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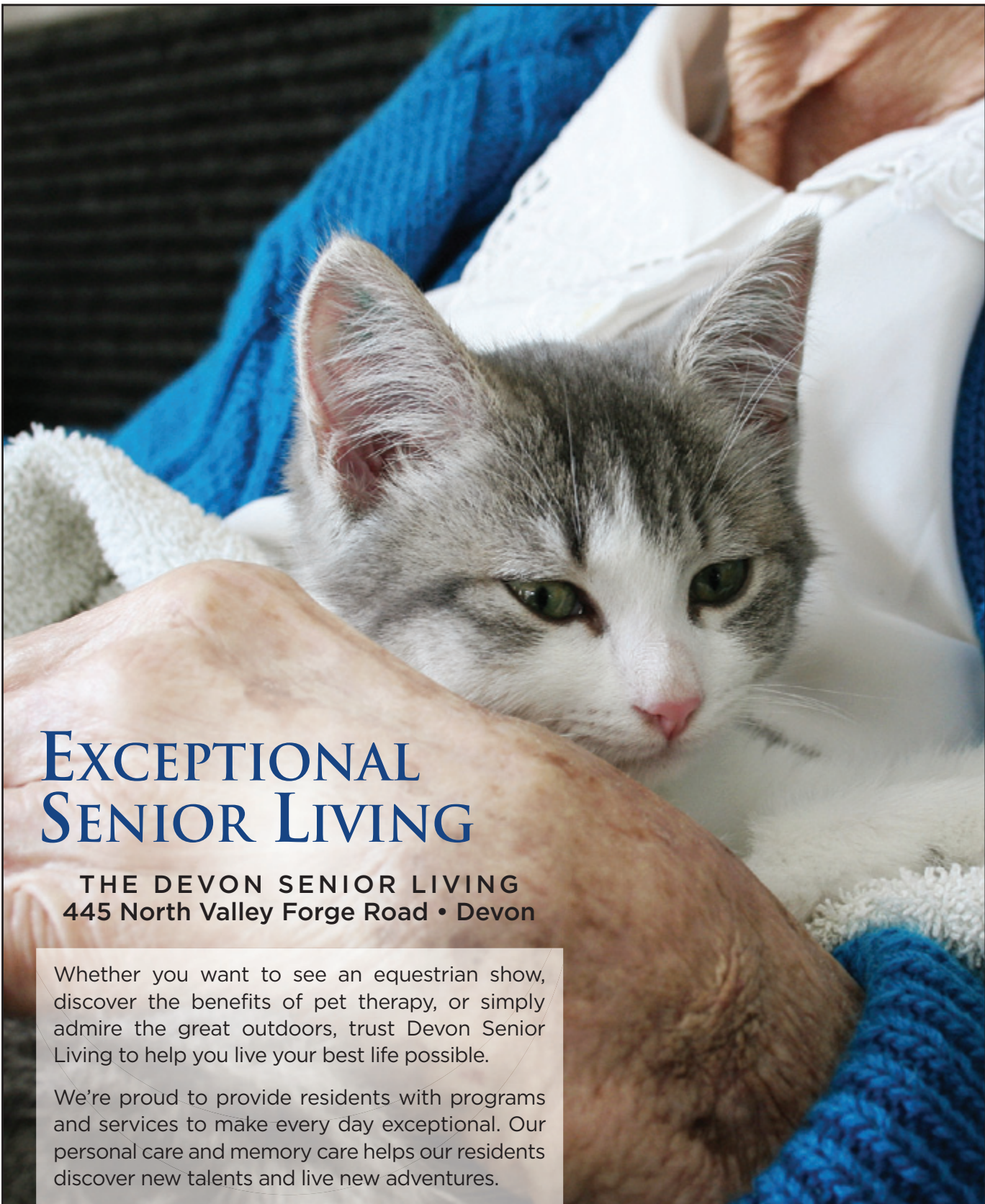
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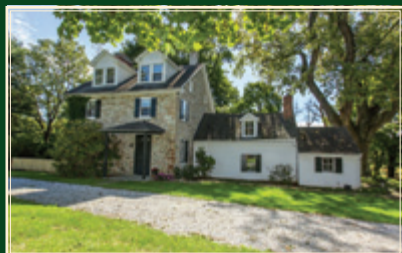
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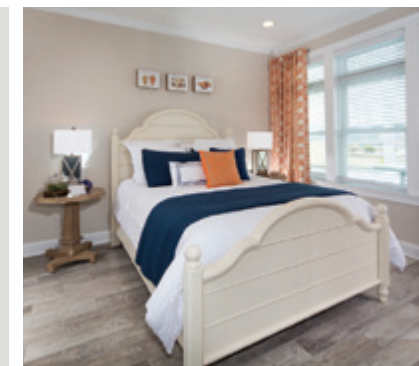
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Glorious May! Our favorite month in the region—gardens bursting, equestrian season in full gallop, and the long-awaited return of Longwood's Main Fountain Garden. Plus a full calendar of Family Fun and the Best Local Events—all in this issue.

May is the month for all things equestrian. Four area steeplechase races—each with its own distinctive character—fill the weekends, as Rachel Alfiero and Rachel Ezrin report in “Spring Into Steeplechase.” Plus the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair span eleven days in late May, complete with family fun and fabulous photos by Brenda Carpenter. You'll see Carson Kressley riding, Olympian McLain Ward jumping, and hats, hats and more hats.

