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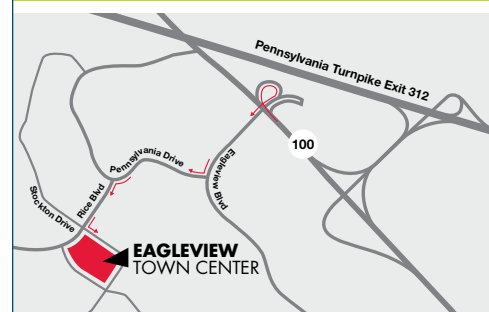


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## OF SPECIAL NOTE . . .

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June 10-11

Indulge in *Iolanthe*, a Gilbert and Sullivan fairy opera that's one of the best-known and best-loved of the Savoy operas. Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, Rt. 1, Kennett Square. 8:30 p.m. \$25 includes gardens admission. Check for rain date. 215-735-7161; Savoy.org.



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### **8th Annual Main Line Jazz & Food Festival in Wayne**

June 11

Wayne is transformed into a European-style piazza, where festival-goers can sample signature dishes from the Main Line's best restaurants, buy crafts and fine art from vendors, and dine al fresco as they enjoy live music from the region's top jazz talent. North Wayne Ave. between Lancaster & West Ave. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. MainLineJazz.com.



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### **Chester County Hospital 5th Annual Polo Cup**

June 12

Come out and enjoy this exciting "Game of Kings," sponsored by the Turks Head Branch of The Women's Auxiliary to the hospital. New this year, the "Ultimate Tailgating Spectacular." Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Gates open at 1:30 p.m., match at 3 p.m. \$25-\$40; under 16 free. 610-431-5329; CCHosp.com/Polo.



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### **Town Tours & Village Walks**

June 16 - August 25

Chester County's historic villages, residences, waterways and mills are yours to discover. For times, reservations (required) and locations, call 877-442-2476 (press the menu # corresponding to the tour). **June 16**, West Chester Kick-Off and Tour, menu #101; **June 23**, Lukens National Register Historic District, menu #102; **June 30**, Village of Coventryville, menu #103; **July 14**, Historic Spring City Borough, menu #104. Tours continue through August 25. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.





# JUNE EVENTS

## Noteworthy This Month

JUNE 5

**143rd Annual Malvern Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day.** Live music, great food, military color guards, military and antique vehicles, floats, fire trucks and a decorated bicycle procession. Monument Park, Warren Ave., at 8:45 a.m. with a kids fun run and continues through the afternoon with the parade at 1:30. MalvernMemorialParade.com.

JUNE 10

**30 Years of Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum.** Annual fundraising gala with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Rose Garden, 6, followed by dinner and dancing at 8. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. \$150-\$250. 215-247-5777; Business-Services. UPenn.edu/Arboretum.

JUNE 18

**Enchanted Summer Day at Winterthur — 10th Anniversary of Enchanted Woods.** A daylong festival of music, games and more in the Enchanted Woods with roving musicians, fairy games and face painting and plant potting activities. There will also be ice cream and birthday treats. Rt. 52, 6 mi. NW of Wilmington. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

JUNE 18-19

**Bryn Mawr Kennel Club's 101st AKC Sanctioned All Breed Dog Show.** Each day of the show will cover Conformation; Obedience on Sat, Rally on Sun. Bring your well-behaved canine friend for Good Citizen testing and go on tours of the grounds to learn "hows and whys" of the show. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, Rts. 401 & 100, Ludwig's Corner. Daily 9 am. \$3; under 12 free. 610-273-2225.



Be sure to look in our special West Chester and Media sections for events there.

## Antiques

JUNE 17-18

**Antiques in the Valley.** See 60 dealers showcase their finest 18th-, 19th- and early 20th-century furniture and decorative arts. Benefits scholarships to worthy students at Oley Valley High School. Oley Valley Middle School, 3247 Friedensburg Rd., Oley. Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. \$10. 610-987-3312; 610-779-0705; OleyValleyAntiqueshow.com.

JUNE 18

**New Oxford Annual Antiques Market.** For 55 years, this show has drawn over 30,000 to the borough with more than 150 antiques dealers and artisans exhibiting and selling. On the streets of New Oxford. Free. Rain or shine, 8 to 4. 717-624-7787; NewOxfordAntiques.com.

JUNE 24-25

**Lititz Historical Foundation's 48th Annual Antiques Show & Sale.** More than 40 leading dealers from several states offer antique furniture, primitives, redware, yellowware, stoneware, pewter, textiles, quilts and more. John R. Bonfield Elementary School, Front & Oak Sts., Lititz. Ticket includes a free tour of the Lititz Mueller House and Museum. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. \$5-\$6. 717-626-7059.

## Art Shows & Exhibits

THROUGH JUNE 24

**Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival.** Over 30 of the country's finest plein air artists gathered to paint the inspiring landscapes of the Delaware Valley. Their work is now on view at the Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

## Crafts

JUNE 25-26

**22nd Annual Manayunk Arts Festival.** High quality fine arts and crafts from across the country are displayed at this event with nearly 300,000 collectors, buyers and designers visiting Main Street. Also music, entertainment and children's activities. Main Street. Sat, 11 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. 215-482-9565; Manayunk.com.

## Design & Home Shows

JUNE 2-5

**Lancaster Historic Home Show and Traditional Artist Show.** Everything for the historic home — antiques appraisals, traditional crafts, seminars, demonstrations, workshops and a silent auction. Lancaster County Convention Center, 3 E. Vine St., Lancaster. Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$18-\$24. LancasterHistoricHomeShow.com.

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THROUGH JUNE 5

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#### JUNE-SEPTEMBER

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



**THROUGH SEPTEMBER – Tuesdays**  
**Penn Veterinary Medicine New Bolton Center Lecture Series.** The large animal campus of Penn's School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton Center, hosts an ongoing series of lectures on topics of interest to horse owners and care givers. 382 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square. First Tues. of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Free. 610-925-6500; VetUPenn.edu/FirstTuesdays.

### Family Fun

#### JUNE 30-JULY 28

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

#### JULY 2-3

**"When in the Course of Human Events" — A Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic at Colonial PA Plantation.** Celebrate our nation's birthday by hearing the Declaration of Independence. Activities include hearth cooking, long rifle, garden and animal talks. Bring a picnic or purchase refreshments. Ridley Creek State Park, Media. 11 to 5. \$6-\$8. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

### Festivals & Fairs

#### JUNE 2-5

**Brandywine Hospital's Annual Strawberry Festival.** Rides, entertainment, children's games and activities, craft fair and fireworks display on Friday night. Brandywine Hospital, at the Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to 11; Sat, 11 to

### The West Chester Downtown Foundation seeking nominations for the West Chester Historic Preservation Awards

Submit a nomination by **July 1** to recognize the individuals and projects that have helped preserve the historic character of West Chester. Forms are available at the **West Chester BID office (119 N. High St.)** and online at **DowntownWestChester.com**.

Eligible projects include construction projects that have taken place within the boundaries of the Borough and non-construction projects that have promoted an appreciation for the Borough's history. For more information, contact Jane E. Dorchester 610-431-3737; jeditorhsp@yahoo.com.

11; Sun, noon to 6. Benefits The Brandywine Health Foundation, Coatesville Rotary and Public Library, Thorndale Fire Co., Brandywine YMCA. 610-380-9080; BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.

#### JUNE 7-11

**Annual Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.** Experience a bit of Greece and enjoy the wonderful food, dancing, musical entertainment and culture at this popular festival. 808 N. Broom St., Wilmington. Daily 11 to 11. 302-654-4446; GreekFestDE.com.

#### JUNE 12-19

**St. Anthony's Italian Festival.** This year, the festival celebrates the spirit of the Renaissance and the splendor of Tuscany. The week continues with carnival rides, fabulous food, imported ceramics and garden urns, live entertainment and a raffle of a trip to Italy. 9th & DuPont St., Wilmington. Mon-Fri, 5:30 to 10:30 pm; Sat-Sun, 2 to 10:30 pm. \$5. Benefits the Elementary School at St. Anthony's. 302-421-2790; StAnthonysFestival.com.



#### JUNE 17-18

**Chester County Balloon Festival.** Imagine floating high above the hills of Chester County on a beautiful summer evening. Or come to the fairgrounds, park your car and safely enjoy the view. Craft and food vendors, music and fireworks. Don't miss the "Friday Night Glow," a spectacular show, where balloons inflate at dusk and light their burners; 6

pm. Embreeville Athletic Complex, 700 Ryan Blvd., Coatesville. Fri, 6 to 8:30 pm; Sat, 3 to 10. 610-873-4002; CCBalloonFest.com.



#### JUNE 24-26

**Celtic Fling and Highland Games.** Musicians, dancers, craftsmen, clans, Irish societies and athletes gather together. The scene will be covered in kilts, cabers, Irish dance and Highland games, food and music. Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. \$10.95-\$26.95. 11 am to 10 pm. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

#### JUNE 24-JULY 5

**Wawa Welcome America Festival.** With 11 patriotic days packed with free events, a full-scale parade, fireworks, history, live entertainment, food, culture and pageantry, there's fun for the whole family. Spectacular fireworks displays at night and the largest free concert in America, a "Party on the Parkway," July 4. 215-683-2200; WelcomeAmerica.com.



#### JULY 3

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

### Food & Drink

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 23

**Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore Farm Dinners on the Shore.** Dinners take place right on a farm, using produce and other products from that farm and surrounding farms, prepared by accomplished chefs from the region. **June 24-26**, Crow Farm; **Sept. 9-10**, Galena; **Oct. 21-23**, Lockbriar Farms. Benefits organizations promoting the conservation, preservation and sustainability of the Eastern Shore's rural environment. 410-810-4898; FarmDinnersOnTheShore.com.



#### JUNE 3-12

**Philly Beer Week.** More than 500 events at over 100 venues throughout the city and suburbs, highlighting the region's diverse beer scene, its world-class breweries, neighborhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information visit PhillyBeerWeek.org.

#### JUNE 4

**Longwood Gardens Wine & Jazz Festival.** Live jazz, fine regional wines and local fresh fare. Longwood's glorious outdoor stage overlooking the picturesque meadow comes alive at this annual event. Rt. 1. \$25-\$40. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

#### JUNE 4, JULY 2

**Historic New Castle's Art & Food Stroll.** New Castle's version of First Friday, held the first Sat of the month. 6 to 9. 302-278-2676; NewCastleCity.net.

