on authentic Baroque instruments. P.O. Box 203, Gladwyne 610-688-2800; VoxAmadeus.org  
*\*Majestic Mozart, Vivaldi Joie de Vivre, Handel's Messiah, Awesome Americans: Gershwin, Bernstein, Williams and Joplin*

PERFORMANCE GROUPS, SCHOOLS

Suburban PA Counties

**West Chester Studio for the Performing Arts**  
Nurtures and trains young performers through classes, summer camps, concerts and Spring Shows. New this fall, WC Studio for the Performing Arts brings union professional actors to lead a Professional Youth Program. Check website or call for more information. All held at: Chester County Historical Society 225 N. High St., West Chester 484-995-2915; WestChesterStudio.com

Delaware

**Brandywine Baroque**  
Delaware's premier early music ensemble, offering concerts of chamber music on period instruments and featuring many guest performers. The Barn at Flintwoods

205 Center Meeting Rd., Wilmington 877-594-4546; BrandywineBaroque.org

**Delaware Women's Chorus**  
The country's only statewide, accredited, community music school, the Music School of Delaware performs over 75 public performances each year. 4101 Washington St., Wilmington 302-762-1132; MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org

**Chorus of the Brandywine**  
This group (including their quartet, "Vintage Blend") has brought their four-part harmony, barbershop-style to the community since 1938. 410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn 302-655-SING; ChorusOfTheBrandywine.com

**Delaware Symphony Orchestra**  
Since 1912, this orchestra has performed classical and chamber concert series. P.O. Box 1870, Wilmington 302-656-7442; DelawareSymphony.org  
*\*The Season of the Bells*

**First State Ballet Theater**  
As an award-winning company, this group performs classical and contemporary ballet. 818 N. Market St., Floor 3R, Wilmington 302-658-7897; FirstStateBallet.com  
*\*Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker*

**Mélomanie**  
Fusing Baroque with contemporary pieces, Mélomanie works to connect its audience, composers, and performers through its unique concerts. 200 S. Madison St., Wilmington 302-764-6338; Melomanie.org

**OperaDelaware**  
The state's only professional opera company, hosting grand opera and intimate concerts. 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington 800-374-7263; OperaDE.org

Philadelphia

**Opera Company of Philadelphia**  
The Company offers large-scale performances, intimate chamber operas and community performances with classic and new operas. 1420 Locust St., Ste. 210 215-893-3600; OperaPhila.org  
*\*Verdi, La Traviata & Donizetti, The Elixir of Love*

**Pennsylvania Ballet Association**  
Including a classical and contemporary repertoire with a Balanchine base, the group performs six productions each season. 1819 JFK Blvd., Ste. 210

215-551-7000; PABallet.org  
*\*Speed and Precision, The Nutcracker*

**Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale**  
Three choir ensembles and 200 participants. 1336 Spring Garden St. 215-222-3500; PhillyBoysChoir.org

**Philadelphia Dance Company**  
Known for its cultural diversity, PHILADANCO works to preserve predominantly African-American traditions through its dances. Philadanco, 9 N. Preston St. 215-387-8200; PhilaDanCo.org  
*\*Danco at the Dell*

**The Philadelphia Orchestra**  
The orchestra has become increasingly innovative throughout each of its 113 seasons. 1 S. Broad St., 215-893-1999; PhilOrch.org  
*\*Musical World of John Williams, Diana Krall, Beethoven's Eighth, Original Rhapsody in Blue*

THEATER – PROFESSIONAL

Suburban PA Counties

**Act II Playhouse**  
A Barrymore Award-winner, Act II produces new, classic and contemporary plays annually. 56 East Butler Ave., Ambler 215-654-0200; Act2Playhouse.org  
*\*According to Goldman, The Fox on the Fairway*

**Bucks County Playhouse**  
Since 1939, the Playhouse has celebrated the performing arts with the help of well-know actors. 70 S. Main St., New Hope 215-862-2121; BucksCountyPlayhouse.com  
*\*It's A Wonderful Life*

**Commonwealth Classic Theatre Co.**  
Celebrating their 11th anniversary of free theater in local parks this summer. *See Events.* 610-202-7878; CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org  
*\*The Tempest*

**Fulton Theatre Productions**  
For over 160 years, this group has performed in what's considered the nation's oldest continuously operating theater. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org  
*\*The Wizard of Oz*

**Hedgerow Theatre**  
An award-winning theater group, with performances ranging from classic to contemporary. 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media

610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org  
*\*Bullshot Crummond, Dracula*

**Media Theatre**  
Producing five musicals annually, plus children's productions, the Media Theatre has been honored with numerous awards for its performances. 104 E. State St., Media 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org  
*\*Billy Elliot: The Musical, Dogfight, Gypsy To Kill a Mockingbird, 1776*

**People's Light**  
Celebrating 41 years of performing with 7-9 plays per season, including world premieres, contemporary plays, a holiday panto and fresh approaches to classic texts. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org  
*\*All My Sons, Auctioning the Ainsleys, Sense and Sensibility, The Three Musketeers: A Panto*

**Theatre Horizon**  
Producing dramas and musicals, Theatre Horizon also creates and presents original works. 401 DeKalb St., Norristown 610-283-2230; TheatreHorizon.org

Delaware

**City Theater Company**  
Since 1993, this company has performed full-length original pieces, plus theater classics. 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington 302-220-8285; City-Theater.org

**Delaware Theatre Company**  
The Company produces five professional productions each season, plus education and outreach programs. 200 Water St., Wilmington 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org  
*\*Diner, Nureyev's Eyes*

**The Playhouse on Rodney Square**  
Known as "Delaware's Broadway Experience," entertaining audiences for over 100 years. Formerly The DuPont Theatre, presents a professional Broadway series for avid theater lovers and an acclaimed Children's Series. 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington 800-338-0881; ThePlayhouseDE.org  
*\*Annie, Chicago, Mamma Mia! Blue Man Group, 42nd Street, Jersey Boys*

**The New Candlelight Theatre**  
Situated in the Harvey Barn, this group has undergone great transformations since the 1930s, and today is an award-nominated dinner theater.





clockwise from left:  
WCU Live!, The Music School of Delaware, Paoli Blues Fest,  
The Mann Center for Performing Arts, Kennett Symphony,  
Brandywine Baroque



2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington  
302-475-2313; NCTStage.org

#### Philadelphia

**Forrest Theatre**  
1114 Walnut St.  
215-923-1515; Forrest-Theatre.com  
*\*Bullets Over Broadway, Matilda the Musical*

**Merriam Theater**  
250 S. Broad St. 215-893-1999; KimmelCenter.org  
*\*Pippin, The Sound of Music*

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

**Prince Music Theater**  
1412 Chestnut St.  
215-972-1000; PrinceMusicTheater.org  
*\*Moon Man Walk*

**Walnut Street Theatre**  
825 Walnut St.  
215-574-3550; WalnutStreetTheatre.org  
*\*High Society: The Musical, Harvey*

**Wilma Theater**  
265 S. Broad St. 215-893-9456; WilmaTheater.org  
*\*Antigone, The Hard Problem*

#### THEATER – COMMUNITY

##### Suburban PA Counties

**Barley Sheaf Players**  
A community theater complete with a five-show season and a variety of additional performances.  
810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville  
610-363-7075; BarleySheaf.org  
*\*The Last Five Years, Jesus Christ Superstar*

**Barnstormers Theatre**  
This community theater produces up to six plays annually plus two Singer-songwriter Nights.  
Ward & Tome Sts., Ridley Park  
610-461-9969; BarnstormersTheater.com

**Center Stage Productions**  
Along with summer workshops, Center Stage Productions focuses on theater, music and dance.  
Fred P. Meagher Theatre, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston  
610-558-5626  
*\*Schoolhouse Rock, High School Musical*

**Footlighters Theater**  
Since 1930, this group has continued to entertain Main Line audiences with each production.  
58 Main Ave., Berwyn  
610-296-9245; FootlightersTheater.com  
*\*Noises Off, The Fantasticks, Doubt, A Parable*

**Forge Theatre**  
Year-round theatrical entertainment with six productions.  
241 First Ave., Phoenixville  
610-935-1920; ForgeTheatre.org  
*\*Love Letters, Good 2 Go*

**Montgomery Theater**  
Five productions & two children's shows every year.  
124 Main St. (Rt. 113), Souderton  
215-723-9984; MontgomeryTheater.org  
*\*I Hate Hamlet, Didn't Your Father Have This Talk With You?*

**The Players Club of Swarthmore**  
A community-based theater with seven main stage shows, plus smaller "Second Stage" productions.  
614 Fairview Ave., Swarthmore  
610-328-4271; PCSTheatre.org  
*\*Monty Python's Spamalat, A Grand Night for Singing.*

#### Delaware

**The Ardensingers**  
Spanning 60+ years, the Ardensingers are a community theater presenting well-known productions.  
2126 The Highway, Arden  
484-319-2350; Ardensingers.com

**The Brandywiners, Ltd.**  
With more than 300 members, the Brandywiners perform annually at Longwood Gardens.  
P.O. Box 248, Montchanin  
302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org  
*\*Fiddle on the Roof*

**Delaware Children's Theatre**  
This group aims to educate and entertain youths and adults through its popular theater productions.  
1014 Delaware Ave., Wilmington  
302-655-1014; DEChildrensTheatre.org

**Wilmington Drama League**  
Since the 1920s, the Drama League has hosted volunteer-produced performances annually, in addition to its children's theater performances.  
10 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington  
302-764-1172; WilmingtonDramaLeague.org

#### Philadelphia

**Plays & Players**  
1714 Delancey Pl.  
215-735-0630; PlaysandPlayers.org

**The Savoy Company**  
215-735-7161; Savoy.org  
*\*Patience*

**Stagecrafters**  
8130 Germantown Ave.  
215-247-8881; TheStageCrafters.org  
*\*Venus in Fur, Living Space ♦*

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# *A Year-Round Guide* **TO COUNTY LINES COUNTRY**

## WELCOME TO COUNTY LINES COUNTRY!

Welcome to our annual Guidebook to *County Lines* country: our once-a-year tour of the area's highlights. In it, we brag about what makes this corner of the world a great place to live and visit: the scenic drives, fun places for kids, bountiful gardens, parks and arboreta, museums and battlefields, galleries, cozy inns and B&Bs, boutiques and shopping, and the many eateries for delectable dining.

For this year's special tour and Recent Discoveries feature, we follow Malcolm Johnstone, of West Chester's Business Improvement District, as he explores scenic Route 52. This area of the Brandywine Valley was featured recently as number 2 on the "Top 10 Drives" on *HowStuffWorks.com*.

Then we tour Chester County —its museums and attractions. Next we jump to Northern Delaware, where we'll visit Wilmington, New Castle and Odessa — a modernizing city and two towns celebrating their heritage.

