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From the Editor

Welcome to our May issue, where we've filled the pages with gorgeous gardens and equestrian scenes from the Brandywine Valley and beyond. If you've turned to County Lines as your guide to the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair for the past 36 years, you'll find a handy schedule and Mimi Killian's Top Ten Reasons To Go-and



not all are related to horses. There's an art gallery, boutique shopping, people watching, fabulous food, and lots of hats. We think there's something special about a lady in a hat. Take a look at Alix Coleman's photos and decide for yourself.

Can't wait for Devon to satisfy your equestrian yearnings? Luckily "Spring is for Steeplechase," and Elizabeth Tarr gives the scoop on Wintherthur's Point-to-Point, Willowdale's Mother's Day Steeplechase, and Radnor Hunt's Race for Open Space.

Steeplechase fans will cheer our new feature, Up To Speed, where car writer Jack Smith compares the Range Rover and Chevy Suburban in "Do You Need a Show Horse or Work Horse?" And if your love of steeplechases is driven instead by the food, check out Laura Brennan's "Easy Tailgating," with recipes from Talula's Table and A Taste of Britain.

Our focus on towns continues, as Matt Freeman considers "A Weekend in Wayne." Just down Lancaster Avenue from Devon, and filled with shopping and dining destinations. Jane Dorchester's "Telling Stories of Our Past" shows why historic preservation buffs should visit West Chester. And if you're in Phoenixville, Lise Monty recommends a meal at Pepperoncini Sotto.

Area gardens dazzle in May, and you can find the best through our "Home & Garden Tours" calendar. Start with Winterthur and take your inspiration to improving your home garden.

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Thank you for reading County Lines. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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Modern Day Health Clubs -More than Just Treadmills!

Kelly Strogen

Think pampering, nutrition counseling, kids activities and more.

treadmills and perhaps a few aerobics classes in a back room. Now you'll find health clubs have a long and varied menu of offerings beyond traditional fitness programs, with such services as nutritional counseling, massage and mind/body offerings.

to grab a quick workout. They want a well-balanced fitness program, social interaction and perhaps a little pampering. Here's what you'll find at local health clubs.

Workout Variety. Do you hate the mindlessness of treadmills and other cardio machines that don't motivate you to

e've come a long way since the days when keep going to the gym? Fear not! There are so many new a basic health club was limited to a row of fitness classes and options in our area that feed the interests and abilities of people of all ages and motivation levels.

From Zumba to spin to aqua aerobics, there's the right fit for everyone. For those looking for something more individualized, try Small Group Training (SGT). Limited to about six participants, these classes give you individu-Today's fitness enthusiasts aren't looking just for a place alized interaction with a personal trainer, camaraderie of working with others, and a much lower price tag than traditional personal training. And they're particularly helpful for learning new skills that requires trainer expertise to perform correctly-such as kettlebell and TRX (Total Resistance Training).



Mind & Body. Mind/Body studios, offering Pilates and yoga, are popping up everywhere. These classes are a great supplement to a typical cardio and strength training regime, allowing you to work on flexibility, core strength and stress management.

Another great option is BarreAmped, which combines strength training with grace and uses dance, yoga and Pilates for a killer workout. Prepare to leave feeling calmly energized with this hands-on personal group training session.

Spa Life. After a hard workout, who wouldn't love a massage? At many health clubs, massage therapists are available in-house, and the whirlpool, sauna, and steam rooms are just steps away. No need to schedule a special spa getaway when you can have spa treatments everyday at your own club or gym. Some area clubs even offer treatments like waxing and pedicures, all in one place!

Nutrition Knowledge. Many health clubs now offer nutrition counseling as a way to help members meet both their fitness and overall health goals. And luckily, many insurance plans (such as Aetna and IBX) reimburse 100% of the cost for people meeting with a Registered Dietitian.

Proper nutrition is the key to reaching your weight loss and fitness goals and will provide you with other benefits, such as better digestion, more energy and focus. Chances are, if you're working out like crazy and not seeing the results you want, you're not following a proper diet.

For Kids. Some clubs and local YMCAs offer discounted babysitting services for members. And many also offer children's program such as Pinkarate (karate for girls), birthday parties, swim and tennis lessons, movie nights and day camps. All are great ways for your kids to make friends, get active and build self-confidence.

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Nowadays, health clubs continue to expand their fitness and holistic offerings. Most area clubs are no longer just gyms, but also combine services of spas, physical therapy and nutrition offices, mind/body studios and more. For example, Club La Maison in Wayne offers in-house Physical Therapy at Bounce Back PT, a dietitian, pools, racquetball, an indoor track, personal training and Silver Sneakers programs, to name a few.

So, if you don't think you're a "gym" person, think again! If you join the right club, you'll enhance your fitness level and your overall quality of life! \blacklozenge

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in lown. Perhaps better known as a community for retired residents near Longwood Gardens, Kendal-Cross lands is now getting noticed for its accredited arboretum. The public is welcome to visit



and take a guided tour of the 500-acre campus filled with trails, mature woodland, water features, manicured gardens and over 400 labeled trees, all providing a native habitat for wildlife. See how the staff and residents sustain the Quaker tradition, traced back to William Penn, of protecting natural resources and educating the local communities about all things nature. Plan a trip to Kendal Arboretum to enjoy nature that nurtures. KCArboretum.org.



Fly for Pennies-a-Pound. Bring the youngest and oldest aviation fans to Heritage Field Airport in Pottstown. It's time to fly! Saturday, May 18th, and Sunday, May 19th, hop aboard a small airplane for just pennies-apound-minimum \$10, maximum \$30. Learn about all things aviation from the Eastern PA Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, a group established by 99 women pilots back in 1929, with Amelia Earhart as first president. Come share their passion for flying and take a ride in the sky! 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown. 610-495-7000; EPA99s.org.

Just a few things we thought you'd like to know for May

Wine & Design

Explore your inner artist while you enjoy your favorite bottle of wine. Recently opened Kennett Design is a social art studio that gives step-by-step instruction by local art-



ists to first-time painters or the more experienced on creating a personal masterpiece. Grab your friends, family and beverage and register for the Dirty Martini painting session, May 3rd, or Spring Beach painting, May 9th. Visit Kennett Design for details. 610-444-4400; Kennett-Design.com.

May Day or Mayday? When you hear "May Day" is your first thought the celebration of spring? So what's the deal with the other "mayday," the call for help? Having nothing to do with happy springtime, this urgent call comes from the French m'aidez, which literally means, "help me." Used by mariners and aviators, this one word,



repeated three times, signals grave danger and the need for assistance. So, entertain your friends this month with a little May trivia.



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Willistown Conservation Trust's Barns and BBQ May 11

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West Chester Restaurant Week May 9–16

Enjoy a seven-day celebration of the culinary scene in downtown West Chester. Each participating restaurant offers a special multi-course, fixed-price menu for lunch or

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Grand Prix Bike Weekend in Wilmington May 17–19

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May 29-June 23





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May 18

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May 24-27

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May 3-4

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May 16–18 Historic East Berlin Antiques Show. "Great

May 18

Country Show" with Americana dealers. Community Center, 401 North Ave., E. Berlin. Preview: Thurs, 5 to 8. \$14. Show: Fri, noon to 6; Sat, 9 to 3. \$7. 717-259-9866.

May 17-18

The Greater York Antique Show & Sale. Dealers of 18th- and 19th-century American and English furniture and more. Memorial Hall East, York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Ave., York. Fri, 10 to 6; Sat, 11 to 5. \$8-\$10. 717-872-2778; JimBurkAntiqueShows.net.

June 1

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Art & Craft Shows

See Gallery Round-Up in this issue.

Through May 4 Wayne Art Center Exhibit: "Reigning Cats & Dogs." Juried exhibition and sale of original works in a variety of media. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

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May 10-12 PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair.

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June 2

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May 1-September 25 Stroll, Shop, Dine – Dining Under the Stars in Media. Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. Plus entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

May 10

The New Philadelphia Wine Festival. Sample unique and high-end wines, perfectly fused with gourmet food from the region's best restaurants. Benefits The Children's Hospital of Phila. Lincoln Financial Field, SCA Club, One Lincoln Financial Field Way, Phila. \$75-\$250. 215-940-4605; Fine-WineAndGood-Spirits.com.



May 11

5th Annual BrewFest at Mount Hope. Music, food and all that is ale. Two sessions: 11 am to 3 pm and 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Benefits Central PA Food Bank. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the gate. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

May 25-26

The Great PA FlavorFest. Boasting the best that Pennsylvania has to offer in food, dining and entertainment. Twenty wineries provide complimentary samples of some of their most popular vintages, while food and craft vendors showcase their wares. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Free. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

May 31-June 9

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.

West Chester's "Up On the Roof." Live entertainment, delicious appetizers, light dining and desserts. Open bar offers beer, wine and





June 1

Longwood's Wine & Jazz Festival. Live jazz including the Branford Marsalis Quartet and Alfredo Rodriguez Trio, fine wines and local fresh fare. Longwood's glorious outdoor stage overlooking the picturesque meadow comes alive at this annual event. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$25-\$40. 12 to 5:30. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

June 8

Garage, West Chester. Benefits the beautification of the downtown area. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com

Equestrian Events

Be sure to see the Steeplechase and Devon articles in this issue.

May 23-June 2 Devon 2012 - The 117th Annual Devon Horse Show & Country Fair. This great outdoor horse show includes hunter, jumper, saddlebred horses, harness, coaching, junior and lead line classes. The Devon Country the famous Rooftop Martini. Chestnut Street Fair offers family fun with rides, games, great



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June-September Fridays and Sundays

Brandywine Polo. Spectators can picnic and tailgate at the grounds. On Friday, spend a relaxing evening under the stars with live music, polo, great regional wines and delicious food. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$25; Sun, at 3, \$10.

Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Phone, 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

Family Fun

Through August 31 Big Bugs Come to Morris Arboretum.

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



May 4 NatureFest at Hagley Museum & Library.

This family event is a learning opportunity for kids and encourages them to explore our environment. Kids can scale an oak tree using a climbing harness, explore a giant ant hill and more. 298 Buck Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 3. \$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

May 12

Wild About Moms, A Mother's Day Celebration at Brandywine Zoo. Moms enjoy a special day at the zoo, where you can learn about the Zoo's wild moms and what you do and don't have in common with them. The day includes a Mother's Day craft and activities. 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 10 to 3:45. \$5-\$7. 302-571-7747; BrandywineZoo.org.

May 12

Truck Zoo at Radnor Memorial Library. Family-friendly event where kids can climb in and experience fire engines, police cars, trucks and more. Story times, craft projects, entertainment, snacks. 114 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 1 to 4. Free. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

May 18

Delaware Center for Horticulture Family Workshop, "Grow Your Own Pizzo." Learn the secrets of keeping container gardens beautiful all summer and get great pizza recipes using plants from your garden. Designed for families with children ages 4 to 10. 1810 N. DuPont St., Wilmington. 10 am. \$28/family. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

May 19

Mother & Daughter Garden Party at Rock

Ford Plantation. Activities include a special tour of Rock Ford, delectable desserts and sweets, refreshments, games and a take-along craft activity. Girls age 5 and up are invited with their moms, grandmoms or other special women in their lives. 881 Rock Ford Rd., Lancaster. 1 to 3 pm. \$5-\$15. Reservations, 717-392-7223; RockFordPlantation.org.

