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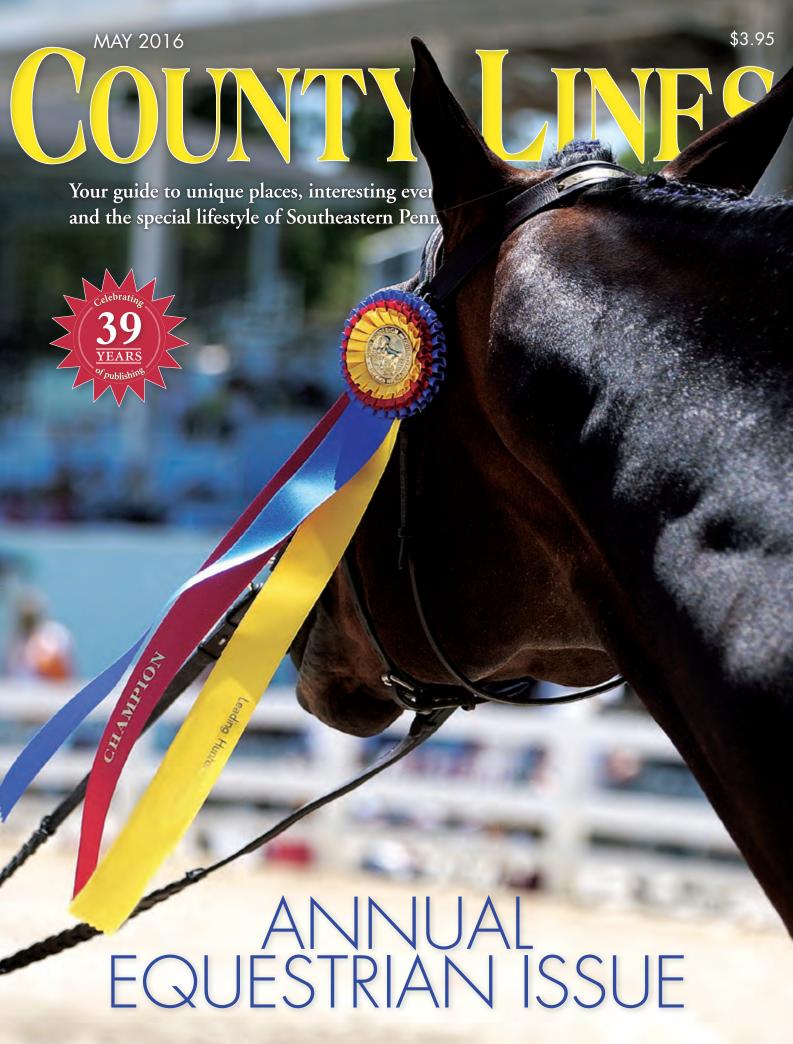
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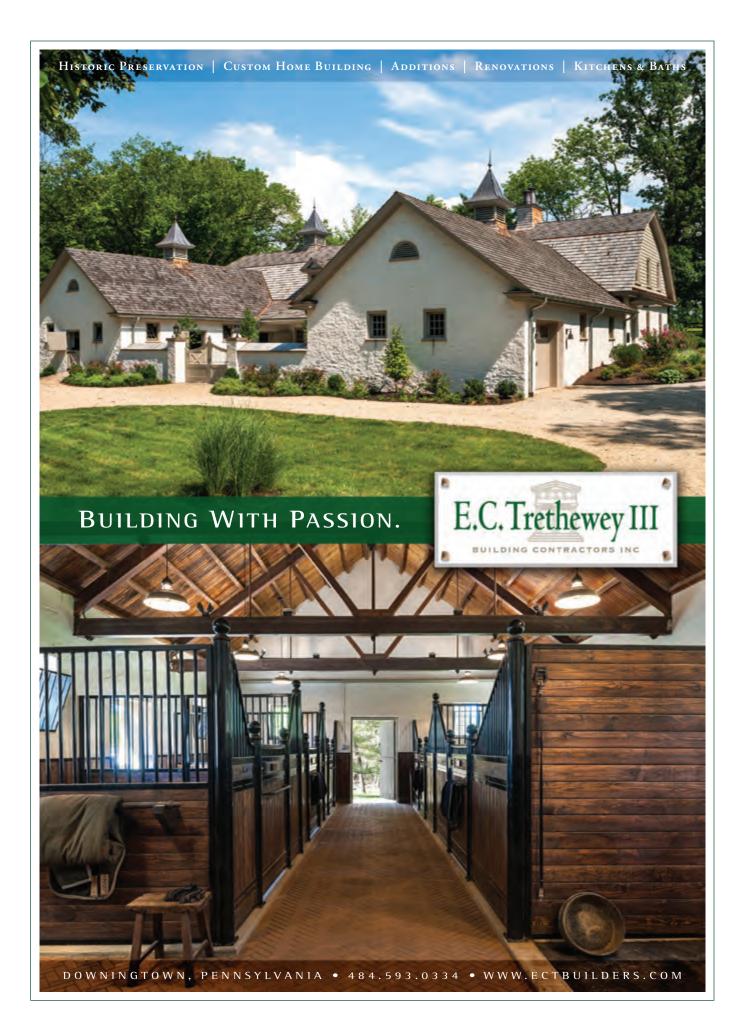
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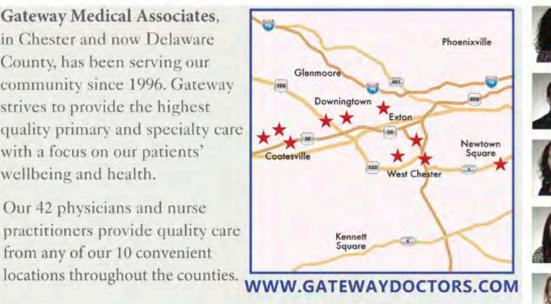


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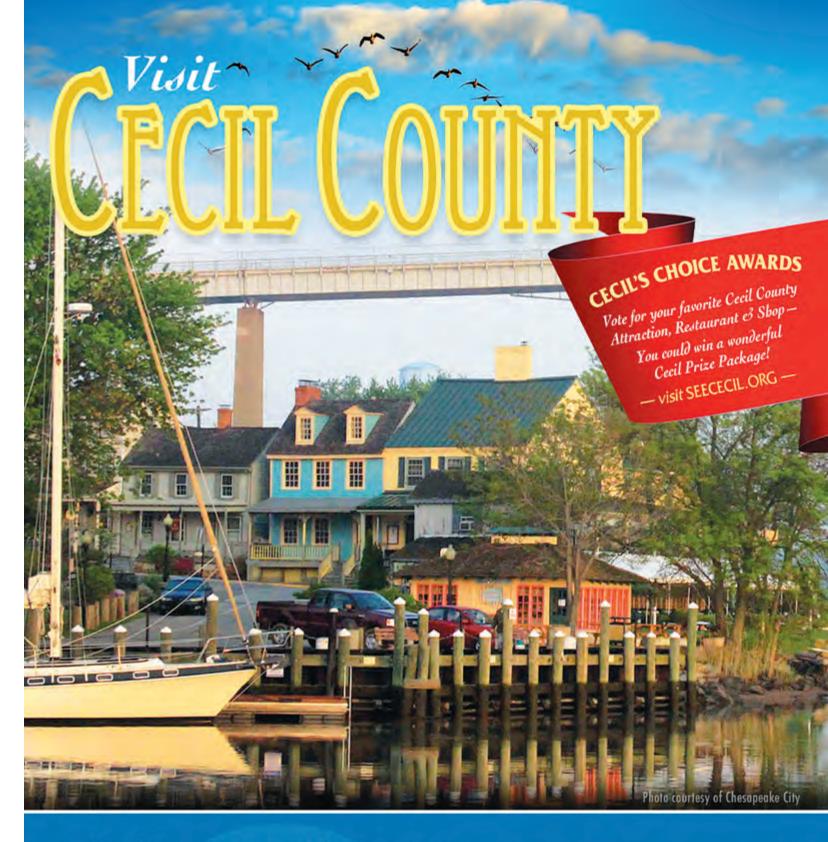
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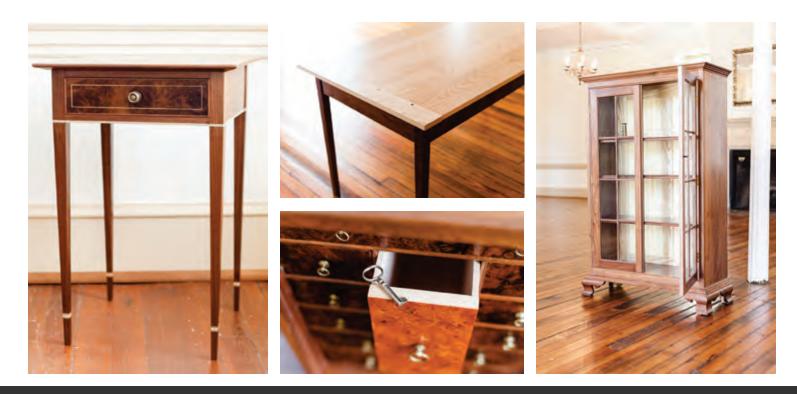








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Ah, May ... Everything is blooming in *County Lines* Country! Gardens are ablaze, events fill the calendar, and equestrian season has arrived!

We mark the 120th anniversary of the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair with a look back at this grand tradition—using archival photos, a short history, and Alix Coleman's gorgeous photos that show why the tradition continues. You can tear out our handy daily schedule to take with you to the Horse Show.

For more equestrian excitement every weekend, read "May is Steeplechase Time," where Etta Griffin describes the distinctive pleasures at Winterthur, Willowdale, Radnor Hunt and Fair Hill—riveting races, fine foods, upscale boutiques, carriage parades, tailgating and fun for the whole family. All fundraisers for good causes.

Dreaming of owning an equestrian paradise? Our Home of the Month property, Whitewall Farm in Honey Brook, has a 27-stall barn, 17 fenced pastures, indoor and outdoor arenas, plus a home dating from the 18th century. In turnkey condition.

Art lovers get their fix in May at the Art Gallery at Devon, plus five other art shows, gallery walks and studio tours. Megan Monachino brings you "Art Gallery Round Up," with a plein air festival and even a "Plane Air" event!

Wayne will wow you, as Emily Hart finds new shops, restaurants and reasons to visit in "Budding and Blooming in Wayne."

There's more blooming in our Guide to Home & Garden Tours, Landscape & Garden Design, and Fred DeLong's homage to heirloom tomatoes. Check out how to host for a tomato tasting this summer.

Have more tasty fun as Laura Muzzi Brennan shares six samplers from Wayne's Cornerstone Cheese and Charcuterie. Put together collections to spark joy for your taste buds.

Dr. Gary Cooperstein explains concierge medicine. And in our newest column, Finish Lines, Jack Smith muses on the cluster of car showrooms along Lancaster Ave. in Devon.

As always, we bring you the Best Local Events for May.

Thank you for reading.

Jo Anne Durako Editor



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An Insider's Guide to Concierge Medicine

Gary Cooperstein, D.O.

YOU'VE SEEN THEM ON TV-IN "ROYAL PAINS" AND "RUSH"-BUT WHAT DO CONCIERGE DOCTORS DO IN REAL LIFE?

ONCIERGE MEDICINE—SOMETIMES REFERRED to as personalized healthcare or retainer medicinehas gained significant momentum in recent years, with about 5000 doctors in the U.S. following this model.

As the Affordable Care Act took effect and newly insured patients began flooding medical offices, many doctors and patients grew frustrated with longer wait times for shorter appointments. Feeling squeezed and unable to serve their patients as comprehensively as they'd like, some doctors transformed their practices using the concierge approach, allowing them to lighten their caseload and offer more proactive care that better meets their patients' needs.

What can patients expect to gain-and spend-on concierge care? It all depends on what you hope to get from your healthcare experience. There's a spectrum of options, but here are a few key differences to consider to determine if this personalized approach is right for you and your family.

MEMBERSHIP COST. Concierge membership costs are often based on an annual fee that can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars per person, with some discounts for other family members. The fee largely depends on the level and amount of services included in the concierge program. In some practices, this may be in addition to other medical insurance premiums.

Some practices use a Fee for Care (FFC) model, in which a retainer fee covers all services, with some exceptions (e.g., lab work, x-rays) charged on a cash basis. Others offer a Fee for Extra Care (FEC) arrangement, similar to FFCs, but bill the patient's insurance for these additional services.

In another model patients pay an annual membership fee for a comprehensive wellness program that includes extensive screenings and tests not normally covered by insurance, along with extra conveniences, like 24/7 doctor availability. In this model, standard medical services (e.g., sick visits, hospital care) continue to be billed to insurance.



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DOCTOR AVAILABILITY. Because most concierge doctors care for a fraction of the patients seen in conventional primary care practices-typically 300 to 600 patients as compared with 2000 to 3000-they're able to offer increased availability, such as unrushed routine appointments, same-day or next-day visits, more out-of-office contact with patients via email and cell phone, and coordination of specialty care. Offerings like these are fairly standard among concierge practices.

What can be harder to find are doctors who offer the personalized care our parents and grandparents enjoyed-doctors who make house calls, serve as attending physicians for hospital stays and offer community events to be present in all aspects of their patients' lives.

PREVENTIVE SERVICES. Personalized medicine has given many doctors the time required to not only fully address patients' immediate health issues, but also to focus on an often overlooked part of patient care: disease prevention.