To tailgate in style, try mixing cocktails from “Toast to Tailgating,” with Winterthur, Willowdale and Radnor Hunt specialty drinks, or just pour recommended wines with horses on the labels. Brandywine Table's Laura Brennan learns about tea sandwiches from Taste of Britain's Debbie Heth, for more goodies to add to your tailgate or Mother's Day tea party.

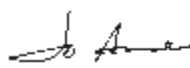
Even our Home of the Month has an equestrian theme. Huntview Farm is a cozy “hunting box” in Radnor Hunt Country, perfect for lifelong riders and even those who aren't riders ... yet.

Our Home and Garden guide covers the best of local home and garden tours, festivals and fairs, in addition to plant sales specializing in hard to find and locally vetted specimens. And Landscape and Garden Design is full of inspiration photos.

Emily Hart takes you on a tour in “Stops Along the Main Line,” visiting new shops, restaurants, bookstores and, of course, brewpubs. For another kind of tour, check out our “Gallery Round Up” for local art—from Devon, West Chester, Yellow Springs and Eagleview to the Chester County Studio Tour.

Finally, we cover the Tough Mudder, the buzz on bees, buying a new car and private banking to round out the issue. Whew!

Thank you for reading. I hope you enjoy May!

  
Jo Anne Durako  
Editor



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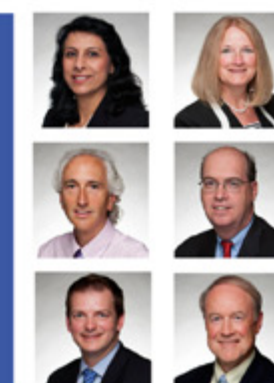
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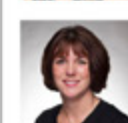
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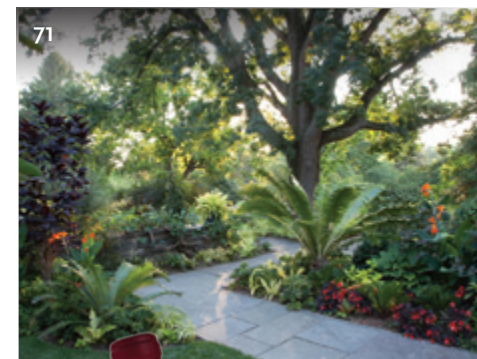
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# What Is Private Banking?

Anthony C. Weagley, Malvern Federal

FOR PRIVATE BANKING CLIENTS, THE EXPERIENCE IS BEYOND THEIR EXPECTATIONS.

**Y**OU MAY HAVE NOTICED A LINK ON YOUR BANK'S website or a sign for private banking and wondered what that was. Also called concierge or boutique banking, private banking is a specialized type of banking offering more than the usual retail banking services.

Simply put, private banking provides personalized attention and specialized services to higher net worth individuals—customized strategies to simplify one's financial life.

A primary feature of private banking is the highly personalized relationship established between the client and an experienced, personal private banker. This individual relationship manager is the primary point of contact for all banking and other related services—everything from ordering checks to investing money. This simplifies the client's banking business by handling it through a single designated person. Private banking professionals are subject to more stringent licensing requirements, given their expanded role.

Despite the focus on a single point of contact, additional members of the bank staff, executive leaders and even the bank CEO may become involved as their help and expertise are needed by the client.

Private banking divisions and services are offered by many area banks you're familiar with. Your bank's website will show if private banking services are offered there.

## Specialized Financial Products & Services

Private banking generally offers a wider variety of customized financial products and services than retail banks and credit unions. Services may include such things as estate planning, financial advice, investment management, even bill paying, mail forwarding and maintaining a residence. These services are designed to help clients save, invest, spend, borrow and protect their money with trust and confidence.

Private bankers may act as advisors and financial coaches committed to responsible finance, creating economic value, and working for their clients' best interests using tailored solutions. By taking the time to fully understand the clients' needs, private bankers can develop a strategy for immediate and long-term goals while continuing to build and preserve wealth.

A larger variety of conventional and alternative investments are available through private banking, including proprietary solutions not available to retail banking clients. New products are constantly being developed to meet private banking clients' evolving needs.

## More Advantages

Other advantages—beyond never having to stand in line for a teller—include more competitive rates and relationship-based pricing. These benefits range from exclusive mortgage rates, high interest deposit accounts, discounted consumer credit and unsecured lines of credit, to things like special credit cards and reduced banking fees.

Larger banks have the capacity to add even more products including alternative investments, concierge services, art and collectible valuation, specialty financing for yachts and airplanes, and real estate advising.

Priority service is another common benefit. Clients may meet in a private setting or transact their banking business by email or phone. Some private banks may offer 24-hour concierge service.

## Deposit Minimum and Fees

How do you become a client at a private bank? A bank may offer invitations to high net worth individuals the bank already works with, while other clients may seek out the bank for its reputation or services.

The minimum of investable assets needed to qualify for private banking varies widely—from around \$250,000 to several million dollars held at the bank itself or at other institutions.

And, of course, the services are not free. Fees charged also vary and may be based on the amount invested. Fees may also be based on the number of transactions, the services used or a percentage of the account amount.