June 6–September 5

Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester. Great food, live music, clowns and more. Gay St., the first Thurs. of the month. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; Downtown-WestChester.com.

Local Farm Markets

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

Coatesville Farmers Mkt., Rts. 30 & 82, Gateway Park. May 11–Oct. 26, Sat, 10 to 2. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

Collegeville Farmers Mkt., DaVinci's Pub lot, 217 E. Main St. May 4-Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmers Market.org.

East Goshen Farmers Mkt., E. Goshen Park, 1580 Paoli Pk., West Chester. Through Nov, Thurs, 3 to 7 pm. East-GoshenFarmersMarket.blogspot.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., downtown. May 3-Oct. 25, Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

Lititz Farmers Mkt., 8 N. Water St. May 11-Oct. 12, Sat. 8 to noon. 717-626-6332 LititzFarmersMarket.com.

Media Farmers Mkt., State St. b/w Monroe & Gavley. May 9–Noy. 14, Thurs, 3 to 7 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

New Garden Grower's Mkt., 8934 Gap Newport Pk. May 4–Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1 610-972-7194.

Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. June 5–Oct. 23, Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; PRC.org.

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts May 1-Oct. 30, Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

Phoenixville Farmers Mkt., under Gav St. Bridge accessed by Taylor Alley. May 4-Nov. 23, Sat. 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmers-Market.org.

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

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

West Grove Farmers Mkt., Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. May–Oct., Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveFarmers-Market.com.

Festivals, Fairs & Parades May 5

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta In Kennett Square. Authentic Mexican food, music, entertainment and children's activities. Noon to 5. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

May 13–18

Phoenixville Dogwood Festival. A commu-

nity festival and parade with lots of activities. May 18, Dogwood Parade, 1 pm. Reeves Park Bandshell, 2nd & Main Sts., Phoenixville. Mon-Fri, 6 to 10; Sat, noon to 10. 484-928-0052; PhoenixvilleDogwoodFestival.org.





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drums. Cypress St. and Mill Rd. 10 am. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

May 27

Media's Memorial Day Parade. The parade will travel State Street beginning at 10 am. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

May 27

Radnor Memorial Day Parade. The parade begins at the Radnor Financial Center on Rt. 30 and proceeds west. Radnor Fire Company will have a refreshment stand in front the fire house. 9:45 am. RadnorMemorialDay.org.

May 30-June 2

. Hospital's Brandywine 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 11; Sun, noon to 6. Benefits the Coatesville Youth Initiative. 610-380-9080; BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.

June 1

Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with vendors, games, an outdoor market, tours of historic sites and private properties. Square Tavern Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. \$6. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.



June 2 Malvern Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day. Activities begin at Monument Park, Warren Ave., at 8:45 am with a kids fun run. Starts at 1:30. MalvernMemorialParade.com.

June 2

Super Sunday in Downtown West Chester.

A huge street festival with children's crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands and artisans. Gay St., from Matlack to Darlington St., and High St., from Chestnut to Market Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.

June 4–8

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.

Fundraising

May 3

"Night at the Races" Benefit for the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. A preparty event for the Kentucky Derby, guests will be served complimentary Mint Juleps and hors d'oeuvres as they try their hand at pari-mutuel betting and bid on auction items. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. 7 to 11 pm. \$125. 610-431-3546; DVCCC.com.

May 12

HomeAID for Africa Mother's Day Tea. Treat Mom to an old-fashioned tea party and let her choose a hand-crafted gift such as a painted silk scarf, earrings or note cards. Benefits mothers and children in Africa. West Chester Meeting House, 425 High St., West Chester. 2 & 4 pm. \$10-\$65. 610-399-0823; HomeAidForAfrica.org.

May 18

Community Arts Center's Super 65 Birthday Gala. Enjoy an evening of live jazz, dancing (and dance lessons), food, a pop-up art exhibit and auction, and lots of fun. Benefits the Center. Duke Gallery, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. \$65-\$75. 7:30 to 11. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

May 18-19 Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Hosts

"Camp In For Kids' Cancer." Spend the night at the home field of the Philadelphia Eagles, meet members of the team, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium and play catch on the field. Lincoln Financial Field, 1020 Pattison Ave., Philadelphia. \$75-\$150. 610-649-3034; AlexsLemonade.org.

Gardens & Plant Sales

See Home & Garden Tours in this issue.

In Towns & Burroughs . . .

May 3, June 7

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

May 11, June 8

ArtsCouncil.org.

Museums

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

Ongoing Chester County Historical Society.

Ongoing, "On The Edge of Battle: Chester County and The Civil War." 225 N. High St. Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

Ongoing

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

Through May 19

Demuth Museum Exhibit "A Formal Realist: The Works of John Dubrow." The exhibit surveys urban scenes, landscapes made during travels abroad and self-portraits from throughout Dubrow's career. 120 E. King St.,



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May 31 Delaware Art Museum Presents "Art is After Dark" Friday Night Event Series—Art is Social. Beer and wine tastings, music, art activities and pose for a caricature as the museum stays open late. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 8 to 11 pm. \$5; \$4 beers and glasses of wine. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

Music, Dance & Live Shows

May 3–5

Brandywine Ballet-The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. The timeless story about the power of friendship and family with world premiere choreography by resident choreographer, Nancy Page. West Chester Univ., Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri, 10 am; Sat, 4 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$25-\$40. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.

May 5

Delaware County Symphony Concert. "Homeland" featuring the music of Janacek, Carpenter and Respighi. Neumann Univ., Meagher Theater, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-356-5673; DCSMusic.org.

May 9

Brandywine River Museum Presents "Music on the Brandywine." Violinist Ayane Kozasa and Michael Djupstrom from Astral Artists perform. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 7:30. \$20-\$25. Full bar and light refreshments available for purchase. 610-388-8326; www.Brandywine-Museum.org.

May 10

Vox Ama Deus-Beethoven Gala. The Ama Deus Ensemble with soloists, Valentin Radu (piano), Julie-Ann Green (soprano), Kevin Deas (bass). The Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater, Broad & Spruce St., Phila. 8 pm. \$70. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

May 11

Chester County Choral Society. A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms, featuring a chamber orchestra, Dennis Elwell, organist, and soloists Carole Latimer, soprano and Jeryl Metzler, baritone. Directed by Gary Garletts and accompanied by Ann Marie Ellis. Church of the Good Samaritan, 212

W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. 7:30 pm. \$5-\$15. ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org.

June 1 Longwood's Wine & Jazz Festival. See Eat, Drink and Be Merry.

Outdoor Activities

Through May 31

Schuylkill Scrub. The goal is to clean as many miles of road, stream and parkland, to help prevent trash from making its way into our drinking water sources and keep our land clean, litter-free and beautiful. To sign up, 484-288-0536; SchuylkillScrub.org.

May 4

18th Annual Trout Rodeo. Ponds will be stocked with 12 to 24-inch trout. Tagged fish, bait and fishing supplies, a raffle, prizes and more. Benefits Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut St. 8 to 4. Tickets at Buck's Hunting, 809 Gap-Newport Pk., Avondale. 610-444-0792; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

May 4

Justice4PAKids 5K Run and 1 Mi. Fun Run/ Walk. Come out for a great cause. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, t-shirts for all and free refreshments. Chester County Trail, 140 Church Farm La., Exton. 8 am. Justice4PAKids.com or RunCCRS.com.

May 4-5

Walk MS-Greater Delaware Valley Chapter. Eight sites in the extended area host a walk, including the Philadelphia Art Museum on May 4 and Devon Horse Show Grounds on May 5. Funds raised give hope to the 14,000 people living with MS in our chapter area. To register, WalkPaE.NationalMSSociety.org.

May 4-5

26th Annual MDA Ride For Life. Motorcycles roar through SE Pennsylvania to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc. SteelStacks/ Arts Quest Campus, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem. Sat, 1 pm; Sun, 10 am. 610-557-4403; MDARideForLife.org.

May 5

34th Annual Blue Cross Broad Street Run.

A 10-mile, point-to-point course that starts at Central High School Athletic Field at Broad St. and Somerville Ave. and finishes inside the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. 8:30 am. 215-683-3594; BroadStreetRun.com.

May 10-11

75th Dad Vail Regatta-Golden Jubilee. Known as the Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta, thousands of student athletes join in the largest collegiate rowing competition in the country. Schuylkill River, parking along Kelly Drive and in remote parking areas with shuttle service. 215-542-1443; DadVail.org.







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May 11

Kids Fishing Rodeo at Warwick County Park. Spend a beautiful spring day at the park fishing for trout. Co-sponsored by the Coventryville Trout Club. 191 County Park Rd., Pottstown. Registration, 8:15 am. \$5. 610-344-6414; Chesco.org/CCParks.

May 18

12th Annual Malvern Federal Savings Bank Berwyn Victory Run. Sponsored by the Veterans Assoc. of Easttown & Tredyffrin Twps. Race begins and ends at Johnson Park, Bridge & First Aves., Berwyn. Registration, 7:30 am; race, 8:30; Kids Fun Run, 9:15. BerwynVeteransMemorial.com.

June 1 Breakfast with the Birds at ChesLen Preserve.

Come out and listen to the dawn chorus, identifying birds by their calls. As the light starts to increase, head back to the Lenfest Center for breakfast beverages and treats. Wear sturdy walking shoes. 1199 Cannery Rd., Unionville. 5 to 7:30 am. \$10. Preregistration is required. 610-486-6288; NatLands.org/Cheslen.

June 1–7 15th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn. A 112-

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Theater

Through May 5

Memphis. Explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Sat-Sun, 2. \$70-\$85, 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

Through May 19

Mame. A classic musical with many favorites songs, including "Bosom Buddies" and "We Need A Little Christmas" starring Broadway's Andrea McCardle. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. \$27-\$49. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

Through May 25

Pinkalicious. The first area presentation of the Off-Broadway sensation about the girl who only likes things 'pink' and how it affects everyone around her. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Sat-Sun, 11 am. \$10-\$12. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

June 8-9

Menopouse The Musical, Hilarious musical parody celebrating women. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Sat, 3 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$47-\$67. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

Tours

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Telling Stories of Our Past West Chester's Historic Preservation Awards

Jane E. Dorchester

May is Preservation Month, with the theme See! Save! Celebrate! And West Chester has been doing just that.

receiving, saving and celebrating the past and enriching the Year Two future are goals of all historic preservation programs, and Started in 2011, the Historic Preservation Awards marked a suc-West Chester has done that well. The Pennsylvania Statecessful second year of the program with honorees in three awards wide Historic Preservation Plan found West Chester to be one of categories: Preservationist of the Year, Preservation Service and Pennsylvania's most successfully preserved towns, having managed, Bricks and Mortar, plus, for the first time, a Special Recognition

against all odds, to preserve most of its historic fabric and retain its historic character as a walkable borough of tree-shaded streets lined with dignified brick homes and businesses and stately stone churches.

The credit for taking the time to save our local architectural history goes to the Borough's business owners and residents who have worked tirelessly educating themselves, as well as elected officials and visitors, about the importance of preserving its historic character and the need to design compatible new con-



Awards Committee Chair



Dr. Walter Hipple Preservationist of the Year

Award was presented. It's worth a walk around West Chester to view some of these special contributions to our community.

And the Winners ...

The 2012 Preservationist of the Year Award went to Dr. Walter Hipple, recognized for "his consistent and valuable efforts to preserve both the character and the history ... of West Chester through his long service as Chairman of the His-

torical and Architectural Review Board and as coordinator and guide for the West Chester Town Tour," among other contributions.