We head next to Cecil County in Northern Maryland, touching the C&O Canal and the northern tip of the Chesapeake Bay. Then on to surprising Lancaster County — it's Amish and much more.

The Main Line and Valley Forge end our tour of the immediate area. And new this year, we've added five PA getaways that we recommend.

It's summer and time to get out and see the sights!

Nightscape: A Light and Sound Experience  
by Klip Collective at Longwood Gardens



# The Scenic 52

Story by Malcolm Johnstone and photos by Timlyn Vaughan

MAYBE IT'S NOT AS LONG AS U.S. ROUTE 1—RUNNING FROM FT. KENT, MAINE TO KEY WEST, FLORIDA—OR AS DRAMATIC AS THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY—WITH VIEWS OF BIG SUR—OR AS STORIED AS ROUTE 66—INSPIRING A SONG AND TV SHOW. BUT ROUTE 52 SPANS TWO STATES IN ITS SCENIC 20-MILE JOURNEY THROUGH THE BUCOLIC BRANDYWINE VALLEY AND IS WORTH EXPLORING THIS SUMMER.

**T**RAVEL BLOGS, BOOKS AND MAGAZINES GUSH over it. Commuters appreciate how seldom it's congested. Cyclists love the wide bicycle lanes in the southern part. And while it's often been called one of the most scenic routes in Pennsylvania, there's no such official designation—yet. Maybe it's a little misunderstood, like a talented but attractive child.

That's PA Route 52. You may know its southern sibling, DE Route 52. This may be the time to get to know them both better.

## The Basics

Barely 20-miles long, Route 52 connects West Chester to Wilmington and provides easy access to over two dozen attractions and points-of-interest—a handy regional self-drive guide to area highlights. The entire route, designated as Route 52 in 1928, has been realigned on occasion.

An adjustment was made most recently in 2011 when a new portion of the road was constructed—paid for by Longwood Gardens—to shift traffic to the east side of the Gardens between Route 926 and Route 1. Maybe you remember.

The southern portion of the highway is in Delaware where it's designated the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway—part of the National Scenic Byways system. North of the Pennsylvania border, the roadway is no less attractive or historic, yet it's not currently part of the scenic byways. A local conservation group is working hard to gain that recognition, though. In the meantime, I'll call it The Scenic 52.

## Northern Route

There are two great ways to access The Scenic 52, to the north or the south. In West Chester, the official northern entry onto the route

is at the intersection of High and Price Streets—by the Burger King. However, local advocates would have the route extend north along High Street into downtown West Chester, then west on Gay Street to Bradford Avenue.

Beginning at this point puts you at the **Chester County Art Center**, 100 N. Bradford Ave. in West Chester. Here visitors can view exhibits from a growing group of regional artists, take an art workshop, and even network through outreach programs. Why not start your trip inspired by art?

Heading toward the center of downtown West Chester, you'll find the **Chester County Historical Society**, 225 N. High St., for a bit of culture. It's currently featuring an exhibit from more recent history, "The 1960s Pop Culture: Movies, Memorabilia and The Media." Movie posters and promotional materials collected over a lifetime by Steve Friedman, known in his day as Mr. Movie, span mainstream Hollywood hits plus edgy, independent movies and demonstrate how influential the movie industry was in shaping 1960s culture.

Since you're already downtown, why not grab a meal, browse the boutiques, and enjoy the historic streetscape with structures dating back to the 1770s? On weekdays, the Chester County Community Foundation allows visitors to peek inside the **1833 Lincoln Building**, 28 W. Market St., the site where the first biography of Abraham Lincoln was written and published in February 1860. This is one of the town's most historic structures and the original façade, floors and windows makes it easy to imagine being in West Chester 150 years ago.

For more opportunities for self-guided tours, follow along in *West Chester, Six Walking Tours* by Bruce Mowday, available at Chester County Historical Society. The book takes you on six tours visiting over 75 sites with 152 color photos.



Chester County Art Center



Strodes Mill



Baldwin's Book Barn



Pocopson Train Station



Buckley's Tavern



Old Longwood Meeting House



Kayaking the Brandywine



Sunflower Field Along Longwood





Delaware Landscape



Waterwheel at Hagley Museum

### South on the Scenic 52

Once you're back on the road, heading south on Route 52, **Baldwin's Book Barn**, 865 Lenape Rd., is a landmark just outside West Chester. The charming five-story stone barn dates from 1822 and is now a treasure trove where you can wander room-to-room discovering books, maps and prints of every kind. Books are bought and sold here, and the atmosphere creates a wonderland for bookworms.

Farther down the road sits **Strodes Mill Gallery**, 1000 Lenape Rd., where once in the stone and shake-roof buildings corn was ground, cider was pressed and trees were turned into lumber. Though the building itself is quaint, it now houses an extensive collection of art from regional and national artists, including new print releases by Andrew Wyeth and works by Bollinger, Scarborough and Sculthorpe. Don't miss the old billboard for the pork products plant.

Continuing south, you'll eventually cross Brandywine Creek, the site of the **Brandywine Picnic Park**, 690 S. Creek Rd. This scenic picnic ground is the largest in the region, offering activities from canoeing to midway games to rock walls and miniature golf plus catered picnics and roasted pigs—from piglets to 100-pound whole pigs!

Sidetrips from the junction of Route 52 and Route 1 let you visit top attractions including **Longwood Gardens**, **Brandywine River Museum of Art**, the **Sanderson Museum** and

the **Brandywine Battlefield**. Read more in the Daytrips section of this guide.

And as you cross Route 1 heading for Delaware, you'll see the **Hamorton Historic District**, with stone, brick and frame residences constructed between 1780 and 1930 as a company town by Pierre du Pont. These Colonial Revival dwellings, of impeccable integrity and high quality construction, represent an unusually large collection of this style of architecture.

### Southern Start

From the southern end of the route, if you're traveling north from, say, Washington D.C. on Interstate 95, take Exit 7 and head north on Route 52. Soon you're beyond the city of Wilmington and into the bucolic Brandywine Valley where you'll find the **DuPont Historic Corridor**. As the name suggests, it's an area rich with the history of the du Pont family and their companies. While not as famous as the premier attraction near the Route 52/Route 1 intersection, the Delaware attractions are well worth your time.

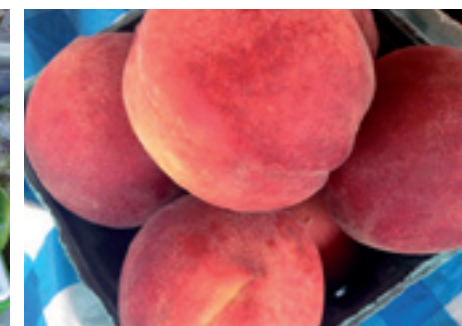
You'll be traveling upstream near the Brandywine Creek, which flows through the grounds of the **Hagley Museum and Library**, 200 Hagley Creek Rd., where the legacy of the du Pont family begins. There water wheels powered the mills of the first du Pont company as it made gun powder used for munitions and construction, and you'll see one of the best interpretations of early American manufacturing.

Next stop is **Nemours Mansion and Gardens**, 850 Alapocas Dr., to the east on Route 141. One of the most opulent mansions anywhere, it was built to resemble a 70-room chateau in the style of Louis XVI, complete with Rococo French architecture and giant golden statue. Guided tours are open to the public (reservations required).

For a nature experience for the whole family, visit the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**, 4840 Kennett Pk. (aka Route 52). This summer there's a truly icky exhibit of freakish bugs at "Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders," including the "Devil with Two Heads," scorpions that glow in the dark, and the offending stench of the Giant Vinegaroon. It's just like an old-fashioned circus sideshow, and many of the curious creatures are indeed alive.

As you approach the DE/PA line, it may be time to wet your whistle. Try **Buckley's Tavern**, 5812 Kennett Pk., which has been around since 1817, functioning as a residence, tollgate, taproom and ice cream store during its nearly two centuries. Today it still serves as a meeting place for all kinds of folks—from world-renowned artists and professional athletes to local residents and passing travelers.

Whether you're visiting the Brandywine Valley for the first time or are a lifetime resident, scenic Route 52 takes you to the best that the Brandywine Valley has to offer. I hope you enjoy the ride. ♦



#### ANSELMA FARMERS MKT.

Mill at Anselma, 1730 Conestoga Rd. Chester Springs. **Wed, 3 to 7**  
AnselmaMill.org

#### BRYN MAWR FARMERS MKT.

Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. **Sat, 9 to 1.** 215-733-9599  
FarmToCity.org

#### COLLEGEVILLE FARMERS MKT.

217 E. Main St.  
**Sat, 9 to 1.** 610-454-1050  
CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org

#### DOWNINGTOWN FARMERS MKT.

Dane Decor Warehouse Parking Lot 216 Washington Ave.  
**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.org

#### JENNERSVILLE MKT.

352 N. Jennersville Rd.  
**Wed, 3 to 7.** 610-345-1763  
Facebook.com/JennersvilleFarmersmarket

#### KENNETT SQUARE FARMERS MKT.

State St. **Fri, 2 to 6.** 610-444-8188  
HistoricKennettSquare.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

#### NEW GARDEN GROWER'S MKT.

8934 Gap Newport Pk.  
**Sat, 9 to 1.** 610-972-7194

#### NEWTOWN SQUARE FARMERS MKT.

Mostardi's Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk.  
**Wed, 2 to 6.** 610-353-1555  
NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.com

#### PHOENIXVILLE FARMERS MKT.

200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge.  
**Sat, 9 to 1.** PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org

#### SWARTHMORE MKT.

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

#### UPPER MERION FARMERS MKT.

175 W. Valley Forge Rd.  
**Sat, 9 to 1.** 610-265-1071  
UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org

#### WEST CHESTER GROWERS MKT.

Chestnut & Church Sts.  
**Sat, 9 to 1.** 610-436-9010  
WestChesterGrowersMarket.com

Some markets have winter markets at least once a month during the off-season. Check their websites for details.

See our Events page on our website for more farm markets. CountyLinesMagazine.com

THERE ARE MANY FARM AND RETAIL OUTLETS, CSAS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCERS IN OUR AREA.  
A Guide to Local Farm Products in Chester County is a great resource. Visit [Chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1350](http://Chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1350).



## DAY TRIPS & OUTINGS

Planning daytrips in the Brandywine Valley could make your head spin—so much to see! To experience the wonders of our area—rather than just ticking off items from your life list—it’s good to do a bit of planning. Not so much that you’re back to that checklist, but enough that you can pick and choose what best suits your tastes.

Since we’ve been checking out the sights for years, we have some suggestions. For example, any tour has to include the three most popular attractions—**Brandywine River Museum of Art**, **Longwood Gardens** and **Winterthur**. So, that’s where we’ll start.