To make prevention a priority, some concierge doctors perform comprehensive lab work to catch early warning signs that might not present themselves otherwise. This preventive approach has proven to be valuable and even life-saving when serious conditions like cancer and cardiac issues are uncovered early.

WELLNESS SERVICES. Select concierge practices take preventive care a step further by working with you to develop an annual wellness plan that addresses your specific lab results and your individual needs and goals. This could mean concrete steps to help you lose weight the healthy way, better manage a chronic condition, or even reduce or eliminate medications.

If this is important to you, look for a concierge practice that prioritizes well care in addition to sick care.

A NEW OPTION. In today's doctors' offices, it's sometimes easy to forget your healthcare is not a transaction; it's an investment. The concierge medicine model allows you to prioritize aspects of your well-being that matter most to you: a middle-of-thenight phone call to your doctor, a comprehensive health screening, a customized weight-loss plan.

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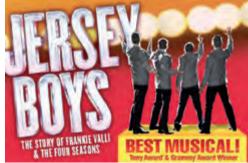
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Brandywine Ballet Presents The Wonderful Wizard of Oz May 13–15

Resident choreographer Nancy Page brings this crowd-pleaser back to the stage a second time. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri., 10 a.m.; Sat., 2 & 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. \$30-\$40. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.

on Rodney Square—Jersey Boys



Wilmington Grand Prix & Gran Fondo May 13-15

Action starts Friday with the Monkey Hill time trials in Brandywine Park at 5 p.m. with live music, BBQ and free admission. Men's and women's amateur and professional races on Saturday over fast-paced courses, a bike parade, street festival, vendors and more. On Sunday, the Governor's Ride, Medio Fondo and Gran Fondo offer spectacular views of the rolling hills of Chateau Country. \$35-\$55. Visit WilmGrandPrix.com.

best Local Events

Malvern Blooms Festival.

FAMILY **FUN**

Celebrate Malvern with activities for the whole family—live music, kids activities, artists and crafters, a food court with food trucks and restaurants and more. King St. & Warren Ave., Malvern, 11 to 4. Malvern-Festivals.com.

MAY 1

May Day Festival of the Arts in West MAY 16, 21 Chester. A celebration of the arts with live music and entertainment, art, crafts and kids' activities at Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester, 11 to 4. Free, 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

MAY 1

Cinco de Mayo Festival in Kennett Square. A family-oriented street festival, highlighing the arts, music and food. State St., Kennett Square. 11 to 5. Free. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

MAY 1

and fun. Benefits music education and local nonprofits. Brookline Blvd. at Darby Rd., Havertown. Noon to 7. Donation requested. HaverfordSpringFest.com.

MAY 1

Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show. This is where area riders "warm up" before the Devon Horse Show. The food tent offers homemade food served by club members; vendors on hand as well. Radnor Hunt Pony Club Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 8 am start. Free. KimbertonHunt.org.

MAY 4

Storytime at Skunk Hollow, Radnor Memorial Library in partnership with Radnor Conservancy introduces this to children age 3-6who will enjoy a garden-inspired storytime in Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. 10 am. RadnorConservancy.org.

MAY 4-7

Wilmington Flower Market. May 4, WFM Rocks the Park Battle of the Bands, food and beverages, 5 to 8. May 5-7, carnival rides and games, a large selection of plants and flowers,

crafts and merchant wares for sale, great food and local celebrities. Benefits nonprofit Delaware children's agencies. Rockford Park, 2629 W. 19th St., Wilmington. WilmingtonFlower-Market.org.

MAY 7

Trout Rodeo in Kennett Square. Ponds will be stocked with trout up to 22-inches. Breakfast and lunch for sale. PA fishing license req. for fishermen 16+. Benefits Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut St. 8 to 4. \$5-\$10. For tickets, 610-444-0792; AnsonB NixonPark.org.

Spring Nature Programs at Myrick Conservotion Center. Ages 6 and up enjoy a variety of programs. May 16, Art and Nature, Paint the Property; May 21, Monarchs in May. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. 10 am. Reg. req. 610-793-1090; Brandywine-Watershed.org.

MAY 16-21

Phoenixville Dogwood Festival. A community festival and parade with lots of activities. May 21, Dogwood Parade, 11 am. Reeves Park Bandshell, 2nd & Main Sts., Phoenixville. Mon–Fri, 6 to 10: Sat, noon to 10, 484-928-Hoverford Spring Fest. All day music, food 0052; PhoenixvilleDogwoodFestival.org. MAY 22

> Berwyn-Devon Mayfest. Bring the family for a day with lots of activities including a rock wall, bounce house, live music, kids' games and prizes. Benefits local charities including Daemion Counseling Center, T-E Cares and more. Corner of Old Lancaster Rd. and Rt. 30, Berwyn. Noon to 4. BDMayfest.com.

MAY 28-SEPTEMBER

Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Reilwey. Track features loops and tunnels with 15 different rail lines and two cable cars, nine bridges and model trains. Display is made of natural materials. *May 28,* Grand Opening events, 1 to 3. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon–Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8, June–Aug. \$8–\$16. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

JUNE 2-5 Brandywine Health Foundation Strawberry

Festival. Rides, entertainment, children's games and activities, craft fair and fireworks on Friday night. Benefits the Coatesville Youth Initiative. Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to 11: Sat. noon to 11: Sun. noon to 6. 610-380-9080: BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.



JUNE 2-SEPTEMBER 1

Swingin' Summer Thursdays in Downtown West Chester. Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers and lots of family fun. Gay St., the first Thurs. of the month. 6:30 to 9:30. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

JUNE 4

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. \$5. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

JUNE 4-5

Malvern's Family Fun Days. June 4, the Run for Freedom a 5K, 1 mi. run/walk, 9 am; Kids Run, 9:45, benefitting a local Marine. Followed by family games and activities. At 5 pm, spaghetti dinner, \$10-\$12, then a concert with the Chester County Concert Band. June 5, Memorial Day Parade, 1:30 pm, King Street from the Malvern Fire Station to Memorial Park. Visit MalvernMemorialParade. com or GrowingRootsPartners.com for details.

JUNE 5

Super Sunday in Downtown West Chester. A huge street festival with children's crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands, antique cars and firetrucks, artisans and more. Gay St., from Matlack to Darlington Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.

JUNE 5

Steamin' Day Birthday Bash at Auburn Heights. Two historic cars are celebrating their 100th birthday and you're invited to the party. Lots of fun activities are planned including rides in the autos and the Auburn Valley Railroad. Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. 12:30 to 4:30. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

ANTIQUES

MAY 6

West Chester's Vintage Market. Vintageinspired booths selling home goods, antiques, architectural salvage, vintage jewelry, clothing and art made with vintage components. Food trucks, live music. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 4 to 8. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS...

See Art Gallery Round Up in this issue.

THROUGH JUNE 5

Main Line Art Center's Spring Gala Exhibition. Make it your own—an inspiration from musician and art collector, David Bowie. The exhibition features professional works of art to fall in love with in a variety of styles and price points. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon-Thurs, 9 to 9; Fri-Sat, 9 to 5. Free. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

MAY 1

Community Arts Center-Potters Guild Spring Sale. Professional clay artists display and sell their work. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 10 to 5. \$15. 610-566-1713; Community ArtsCenter.org.

MAY 1

Squirrel Gallery Art Show. Over 30 artists exhibit at the William Garrett House in Historic Sugartown, 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern and Cheever Barn, 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. Opening night, Fri, 4 to 8; Sat, 11 to 8; Sun, 11 to 6. 610-316-1578; SquirrelGallery.net.

MAY 1

Plein Air Days at Kuerner Farm. Artists explore the property to sketch, paint or photograph. Meet at Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Hill Rd., Chadds Ford, 9:15 am before driving to the farm. \$20. Spaces limited, reg. online or by calling 610-388-8326; Brandywine.org.

MAY 28-29

Downingtown Fine Arts Festival. Artists display along with Victory Beer Garden (E. Lancaster Ave. municipal parking lot). On Sunday you'll find additional vendors, music and booths. Takes place on the 100-200 block of E. Lancaster Ave. 10 to 6. 610-269-1523; DowningtownMainStreet.com.

BOOKS

MAY 4-25

Chester County Book Company Signing. May 4, Cara Bradley signs On the Verge. May 5. Kathleen Grissom signs Glory Over Everything. May 6, wine and cheese reception with Lauren Belfer, who signs After the Fire. May 7, Jon McGoran signs Dust Up, 3 pm; May 8, David Sibley presents and signs The Sibley

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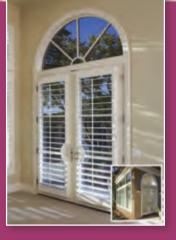
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Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America; May 23, Mitchell Nathanson tells stories from God Almighty Hisself: The Life and Legacy of Dick Allen; May 25, beach bag raffle for Mary Kay Andrews' visit introducing The Weekenders. Chester Co. Book Co., 967 Paoli Pk., West Chester. Most at 7 pm. 610-696-1661; Chester-CountyBooks.com.

MAY 21

"Beer and Books" Meet and Greet. Come to Levante Brewing Company, chat with local authors and purchase signed copies of their books. Levante Brewing Co., 208 Carter Dr., Suite 2, West Chester. Noon to 2 pm. Free. 484-999-8761; LevanteBrewing.com.

CAR SHOW

JUNE 4

Downtown Phoenixville Antique & Classic Car Show. Join the fun and help support a local nonprofit-fun for the whole family. See everything

from heavy-duty hot rods to restored jalopes. Benefits Alianzas de Phoenixville Latino Outreach. 200 Block of Bridge St., Phoenixville. 9 to 5. Rain date, June 5. Free. 610-933-9200; Alianzas-DePhoenixville.org.

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DESIGN HOME SHOWS

MAY 1-29 Bucks County Designer Showhouse. Designers

show their creativity in interior and landscape design at Foxwood Manor, 1596 Turkey Trot Rd., Jamison, PA. Benefits Doylestown Hosp. and Village Improvement Assoc. Mon-Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, noon to 4. \$25-\$30. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

EQUESTRIAN.

See the Devon Horse Show and Steeplechase articles in this issue.

FESTIVALS.....

MAY 20

Bovertown's 150th Sesauicentennial Event Kick-Off. The celebration begins with the opening of a time capsule that has been buried for 50 years. Boyertown Community Park, 417 S. Madison St., Boyertown. 6 pm. More events are planned for the Sesquicentennial. Visit Boyertown150.com

JUNE 7-11

Annual Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. It's a bit of Greece as you 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.

FILM.

JUNE 6-10

Pottstown (In Focus) Short Film Festival. Each 30-minute or shorter film must have as its character, theme, setting or inspiration the revitalization of the Borough of Pottstown-a town with renewed focus. For more information, 610-970-6515; PottstownInFocus.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

MAY 1

Sly Fox Bockfest & Goot Roce. A giant gathering of racing goats, beer and food. 331 Circle of Progress Dr., Pottstown. 11 to 6. Rain or shine. 484-524-8210; SlvFoxBeer. com/Bockfest.

MAY 3

2016 Philadelphia Food & Wine Festival. Sample unique and high-end wines, perfectly paired with gourmet food from the region's best restaurants. Benefits The Children's Hospital of Phila's Daisy Days. Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia. VIP entry at 5; general tasting, 6:30 to 9 pm. \$130-\$225. 215-940-4605; FineWineAndGoodSpirits.com.

MAY 7

Phoenixville Food Truck Festival. See Food News.

Local Farm Markets

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmTo-City.org.

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

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

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

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

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., E. State St., between Broad and Union Sts. Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

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

Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. Beg. May 25, Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.com.

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

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. *Mon–Sat, 9 to 6:30; Sun, holidays, 9* to 6. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.com.

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

Rosemont Farmers Mkt., 1149 Lancaster Ave. Wed-Sat, 9 to 7. 610-527-4800; RosemontFarmersMarket.com.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. Beg. May 23, Sat, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Beg. May 14, Sat, 11 to 2. Facebook.com/ ThorntonFarmersMarket.

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

Westtown Amish Mkt., 1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5299.



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MAY 8 Iron & Steel Museum-Mother's Day Tea.



Enjoy tea sandwiches, desserts, beverages and of course, tea then listen to a program hosted by historian, Eugene DiOrio discussing the history of High Tea on British Ships and in hotels. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. 1 to 3 pm. \$20. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

MAY 14

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. \$45 in advance; \$50 at the gate. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.



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MAY 14

Brandywine Valley Craft Brewers Festival 2016. Live music, great food and great handcrafted beers. Benefits the Media Youth Center. Iron Hill Brewery, 30 E. State St., Media. 1 to 5 pm. \$45; designated drivers, \$5, will receive a free food voucher. IronHill-Brewery.com.

MAY 28-29

The Great PA FlavorFest at Mt. Hope. Food, crafts and entertainment with over 20 wineries providing complimentary samples of their most popular vintages. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 11 to 5. Free. 717-665-7021: PARenFaire.com.

JUNE 3-12

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

JUNE 4

14th Annual Up On The Roof. Join the West Chester Downtown Fdn. and the West Chester BID for an evening under the stars with great food, music and drinks on the rooftop, and help beautify West Chester. Dressy casual. Chestnut Street Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets \$100 in advance; \$120 at the door. 610-738-3350: DowntownWestChester.com.

FUNDRAISERS

MAY 6

Community Arts Center Spring Event Fundraiser. Lend your support and enjoy an evening of great food, an open bar and auction, live music with New Orleans Jazz, R&B with Reverend Chris and the Highrollers. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7:30 pm. \$85-\$125. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

MAY 7 Derby Day Run for the Roses 5K Race.