Rehabilitation of former Rubenstein's Store and Steele's Cigar Shop preserved the feel of this commercial building.





An invaluable research resource, Dr. Jim Jones' Made in West Chester: The History of Industry In West Chester, Pennsylvania, 1867 to 1945 was chosen for a Preservation Service Award based on the breadth of research documenting the industrial growth of West Chester. This work enhances our understanding of this little known aspect of local history and provides an invaluable resource for the future.

Friends of Everhart Park was presented with the first Special Recognition Award for this volunteer group's valuable efforts over the last 23 years in preserving, restoring and improving the historic architectural and landscape features of Everhart Park, the Borough's second oldest park.

Five Bricks & Mortar Awards

recognized construction projects of exceptional quality with a positive impact on preserving West Chester's historic fabric and character. The winners were:

Colonel Henry Guss Mansion Property, 103 Dean Street, won for the owners' sustained efforts to repair and maintain the significant architectural features of this historic house and for the sensitive design of a compatible new garage. This project reminds us that maintaining the historic fabric with historically appropriate materials is the best preservation practice.

New Garage behind 334 West

Miner Street, on Hemlock Alley, was recognized as an excellent example of how the design of a modern building can be

based on historical precedent without being slavish to it. The garage's design harkens back to late Victorian carriage houses without pretending to be one.

Frens House, 511 West Miner Street, won for the superb rehabilitation of this 1887 T. Roney Williamson-designed house. A complete restoration of the exterior addressed the need for more usable interior space, including an extensive repainting of the exterior and a new, compatible kitchen addition.

C. 1835 Building at 152-154 West Gay Street was selected as an example of how historic buildings can be incorporated into and enhance modern development plans, thus preserving West Chester's streetscape. The preservation was accomplished by wrapping the new building around the old on two sides, without breaking through party walls.

Former Rubenstein's Store and Steele's Cigar Shop, 38-40 East Market Street, is an excellent example of rehabilitating an important historic commercial building, which became a restaurant with apartments above, with little loss of historic fabric. This was accomplished by using both Federal tax credits and Federal guidelines for best preservation practices.

Help With Year Three

The third annual Historic Preservation Awards will accept nominations until June 14. Winners will be announced in July, with an Awards Ceremony, October 22.

Please become part of this important effort to recognize projects that have enhanced West Chester's historic character by submitting a nomination! \blacklozenge

Get nomination forms and rules at the West Chester BID office and online at DowntownWestChester.com Photos by Philip E. Yocum



Festival









Weekend in Wayne

Matt Freeman

There's much to enjoy at this crossroads on the Main Line.

lot like many of the other towns on the Main Linepleasantly prosperous places where upscale boutiques, cozy cafés and trendy dining spots roll by in a seemingly unbroken middle," she says. rhythm all the way to the Philadelphia city line.

But if you pull the car over, get out and start strolling, you'll find that Wayne has a real sense of place and a personality that indeed accommodates the upscale vendors of the finer things in life but also offers a fun, quirky, casual and welcoming air.

Main Line Crossroads

The crossroads of Wayne and Lancaster Avenues is the heart of the community, and that's no accident, according

f seen only through a car window, Wayne may look a to Diane Jiorle, President of the Wayne Business Association. The town was actually one of the first planned communities, and "was founded with the crossroads in the

> To this day, you can stand in that intersection and see much of the downtown's strollable area. But for all its sense of place, Wayne had something of an identity crisis in its early years. Originally a railroad stop called Cleaver's Landing, Wayne got a new name in 1864, when a banker named J.H. Askin started purchasing almost 300 acres to create a planned community called "Louella" after his daughters Louisa and Ella.

In 1880 Askin sold the land to two new investors, A. J. Drexel and G. W. Childs, who renamed the community sophisticated as any in the region, located in the extensively renovated Tudor Revival Wayne Hotel. (It's located near the crossroads of Wayne and Lancaster Avenues, and don't worry, with its striking half-timbering you won't miss it.) If you're after Asian cuisine—Chinese and Japanese— Margaret Kuo's is just a block away.

More casual dining is easy to find as well. Locavores have the Wayne location of the White Dog Café, an easy stroll from the downtown area. Teresa's Café and Teresa's Next Door have Italian dishes on the café side and, on the Next Door side, a variety of ribs and chops meant to be washed down by a huge variety of topshelf beers from Belgium and anywhere







tone, and it's equally refreshing to find there are no televisions to be seen and, according to the menu, no plans to install any in the near future.

Other casual restaurants are clustered on North Wayne, just off Lancaster Avenue. Christopher's is family friendly; there's also Matador, with tapas and upscale Mexican food on one side of North Wayne Avenue, and Xilantro, with a similar regional emphasis, on the other. You'll find a surprising number of sandwich and pizza places all through the town, and for a casual bite and respite from walking, try the Gryphon Café.

Shopping

Lest anyone linger in doubt, there is plenty of upscale shopping to be found in





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Wayne. Suppose you've had lunch at the White Dog and shopping is next on the agenda. Just look both ways and cross Lancaster Ave. to visit Anthropologie, which got its start right in Wayne (and later spawned Terrain at Styer's for avid gardeners). Or walk a block to Antiquities for something Shops filled with options, see sidebar. unusual and beautiful for your home.

Walking in Wayne helps you realize there Weekend Stays are fun, quirky, and not-always-expensive places to visit, even on the Main Line. The Readers' Forum is an old-fashioned bookstore chockablock with stacks and shelves of actual, tangible books for sale. And you don't even have to go in to have good clean literary fun-the front windows are Hotel offers a package that include admispapered with first lines from a huge variety of classics, but no titles. The game is to recognize as many as you can before your companions do.

Me Mine you can pick out a piece of ceramic ware, paint it, get it fired and take it home. And at Painting with a Twist you can drink wine, listen to music, and create a painting with the help of a trained instructor in a fun, party atmosphere. "We joke that it's cheaper than therapy," says co-owner Robin Sweet.

If you still have the shopping bug, head east on Lancaster Ave. and discover chic boutiques like EAVES, on North Aberdeen, where former Anthropologie merchandiser Susan Ahn displays fashion-forward brands, or to the west you'll spot Eagle Village

You're welcome to make a weekend of it. There's more shopping and dining to discover, plus the neighborhood Anthony Wayne Theater for movies. You'll also find that Radnor Township has hiking trails, and Valley Forge Park is close by. The Wayne sion to Chanticleer, a charming public garden with 35 acres open to the public less than two miles south of town. Or stay in the elegant 1890s Arts & Crafts Victo-Got the urge to be creative? At Color rian Style Wayne B&B Inn, on a tranquil street just a few blocks from downtown.

And if you decide you like Wayne so much you want to live there, your options include luxury condos being developed at the Louella House at 102 Louella Avenue, J. H. Askin's Second Empire mansion.

But if you just want to visit occasionally, that's fine too, according to Jiorle,



A Village for Shopping

shopping at the more than two dozen charming shops at Eagle Village You'll find plenty of off-street parking along winding lanes through beautifully landscaped grounds that surround appealing earth-toned buildings in this oasis off Lancaster Avenue. If you've driven by before, make the time to stop

First developed in 1979 and transformed into an intimate, open-air shopping destination, Eagle Village is home to an exciting mix of distinctive fashion retailers. A few examples: the trendy boutique at Vivi G Shoes, the classic clothing store J. McLaughlin, dating back to 1879 Paris), a new addition, which moved from its long-time Ardmore location. Something sparkly? Visit the two jewelers on site.

something special for your home? Ten Little House Shop, which traces its history on the Main Line to 1939, has been a destination for generations for the right stationery, bridal registry, or perfect gift. Another long-term tenant of the Village, Interiors for the Home is an elegant home accessories bouto browse them all.

With personal service as a hallmark of Eagle Village, add a few more stops to your must-visit list. Gentlemen's Choice Barber Shop serves clients who want a more personal experience. For the ladies, The Village Salon features stylists, manicurists and a comnitment to satisfaction. You'll find more services at La Technique, a personal program using the ballet barre and nusic for a total body workout.

What's a village without food? Eagle /illage boasts three choices that attract a loyal following. For breakfast, lunch and dinner prepared with the freshest ngredients, the Silverspoon satisfies. Afternoon tea and light fare are the draw at a Taste of Britain. And Georges' s Chef Perrier's answer to casual stylshness and the perfect place for a quick bite or intimate meal.

You'll see it takes a village to comete your weekend in Wayne.



who says her business association organizes events to give people reasons to keep coming back. "We want to be a destination," she says.

If home is west, stop at the Lancaster County Farmer's Market on West Lancaster Avenue for provisions, or just pick up some French pastries for dessert at Aux Petits Delices in the heart of town.

Like Drexel and Childs promised so many years ago, Wayne still offers city delicacies in an easygoing suburban setting.

Spend a weekend or a leisurely afternoon and see for yourself. \blacklozenge



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Get to Know Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

There are many reasons to discover this springtime tradition. Here are the Top Ten.

Story by Mimi Killian, Photos by Alix Coleman

ave vou ever driven down Lancaster Avenue around the end of May? You're going along, up along that big blue wall in Devon.

What's with the traffic jam? Why is there a Ferris of families since 1896. wheel looming over the road? Why is everyone flocking There's so much going on for the eleven days of the Show, May 23–June 2, it's hard to know where to begin. So, whether to this corner of suburbia, parking everywhere, walking across Lancaster Avenue? Just what goes on behind that Devon is a spring family tradition or you're thinking of going behind the blue wall for the first time, we offer ... blue wall?

Well, that "what" is the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair! This beloved staple of the Philadelphia suburban L making good time and suddenly traffic backs spring time—now in its 117th year—has been attracting top equestrians in the country and entertaining generations



Top Ten Reasons to Go to Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

10. The Art Gallery at Devon – One of the finest exhibits of regional artists to be found! Over 500 original works in virtually every medium are for sale. Themes reflecting equestrian life and the bucolic settings of Chester Country predominate. Whether you're a seasoned collector, a beginner, or a browser, there's something to suit every taste and price point. See the article in this issue for more.

9. The Midway – Nothing is more thrilling than sitting high atop the Ferris wheel with a bird's-eye view of all that happens at the Show. Share childhood memories of carousels and cotton candy with your kids. Funnel cakes and Skeeball, fried Oreos and fresh-squeezed lemonade. Is there a better way to welcome summer?

8. People Watching – Olympic athletes, red-vested-bowler-hatted string band musicians, Main Line matriarchs, children wearing face paint (and ice cream), fashion-forward ladies in the most spectacular hats, doctors, lawyers and bankers,

celebrities (Bruce Springsteen comes to watch his daughter), soccer moms, students and the guy who looks just like his dog ... Yup, they're all at Devon.

7. Food – Devon offers a huge variety of food. Try the new "Farm to Table" offerings in the Garden Café, grab a bottle of wine and make it an occasion. Something a little more casual? Hamburgers, pizza, hot dogs, ice cream, fresh salads, fries, etc. ... all at Devon. Sample the Devon "tradition" foods—lemon sticks, fudge made according to the same recipe for generations, chicken salad and oysters, and the grande dame of Devon food, delectably delicate tea sandwiches!