#### JULY 2-4

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

### Fundraising

#### JUNE 10

**8th Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Blacktie Basket Ball Gala.** Join the first couples of Philadelphia



college basketball to fight back against cancer. The evening includes food, cocktails, auction, and a live performance by Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Benefits the American Cancer Society. Phila. Park Hyatt Hotel at the Bellevue, Philadelphia. 215-985-5401; PhillyCoachesvsCancer.org.

#### JUNE 11

**DePue Brothers Band Benefit Concert for the Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals.** An astounding evening of "grassical" experience as these seven nationally heralded classically and jazz-trained musicians perform bluegrass fusion. Francisvale is a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter in Radnor. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. \$30-\$125. 610-917-1228; FrancisvaleHome.org.

#### JUNE 18

**Jazz at Brushwood — Gala Benefit for Home of the Sparrow.** This year's benefit is themed "French Quarter" and promises great fun with dinner, auctions and dancing. Brushwood Stable (Bryn Clovis Annex), 737 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 5 pm. \$95. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

## Gardens

#### ONGOING

**2011 Visitor's Guide to Greater Philadelphia Gardens' Favorite Trees.** A self-guided tour to over 90 magnificent, native, champion and new trees in area public gardens and arboreta, including Tyler Arboretum's Giant Sequoia, Hagley's Osage Orange and Winterthur's Japanese Maple. For information, GreaterPhiladelphiaGardens.org.



#### THROUGH JUNE 2011

**Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens Wind Through the Trees Outdoor Kinetic and Auditory Sculpture Exhibit.** Featuring 67 sculptures in a botanical setting. With the mature tree canopy soaring nearly 100 feet, large scale work was encouraged and many pieces are suspended from the trees. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. Daily 8 am to sunset. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 30

**Chanticleer.** Thousands of bulbs in spring, orchards of flowering trees, a vegetable garden, cut-flower garden and fruit trees. **Friday Nights** at Chanticleer, May through Labor Day Weekend, open until 8 pm; First Friday and Saturday tours of Main House, through Oct. 29, 11 am, \$15 by reservation. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Wed-Sun 10 to 5. \$10. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.

## First Fridays

JUNE 3, JULY 1

Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Berwyn**, 610-203-4543; BerwynDevonBusiness.com. **Kennett Square**, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City**, 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **A Main Line ARTitude**, with free trolley from Bryn Mawr to Ardmore, 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. **Phoenixville**, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne**, 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.

## and Second Saturdays

JUNE 11, JULY 9

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

#### JUNE 4

**Gardens of Octorara 8th Annual Garden Tour.** A self-drive tour of several private gardens in the upper Octorara region (western Chester County). Benefits Atglen Public Library, Moores Memorial Library, Parkesburg Library. 10 to 4. \$10-\$15. 610-716-3404; GardensOfOctorara.com.

#### JUNE 4

**14th Annual Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Day.** Eight homes and gardens in SE Chester County are featured, ranging from the late 1700s to modern construction. Artists will be painting in the gardens and guests can enjoy treats by local chefs. Luncheon will be offered at Oberod, on Rt. 52, \$15. Benefits Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. 10 to 4. \$35. 610-444-2702; BayardTaylor.org.

#### JUNE 4-5

**Westtown School's Garden Sampler: A Garden Tour & Preview Party.** **June 4**, enjoy an evening reception/garden party at a beautiful 19th-century manor with fresh, seasonal local foods. Preview photos of the gardens on the tour. 5 to 8. \$100. **June 5**, tour several private gardens in Chester and Delaware Counties, as well as Westtown School's mini-farm. Each garden is unique and exquisite. Boxed lunch available, \$12. Noon to 5. \$25. 610-399-7916; Westtown.edu.

#### JUNE 10-12

**28th Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party.** This year's tour features exclusive Lancaster locations, offering a variety of creative urban gardens and unique home interiors. The tour kicks off June 10 with the Demuth Garden Party, featuring live music, hors d'oeuvres and art sale at The Conestoga House Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Reservations req. Sat-Sun. \$15-\$18. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

#### JUNE 11

**Pottstown Area Garden Club's "The Art of Gardening Tour."** Seven private gardens and Pottsgrove Manor will be on the tour. The club

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## Local Farm Markets

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

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

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

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

**Lititz Farmers Market**, Water St. 8 to noon. 717-626-6332; LititzFarmersMarket.com.

**Media Farmers Market**, State St. between Monroe & Gayley Sts. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

**Oxford Village Market**, 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, 2 to 6. 610-998-9494; OxfordMainStreet.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

will sponsor a garden photography contest. Winners will be selected by popular vote of the tour visitors. 10 to 4. \$12. 610-662-2642.

## Museums

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25

**Delaware Art Museum.** "Perception / Deception: Illusion in Contemporary Art," a four-artist exhibition exploring the relationship between reality and our sense of sight. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### THROUGH NOVEMBER 20

**Brandywine River Museum. Through June**, Andrew Wyeth works that have rarely been on public view; **through Nov. 20**, Tours of Kuerner Farm and N. C. Wyeth House and Studio; **June**

**11-Sept. 11**, "Farm Work by Jamie Wyeth." Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$10. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2012

**"Paint, Pattern & People: Furniture of South-eastern PA, 1725-1850" at Winterthur Museum.** Featuring nearly 200 objects focusing on the culture and creativity of the area's English- and German-speaking inhabitants. Winterthur, Rt. 52, 6 mi. NW of Wilmington. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2012

**"Wedding Traditions of the du Pont Family, 1813-1915" Exhibit at Hagley Museum & Library.** Visit Hagley to explore the origins of well-loved wedding traditions and those that the du Pont family cherished. The exhibit showcases weddings of du Pont family members during the 19th- and early-20th-centuries. Main entrance, off Route 141, Wilmington. Daily from 9:30 to 4:30. \$4-\$11. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

### JUNE-JULY

**Sundays in Historic Sugartown.** Travel back in time and experience life in a rural 18th and 19th-century crossroads village. Visit the General Store, Book Bindery, Quaker Farm House, Bank Barn with antique equipment and new Carriage Museum. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. Sun, 1 to 4 pm. \$5-\$12. 610-640-2667; Historic-Sugartown.org.

## Music

### ONGOING

**Kennett Flash.** An all-ages concert venue where national, regional and local recording artists perform in an intimate setting. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

**Longwood Gardens Performing Arts Events.** Longwood has a full summer performance schedule. Check their website for details. **June 14**, Indigo Girls, 7:30 pm, \$29-\$49; **July 13**, Pink Martini, 7:30 pm, \$39-\$65; **Aug. 18**, The Beach Boys, 7:30 pm, \$49.50-\$69.50; **Aug. 24**, Gipsy Kings, 7:30 pm, \$49-\$89; **Sept. 17**, Keb' Mo', 7:30 pm, \$35-\$55. **Fireworks & Fountains shows are:** **June 18**, Stravinsky 'Stravaganza'; **July 3**, Celebrate America; **July 23**, Summer Pops; **Aug. 13**, Stravinsky 'Stravaganza'; **Sept. 3**, Summer Pops. Concerts continue through Sept. 3. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9:15 pm. \$22-\$38. 610-388-5200; LongwoodGardens.org.

### JUNE-AUGUST

**Long's Park Summer Music Series.** Check their website for concert schedule. Long's Park Amphitheater, 1441 Harrisburg Pike at Rt. 30, Lancaster. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Free. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

### JUNE 3-AUGUST 26

**Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club.** Spend Friday nights at the Brandywine Polo Club listening to live music, watching polo and sipping great regional wines. Bring a picnic or purchase a meal onsite. Every week features a different winery from the Brandywine Valley, selling glasses and bottles of award-winning wine. Toughkenamon



Exit, Rt. 1 S. Gates open at 5:30. For schedule, 610-292-0880; FridayNightsUnderTheStars.com.

#### JUNE 4-5

**Vox Renaissance Consort.** "Renaissance Spring-tide" with voices and period instruments. **June 4**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia, 7:30. **June 5**, Thomas Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College, 256 N. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr, 4 pm. \$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

#### JUNE 7-28

**Eagleview Town Center's "Concerts on the Square."** **June 7**, Mason Porter with Phil Minisale; **June 14**, Fooling April honors The Beatles, Scott Pryor; **June 21**, Slo-Mo, Emily Greene; **June 28**, Ronstadt Generations, Craig Bickhardt. Concerts continue through Aug. 30. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain cancellation, phone 800-851-2779 after 4pm on the day of the show. InEagleview.com.

#### JUNE 15-JULY 7

**Delaware County Summer Festival.** **June 15**, Rose Tree Pops; **June 16**, The Greaseband; **June 17**, Philly Songwriters Project; **June 18**, Steve Pullara & His Cool Beans Band; **June 19**, Lonnie Shields; **June 22**, James Day & The Fish Fry; **June 23**, West Chester Band; **June 24**, Jimmy & The Parrots; **June 25**, Leroy Hawkes & The Hipnotics; **June 26**, Chico's Vibe; **June 29**, Peter Moses, 10 am; Philly Gumbo, 7:30; **June 30**, Charlie Gracie; **July 1**, Scot Silver & The Jazz Guise; **July 2**, Ken Delmar & The Cheers 10; **July 3**, Upper Darby Sousa Band; **July 6**, Peabody Ragtime Ensemble; **July 7**, John Hoey Orchestra. Concerts continue through Aug. 14. Rose Tree Park, Rt. 252 & Providence Rd., Upper Providence. 7:30. Cancelled for rain. 610-565-7410; Co.Delaware.PA.US/Summer.



#### JUNE 15-AUGUST 10

**Anson B. Nixon Park Summer Concert Series.** Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a picnic (or purchase a light supper at the park) and enjoy the music on Wednesday nights. Waterworks Dr., Kennett Square. 7 pm. Free. For a complete schedule, 610-444-4902 or visit AnsonBNixonPark.org.

#### JUNE 18

**Coatesville Area Arts Alliance 6th Annual "Grounds for Music" Outdoor Festival.** Live music, BYO picnic, food, vendors and more. Main stage performances and opportunities to jam, so bring your instruments. 120 Reservoir Rd., Wagontown. Rain or shine. 12:30 to 9 pm. \$10 per person. 610-384-2535; CthreeA.org.

#### JUNE 20-26

**23rd Annual DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Fest.**

In memory of legendary jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown, the DuPont Clifford Brown Jazz Festival is a free, week-long, outdoor music festival at Rodney Square, downtown Wilmington. For schedule, 302-576-3095; CliffordBrownJazz-Fest.com.