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Barbaro's 2006 Kentucky Derby win at Penn Vet's New Bolton Center campus. Benefits the Barbaro Fund for Excellence, supporting equine and other large animal patients at the center. Light refreshments available. 382 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Reg, 9 am, race at 10. \$35 on race day; \$10 for kids. 610-444-5800; Vet. UPenn.edu.

MAY 13

Church Farm School Gala-Nighttime in the Garden. Enjoy an open bar, hors d'oeuvres,

dinner stations, dessert, live music, auction and self-guided tours in Longwood Garden's Conservatory. Benefits the school's mission to provide financial aid to deserving students. 1001

Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 7 pm. \$200 and up. 610-363-5383; GoCFS.net/Gala.

MAY 16

Stroud Water Research Center's Inaugural Golf Outing. Spend a fabulous day in support of Stroud Water Research Center, dedicated to understanding, protecting and restoring our waterways. Fieldstone Golf Club, 1000 Dean Rd., Greenville, DE. Noon, registration and lunch; 1 pm start; 5:30 cocktails and awards. For sponsorship opportunities, 610-268-2153, ext. 288; StroudCenter.org.

GARDENS & PLANTS..

See Home, Garden Tours & Plant Sale Guide in this issue.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 31 Individual House Tours at Chanticleer

Garden. Special, 45-minute tours introduce the garden and takes visitors on a tour through the first floor of the Chanticleer house. In a small group, will learn more about the Rosengarten family, Chanticleer's history, and life on the Main Line. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Fri, Sat, 11 am. \$15 includes general admission. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.



MUSEUMS... THROUGH MAY 29

The Delaware Art Museum. "Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4; \$6-\$12. Free Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through

Through June 12, "Inside Out. "The Poetry of Nature: A Golden Age of American Landscape Painting." Mastersworks from the Hudson River School. Nov. 6, New Terrains: American Landscape Paintings from the Bequest of Richard M. Scaife. 1 Hoffman's Hill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$15. First Sun of month, free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

The Christian C. Sanderson Museum. "Simply Sanderson" is never-before-seen photos and artifacts from the collection. May 18, opening

of the new exhibit-guest speaker Victoria Wyeth, 6 to 8, \$40, 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs-Sun, noon to 4. \$5; under 12, free. 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT

MAY 1 Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley Presents David Wickerham. "Spring into Summer" is the program for this concert benefitting the Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley Theatre Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge

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MAY 1

Chester County Concert Band. A wide range of music including show tunes, popular music and marches. J.R. Fugett Middle School, Paoli Pk. & Ellis La., West Chester. 2:30. \$7-\$10. 484-639-9118; CCCBand.org.

MAY 5, 19, 26

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Uptown! Entertainment. May 5, John Grecia & Drew Nielands, 8 pm; May 19, jazz vocalist Gina Roche, 6 pm; May 26, The Resident

Friday, May 27, 6 – 9 p.m. \$125

Flowery Thoughts: Ceramic Vases & Floral Ornament at Winterthur Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. \$30

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Theater Company's "Broadway in the Borough," 6 pm. Sprout Music Collective, 130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester. 484-639-9004; Uptown-WestChester.org.

MAY 6-22

Performances at The Grand. Check their website for a complete list. May 6, Lewis Black; May 14, Eric Mintel Plays TV; May 17, Garrison Keillor, An Evening of Storytelling; May 20, The Hit Men: Former Stars of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons; May 22, Brian Regan. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrandWilmington.org.

MAY 7

The Brandywine Singers. The singers will present Mozart's Requiem at the Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli, 4 pm. \$15-\$20. The Brandywine Singers.org.

MAY 7

Immaculata Symphony Benefit Concert. The Symphony partners with the MOXART organization to provide musicians the opportunity to perform with a full symphony orchestra. Alumnae Hall, 1145 King Rd., Immaculata. 7:30. \$10. ImmaculataSymphony.org.

MAY 11, 15, 21

Point Entertainment Presents ... May 11, Joan Osborne with guest Jim Boggia, 7:30, \$25-\$39.50. May 15, The Zombies, 8, \$32.50-\$49.50 (VIP: \$150, includes front row seat and a Meet & Greet). May 21, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, 8, \$29.50-\$49.50. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; The ColonialTheatre.com.

MAY 12

Delaware Art Museum Presents Concerts

on Kentmere. American Songs for American Art, Emily Samson Tepe, soprano and Julie Nishimura, piano. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 8 pm; complimentary desserts and coffee. \$40. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MAY 15

Chester County Choral Society Concert-

The Three "Bs." Bach, Beethoven and Brahams, featuring Dr. Donna Beech, piano, and members of the Newark Symphony Orchestra. Bayard Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Rd., West Chester. 4 pm. \$5-\$20. ChesterCountyChoralSociety.org.

MAY 28-29

Black Walnut Winery-6th Annual Blues Festival. Blues musicians perform outdoors on the beautiful property. Wine tasting, wine by the glass and bottles for sale. Uncle B's BBQ Shack of Phoenixville will be on site with their famous BBQ specialities for purchase all day. 3000 Lincoln Hwy., Sadsburyville. 2 to 7 pm. \$10. 610-857-5566; Black WalnutWinerv.com.



JUNE 4 Longwood's Wine & Jazz Festival. Live jazz, fine wines and local fresh fare. This year's festival features Grammy Award-winning Cuban jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval, along with Cyrus Chestnut Trio, the Edmar Castaneda Trio and the Tim Warfield Organ Band. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$30-\$45.2 to 9. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MAY 1 Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride. Cyclists, with and without disabilities, come together



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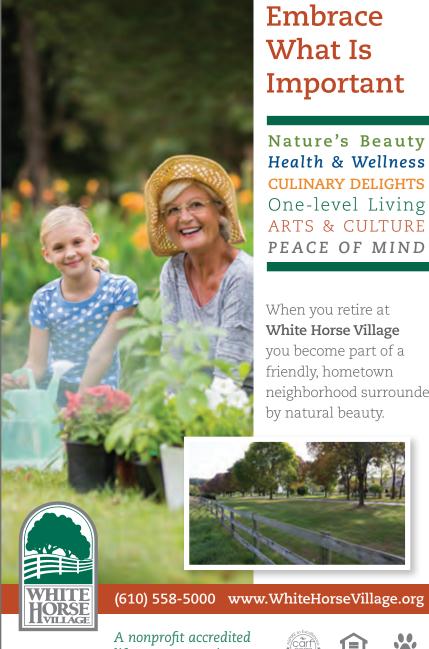
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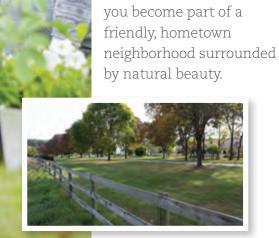
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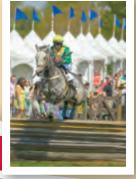
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MAY 1

Blue Cross Broad Street Run. A 10-mile, pointto-point course starting at Central High School Athletic Field, Broad St. and Somerville Ave., Phila. and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. 8 am. \$45. 215-683-3594; BroadStreetRun.com.

MAY 1

Walk MS-Greater Delaware Valley Chapter. Funds raised give hope to the 14,000 people living with MS in our area. East Goshen Twp. Park, 1655 Paoli Pk., West Chester. Registration at 9 am, walk begins at 10. To register online visit, WalkPaE. NationalMSSociety.org.

MAY 7

Celebrate World Labyrinth Day at The Delaware Art Museum. "Walk as One at One." The first Saturday in May has been designated to bring people from all over the



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MAY 8

5K For Mother's Day. Join the hundreds of moms, daughters, grandmoms, aunts, sisters and friends in the women-only walk/run. Benefits Family Lives On Foundation. Reg. on Courthouse steps, High & Market Sts., West Chester. Noon to 1:50 pm. Race, 2. \$25. 5KForMothersDay.com.

MAY 13-14

The Aberdeen Dad Vail Regatta. This event hosts thousands of student athletes who 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.

MAY 14

27th Annual Kennett Run. Events for all ages, including a 10K and 5K run and a 1-mile Fun Walk and FundRun. For each student from the Kennett or Unionville school district that registers in the FundRun, \$5 dollars will be donated to their school. Post-race party with refreshments, music, awards. Benefits local charities. Union & Sickle Sts., Kennett Square. Registration, 6:30 am, 9 am race. \$20-\$45. 610-388-1556; KennettRun.net.

MAY 14

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hosts The Race 2 Recovery. A 5K scenic, timed course for avid runners and for beginners, a fun supportive run or 1 mi. walk. East Goshen Park Veteran's Pavilion, 1661 Paoli Pk., West Chester. Reg., 8:30 am, race at 10. \$25. 484-596-5400; Main-LineHealth.org/Rehab.

MAY 14

Stateline Woods Preserve Trail Run for Con-

servation. Presented by The Land Conservancy of So. Chester County. 814 Merrybell La. Kennett Square. Reg., 8 am, race at 10. \$10-\$30. 610-347-0347; TLCForSCC.org.

MAY 15

37th Annual Philadelphia Bar Assoc. 5K

Run/Walk. Athletes of all levels participate in this charity event. Benefits the Support Center for Child Advocates. Memorial Hall, Fairmont Park, 4231 N. Concourse Dr., Phila. Reg., 7:15 am, race at 8:30. \$25-\$35. 267-546-9216; PhillyBarCharityRun.com.

MAY 19

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MAY 21-22

Tough Mudder 2016. This is a 10-12 mile mud and obstacle course designed to test your physical strength, stamina and mental grit. It's a challenge that emphasizes teamwork, camaraderie and accomplishing something almost as tough as you are. Plantation Field, 387 Green Valley Rd., Kennett Square. \$175-\$185. Start times will be assigned. ToughMudder.com/ Events/2016-Philly.



MAY 21-22

American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The 24-hour relay will be held at Downingtown West High School, 445 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Sat, 10 am through Sun, 10 am. For information, RelayForLife.org/PACCC.

JUNE 4-10

18th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn. A 112mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. Enjoy rapids, songs at the campsites and celebrations in the river towns. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.



JUNE 5

Radnor Conservancy Race For Open Space. This family friendly event includes a 5K offroad trail race and 1-mile walk option on the trails of the Willows and Skunk Hollow Parks. Begin at The Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Reg. at 8 am, race at 9. \$15-\$30. 610-329-7399; RadnorConservancy.org.

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MAY 12

Chadds Ford Historical Society Presents

Tavern Talks. A new series for adults, 21 and older, focusing on early American history and culture with activities, food and drink tastings. This month, "Digging Through Trash" (Archaeology). Barns Brinton House, 6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$10. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFord-History.org.

JUNE 4

West Chester Spring Flea Market & Bike Sale. West Chester Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gav St., West Chester, 9 to 1, 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

AT THE WINERY

THROUGH MAY

Brandywine Artisan Wine Trail. The wineries will all be holding pop-up art shows in May to celebrate the Chester County Studio Tour held May 21-22 (see Art Gallery Round Up). Some of the winery owners are artists whose work is featured on the tour. Visit BrandywineArtisan-WineTrail.com.



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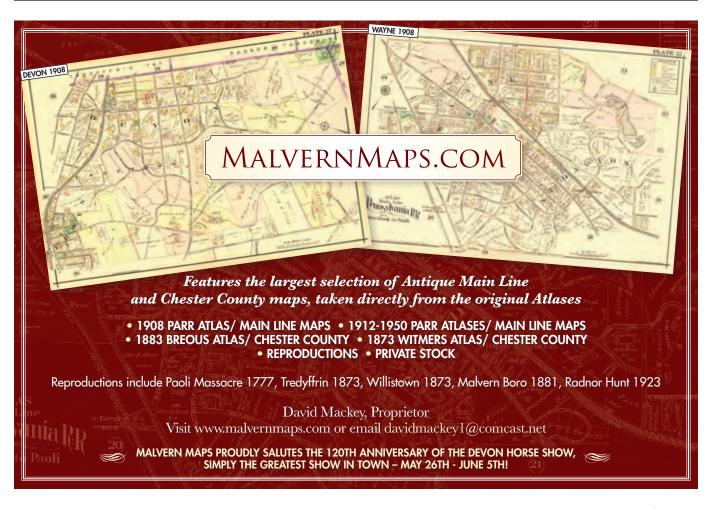
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NEW SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND REASONS TO VISIT WAYNE

HIS SPRING THERE'S GREAT NEW GROWTH IN WAYNE. Beyond the town's pretty May flowers and blossoming story behind each one.

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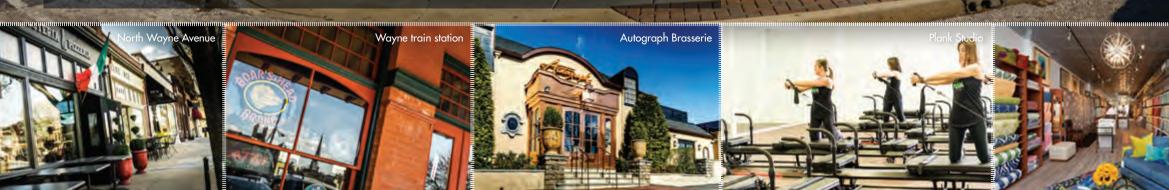
negar Taproom

After a trip to Mali in east Africa, Philadelphia resident Katie O'Neill decided to combine her passions of art, fashion and anthropology with work that focused on the greater good. Heather O'Neill, a designer and former Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco, dreamed of starting a company that helped women earn a better livelihood. The sisters joined forces and talents to start Mushmina, a fascinating shop offering global handmade clothing, accessories and home décor items in the heart of Wayne.