6. Shopping – Devon attracts over 50 unique boutique vendors from around the region and the country. Spend a day strolling the grounds and trolling for treasures. Boutiques sell everything imaginable: clothing, leather goods, jewelry (lots with horses and foxes), gift items (also with horses and foxes), home décor items (with ...), tack, gourmet foods, riding clothes, shoes, sunglasses, toys, accessories, floral arrangements, antiques. The list and shopping go on and on!







5. Lodies' Day – One of the grand spectacles of Devon. Wednesday, May 29, begins with the Ladies' Day Hat competition at 10 a.m. Hundreds of lovely ladies enter the gates wearing the most elaborate millinery confections, both classically beautiful and uniquely creative. The oh-so-elegant Ladies' Day Tea follows, for mixing and mingling with fellow Ladies' Day devotees and the celebrity judges. This year's theme is Proper Toppers with prizes in three categories: Best Fascinator, Best Hat-to-Toe, Best of Devon.

4. Children's Day – Devon devotes the final Sunday, June 2, to two things, the Hunter Derby in the ring and kids at the Fair. Children's Day is also pony rides! Let the little guys dance to live, family-friendly music in the Picnic Grove. Not to be outdone by their mothers, kids can create their own chapeau for the Itty Bitty Hat Parade. Straw hats, bowlers and fedoras + feathers, beads, buttons and a glue gun = great fun! After the kids create their masterpieces, they pop on their toppers and show them off parading through the Fair.

A tip for Mom: bring the kids down for a day of fun, and when the show ends,





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Clockwise, top left: High-stepping Saddlebred, two-time Olympic gold medalist and Devon champion McLain Ward (on left), and Jessica Springsteen jumping at the Grand Prix.



take advantage of the Flower Sale. All the horses is inescapable. As the largest, and beautiful plants used during the Show are oldest, outdoor multi-breed show in the for sale at fantastic prices. Planters for the summer, done!

3. Souvenirs – At Devon, taking home a memory is so much more than a T-shirt. The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair offers an amazing array of stylishly appointed, collectable Devon merchandise. Along with a huge selection of shirts and caps to suit one and all, there's a dizzying mix of on-trend fashion items-totes, jewelry, accessories, barware, handbags and more. In fact, demand for all-things-Devon is so great that there's a new Souvenir annex, "Devon Kids-Future Champions" devoted entirely to children's items.

2. The Wells Fargo Grand Prix of Devon - This is the big one. Not only is it one of the most prestigious Show Jumping competitions in the *country*, it's one of the premier social events of spring. Tickets for Grandstand seating are snapped up as soon as they go on sale in April. Don't have a seat? Go anyway! You don't have to sit to experience the thrill of elite equestrian athletes racing their horses over five-foot-high fences. Be part of the crowd. Remember that people watching? It'll be an evening to remember, Thursday, May 30!

Horses, Horses & More Horses -Whether you know horses like your favorite pets, have a horse-crazy kid, or hav<mark>e an equ</mark>estrian IQ of zero, the lure of



country, Devon offers a unique opportunity to see these remarkable animals up close. World-class athlete Jumpers (and yes, they live like other world-class athletes); the cutest little Lead Line pony with its perfectly attired, pint-sized rider; majestic four-in-hand coaching teams; elegant Hunters and high stepping Saddlebreds and Hackneys ... they're all just a few feet in front of you.

When asked what makes Devon so special, the reason most often cited by the riders is this: It's the atmosphere; the enthusiasm of the crowds being right there, ringside, generating excitement that can only be found at Devon.

Oh, and one more thing-did you know that the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair is a nonprofit? Thanks to thousands of volunteers, Devon is Bryn Mawr Hospital's largest benefactor.

So why not venture behind the big blue wall? Join the fun and feel great! •

IF YOU GO

WHAT: The Devon Horse Show features hunters, jumpers and more. WHERE: Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon

WHEN: May 23 through June 2, gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5-\$10.

INFORMATION: DevonHorseShow.org,















Devon Horse Show Daily Schedule ∞ May 23 to June 2 ∞=

THURSDAY - May 23

Junior Weekend – Thursday through Sunday Family Day Specials on souvenirs, food and Midway rides.

Gold Ring – 7 a.m.

- * Pony Hunter Breeding
- ★ Best Young Pony
- * Leading Pony Breeder Handler Award ★ Pessoa/USEF Medal

Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

★ USEF Talent Search ★ WIHS Equitation Jumper

FRIDAY - May 24

The best Junior Riders in the country.

Dixon Oval - 7:30 a.m.

- ★ ASPCA Maclav
- * R.W. "Ronnie" Mutch Equitation Ch.
- ★ Junior Jumpers

* Large & Small Junior Hunters

Gold Ring – 8 a.m. ★ Small, Medium & Large Pony Hunters

Dixon Oval – 8 p.m. 🖈 Junior Jumper - Gambler's Choice

Junior Weekend's final day featuring Lead Line, Junior and Pony Hunters and the costumed Pony Hunt Teams. Top Junior riders compete for the Show Jumping Hall of Fame Junior Jumper Classic.

- * Best Child Rider on a Pony Award
- ★ Pony Hunt Teams

Dixon Oval - 7 p.m.

- ★ SJHOF Junior Jumper Classic
- ★ Jr. Jumper Championship
- ★ Horse Hunt Teams

SUNDAY - May 26

the day's events, followed by Pony Jumpers. Open Tandem Driving Class competes in the evening.

- * Special Awards & Mainstreamers

Dixon Oval - 6:30 p.m.

- ★ NAL Pony Jumper
- * Pony Jumpers & Adult Amateur Jumpers
- * Open Tandems

Dixon Oval - 8 a.m. ★ Hunter Classes

★ Scurry Driving * Adult Jumpers

★ NAL Adult Jumper Classic ★ Coaching

- ★ Best Tailgate Award
- * Pair Pony Driving

Family Day Specials on souvenirs, food and Midway rides. Guided back-barn tours, 3 to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

★ Hunter Classes ★ Open Unicorns

* 7- & 8-Year-Old Young Jumpers

* Coaching

🖈 Coach Horn

★ Open Jumper

★ Single Horse Scurry

🖈 Open Jumpers * Single Horse Driving

SATURDAY - May 25

Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

- ★ Small & Large Junior Hunters
- ★ Lead Line
- * Devon Grand Ir. Hunter Championship
- ★ Best Child Rider on a Horse Award

Gold Ring - 8 a.m.

- * Small, Medium & Large Pony Hunters

- 🖈 Parent & Child
- * Family Class

The Carriage Pleasure Drive is the highlight of

Dixon Oval - 1 p.m.

The Grand Prix at Devon.

- * Carriage Pleasure Drive
- ★ Pony Jumpers

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★ Leading Mare Award

* Leading Groom Award * Ladies Side Saddle

★ Hunter Classes

- ★ 7- & 8-Year-Old Hunters
- ★ Open Jumpers

- ★ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

★ Open Jumper

★ Roadster Ponv

* Ladies Side Saddle

★ PA Breeding Classes

* Best PA Bred Horse

★ Leading PA Handler

★ Best Yearling

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY - May 27

Dixon Oval - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY - May 28

Gold Ring - 9 a.m. * 5- & 6-Year-Old Young Jumpers Dixon Oval - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - May 29 Ladies Day

Ladies Dav at Devon! Ladies Side Saddle Classes and the Ladies Hat Contest.

Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

* Devon Grand Hunter Champion * Devon Leading Hunter Rider

Gold Ring - 9 a.m. Dixon Oval - 7 p.m.

* Hackneys, Friesians & Coaching

THURSDAY - May 30 Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

* Thoroughbred & Non-Thoroughbred

- ★ Best Young Horse * Leading Handler Award
- * Amateur Handler Award
- Gold Ring following Amateur Handler ★ Young Hunter Under Saddle

Dixon Oval - 4:15 p.m. . Devon at Sunset

- ★ Hackney & Friesians
- * Country Pleasure
- ★ Roadster Horse
- Dixon Oval 8 p.m. * * The Grand Prix of Devon * * ★ McDevitt Style Award
 - FRIDAY May 31

Amateur Owner Hunters & Jumpers, Local Hunters, American Saddlebreds, Hacknevs & Friesians.

Dixon Oval - 7:30 a.m.

* Amateur Owner Jumpers * Hackney/Harness Pony Pleasure * Country Pleasure, Jr. Exhibitor * Open Jumpers

Gold Ring - 8:30 a.m.

- ★ Local Hunters
- ★ A/O 3'3" Hunters

Dixon Oval – 7 p.m.

- * Open Jumper Gambler's Choice
- * Coaching & Coach Horn Competition
- * American Saddlebreds
- ★ Fine Harness Championship
- ★ Hackneys
- ★ Friesians
- * Saddlebred Show Pleasure Driving Champ.
- * Roadster Pony Championship

SATURDAY - June 1

Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

- * Amateur Owner Hunters
- ★ Park Horse Stake
- * Open Jumpers
- * Leading Open Jumper Rider

Gold Ring - 8:30 a.m.

★ Local Hunters & A/O 3'3" Hunters

Dixon Oval – 7 p.m.

- ★ Open Jumper Stake
- * Hackney Pony Championship
- * A/O Jumper SJHOF Classic
- * American Saddlebreds, Hackneys & Roadsters

SUNDAY – June 2

Children's Day Pony rides, Itty Bitty Hat Contest, live entertainment and more, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dixon Oval – 8 a.m.

★ Working Fox Hunter

Dixon Oval – 10 a.m. ★ \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby ♦

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DISCOVER THE ART AT DEVON And a special ten-year anniversary.

ne of the Top Ten Reasons to go to the Devon A perfect spot to enjoy a few moments surrounded by Horse Show and Country Fair is to visit the Art sketches, paintings and sculpture, the Gallery's popularity makes it one of the top grossing contributors to Bryn Mawr Gallery at Devon. (For the other nine reasons, just read Mimi Killian's article in this issue.) And there Hospital, the beneficiary of the Country Fair. are far more than ten reasons to check out what's new this **Celebrate at First Night** year at the Gallery, which just happens to be celebrating The night before the official opening of the Horse Show, ten years at its current location in a charming clapboard First Night at Devon is a festive launch to the show, which cottage, halfway between the Midway and the Dixon Oval. should be even bigger this Tenth Anniversary year. Guests And there's an extra-special party!

Tour the Gallery

The Gallery has become a magnet for artists, art lovers, view of the art, including the first look at the Devon Poster. collectors and browsers alike, who enjoy equestrian pieces, This year's poster artist is Genevieve Snyder, one of the Gallandscapes and fabulous art for all tastes and all budgets. lery's best selling artists, known for her beautiful foxhunting More than 500 pieces of art are for sale, from over 65 regional and national artists, showcasing works by Shawn and beagling paintings. Come enjoy the art and join the party! Faust, Robert Stack, Paul Scarborough, Tim Simboli, Elise Phillips, and Kathleen Friedenberg (pictured above with The Art Gallery is open May 23rd to June 2nd, 10 a.m. until closing of the show, around 10 p.m. For information, call 610-525-2533. her sculpture), among others.

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mingle with the artists, listen to Good as Gold, a strolling duet, and enjoy cocktails (including a special signature cocktail) and hors d'oeuvres, while being treated to a special pre-

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Art lovers rejoice! Spring brings with it the chance to experience more art and in more venues. Here are three events to highlight on your calendar so you can enjoy painting en plain air in Wayne, a tour of Chester County artists' studios, and West Chester's first Gallery Walk of the year.