#### JUNE 22, 29

**Radnor Township Summer Concert Series.** Bring blankets and chairs to these great free summer concerts. **June 22**, Rave On, A Tribute to Buddy Holly, Cowan Park, Radnor Street Rd. & Willow Ave., Wayne; **June 29**, The RockaFillys, rockabilly and swing, South Devon Park, 590 S. Devon Ave., Wayne. Concerts continue through Aug. 3. All concerts are 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If inclement weather, phone 610-688-5600, ext. 141, between 2 and 4 pm on the day of the scheduled concert. Radnor.com.

#### JUNE 25

**Kennett Symphony — "Boléro!" and More.** Concertmaster Eliezer Gutman plays Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* and Principal Trumpeter Luis Engelke performs classics by Mexican trumpeter Rafael Mendez. Ravel's hypnotic *Boléro* is the grand finale. Longwood Gardens, Rt. 1. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$35, includes garden adm. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

### Outdoor Activities

#### THROUGH JULY 4

**Road Cycling League Super Series.** A series of bicycle races through Chester and Lancaster County communities. **June 11**, Tour of Mt. Nebo; **July 3-4**, Coatesville Classic 2-Day. 717-391-9722; RoadCyclingLeague.com.

#### JUNE 4

**5th Annual Independence Dragon Boat Regatta.** Colorful and exciting — teams comprised of novice or experienced paddlers compete in three 500-meter races in this day-long event on the Schuylkill River race course in Philadelphia. Festive atmosphere along Kelly Drive with tented picnic areas for each team and entertainment. Benefits disabled military veterans and The Police Athletic League. IndependenceDragonBoat.com.

#### JUNE 4-10

**Schuylkill River Sojourn.** A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. Sojourn participants register for as many days as they like, or for the entire trip. With rapids, calm water, plenty of laughs, songs at the campsites and celebrations in the river towns. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

#### JUNE 5

**27th Running of the Philadelphia International Cycling Championship.** One of the biggest sporting events in the country. Cyclists complete 10 laps of a 14.4-mile course. The Liberty Classic features more than 100 professional, international women cyclists competing in a 57.6-mile race held during the men's race on the same course. ProcyClingTour.com.

#### JUNE 5

**Radnor Conservancy 1st Annual Race for Open Space.** Trail race through the Willows and Skunk

Hollow Parks. Bring the whole family (no dogs or jogging strollers on the trail). The Willows Park, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. Registration, 8 am; race, 9:30. 610-620-3626; RadnorConservancy.org.

#### JUNE 25-26

**20th Annual Pottstown Rumble.** Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting a huge number of athletes, including nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Memorial Park, King St. (Rt 663), Pottstown. Play begins at 7 am on Sat; 8 am on Sun. 610-367-2779; PottstownRumble.net.

#### JUNE 26

**29th Canal Day.** Family fun at Lock 60 on the Schuylkill Canal with water sports competitions, historic re-enactment, a canal joust, K-9 rescue demo, food, music, races and more. Schuylkill Canal Lock 60 & St. Michael's Park, Mont Clare. 9 to 4. 610-917-0021; SchuylkillCanal.org.

### Theater

#### THROUGH JUNE 5

**"Dividing the Estate."** The Broadway hit by Horton Foote making its Philadelphia premiere at People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30 Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; matinees: Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$25-\$45. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

#### JUNE 10-11

**The Savoy Company Performs "Iolanthe."** See "Of Special Note."

#### JUNE 15-JULY 10

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

### Tours

#### JUNE 5

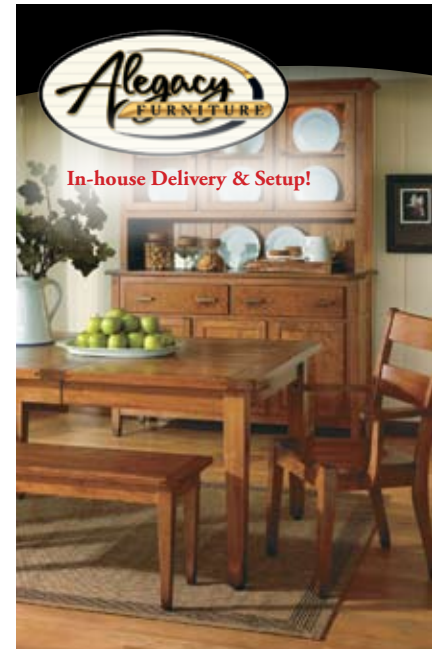
**Town Tours & Village Walks Lecture Series — Cemetery Tours with Costumed Storytellers.** "Baptists & American Religious Architecture, 1775-1990." A lecture on how the Baptist faith shaped our religious architecture, followed by a tour of the Baptist Church in the Great Valley and adjoining cemetery. 945 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. 2 pm. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

#### JUNE 16-AUGUST 25

**Town Tours & Village Walks.** See "Of Special Note." ♦

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# Magical Habitats

**At Tyler Arboretum! Through October 30, 2011**

New and exciting fairy and gnome villages have been added along Tyler Arboretum's Magical Path with rustic moss and bark gnome homes, sparkly fairy cottages, whimsical gourds for goblins, and soaring towers for wizards. Magical Habitats, Tyler's 2011 seasonal exhibition, is a must-see wonderland in Media, open through October 30th.

The tradition of fairies, elves and other earth spirits is an ancient one, and those of us who cherish nature can easily understand why. Perhaps the concept was inspired by the mysterious rustling of a tiny mouse among the leaves, or the magic, jewel-like glistering of an early morning dew-covered meadow. Certainly, the mysterious flashing of fireflies on glorious summer nights must have led to thoughts of enchantment!

### **Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes**

The tradition of creating small dwellings to attract fairies and wood nymphs is generations old, but today there's a new phenomenon of "fairy houses" spreading across the country. It seems to have started on a few islands populated by artists and nature lovers off the coast of Maine.

Island residents and visitors created charming little shelters from leaves, moss, twigs, stones, bark and other found natural items. As they became more numerous, the shelters caught the imaginations of parents and children alike and spread through New England and beyond. Now they're in Media.

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way that makes them look under every leaf and around every tree. Every visitor's tale of a fairy riding on the back of a butterfly or a gnome creating dishes from acorn caps adds to the fun!

A special wooded area has been set aside for visitors to create their fantasy dwellings. Gnome Depot bins are well stocked with sticks, bark and other natural materials for perfect "hobbitats."

Building these unique dwellings for fairies, gnomes and nature's friends is a fun, creative activity for children, parents and grandparents to engage their imaginations and explore the wonders of nature — at Tyler, in a park or in their own backyard.

This summer, rediscover the joys of magic as you reconnect with nature ... with a pinch of fairy enchantment. ♦

Tyler Arboretum, 515 Painter Road, Media.  
610-566-9134; [TylerArboretum.org](http://TylerArboretum.org).

## Special Events & Programs

### ***Festival of Fairies & Friends***

June 12, 11 to 3 pm

### ***Magical Friends Tea Parties***

June 26, July 10 & 24 and  
August 7, 1:30 to 2:30 pm

### ***Who Needs Trees? (4-5-year-olds)***

June 2, 1 to 2:30 pm

### ***Flower Fairies (3-year-olds)***

June 13, 10 to 11 am

### ***Fairies on the Fly (3-year-olds)***

July 11, 10 to 11 am

### ***Garden Gnomes (4-5-year-olds)***

July 21, 1 to 2:30 pm

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Beyond the town's historic flavor, there's plenty to do, with a host of festivals and special events this summer.

## Super Weekend

The biggest weekend of the year begins Thursday, June 2, with **Swingin' Summer Thursday**. The action takes place on Gay Street, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with live bands, food booths, arts & crafts tables, plus plenty of fun for kids. Presented by the West Chester Parks & Recreation Department and sponsored by West Chester Business Improvement District (BID), this free street festival repeats every first Thursday through September. 610-436-9010; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

Enjoy art openings and special events with **Gallery Walk**, Friday, June 3, starting at 5 p.m. Presented by the West Chester Chamber of Commerce, this semi-annual event is a delight for

art lovers of all tastes. Downtown shops get in the spirit with special showings by Brandywine Valley's most popular artists. Refreshments are offered by hosting shops, so take plenty of time to browse and pick up a map as your guide. 610-696-4046; [GWCC.org](http://GWCC.org).

A new parking garage with a fabulous view is this year's site for the **Up On The Roof** fundraiser, Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. Held on the Chestnut Street Garage rooftop (thus the name), the event promises live entertainment, delicious dining, open bar and the popular Rooftop Martini. Sponsored by the West Chester Downtown Foundation and West Chester BID, this fundraiser benefits the beautification of the downtown area. For reservations, 610-738-3350; [DowntownWestChester.com](http://DowntownWestChester.com).

Super Weekend ends with a bang with **Super Sunday**, June 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., one of West Chester's biggest street festivals. You'll find tons of activities for families, music, food, games, clowns and more. Sponsored by West Chester Parks & Recreation, it's a free, don't-miss event for the whole family. 610-436-9010; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

## July for Bikes, Music & Shakespeare

A high point of this summer's excitement happens Saturday, July 9, at the **7th Iron Hill Twilight Criterium Bicycle**

**Race**. At West Chester's only professional sporting event, you'll be able to get up close to the action to watch men and women cyclists compete. In between the races, enjoy a street festival on West Market Street where there's plenty to see and do, including activities for kids. Cheer for the national and local athletes as they push themselves to the limit. The action starts at 5 p.m. and is free for everyone. 610-696-4046; [IronHillTwilightCriterium.com](http://IronHillTwilightCriterium.com).

Sunday, July 17, Everhart Park hosts the **Turks Head Music Festival** — honoring the original name of West Chester from the 1700s. Located at Bradford Avenue and Miner Street, the park offers a shaded, green venue for music acts that change every hour, 11 to 5 p.m. Plenty of arts & crafts and food booths, too. 610-436-9010; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

**Shakespeare in the Park** arrives Thursday, July 21, in Everhart Park (check website for details). The Commonwealth Classic Theatre presents *Richard III*, depicting the Machiavellian rise to power and short reign of Richard III of England. Considered one of Shakespeare's greatest plays, there's tragedy, history, humor and the famous line "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!" Enjoy the outdoor setting of Everhart Park for this free event. 610-436-9010; [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

## All Summer and Beyond

Every Saturday morning through December, the **Growers Market** comes alive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Chestnut and Church Streets. As the area's first producer-only market, the Growers Market celebrates the direct connection between customers and local farmers with high quality, locally grown seasonal produce fresh from the farm. You'll also find baked goods, cheese, dairy items, meats, flowers, treats for Fido and Muffin and artisans handmade items to give a local flair to your decorating. [WestChesterGrowers-Market.com](http://WestChesterGrowers-Market.com).