**INSIDER’S TIP:** Because they are in close proximity, you could visit all three attractions in one day. Resist the urge! You’ll enjoy each sight much more with a visit that savors the distinctive pleasures of each. Better yet, mix up your visits with special interest stops and small museums along the way to give your trip texture.

**INSIDER’S TIP:** Because the Brandywine Valley was ranked in *Forbes Travel Guide* as among the “Top American Road Trips,” you’ll likely want to visit more than the top three. Save big on admissions (up to \$350!) by getting a **Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport**—save at 11 major area museums and gardens, including the top three spots. *Valid through Labor Day, \$45/adults, \$95/families (two adults, up to three kids).* [BrandywineTreasures.org](#).

Start with art and more with a visit to the **Brandywine River Museum of Art**. Best known as home to a world-class collection of works by three generations of Wyeths—N.C., Andrew and Jamie—the Museum is housed in a 19th-century mill and surrounded by wild-flower 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.



Horace Pippin’s *Old King Cotton* at Brandywine River Museum of Art

The sensational summer exhibition, through July 19th, is “Horace Pippin: The Way I See It.” View the expressive paintings of this renowned self-taught, West-Chester-born artist in the first major exhibit in 20 years. The bold paintings, which may at first seem simplistic, reveal Pippin’s unique perspective on American scenes of war, history and religion.

Other summer exhibits include “Plus Ultra: Moravian Tiles of the New World,” “Pointed Pens: Selected Cartoons from the Permanent Collection,” and “Things Beyond Resemblance: James Welling Photographs.”

Plan 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 through November 22; check website for specific tour times.

*Open daily, 9:30 to 4:30. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; [BrandywineMuseum.org](#).*

A few miles south is legendary **Longwood Gardens**, mixing the arts with nature

from morning to night. And this year you’ll want to plan a night visit.

Through October 31, “Nightscape,” Longwood’s audio-visual installation will let you journey through the gardens lit by glittering lights and guided by choreographed music by Philly-based Klip Collective. See the photos on the opening spread for inspiration.

On Thursdays during Nightscape, visit the Beer Garden for live music and dining, 7 to 10 pm. Sip Longwood’s signature brew and feast on German-style fare—a perfect meal for friends and family under the stars.

There’s plenty of daytime delights, too. 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 the website for what’s in bloom at the 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens on the property.

Longwood hosts 400 performances a year, from theatrical and orchestral shows to unique combinations of music and beautiful garden imagery. Fans of Cuban music will want to catch the “Adios Tour” of the Buena



Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library  
PHOTO BY TIMLYN VAUGHAN

Vista Social Club, August 30. Or folkies will enjoy Peter, Paul, but no Mary on July 7. For details, check Longwood’s website and Best Local Events in this issue.

Children can join summer activities like “Meet Me in the Treehouse,” summer camps, Meadow Days and Family Story Time.

**NOTE:** Although this summer there won’t be any of the popular “Festival of Fountains” or “Fireworks and Fountains” performances, Longwood fans can still see the Open Air Theater Fountains in action. And, of course, so much more!

*The Gardens are open 9 am to 6 pm, Mon–Sun. Nightscape extended hours from 6 to 11 pm, Wed–Sat, July 1–Oct 31. Rts. 1 & 52, Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; [Longwood-Gardens.org](#).*

Last of the top three attractions is **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library**, home of a premier collection of American decorative arts displayed in an elegant, 175-room mansion set in an exquisitely landscaped 1,000-acre park, all of it once the home of Henry F. du Pont. Take a tour of the galler-

ies meticulously crafted by Winterthur curators and experience the magic of over 90,000 pieces.

**INSIDER’S TIP:** The name is pronounced “winter-tour.” Now you’ll sound like a local.

A 20-minute tram tour will add an outdoor experience. Or come for the Second Saturday Garden Walks or Wednesdays at Winterthur, covering topics from goats to groundcover (through October, but excluding August). Meander across 1000 acres of rolling hills, streams, gardens and forests.

For family fun, enjoy the Enchanted Woods, a fairy-tale style garden featuring a Tulip Tree House and the Faerie Cottage.

Closing July 5, “The Diligent Needle: Instrument of Profit, Pleasure and Ornament,” showcases the evolution of 17<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>-century needlework with tapestries, furnishings and articles of dress. And through 2015, you can also see “A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans & the Art of Everyday Life” with examples of fraktur, textiles and pottery.

*Open Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. Rt. 52, N. of Wilmington, 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 302-888-4600; [Winterthur.org](#).*

## SAMPLE LOCAL HISTORY

Time for a taste of history at the **Brandywine Battlefield State Park**, the site of the largest land battle of the American Revolutionary War. Now a beautiful 52-acre greensward where General Washington and his troops suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of British General Howe on September 11, 1777. Inside the Visitor’s Center see a 20-minute film, plus historical exhibits of uniforms, weapons and artifacts found on the battleground. Come back September 11 for “Remembrance Day,” and honor the fallen soldiers of the Brandywine.

The park is an ideal picnic spot, with lush rolling hills and shady woods (facilities on the grounds). Driving tours let you trace troop movements for a different kind of history tour.

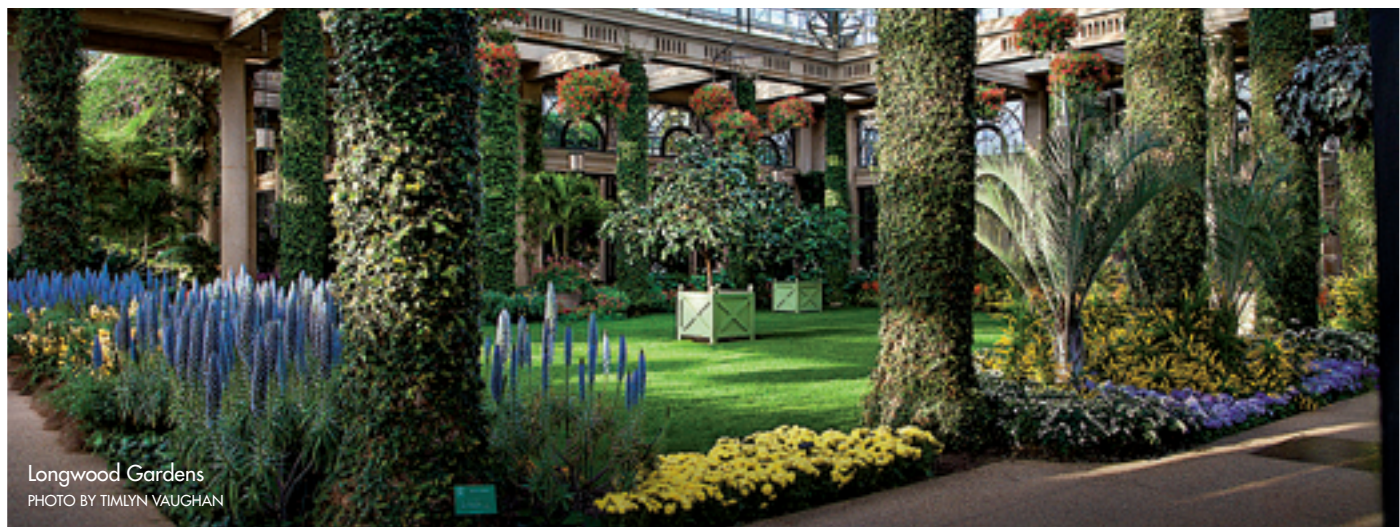
For the kids, the historic battlefield holds a summer camp, and the website has a very cool animated map (watch the troop movements during that fateful battle), plus podcasts and games.

*Open Tues–Sat, 9 am to 4 pm; Sun, 12 to 4 pm; Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 610-459-3342; [BrandywineBattlefield.org](#).*

A reproduction fieldstone barn nearby 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**. Both houses are on the National Register of Historic Places as exceptional examples of period architecture and furnishings. Guides in Colonial garb add period-perfect charm as they narrate tours and demonstrate 18-century crafts.

Visit again when the Historical Society hosts two popular events: **50th Annual Chadds Ford Days**, Sept. 12 & 13, and the **Great Pumpkin Carve**, Oct 22–24.

*The Center is open year-round, Wed–Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30, May–Labor Day. Houses are open summer weekends, tours Sat at 10, 1 & 3 pm, to Labor Day. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 610-388-7376; [ChaddsFordHistory.org](#).*



Longwood Gardens  
PHOTO BY TIMLYN VAUGHAN



Christian C. Sanderson Museum



Brandywine Battlefield State Park





One of our favorite small museums was mentioned as part of “The Scenic 52” article in Recent Discoveries in this guide. History lesson, nostalgia trip and fascinating look at one man’s life and the nation’s history, 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 the bandage used on Lincoln’s head when he was shot.

Open Mar–Nov, Thurs–Sun, 12 to 4. Group tours. 1755 Creek Rd. (Old Rt. 100). 610-388-6545; [SandersonMuseum.org](http://SandersonMuseum.org).

There’s more history in West Chester, Chester County’s county seat, where you’ll find **The Chester County Historical Society**, described in “The Scenic 52” article and worth a visit. It’s 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 the 1600s to today.

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

Next head to **Historic Sugartown**, a preserved 19th-century rural village in Chester County providing an authentic experience of life at that time. Several buildings remain largely intact, so the village provides an exceptional example of a self-sufficient community with an 1880s general store, book bindery, inn, 19th-century school room exhibit, bank barn, carriage museum and more.

In September, come back for Sugartown’s “Shugart’s Sunday: BBQ & Bluegrass” for a day of country-style family festivities including hayrides and live music. For the bibliophiles: there’s a bookbinding class, in which you create your own book using the tools-of-the-trade

and beautiful papers from around the world.

Guided Tours run Sat, 11 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4 pm. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; [HistoricSugartown.org](http://HistoricSugartown.org).

A visit to Chester County’s southwest corner will take you to the **Village of Oxford**, which dates back to 1754. Over 250 years later, Oxford celebrates its rich history in a charming historic district dotted with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants and farmers markets.

A drive on the **Covered Bridge Tour** will take you through four bridges, while **Historic Walking Tours** for adults and kids let you stretch your legs. Afterwards, stop in the downtown district for shopping and refreshments. For tours, coupons, printable guides and more, visit [DowntownOxfordPA.org](http://DowntownOxfordPA.org).

In nearby **Nottingham**, **Herr’s Potato Chip Factory** is worth a visit for educational tidbits and tasty morsels even though you missed National Potato Chip Day in March. Started in 1946, Herr’s has flourished and expanded into a nationally recognized symbol and regional treat. Factory tours show the operation, with real workers, and include secrets like what makes the best potatoes for chips. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop so you can pick up some Phillies bite-size pretzels.

Free one-hour tours Mon–Thurs, 9 to 3; Fri, 9 to 11. Reservations required. To Schedule: 800-284-7488; Or reserve tickets online: [Herrs.com](http://Herrs.com).