Wayne's Fresh, Plein Air

For the seventh year, the Wayne Art Center is hosting its Plein Air Festival, when artists paint outside in the open air, following a tradition popularized by such artists as Monet and Renoir. At this May 6-10 Festival, more than 34 skilled plein air artists will gather to paint the inspiring landscape of our area. And, Friday morning, May 10, you can watch artists painting street scenes of downtown Wayne.

Sales and exhibits of the artwork will run May 11 through June 29. Attend the May 10th gala, or join the Plein Air Workshop, May 13-15. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3553; Wayne-PleinAir.org.

Local Studio Tour Returns

Meet 53 artists in 23 studios at this year's Chester County Studio Tour—that's double number from last year. You'll find familiar award-winning artists-Cheryl Decker-Sauder, Jeff Schaller, Timlyn Vaughanplus a new generation of artists, opening their studios to connect with the community and build on the new tradition.

This unique and intimate tour provides access to the artists and a clearer understanding of their stories and creative processes. Art lovers can download the tour map from the website, take a self-guided Tour.com.

Twice each year West Chester hosts Gallery Walk on a First Friday, so be sure to remember June 7th, when the streets, shops, galleries and even banks feature music, refreshments and, of course, art. Venues around town become impromptu art galleries with a wide range of art for sale or just for enjoyment.

As part of Gallery Walk, one of our favorite resident artists, Timlyn Vaughan, will be signing and showcasing his latest images at the Hotel Warner, on North High St., where over 30 of his pieces are on permanent display. You'll see his stunning scenes of West Chester, The Brandywine



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SPRING IS FOR STEEPLECHASE!

Grab your tailgate treats and best hat. Spring is here and it's steeplechase time again!

Elizabeth Tarr

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atch as the finest horses gallop past at blazing speeds, jumping over hurdles of timber and brush as they race around the course. Bring the family-and the dog-to enjoy some of the best vendors, kids corners, carriage parades, tailgating, and, of course, racing!

Join in this spring tradition with thousands of spectators for the excitement that is the 2013 steeplechase season!

More Than Just a Horserace

Steeplechasing is more than thoroughbreds jumping over hurdles and racing in circles. It's a sport that for hundreds of years has been known for celebrating the close relationship between horse and jockey. strength, stamina and speed to carry them over streams, hills and fences as they rode through the country. Today, the steeplechase races do all that, plus raise money for all from your seat at the finish line. local charities.

steeplechase racing has become a beloved tradition. Bringing together families, friends and strangers alike, these events celebrate the agility of the horses, the beauty of the horse racing begins! Enjoy a day of

countryside, and the fun of tailgating-all in one memorable day.

35th Winterthur Point-to-Point

Start the season off and celebrate 35 years of steeplechase racing and pageantry at Winterthur's Point-to-Point as the horses go racing on Cinco de Mayo this year. Join in this premier social event and festive race day activities for fans of all ages. Gather your little jockeys for stick horse races, pony rides and a scavenger hunt, followed by the country's largest antique carriage paradekeep a lookout for the Wells Fargo Stagecoach-with the beautiful former H.F. du Pont estate as a lush backdrop.

Before the races begin, pass by the Dog-Dating back to the mid-18th century in fish Head Anniversary tent where fine foods Ireland, riders depended on their horses' are paired with local ales and spirits. Then visit the Hunt Brunch hospitality tent, where you can enjoy an elegant luncheon featuring a catered menu and VIP parking,

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21st Willowdale Steeplechase

Start a new tradition this Mother's Day and bring your Mom to the Willowdale Steeplechase. Your family, friends and well-trained dog will enjoy this family-friendly event alongside 10,000 other spectators. Indulge in your favorite beverages and delicacies at the tailgates, then stroll the 190-acre property in hunt for a perfect view.

Treat Mom to a shopping spree at the many boutiques, then head over to activities for the young and the young-at-heart. Watch the Jack Russell Terrier races that always draw a crowd or the Pony races where the youngest of jockeys put on a show.

Reign in the kiddos and experience the excitement of the main event-the steeplechase races. The course at Willowdale takes an uphill approach to the fences-meaning more jumping—and there's even a water jump! The 12 -foot span jump with an 18-inch drop in elevation is the only one of its kind in the country.

As you take your leave, savor Mother's Day memories and a day well spent at Willowdale.

When: Sunday, May 12; gates open 10 a.m., first race 1:30 p.m.

Where: Located at Rts. 82 & 926; 101 E. Street first race 1:30 p.m. Rd., Kennett Square

Info: 610-444-1582; Willowdale.org *Tickets:* \$25 in advance, \$30 at gate; under 12 free. Tailgate \$175-450

Benefits: Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc. and The Univ. of Penn School of Veterinary Medicine New Bolton Center *Tip:* Come early to avoid traffic on country roads

83rd Radnor Hunt Races

The third steeplechase of the season has lots of charm. At Radnor Hunt Races, join 20,000 fans at this prestigious event, boasting big purses for winners, totalling \$180,000. Find a spot at the rail to watch six thrilling

races featuring horses hurdling over jumps and sprinting around turns, all surrounded by the rolling hills of the beautiful Chester County countryside.

Get there early and enjoy the lavish corporate tents, tailgating competitions and boxseat picnics. Or bring your own tea sandwiches, strawberries and cream-or something heartiersevered up on your best heirloom silver. There is every kind of tailgating going on here.

With its 83-year history of steeplechase racing,

Radnor Hunt Races is proud to have contributed over \$4 million to preservation programs of the Brandywine Conservancy, making this Race for Open Space an event with a mission. So find a view of the Jumbotron or a place

at the rail to watch some serious steeplechase racing. You'll be back next year.

When: Saturday, May 18; grounds open 10 a.m.; Where: Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern

Info: 610-647-4233; RadnorHuntRaces.org Tickets: Parking \$50/car includes all passengers. \$100-600/car railside parking available Benefits: Land and Water Preservation Programs at Brandywine Conservancy Tip: Advance ticket sales only



79th Fair Hill Races

Steeplechase season approaches the finish line at Fair Hill Races in Cecil County, Maryland, For some extra excitement, Fair Hill is the only steeplechase race in America with pari-mutuel wagering. Bring your lucky horseshoe and pick a winner before the races begin.

If wagering isn't your style, there are plenty of other activities to fill the day. Check out the vendors for shopping, a kids corner for the little ones, contests for the best tailgate and hat, music and even a tribute to our Veterans.

Join in with the 15,000 spectators as the races begin and the bets pay off. And celebrate the memories of another steeplechase season for Spring 2013.

When: Saturday, May 25; gates open 10 a.m.; post time 1 p.m. Where: Rts. 213 & 263, Cecil County, MD Info: 410-398-6565; FairHillRaces.org Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate, \$7.50 ages 5-17, 5 and under free Benefits: Union Hospital *Tip:* No pets allowed \blacklozenge



Jack Smith

ver since the invention of the combustion engine the automobile has told us as much about the public's tastes in fashion and trends as it has about transportation. This is especially so when it comes to that most enigmatic of vehicles, the Sport Utility Vehicle.

There was a time when the SUV was all utility and little sport, but that's no longer so. To see just how much the motoring paradigm has evolved, all you have to do is stop by the Main Line Land Rover Jaguar dealership in Wayne where, on a recent afternoon, a 2013 Range Rover Supercharged, gleaming in Santorini Black, is slowly ascending the narrow track that twists like a miniature roller coaster around its back lot. Towards the apex of its arc, the track tilts 38 degrees to the right before leading over a series of craters so deep the car's wheels lift off the ground, two at a time, then fall away as we head down a washboard slope that could give a mountain goat vertigo.

Lurching from side to side, I remind myself that the man at the wheel, Range Rover salesman, G. Tyler Bent, does this every day. "And I'm not even touching the brake or the gas," he says. "The car's Hill Mode Descent Control keeps the car under control at all times."

So saying, he rolls smoothly over a final obstacle before accelerating effortlessly onto Lancaster Avenue. On the road it feels as much in command as off. The new lightweight, all-aluminum body weighs in 700 pounds less than the model it replaces. With a 510-hp powerplant under the hood, acceleration from zero to 60 MPH would take all of five seconds if the other cars would just make way for us. At the same time driving becomes a more relaxing experience as a new dash configuration reduces the numbers of controls and gauges by 50 percent.

We admit, arriving back at the dealership, it is a remarkable fusion of ruggedness and sophistication. This model also costs some \$98,000, which raises one question: who really needs a car that can go anywhere—its suspension can be adjusted at the touch of a

dial for crossing the Sahara or the Arctic and it will wade through streams almost three feet deep-when the driver's plans include visiting no place more extreme than the neighborhood Starbucks?

Bent has heard it all before. For better or worse, no discussion of Range Rover is complete without mention of status, prestige and the "horsey set." And perhaps it's a coincidence that, besides Bent's role selling Range Rovers to affluent Main Liners, his daughter Ashley rides on the equestrian team at Goucher College in Baltimore, and his wife Lisa teaches riding at Reinbow's End Farm in Malvern. "A lot of people think people with horses are snobbish but the opposite is true; horses keep you grounded. Anyone who works around a stable all day has their feet on the ground."

Not to mention, they have to watch their step.

Bent's own equestrian experience goes as far as socializing at events like the Devon Horse Show, and here, too, the Range Rover excels. "It's great for tailgating and picnicking," he says. "The power-operated split tailgate opens like a giant clam shell. There's also a power outlet in the boot to keep things cold or hot.'

Given the famed British penchant for tradition-in the Helen Mirren movie "The Queen," the English monarch drives a vintage Land Rover Defender, a more Spartan version of the Range Rover-it's hard to say how the royal family has taken to the latest addition to the Land Rover family.

Dubbed the "Evoque" and priced from \$43,000, it's a 5-passenger luxury compact SUV offered in two bodystyles: the Coupe

and 5-Door. Both are powered by a new 240-hp, 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine with direct fuel injection. Standard features include a full fixed panoramic roof, power-lift gate,





19-inch aluminum wheels, leather upholstery, dual-zone climate control and pushbutton start.

While recognizable as a Range Rover, the Evoque's raked, avant garde lines are straight from the They'll-Get-Used-To-It school of design. "I was concerned it might not have enough pep," says Bent. "But for a four cylinder, it's got excellent performance."

But to experience the ultimate in luxury motoring, Bent recommends the Range Rover Autobiography, with niceties including a chrome grille, cargo space lined in teak, and-for those who can't bear to exit the car while tailgating—a laptop table for the rear seat. "It's the ultimate SUV," says Bent.

And fully decked out, it can be yours for \$154,000.

Range Rover is given to claims that it launched the SUV craze, but that honor goes to Chevrolet, whose first "ute" was built in 1933 to carry Depression Era workers to dams and farms. Today, for all Range Rover's éclat, GM dominates the big SUV market. You'd expect as much, perhaps, from a manufacturer whose lineup includes the Suburban, Yukon, Tahoe, Sierra, Avalanche, Equinox, Denali andfor those who like their utility with a dash of bling—Escalade.

In case you're wondering what the difference is between the base Chevy Suburban and Cadillac Escalade ESV, the answer is, almost \$20,000 (\$43,295 versus \$63,170) and 83 horsepower (320 for the Suburban versus 403 for the Escalade).

Otherwise, the big Chevy offers seating for eight (nice with the front bench seat), 4-wheel drive, and just about every option you can find on an Escalade or Range Rover.