Enjoy **guided walking tours** through historic downtown West Chester Saturday mornings through October. Your guide will lead a one-hour walk where you'll hear stories of the people and places that made West Chester a Distinctive Destination selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Starting at 10 a.m., outside the Lincoln Room (28 W. Market St.), the \$10 tours are perfect for the entire family. Reservations, 610-696-2102; [LincolnRoom-WestChester.com](http://LincolnRoom-WestChester.com).

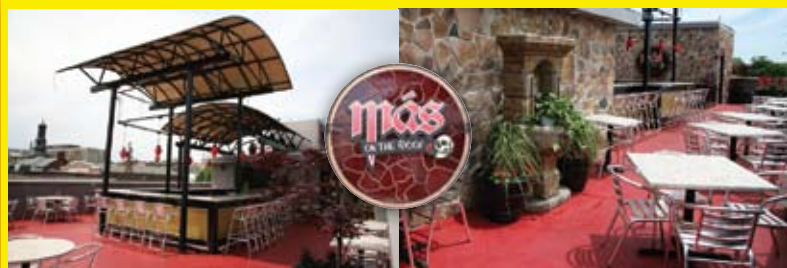
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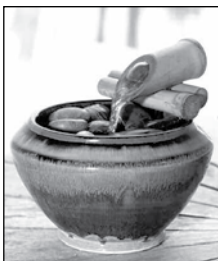
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A perfect pool pavilion.  
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## *Enhancing Outdoor Spaces*

George Fitzpatrick

**Expand your summer living space and enjoy the season!**

*T*his past winter seemed to cast its dark shadow well into spring, so if you're still recovering from cabin fever, take heart. The cure just might be in your own backyard. With plenty of ways to enhance your outdoor space — from beehive ovens to beach entry pools, from no-fuss gardens to putting greens — you can entertain, relax and breathe in the summer air from dawn until way past dusk.

### ***Outdoor Living & Entertaining Spaces***

Ironically, borrowing indoor comforts is one way to improve your outdoor space. A number of local builders construct full-scale outdoor kitchens — complete with grills, fireplaces, refrigerators and sinks — so that entertaining en plein air becomes a breeze (pun intended).

Dave Fisher, owner and designer of Dutchie's Stone Work in Paradise, PA, suggests using natural stones, including granite and flagstone, for patios, counter-

tops and fireplaces/ovens. Not only do the stones add a rustic charm, they age well.

Over at Thornbury Services in West Chester, Randell Spackman points out the merits of equipping an outdoor cooking space with a "beehive oven." Reminiscent of communal ovens, these wood-burning, domed structures cook anything from pizza to roast beef and double as a fireplace.

For smaller patios, portable wood- or propane-burning fire pits are fine choices for keeping you toasty. Find them at local garden stores like Waterloo Gardens with locations in Devon, Exton and Wilmington.

To create inviting "rooms" for al fresco dining and relaxing, many folks are putting up pergolas, pavilions and gazebos. In just a day and for a few thousand dollars, the team at Amish Marketplace, with locations in Malvern, Reading and Nazareth, can install one of their pre-fabricated structures.





A low-maintenance putting green can be installed in most gardens and provides hours of fun. Photo: Thornbury Services

And for comfortable outdoor furnishings, Amish Marketplace has just debuted its new line of durable, reasonably priced outdoor furniture. Adirondack chairs, high-backed pub chairs and tables as well as porch rockers, swings and lounge chairs are made from recycled plastic and come in a variety of colors.

Innovations in lighting — particularly LED lights — work wonders when it comes to extending your time outside. Romantic and practical, a winning combination if there ever was one, these lights give off a soft, candle-like glow, are energy-efficient and attract fewer bugs than standard lights.

### Garden Spaces

Gardens offer endless possibilities for pleasant hours spent outdoors. According to Steve Mostardi, general manager at Mostardi Nursery in Newtown Square, the trend is toward choosing plants that work double time so homeowners can lounge. Often this means working edible plants into traditional landscapes.

Blueberry bushes are popular for their white flowers, sweet-tart fruit and burgundy and scarlet autumn

leaves. Herb beds provide essential cooking ingredients as well as scent and color, and low growing herbs — try thyme and mint — planted between stepping stones or around a pool's periphery are a pleasure for bare feet.

Beauty and function also come together in white, night gardens as well as bog and rain gardens. The idea behind white gardens is that white flowers reflect the moonlight, thus creating a garden to enjoy right through

the wee hours. Rain and bog gardens — filled with plants that tolerate or even prefer “wet feet” — provide a smart and attractive solution to water runoff.

### Best Picks

When deciding what goes in your garden, Mostardi recommends plants in The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Gold Medal Award Program (see sidebar). Not only do these plants thrive in our region, they require no to low maintenance.

If you've always wanted a rose garden but weren't up for the fuss, consider

Spas, fountains and waterfalls enhance any pool. Sun shelves, swim-up bars and “wet” islands add fun. Photo: Ted's Pools



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An outdoor kitchen can make summer meals a breeze. Photo: Dutchie's Stone Works

"Knockout Roses." These shrubs come in a variety of colors from cherry red to creamy yellow, flower throughout the growing season and need little care. In fact, Mostardi swears you don't even need to prune them unless you want to control their size and shape.

Other ways to enjoy your garden have nothing to do with plants. Randell Spackman at Thornbury has installed many garden railroads; the movement of mini-train cars mesmerizes everyone from toddlers to octogenarians.

For golf enthusiasts, Spackman designs putting greens. Made of synthetic grass, these low-maintenance greens can be custom-made to control the speed of the ball. And in case of snow, die-hard golfers simply shovel off the green before brandishing their putters.

### Pools, Spas and More

Water, whether a pool, a lake or a fountain, has a way of calming the spirit, and having a body of water in your backyard is a luxury like no other. Of course, everyone's "inner splash," as Ted's Pools refers to it, is different. President of Ted's Pools in Newtown Square, Peter Fineberg says that spas (hot tubs), fountains and waterfalls remain popular

features, but to give your pool that beach vacation feel, innovations abound.

Beach entry pools invite swimmers to walk right from the deck into the pool, no step down. Sun shelves are enlarged shallow areas, the ideal spot for small children and those who prefer lounging to laps. If the sun gets to be too much, bathers simply pop an umbrella into the built-in holder.

For a touch of the Caribbean in your backyard, the team at Ted's also creates swim-up bars, slides, swim-through caves, and "wet" islands, islands in the pool with water pumped over them.

Innovations in lighting and electronics make the pool a perfect hangout day or night. Ted's Pools uses Nexxus lighting (small LED lights) in all its pools so that color and light are dispersed evenly throughout the water, eliminating shadows and dark spots. For a light and water show to rival Longwood Gardens, they can also equip a pool with Laminar water jets that shoot arcing beads of color-changing water.

Lest you need more entertainment, Ted's as well as Thornbury can install all-weather flat screen televisions and sound systems right next to the pool or spa so you can stay immersed while keeping up with the latest news and tunes.

Here's hoping for a long summer of sunny days, starry nights and hours of fun just outside your back door!

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Rain and bog gardens aid runoff, as do streams directed through the garden, adding a water feature. Photo: W.D. Wells & Assoc.







# In the Name of the Seed: My Journey into Heirloom Gardening

William Woys Weaver

*German irises, Horace Pippin, and an old freezer  
full of baby food jars led to a life's work.*

When a venerable 300-year-old white oak tree fell into my garden this past March, leaving a stupendous heap of splintered wood, the wise hand of my late grandfather seemed to reach out and offer a quiet condolence. His comfort was sorely needed because I faced a heart-wrenching scene: the tree lay on the ground like the skeleton of a great dinosaur.

Now there was an immense, gaping hole, showing sky where shade had protected that corner of the property for hundreds of years. Suddenly, sunlight flooded through the canopy of the remaining trees.

If, as the ancient Greeks believed, spirits of the garden resided in ancient oak trees, then their spirit house was roughly broken open that day. My grandfather, the innate gardener, taught me one key thing: those spirits will not forsake you if you continue to respect them. They will journey with you in your seeds. This is a tale of seeds.

## *In the Beginning*

My earliest recollection of my grandfather and his amazing garden in West Chester was watching him gather the dry, rattling pods of the German irises he cultivated. Little did I realize how special these irises were. They were rare, indeed, as I discovered when I later found pictures of them in a Victorian garden book.

My grandfather was saving seeds because he was looking for a unique shade of iris blue — somewhere in those seeds was a future flower that would bring him happiness or a sense of accomplishment, and perhaps seeds to share and trade with friends.

I spent my formative years with my grandparents, mainly because my mother and father were both working to save money to buy a house. My grandmother always considered me her “last child” and in many ways I was. In that role, my grandfather let me help him in his extensive kitchen garden — a good acre of fertile Chester County ground.

It was likely by early osmosis that my grandfather passed his “green genes” to me, though those genes were probably already there. Both grandparents came from long lines of old-time horticulturists. Plants were in our blood.

After his death in 1956, my grandmother used to put bouquets of those German irises on my grandfather's grave at Birmingham Friends Meeting every Memorial Day. The blue blaze was a silent testimony to the good man who had been her best friend and to a quiet genius who died much too early, leaving too many projects unfinished.

## *Seed-Saving Project*

One project I took up was seed saving. That's because seed saving lies at the heart of the on-going life of every successful kitchen garden. Seed saving is





possible because one of the benefits of open-pollinated heirloom plants is that you can save viable seeds from them — unlike hybrids, which don't yield useful seeds.

Plus the variety of choices from seed saving is endless, nothing like the limited, generic and tasteless food sold to us as products of industrial farming. Seed saving also lets you create your own designer vegetables, if you want to experiment with the adventures of cross-breeding, something my grandfather did very well in his search for the perfect blue flower, or a tomato with a new and wonderful flavor.

### Easy Peppers

Perhaps the easiest plants to save seeds from are peppers, so why not start there? For the best outcome, peppers must be fully ripe, even a little soft and wrinkled if the little spirits inside are to be released in full abundance (a.k.a. increasing the rate of germination). I still remember how my grandfather would spread the seeds on paper to dry, then carefully label and pack them away in airtight jars sealed at the rim with masking tape. (For more seed saving instructions, see the sidebar.)

Many of my grandfather's most unusual peppers came from his friend, Horace Pippin, a West Chester local, better known as a folk artist. They



German Irises

crossed paths at a pigeon club that met every month at a bar in West Chester. My grandfather raised racing pigeons (passion number two, after the garden).

Mr. Pippin came to the garden to be stung by my grandfather's honeybees (passion number three, after the pigeons). Pippin wanted his bad arm (a war injury) stung to get some relief from the pain. My grandfather was skeptical and didn't like losing good bees, so Pippin brought him unusual seeds to compensate for the losses. This psychology worked. Some of the rarest things in my collection are the Pippin peppers. The Fish Pepper he gave my grandfather is now in most seed catalogues selling heirlooms.