The histories behind Mushmina's ethically sourced products are as interesting as their appearance-exquisite feather earrings by trees, new establishments are taking root and there's a an artist from Hawaii, African hand-tied rugs and organic cotton clothing, jewelry from women of rural Morocco. You can choose colorful wrap-bracelets, prayer necklaces and other jewelry that provide artisan accessories for shoppers here and a better income for women in Morocco and elsewhere.

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If you have an appétit for French antiques or savor the lifestyle of Provence, promenade this summer from the Barn at Valley Forge Flowers through a new greenhouse to The Cottage. Discover French linens and antiques that are nothing short of magnifique: baskets, barrels, olive oil urns, rattan furniture, wine bottles and more. Set the perfect antique French table in your home or garden with silverware, a basket from Provence and flowers in a vintage jar.





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The Cottage at Valley Forge Flowers



Paint your own Pottery Studio





that's left is picking up a bouquet of lavender and a bottle of champagne.

For a taste of Scandinavia, sail into Scandaffären in Devon. Doreen Sundelin, whose husband is Swedish, realized there are few places nearby to buy authentic home goods and gifts from Scandinavia. So a year ago she opened a shop just minutes from the Devon Horse Show that sells textiles, crystal, confections and china to serve them on—from Sweden and Norway. Woven throws in colors of Norway's traditional national costumes, of natural-colored wool from Gotland—Sweden's largest island—and of the softest bamboo and cotton blend delight the eye as well as the sense of touch.

With Scandaffären's help, plan a summer picnic. Serve a smorgasbord of sandwiches or Lingonberry— Scandinavian "mountain cranberries"—jam on Swedish crispbread, black currant beverages and small candies on cheery Marimekko dishes. Pack napkins or placemats with bold floral prints. Spread out on colorful indooroutdoor woven rugs that can be tossed into the washing machine or hosed off, or on large linen beach towels that dry faster, trap less sand and are more lightweight for carrying to a scenic spot than traditional terry.

CLOSE TO HOME

Need a pair of sandals to stroll around town? Dance, or simply step, into Waltzing Matilda USA. The first sign you're in a special place is the rich smell of authentic leather ("Free Smells," the wooden placard reads). The next is the eclectic array of handmade bags, belts and sandals among unique artifacts. If that's not enough, among displays in the showroom there are tools and bits of straps and scraps covering a worktable that props up a guitar.

Before the venture settled at its recent home on West Avenue, it had its origins in the garage of Mike Balitsaris, founder of Waltzing Matilda USA. Balitsaris created leather sandals at night that were delivered via his VW van to shops along the East Coast by day. Demand grew and, as the story goes, he traded beer for scrap leather from a shoe factory in Minnesota. That leather became a bag, customers became fans of his designs using re-purposed leather, and the business became Waltzing Matilda USA.

On Lancaster Avenue, connected by business partners and an open doorway from Aubusson Home's store, Company C is known for its brightly colored and brilliantly sourced home furnishings and accessories. Sink into splendid designer pillows or organic fairly traded bedding. Company C's rugs—made in partnership with Goodweave, an organization started by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Kailash Satyarthi to certify that their carpets are made without child slave labor—are a fashion statement as well as a social statement.

BUDS, ROOTS AND HARVESTS

Drawn in from the sidewalk by the aroma of cinnamon, I stopped at Spring Mill Bread and bought a loaf of honey whole wheat. The bakery, founded by original owners of Wayne's Great Harvest Bread Company, has yet again brought warmth and the simple pleasure of fresh bread to the Main Line.

Early this summer look for The Goat's Beard—the restaurant and bar serving small plates filled with meals from local, sustainable food sources and glasses with domestic whiskey and craft beer. Customers who enjoy The Goat's Beard in Manayunk will feel right at home at the Wayne offshoot named after a local flower.

Also keep an eye open for Autograph Brasserie at the Eagle Village Shops, another eagerly awaited restaurant from the White Dog Café's Marty Grims.

Shops and restaurants don't have the only new stories in town. Hillary Ryan traded in a career on a Wall Street trading floor to start the new Plank Studio, which offers another way for the community to get and stay fit as beach season rolls in. Like Ryan, clients trade stress for happiness and old attitudes for new confidence at the New York City-style boutique fitness studio.

Another type of studio—Radnor Studio 21 in Wayne, the long-time public access television channel—airs a new "Ingrid Connects" show with inspiring interviews about serious subjects that matter to locals.

Ready for something new? It awaits you in Wayne.









CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR IN MAY. ENJOY FOUR WEEKENDS OF STEEPLECHASE EXCITEMENT - WINTERTHUR, WILLOWDALE, RADNOR HUNT AND FAIR HILL ALL HOST RACES THIS MONTH.

out to support these spectacular community fundraisers.

Soak in the sunshine with friends—both old and new-and enjoy four straight weekends of riveting races, fine foods, upscale boutiques, carriage parades, tailgating and plenty of fun for the whole family.

Bring your kids, bring your dogs, bring your most fashionable hat and join us in this favorite rite of spring!

Steeplechase is more than just a local event. Its rich history traces back across centuries and continents. Tracing its roots to Ireland in the mid-1700s, steeplechase began as a challenge among foxhunters to test the stamina and speed of their horses by racing over rolling hills, streams and fences from one church steeple to the next-

hence the name.

center in Aiken, South Carolina.



A beautiful tailgate brunch at Winterthu

TROT BACK THROUGH TIME

The sport traveled across the pond to our East Coast in the late 19th century, when Thomas Hitchcock, the father of American steeplechase, built a steeplechase training

With races sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association now officially held in 12 states, the event has become a festive occasion to join family, friends and other equestrian-enthusiasts for the benefit of our community.

38TH WINTERTHUR POINT-TO-POINT

Treat Mom to a most stylish Mother's Day this year at Winterthur's Point-to-Point! Thanks to the leap year, this annual event falls on Mom's special day for the first time in five years. So plan an elegant day of excitement, taking in the sights, sounds and spectacle of this favorite Brandywine Valley tradition.





Delight in the rush of the races held amid the splendor of Francis Ford du Pont's former 1,000-acre Winterthur estate, as dedicated horsemen compete for purses totaling \$55,000. With races beginning at 2 p.m., save the morning to enjoy upscale boutique shopping, the much-anticipated antique carriage parade, and a stroll through the display of 50 historic automobiles.

Plan ahead and reserve a spot at the Winterthur Mother's Day Brunch Tent, or at the Dogfish Head Hospitality Tent where you can savor signature beers with delectable tastes from caterer Crave Food Concepts (tickets for \$100). Watch from the rails as you dine.

Benefiting the Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, this event is a fitting celebration of both steeplechase and a community coming together to support a great cause. From stick-horse races for the kids and Point-to-Point competitions for the pups, this day has a wealth of attractions to keep the whole family entertained. If You Go: Sunday, May 8. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Gates open at 10:30 a.m.; races begin at 2 p.m. General admission: \$50, adults; \$15, ages 12-20; free, under 12. Tailgate parking, \$250–\$1,000. More at 302-888-4994; Winterthur.org/ptp. Tip: Admittance wristbands won't be sold at the gate so be sure to purchase yours by May 7.

24TH WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Relish the rolling green hills, majestic horses and fun-filled tailgating that make Willowdale's annual steeplechase competition special. Return this year with 10,000 fans for a day of family fun and excitement, with races to enjoy—whether they be horses, ponies or Jack Russell terriers. Add a Kids Alley Activity Tent, tailgate competition, carriage parade and fine shopping and you've got a day to remember.

The magnificent racing course is set on 160 acres in the heart of Pennsylvania's Hunt Country, with a panoramic view offered by the hilly landscape allowing spectators to watch the event as they would in the British Isles. In keeping with the sporting event's roots, the racecourse was designed by an Irishman to replicate some of the most difficult courses in Europe.

Take in the thrill of Willowdale's signature water jump, where jockeys sit on their horses "California Surfing" style and leap

turdle iumpers at Willowdale

PHOTO: JIM GRAHAM



a 12-foot span with an 18-inch drop in elevation. The obstacle has undergone a complete reconstruction this year to add to the thrills and chills.

This event benefits Stroud Water Research Center's fresh water projects, UPenn's School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center's cutting-edge veterinary treatment for horses and large animals, and Quest Therapeutic Services' equine therapy for disabled children.

Celebrate with friends and family during this long-standing tradition of giving back.

If You Go: Sunday, May 15. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Gates open at 10 a.m.; races start at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate, children under 12, free. Tailgating spaces: \$175–\$450. More at 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org. Tip: Remember sunscreen and comfortable

shoes for the whole family!

86TH RADNOR HUNT RACES

Wear your best fancy hat or favorite equestrian tie to this year's Radnor Hunt Races and see firsthand the excitement that's been attracting crowds for generations. This classic Main Line spring event offers the best of everything—from fine dining and networking at the corporate sponsors tents to tailgates in family boxes on the hill and at informal parking spots along the rail.

No mater where you are, you'll find the thunder of hooves as horsemen race for purses totaling a whooping \$185,000.

Go red, white and blue at this year's tailgate competition, with the theme "Picnic with the President," and bring your most patriotic decorations, costumes and cuisine. Or enter the competitions for most fashionable chapeau and best-themed tie. And certainly don't forget to gather 'round for the classic carriage parade.

Proceeds benefit the Brandywine Conservancy's Open Space and Clean Water programs, which preserve local water and more than 62,000 acres of land. So join the race for open space to help preserve our environment with good company and good fun.

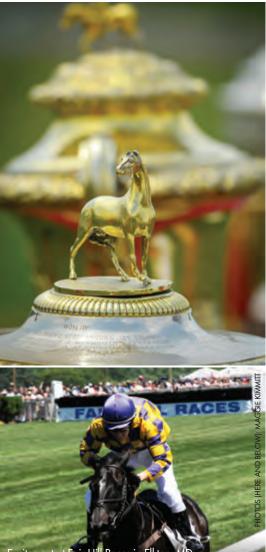
If You Go: Saturday, May 21. Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Gates open at 10 a.m.; races begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$75/car (includes all passengers). \$150–\$700 car rail-side parking. For more, 610-388-8383; Radnor HuntRaces.org.

Tip: *Get your tickets early to reserve the perfect spot!*

82ND FAIR HILL STEEPLECHASE

Visit Maryland to wrap up this month of equestrian entertainment. Held on the former du Pont property and benefitting Union Hospital since 1934, this day of races is Cecil County's highest attended single-day event, drawing in more than 12,000 spectators. Watch eight thrilling races, visit vendors' tents for shopping and dining, swing by the Kid's Corner with your little ones, and up the ante at the only steeplechase race in the country that allows pari-mutuel betting.

If You Go: Saturday, May 28. 402 Fair Hill Dr., Elkton, MD. Gates open at 10 a.m.; races begin at 1 p.m. General admission: \$15, adults; \$10, children; free, under 10; \$5 off before May 23. For more, 484-398-2578; FairHillRaces@gmail.com. Tip: Bring your lunch and coolers, but leave the glass and pets at home. ◆



Excitement at Fair Hill Races in Elkton, A



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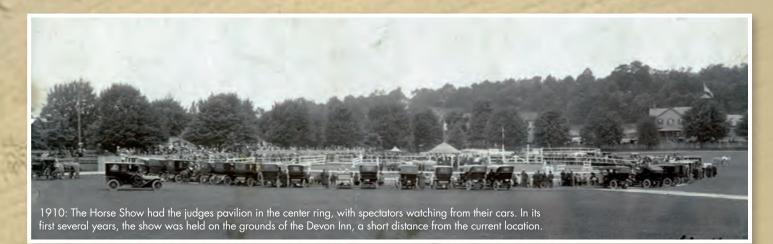
PRIZE LIST AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.DEVONHORSESHOW.ORG OR CALL 610-964-2723 Entries for Hunter, Equitation, Hunter Breeding, Local Hunter, Coaching, Pleasure Drive, and all Jumper sections close April 4, 2016. Entries for Saddlebred, Hackney, Harness, Roadster, Driving, and Friesians close on April 25, 2016.

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CELEBRATING 120 YEARS **DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR** May 26 to June 5

THIS 1927 AERIAL SURVEY PHOTO PREVIEWS AT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE DEVON HORSE SHOW AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION. SEE THE WANAMAKER OVAL (LATER THE DIXON OVAL), SINGLE GRANDSTAND, "HAPPY VILLAGE" OF THATCHED ROOF SHOPS OF THE COUNTRY FAIR, AND THE MAGNIFICENT DEVON INN (UPPER LEFT). NOTE THE LINE OF CARS ON LANCASTER AVENUE HEADED TO THE SHOW.