## Goals

Today's banking clients want an efficient process for conducting their business when and how they want. The goal of private banking is to allow them to access most, if not all of their financial needs through a single point of contact at the bank. The hope is that the relationship lasts through generations and builds value for all. ♦

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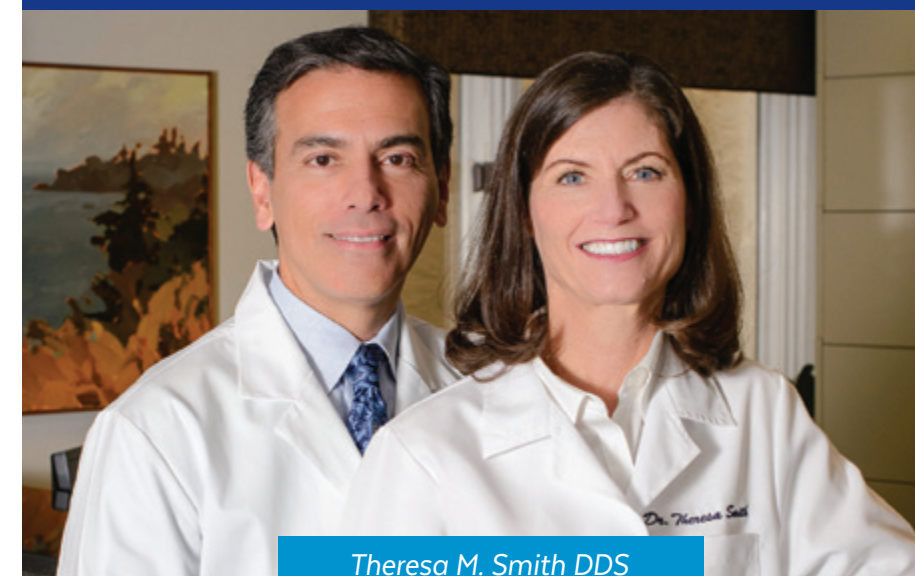
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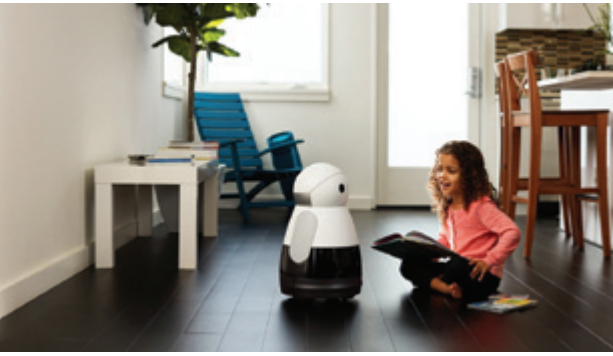


**Mother's Day Virtual 5k.** You've heard about virtual reality, but what about virtual racing? On May 14th the Moon Joggers, whose annual goal is to run the distance from Earth to our moon, hosts their fourth **Mother's Day Virtual 5k** and raises money for Vitamin Angels, a national charity that donates vitamins to families in need. This virtual race prioritizes your comfort and convenience by letting you run anytime, anywhere! After Mother's Day brunch, grab Mom and get ready to run! [Moonjogger.com](http://Moonjogger.com).

**Anti-Monopoly.** Everyone knows Monopoly, but did you know about its anti-monopolist origin? **Elizabeth Magie Phillips, Monopoly's plucky inventor**, patented it under the title "Landlord's Game" in 1904. The game taught players the value of economic competition and had two versions: one that was monopolist and one that was anti-monopolist. Learn more about this forgotten female inventor when Mary Pillion talks about her book *The Monopolists* on May 4th at Hagley Museum and Library. [Hagley.org](http://Hagley.org).



**Robo-Nanny.** Move over, Alexa! The latest in personal assistants is **Kuri the Robot Nanny**. Part home security system, part caretaker, Kuri's like a Roomba with personality. Its built-in Wi-Fi system lets Kuri play your favorite tunes or read to the kids, while Kuri's smart technology helps it learn the rhythm of your household. Kuri can greet you in the morning, say goodbye when the kids leave for school and even tell Fido to get off the couch! Available for \$699 on [HeyKuri.com](http://HeyKuri.com).



**Just Dance!** Dance the night away with local studio **Swing Kat Entertainment!** Through May 22nd, Swing Kat offers an Introduction to Swing class as well as intermediate courses for more experienced dancers. Interested in the history of swing? This energetic dance began in Harlem and takes its cues from the fast-paced rhythm of '40s and '50s jazz. With several locations, including Pottstown and West Chester, Swing Kat will help you dance like no one's watching! [SwingKat.com](http://SwingKat.com).





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## [May Picks]

*Our Picks for top events this month*



### Phoenixville Food Truck Festival May 6

Join the hungry crowds at Phoenixville's Food Truck Festival—which are getting bigger all the time—with dozens of food trucks and vendors. Taste fresh, hot, handmade specialty donuts at Undgrnd Donuts, stop by Pbon's Phood Truck for land and seafood cuisine, Phylodellphia's for Greek- and Mediterranean-inspired food, and The Chilly Banana for whips and other tasty fruit-based treats ... the list goes on. *Downtown Phoenixville. Noon to 6. [PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com](http://PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com).*

### Wayne Art Center Plein Air Art Festival May 8–June 25

This national juried exhibition is dedicated to enhancing the public's awareness of outdoor painting. *May 8–13*, Artists Paint the Delaware Valley; *May 13*, Plein Air 2017 Soirée and Sale, 6 to 10 p.m., phone for tickets; *May 15–June 25*, Plein Air Art Festival Exhibition. *413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon.–Fri., 9 to 5; Sat., 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; [WayneArt.org](http://WayneArt.org).*