For a different type of history, head south of Route 1 on Route 52—yes, you’re back on The Scenic 52—to the **Delaware Museum of Natural History**. 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.

Open Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. Rt. 52, S. of Centreville, DE. 302-658-9111; [DelMNH.org](http://DelMNH.org).

## BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

If you’re a member of the military, take advantage of the Blue Star Museum program, offering free passes to active-duty military personnel and their families this summer, through Labor Day. The Brandywine River Museum of Art, Delaware Art Museum, Winterthur and the Sanderson Museum are just a few of over 2,000 museums with free admission. Check the website for more information and museum listings. [Arts.gov/National/Blue-Star-Museums](http://Arts.gov/National/Blue-Star-Museums).



## VISIT WILMINGTON

History buffs may want to know that Wilmington—Delaware’s major city, though not its capital—was called New Sweden after it was settled by Swedes in 1638, the Delaware Valley’s earliest permanent Old World settlement. Later, when the English gained control, it became Willingtown, after Thomas Willing, who laid out the streets of the then-village in 1731. Eventually, King George II changed the name to honor his friend Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington. That name stuck.

Located between New York City and Washington, D.C., Wilmington’s cultural attractions, trendy LOMA district, Art Loops, restaurants, theater and music scene—there’s a Theater Row and World Café Live at the Queen is a hub of entertainment—plus tax-free shopping, have made it an attractive tourist destination.

And summer means non-stop festivals! For an overview, check out “Look Again! A New View of Wilmington” at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com).

Start with art at the **Delaware Art Museum**. Located in one of the city’s most gracious neighborhoods, the Museum is set 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 6 check out “The Puzzling World of John Sloan,” and see fascinating mixed media pieces blending the boundaries between fine art and newspaper illustration. Or, closing September 27, there’s “Dream Streets: Art in Wilmington 1970–1990,” which plots the development of artistic trends in Wilmington and their relation to national movements.

Open Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. 302-571-9590; [DelArt.org](http://DelArt.org).

**Riverfront Wilmington**, along the banks of the Christina River, is a lively destination with recreational, cultural, retail and culinary attractions, including about a dozen tasty choices from coffee to sushi at the Riverfront Market—plus dinner on the **Riverboat Queen**. You’ll 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](http://TheDCCA.org).

For more fun there’s an **IMAX** theater, **Riverwalk Mini Golf**, **Stratosphere Trampoline Park**, and a trolley that connects with downtown. [RiverfrontWilm.com](http://RiverfrontWilm.com).

You may want to explore the Christina and Brandywine Rivers from the comfort of a **River Taxi**, which you board from docks along the Riverfront, Tues–Sat, 12 to 8 and Sun, 2 to 8, June 10–Aug 26. Try “Wednesdays On The Water,” a cruise featuring weekly themed wines, fruits, breads and cheeses, or Tuesday’s “Family Nights,” \$15 for a family of 4. 302-530-5069 for info; 302-425-4890 for cruises and reservations.

Ready for some exercise? Park and stroll along the Riverwalk. This 1.3-mile beautifully landscaped path provides pedestrian access to such attractions as the **Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park**, home to the Riverfront Blues Festival, July 31–Aug 2. Keep current with what’s happening at [InWilmingtonDE.com](http://InWilmingtonDE.com).

You’ll also 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](http://BlueRocks.com/stadium).

Frawley Stadium is also home to the **Delaware Sports Museum & Hall of Fame**, making highlights from the Civil War days to







New Castle, DE  
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the present come 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. 302-425-3263; [DESports.org](http://DESports.org).

Need more kid-friendly activities? 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. In the “Stratosphere” they can climb over the heads of their parents in this 30-foot high playground structure. Kids learn about the earth’s atmosphere while having fun.

Open Tues–Thurs, 10 to 3; Fri–Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 3. 550 Justison St. 302-654-2340; [DelawareChildrensMuseum.org](http://DelawareChildrensMuseum.org).

If you see a tall ship along the Riverfront, you’ve spotted the **Kalmar Nyckel**. 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 as you haul lines and set sails while you 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. For schedule, locations and tours, 302-429-7447; [KalmarNyckel.org](http://KalmarNyckel.org).

The south end of Riverwalk is where the city, the river and the marsh meet, and it’s 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 the PreK–5th grade set and programs for every age.

Changing programs offered by the **Delaware**

**Nature Society**, such as “Lunch with Wild Animals,” let visitors get up close and personal with the region’s wildlife. Feed the turtles, rattlesnakes and American toads. Or pack a picnic lunch to eat by the stream or butterfly house. A wildlife escape in the city.

Open Tues–Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. 1400 Delmarva Ln. 302-656-1490; [DuPontEEC.org](http://DuPontEEC.org).

#### MORE DELAWARE HIGHLIGHTS

Head northwest of Wilmington and find out where the du Pont story began. 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.

The evolution of American industry and du Pont family history are depicted through exhibits and working models. Mill buildings and a workers’ community recall life in mid-19th-century America’s largest black powder works. There’s a restored French-style garden and an Italianate garden built on industrial ruins.

Through July 26, see “Unraveling Stories,” an exhibit based on an intricate folk art tapestry that tells four stories of du Pont history. In this single-object exhibition, curators have meticulously unraveled the tales that are threaded within the piece.

For an outdoor experience, join the popular “Bike and Hike” on Wednesdays, 5 to 8 pm, through August—strolling and jogging encouraged, too. Pack your own or order a picnic tote for two for \$20. Come back September 20 for “Fins, Chrome, and the Rocket Age,” Hagley’s antique car show.

Open daily, 10 to 5. 200 Hagley Rd., Wilmington (for GPS). 302-658-2400; [Hagley.org](http://Hagley.org).

Whether you have an hour or a day, we recommend you head south of Wilm-

ington, east of Route 13, to 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 original family furniture made by prominent 18th-century cabinetmakers, the collection includes regional paintings, prints, textiles, silver, pewter and more—all steeped in Delaware history and rich in the finest examples of mid-Atlantic craftsmanship.

Plan your visit for Odessa’s Brewfest, on tap for Sept. 12.

Open Tues–Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. 302-378-4119; [HistoricOdessa.org](http://HistoricOdessa.org).

For a real town—no Disney theme park here—head to the remarkable little town of **New Castle**, established in 1651 and where William Penn landed in 1682. 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 residences—currently used as 21st-century homes—that run the gamut from stunningly beautiful to quietly charming.

There’s a park along the river, historic restaurants (like **Jessop’s Tavern** serving Colonial comfort food) 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. Mark your calendar for Old New Castle Day in late May for next year. [NewCastleCity.net](http://NewCastleCity.net).

#### HEAD FOR MARYLAND

Ready for a side-trip? Cross into Maryland to **Cecil County**, our neighbor to the southwest that sits at the top of Chesapeake Bay and offers a diversity of landscapes, attractions and summer festivals making it well worth a visit. See [CCGov.org/Tourism](http://CCGov.org/Tourism).

Cecil County also boasts harbors and history, rolling hillsides and horse country, antiques and outlets, eateries and inns, summer concerts and country fairs. 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.

Fair Hill, at Routes 273 and 213, with its rolling countryside is a perfect first stop for dining and antiques shopping. Classic horse country, this area is famous for thoroughbred horse breeding farms and equestrian events: **Fair Hill Races** in the spring and **Fair Hill International** 3-Day Eventing Competition, sponsored by Dutta Corp., October 15–18. See [UHCC.com/Fair-Hill-Races](http://UHCC.com/Fair-Hill-Races); [FairHillInternational.com](http://FairHillInternational.com).

Drive south on Route 213 to Elkton for the popular **Cecil County Fair** at the fairgrounds, attracting over 75,000 fans. There’s a carnival midway, demolition derby, tractor pull, professional rodeo and live music, plus chainsaw sculptors, live alligator show, pie-eating contest, hay toss and big wheel race. Join the 5k run or sample delicious food from local vendors—yep, something for everyone. Fri, July 24–Sat, Aug 1. 410-392-3440; [CecilCountyFair.org](http://CecilCountyFair.org).

For something different, head to **Chesapeake City**, located on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. This enchanting town, with a historic area on the National Register of Historic Places and 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. Browse in shops featuring antiques, crafts and fine art.

Then head northwest into a town called, surprisingly, **North East**, for great dining and shopping—both in the center of the town and overlooking the water. This is also the site of must-see summer festivals. Get a taste of local flavor at the **5th Annual Cecil County Food & Wine Festival**, July 18 from 11 to 6 pm. Introduce yourself to Maryland wines, savor food from local vendors as you enjoy live music and artwork and crafts by regional artisans. For tickets, [CecilWineFest.com](http://CecilWineFest.com).

In August, North East is where you’ll find fun-lovers and bass-fishing enthusiasts. The **Huk Bassmaster Elite Chesapeake Challenge** takes place August 13–16, alongside **Cecil County Summerfest!**, August 15–16. Summerfest is a free, family-fun event with great food, a kids zone, music and crafters. And the Bassmaster Challenge will be broadcast on ESPN channels if you can’t make it there in person. *North East Community Park, 106 S. Main St. on the North East River.*

For a little retail therapy, head for **Perryville**, home to a 20-some store outlet shopping mall, [PerryvilleOutletCenter.com](http://PerryvilleOutletCenter.com), and the Hollywood Casino, Maryland’s first. 1201 Chesapeake Overlook Pkwy. 410-378-8500; [HollywoodCasinoPerryville.com](http://HollywoodCasinoPerryville.com).

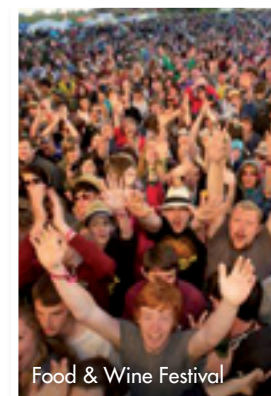
Our last stop is **Port Deposit**, a very old river town that’s being rediscovered and is on the National Register. Print a walking tour map from the website and enjoy a self-guided tour of historic and architecturally interesting buildings. Port Deposit is also part of Maryland’s Geocaching program (treasure-hunting using GPS or smartphones) along the Captain John Smith Historic Trail. [PortDeposit.org](http://PortDeposit.org).



Fair Hill International



Striped Bass



Food & Wine Festival



Cecil County Fair



Cecil County Sunset





Lancaster County's pastoral side



U.S. Hot Air Balloon Team give a bird's-eye-view

### TOUR LANCASTER COUNTY

For a very different experience, we'll head west to Lancaster County—a special world. You'll be happy to know that while Lancaster County grows increasingly cosmopolitan, there's still plenty of the Olde Lancaster County left to visit and enjoy.

With its miles of rolling hills and lush farms, Lancaster County is a perfect place to wander and take in its ambiance. Among other things you'll notice on your drive, it's 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.