REMEMBERING THE EARLY YEARS







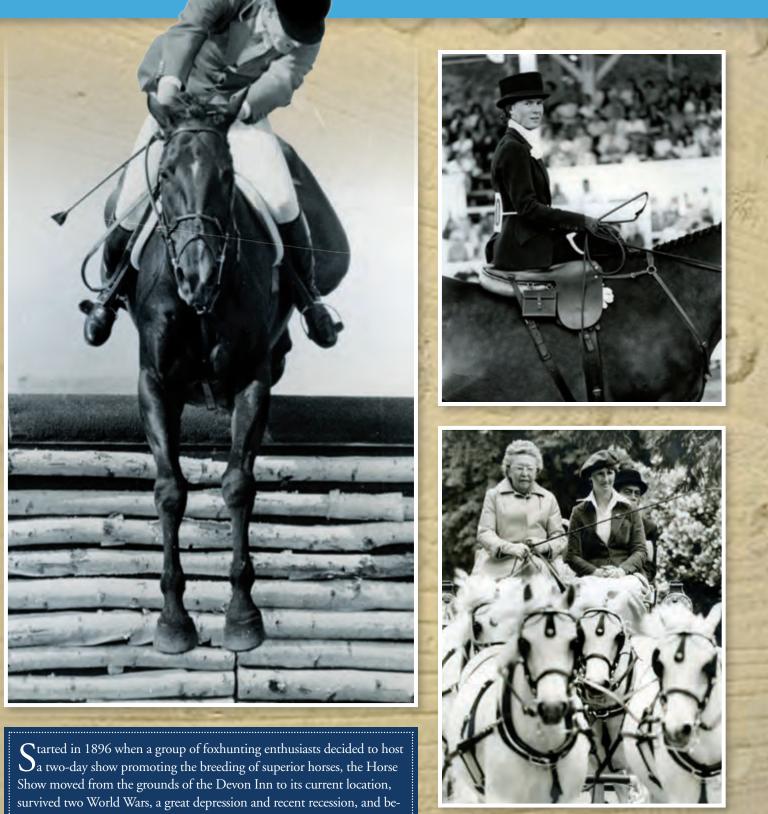


Fast forward to 1941, where a grandstand structure protected spectators, he watching a hunter class in the Wanamaker Ring under U.S. and British flags.



The Country Fair has always been staffed by volunteers, with generations in training. In the early years, everything sold was made by the volunteers themselves. Years ago, the volunteers dressed all in white. They even poured tea from a silver service into china cups.

The photo, left c. 1955, shows our contributing photographer, Alix Coleman, selling carnations with her mother, Mrs. L. Wilfred Coleman, Chairman of the Country Fair.



Started in 1896 when a group of foxhunting enthusiasts decided to host a two-day show promoting the breeding of superior horses, the Horse Show moved from the grounds of the Devon Inn to its current location, survived two World Wars, a great depression and recent recession, and became the oldest and largest, multi-breed outdoor horse show in the United States. Adding rings, grandstands and the Country Fair in 1919, the Devon Horse Show now attracts crowds of 100,000 to 11 days of fun, has donated almost \$50 million (in present-day dollars) to Bryn Mawr Hospital, and is an Equestrian Federation Heritage Competition.

Top left, Rodney Jenkins, a leading open jumper rider in the 1960s–80s, on Idle Dice. Top right, ladies were required to ride sidesaddle until 1915, though many continued to compete in the popular sidesaddle classes. Bottom right, Mrs. J. Austin du Pont, accompanied by a granddaughter, driving her Liseter Welsh ponies in the pleasure drive.

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From tiny tots as young as three who struggle to stay astride in the Lead Line classes (above), to the middle-schoolers in the Pony Hunt Teams in their colorful costumes (left), and the accomplished Juniors, like a young Jessica Springsteen (below photo from 2009), who compete during Junior Weekend, the Devon Horse Show nurtures riders of all ages.









Tunters, jumpers, saddlebreds, hackneys, plus sidesaddle riders, breeding classes, Land more—there's so much to see in the Dixon Oval. Olympians and hopefuls strut their stuff during the Sapphire Grand Prix, on Thursday, June 2, for a purse of \$225,000 before a standing-room crowd!

This 120th year will host two additional nights of world-ranked classes. See the \$50,000 Devon Welcome Stake, May 31, and the \$40,000 Devon International Speed Stake, June 1, plus National Jumper classes. Come see the inductions into the National Show Jumping Hall of Fame before the Grand Prix on June 2. This year the Devon Horse Show is a premier CSI 4* rated competition, the second highest possible ranking, befitting the theme, Tradition of Excellence.











THE GRACE AND TRADITION OF A BYGONE TIME

Take a Break with a Visit to the Country Fair







Be transported back in time as the antique carriages take a pleasure drive through the streets of Devon. It's time for period dress and the most beautiful hats to parade through the neighborhood, then into the Dixon Oval. The carriage marathon began again in the late 1960s and has continued to be a crowd favorite.





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Started in 1919 and supported by 3000 volunteers, the Country Fair has shops, souvenirs, and an art gallery, Midway rides and plenty of tasty food, including lemon sticks and Devon fudge. You'll find activities for the entire family, including a special Ladies Day, June 1, with a popular hat competition and a special theme—Silver to Gold.

To celebrate the 120th, there will be a ribbon cutting at Anniversary Square by Clydesdale Corner before the First Night at Devon opening party, May 25, plus the opening of a new multipurpose building. Look for special limited edition anniversary souvenirs.







IF YOU GO

What: The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

Where: Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon

When: May 26–June 5; gates open at 8 a.m. and close around 10 p.m. Information:

DevonHorseShow.org and Facebook

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YOUR GUIDE TO 11 DAYS OF FUN AT THE DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

WEDNESDAY ~ May 25 First Night at Devon

See Gallery Round Up in this issue.

THURSDAY ~ May 26 Junior Weekend -Thursday through Sunday Family Day

Jump on the Midway rides. Pick up your 120th Anniversary Program.

> 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dixon Oval

* USEF Talent Search ★ WIHS Equitation Jumper

Gold Ring

🖈 Pony Hunter Breeding ጵ Pessoa/USEF

Hunter Seat Medal

FRIDAY ~ May 27 Get an early start at over 60 Country Fair shops. Visit the official Souvenir booth then choose your favorite ice cream served in a souvenir cup.

> 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval

- * ASPCA Maclay & R.W. Mutch Equitation Champ.
- ☆ Junior Jumpers
- ☆ Junior Hunters

Gold Ring Pony Hunters

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval ★ Carriage Racing Competition

★ Junior Jumper Gamblers' Choice, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY ~ May 28 Sample a lemon stick and take a

ride on the antique carousel.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval ★ Junior Hunters

★ Pony Jumpers 🖈 Lead Line, 1 p.m.

Gold Ring ★ Pony Hunters

🖈 Costume Pony Hunt Teams, 4:30 p.m.

7 to 10 p.m. Dixon Oval ★ Junior Jumper Classic

Horse Hunt Teams

★ Parent & Child & Family Class

SUNDAY ~ May 29 The Carriage Pleasure Drive goes through Devon neighborhoods and is the highlight today. Pick up dinner at the Garden Café. enjoy it in the Pavilion with some Devon fudge.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval

★ Carriage Pleasure Drive

★ Handicapped Riders' Division

★ Pony Jumpers

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dixon Oval

★ Pony Jumpers & Adult

Amateur Jumpers

- * Carriage Racing Competition
- * Exhibition: Return of the

Shetland Pony races

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY ~ May 30

Memorial Day—free admission for military personnel. Visit the Tea Cart for a special blend of iced tea. specialty coffees, tea sandwiches and pastries. Stop by the Derby Booth for a chance to win the raffle.

> 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ Hunter Classes
- * Scurry Driving ★ Adult Jumpers
- * Carriage Driving
- * Exhibition: Return of the Shetland Pony races

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval ★ NAL Adult Amateur Jumper Classic * Coaching * Single/Pair Pony Driving

TUESDAY ~ May 31

Family Day

Specials on souvenirs, food and Midway rides. Guided Back-Barn Tours, 3 to 6 p.m. for a behind the scenes look at the Devon stables.

> 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dixon Oval

★ Hunter Classes ★ Open Unicorns

★ 7- & 8-Year-Old Jumpers

Gold Ring, morning only ★ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

{ May 26 to June 5 }

7 to 10 p.m. Dixon Oval

★ Open Jumpers–FEI, \$50,000 Welcome Stake ★ Single Horse Driving * Coaching ★ Coach Horn

WEDNESDAY ~ June 1 Ladies Day

Ladies Day at Devon! Ladies Side Saddle Classes and the Ladies Hat Contest. Free admission until 1 p.m. for ladies wearing elegant hats. Stop by the Art Gallery.

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ Hunter Classes
- ★ Ladies Side Saddle
- ★ Hackneys, Saddlebreds &
- Friesians
- ★ 7- & 8-Year-Old Hunters
- * Open Jumpers

Gold Ring, morning only

★ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

7 to 10:15 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ Open Jumpers–FEI, \$40,000 Speed Stake
- ★ Ladies Side Saddle
- ★ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ★ Coaching
- * Friesians

THURSDAY ~ June 2

Experience the magic of the Devon Grand Prix showcasing the best riders at Devon. Don't forget to take a chance on this year's Operation Goldmine prize, a beautiful sapphire diamond pendant amd more.

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ USHJA Hunter Derby
- ★ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- * Coaching
- ★ Friesians

Sunset at Devon, Gold Ring 🖈 Exhibition: Carriage Racing

SAPPHIRE GRAND PRIX 📩 OF DEVON

7:15 to 10 p.m. Dixon Oval * Show Jumping Hall of Fame * FEI-World Ranking Comp. \$225,000 Sapphire Grand Prix

FRIDAY ~ June 3

Take a little piece of Devon home. Stop by the Souvenir Booth where you'll find everything you can imagine.

8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dixon Oval

- * Amateur Owner Jumpers & Hunters
- ★ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- 🖈 Open Jumpers

Gold Ring

- ★ Local Hunters ★ Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters

7 to 10 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ Friesians
- * \$25,000 Devon Speed Challenge
- ★ Coaching Championship & Coach Horn
- ★ Hacknevs & Saddlebreds
- 🖈 Fralinger String Band Mummers

SATURDAY ~ June 4

Come for another night of spectacular jumping. Win a lease on a 2016 car or other great prize at the Devon Derby Drawing.

8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Dixon Oval

- * Amateur Owner Hunters
- * Amateur Owner Jumper
- SIHOF Classic
- ★ Saddlebreds & Hackneys

Gold Ring

★ Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters ★ Local Hunters

7 to 10 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ \$50,000 Idle Dice Open
- Jumper Stake
- ★ Saddlebreds
- ★ Hackneys & Roadsters

SUNDAY ~ June 5 Family Day

Lots of activities for the kids—pony rides, Itty Bitty Hat Parade. The Devon Plant Sale takes place at the end of the show.

8 a.m to 3 p.m. Dixon Oval

- ★ PA Bred Thoroughbred & Non-Thoroughbred 🖈 Young Hunter Under Saddle 🔶
- Updates at DevonHorseShow.org.



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THE ART GALLERY AT DEVON

elebrating its 120th year, the Devon Horse Show presents 11 blissful days of equestrian excitement. And complementing the high-powered action in the Dixon Oval are the high spirits of the crowds at the adjacent Country Fair, with fun for all ages and tastes.

Amid the sticky fingers from Devon fudge and melting ice cream cones in the midway, some spectators seek out a special favorite of ours-the Art Gallery at Devon. Look for the white clapboard cottage where you can immerse yourself in art.

Since its opening in 1999, the Art Gallery has become a popular part of the Country Fair, drawing the attention of artists, art lovers, collectors and browsers alike to the juried show of over 500 paintings in oil, watercolor and acrylic, plus sculpture and more. The artwork, produced by 60 regional and national artists, showcases pastoral landscapes and equestrian scenes together with paintings of roosters, cats, foxes and hounds.

Escape the buzz of vendors and midway games to enjoy a quiet moment surrounded by art for all tastes and budgets. Browse the







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treasure trove of art for sale and find a piece to add to (or begin!) your collection. You'll see why the Art Gallery's popularity has made it one of the top grossing contributors to Bryn Mawr Hospital, beneficiary of the Country Fair.

Toast the start of the Devon Horse Show as cocktails are sipped, hors d'oeuvres enjoyed and festive melodies play in the background. On the eve of the Horse Show's official opening, the Art Gallery at Devon launches the next 11 days with their annual First Night party at Devon.

Artists and guests mingle at this special preview of the pieces on display in the gallery, including this year's official Devon Poster, Leap of Faith, by artist Tara A. Porter, winner of last year's Best in Show. You can even catch a glimpse of the Horse Show grounds abuzz with horses and riders in the practice rings preparing for the show.

Celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Devon Horse Show at this festive, art-filled evening!

The Art Gallery is open May 25th to June 5th, 10 a.m. until closing of the show, around 10 p.m. For information, DevonHorseShow.org.





WEST CHESTER'S SPRING GALLERY WALK, PLUS "PLANE AIR"

West Chester's historic roots blend with the eclectic vibe of art by local, national and international artists for an evening of urban sophistication and small town ambiance. Celebrating our thriving community of artists at Gallery Walk-now in its 26th year.

Five galleries will showcase the work of emerging artists, while more than two dozen "one-night-only" art venues display paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, textiles and more. Snag a map or look for signs for venues throughout downtown.

A fresh addition this year from the Chester County Art Association and American Helicopter Museum brings plein air to new heights with "Plane Air." Artists paint in the traditional plein aire method (in the open air) and create renderings of the Helicopter Museum's aircraft-the planes of "Plane Air"-a few days before Gallery Walk, then display them at the Hotel Warner.

Stroll through West Chester with friends and enjoy all that First Friday has to offerdining, shopping and something extra this month-art.

May 6, 5 to 9 p.m. 610-696-4046; Greater WestChester.com.

43RD ANNUAL YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

Let the beauty of Chester County's springtime inspire you to visit the work of artists living and working in the Delaware Valley. Stroll the halls and feel the rich history of The Lincoln Gallery where the art of over 185 artists is showcased.

Enjoy established favorites-Brad Earl, Nancy Barch, Mick McAndrews, Helena van Emmerik-Finn-plus 23 emerging artists who add fresh faces to the mix. The juried show highlights diverse styles and mediums in paintings, drawings and threedimensional works.