### Malvern Blooms

May 7

Celebrate Malvern with activities for the whole family—live music, kids activities including inflatables, games and prizes, balloon artists, crafts and face painting, plus artists and crafters, a food court with food trucks, restaurants and more. *King St. & Warren Ave., Malvern. 11 to 4. [Malvern-Festivals.com](http://Malvern-Festivals.com).*



### May in Kennett Square

May 6, 13, 20

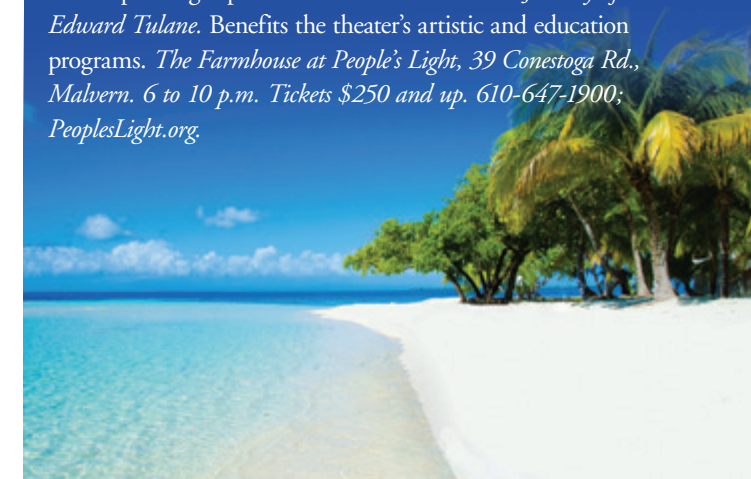
Visit and plan to stay and play at Anson B. Nixon Park for a host of events this month: *May 6*, Trout Rodeo—a park favorite—the ponds are stocked with trout,

breakfast and lunch for sale. PA fishing license required for fishermen 16+. *May 13*, Kennett Rotary PetFest—adoptions, portraits, music, food, pet fashions and more. Noon to 4. Free. *May 20*, 28th Annual Kennett Run—benefits local charities and has events for all ages including a post-race party. *Registration, 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. race. \$20–\$45. 610-388-1556; [KennettRun.net](http://KennettRun.net). Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut St., Newtown Square. 610-444-0792; [AnsonBNixonPark.org](http://AnsonBNixonPark.org).*

### Treasures & Travels: A People's Light Auction Adventure

May 19

Gather in the newly renovated Farmhouse for an evening of fine food and drink, exciting auctions, a raffle for a luxury Caribbean villa vacation in Placencia, Belize and a peek at the People's Light production of *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Benefits the theater's artistic and education programs. *The Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets \$250 and up. 610-647-1900; [PeoplesLight.org](http://PeoplesLight.org).*





# best Local Events

## FAMILY FUN

### THROUGH MAY 21

**Media Theatre—Madagascar, Jr.—A Musical Adventure.** Hilarious musical based on the classic animated film. Media Theatre Co., 104 E. State St., Media. Sat, 11 am; Sun, noon. \$12–\$15. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

### THROUGH MAY 29

**Dinosaur Revolution at Delaware Museum of Natural History.** An interactive learning experience within a maze setting where visitors experience reptilian role-play activities and become junior paleontologists. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

### THROUGH MAY

**The Mill at Anselma.** An authentic example of a custom water-powered grain mill named a National Historic Landmark. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. Sat–Sun, 10 to 4; after June 1, Thurs–Sun. \$3–\$5. Milling demos 2nd Sat each month. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.

### THROUGH JUNE

**Wellington Square Bookshop.** Children's Story Time: through June, Tues, ages 2–5 enjoy songs and cookies and listen to stories come alive in the bookshop. Young Readers: May 10, Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie; June 14, Chicadee by Louise Erdlich. Teens: May 17, Every Day by David Levithan; June 21, The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. Check website for times. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

**THROUGH OCTOBER, Third Thursdays** Story Time in Winterthur's Enchanted Woods. Share the joy of reading with your 3-to-6-year-old while cultivating an appreciation of nature. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10:30 am. \$5–\$20. 302-888-4864; Winterthur.org.

### MAY 7

**4th Annual Haverford Spring Fest.** All-day music, food and fun. Benefits music education and local nonprofits. Brookline Blvd. at Darby Rd., Havertown. Noon to 7. Donation requested. HaverfordSpringFest.com.

### MAY 7

**Bike Rodeo.** Bring your bike for this free event featuring safety demonstrations, rides, obstacle course and more. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 3 to 5 pm. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com/Recreation.

### MAY 7

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

### MAY 7

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

### MAY 15–20

**Phoenixville Dogwood Festival.** A community festival and parade with lots of activities. May 20, Dogwood Parade, 11 am. Reeves Park Bandshell, 2nd & Main Sts., Phoenixville. Mon–Fri, 6 to 10; Sat, noon to 10. 484-928-0052; PhoenixvilleDogwoodFestival.org.



### MAY 18–20

**Philadelphia Children's Festival.** Music, dance, theater, circus performances and free outdoor PlazaMania with interactive activities and performances for the whole family. Annenberg Ctr. for Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut St., Phila. Visit AnnenbergCenter.org/events/childfest.php.