Note the variegated leaves of the Pippin peppers





### Freezer Diving

After my grandfather's death, I returned to West Chester to spend time with my grandmother. The big kitchen garden had gone to grass, although most of the apple and pear trees were still alive but in need of pruning. The sour cherry tree I loved so much had long since gone the way of firewood.

My grandmother was obviously overwhelmed trying to maintain the place on her own, so we decided one day to start by cleaning the cellar.

After chucking 200 quart jars of canned peaches that were more than 30 years old, we tackled the big deep freezer where layers of dehydrated chickens and gray-looking fruit had sat for unknown numbers of years. At the bottom, covering every inch, we discovered my grandfather's seed collection. There they were, neatly packed in my own baby food jars, some with detailed labels, others rather vague, even as to the contents.

This discovery started the birth of the Roughwood Seed Collection, which I now maintain in Devon, PA.

### Back to Life

Little by little I brought those seeds back to life; freezing them had simply put them on hold. I had no idea that my grandfather was adept at seed storage on a level that would have impressed professional botanists. And I also have no idea where he got his expertise. But with the help of my grandmother's recollections, I discovered that he had maintained a wide network of contacts with growers and nurserymen throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and as far away as Virginia.

My grandmother's classic shoofly pie recipe provided a clue because it had come from Mrs. Miles W. Fry of Ephrata. It turned out Mrs. Fry's husband owned a nursery (the family is still in business), and he and my grandfather traded plant notes.

Soon I was able to reconstruct many of the stories of my grandfather's seeds, and then build on the collection so today it numbers some 4,000 entries.

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# No-Fail Plants to Attract Hummingbirds, Butterflies and Bees

Andréa Miller

Hydrangea, Annabelle

***A year-round haven for pollinators is within reach, even for novice gardeners, if you choose the right plants.***

To attract pollinators to your garden — we're focusing on hummingbirds, butterflies and bees here, although there are others, like moths, beetles and hoverflies — takes a little planning. You need a shallow, sand-filled butterfly bath (a bird bath, with very little water and a sandy bottom) and flowering plants of various shapes, sizes and colors.

Selecting which plants to use from the dizzying array available in our area can stump a budding pollinator enthusiast. We're here to help with a few basic principles about food, blooms, color and native plant choices to help make your garden a haven for these valuable and eye-catching pollinators.

## Garden Planning

**First food.** Flowers provide two kinds of food for pollinators: nectar and pollen. Nectar, a carbohydrate, is good for butterflies and hummingbirds that burn through calories with their high metabolisms. Pollen, a protein, is good for bees and other pollinators that collect it to feed their young. For

help determining which plants provide good sources of nectar and pollen, look for the National Wildlife Federation American Beauties plant labels at your favorite garden center. Or ask a pro.

**Bloom features matter, too.** First, shape: small tubular flowers attract moths, bees and other pollinators with long proboscis. Longer tubular flowers attract hummingbirds. Butterflies can't hover to forage, so they need mid-size flowers with open petals for landing.

**Next, color:** Hummingbirds like red and orange; butterflies like white, yellow and orange. Bees see ultraviolet signals, which are invisible to the human eye, so make your choices based on other factors to attract bees.

**Finally, remember to choose native plants.** They attract pollinators better than exotic species, because native plants make food better suited to our indigenous pollinators. So go native.

Here are some beautiful, no-fuss pollinator gems that you and the hummingbirds, butterflies and bees in your garden will love.

## Garden Anchor

A hardy deciduous shrub, **Hydrangea** (*Hydrangea arborescens*, Annabelle) is an easy care, deer- and drought-resistant landscape anchor that attracts most pollinators. A profusion of stunning white blooms appear on upright stems over green foliage in July and age to pink in September. The blooms on Annabelle are so large that they may bend to the ground after a rain, so consider planting it next to a decorative fence for support. Great for groupings or as a specimen, it also provides winter interest. Plant in full to part sun, water until established, and prune in late winter.

**Hint:** Be judicious with planting shrubs and trees in a pollinator garden. Birds love to nest in them and will pick off insects, including butterflies and bees, coming to forage on pollinator blooms.

**Also Try:** Tulip poplars, red maples and other trees with small flowers.

## Color Coordinator

Hummingbirds and bees can't resist **Bee Balm** (*Monarda*, Panorama Red), with its wealth of nectar and profusion of ultra-colorful, feathery one-inch



Monarda, Panorama Red

blooms. With its spicy, minty scent, this bushy two-foot perennial blooms June through September — longer than other varieties. Each plant bears up to 20 long stems, perfect for the vase. Plant in loamy, well draining soil in full sun to partial shade. Shear spent flowers for a second bloom in August.

Joe-Pye Weed  
Photo: TCDavis







Catmint

**Hint:** Propagates prolifically, so plant in beds bounded by a sidewalk or hardscaping. Some other pollinating plants are so invasive that you should not buy them. Avoid Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*), Chinese Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*) and Japanese Wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*).

**Also Try:** Other colors of bee balm — mix and match for a casual feel, or use complementary colors for visual impact.

### Bang For The Buck

**Catmint** (*Nepeta fassenii*, Walker's Low) is a carefree, long blooming favorite that thrives in harsh conditions. Its striking blue-violet blooms appear above grey-green velvety foliage in May and continue through September. An aromatic plant that attracts most pollinators, it grows to two to three feet and is good in borders. Catmint tolerates salty air

and dry soil, making it a great choice for a beach house. Plant in normal to sandy soil in a sunny location and don't water after it's established, except during drought. Shear spent flowers for a second bloom in August, leave foliage for winter interest, and cut back in early spring.

**Also Try:** For native choices that thrive in similar conditions, try the fall blooming Goldenrod (*Solidago*) and Aster (*Aster oblongifolius*, October Skies), or the summer blooming Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium*) and Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*).

### Hummingbird Haven

**Yellow Wild Indigo** (*Baptisia sphaerocarpa*, Screamin' Yellow) has a profuse display of tubular yellow-gold blooms in May and June that hum-



Screamin' Yellow Wild Indigo



Butterfly Milkweed

mingbirds love. This drought-tolerant, deer- and pest-resistant perennial is a slow grower with deep green foliage that provides wonderful fall interest. Don't cut back spent blooms and you'll have nice one-to-two-inch pods with seeds rattling inside. Its compact, upright habit matures to two by three feet. This fun plant tolerates poor and sandy soil conditions and is a great border, specimen or ground cover. Plant in part to full sun in well-drained soil.

**Also Try:** Purple Smoke (*Baptisia*), perennial salvia, and if you've got frequently damp soil, Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*).

### Bring On The Butterflies

Butterflies go crazy for **Butterfly Milkweed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*), a bushy, two-foot perennial, prized by gardeners for its large, bright-orange blooms. Showy two-to-five-inch clusters atop dark green foliage appear in June and yield vibrant color through August. Low maintenance and drought resistant, milkweed was once called Pleurisy Root because it was chewed by Native Americans for lung inflammation. Insect and disease resistant, this plant is great for sunny borders or

massing in drifts. Plant in full sun in well-drained soil, then leave alone once established.

**Hint:** For winter interest, don't cut back milkweed. The dried stalks provide a place for pollinator eggs and larvae to overwinter and fluffy pods pop open to self-seed.

**Also Try:** Butterflies also love Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida* or *Rudbeckia triloba*), Goldenrod Aster, Joe-Pye Weed and Coneflower.

**Final Hint:** Folks with allergies CAN have a pollinator garden. Look for strong nectar producers with pollen, such as Dutchman's Pipe (*Aristolochia macrophylla*), Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*), and native Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*). ♦

The DCH sat down with Parks Projects Coordinator Jacque Williamson for this story. A passionate proponent of pollinator gardens, Williamson, in partnership with the Wilmington Beautification Commission, is the driving force behind the gardens at Father Tucker Park on 9th & Lincoln Sts. and Stapler Park on 16th St., where you can see these five great pollinators. To learn more, visit [TheDCH.org](http://TheDCH.org).



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# The Beauty of the BYO

Kristin Collier Van Riper

## Can't-miss choices for BYO destinations.

Of the many delights of living in Southeastern Pennsylvania — rolling Chester County hills, beautiful arboretums in bloom, charming small towns — we should be especially proud of our outstanding selection of BYOB restaurants. Particularly now when so many offer us a chance to dine outdoors.

Why choose a BYO as your restaurant destination? Three top reasons: you drink what you like, you don't have to order based on price, and there are no bad surprises. And at many restaurants, selections on the wine list are marked up 200%. So, the \$20 bottle you drink at home may cost about \$50-\$60 at a restaurant. The beauty of the BYO is that you can drink your \$20 bottle for just \$20 (or a bit more if there's a corkage fee). And the special beauty of our area is we have such a wide array of fabulous BYO restaurants to choose from.

Now there are, of course, advantages to drinking from a well-chosen wine list, especially with guidance from knowledgeable sommeliers. You'll discover new wines, and you'll be better able to pair your wine with your food selection that night.

That said, if you want to make the most of the BYO experience, some guidance can help with your choices.

## Season's Choice

Whether you're in Kennett Square to enjoy a Mexican BYO or heading for West Chester for a white-table-cloth spot, there's one must-have for the spring — an easy-drinking white wine.

*Chat-en-Ouef* (\$10.99) is the fun must-have accessory for springtime dining. This blend of grenache blanc, marsanne and roussanne is great for sipping in the sunshine! Perfect for perusing the menu or with a light field green salad sprinkled with goat cheese and cranberries or some fish tacos with fresh salsa and avocado. This white is a perfect start to a spring or summer meal.

Heading to one of the great Italian BYOs but not in the mood for red? *Barnard Griffin Rose of Sangiovese* (\$14.99) is the best answer to the spring-and-summer, red-or-white conundrum. This full-bodied rosé with a peppery, long-lasting finish holds up to some of our favorite restaurant dishes.

Sitting on the back deck at Savona Bistro in Unionville, munching on their amazing pizzas or their Ahi tuna appetizer, sipping this supple wine, that's the perfect way to usher in summer. (For more on rosé, see last June's column, "Debunking the Myths of Rosé" on CountyLinesMagazine.com under Back Issues.)