Or, as Phil Weber, salesman at Del Chevrolet in Paoli explains, "The Suburban is made for the real world. It's a work horse, not a show horse. With a Suburban you're paying for features you'll use every day."

Especially useful—given the Suburban's size and its use for transporting pony clubbers and tack or for towing horse vans or boats-are such conveniences as the backup camera and blind zone alert.

But it's at events like the Winterthur Point-to-Point, Willowdale Steeplechase or Radnor Races that the Suburban's power lift gate comes into its own. "Some vehicles have tailgates that swing out to the side, which isn't much good for tailgating, or don't offer much cargo space when opened," says Weber. "The Suburban's lifts way up, out of the way, so you can use the cargo area as a table."

There's also a USB port for entertainment and a power outlet in the rear for keeping hot chocolate hot or gin and tonics



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iced. Should it rain or snow, the Suburban brings people together in a way few vehicles can do. "The tail gate gives you a roof to stand under," says Weber. ♦

Jack Smith has been a car buff since childhood, when his father designed auto bodies for Philadelphia's E. G. Budd Company. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Town & Country, GQ and the Robb Report, where he created the "Connoisseur at Large" column. He won three gold "Motos" for automotive travel writing.

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Founder Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969) developed an appreciation of nature that served as the basis for his life's work in 5105 Kennett Pk., (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 800-448-3883. Open Tues.-Sun., to enhance the natural setting, arranging them in color combi-

the garden. He selected the choicest plants from around the world 10 to 5, last tour tickets sold at 3:15. Closed most Mondays, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. General admission, \$5-\$18.









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May 3-4

Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market in Historic New Castle. Garden sale

featuring unusual plants, shrubs and herbs. Benefits the Garden Club. Market Square and at the Presbyterian Church, Christian Ed. Bldg., 2nd St., New Castle. Fri, 9 to 6; Sat, 9 to 3. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org.

May 4

66th Annual Wilmington Garden Day. A self-guided tour of the Brandywine Valley's most glorious gardens and gracious home

interiors. Rain or shine. Benefits children in need, specifically Friendship House, Inc. and St. Michael's School & Nursery. 10 to 4. \$30-\$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

May 4

Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum. If you're looking for hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals or herbs, this is the place! As always, you'll find a strong assortment of deer resistant plants. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

May 4-5

Plant Sale at Rushton Farm. Vegetable, flower and herb plants grown organically by Rushton Farm staff are offered for sale. Rushton Woods Preserve, Delchester Rd., just S of Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 9 to 3. WCTrust.org.

May 4-5

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Plant Sale.

One of the largest area plant sales, the arboretum has perennials, wildflowers, ferns, azaleas and more. Sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. 9 to 3. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

May 5

Scott Associates Garden Day. Tour gardens in the Media area to learn about the plant combinations other gardeners are using. Tour is followed by a reception at the Wister Center at Scott Arboretum, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. Tour, 1 to 5 p.m. \$15-\$25. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

May 5

17th Annual Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival. Vendors showcasing home

and garden merchandise, food courts, live entertainment, children's events, carousel, rock wall climbing, al fresco dining and more. Germantown Ave. will be closed to traffic. 11 to 5. Rain date, May 20. 215-247-6696; ChestnutHillPA.com.

Through May 26 Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.

Designers display their creativity in interior and landscape design at The Clement Doyle House in Doylestown. Mon-Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs-Fri, 10 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 6. \$25. Benefits Doylestown Hospital and the Village Improvement Assoc. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

May 9

74th Annual Herb Sale of Phila. Herb

Society of America. Thousands of herbs, including the Herb of the Year-Elderberryas well as unusual scented geraniums and salvias will be offered. Historic Yellow Springs, Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Gourmet herbal brunch, \$15, reservations only. 10 to 1. 610-970-5264; HSAPhiladelphia.org.

May 9-11

93rd Annual Wilmington Flower Market. Benefits nonprofit children's agencies in Delaware. Carnival rides, art, plants, gifts, live entertainment. Rockford Park in Wilmington. Daily, 10 to 7. Rain or shine. 302-995-5699; WilmingtonFlowerMarket.org.

May 10 5th Ánnual National Public Gardens Day.

A nationwide effort to raise awareness of our public gardens and the value they add to our communities. Many area gardens participate with events and activities, including Tyler Arboretum, Welkinweir, Chanticleer, Scott Arboretum and more. For a complete list, visit NationalPublicGardensDay.org.

May 10-11

26th Annual Landis Valley Museum Herb & Garden Faire. Stands of over 80 vendors of heirloom plants, roses, native and hard-tofind plants, annuals, perennials and art for the garden, spread over the historic village area. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 9 to 5. \$10. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

May 11-12

32nd Annual Brandywine Museum Wildflower, Native Plant & Seed Sale,

Hundreds of varieties for sale to benefit the Brandywine Conservancy's native plant gardens. Conservancy staff answer questions. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30. Free. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.



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May 12

Welkinweir's Mother's Day Tea & Azalea Bloom Walk. Grab your camera and stroll through the colorful flowering gardens, incredible azalea collection, and historic estate house at Welkinweir. Enjoy tea on the terrace while taking in the dramatic view. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. Adv. res. req. Seatings: 12:30 to 2; 2 to 4:30. \$21.50; 6-12 years, \$5.50; under 6, free. 610-469-7543; Welkinweir.org.

May 15

39th Shipley School Secret Gardens Tour. Tour gardens and enjoy a catered lunch, bou-

tique shopping and *plein air* art. Boutique and Art Gallery at lunch site, with seated buffetlunch, \$25 (res. req.). Box lunch, \$15. Tour, \$45.9 to 3.610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org/ SecretGardens.

May 18

Women's Civic League of North East, MD 6th Annual Secret Garden Tour. Enjoy a self-driving tour of eight private gardens in town and along the waterfront. 9 to 4. \$15-\$20. For tickets: 410-398-7058.

May 18

Chesapeake City House & Garden Tour. Private and public gardens, large and small, open for touring. All lovely examples of 19th-century gardens specific to this historic boating village. 10 to 4. \$10-\$12. 410-885-2330; ChesapeakeCity.com.

May 18

A Day In Old New Castle. The oldest home and garden tour in the country featuring strolls through carefully tended gardens, historic homes and public buildings,

plus antique cars, period music and dance and choral music. Free parking and shuttle from the First Baptist Church in New Castle (Rts. 141 & 273) to the Green in Old New Castle. 10 to 5. \$5-\$20. 877-496-9498; DIONC.ImmanuelEpiscopal.com.

May 18-19

Scott Arboretum's Unusual Tropicals & Annuals Sale. Create a tropical paradise in your backyard with plants from this sale. Experts on hand to answer questions and give demonstrations. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. Sat, noon to 3; Sun, 10 to 2. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

June 15-16

DE Center for Horticulture: Wilmington City Gardens People's Choice Tour. Selfguided tour of more than 50 gardens in the city, some of which are past winners in the City Gardens Contest. 1810 N. Dupont St., 10 to 3. \$10. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

June 1

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

June 1

Day. Homes this year are in the rolling hills of Unionville, some historic, others featuring unique design and décor. As always, local vendors will provide tastes, beverages and displaying flower arrangements





Annual Bayard Taylor Home & Garden

at the homes, while artists will be painting in the gardens. Lunch will be available at Foxfire Restaurant at the Stone Barn, 11 to 2. Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance, \$20. Benefits Bayard Taylor Memorial Library. 10 to 4. Tour, \$35. 610-444-2702; BayardTaylor.org.

June 1

New Hope Historical Society 20th Annual Garden Tour. Six private Bucks County gardens are on this self-guided tour. Benefits the Parry Mansion Museum in New Hope. Map, directions and description of gardens with ticket. 10 to 4. \$30. 215-862-5652; NewHopeHS.org.

June 7

Radnor Historical Society Garden Tour. Four unique gardens surrounding beautiful homes in Radnor and Tredyffrin Townships, including the garden and greenhouses of Mrs. Dorrance Hamilton on Strafford Ave. and the Victorian Garden at Wavne Bed and Breakfast. 1:30 to 5:30. Tickets \$10, res req. 610-688-2668; RadnorHistory.org.

June 7-9

30th Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party. This year's tour features several exclusive Lancaster locations, offering a variety of creative urban gardens and unique home interiors. The tour kicks off with the Demuth Garden Party on June 7, featuring live music, hors d'oeuvres and an art sale at The Conestoga House Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$15-\$18. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org. \blacklozenge



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Pony Clubbing, beagling or fox hunting are popular in a neighborhood with streets named Rabbit Run and Fox Chase. Watching visiting bald eagles, returning pairs of geese or a strolling fox adds to the appeal of this 2.5-acre

property bordered by Crum Creek and surrounded by larger parcels of land, including a 250-acre homestead, Rockhill Estate, to the north.

Belber-Built Family Home

Since 1939, Belber Builders has been known for quality construction of custom homes and craftsmanship in the details-hand-forged reproduction hardware, old paving bricks-producing the solid feel of buildings that last for centuries. The stucco-over-stone exterior in the hoof-print style (a few stones peek through the stucco), lets this Home of the Month blend into its environment.

The appeal of a classic Colonial family home is timeless. With five bedrooms, three full and two half-baths, formal living and dining rooms, library, family room, home office,



The Tour

Approaching on the flagstone walkway, past mature rhododendrons and climbing wisteria framing the side porch, you'll find a solid wood-pan-





breakfast room, screened porch, patio fireplaces with thoughtful upgrades



eled door opening to a gracious fover and convenient powder room. Here begin the random-width hardwood floors that run through most of the first floor. These beautiful floors have been waxed-not polyurethanedfor a warm patina.

Catching the afternoon sun and views of Crum Creek, the cozy wood-paneled library off the foyer is anchored by a deep fireplace with brick pavers and a distinctive coat-ofarms fireback, as unique as it is functional. Built-in bookshelves and cabinets make this space useful as well as a quiet refuge for an afternoon sherry by the fire.

The spacious living room, centered around another large, working fire-

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place, has views of Crum Creek and, when the windows are open, enjoys background burbling from the creek. A wall of built-in shelves provides the perfect space to showcase collections, now featuring the owners' 40-some teapots. Classic moldings and wain-



scoting details abound, including built-in bookshelves by the fireplace. A folding door separates the living from dining room, allowing the table to be set and cleared in private.

The dining room's wall of display shelves, mirroring those in the living room, and cabinets for linen and other storage, make it a well-appointed space conveniently located between

Features of the porch include oldpaver brick floor, carriage-style lamps, and beamed ceilings updated with skylights that bring light into this airy creek-side space leading to the patio. Views from the patio take in a magnificent 60-plus-foot tulip poplar, sugar maple, a pear tree (the owners are named Partridge, so ...), and a special tree with a beloved rope swing for crossing the creek.

With their sunny southern exposure, the county kitchen, hearth room and newer breakfast room are natural gathering spaces year-round. The kitchen renovation was hands-on by the owners, to preserve details like the Villeroy & Bosch tiles, recycled wood, and old paver brick floor and to add features like a granite island and updated appliances. The cozy adjacent hearth room has an oversized fireplace, with old cooking arm, a perfect spot for tea. The breakfast room has seven Pella Architectural Series Windows, creating a circle of sunlight year round.

A back hall, laundry room (with laundry chute from the second-floor), powder room and multi-purpose mudroom/gym complete the lower level. There's access to the lower level the kitchen and screened back porch. and partial basement, back stairs to the

family room, pull-down access to the attic, and entry to the over-sized garage (with room for two work benches) and adjacent storage room. Outside, a detached Quaker shed with room for two cars, plus storage for a wood pile, garden tools provides more space.