### JUNE 1–4

**Brandywine Health Fdn. 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 3

**Community & Trails Day Celebration.** Enjoy food, music, 5K run, kids games, vendors and more along the Chester Valley Trail. Celebrates the community and National Trails Day. Exton Park Site, 132 Church Farm La., Exton. 4 to 8 pm. ChesCo.org.

### JUNE 3

**Historic Newtown Square Day.** A community celebration with vendors, games, an outdoor market, tours of historic sites and private properties in Newtown Square. Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. \$5. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

### JUNE 3–4

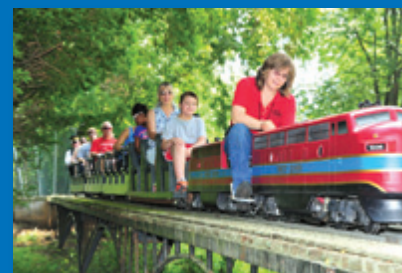
**Malvern Memorial Day Parade and Dinner.** June 3, the Run for Freedom a 5K, 1 mi. run/walk, 9 am; Kids Run, 9:45, benefitting a local Marine. At 5 pm, community spaghetti dinner, \$10–\$12 (adv. tickets), then the Chester County Concert Band. June 4, 149th Malvern Memorial Day Parade, 1:30 pm, King Street. Visit MalvernMemorialParade.com for details.

### JUNE 4

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

### JUNE 4–NOVEMBER 5, Sundays

**Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights.** Climb into an antique automobile, board one of the trains or tour the magnificent 1897 Marshall family mansion. Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$12–\$19. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.



## ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

See Gallery Round Up in this issue.

### THROUGH MAY 28

**"Imprint" Competition on Display at Wharton Esherick Museum.** Art show open to area high school students to inspire future generations of artists through printmaking. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. Tues–Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

### MAY 4–7

**Community Arts Center—Potters Guild Spring Sale.** Professional clay artists display and sell their work. Held in the Duke Gallery, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Preview on Thurs, 6:30 to 9, \$5; sale hours, Fri, 10 to 8; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

### MAY 5

**West Chester's Vintage Market.** Booths selling many items, food vendors, live music. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 4 to 8. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### MAY 5–6

**For the Love of Quilting.** Penn Oaks Quilters display over 100 modern, traditional and vintage quilts at Ludwig's Corner, Griffiths Hall, Rts. 100 & 401, Glenmoore. Fri, 10 to 6; Sat, 9 to 4. \$8. PennOaksQuilters.org.

### MAY 5–7

**Delaware Valley Art League Art Show.** More than 50 artists participate at the Church of the Good Samaritan Church Art Sale, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. Fri–Sat, 10 to 9; Sun, 1 to 5. DelawareValleyArtLeague.com.

### MAY 6

**Main Line Art Center Spring Fever Craft Market.** Indoor and outdoor vendors offering original artwork, crafts and artisanal foods. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. 10 to 4. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

### MAY 27–28

**Downingtown Fine Arts Festival.** Fine artists display along the 100 block of E. Lancaster Ave. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. 610-269-1523; DowningtownMainStreet.com.

### MAY 27–29

**Brandywine River Museum of Art 46th Annual Antiques Show.** Fine antiques including furniture, rugs, porcelain, needlework and much more from distinguished dealers. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 5. \$18. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

## BOOKS.....

### THROUGH JUNE 22

**Wellington Square Bookshop.** Adult Non-

**Fiction:** May 4, *Ego is the Enemy* by Ryan Holiday; June 1, *Inside a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know* by Alexandra Horowitz. **Adult Fiction:** May 17, *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie; June 21–22, *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. Check website for times. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

## CAR SHOWS.....

### MAY 28

**38th Annual Chester County Car Show.** Antique and classic cars, street rods, trucks,

motorcycles, arts and crafts a food court and more. Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 113, Kimberton. 9 to 3. Parking donation, \$2/car. ChescoACC.com.

## DESIGN / HOME SHOWS.....

### THROUGH MAY 28

**Bucks County Designer Showhouse.** Designers show their creativity in interior and landscape design at Hill Crest Manor, 3690 Burnt House Hill Rd., Doylestown. Benefits the Village Improvement Assoc. of Doylestown. Check website for special events on Mother's Day weekend. Mon–Wed, Fri, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10



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to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. \$25. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

#### FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

MAY 6

**Pleasant View Retirement Community's Saturday in 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.

JUNE 6-10

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

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE.....

MAY 3-SEPTEMBER 30

**Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media.** Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street. There's entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11 pm. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

MAY 5

**2017 Philadelphia Wine Festival.** Sample unique and high-end wines, perfectly paired with gourmet food from the region's best restaurants. Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia. VIP entry, 5; general tasting, 6:30 to 9 pm. \$25-\$225. 215-940-4605; FineWineAndGoodSpirits.com.

MAY 7

**Sly Fox Bock Fest & Goat Race.** A huge gathering of racing goats, beer, food and fun. 331 Circle of Progress Dr., Pottstown. 11 to 6. Rain or shine. 484-524-8210; SlyFoxBeer.com/Bockfest.

MAY 13

**Brandywine Valley Craft Brewers Festival 2017.** Live music, great food and 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. IronHillBrewery.com.