As you drive the back roads, you'll likely find yourself crawling along in your car behind a horse-drawn buggy. Do try to ap-

preciate the experience and what you see at this slower pace. And please take care passing—accelerate quietly and give the horse lots of room.

The main thoroughfare, **Route 30**—also called **Lancaster Pike** or **Lincoln Highway**—is the commercial spine of Lancaster County. This road has everything from tiny pretzel stores to huge outlet malls, horse-drawn Amish buggies to westward-bound 18-wheelers, Pennsylvania Dutch eateries to fast food chains and more.

Yet, off Route 30 you can still find the tranquility of tidy family farms and pastoral scenes that evoke an era of by-gone times. 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're at an unattended stand, you'll find a box with cash, which means serve yourself and please leave the correct payment.

On the way to the village of **Strasburg**, you'll start noticing railroad motifs on practically everything in sight—restaurants and motels with railroad names (even one housed in real railroad cars!), plus shops selling all sorts of railroadiana.

This is because Strasburg is home to the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**, which houses one of the world's most significant collections of historic railroad artifacts, including more than 100 locomotives and cars. 717-687-8628; [RRMuseumPA.org](http://RRMuseumPA.org).

All aboard for the **Strasburg Rail Road!** You can take a ride on 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. To top it off, eat in the elegantly restored Lee E. Brenner Dining Car. 866-725-9666; [StrasburgRailroad.com](http://StrasburgRailroad.com).

Next stop, the **National Toy Train Museum**, which offers a world-class collection of toy trains from the mid-1800s to present for kids of all

ages—some of which you can run yourself. The museum is built like a historic train station and recreates a family “train room,” but on a much grander scale—all done beautifully to carry out the theme. 717-687-8976; [NTTMuseum.org](http://NTTMuseum.org).

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

Next on your tour, we suggest you head north on Route 340 to **Intercourse**. At the heart of the oldest Amish settlement in North America, this former crossroads village has become a popular tourist stop. If you're there early in the day, you may still feel the flavor of the charming village it once was. Don't miss the museum and shops of **The People's Place** and **Kitchen Kettle Village**, 800-732-3538; [KitchenKettle.com](http://KitchenKettle.com).

West on Route 340 will take you to **Bird-in-Hand**, where you may spot colorful hot air balloons in the sky. **Bird-in-Hand Family Inn & Restaurant** is the departure point for **Lancaster County Hot Air Balloon Rides**, through the U.S. Hot Air Balloon Team. Here, in the heart of Lancaster County you can float over stunning, quilt-patterned Amish farmlands and see farmers working in the fields. 800-763-5987; [USHotAirBalloon.com](http://USHotAirBalloon.com).

Back down to earth, you can 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).

Buchanan's impressive **Wheatland** estate and mansion, which has remained relatively unadulterated, are open for tours so you can see where the 15th President spent his days. There's a living history tour, “A Visit From Uncle Ed,” July 4th, when actors portray Buchanan's neighbors and relatives during

the summer of 1865 as 74-year-old Buchanan reflects on national politics. Or return for the National Symposium on the 15th president, Sept. 18–19. 230 N. President Ave. 717-392-4633; [LancasterHistory.org](http://LancasterHistory.org).

Prepare to leave farms and buggies far behind when you visit **Lancaster City**, the county seat. You may be surprised to find that downtown Lancaster boasts a vibrant arts community, with galleries, museums, an arts college, theaters, symphony and opera company, plus a full calendar of events—like the **Third Annual Craft Beerfest** on August 29—celebrating this lively city that also owns its historic roots. See [VisitLancasterCity.com](http://VisitLancasterCity.com).

Join a **Historic Walking Tour** to sample the heritage, history and architecture—three centuries in four blocks starting in Penn Square, 717-392-1776 for information. To get the most from your visit, stop by the **Visitors' Center** for maps and information about the area. Temporarily located in the lobby of the **Lancaster Marriott** at Penn Square, 5 W. King St. See [DiscoverLancaster.com](http://DiscoverLancaster.com)

Visiting on a **First Friday** is always fun. Several neighborhoods—**Gallery Row** on N. Prince St., **Uptown** on N. Queen St., **Backstage** around N. Water St.—overflow with music and lively crowds visiting galleries, boutiques and hip restaurants hosting open houses and late hours. Browsers mingle in shops and along blocks of galleries that make this an “authentic arts town.”

There's so much art here there's even a boutique arts hotel! **The Lancaster Arts Hotel** was created from the bones of an 1881 historic warehouse and juxtaposes 21st-century comforts and high design with architectural history. 300 Harrisburg Ave. 717-299-3000; [LancasterArtsHotel.com](http://LancasterArtsHotel.com).

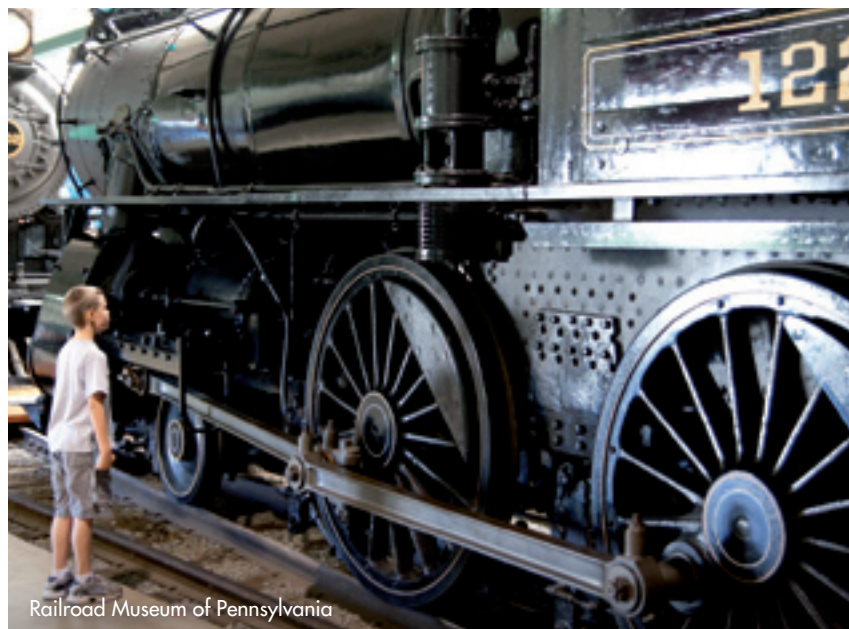
Small is also beautiful as evidenced in specialized museums like the **Demuth Museum**, located in the house, workrooms and gardens where artist Charles Demuth lived. American modernist painter Demuth traveled widely, but always came back to Lancaster. 120 E. King St., 717-299-9940; [Demuth.org](http://Demuth.org).



Downtown Lancaster City



First Friday Downtown Lancaster



Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania



Keep an eye out for the buggies.



Wheatland, President Buchanan's home



The Lancaster Barnstormers



Ready to eat? 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 125-year-old Market offers the best of local farms—scrapple, headcheese, produce and pastries—and gourmet and international delicacies. The Stoner Family's Vegetable stand has been there over 100 years! 717-735-6890; [CentralMarketLancaster.com](http://CentralMarketLancaster.com).

You'll find a full range of restaurants in town—from Zagat-rated **Belvedere Inn** to local and casual **Lancaster Brewing Company**, housed in a working microbrewery, along with everything in between.

Looking for more? Catch a show at the **Fulton Opera House**, a performance at **Opera Lancaster**, a **Barnstormers'** baseball game, or **Music Fridays** (third Friday). Whatever your pleasure, you'll be happy you came. [DowntownLancaster.com](http://DowntownLancaster.com).

Want more to explore? With Lancaster City as your base, we suggest four more trips, each north of the city.

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 25 & 26, when re-enactors bring the Civil War right to you and transform Landis Valley into a crossroads village.

The Museum is also home to the **Heirloom Seed Project**, established in the mid-1980s. The Project focuses on seed preservation, seeds from heirloom varieties of vegetables, herbs and ornamentals that have historical significance for Pennsylvania Germans (1750–1940). Visit for interactive workshops or order online.

*Mon–Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. Off Rt. 272 at 2451 Kissel Hill Rd. 717-569-0401; [LandisValleyMuseum.org](http://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](http://HandsonHouse.org).*

For trip number 2, 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 guided tours.

*Mon–Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, noon to 5; Rts. 272 & 322. 717-733-6600; [EphrataCloister.org](http://EphrataCloister.org).*

Virtually next door to the Cloister is tree-shaded **Ephrata Park**, with an outdoor amphitheater, the **Eicher House** and **Indian Museum Shop**, located in restored houses built in the 1730s, and the **Playhouse in the Park**, with a summer season of theater for adults and children. 717-733-7966; [EphrataPerformingArtsCenter.com](http://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 every Sunday in the summer, the **Summer Music Series**, ending Aug. 30. This free music and theater series presents a wide array of entertainment—from critically acclaimed blues guitarist Selwyn Birchwood, recently featured in *Rolling Stone*; to Louisiana's Mumford-and-Sons-inspired fiddling sweetheart Amanda Shaw; and a patriotic concert and fireworks on July 5. So pack a picnic (no alcohol), bring your blanket and enjoy the music.

Come back Labor Day weekend for 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](http://LongPark.org).

Finally, head for **Lititz**, voted "America's Coolest Small Town," by *Budget Travel*. Every second Friday, check out "**Lovin' Lititz Every Second**," when shops stay open and Main and Broad Streets are dotted with musicians, artists and dancers. Or you may want to visit for fireworks at their signature event: the 198th Continuous 4th of July Celebration (since 1818).

**Lititz Welcome Center**, in a replica of an 1884 train station, *N. Broad St. [LititzPA.com](http://LititzPA.com)*, is a good start before you head 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](http://JuliusSturgis.com). For sweet treats check out the **Wilbur Chocolate Factory** to taste their famed Wilbur Buds (predating the Hershey Kiss!) and the **Candy Americana Museum**. 48 N. Broad St., 888-294-5287; [WilburBuds.com](http://WilburBuds.com).

A sweet way to end your visit to Lancaster County.



Wilbur Buds from Wilbur Chocolate Factory



Lovely Lititz

## SAMPLE THE MAIN LINE

We're ready to shift to the east and a different world. We hope you'll agree that there's something special about **The Main Line**, also running along Route 30 (a.k.a. Lancaster Avenue, farther west, Lancaster Pike) between **Bala Cynwyd** and west to **Paoli**—about 15 miles.

**SHORT HISTORY:** 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, often by famous architects, along this rail line outside Philadelphia. They were followed by more of Philadelphia's elite, until the area became "the" upscale place to live.

A few blocks north of Route 30 is home to 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 getting back to Route 30.

Much of Route 30 is a commercial strip, but with 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 and walk from shop to shop. **Ardmore's Suburban Square**—an upscale, outdoor shopping center operating for over 75 years—serves a similar function, as does **Eagle Village Shops** in Wayne.