Second Floor

Five distinctive bedrooms and three baths fill the second floor. Although spacious, the master bedroom, with fireplace, ample closets and master bath with large Jacuzzi tub, could easily be expanded into the adjacent bedroom to create a stunning suite. Special details, like Sanderson English Rose wallpaper, built-ins or creek-views, make each bedroom unique. The layout allows privacy, with one bedroom perfectly situated for an au pair.

Above the garage is the large family room-once a playroom, now perfect for a media and music room (the piano stays). A convenient game closet and captain-style office (compact space with everything within arm's reach) with a view of Crum Creek add to the space.

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he sound of its name has super Italian vibes that just beg you to say it out loud. With feeling. "Pepperoncini Sotto!" And then repeat it, as we did, its personality and rhythm triggering those emphatic hand gestures that are drained at just the right time. so classic Italian. It made us smile.

So did the excellent dinner we enjoyed on a Sunday evening. The ambiance appeals and the food effectively repre-

We enthusiastically savored the Arugula Salad (\$11), sents contemporary, casual and classic themes. a large toss of baby greens with chick peas, thinly sliced Bold murals cover the walls of the stairs leading down to radishes as crisp as they get, lots of whole pistachios, sliced kalamata olives and quality parmigiana reggiano, lightly the restaurant located on the lower level of the Mainstay Inn in Phoenixville. They evoke old-country scenes and places, dressed with a perfect lemon rosemary vinaigrette. Our including the famous Blue Grotto in Capri, always a mood server, who described the menu well, suggested we try a local and personal favorite, the Puff Pastry Di Giorno (\$12). pleaser. The dining room is 21st-century bright with individual walls painted in solid happy colors—one vivid orange, It was the first time I'd experienced a puff-pastry appetizer another soft purple, and so on. The large bar is designed for in an Italian restaurant. Tasty meatballs, that day's special, a bustling party mood. were encased in puff pastry and served on a pool of fresh-Italian specialties abound, many familiar, others designed tomato marinara sauce.

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First on the salad menu: Chopped Salad My Way with pizzas with 'tude names like The Wise Guy and many smallvaried items, from imported pepperoni to tangy banana peppers, available for you to pick from. Also, mixed greens The success of their first Pepperoncini in Conshohocken salad, Caesar and portabella, all with the option of adding led owners Paul DiBona and Tom DeFruscio to launch this grilled chicken or shrimp.

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second spot in March 2011. Both are chefs, too, which assures that kitchen standards are maintained. They watch the pots, where house-made sauces get their glow and pasta water is

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Other appetizers included "coins" of fried mozzarella, baked clams, herb-crusted chicken wings, meatballs, fried calamari, shrimp Pepperoncini and steamed clams or mussels. Tomato-basil bisque is always available, along with a soup of the day.

The Main Event

Grilled Tuna (\$24), a special, hit all the high notes. The four-star steak, cooked rare as ordered, was perfectly matched with a sassy red-pepper sauce (no cream) that heightened its pure goodness. We loved our Italian entrée, too. *Steamed Mussels* (\$18) brought a heap of plump and fresh beauties on al dente linguini, every bit of it absorbing the delicious taste of the white wine sauce sprinkled with herbs. The dish illustrated how to do just enough with basic good ingredients, even when humble, and letting them shine by treating them with a light touch.

Other entrée options include veal Sinatra, the medallions, lump crab and artichoke hearts topped with diced tomatoes and fresh herbs. Also veal Corleone with prosciutto di parma, smoked mozzarella and wild mushroom marsala sauce; crab cakes with spicy roasted tomato aioli and broccoli risotto; spaghetti and meatballs; chicken involtini, the breast stuffed with goat cheese, roasted peppers, baby spinach, served with a garlic pan sauce; chicken parmigiana; and chicken San Nicola with shrimp and lump crab, sun-dried tomatoes and capers.

The variety of pasta dishes includes penne a la Luca Brasi with fresh Italian tuna and spicy hot peppers; award-winning tortelloni Sfatto with braised pork; Sophia Loren gnocchi, a signature dish, with spinach and roasted pine nuts in a port wine gorgonzola cream sauce; fivecheese eggplant parmigiana; and lobster ravioli with basil cream sauce.

We raised our long-stemmed red-wine glasses to toast Argentinian wine makers and our choice of *Zolo Malbec* (\$9), deep red, medium-bodied, smooth and fruity. Pepperoncini's wine list offers a broad selection of Italian and California wines and choice labels from other wine-producing areas.

A Sweet Finish

Ah, Tiramisu. Sigh. So many interpretations and imitations of the layered Italian classic that calls for lady fingers. So many adaptations just don't make it, too far removed from the original concept.

But many do even with high-quality substitutions for the lady fingers, which was the case with this heavenly creation, among the best of many tasted over the years. It was light, not too sweet, with a good balance of mascarpone, espresso and chocolate, including a dusting of cocoa powder.

Coppa Mascarpone looked so pretty in its stemmed glass container with layers of chocolate cream and mascarpone cream, topped with crumbled amaretto cookies and chocolate shavings. Each was \$7.50. Other desserts, presented on a tray, included wild strawberry cake, fruit tarts and cheesecake.



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Greens on the Go. Greener Part ners, a Malvern-based nonprofit connecting communities through food, farms and education, recently unveiled the Farm Explorer, a farm on wheels that's a



custom-built 24-foot trailer equipped with garden beds and a mobile kitchen. With a mission to educate about gardening and nutrition with a hands-on curriculum, Greener Partners visits communities from schools to senior centers, with programs like Seed to Snack and 1st Generation Farmers. Check out their CSA, PYO (pick your own), and Summer Camp activities. Greener Partners, 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. 610-584-6580; GreenerPartners.org/FarmExplorer.



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High Time for Teg.

To celebrate Hotel du Pont's centennial and Mother's Day, take Mom to Afternoon Tea at the Hotel, where you can sample the new Centennial Tea, Shangri-La, a pineapple-infused tea specially created for this historic year. The Centennial Tea Service includes other new Estate Teas from DuPont Estates in the Brandy-



wine Valley, such as Longwood (Peach Blossom), Winterthur (Harry's Favorite Earl Grey), Hagley (Gun Powder Mint), and Nemours (Strawberry Garden) teas. Enjoy sandwiches, scones, and pastries, too. \$28, daily, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Hotel du Pont, 11th & Market Sts., Wilmington. HotelDuPont.com.

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Easy Tailgating

Laura Muzzi Brennan

asy rests in the eye of the beholder. I suspect George Perrier's version of an easy tailgate or cocktail party bears little resemblance to mine.

When I think "easy," I think quick (20 minutes or less handson time), and I think minimal (ingredients from the grocery store; few or no special cooking tools). If I'm tailgating, I want no diva dishes: they can't go to pieces on the ride to the tailgate site, and they better not kick up a fuss about temperature. Lastly, I believe that hands-maybe a fork, definitely not a knife-should be the only utensils a guest needs to enjoy any dish.



Tea sandwiches meet all of these criteria. For years, these small bites have been mainstays at horse show tailgates because, says Debbie Heth, owner of A Taste of Britain in Wayne, they satisfy appetites of all ages. Heth offers a variety of flavors ranging from the classic cucumber and cream cheese fought over

children's menu. For Heth's

tea sandwich, see sidebar. Dips and spreads also

tips on crafting the perfect

make for an easy tailgate or

cocktail party. Experienced

by Oscar Wilde's characters, to peanut butter and marshmallow fluff, a popular choice on her shop's hosts advise striking a balance between dairy and non-dairy

Individual Frittatas from A Taste of Britain

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appetizers. It's a fact that few can resist cheese-based spreads such as the smoked fish and exotic mushroom versions from Kennett Square's Talula's Table. But bean dips like rustic cannellini beans puréed with garlic are equally delicious, quick to prepare and lower in fat. For a dash of fancy, offer guests pâté accompanied by cornichons, mustard and toast.



And what's a get-together without sweets? Cookies and bars work well; they require no utensils and are small enough so guests can sample a variety without getting filled up-or having to commit to just one kind. For brunch tailgates, serve mini scones or bite-sized pastries. Or to wow guests with a British original, try your hand at English flapjacks à la A Taste of Britain.

For the most no-fuss party of all, leave the cooking to a pro. Both A Taste of Britain and Talula's Table will supply the delicious fare. You place it on your own platters (or they will), and let the festivities begin. When someone compliments your Scotch eggs and sausage rolls or requests your recipes for onion marmalade and duck pâté, grin like the Cheshire Cat. Then raise your glass-or your teacup-and offer a toast to good friends and easy parties.





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Turkey with Cranberry Butter Tea Sandwiches

You might have some leftover cranberry butter, which can be kept in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Debbie Heth, of A Taste of Britain in Wayne, says it makes a delicious spread for many sandwiches, and is "divine" with a brie grilled cheese with apple slices.

1 C. dried sweetened cranberries ¹/₄ C. mayonnaise

1 stick (½ C.) butter, softened 1 loaf good quality sandwich bread

(Heth recommends Pepperidge Farm) ¹/₂ lb. high quality sliced smoked turkey breast (such as Boar's Head)

Make cranberry butter by blending cranberries and mayonnaise in a food processor until cranberries are finely chopped. Add softened butter to the mixture and pulse until well blended. Makes about 1 cup.

Spread softened cranberry butter onto 2 slices of bread. Sandwich 1-2 slices of turkey breast between the bread slices. Repeat with the rest of the loaf.

Stack sandwiches 4 high and use a very sharp serrated bread knife to cut the crusts from all sides.

Cut the crustless sandwiches in half diagonally, then again into quarters. Cut one at a time if you're more comfortable, or use a cookie cutter to make circles or shapes. Makes about 28 tea sandwiches.

Egg Salad Tea Sandwiches

When it comes to hard boiling eggs, everyone has a favorite method. Here's mine: Place eggs in a saucepan and cover completely with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer for 15 minutes for very firm yolks, 12-13 for softer yolks. Remove from heat. Rinse with cold water and allow to sit at room temperature for a half hour or more. Place in the refrigerator to cool completely. (I don't put warm eggs into the refrigerator to avoid heating up the other refrigerated foods.)

- 1 dozen eggs, hard boiled ¹/₂ C. mayonnaise 1-2 Tb. Dijon mustard
- Pinch of salt

¹/₂ C. snipped chives

28 slices good-quality sandwich bread 1/2-3/4 C. butter, softened

Peel eggs and pulse in a food processor until finely chopped. (You don't want a purée—just small pieces of egg.)

Combine eggs with mayonnaise, mustard, salt and chives. Spread bread slices with

Tea Sandwich Secrets from a Pro

Tea sandwiches suffer from an undeserved reputation for fussiness. Maybe we've watched too many English period dramas where dowagers nip at the delicate triangles while making mincemeat of each other. Maybe we mistrust any sandwich where the filling doesn't burst out the sides. But despite their restrained exteriors, tea sandwiches pack lots of flavor, travel well and appeal to eaters from 1 to 101.

Follow these tips from Debbie Heth, owner of A Taste of Britain, and you'll be Downton Abbey-bound in two shakes of a lamb's tail.