MAY 13

**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.

MAY 13

**Phoenixville Beer & Wine Festival.** More than 80 craft beers and 36 wines at this first annual event, which also features music, local

artisans and food. Kimberton Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Benefits Phoenixville Public Library. Noon to 4:30. \$10-\$65. PhoenixvilleBeerWineFestival.com.



MAY 27-28

**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 1-11

**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, PhillyLovesBeer.org.

JUNE 3

**15th 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 pm. Tickets \$100 in advance; \$120 at the door. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.



JUNE 4

**Chester County Mac & Cheese Cook-Off.** Local restaurants, businesses and hometown cooks compete for "Best Mac-n-Cheese in Chester County." Event organizer: The Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown. Across from Kerr Park, 1 Park Ln., Downingtown. Noon to 4. \$5-\$10. MacNCheeseCookOff.com.

#### FUNDRAISERS.....

MAY 12

**Bridge of Hope National Spring Gala Luncheon.** Silent auctions, luncheon. Benefits the mission to end homelessness for children and families. Doubletree Resort, 2400 Willow



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Street Pk., Lancaster. 10:30. \$50. 610-280-0280; BridgeOfHopeInc.org.

MAY 12

**Church Farm School 4th Annual Gala—“All That Jazz.”** Enjoy a festive evening of New Orleans-themed food, music and fun in support of the school’s mission to provide financial aid to deserving students. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. Tickets start at \$200. 610-363-5383; GoCFS.net.

MAY 13

**Canine Partners For Life – Unleashed & Uncorked Event.** An evening of dancing, hors



d’oeuvres and libations and, the best part, mingling with plenty of precious pups. Benefits CPL’s mission to raise and train service dogs for individuals with disabilities. Chesapeake Ballroom, 365 Airport Rd., New Castle, DE. 7 to 10. \$150. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.

MAY 15

**Paoli Hospital Auxiliary—30th Anniversary Golf Tournament.** Play a round of golf then attend the cocktail reception with an open bar, silent auction, raffle and dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. Gulph Mills Golf Club, 200 Swedesford Rd., King of Prussia. 11 am. \$600; cocktail reception only, \$100. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org/Golf.

MAY 22

**Stroud Water Research Center’s Annual Golf Outing.** Spend a fabulous day dedicated to understanding, protecting and restoring our waterways. Fieldstone Golf Club, 1000 Dean Rd., Greenville, DE. 11 am registration, lunch; 12:30 pm start; 4:30 cocktails and awards. 610-268-2153, ext. 288; StroudCenter.org.

## GARDENS.....

See Home & Garden article in this issue.

## MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH MAY 30

**Delaware Art Museum.** *Through May 14*, “No Jury, No Prizes: The Society of Independent Artists, 1917–1944.” *Through May 30*, “Wonder and Whimsy: The Illustrations of W. Heath Robinson.” 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, free, Sundays. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH MAY 30

**Brandywine River Museum of Art.** *Through May 21*, “From Homer to Hopper: Experiment and Ingenuity in American Art.” *Through May 30*, “New Terrains: American Paintings from the Richard M. Scaife Bequest.” 1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6–\$15. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

**Christian C. Sanderson Museum.** “Wyeth Unplugged,” uncovers the private relationship between Chris Sanderson and the Wyeth family. Take a trip into the lives of the Wyeth family through Chris’ eyes. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs–Sun, noon to 4. \$5–\$8. 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2018

**Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.** “Treasures on Trial: The Art and Science of Detecting Fakes” examines intriguing questions such as: What gets faked and why? How do you spot a fake? 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$15–\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

## LOCAL FARM MARKETS

**Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt.,** Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station parking lot. *Sat, 9 to 1.* FarmToCity.org.

**Downingtown Farmers Mkt.,** Kerr Park, Log Cabin Field, Pennsylvania Ave., Downingtown. *Sat, 9 to 1.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

**Eagleview Farmers Mkt.,** Eagleview Town Crt., Wellington Sq., Exton. *Thurs, 3 to 7 pm.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

**Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.,** 112 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. *Fri, 2 to 6.* 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

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

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

**Oxford Village Mkt.,** 3rd & Locust Sts. *Tues, 1 to 5 pm.* 610-998-9494; DOWNTOWN-OxfordPA.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., Phoenixville. *Sat, 9 to 1.* PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

**Pottstown Farmers Mkt.,** 200 block of High St. *Beg. June 1–Tues, 5 to 7:30 pm.* 610-323-5400; PottstownFarm.org.

**SIW Farmers Mkt.,** 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. *Beg. June 1–daily, 7 to 6.* 610-388-7491; SIW-Vegetables.blogspot.com.

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

**Thornton Farmers Mkt.,** 330 Glen Mills Rd. *Sat, 10 to 1.* Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

**West Chester Growers Mkt.,** Chestnut & Church Sts. *1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 10 to noon.* 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; Westtown-AmishMarket.net.