For more on Wayne, read: "Wayne! At the Junction of Old and New" online at [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com).



On Route 30 in Devon, you'll spot the pale blue of the **Devon Horse Show** grounds, home to world-class and local equestrian shows, plus other community events. In May the **120th Devon Horse Show and Country Fair** will be held there. This June and July is the **Brandywine Valley Summer Series** and September welcomes **Dressage at Devon**. [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net); [DressageAtDevon.org](http://DressageAtDevon.org).

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.

Over a dozen elite private schools are located here, too, including Agnes Irwin, Baldwin, Church Farm School, Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Devon Prep, Episcopal Academy, Haverford School, Malvern Prep, Shipley and Villa Maria Academy, to name a few.

If you're ready for a walk, we suggest visiting the campuses of **Haverford College** and **Bryn Mawr College**, near one another and on or near Lancaster Ave. Park on campus and stroll the inviting stretches of tree-shaded lawns and walks on the campus grounds.

Haverford College, the oldest planned college landscape, has a well-used 3-mile jogging path and over 300 labeled trees in the 18-acre Pinetum (collection of living coniferous trees). Try to find the Penn Treaty Elm, a descendant of the American Elm under which William

Penn signed his treaty with the Native Americans in 1682. The 3.5-acre pond on campus is a great spot for feeding resident ducks and geese, or you may catch a cricket match with the only varsity cricket team in the country.

If you're at **Bryn Mawr College** around 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. 610-526-5836 for reservations.

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," who inspired the Studio furniture movement. **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, furniture and more. The dramatic spiral stairway is a piece of sculpture in itself!

New for the kids are Children's Tours, when kids can appreciate the playfulness of Esherick's work by participating in hands-on activities without the "boring adult stuff." Saturday mornings at 11 am until December.

*Guided tours for adults, res. req. Tues–Fri, 10 to 5, groups only; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 1 to 5. Horse-shoe Trail, Malvern. Virtual tours on the website. 610-644-5822; [WhartonEsherickMuseum.org](http://WhartonEsherickMuseum.org).*



Dressage at Devon



Dolobran, architect Frank Furness



Summer Concert at Long's Park



## VALLEY FORGE

One more stop 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 Continental Army that survived the 1777-78 winter encampment and became a victorious force.

Nearly 3,600-acres, the Park is a tangible reminder of the significance of the area, filled with preserved landscapes and period structures, like the 1851 **Knox Covered Bridge** and the **Washington Memorial Chapel**. Visit **Washington's Headquarters**, the original stone building 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.

There's nature mixed with history and 55 miles of interconnected trails, including 20 in the Park, perfect for jogging, running, biking and horseback riding. For walking fans, Valley



Wharton Escherick Museum



Valley Forge National Park

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. [ValleyForge.org](http://ValleyForge.org) ♦

See "More Great Places for Outings" in this Guide and check [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com) for the Best Local Events this month and every month.

## GREAT SHOPPING TOWNS

### Kennett Square

In southern Chester County, just beyond Longwood Gardens, you'll find Kennett Square, a charming, historic town that offers the ambience of days gone by along with a great selection of shops and restaurants. There's a spirited Art Stroll on First Fridays and shopping and dining on State Street on Third Thursdays—yes, the tables come out on the street.

### Media

Delaware County's county seat, Media is still very much a town where shopkeepers know many patrons by name and make visitors welcome. Most of the shopping and dining options are on State Street, where a trolley still runs regularly, although there are nifty shops on cross streets and Baltimore Pike. Dining Under the Stars on Wednesday nights in the summer is a special treat.

### 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. The Colonial Theatre is an entertainment hub.

### 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. And there's more shopping west of town in walkable Eagle Village Shops.

### West Chester

Gay and Market Streets are parallel and filled with boutiques for browsing. 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.

### Greenville & Hockessin, DE

A once-sleepy crossroad north of Wilmington on Route 52, Greenville is now the site of four upscale and interesting malls, with one-of-a-kind, non-chain shops. Hockessin, on Route 41, has upscale shopping through town in several locations as well as in Hockessin Corner.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE MALVERN STROLL

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THE LOVELY VICTORIAN TOWN OF MALVERN marked its 125th anniversary last year and has continued its revitalization. Virtually every month more shops and restaurants are added to its enticing line-up.

A pleasant walk any night, King Street is an especially delightful place to sip, shop and stroll every third Thursday. Businesses along the main street come together for the monthly Malvern Stroll and stay open until 8 p.m. (or later), all with special sales, promotions, trunk shows, book signings, events and entertainment.

Restaurants offer tasty specials. For example in June, restaurants offered everything from a free bellini to 20% off the food bill to those with a receipt from a Malvern Stroll business.

You'll also enjoy the sound of live music—acoustic guitar, keyboard tunes and singers—as you browse the 27 participating businesses.

Malvern has something for everybody—from furniture to clothing to gifts and food, plus fun for the whole family. Come to Malvern for the small town, intimate feel in a place with big charm.

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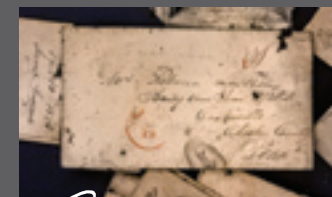
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Visit [www.sandersonmuseum.org](http://www.sandersonmuseum.org) or call 610-388-6545

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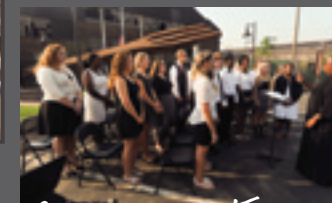
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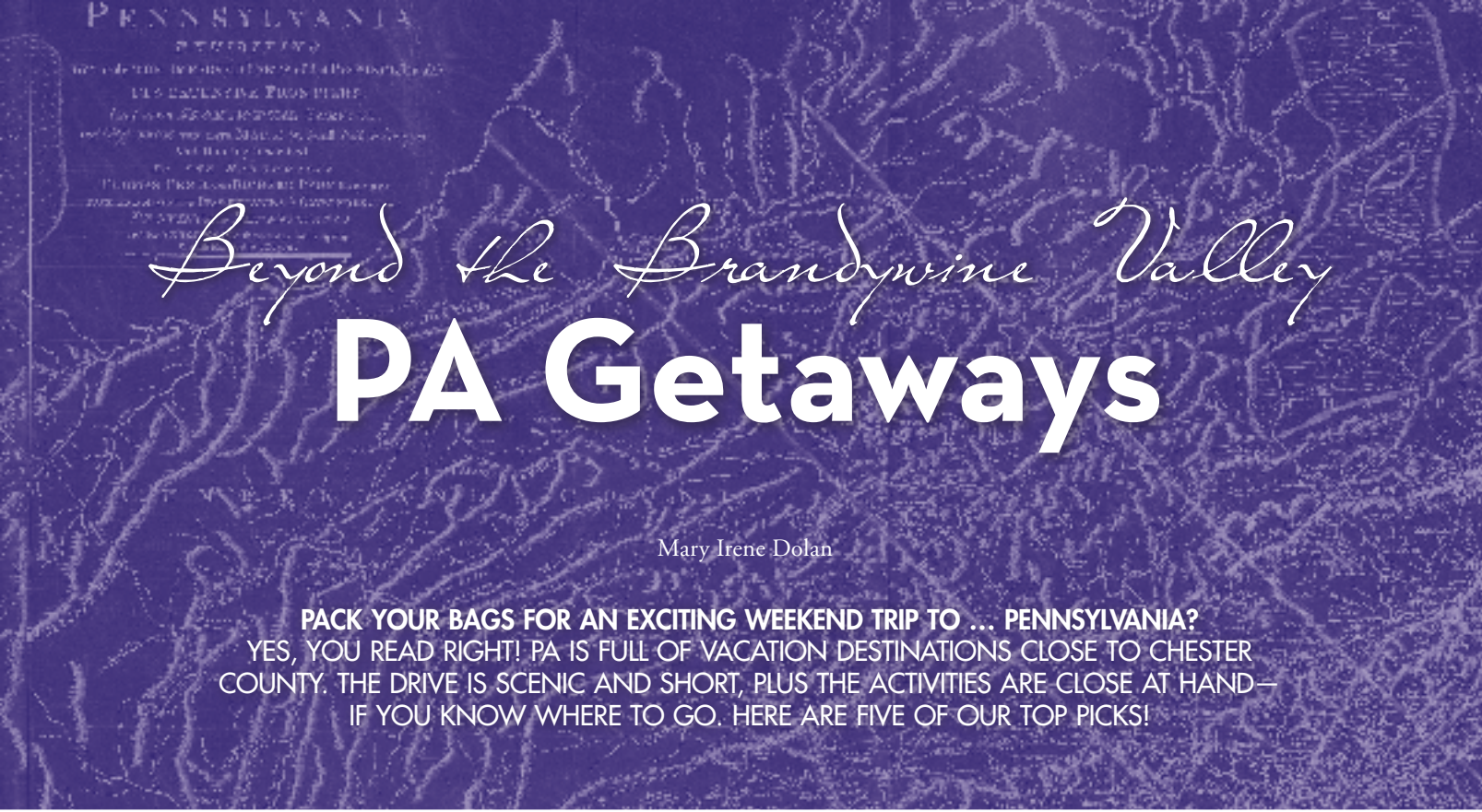
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# Beyond the Brandywine Valley PA Getaways

Mary Irene Dolan

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**NEW HOPE** || 1.5-HOUR DRIVE

Dining, attractions, shopping, nightlife ... What more could you want? Originally an industrial town nestled on the banks of the Delaware River, New Hope has transformed into an eclectic tourist favorite. In the morning, browse the art galleries, antique shops and unique boutiques. Then stop for a bite to eat at any of the local hot spots—like **Martime’s RiverHouse Restaurant & Bar** for fine dining or **Triumph Brewing Company** for craft beer and local fare. Wine fans will want to visit the **New Hope Winery**, while theatre geeks will find their groove at the **Bucks County Playhouse**. There’s no excuse not to explore this low-key and lively Bucks County gem so close to home. [VisitNewHope.com](#)



**THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL** || 1-HOUR DRIVE

If you’re among the thousands who got the call of Cheryl Strayed’s *Wild* to backpack along the Pacific Crest Trail, we’ve got a closer, less crowded option. Head instead to hike the East Coast equivalent, the Appalachian Trail. Pennsylvania is a significant part of the 2,180-mile-long trail running from Georgia to Maine, with trail heads about an hour away from Chester County—**Port Clinton, PA** being the closest. This summer, escape the everyday and reconnect with nature—if you can handle the unreliable wireless connection! Best come prepared, so check out the resources provided by the **Appalachian Trail Conservancy** on their website, [AppalachianTrail.org](#).