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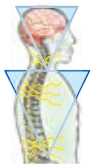


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Lonnie Shields & Catherine Russell perform at the 2011 Blues Stroll  
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### Blues Stroll Highlights

**Catherine Russell** at

The Media Theatre, 8:15 to 9:45

**Lonnie Shields Band** at Sligo, 9:30

**Leroy Hawkes & the Hipnotics** at Joclyn's, 9

**Gary Allegretto Band and California's Harmonica Virtuoso** at Azie, 9

**Don Evans Band with Ryan Madora** at Stephen's on State, 9:15

**Randy Lippincott Band** at Quotation's, 9:15

**James Day & the Fish Fry** at Picasso, 9:30

**Wanamaker Lewis Band** at Towne House Forge Room, 8 to 12

**Blues Brothers & A Sister** at John's Grille, 8

**Johnny B & Irving Street Blues Band and Kim Trust** at Veterans' Square Stage, 6:45 to 10:30

**The Obsolete's, Norman Taylor, Johnny Never Band, Charlie Phillips Band and more** at 7 Stones Cafe / Plum Street Mall Acoustic Local Stage, 5 to 10:30

**Norman Taylor** at Margaret Kuo's, 7 to 10, Dinner seating only.

**More at other venues**, including Lotus, Pinocchio's, Baker Street Tattoo, Iron Hill Brewery

You may remember the Roots Ramble in April and be looking forward to the Jazz by Night Celebration in November. Good, earthy American music, both. The Blues Stroll, though, in our opinion, is a not-to-be-missed event, commanding your special attention this June.

The State Street Blues Stroll attracts leading blues artists in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Hosted by XPN headliner Johnny Meister, deejay for "The Blues Show" and "The Blues and Beyond," this year's event features performers of international, national and local reputation. Cat Russell, voted 2008's Best Vocalist of the Year, and fresh from performances in Holland, Germany, Boston and New York, performs at the Media Theatre. Meanwhile, Media native Lonnie Shields, the "Keeper of the Blues," will be picking his guitar at Sligo.

And there are more — too many to give each its due — at least in one night. Leroy Hawkes & the Hipnotics, the Gary Allegretto Band, and about 20 others (see sidebar). Tickets are available in advance and at the Stroll, though seating can't be guaranteed. Prepare to boogie. Control your hips please.





### Dining Under the Stars

Whet your appetite. Media's eateries are open and on the street for al fresco dining Wednesday nights on State Street. A world's fair of cuisine, you can enjoy Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, French, South American, Mexican, Greek, Thai . . . your choice. Dine on steak, seafood or vegetarian. Sample appetizers. Taste the wine or beer or bring your own (check our BYO article in this issue). Savor the music and the moonlight. *Every Wednesday, 5 to 10 p.m., until autumn. 610-566-5039; Visit MediaPA.com.*

State Street restaurants host Dining Under the Stars  
Photo: Drew Arata



### 32nd Annual 5-Mile Race

We hope your legs and your lungs are in shape. Starting at 7 p.m., for as many as 1400 runners, the route starts and ends at Veterans Square, circling twice through downtown Media. The winner will finish in about 25 minutes, with 5-minute miles. For others it will take a bit longer. Get there early. Psych out your competitors. Better stretch. *Friday, June 17. 610-566-5210; Media5MileRace.com.*

### Bastille Day

Storm the castle. Mock the monarchy. Let yourself eat cake. Vive la France! Conveniently placed between U.S. Independence Day (July 4) and French Bastille Day (July 14), this special 2nd Saturday event features Cajun dance lessons and a bit of zydeco. Carriage rides, performance painting, live painting, strolling accordionist, red, white and blue tie-dyeing, face painters, caricaturists and street performers. Perhaps a slice of brie on a fresh baguette? Virtually Paris. Or the French Quarter. Or Media on a mid-summer's day. *July 9. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.*

### Tyler Arboretum's Magical Habitat

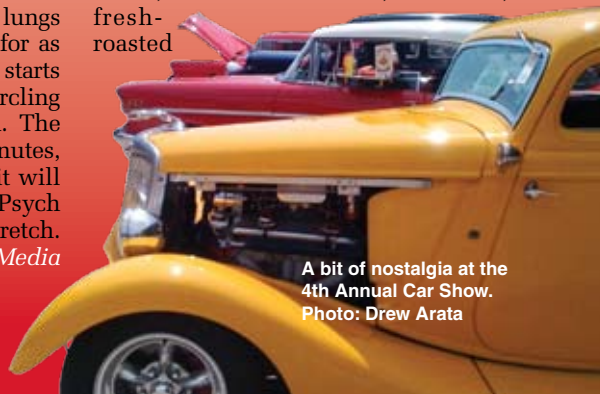
Elves, gnomes, fairies, wizards. Perhaps hobbits? Or orcs and trolls? Visit them in their woodland homes and villages at Tyler Arboretum. (See the article in this issue.) *Through October 30. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.*

### 4th Annual Downtown Car Show

Over 200 antique cars parade down State Street. Hot rods. Classics. Funny cars. Hearses. Remember when gasoline was 20 cents per gallon? Or when you could tell a Thunderbird from a Cadillac? *Sunday, July 17. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.*

### Farmers Market

Blueberries are in season and local. So are many salad ingredients. Wholesome dairy, aromatic cheeses, local meats and fresh-from-the-oven, whole-grain bread, cookies and baked goods. Also hand-shaped pasta and hand-squeezed lemonade, wine from the cellar, hard cider, fresh-roasted



A bit of nostalgia at the 4th Annual Car Show.  
Photo: Drew Arata



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coffee, and home-made jams and jellies. And we're sure there's something we forgot to mention but will want when we see it. *Media Theatre parking lot, State and Gayley Streets. Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.*



Media Theatre also has summer theater camp.

### DelCo Idol and DelCo Dance-Off

Returning this summer, "Delco Idol" and "Delco Idol, Jr.," the region's premier vocal contests for kids 14-24 and 7-13, respectively, will bring excitement and stardust to the Media Theatre, July and August. Starting with 30 area contestants chosen to audition, the competitions continue until only 10 remain in each group.

New this year, "Delco Dance-Off" will feature solo dancers, duos, and ensemble groups.

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Family fun on State Street.  
Photo: Drew Arata

### Second Saturdays

You've likely heard of First Friday festivities at towns in our area — food, fun, entertainment (see our May article, online at CountyLinesMagazine.com under Back Issues). If you're booked on Fridays, head to Media on the Second Saturday of the month for art strolls, street festivals, live music and after-hours shopping. *MediaArtsCouncil.org.*



### Arts and Crafts Show

If you missed the Arts Exhibition and Crafts Festival in May, mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Community Arts Council's Arts and Crafts Show in September. The juried festival features original works in ceramics, fiber, jewelry, polymer clay, mixed media, photography, wood, watercolor, oil, acrylic, mosaic, painted furniture, and printmaking. *Second Saturday, September 10. MediaArtsCouncil.org. ♦*



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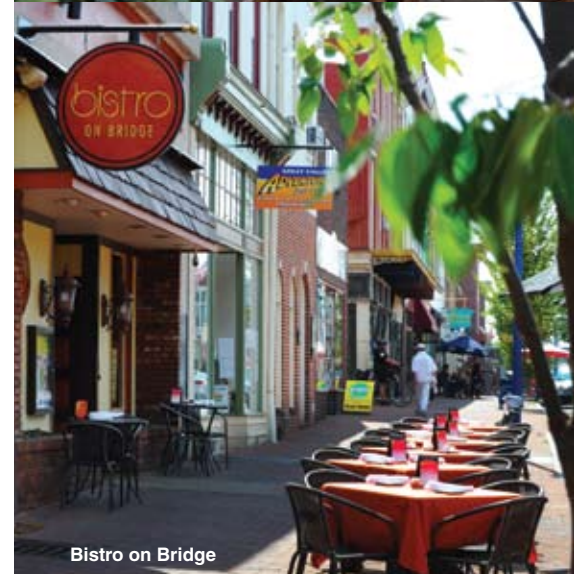
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Broad & State Sts.  
610-444-5687; [KennettInn.com](http://KennettInn.com)

Enjoy a full dinner or light fare and cocktails in the heart of downtown Kennett Square, with tablecloth dining on their intimate patio under a lighted awning. *When:* patio is open seasonally, weather permitting, Mon-Sat, 11:30 to 9:30; Sun, 3 to 9. *Prices:* lunch, \$10; dinner, \$23. *Daily specials. Happy Hour:* 5 to 7.

### SINCLAIR'S SUNRISE CAFE & TEAROOM

127 E. State St.  
610-444-8141; [SunriseCafe-Tearoom.com](http://SunriseCafe-Tearoom.com)

Four tables outside in a sunny location. *When:* daily, Mon-Fri, 7 am to 2; Sat-Sun, 8 to 2, weather permitting. *Prices:* \$3.50-\$12.95. *Daily specials:* full breakfast and lunch menu; baking done on premises, from scratch. *Recommendations:* Sunrise pancakes, Eggs Chesapeake, Curried Shrimp Salad on a croissant, house specialty iced teas.

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696 Unionville Rd.  
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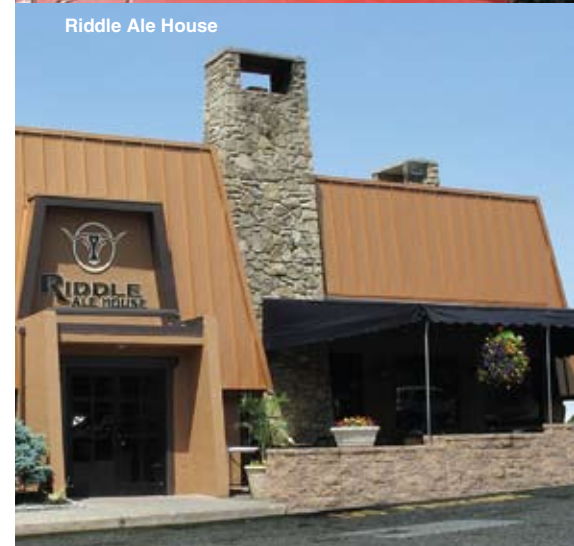
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#### THE STONE BARN FOXFIRE RESTAURANT

550 Upland Rd. (Rt. 842)  
610-347-2414; TheStoneBarn.com

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#### CREED'S SEAFOOD & STEAKS

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#### Lancaster

#### GIBRALTAR

931 Harrisburg Pk.  
717-397-2790; GibraltarGrille.com

Patio seating for up to 50. *When:* the patio is open seasonally for lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30



Half Moon Restaurant & Saloon

to 2:30; dinner, daily, 5 to 10. *Prices:* lunch, \$7-\$15; dinner, \$17-\$35. *Daily specials:* menu changes weekly.