MAY 13

**National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum.** “Antiques of Terracina: A Victorian History.” This is a one-time tour, focusing on the history of the antiques at Terracina and their lives during the 19th century. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. 10 and 11 am. Res. req. \$20. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

## MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT.....

MAY 2–25

**The Keswick Theatre Presents.** *May 2*, Transatlantic Sessions with Jerry Douglas & Aly Bain; *May 4*, Marsha Ambrosius and Eric

Bener; *May 5*, Dwight Yoakam; *May 6*, Raffi; *May 10*, Pete the Cat; *May 11*, Whose Live Anyway? *May 12*, Jim Jefferies; *May 13*, Brian McKnight; *May 14*, My Favorite Murder; *May 16*, Midnight Oil; *May 18*, Jillian Michaels; *May 20*, The Capitol Steps; *May 22*, Little Feat; *May 25*, *Charlotte’s Web*. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. For tickets and show times, 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

MAY 5–JUNE 4

**Uptown! Events at Knauer Performing Arts Center.** *May 5*, Singer Songwriter Performance, 7:30; *May 11*, Opera Tutti! Golden

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**MAY 5**  
**WCU—Live!** The Stunt Dog Experience, 7:30, \$13-\$20. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall,

700 S High St., West Chester. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

**MAY 5-JULY 23**  
**The Grand Wilmington.** **May 5**, Whose Live Anyway?, cast members of the TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*; **May 12**, The Delaware Symphony Orchestra Series Concert Classics 5; **May 13**, The Doo Wop Project; **May 20**, The NY Comedy Kings; **June 9**, Joe Jackson "Fast Forward Tour;" **June 10**, Steppin' Out With Ben Vereen, gala fundraiser at The Playhouse at Rodney Square; **July 23**, John Mulaney: Kid Gorgeous. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 302-658-7897; TheGrandWilmington.org.



**MAY 6**  
**Brandywine Valley Chorale Spring Concert—The Evolution of Musical Theater.** From classic opera to comic operetta to our favorite tunes from Broadway, this is sure to be a special evening. Unionville High School Auditorium, 750 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square. 7:30 pm. \$15. TheBVC.org.

**MAY 6-7**  
**Ballet 180—"A Secret Garden."** An interpretation of the healing power of love found in a secret garden. Rotwitt Theater at Rosemont College, 1400 Montgomery Ave., Brown Science Bldg., Rosemont. Sat, 3; Sun, 4 pm. \$15-\$35. 484-639-9571; Ballet180.org.

**MAY 7**  
**Chester County Concert Band.** "Spring Mix" offers highlights from *Oklahoma*, *William Tell Overture*, *A Cohan Salute*, *Harlem Nocturne* and Benny Goodman. J. R. Fugett Middle School, Paoli Pk. & Ellis La., West Chester. 2:30 pm. \$7-\$10. 484-639-9118; CCCBand.org.

**MAY 7**  
**Theatre Organ Society of the DE Valley.** Enjoy an afternoon of great music with Ken Double, renowned theater organist and Skip Stine, former lead trumpet with the Harry James Orchestra. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. \$5-\$10. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

**MAY 17**  
**Vox at the Barnes.** The public is invited to attend the grand finale of Vox Ama Deus' 30th Anniversary Season at the Barnes Foundation, Free to the first 160 who have reserved tickets,

so act early. Ben Franklin Pkwy., Phila. 7 pm. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

**MAY 19, 20**  
**Point Entertainment Presents ...** **May 19**, Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy; **May 20**, The Mads are Back! Join *Mystery Science Theater 3000*'s Frank Conniff and Trace Beaulieu as they screen some of the worst movies ever made. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

**MAY 19-21**  
**Brandywine Ballet—Beauty & the Beast.** A new, full-length work based on the original story. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri, 10 am; Sat, noon and 4 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$25-\$40. 610-692-6402; BrandywineBallet.org.



**MAY 27-28**  
**Black Walnut Winery—7th 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 of Phoenixville will be on site with their famous BBQ specialties for purchase all day. 3000 Lincoln Hwy., Sadsburyville. Noon to 7. \$10. 610-857-5566; BlackWalnutWinery.com.

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

**MAY 6**  
**World Labyrinth Day.** "Walk as One at 1!" People come together in the labyrinth, a symbol and tool for healing and peace. The Cathedral Choir and Rainbow Chorale of Delaware perform from noon to 1:15. DE Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Free with museum admission. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

**MAY 6**  
**Walk MS—Greater Delaware Valley Chapter.** Funds raised give hope to the 14,000 people living with MS in our area. Please Touch Museum, Memorial Hall, 43 S. Concourse St., Phila. 8 am. To register online visit, WalkPaE. NationalMSSociety.org.

**MAY 7**  
**Blue Cross Broad Street Run.** A 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Central High

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#### MAY 7

**Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride.** Cyclists with and without disabilities come together along the Chester Valley Trail. Benefits the PA Ctr. for Adapted Sports. Chester Valley Trail, at Valley Creek Corp. Ctr., 220 Valley Creek Trail, Exton, Reg., 7:30 am. \$30–\$40. Post-ride fiesta at noon. CincoDeMayoRide.org.

#### MAY 12–13

**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 13

**10th Annual Run by the River 5K.** Enjoy a beautiful spring morning on the Schuylkill River Trail in downtown Phoenixville at this benefit for the Good Samaritan Shelter. If you're running, you can join in the 1 mile fun walk. There will be an after race party at the Great American Pub, 11 to 1. Registration 8 am, race at 9. \$15–\$30. 610-933-9305; Good-SamaritanShelter.org.

#### MAY 14

**Delaware Marathon.** A scenic race course through historic downtown Wilmington featuring marathon, half marathon, relay and kids' fun run. Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. 7 am. \$45–\$155. 410-605-9381; DelawareMarathon.org.