**JIM THORPE** || 2-HOUR DRIVE

Named after the legendary and controversial Native American athlete, this charming Victorian town is bursting with picturesque scenes and plenty to do. After a short drive, you’ll find yourself surrounded by steep hillsides, terraced gardens and fairytale-worthy buildings that give the town its nickname “the Switzerland of America.” From historical attractions like the **Asa Parker Mansion** and **Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway** to quirky shops like the Harry Potter-esqe **Emporium of Curious Goods**, this isn’t your typical small town. The growing restaurant scene offers a diverse selection of culinary options and the cozy B&Bs add to the welcoming vibe. Plus, as one of the top three mountain biking destinations in the U.S., it’s a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, offering camping, hiking, horseback riding, paintballing and more. [JimThorpe.org](#)



**WILLIAMSPORT** || 3-HOUR DRIVE

Got kids? Williamsport is a great pick for the young and young at heart, even without Mo’ne Davis making history this year. This PA city is the birthplace of **Little League Baseball** and home to the annual **Little League World Series**, starting July 28th. Take the family to a worldwide sports event for some serious competition and a ton of fun. And don’t worry, parents ... There’s still nightlife and restaurants to explore, including favorites like microbrewery and social lounge **Bullfrog Brewery** and **Morrone’s Cafe and Lounge** with authentic Italian cuisine. Be sure to drive down **Millionaire’s Row** to see the homes of by-gone lumber barons. And on the way home stop at **Knoebel’s Amusement Resort** on Route 54 for inexpensive fun—with free admission, parking, entertainment and picnic facilities—for the whole family! [VacationPA.com](#)

**FALLINGWATER** || 4-HOUR DRIVE

If you’re in the mood for a little more car time, a trip to Fallingwater is well worth the investment. Located in southwest PA’s **Laurel Highlands** at the stream of **Bear Run**, this iconic house is built on top of a waterfall! Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for the Kaufmann family, the inventive masterpiece graced the cover of *Time Magazine* in 1938 and has been a national landmark ever since. Now visitors can tour the property and experience the synergy of organic architecture for themselves. Sleep overnight at any of the nearby resorts, hotels or B&Bs. Then go white water rafting in neighboring **Ohiopyle** the next day to round out your weekend excursion. [Fallingwater.org](#)







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See also: Historic Sites

##### Glen Mills

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##### Glenmoore

**Springton Manor Farm.** 19th-century manor house was the country estate of a prominent Philadelphia family. Now a demonstration farm where children can meet animals in a petting area and learn about farming. *Park 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.*

##### Media

**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 127 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.*

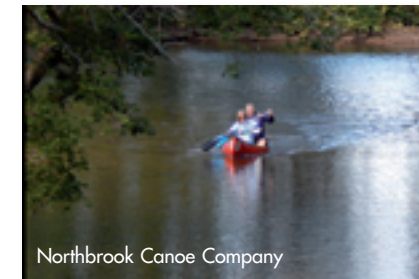
##### Washington Crossing

**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 vil-

lage 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; WashingtonCrossingPark.org.*

##### 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.*

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**Note:** The museum is currently closed for renovation but the sanctuary is open.

*1201 Pawlings Rd. 610-666-5593; JohnJamesAudubon.org.*

##### 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. 215-247-5777; UPenn.edu/Arboretum.*

##### Devault

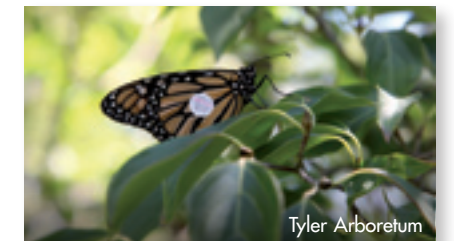
**Great Valley Nature Center.** Formerly the Nature Center of Charlestown. Quality environmental education programs and facilities provide natural habitats for field studies. Full-sized replica of a Lenape Village shows what life was like for Native Americans 500 years ago. *Rt. 29 & Hollow Rd. 610-935-9777; 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.*

##### Media

**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.*



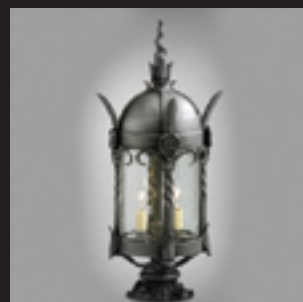
##### Newtown Square

**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 Township Parks & Recreation Dept., 610-641-5300 ext.224; OkehockingNatureCenter.org*

##### Pottstown

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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 are pleasant 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. April 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 Brandywine 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-Wauaset Rd. (Rt. 842). 610-793-1090; BrandywineWatershed.org.

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**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. 302-239-4244; MtCubaCenter.org.

**Smyrna**  
**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.** This 16,000-acre refuge is one of the best places on the East Coast to view migrating and resident waterfowl, especially in spring and fall. Auto tours, walking paths, observation towers and boardwalk trail. 2591 Whitehall Neck Rd., Rt. 9, E of Smyrna. 302-653-9345; 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.

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

HISTORIC SITES

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

<<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>  
**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 principal 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 & 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.** A 44-acre country estate with a wonderful restored late-Georgian-style mansion and 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. 7001 Sheaff Lane, Ft. Washington. 215-641-2687; HighlandsHistorical.org.

**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 11–13, 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, LancasterHistory.org.** 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.

**Narvon**  
**Historic Poole Forge.** Just a few miles from the Chester County border and nestled into the hillside along the Conestoga Creek, sets the once vibrant iron plantation called Poole Forge. The spectacular 1700s Iron Masters mansion, paymasters house, tenant houses, lime kilns and covered bridge dating from 1859, is the perfect backdrop for special events and

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casual get-togethers. 1940 Main St. 717-445-0472; [HistoricPooleForge.org](http://HistoricPooleForge.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; [HistoricWaynesborough.org](http://HistoricWaynesborough.org).

**Pottstown**  
**Pottsgrove Manor.** Built in 1752, this is the historic home of John Potts, Colonial ironmaster and founder of Pottstown. Distinguished for its fine early Georgian architecture. Rt. 100 & W. King St. 610-326-4014; [MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites).

## MUSEUMS

### <<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>

**Chadds Ford**  
**Brandywine River Museum of Art.** See: “Day Trips & Outings.”

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

**Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia**  
**Woodmere Art Museum.** Dedicated to preserving, collecting, exhibiting and interpreting arts of Philadelphia, past and present. 9201 Germantown Ave. 215-247-0476; [WoodmereArtMuseum.org](http://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](http://Ursinus.edu/berman).

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

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

**West Chester**  
**Chester Co. Historical Society Museum.** See: “Recent Discoveries.”

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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](http://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](http://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 Steam Museum with the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world. 3000 Creek Rd. 302-239-5687; [AuburnHeights.org](http://AuburnHeights.org).

## SPECIAL INTEREST MUSEUMS

### <<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>

**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](http://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](http://NAWCC.com).

**Intercoarse**  
**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](http://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](http://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 with seating throughout. 3427 Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), 717-442-7950; [NationalChristmasCenter.com](http://NationalChristmasCenter.com).

**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](http://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 Center.** 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](http://HelicopterMuseum.org). ♦



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### BANKS

**Benchmark Federal Credit Union, West Chester,** 1522 McDaniel Dr. 610-429-1600. **Malvern,** 20-10 Liberty Blvd. 610-429-1600; **BenchmarkFCU.org.** See ad on pg. 14.

### COLLEGES

#### <<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>

**Delaware County Community College,** Media, 901 Media Line Rd. 610-359-5000. There are multiple locations. See their website [DCCC.edu](http://DCCC.edu). See ad on pg. 23.

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For a complete listing of private schools in our area, visit [CountyLinesMagazine.com](http://CountyLinesMagazine.com).

#### <<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>

#### Crum Lynne

**Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School,** Philadelphia Support Center, 1553 Chester Pk., Ste. 103, 888-PACYBER; [PaCyber.org](http://PaCyber.org). See ad on pg. 68.

#### Devon

**Devon Preparatory School,** 363 N. Valley Forge Rd. 610-688-7337; [DevonPrep.com](http://DevonPrep.com). See ad on pg. 26.

#### Malvern

**Villa Maria Academy,** 370 Old Lincoln Hwy. 610-644-2551; [VMAHS.org](http://VMAHS.org). See ad on pg. 26.

#### Paoli

**Royer-Greaves School,** 118 S. Valley Rd. 610-640-0499; [Royer-Greaves.org](http://Royer-Greaves.org). See ad on pg. 26.

#### Phoenixville

**Renaissance Academy,** moving to a new location this year. Call for information. 610-983-4080; [RAK12.org](http://RAK12.org). See ad on pg. 68.

#### Pottstown

**Wyndcroft School,** 1395 Wilson St. 610-326-0544; [Wyndcroft.org](http://Wyndcroft.org). See ad on pg. 68.

#### Rosemont

**Agnes Irwin,** Ithan Ave. & Conestoga Rd. 610-525-8400; [AgnesIrwin.org](http://AgnesIrwin.org). See ad on pg. 28.

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#### Wilmington

**Wilmington Friends School,** 101 School Rd. 302-576-2900; [WilmingtonFriends.org](http://WilmingtonFriends.org). See ad on pg. 68.

### ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS, THEATER

#### <<< PENNSYLVANIA >>>

#### Devon

**Dressage at Devon – Sept. 29–Oct. 4,** Combining world-class dressage competition and an

open breed show with the Fall Festival shops and special activities. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30. 410-398-1740; [DressageAtDevon.org](http://DressageAtDevon.org). See ad on pg. 22.

#### Exton

**Eagleview Town Center Events,** Summer Concerts on the Square on Tuesdays and Movie Nights on select Wednesdays. 540 Wellington Square. [InEagleview.com](http://InEagleview.com). See ad on pg. 6.

#### Gladwyne

**VoxAmaDeus,** Specializing in performances of High Renaissance, Baroque and Classical period music, performing on authentic Baroque instruments. 610-688-2800; [VoxAmaDeus.org](http://VoxAmaDeus.org). See ad on pg. 21.

#### Landenberg

**Paradox Vineyard,** Summer Concert Series at the Vineyard through Oct. 3. Live music on Friday at The Market at Liberty Place, Kennett Square. 1833 Flint Hill Rd. 610-444-9003; [Paradox.com](http://Paradox.com). See ad on pg. 79.

#### Malvern

**Malvern Stroll – July 16.** The shops on King Street are open until 8 and offer special trunk shows, demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments, plus specials at restaurants. Held the 3rd Thursday of each month. [MalvernBusiness.com](http://MalvernBusiness.com). See ad on pg. 27.

**Shugart's Sunday, BBQ & Bluegrass—Sept. 13,** 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 2 to 6. \$10-\$35. 610-640-2667; [HistoricSugartown.org](http://HistoricSugartown.org). See ad on pg. 29.