Purchase a new piece of artwork to add to your collection. For the adults-join a Special Wine and Cheese Happy Hour on Friday, May 6 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For the kids-go on a treasure hunt for prizes.

Through May 8. Show hours: Mon.-Sun., 10 to 4. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

WAYNE ART CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

This spring marks the 10th anniversary of Wayne Art Center's Plein Air Festival, when artists follow the grand tradition of Monet and Van Gogh, painting landscapes "en plein air"—in the open air —at locations near Wayne.

Sales and exhibits of the artwork inspired by our area will run through June 25. You can join the fun at a plein air workshop taught by featured artists Mark Boedges and Elise Phillips.

The exhibit opens May 14 with a Preview Party to meet the artists and enjoy all-Amer-





PLANE AIR!

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ican jazz tunes-all shaken and stirred-of musician Phyllis Chapell & SIORA. Score the first look at fresh paintings with a martini in hand and hors d'oeuvres to nibble. May 14 to June 25. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 to 5; Sat., 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; Wayne-PleinAir.org.

CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

Enter local artists' creative spaces and see the environment where their work is born. Embrace the journey-from inspiration to finished product, from studio to studioas the route takes you through the winding roads and rolling hills of Chester County.

Download the tour map from the website and plan your self-guided tour to meet the artists who showcase their work in paint, paper, porcelain, metal, clay and steel. Growing bigger each year, this tour boasts 127 artists and 53 studios to visit.

You'll see that some studios are spotless with every brush neatly stored in its place, while others capture the creative process in spontaneous drips of paint on the floor and walls. This unlimited two-day access to artists' demonstrations and works-in-progress is one to mark on your calendar.

Tour: May 21, 10 to 6; May 22, 11 to 5. ChesterCountyStudioTour.com.

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pottery and more.

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leview hosts 35 juried craftsmen whose talents cover handmade artisan jewelry, watercolor prints, hand-marbled silk scarves,



browse the crafts and shop handmade, local creations.

June 12, 11 to 4. Crafted-Eagleview.com.

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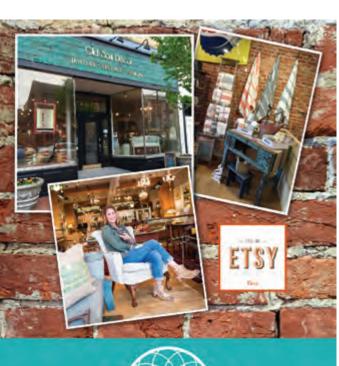
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Chester County Studio Tour invites art enthusiasts, and the curious to experience and meet a variety of astonishing artists as they exhibit their works during this two-day event. This unique and intimate opportunity is FREE to the public, and presents a clearer understanding of their stories and creative process. COUNTYSTUDIOTOUR.COM

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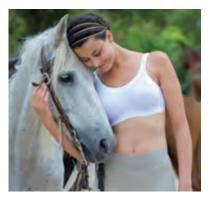
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S CONSUMERS, we've become accustomed to the uni-

form, medium-sized red tomato on sale all year round at our local supermarkets. For the home gardener, though, the simple, red grocery store option will not do. Especially in summer.

Beyond the many delights of homegrown tomatoes, the delectable and colorful heirloom varieties bring another level of flavor and visual appeal to the table, and do this throughout the summer. After all, tomatoes are technically fruits—in the nightshade family—and should have the taste and appearance to prove it. cial tomato varieties have been bred to pack easily, hold up for long transport, and last for a week or more. These sad excuses for tomatoes have been picked green or pink, before their flavor has had a chance to develop. And commercial varieties traded away some of their sweetness for the convenience of uniform ripening. Sadly, their taste reflects these compromises.

HEIRLOOM HISTORY

An heirloom tomato is very different from your

run-of-the-mill supermarket staple. Commer-

Heirloom tomatoes, on the other hand, are varieties that have long been cultivated (at least 40 or 50 years) for their flavor and texture. Often the seeds have been passed down from generation to generation with families saving seeds at the end of each season to cultivate the next year.

Because of the time and care needed to grow these exceptional heirloom varieties, small farms and home gardeners are typically the only ones to cultivate them.

HOW TO GROW

Growing heirloom varieties can be more difficult than growing the typical hybridized form of commercial tomato, but it's well worth the effort. If you'd like to elevate your salads and sandwiches this summer, here are some tips.

The best soil for growing heirlooms is loose loamy soil. Southeastern Pennsylvania soil tends to be heavy clay, so amending your soil with peat moss or compost helps to create a better growing medium. That's a first step.

All tomatoes are heavy feeders, so adding organic fertilizers containing fish emulsion and kelp is a must. These amendments and fertilizers are available at your local plant nursery.

Heirloom tomato plants tend to grow large, so it's important to space them at least two to three feet apart when planting. Also be sure the plants are staked and trellised with string as they grow because they can reach five feet or higher! Support is essential for varieties yielding big tomatoes, often on small branches.

SOME FAVORITE VARIETIES

There are many great choices for heirloom tomatoes. Some varieties produce better early in the season, while others are late-season performers.

My favorite first tomatoes are Early Girl, Eva Purple Ball, Arkansas Traveler and small cherry tomatoes called Sungold and Yellow Pear. You'll likely discover your own favorites.

Mid-season favorites are the ever-colorful Striped German and the granddaddy of them all, Brandywine, a tomato first bred in the Brandywine Valley in the mid-1800s and probably the best tasting tomato you can grow. Plus there's the extra pleasure of the local connection.

San Marzano, Blue Beech and Opalka are great late season tomatoes best suited for making sauce.

Each variety is unique in taste and appearance, so I urge you to plant one or two of each kind to enjoy a full complement of taste and flavor. And then you can host a tasting party (see sidebar).

FINDING SEEDS AND PLANTS

Getting the seeds or plants to start growing your heirloom tomatoes is as simple as a spring

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elow, 6 varieties: Blue Beech, Eva Purple Ball, Jubilee, Green Zebra, Brandywine and Cherokee Purple.



TOMATO TASTING PARTY

With the bounty that a summer garden offers, there's no better way to celebrate the season than with an heirloom tomato tasting. Here are some tips for planning your tasting party. You'll want a colorful table presentation—a feast for the eyes—and a unique array of flavors of a summer harvest.

- Pick a late summer date when tomatoes will be ripe for tasting.
- Never, ever refrigerate the tomatoes.
- Set up a display to show off the colors and shapes. As for amount, a 1-lb. tomato can serve a few people, but count on more of the cherry tomato variety.
- Slice tomatoes and serve on a plate labeled with the variety and a description.

Place the whole tomato on the plate so the tasters can see what it looks like.

 Although most believe heirloom tomatoes are best served unadorned, condiments—salt (sea salt or kosher salt), olive oil, basil—may be offered. Along with plates, napkins and forks.

• Consider having a ballot (and pencils) for tasters to vote on their favorites and make shopping lists.

 Serve French bread or a hearty Tuscan loaf, wine and artisanal cheese plus a summer salad. Maybe throw something on the grill.

Gathering family and friends for a tomato tasting lets you share your garden and educate guests about the value of delicious home-grown food.





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trip to the local farm market or nursery. Several local farms in our area specialize in heirloom varieties and take great care in nurturing and cultivating young plants.

Several kinds of heirloom tomato seedlings will be available at Rushton Farm's plant sale May 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (911 Delchester Road, Newtown Square).

Even if you're not planting seeds this year, many gardeners enjoy flipping through colorful seed catalogs. Companies that provide great seed for starting heirlooms include Johnny's, Fedco, High Mowing and locally owned Happy Cat Seeds. Perusing seed catalogs is the best way to choose varieties that meet your culinary tastes. There are many kinds of heirlooms and each has its own story, size, color and flavor.

Plants are easier to grow than seeds and should be planted in mid-May. And seeds can be started directly in the soil two weeks after the last frost, when soil is warmabout the third week in May.

Choose carefully for your garden but recognize that heirloom tomatoes represent the best that summer has to offer. It's the finest way to celebrate the season and the bounty that comes from a home garden. \blacklozenge PHOTOS: WILLISTOWN CONSERVATION TRUST

Rushton Farm, located at 911 Delchester Rd. in Newtown Square, sponsors a plant sale May 7 & 8, a CSA, a gleaning project and other events. The farm is part of the Willistown Conservation Trust Community Farm Program, committed to using conserved land to promote local sustainable agriculture. Learn more at WCTrust.org.



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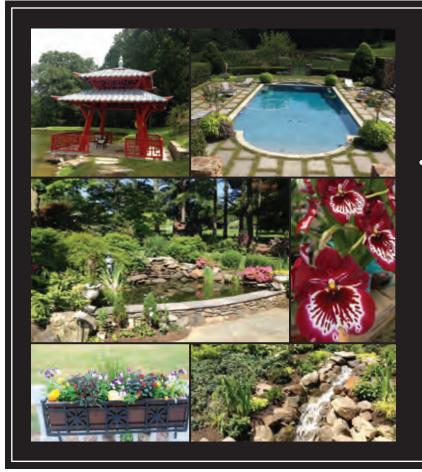
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Jan Jours Plant Sales

Peony Garden at Winterthur Museum & Gardens. PHOTO: LASZLO



Herb Sale of Phila. Herb Society

THROUGH MAY 14

Chester County Art Assoc. Plant Sale & Art Show. Visit the Art Association's website to order your plants by May 5, then on May 14 come to pick them up and enjoy the artwork. 100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester. 9:30 to 4. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org.

THROUGH MAY 29

Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. Designers show their creativity at Foxwood Manor, 1596 Turkey Trot Rd., Jamison. Benefits Doylestown Hosp. and Village Improvement Assoc. Mon–Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, noon to 4. \$25–\$30. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

MAY 1

Demuth Garden Tour

Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretur

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Plant Sale at Rushton Woods Preserve & Farm

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Annual Plant Sale. One of the largest sales in the area, sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. Sun, 11 to 3. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

MAY 1

Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival. Explore plants, crafts and artwork from over 150 vendors as home and garden design and supplies take the spotlight. Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill. 11 to 5. Raindate May 15. 215-247-6696; ChestnutHillPa.com.

MAY 5-7

Wilmington Flower Market. Benefits nonprofit Delaware children's agencies. Carnival rides, art, gifts, entertainment, flowers and plants of all kinds are available. Rockford Park, Wilmington. Thurs–Fri, 10 to 8; Sat, 10 to 7. Free. 302-995-5699; Wilmington-FlowerMarket.org.

MAY 6

National Public Gardens Day. Nationwide effort to raise awareness of our public gardens and their value to our communities. Participants include Nemours Estate, Scott Arboretum, Brandywine Conservancy, Longwood Gardens, Tyler Arboretum, Chanticleer Garden, and more. NationalPublicGardensDay.org.

MAY 6-7

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

MAY 6-7

Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market in Historic New Castle. Unique, flowering plants and herbs, shrubs and artisan crafts. Market Square, Second & Delaware Sts., New Castle. Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 3. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org.

MAY 7

Pleasant View Retirement Community's Saturday on the Square. Start with a community-wide yard sale and stay for the plant sale, food vendors, music and entertainment. 544 North Penryn Rd., Manheim. 8 to 2. PleasantViewRC.org.

MAY 7

Wilmington Garden Day. Twelve gardens to tour in Greenville, Wilmington and Chadds Ford areas. Benefits children in need, specifically Friendship House, Inc. and St. Michael's School & Nursery. 10 to 4. \$30-\$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

MAY 7

Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum. You'll find hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org. Environmental environment Environmental envi

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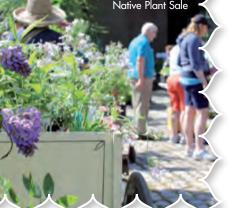




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MAY 7-8

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MAY 7-8

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MAY 8

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MAY 12

77th Annual Phila. Herb Society of America Herb Sale. Herbs, vegetable seedlings, rare and unusual geraniums and salvias for sale, along with herbal offerings. Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Herbal brunch, \$15, res. only. 10 to 1. 610-970-5264; HSAPhiladelphia.org.

MAY 13-14

Spring Native Tree & Shrub Sale at DE Center for Horticulture. Shop for native trees and shrubs from local suppliers and talk with DCH staff about how to plant and care for them. The DCH, 1810 N. Dupont St., Wilmington. Fri, 1 to 6; Sat, 8:30 to noon. 302-658-6262 ext. 112; TheDCH.org.

MAY 21

A Day In Old New Castle. Beautifully tended gardens and historic homes are on this tour now in its 92nd year. Shuttle from First Baptist Church in New Castle (Rts. 141 & 273) to the Green in Old New Castle. 10 to 5. \$7–\$25. 302-322-5774; DIONC. ImmanuelEpiscopal.com.

MAY 21

Scott Arboretum Selections: The Spring Sole. Tropicals, annuals and tender plants not found at big box stores are found here. Experts will be on hand to answer questions and giving demonstrations. Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Wister Center, Swarthmore. Noon to 3. Free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

JUNE 4

25th Anniversary of the Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Day Tour. This year's tour, "Chadds Ford and Beyond" explores a variety of homes and gardens offering something for every interest. Sample food and beverages from local restaurants and merchants. Benefits Kennett Public Library's Children's Programs and Adult Literacy. 10 to 4. Tour, \$40. 610-444-2702; Bayard Taylor.org.

JUNE 4

New Hope Historical Society's 23rd Annual

Gorden Tour. Six private Bucks County gardens are on this self-guided tour, which begins at Parry Mansion. Benefits the Parry Mansion Museum. 10 to 4. \$35. 215-862-5652; NewHopeHS.org.