#### OLDE GREENFIELD INN

595 Greenfield Rd.  
717-393-0668; TheOldeGreenfieldInn.com

Fine dining, with linen tablecloths, on a lovely tree-shaded brick patio with trellis, overhead fans and hanging baskets. *When:* daily Apr-Oct, weather permitting, for lunch and dinner. *Prices:* lunch, \$8-\$12; dinner, \$19-\$32. *Daily specials:* wild game on Wed. *Happy Hour. Entertainment:* jazz on Wed. *Recommendations:* weekly seasonal dinner specials. Great spot for brunch or romantic dinner. Catering is also available.

#### THE PRESSROOM

26-28 W. King St.  
717-399-5400  
PressroomRestaurant.com

The setting for outdoor dining is simply stunning, with a view of the water fountain and falls in beautiful Steinman Park. *When:* Tues-Thurs, 5 to 9:30; Fri-Sat, until 10:30; Sun, 5 to 9, weather permitting, May-Sept. *Prices:* dinner, \$10-\$35. *Daily specials.*

#### SYMPOSIUM

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### Media

See the Media article in this issue to find details about "Dining Under the Stars," Wednesday evenings throughout Media.

#### AZIE RESTAURANT

217-219 W. State St.

610-566-4750; AzieRestaurant.com

Dine under the stars or bask in the sun with a seasonal cocktail on Azie's rooftop deck. *When:* May-Oct, weather permitting. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30, dinner Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10, Fri-Sat, 5 to 11, Sun, 5 to 9. Sun, brunch, 11 to 3. *Prices:* lunch, \$4-\$20; dinner, \$4-\$30. *Daily specials:* fresh, seasonal ingredients. *Happy Hour:* Mon-Thurs, sushi rolls starting at \$3 and drink specials Mon-Thurs.

#### RIDDLE ALE HOUSE

1073 W. Baltimore Pk.

610-566-9984; RiddleAleHouse.com

Seasonal outdoor dining on the patio with an awning serving casual American cuisine with Italian influence and specializing in hand carved roast beef sandwiches. *Prices:* lunch, \$7-\$15; dinner, \$13-\$25. *Daily Specials.* *Happy Hour:* Mon-Fri, 4:30 to 6:30. *Recommendations:* summer salad menu and the drink menu. They have great happy hour specials at the bar and the roast beef sandwich is famous.

### Mendenhall

#### MENDENHALL INN

Rt. 52 (Kennett Pk.)

610-388-1181; MendenhallInn.com

Fine dining in the peaceful courtyard at tables with umbrellas. *When:* daily, dinner and lunch on Sat, Apr-Sept. *Prices:* lunch, \$8.95-\$15.95, dinner, \$14.95-\$29.95. Sunday Brunch, \$26.99. *Daily specials:* Sun-Thurs, entrees start at \$14.99; Fri-Sat, "Wine and Dine" specials, \$19.99; chef's signature dishes: slow-roasted USDA Prime Rib or baked twin lobster tails. *Entertainment:* live music, Fri-Sun.

### New Cumberland

#### DOC HOLLIDAY'S STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON

110 Limekiln Rd.

717-920-3627; DHollidays.com

Seasonal outdoor dining daily, from 11 to 10. *Prices:* lunch, \$6-\$10; dinner, \$10-\$28. *Daily specials.* *Happy hour:* daily. *Entertainment:* Tues-Sat. *Recommendations:* Voted "Best" in 9 independent surveys; "Beef Backer Award" from National Cattleman's Beef Assoc. Also in Lancaster and Harrisburg.

### Newtown Square

#### TEIKOKU RESTAURANT

5492 West Chester Pk.

610-644-8270

TeikokuRestaurant.com

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## Pine Forge

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Manatawny Rd.  
610-323-4004; [Gracies21StCentury.com](http://Gracies21StCentury.com)

Fine dining under market umbrellas on the brick patio in a stunning setting of mature floral gardens and potted plants. *When:* Wed-Sat, 5:30 to 11, from May-Oct, with heaters. *Prices:* \$26-\$41. *Daily specials:* the menu is seasonal and changes weekly. Gracie's offers a selection of organics including meat and wild-caught fish. *Happy hour:* Fri, 5 to 6:30. *Recommendations:* Metro Martini, made with freshly-squeezed ruby red grapefruit.

## Radnor

### 333 BELROSE

333 Belrose La.  
610-293-1000; [333Belrose.com](http://333Belrose.com)

Al fresco dining on a lovely flagstone patio under a silver oak tree with flowers, umbrellas and candlelight. *When:* lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 3, and dinner Mon-Tues, until 9 and Wed-Sat, until 10. *Prices:* lunch, \$11-\$18, dinner, \$18-\$32. *Daily specials.* *Happy hour:* Mon-Fri, 5 to 7. Half-price bar menu, Mon-Thurs, after 5. *Recommendations:* Java Pork; wide range of seafood dishes; menu changes quarterly.

## Strasburg

### IRON HORSE INN

135 E. Main St.  
717-687-6362; [IronHorsePA.com](http://IronHorsePA.com)

Enjoy the tranquility of outdoor dining on their recently restored turn-of-the-century Victorian wrap-around porch. *When:* Wed-Mon (closed Tues.), Apr-Oct, noon to 9, weather permitting. *Prices:* lunch, \$5-\$12, dinner, \$9-\$30. *Daily specials:* menu changes weekly, offering a broad selection.

*Recommendations:* a wide selection of international wines and beers, wines from Twin Brook Winery and local craft beers.

## Villanova

### AZIE ON MAIN

789 E. Lancaster Ave.  
610-527-5700  
[AzieOnMain.com](http://AzieOnMain.com)

Dine al fresco or sip on sumptuous cocktails on Azie On Main's bamboo lined patio *When:* May-Oct, weather permitting. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 3:00, dinner Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10, Fri-Sat, 5 to 11, Sun, 5 to 9. *Prices:* lunch, \$4-\$20; dinner, \$4-\$30. *Daily specials.* *Happy Hour:* Mon-Fri., sushi rolls starting at \$3 and drink specials.

## Wayne

### WINBERIE RESTAURANT & BAR

1164 Valley Forge Rd. 610-293-9333

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## West Chester

### AVALON RESTAURANT

312 S. High St.  
610-436-4100; [AvalonRestaurant.net](http://AvalonRestaurant.net)

Outdoor garden with dining around a fountain. *When:* Tues-Sun, weather permitting, anytime of year, for dinner, Tues-Sat, 5:30 to 9; Sun, 5 to 9. *Prices:* dinner, \$19-\$25; 4-course prix fixe menu available. *Entertainment:* Fridays. BYO.

### IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT

3 W. Gay St.  
610-738-9600; [IronHillBrewery.com](http://IronHillBrewery.com)

Outdoor dining on the brick sidewalk in historic West Chester. Serving New American cuisine and award-winning handcrafted ales and lagers. Daily from 11 am.

### COURTYARD AT THE LINCOLN ROOM

28 W. Market St.  
610-696-2102  
[LincolnRoomWestChester.com](http://LincolnRoomWestChester.com)

Enjoy a light lunch in the lovely wrought-iron fenced courtyard. Serving a variety of soups and sandwiches, with tea and coffee service. *When:* Mon-Sat, May-Oct, from 10 to 2 and for special events. *Price:* lunch, \$5-\$10. *Recommendations:* watch for an announcement on their new outdoor grill coming soon. Check their website for details.



### LIMONCELLO

9 N. Walnut St.  
610-436-6230; LimoncelloWC.com

Outdoor dining with the charming atmosphere of a café in Italy in the heart of downtown West Chester. *When:* Mon-Fri, 11 am to 10 pm; Sat, noon to 11 pm; Sun, 4 to 9. *Prices:* \$10-\$25; prix fixe available on Mon-Tues, \$28. *Daily specials. Happy Hour:* Mon-Fri, 4 to 6:30 with ½ off appetizers and gourmet pizzas.

### MÁS MEXICALI CANTINA

102 E. Market St.  
610-918-6280; MasMexicali.com

"Más on the Roof" rooftop dining & bar is now open serving traditional Mexican fare with a "Rock n' Roll twist." *When:* serving lunch and dinner daily, May-Oct, weather permitting, 11:30 am to 2 am. *Prices:* lunch: \$4.99-\$10.99; dinner, \$8.99-\$15.99. *Daily Specials. Happy Hour:* Mon-Fri, 5 to 7, includes ½-off drafts and appetizers. *Recommendations:* Over 30 Tequila offerings, seasonal craft beers and a variety of freshly made margaritas. "You Can ALWAYS Expect More at Más."

### MYTHOS RESTAURANT

2 Waterview Rd.  
484-887-0513; MythosGreekRestaurant.com

Authentic Greek cuisine is served on a lovely brick patio with a privacy hedge, tables with linen cloths and umbrellas. *When:* Tues-Thurs, Sun, 11 am to 10 pm; Fri-Sat, 11 to 11, Apr-Sept. weather permitting. *Prices:* lunch, \$6-\$12; dinner, \$12-\$18. *Specials:* Tues-Thurs lunch special, buy one, get one ½ off. *Entertainment:* outside nightly.

### PIETRO'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE

125 W. Market St.  
484-760-6100; PietrosPrime.com

Two outdoor dining areas: a gated patio in front of the restaurant and a more private courtyard in back. *When:* Mon-Sat, 11 to 11; Sun, 4 to 9, Apr-Oct, weather permitting. *Prices:* lunch, \$9-\$15; dinner, \$20-\$30. *Daily specials. Happy Hour:* Mon-Fri, 5 to 7, \$1 off drinks and ½-price selected appetizers.

### West Marlborough

### THE WHIP TAVERN

1383 N. Chatham Rd.  
610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com

Dine on the terrace overlooking Doe Run. *When:* May-Oct, weather permitting. Closed Tues. Open for lunch, 11 to 4; dinner, Sun-Thurs, 4 to 9; Fri-Sat, 4 to 10. *Prices:*

dinner, \$13.95-\$28.99. *Daily specials:* fresh, local ingredients and homemade soup du-jour. *Recommendations:* English dishes and American favorites like the locally raised, organic Elkins burgers and beef; domestic and international beers and ciders.

### DELAWARE

#### Centreville

### BUCKLEY'S TAVERN & RESTAURANT

5812 Kennett Pk.  
302-656-9776; BuckleysTavern.org

Buckley's offers two outdoor dining areas: front porch seating under the roof, and upper terrace deck featuring tables with umbrellas and bar. *When:* daily for lunch and dinner, weather permitting, spring, summer and fall. *Prices:* lunch, \$6-\$12; dinner, \$8-\$22. *Daily specials. Happy hour:* Mon-Fri, 3 to 6. *Entertainment:* Evenings, Thurs. *Recommendations:* seasonal menu featuring local purveyors, 14 beers on draft, all wines available by the glass.