Choose the right bread. Start with a good quality sandwich loaf like Pepperidge Farm. Lesser quality breads may tear when you spread the filling. Avoid artisan bread with hearty flavor and texture that mask the filling's flavor. **Butter for a better texture.** Swipe a thin layer of butter on each slice of bread before you spread the filling. The butter creates a barrier between filling and bread, preventing the bread from becoming soggy. For sandwiches made with cream cheese-based fillings, skip the butter step.

Spread generously. Spread the filling to the ends of each slice of bread so flavor marks every bite.

Keep bread moist. Place a damp paper towel on top of the sandwiches and cover with plastic wrap. If using bakery boxes for the sandwiches, wrap plastic directly around the boxes.

thin layer of butter. Spread egg mixture on 14 slices of bread; top with remaining 14 slices. Cut crusts off with a sharp serrated bread knife. Cut into 4 triangles. Makes 56 tea sandwiches.

Crêpes with Mushroom Filling

Talula's Table showcases the pride of their town—Kennett Square mushrooms—in this appetizer. If you don't want to make the filling yourself, buy Exotic Local Mushroom Dip at the shop. Recipe courtesy of Chef Josh Behm.

For the crêpes: 1 C. milk 2 eggs, room temperature 2 Tb. sugar 1 Tb. salt 1½ C. all-purpose flour 2 Tb. melted butter Cooking spray

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For the mushroom filling:

2 lbs. of your favorite assortment of mushrooms, with stems, chopped Salt and pepper to taste Olive oil

- 2 shallots, minced
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme, stems removed
- 2 C. of your favorite spreadable cheese
- (fresh chevre, brie and ricotta)

To make the crêpes:

Mix milk and eggs together. In a separate bowl, mix sugar, salt and flour together. Add the dry ingredients to the milk and egg mixture. Incorporate well, then add butter. The batter's consistency should coat the back of a spoon. If it's too thick, add a little water.

Coat 8-inch fry pan with nonstick cooking spray. Heat on medium/medium high heat. Add 1/4 cup of batter, swirling to coat entire bottom. Cook until crêpe is firm enough to flip. Flip and cook until crêpe is firm. Cool crêpes slightly before filling.

Makes 12-16 crêpes.

To make mushroom filling:

Preheat oven to 400°. Toss mushrooms with salt and pepper. Roast for 15-20 minutes.

Coat the bottom of skillet with olive oil. Sauté shallots and thyme. Mix room temperature cheese with shallots and mushrooms.

Makes 3-4 C.

To assemble and serve:

Spread filling all over your pre-madecrêpe, and roll up into a cylinder.

Slice in half for an entrée or slice into bite-size pinwheels for hors d'oeuvre.

Individual Spinach and **Goat Cheese Frittatas**

What's nice about these frittatas is that they can be made ahead of time, wrapped and stored in the refrigerator for up to four days. Don't freeze them, as doing so changes the texture. Debbie Heth suggests varying the fillings: bacon and Swiss cheese; tomato, basil and mozzarella; mushrooms and gruyere.

- 8 eggs
- 1 C. heavy cream 1 C. whole milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. white pepper
- 2 C. fresh baby spinach, roughly chopped, or 1 sm pkg frozen, chopped spinach, thawed/squeezed (remove water)
- 4 oz. crumbled goat cheese

Heat oven to 350°. Spray a 12-muffin tin well with cooking spray.

Whisk eggs, cream, milk, salt and pepper until frothy. Sprinkle spinach and goat cheese into muffin tins. Fill each tin to the top with egg mixture.

Bake for 20 minutes or until center is firm and tops begin to get golden brown spots.

Let cool completely in pan. Run a knife around the sides of each frittata, turn pan upside down, and tap gently to remove frittatas. Store in the refrigerator. Serve at room temperature.

Makes 12 servings.

Garlicky White Bean Dip

2, 15-oz. cans cannellini beans 2 Tb. olive oil 4-6 cloves garlic, peeled, roughly chopped

1 C. Italian parsley, mostly leaves Pinch of salt Juice from 1¹/₂-2 lemons

Rinse the cannellini beans well and place them in a food processor.

Heat the olive oil in a small skillet over medium-high heat and add garlic. Cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute. (You are trying to release the flavor, but don't worry if the garlic gets a little brown.)

Add garlic and oil, parsley and salt to food processor. Add juice of 11/2 lemons. Purée until just smooth. Taste. Add remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon juice and more salt if desired. Serve with pita chips or crudite. Makes 2 cups.

Grape Salsa Heaven

My friend Rachel adapted this recipe from Sara Forte's The Sprouted Kitchen. Forte serves the salsa on crostini, spread with goat cheese. Rachel spoons it into small tortilla "cups." Either way, this colorful, healthy appetizer works well for a casual get-together. Leftover salsa tastes great on fish tacos.

- C. cold seedless grapes, a combo of colors looks lovely
- 1/4-1/2 C. medium, red onion, very finely chopped
- 1 small bunch cilantro, chopped

1 Tb. apple cider vinegar Zest and juice of 1 lime 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil Sea salt and pepper, to taste

Ground chipotle, to taste Cut grapes in half or quarters, if they're

large. Mix in onion, cilantro, vinegar, lime zest and juice. Combine well. Mix in olive

Sushi for Kids of All Ages

I don't talk trash about chicken fingers, nor am I immune to the wonder of Nutella tea sandwiches and pigs in the blanket. But if you want to give the kids at your party something a little different, try these Japanese rice rolls Think California rolls without the filling or spicy tuna rolls sans tuna and spicy. You can tuck matchstick carrots or avocado pieces into the rolls, but my kids and their friends like the unadorned version better. And they love helping me make them too

Japanese Rice Rolls

1 C. sushi rice

- 1¼ C. water 3 Tb. unseasoned rice vinegar plus
- 4 Tb. for dipping sauce
- 1/2 tsp. kosher or sea salt
- 1 Tb. sugar
- 5 pieces sushi nori (seaweed sheets)*

1/4 C. soy sauce

*available at many grocery stores, including Whole Foods

Place sushi rice in a fine mesh sieve and rinse under running water for 1 minute, swishing it with your hands so all the grains get rinsed.

Combine rice and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer. cover and cook for 15 minutes. Off heat, keep pot covered and let sit for 10 minutes until all water is absorbed.

Whisk together 3 Tb. vinegar, salt and sugar. Mix into fully cooked sushi rice. Fill a bowl with water for dipping hands working with rice is a sticky business!). Place one sheet of nori, shiny side down, on a cutting board or non-stick baking mat. With the back of a spatula. spread a 1/2 C. rice on the bottom half of the nori sheet, making sure to spread it all the way to the sides. Spread about 1 Tb. rice horizontally across the top 1 inch of the nori. (See photo.) This rice serves as the glue to hold the roll together. Roll from bottom, creating a cylinder. With a sharp serrated knife, cut the cylinder into six 1-inch pieces. (Note: Don't cut on the non-stick baking mat.) Repeat with remaining nori and rice.

For dipping sauce: combine ½ C. soy sauce with 4 Tb. rice vinegar. Makes 30 pieces



oil. Season to taste with salt, pepper and chipotle. (Note: Sprinkle the chipotle a little at a time and taste after each sprinkle, as its smoky flavor can overwhelm the salsa. Also, the onion becomes stronger the longer it sits.)

Makes 4 cups.

Jam Crumb Bars

Flour quantities are given in both ounces and cups because most professional bakers and pastry chefs consider weight rather than volume a more accurate measure of dry ingredients. Recipe courtesy of Chef Claire Twesten at Talula's Table.

15 oz. / 2 C. almond flour

20 oz. / 4 C. all-purpose flour

- 1¹/₂ C. sugar
- ¹/₂ tsp. salt
- 1 lb. chilled butter, cut into 1" cubes

2 C. of your favorite jam

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Mix all the dry ingredients in a mixer fitted with paddle attachment. Slowly add cubes of cold butter. Mix until the crumbs are pea-sized.

Take half the crumb mixture and press into bottom of a half-sheet pan. Bake





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 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. brown sugar ¹/₄ C. golden syrup* 3 C. rolled oats ¹/₈ tsp. salt

1 Tb. sunflower seeds 1 Tb. pumpkin seeds

3 Tb. sliced almonds

Makes 16 bars.

bottom cool slightly.

No relation to American pancakes, English flapjacks are a traditional bar cookie with a chewy texture made with oatmeal and golden syrup. This version includes nuts and seeds for added interest, but you can skip those or swap for raisins. Says Debbie Heth, who shared this recipe, "In England, these wouldn't be at a formal tea, but they might be at a casual tea or eaten as a nice snack after school or work."

for 10 minutes until lightly golden. Let

Spread jam ¹/₄-inch thick along the crust. Sprinkle the rest of crumbs all over jam. Bake for an additional 15 minutes, again until light golden. Cool, cut and enjoy!

English Flapjacks

1¹/₂ sticks (³/₄ C.) butter

*Golden syrup can be found at many English specialty stores, or you can substitute dark corn syrup. Regular rolled oats give a better texture than quick-cooking oats, but both work fine.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Lightly grease a 9-inch square pan. Combine butter, brown sugar and golden syrup in a heavy saucepan and melt over medium-low heat until sugar is completely dissolved, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat and stir in the remainder of ingredients until well combined. Turn the mixture into the prepared pan. Press into the pan with the back of a wooden spoon. Bake 20 minutes.

Allow to cool for 5 minutes and then cut into 1" x 2" fingers. Allow to cool completely before removing from the pan. Store in an airtight container.

Makes about 36 small bars.

Country Duck Pâté

Even the word "pâté" connotes luxury and richness. This recipe from Chef Josh Behm at Talula's Table does not fit into the easy cat-



egory, but it takes honors in the delicious one. Try it when you're in the mood for a challenge. Never in that mood? Drop by Talula's Table and purchase some for your next party.

2 lbs. brown sugar

3 Tb. salt

- 1 Tb. fennel seed, toasted and ground
- 1 Tb. allspice, toasted and ground 1 Tb. black pepper, toasted and ground
- 6 raw skinless, boneless duck breasts, about 8 oz. each
- 3-4 eggs
- 12 thin-to-medium slices country ham

Mix dry ingredients together to make the cure. Coat duck breasts with cure and refrigerate, covered, for 3 days.

Preheat oven to 275°. Brush off the cure. Grind the cured duck breasts in a food grinder.

yolks aside for another use. In a mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, mix together egg whites (1/2 C.) and meat.

Line terrine mold with plastic wrap allowing for plenty of excess plastic wrap over the sides (or use a loaf pan and fill it halfway with the mixture.)

Line the terrine mold with country ham. Add duck mixture to the inside of the mold. Fold over the ham so the entire duck mixture is covered. Fold the plastic wrap over so it covers the ham. (This ensures the pâté will not stick in mold.)

Cover the terrine with a lid or foil. Bake for about 11/2 hours in a shallow pan filled with water coming up to the halfway point of the terrine mold. Internal temperature should be 155° (no need to pull off foil; just pierce thermometer through).

Allow the terrine to cool in the pan of water until mold is cool enough to handle. Remove lid.

Place a skinny plate or plastic wrap Separate egg whites from yolks. Set directly onto cooked pâté. Then, place weights on top (a gallon of milk, canned goods, brick, etc.). Weigh down pâté overnight in the refrigerator. (This



The next day, flip pâté out of mold onto cutting board. Slice and enjoy.

Pâté is good for up to 2 weeks if stored in airtight container in the refrigerator.

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