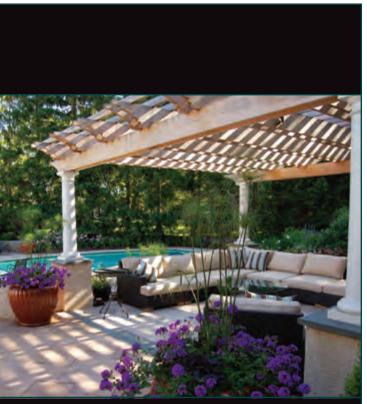
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33rd Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party. Exclusive Lancaster residences offer creative urban gardens, distinctive architecture and interior design. Starts with the Demuth Garden Party, June 10, 6 pm, music, hors d'oeuvres and silent art auction at Conestoga

House & Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$18–\$20. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

JUNE 11

Garden Day at White Horse Village Retirement Community. Recognized as an arboretum by Swarthmore College, the village's 96 acres of gardens, meadows and woodlands are open to visitors on this self-guided tour. Start at the Club House, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 11 to 3. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org. ◆



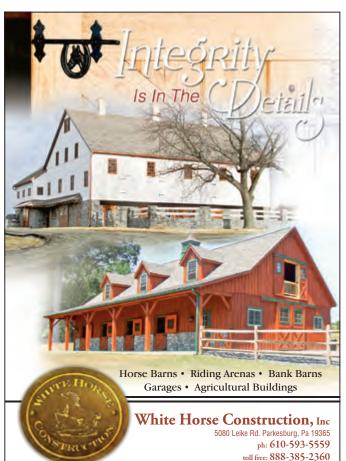


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Home of the Month

Whitewall Farm

TURNKEY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE WITH 27-STALL BARN, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ARENAS ON 33 ACRES IN HONEY BROOK

Laurel Anderson





ORSE LOVERS NATURALLY gravitate to Chester County, long known for

its equestrian heritage. From nationally recognized events—The Devon Horse Show, Plantation Field Three-Day Event-to community shows—Ludwig's Corner Horse Show, Devon Fall Classic—our area is home to Olympic-caliber equestrian competitors, weekend fox hunters, polo players, pony club families and other members of the horsy set. So it's fitting that tucked in the northwest corner of Chester County, in Honey Brook, is a world-class equestrian estate, rivaling any in other horse-meccas such as Wellington, Florida.

Near Struble Lake, Brandywine Creek and historic Isabella Furnace is Whitewall Farm. Or for locavores, it's two miles from Wyebrook Farm's market and café, the place that most recently put Honey Brook on the map.

Encompassing 33 flat, fenced acres, Whitewall Farm has everything a trainer or serious rider could dream of-all in turnkey condition in a pastoral setting. Because the property is under conservation easement with Chadds Ford-based North American Land Trust, with neighboring properties similarly protected—over 25 percent of the township is protected in perpetuity-this corner of Chester County will retain the privacy and viewscape it enjoys today.

A STABLE WITH 27 STALLS

Why build a stable with 27 stalls? Because vou have 45 horses.

That was the situation when the current owners bought Whitewall Farm in 2007. They proceeded to create a premier equestrian estate around the historic stone farmhouse. While they updated the 4,000-square-foot, four-bedroom, four-plus-bathroom home (more on that later), these horse lovers transformed the equestrian facilities.

Now, there's much more than just eight stalls in two shed rows and a two-level, antique stone bank barn on the farm. Currently used for storing hay and equipment, that gorgeous old bank barn can be converted into a party barn, indoor basketball court or put to other uses.

In 2007, the owners built-and continuously updated-a stunning, custom-designed, 8,800-square-foot barn with 27 additional stalls, each with water, electricity, grooming box and window for ventilation. There'd be pillow mints, if that were done for horses. The barn also houses a large tack room, office, feed room, two washing stalls and hay storage on the second level.

Outdoor and indoor areas were added, both with euro-felt footing, making the indoor ring virtually dust-free. The fenced, 100-by-240-foot outdoor area has jumps and is adjacent to a circular pen with screening and rubber flooring.

Describing the 100-by-200-foot Coverall indoor arena doesn't do it justice—it's a cathedral to riding with its peaked roof, though some may envision the perfect venue for a concert, wedding or indoor soccer game. Constructed of a translucent material and no internal supports, the arena enjoys natural light so no need for overhead lighting-a great cost savingsand it has no hard surfaces for sound to echo. It's a quiet, dust-free oasis. A heated observation booth provides a perfect vantage point to watch the action.

The grounds also include 17 fenced pastures, 12 with run-in sheds.

HISTORIC FARMHOUSE

As meticulously maintained as the new construction, the charming historic main house was built in several sections, two with date stones marked 1741 and 1809. The oldest section houses the living room, with master bedroom above, and retains distinctive period details-original







oak floors, deep sills, exposed beams, walk-in fireplace with cooking crane—yet feels modern with high ceilings and gracious dimensions.

Enjoying a surprising open flow that's perfect for entertaining, the living room opens to the spacious family room, with a convenient wet bar, highlighted by an exposed stone wall. The adjacent exercise/sunroom is brightened by walls of windows and French doors to the patio, hot tub and pool area.

In the 1809 section is the large dining room, with another of the four fireplaces, more original wood floors, built-in cupboard and southfacing windows. The efficient kitchen combines granite counters and modern appliances with period charm, like pegged oak floors.

Down the hall are a powder room, mudroom with access to the one-car garage, laundry room, and full bath, with separate shower, perfect when guests come in from the pool.

Four bedrooms and three baths fill the second level. The large master suite boasts oak floors, a fireplace and three closets in the bedroom, separate his-and-her bathrooms, a dressing/sitting room with more closets, and a covered balcony overlooking the pool and stables. Pulldown stairs lead to a finished space, perfect for a sewing room or private studio.

Other bedrooms include many closets and special details, like built-in bunk beds. The final bedroom with en suite bath—guest room or au pair's room—has four closets, plus a storage closet, and stairs to the ground level.

ON THE GROUNDS

The grounds boast an apple orchard, grape vines and numerous mature specimen trees. Three outbuildings add more charm. A stone summer kitchen, with a beamed ceiling and walls of windows, is a perfect home office or studio. Once a pump house, the garden shed makes an ideal potting shed. And the original springhouse awaits the needs of its next owners.

A three-bedroom, brick tenant house provides a convenient home for an on-site caretaker or horse trainer. •

Whitewall Farm, a turnkey 33-acre equestrian estate in Honey Brook is offered at \$2,775,000. For more information, contact Stephen Gross at the Holly Gross Group, 610-431-1100 (office), 484-883-0681 (cell); HollyGross.com. **James A. Cochrane, Inc.** PO Box 608 Kimberton, PA 19442 Tel: (610) 469-6100





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

Truck on Down to Phoenixville!



Join the hungry crowds at Phoenixville's Food Truck Festival on May 7, with 50 participating food trucks and vendors. Taste award-winning Wisconsin cheese at the Cow & the Curd or visit Mompops' stand for vegan and allergen-friendly ice-pops. Don't stop there—enjoy two

more weekends of food truck festival fun at Chaddsford Winery, May 14 and 15, and Kennett Square, May 22. Downtown Phoenixville, Sat., noon to 6. PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.



Delicious in Devon. Most come to the Devon Horse Show for the equestrian action, but others secretly covet the County Fair's food. At this year's show, May 26 to June 5, enjoy everything from tea sandwiches

and lobster rolls to lemon sticks and Devon's famous fudge. The fudge recipe was one of Devon's best-kept secrets for nearly 40 years, until it was revealed in the 1984 Devon Country Fare cookbook. Visit our website, CountyLinesMagazine.com, for the recipe if you can't make it to the County Fair to buy some.



Artichoke Wars.

Spring is the season for artichokes, one of the world's oldest cultivated vegetables, dating back to the 5th century B.C. When they arrived in America, artichokes became

so popular that a New York mobster-the Artichoke Kingcreated a monopoly. The ensuing Artichoke Wars reached such intensity that the vegetable was briefly banned by Mayor LaGuardia in 1935! See what the fuss was about and try an artichoke ... soon.

Sniffles in Springtime. Spring is here and so are sneezes. Before you run to the pharmacy for a cure, try fighting your allergies the natural way-with healthy foods known to tackle allergy symptoms. Probiotics in Greek yogurt produce antibodies that combat allergies to certain kinds of pollen. Cashews work as natural antihistamines because of their high magnesium content. And salmon, rich in omega-3 fatty acids, is yet another way to fight inflammation. More at TheDailyMeal.com.



What's Brewing? Or maybe the question should be "where?" Look for Brandywine Branch Distillery opening in Elverson in May, where you can spend time in the speakeasy/café or take a stroll through the gardens on the eight-acre property. Coming this summer to Berwyn is La Cabra Brewing Company, serving a variety of beers-barrel-aged sours, sessions and moreplus Latin flavored fare. And keep an eye out for Reading-based Chatty Monks Brewing Co.,

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—Jay Pritchett, patriarch on the sitcom *Modern Family*.

ANY CULINARY BANDWAGONS HAVE PASSED ME BY. I never cottoned to foam, don't much care for egg yolk oozing onto lettuce, and still order coffee in five words or less. But trends with staying power—sharing tapas-style plates, savoring small-batch artisanal products, learning the stories behind food—not only have me jumping for joy but taking a seat at the U-shaped chef's counter at Cornerstone Cheese & Charcuterie in Wayne.

Christine and Nick Kondra opened this BYOB and artisanal market in fall 2015. Its cheese and charcuterie boards as well as its small plates quickly gained a loyal following.

Cornerstone carries over 60 cheeses: 40 percent are domestic, while 60 percent are imported with a focus on the Basque region straddling Spain and France and Italy's Piedmont and Lombardy regions. The menu highlights 10 cheeses every day, but guests are always welcome to request any cheese in the store.

Cornerstone's charcuterie—an umbrella term for various preparations of cured, smoked and cooked meats and fish—hails from around the world. Fresh sausages, pates, terrines and mousses are handcrafted in-house by Nick and Christine. On any given day, guests choose among 10 to 15 different charcuterie options. For diners who BYOB, Christine and Nick are happy to recommend cheese and charcuterie that complement the wine. Take-out boards are also available. (You'll want to return the board so you can visit the shop again!)

The variety of offerings is impressive as is the fact that Cornerstone has exclusivity on a number of products, making it the only place in the region where diners can find certain small-batch cheeses and charcuterie, such as 'Nduja and award-winning soppressata from Chicago's West Loop Salumi.

But what's really remarkable is the Kondras' attention to every detail of the Cornerstone experience. Their commitment to what they call "thoughtful sourcing" means that not only do they seek top-notch triple crème and prosciutto, but they know and trust the people who craft these products.

Their connections to New England farmers and food artisans run especially deep. Although she's originally from Berwyn, Christine founded Farm and the Fork CSA New England, and both Kondras worked as chefs in Boston and on Nantucket. Cornerstone's Nantucket bluefish pate and cheese offerings from Vermont's Jasper Hill and Blue Ledge Farms attest to the couple's affection for their former home. They're also devotees of local cheese including the Creamery Collection from Chester County's Farm at Doe Run.

No matter where the product was made, the Kondras can tell its story. Bitto comes from cows milked in the Italian Alps, 1600 meters above sea level. A Casinca hails from the French island of Corsica, is nicknamed the "royal" cheese, and dates back to Napoleon's era. The popular Tuscan pork salumi has been made by the same Tuscan family for four generations. Laughs Christine, "Guests always tell me that somehow it tastes better with a story behind it."

Cornerstone's signature accompaniments also enhance the already fantastic experience. There's tomato confit to bring out the flavor in acidic cheeses like the Spanish Serrat del Triadó. There are pickled vegetables and a Nantucket IPA-infused mustard that pair well with heavy charcuterie. All are made in house as are the crostini and spiced nuts. (While the nut recipe is a well-kept secret, the Kondras graciously shared a few other accompaniment recipes, so read on.)

Christine says people go crazy for the fresh honeycomb from Georgia's Savannah Bee Company. She recommends first sampling the cheese by itself and then with honey to see how it elevates the cheese, enhancing not only the flavor but the overall experience.

Done the Cornerstone way, cheese and charcuterie are much more than a food trend. They're well on their way to becoming a bona fide movement! And one I'm happy I joined.





KEYS TO CORNERSTONE'S BOARDS

Cornerstone Cheese & Charcuterie put together six boards to entice all tastes. Each board's ingredients are listed left to right. Accompaniments on boards: harvest fruit compote, nuts, honeycomb, mustard.



TOMATO CONFIT

Roasting tomatoes for a long time at a low temperature concentrates their flavor. Says Christine Kondra: "The acidity from the tomatoes and garlic brings out the flavor in the cheeses —specifically the Creamery Collection #11 and Spanish-style cheeses such as Serrat del Triadó and Manchego.

4 heirloom or vine-ripened tomatoes Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper 4 garlic cloves, peeled, cut in half lengthwise

1/2-1 C. extra virgin olive oil (amount depends on the size of the tomatoes.) 1 bunch fresh basil, chopped

Preheat oven to 275°.

Cut tomatoes in half and toss with salt and pepper. Add a half clove of garlic to each tomato half.

Place on sheet pan and sprinkle olive oil over tomatoes. Then put basil over top.

Place in oven for 1 hour and 45 minutes. Let cool and place in a mason jar or other container. The confit will last for 1 month.

Makes 1 pint.

Here are five tips to keep in mind when purchasing, serving and storing cheese.

1. Buy a mix of flavors and textures. Be adventurous! Try highlighting cheeses from one region or country or one milk source—cow, goat 5. Wrap cheese in cheese paper and store in or sheep.