### MARYLAND

#### Chesapeake City

### BAYARD HOUSE RESTAURANT

11 Bohemia Ave.  
410-885-5040; BayardHouse.com

Dine along the C&D Canal in this historic building with two enclosed porches that feature spectacular views for lunch or dinner. Dining under a canopy on their patio is available during the summer months. *When:* daily, for lunch, 11:30 to 3 and dinner, 4:30 to 9 pm, Fri-Sat until 9:30 pm. May-Sept. *Prices:* lunch, \$12-\$21; dinner, \$22-\$35. *Daily specials. Recommendations:* Bloody Marys, Tournedos Baltimore, Crab Cakes.

#### North East

### WOODY'S CRAB HOUSE

29 S. Main St.  
410-287-3541  
WoodysCrabHouse.com

Delicious crab and seafood specialties offered on the front deck, in an intimate outdoor setting. There's a Tiki bar at the rear of the restaurant, open Fri-Sun. *When:* daily during daylight hours, late Apr-Sept, weather permitting, Sun, 3 to 8; Tiki bar on Fri-Sat evenings. *Prices:* lunch, \$8-15; dinner, \$15-30. *Daily specials. Happy Hour:* TGIF Fri, 4:30. *Recommendations:* premier beers by the bottle and on draft. *Entertainment:* live music Fri evening. ♦



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IN THE NAME OF THE SEED *continued from page 44*

Since the early 1980s, when I began to reconstruct the old kitchen garden at Roughwood, I've kept the seed collection on a revolving program. Following this program, I grow out lettuces, beans, tomatoes, cabbages and whatever needs renewal, on a regular cycle. This plan keeps the seeds viable since I do not freeze my seeds (only the rare corns). Most seed will keep for years in sealed jars in cool, dark closets, so the process is not as daunting as my own wrestling match with Mother Nature.

### Working With the Spirits

Some years are good for seeds, some not so good. But above all else, one must flow with the pulse of Nature, not work against her. Stoically accept what's given and use that to good advantage.

This mind-set is very handy when growing food organically since Nature will create a balance in your favor. My garden gives proof to this principle. For example, by following Nature, I don't need to resort to chemical sprays, not even for my heirloom fruit trees.

Even that fallen oak was a gift: it made a sunny corner where the Victorian style dahlias I've been back-breeding will take up new quarters. I like to think that the spirits in my old oak have now found residence in the seeds of my dahlias, and they will certainly bless me with all sorts of surprises.

Every year something new emerges, and the simple prospect of this cycle of birth and renewal is probably the best antidote to winter blues I can imagine. And the best reason to take the heirloom journey. ♦

*Seed Saving classes are part of the Heirloom Garden Workshops held at Roughwood in the spring (last class, June 18) and fall (Aug. 20, Oct. 1, Oct. 22). For information, e-mail [W3Food@aol.com](mailto:W3Food@aol.com).*

*William Woys Weaver, a food historian and author of 15 books on culinary history, is Contributing Editor for Mother Earth News and maintains the Roughwood Seed Collection of over 4,000 heirloom food plants. His book Heirloom Vegetable Gardening is considered a classic on the subject.*

## Saving Seed from Heirloom Plants

Seed saving has a long tradition, but it's relatively easy once you know a few basics to get started. Beginners are likely to have success starting with peppers, beans, peas, lettuce and tomatoes.

1. The seeds must be absolutely ripe. This means letting the fruits or vegetables fully ripen on the vine, if possible. For beans, the pods must be dry so the beans inside rattle.

2. Separate the seeds from the chaff or pulp (hand pick or use a screen).

3. Seeds must be dry before storing. Dry them on paper towels. For "wet" seeds, like tomato and squash seeds, it may be easier to dry them on screens or on glass, after removing the seeds from the pulp.

Never dry seeds in direct sunlight; a cool, airy room is ideal. Seed drying is best in the fall when humidity is low. During hot humid weather, allow the seeds to dry longer. This takes about 2 weeks. To test: seeds are dry when they break, not bend.

4. Put the dried seeds in envelopes, dated and well labeled. Store seeds in airtight containers in a cool, dark closet away from direct sunlight. Baby food jars sealed with tape work fine.

5. In general, the smaller the seed, the longer it will keep in storage. And frozen seeds last longer than unfrozen. Well-stored tomato seeds may last 20 years.

6. The purity of your seeds will depend on how far your plants are from others of the same species. Tomatoes, for example, should be separated by at least 20 feet (between different varieties). Separation distances vary with a number of factors, such as the biodiversity of nearby flowering plants.

Check references like Suzanne Ashworth's *Seed to Seed* or my own *Heirloom Vegetable Gardening* (out of print, but available in CD from *Mother Earth News*).



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***What qualifies a plant to be a Gold Medal Winner?***

The PA Horticultural Society chooses plants for beauty and strength. Winners must be hardy in the growing region (zones 5-7), look fabulous in many seasons, be easy to grow, and be disease and pest resistant.

***Which types of plants are eligible for the award?***

Trees, shrubs and woody vines that are beautiful, reliable and exceptional.

***How long has the program existed?***

Since 1978.

***How are plants selected?***

Nominated plants are evaluated by a committee of knowledgeable horticulturalists to determine if they are plants of merit. Committee members include Steve Mostardi, Bill Thomas of Chanticleer Gardens, and representatives of the Scott and Morris Arboretums, among others.

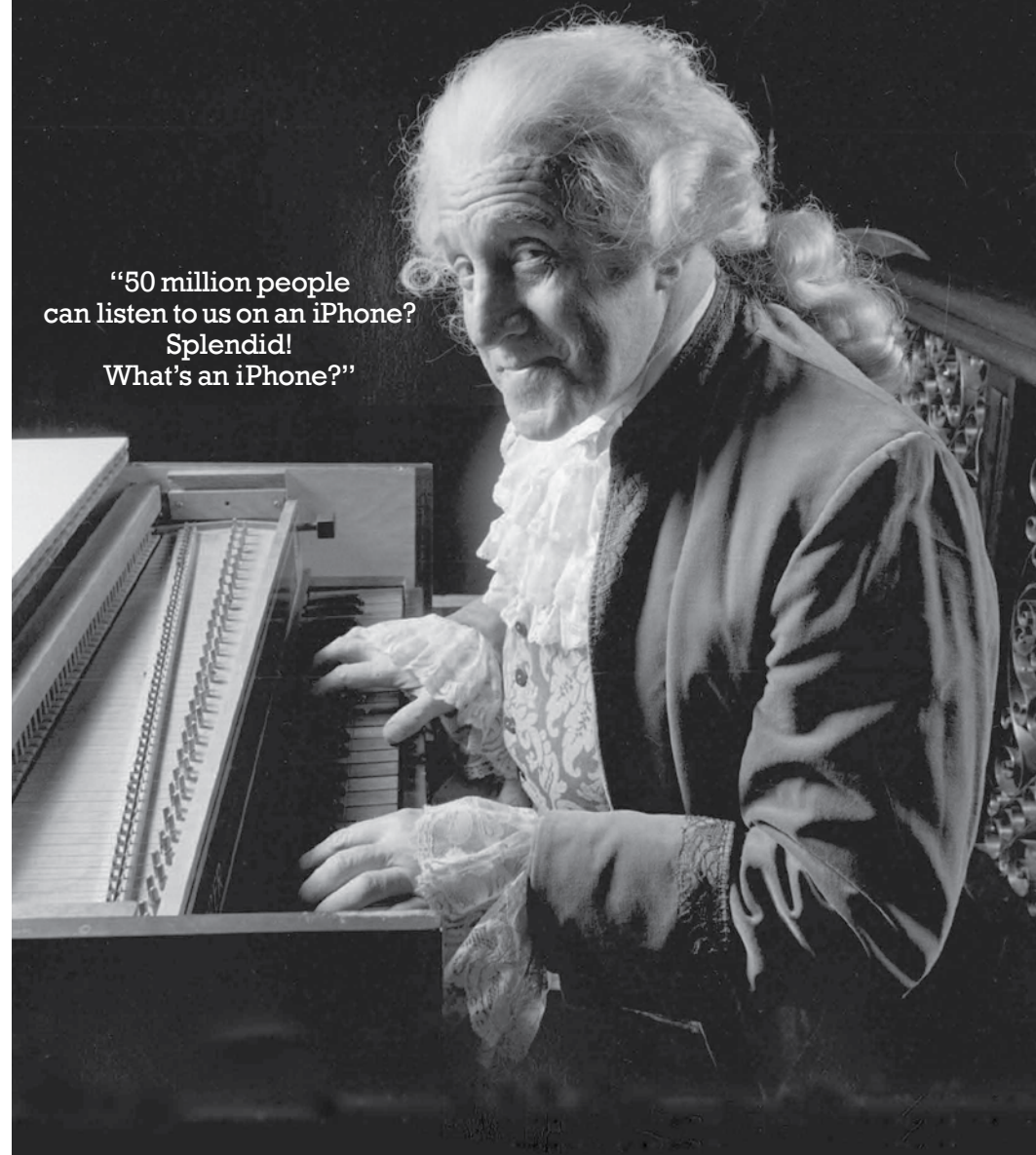
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Try pairing this wine with a succulent pear and gorgonzola flatbread followed by rack of lamb to experience perfection. The best part is that for the price you can afford to have dessert (or bring two bottles). But don't be afraid to grab this bottle when heading out to your neighborhood BYO. Whether Thai, Asian or Mediterranean fare, this wine is a foodie's dream.

The last divine dinner date is *Mulderbosch Faithful Hound* (\$23.99), a must-try Bordeaux blend (cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot and malbec). It encompasses the majesty of Bordeaux with its silky tannins and powerful flavors, but stays true to its South African soil with hints of smoke and earth. (And 90 points from Wine Spectator, if you care.)

Catherine's in Unionville serves a filet mignon with foie gras butter that would complement the rich, luscious flavors in this wine. For an everyday meal that's lighter on the wallet, head to Brandywine Bistro for a juicy burger, pommes frites with a big glass of the Faithful Hound. This red will turn a meal into a culinary experience.

No matter the occasion, there's a BYO out there to suit your dining needs. Bring one of these trusty, food-friendly bottles and your dinner will surely turn into a celebration that won't put you budget in the red. ♦

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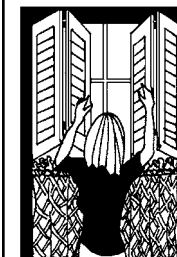
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