#### Narvon

**Poole Forge Day at Historic Poole Forge—Sept. 19,** celebrates the 10th anniversary of the park. 1940 Main St. 717-445-0472; [HistoricPooleForge.org](http://HistoricPooleForge.org). See ad on pg. 29.

#### Paoli

**Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair—Oct. 3,** held on Lancaster Ave. in Paoli. [PaoliBluesFest.com](http://PaoliBluesFest.com). See ad on pg. 41.

#### Perkiomenville

**Goschenhoppen Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival—Aug. 7–8,** Henry Antes Plantation, Fri, 12 to 8; Sat, 10 to 6. Adm: \$2-\$10. 215-234-8953; [Goschenhoppen.org](http://Goschenhoppen.org). See ad on pg. 29.

#### Reading

**Arts Festival Reading—Oct. 3–4,** GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St. 610-374-4600; [ArtsFestivalReading.org](http://ArtsFestivalReading.org). See ad on pg. 22.

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**Moccasin Run Golf Club,** 402 Schoff Rd, 610-593-2600; [MoccasinRun.com](http://MoccasinRun.com). See ad on pg. 29.

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**Dental Associates of Delaware,** Brandywine, 302-477-4900; Middletown, 302-378-8600; Hockessin, 302-239-5917; [DelawareSmiles.com](http://DelawareSmiles.com). See ad on pg. 18.

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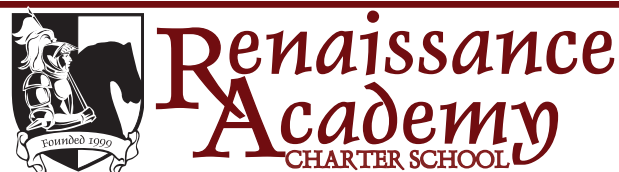
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**TLC Moving Svcs., LLC,** 610-268-3243; [TLC-MovingServicesLLC.com](http://TLC-MovingServicesLLC.com). See ad on pg. 77.

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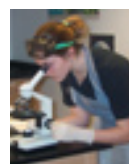


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**Witmer Quilts**, 1076 W. Main St. 717-656-9526. See ad on pg. 73.

#### Newtown Square

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**Walter J. Cook Jeweler**, The Chestnut Village Shoppes, 36 Chestnut Rd. (1 block W of Rt. 252 in Paoli). 610-644-5347; WalterJCookJeweler.com. See ad on pg. 13.

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**Chester County Hearth & Home**, 19 Park Ave. 610-913-0730; ChesterChimney.com. See ad on pg. 67.

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#### Kennett Square

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

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

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**Dutchie's Stone Works**, 717-587-8789; DutchiesStoneWorks.com. See ad on pg. 77.

**Sylvan Stoltzfus Builders LLC**, 800-881-9781; StoltzfusBuilders.com. See ad on pg. 73.

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Exton Senior Living, 600 N. Pottstown Pk. 610-594-0200; ExtonSeniorLiving.com. *See ad on pg. 78.*

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Bayada Home Health Care, 354 W. Lancaster Ave., 2nd floor. 610-658-7150; Bayada.com. *See ad on pg. 70.*

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Friends Home in Kennett, 147 W. State St. 610-444-2577; FriendsHomeInKennett.org. *See ad on pg. 78.*

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Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, 625 Robert Fulton Hwy. 888-786-7331; Quarryville.com. *See ad on pg. 25.*

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Barclay Friends, 700 N. Franklin St. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org. *See ad on pg. 78.*

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*... Horace Binney Montgomery,  
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ARRIVING ON THE LONG, WINDING driveway leading to White Oak Farm, it's easy to see why this place was the source of so many fond childhood memories of Horace Montgomery, the second youngest of 11 children of Elizabeth Binney and Richard Roger Montgomery, co-founder of the Merion Cricket Club. During the early 20th century at this country retreat, young Horace and his siblings found berries to pick, woods to explore and streams to fish—a summer paradise.

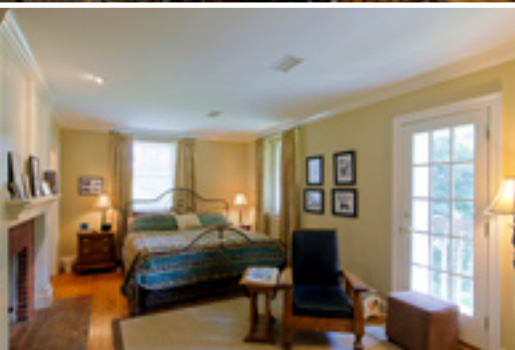
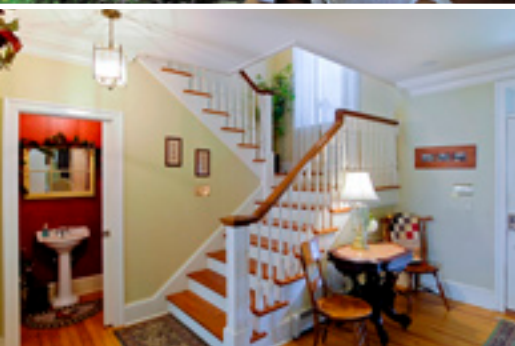
The feelings of sanctuary and nature retreat remain on the lush 76-acre property set along the north branch

of Indian Run, a tributary of the Brandywine River. The pleasures of berries, woods and fish are joined by modern amenities like a salt-water swimming pool, guesthouse and a thoroughly renovated manor home.

## Saving the House

The good bones of the solid 1906 manor house attracted the current owners when they stumbled upon the ramshackled, abandoned property almost 20 years ago. Built of Pennsylvania granite and fieldstone collected by local farmers on stone-hauling day—in a ritual similar to an Amish barn raising when neighbors





pitch in—the main structure withstood its interim uses as a rehabilitation facility and a home to forest animals.

Working with local architect Peter Batchelor and builder John Diamant, the owners took the main house back to those good bones of stone walls and wood floors. The structure was transformed into a 21st-century, 5,000-square-foot, three-story home with four bedrooms, three-plus bathrooms for the owners and their three children. A new family retreat, but this one was used year round.

### Making It Modern

The conversion gave new life to this special family home, while preserving quality materials—such as the wood floors (there's nary a squeak even today)—and details like the wrap-around porch, where the Montgomery family gathered to shell peas, sing songs and talk about books and where the current owners dine, relax and enjoy the koi pond. Modern windows brought in light to spaces graced with nine-foot ceilings, small rooms were opened up, archways and built-ins were added to make the space livable for a modern family.

The first floor has formal living and dining rooms, but it's clear the family gathers in the large chef's kitchen and family room with doors to outside decks and patios. A home office retains the cozy proportions of the original home, while a large mudroom and powder room add convenience.

Bedrooms with built-ins, modern bathrooms and a laundry room fill the second floor. The master suite has thoughtful details like a fireplace (one of four in the home), Juliet balcony, home office, walk-in closets and beautiful views of the property from its corner site. The large master bath has his-and-her sinks, cherry cabinetry, a pedestal tub, walk-in glass shower with bench, and separate water closet.

Third floor spaces under the eaves are at tree level, giving a cozy feel. An el-shaped room with built-in bench for enjoying the view is currently a sewing room, while a large bedroom with dormer windows fills the other end of the floor. A shared bath boasts big windows and another bench for gazing outside. Unfinished attic space could be converted or used for storage.

### The Grounds

The home has been preserved and improved, as have the grounds. Outbuildings were reclaimed, repurposed and added. A two-car detached garage has a workshop, bathroom, loft space and indoor/outdoor kennel with fenced run. The 3,300-square-foot, single-story barn has ample room for farm equipment and storage of everyday items, boats or classic cars and could easily be converted to a working barn.

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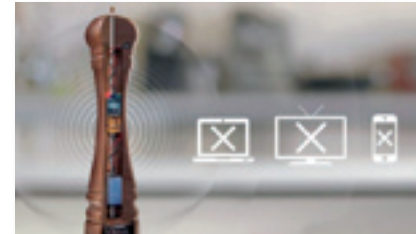
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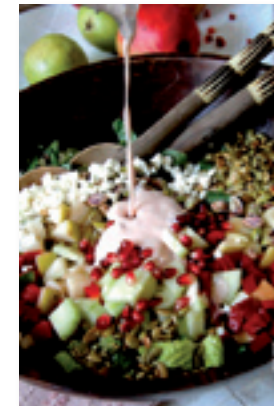
A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink



### Dinnertime Reclaimed.

Sad but true. Kids are so attached to their devices that technology has hijacked dinnertime.

But help is on the way. Dolmio, a spaghetti sauce company, is working on a high tech pepper grinder called the **Pepper Hacker**. With one sneaky twist, the Hacker shuts down TVs, WiFi and mobile devices, so kids turn their attention to the table. Tablets and tantrums might be thrown, but dinnertime will be reclaimed. Ah, conversation! See how it works by searching Dolmio on Youtube and *Dolmio.com*.



### Freshest Picked.

What's at its prime in Pennsylvania, you ask? Strawberries, cucumbers, broccoli, peppers and pears are all at their peak tastiness in July. So get the taste of summer by combining local picks into fruit and veggie fusions. Create a **Pomegranate, Pear & Pistachio** salad—a chopped dish mixing the flavors of sweet

pears and apples with cool cucumber, tart feta and tangy pomegranate garnished with creamy yogurt dressing. Get the recipe at *Pinterest.com/CountyLines/food-views*.



**Blues & Brews.** Celebrate summer at **Mount Hope's 6th Annual Blues & Brews** festival July 18th. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat feast of fresh Chesapeake crabs, spicy shrimp and BBQ beef brisket complemented by Swashbuckler IPA, direct from the local brewery in Manheim. Or drink your fill of sangria made from popular Mount Hope wines. Whatever you choose, pair your meal with live blues as it fills the outdoor glen. And, as Swashbuckler advises—Dine well. Drink good ale! 2775 *Lebanon Rd.*, Manheim. *PaRenFaire.com/BluesBrews*.

### Got Chocolate Milk?

As pro athletes know, you can only work as hard as you recover and refuel. **Chocolate milk**, that classic tasty treat, may be the new delicious and effective post-workout recovery drink. Recent studies at Cornell and Indiana Universities show high quality low-fat milk protein stimulates greater muscle synthesis than traditional sports drinks (take that Gatorade), helping increase muscle size and strength. Why chocolate? Sugar protects against injury by stimulating muscle and glycogen repair. Getting in shape tastes better than ever. More at *BuiltWithChocolateMilk.com*.



**Wegmans Wonder-App.** Reap the rewards of **Wegmans'** new shopping app to save money, energy and time. The app lets you create shopping lists, flip through past purchases, browse in-stock products by aisle, locate items, and refill prescriptions on your phone. Want to try something new? Browse new recipes and add ingredients to your list with a single touch. Don't know a price? Scan the barcode. The app also keeps you on budget. Welcome to the future! *Wegmans.com/WebApp*.



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