2. Allow cheese to sit at room temperature for 20 to 30 minutes before serving.

3. Offer a different knife for each cheese.

4. Taste first. Seasonal changes affect an animal's diet, habits and its milk. Artisanal cheese you enjoyed in the spring may taste quite different in the fall.

PRESERVED L

Christine Kondra, Cornerstone.

1 tsp. whole black peppercorns

Special equipment: 1 qt. Mason jar

Quarter each lemon lengthwise, but be

sure it stays attached by about $\frac{1}{2}$ " at the

stem end. Place lemons in a bowl and stuff

with salt. Transfer lemons to a Mason jar

and add lemon juice, peppercorns and bay

Set jar aside in a dark place, shaking jar

every other day or two, until the lemons

Refrigerate after opening, and use

leaf. Seal with a tight-fitting lid.

are soft (about 1 month).

within 2 to 3 weeks.

Makes 1 quart.

6 medium lemons

2 C. fresh lemon juice

1/4 C. kosher salt

1 bay leaf

Sometimes called lemon pickles, preserved

lemons are important to North African cui-

sine. Sliced thinly, they pair wonderfully with

charcuterie and add a salty tartness to pasta,

salads and seafood dishes. Recipe courtesy of

the produce drawer, designated cheese drawer or other medium-cold, relatively humid part of your refrigerator. Avoid the fridge door. Every time you open the door, the temperature fluctuates, affecting the cheese's taste and shelf life.



Chabichou du Poitou (France) A Casinca (France-Island of Corsica) Notes: Great to add wine pairings to this one.



CROSTINI TWO WAYS

At Cornerstone, the Kondras use unsalted crostini to serve with cheese because the salted version would make an over-salty experience and could negatively affect the cheese's flavor. Enjoy the salted, herbed version by itself or spread with a little tomato confit. Note: Maldon sea salt is an all-natural salt harvested on England's south coast. It comes in the form of flakes and has a clean taste. You can find it at Whole Foods or gourmet shops. Recipe courtesy of Christine Kondra, Cornerstone.

1 baguette Olive oil Optional: Maldon sea salt; dr<u>ied herbs</u>

need to flip the crostini over.

Remove from pans and let cool for 20 minutes. Stored in a tightly sealed container, crostini will last for 2 to 4 weeks. Makes 6-8 servings.

CHICKPEA "NUTS"

Once you start eating these little bites, you can't stop. Truth be told, I like them best with just olive oil and salt, but if you want more spice, add lemon zest and either paprika or rosemary. Adapted from The Kitchn.

- 2, 15-oz. cans chickpeas
- 2 Tb. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. kosher salt or to taste
- Optional: zest of 1 lemon, sweet paprika, dried rosemary (or cook's choice)

Preheat oven to 400°. Rinse chickpeas well. Spread on a paper towel to get them as dry as possible.

Toss chickpeas with olive oil and salt and place on a rimmed sheet pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Shake the pan. Bake for 10-15 more minutes, until golden. Some will even pop! While still hot, toss with lemon zest and spices or dried herbs. Serve warm. Once they cool, they become chewier .. still delicious! Makes about 1 C.



Preheat oven to 375°. Slice baguettes thinly, about 1/4" and place on sheet pans. Sprinkle olive oil over slices (and salt and herbs, if using). Bake for 12 minutes. No

DRIED CHERRY-CURRY TAPENADE

This tapenade has many layers of flavor. It goes well with strong cheese—a super sharp cheddar or tangy goat cheese. Or slather it on crackers and enjoy. Adapted from Pestos, Tapenades and Spreads *by Stacey Prince*.

- 4 Tb. olive oil, divided
- 1/4 C. chopped shallots
- 1 C. dried cherries
- 4 Tb. red wine or sherry vinegar or a combination. divided
- 3 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. sweet curry p<u>owder</u>
- 1 tsp. lemon juice plus more to taste Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Heat ¹/₂ Tb. olive oil over medium heat and add shallots. Cook until they start to soften and begin to turn brown, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add cherries and 3 Tb. vinegar. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, until cherries start to soften. Add brown sugar and curry and stir until sugar dissolves.

Put the mixture in the food processor. Add the remaining olive oil and vinegar and lemon juice and pulse until the mixture is a thick paste. Taste and season with additional lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste. If it's too thick to spread, add water 1 tsp. at a time until you reach desired consistency.

Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes ³/₄ C.

DOMESTIC SELECTIONS

St. Stephen (NY) • Cloud Cap (WA) Tuscan Pork Salumi (VA and Italy) Cabot Clothbound (VT) • Point Reyes (CA) Notes: A very approachable selection—crowd pleaser; en people who don't like blue cheese, like Point Reyes.

CHARCUTERIE DEMYSTIFIED

Charcuterie: "Charcuterie is everywhere around us ... bacon, sausages, hams, pates and terrines are all part of this great culinary specialty ... all of which have some sort of cure and preservation at their core."-from Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing by Michael Ruhlman & Brian Polcyn, forward by Thomas Keller.

Salumi: "With a couple of exceptions (mortadella, the soppressata of Tuscany, which is the Italian version of French fromage de tête), salumi refers to salted, dried meats [such as salami and prosciutto] that are, when done well, with well-fed, well-raised pigs, some of the best foods on the planet. "-Michael Ruhlman on his website. Ruhlman & Brian Polcyn co-authored Salumi: The Craft of Italian Dry-Curing.

Pâtés & Terrines: "They are both French variations on the American meatloaf. The distinction has so blurred with time that they both mean the same thing - a winey spicedup ground meat mixture that is baked and served cold. Terrine originally meant a comfortable earthenware baking dish, usually loaf shaped, in which pâté was baked and served. À pâté en croute is the same mixture baked in a handsome highly decorated pastry crust." – Julia Child, The Way to Cook.

Rillettes: "Rillettes are usually made with longcooked salted pork, rabbit, or goose, which is then shredded, then mashed with fat to produce a rich, rustic paste for spreading on bread. But a good one, the best rillettes you find, are nearly buttery-smooth and rich with the taste of fork-tender meat. Yet rillettes can also be made with fish."—David Lebovitz on his website. He is the author of many books including My Paris Kitchen.

Confit: "Usually the word confit refers to duck confit, a dish from France's Southwest in which duck leas are salted and then cooked in their own fat, a way to both preserve and flavor them ... Now chefs are likely to confit fish as well as fowl."-Dorie Greenspan, Around My French Table.



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SHRIMP RILLETTES

If you want to highlight the shrimp's taste, use a milder feta. You can also substitute butter or cream cheese. Adapted from a recipe by Chef Linton Hopkins on James Beard Fdn. website.

- 2 Tb. butter at room temperature, divided 1/2 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined, no tails
- Salt and pepper to taste 1/4 C. whole milk feta crumbles
- 2 Tb. lemon juice, plus more to taste
- 1 Tb. minced scallions
- 1 Tb. chopped fresh dill

Melt 1 Tb. butter in a large pan over

medium heat. Toss shrimp with salt and pepper and add to skillet. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes until shrimp turns pink and is just cooked through. During the last 30 seconds, add feta and lemon juice and cook until feta starts to become gooey.

Transfer mixture to a food processor and add remaining 1 Tb. butter. Process until you reach desired consistency. Taste and add additional lemon juice, salt and pepper. Fold in scallions and dill. Put in a ramekin or small bowl. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least one hour. Serve with crackers or baguette slices.





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THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOWROOM BUSINESS

Jack Smith

WHO NEEDS THE INTERNET WHEN YOU'VE GOT AUTO ROW?

HERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN PEOPLE WOULD drive out along Lancaster Pike to take in the bosky landscape, buy a basket of fruit from a farmer's stand, and maybe knock a golf ball through a small windmill. It's still a popular route for a weekend drive, only now, more and more, motorists aren't here for the scenery, the produce stands or miniature golf. Instead, they're coming for the cars.

This wasn't what the pundits had predicted. "People said the days of the car dealerships were over," says Chuck Marlin, General Manager at Devon Nissan. "The idea was, the Internet would put us out of business. They said, why would people take the time to get into their car and go look at a car when they could get all the information they needed from a computer? And who needed to haggle with a salesman when they could buy a car over a cell phone?"

Maybe it's too soon to tell, but despite predictions that showrooms would soon disappear, it hasn't happened yet. Au contraire.

Heading west from Devon and just over the eastern fringe of Berwyn, motorists pass no fewer than eight shiny new, megamillion dollar showrooms glimmering like chrome and glass Futuramas along the suburban roadside each purveying BMW, Mercedes, Maserati, Audi, Volkswagen, Nissan, Volvo, or the Finnish-built Tesla

As for the impact of the Internet, Joe Levash, General Manager at Fred Beans Volkswagen of Devon, feels it has actually given dealerships a boost. "Today the buyer has the same information as the salesman, he doesn't feel at a disadvantage when coming into a showroom. It's expanded the buyer's comfort zone, so he feels better about buying a new car."

Phil Miller, sales manager at EuroMotorcars of Devon, sees the brick and mortar auto dealerships enduring for a long time to come. "You can't experience the way a car feels, or sounds, or smells, at a laptop. A dealership isn't just a great place to do business, it's a fixture in American culture. Who doesn't enjoy sliding behind the wheel of a new car? It's as American as apple pie."

For the auto sellers, part of the appeal of Devon's Auto Row is the people who live here. "It's a well-educated, affluent market," says Nissan's Marlin. "Most have credit scores in the 800s, so they're pre-qualified just by walking through the door."

Another plus is the roads themselves. "We're convenient to the Blue Route, the Schuylkill Expressway, and lots of twisty roads in the nearby countryside," says Levash. "The variety of routes makes it possible to tailor every test drive to a buyer's own driving habits. Of course, we don't go out at rush hour." Actually much of the modern day "test drive" can be done in the showroom

itself, with the salesman taking on the role of a technical advisor showing buyers how to negotiate a dizzying array of entertainment, comfort and safety devices-from built-in massage seats to GPS and communications systems.

Of course, the Internet, laptops and cell phones were still the stuff of Buck Rogers when, in 1956, car buffs Jim Carson and Horace Pettit, Jr. began selling English-built Fords and later,

Morgans and Triumphs, from a small, rented building in Berwyn. In 1962 the pair relocated to their first site in Devon where they replaced the British line with Peugeots and Mercury Comets, cousins to Ford Falcons. Three years later the Carson Pettit dealership dropped the French and Ford franchises in favor of Mercedes and Subaru before eventually morphing into an all-Mercedes store in 1996.

Along the way, the nature of the dealerships was changing. "In the 1960s all you needed to open a dealership was a toolbox, some money and a place to hang out a sign," says David Jorgenson, who's been representing Keystone Volvo in Berwyn for 40 years. "Typically the dealerships would represent one American brand and one import. But then the imports got stronger and pushed out the weaker foreign and domestic lines, so we became single-line import dealerships."

With the focus on a single brand came an industry-wide shift in showroom philosophy with structures getting more image conscious, more buyer friendly, and-often with funding from the manufacturersmore expensive.

At Keystone Volvo, for instance, owner Irv Stein had been planning a makeover for his dealership until the Swedish carmaker countered with plans of its own to produce a more unified, corporate look. Keystone's final, white-and-glass look was completed in 2015 at five times the cost Stein originally had in mind.

If the showrooms have changed, so have the attitudes they reflect. In the early 1990s Town & Country Magazine quoted the late Jim Carson as saying that leasing would never catch on along the Main Line. Leasing was somehow undignified, not the sort of thing a true Main Liner would espouse. Now, says Euro Motors' Miller, "We lease 75% of our cars."

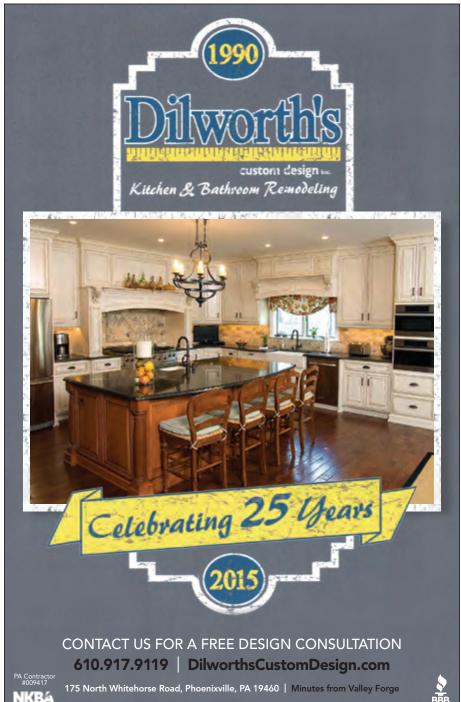
At Marlin's dealership, where a favorite talking point is the marque's "zero gravity" seats designed for long-distance drives, customers aren't treated as customers, but rather, as guests. "We treat them the same way we would if they were visiting our homes."

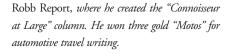
Paradoxically, not everyone wants to be treated so kindly, says Rick DiSimone, sales

manager at Maserati of the Main Line. "For some men a visit to the showroom is a rite of passage-they enjoy haggling to drive down the price." And that's another thing you can't do

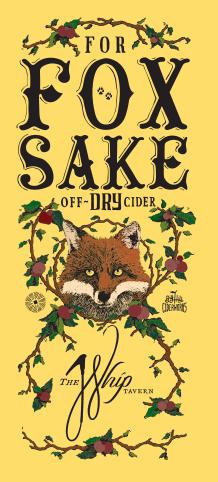
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