#### MAY 14

**5K For Mother's Day.** Join the hundreds of moms, daughters, grandmothers, 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 19–21

**Wilmington Grand Prix.** *May 19*, Monkey Hill time trials in Brandywine Park at 5 pm with live music, BBQ, free. *May 20*, men's and women's amateur and professional races, a bike parade, street festival, vendors and more. *May 21*, the Governor's Ride and Gran Fondo through rolling hills of chateau country. \$20–\$89. 302-655-6483; For maps, info, Wilm-GrandPrix.com.

#### MAY 20

**28th Annual Kennett Run.** Events for all ages, including a 10K and 5K run and a 1-mile Fun Walk and FundRun. Post-race party with

refreshments, music, awards. Benefits local charities. Union & Sickles Sts., Kennett Square. Registration, 6:30 am, 9 am race. \$20–\$45. 610-388-1556; KennettRun.net.

#### MAY 20

**2017 Philly Tough Mudder.** See article in this issue.

#### JUNE 3

**American Cancer Society Relay for Life.** The 24-hour relay will be held at Great Valley High School, 225 Phoenixville Pk., Malvern. Sat, 10 am through Sun, 10 am. For information, RelayForLife.org/PACCC.

#### JUNE 3–9

**19th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn.** A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia.



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JUNE 11

**Radnor Conservancy 7th Annual Race For Open Space.** This family-friendly event includes a 5K off-road trail race and 1-mile walk option on the trails of the Willows and Skunk Hollow Parks. There will be refreshments and activities for children ages 4–10. Begin at The Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Reg. at 8 am, race at 9. \$15–\$30. 610-329-7399; RadnorConservancy.org.

## THEATER

THROUGH JUNE 4

**The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.** A breathtaking adventure by two-time Newbery Medal-winning author Kate DiCamillo. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$33–\$70. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH JUNE 11

**West Side Story.** This Leonard Bernstein / Stephen Sondheim collaboration pairs exciting choreography with a legendary score, featuring songs such as “Maria,” “Tonight” and “America.” Media Music Theatre, 104 E. State

St., Media. Check website for show times. \$25–\$50. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

JUNE 9–10

**The Savoy Company—H.M.S. Pinafore.** Gilbert and Sullivan's classic follows the plight of star crossed lovers Josephine, the captain's daughter, and Ralph Rackstraw, a lowly sailor. Longwood Gardens, 1001 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square, 8:30 p.m. \$29. 215-735-7161; Savoy.org.

## TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

MAY 5, 13, 18

**First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays.** *May 5, First Fridays: Kennett Square Art Stroll*, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. *Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Oxford*, 610-998-9494; DowntonOxfordPA.org. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; West-Chester.com; *Wilmington Art Loop*, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com. *May 13, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media*, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. *May 18, Malvern Stroll*, MalvernBusiness.com.

MAY 18

**Chadds Ford Hist. Society Tavern Talks.** This month, “Spy Games.” Barns Brinton House,

6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$20. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

MAY 20

**Paranormal Tour of Paoli Battlefield.** Discover the “hot spots” of activity located along the trail and in other areas of the park. Bring flashlights, recorders, cameras and a chair if you like. Paoli Battlefield Hist. Park, First and Wayne Aves., Malvern. 6 to 11 pm. \$45. 484-320-7173; PBPFIInc.org.

MAY 20, JUNE 9, 24

**Wine & Cheese Tours at Wharton Esherick Museum.** Enjoy an hour-long tour of the Studio then savor local wine, cheese and light fare on the deck. Res. required. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. 4 to 6 pm. \$25–\$30. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org. ♦

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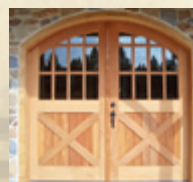


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On May 20 and 21, the Tough Mudder event will come to our area, at Plantation Field in Coatesville, one of over 30 scheduled in the U.S. this year. The event planners expect 10,000 participants.

This event is special because it includes a Tougher Mudder, with a competitive, timed twist. With cash prizes, it's one of six qualifiers—8 hours, starting a midnight—for the World's Toughest Mudder, offering \$5,000 in prizes and held in the Midwest in November.

The Toughest Mudder is an endurance event, measured by the number of 5-mile laps completed in 24 hours. That's right: *24 hours*.

You probably won't sign up for the 24-hour version, at least the first time. But the shorter Tough Mudder Full—10 to 12 miles, 20

obstacles—or even shorter Tough Mudder Half—5 miles, 13 obstacles—will undoubtedly test your resolve.

The names of the obstacles—Kiss of Mud, Killa Gorilla, Arctic Enema—give a taste of what to expect. Electroshock Therapy is, by many accounts, “the worst”—10,000 volts, dangling live wires, 50 torturous feet, the ever-present mud.

Where's the kids' version? Oh, there it is—the Mini Mudder for 7 to 12-year-olds.

For the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, this is the third Tough Mudder event partnership since 2015. GWCCC President Mark Yoder says that the Chamber “is proud to partner with Tough Mudder and help gather volunteers to serve beer to the participants.” It's rounded up nearly 200 so far.

After hours of running, crawling, climbing, toil and mud, for many, it may be all about the beer. And the t-shirt and headband. ♦

—Edwin Malet

Find out more or sign up at [ToughMudder.com/events/2017-Philly](http://ToughMudder.com/events/2017-Philly). Plantation Field, 387 Green Valley Rd., Coatesville.







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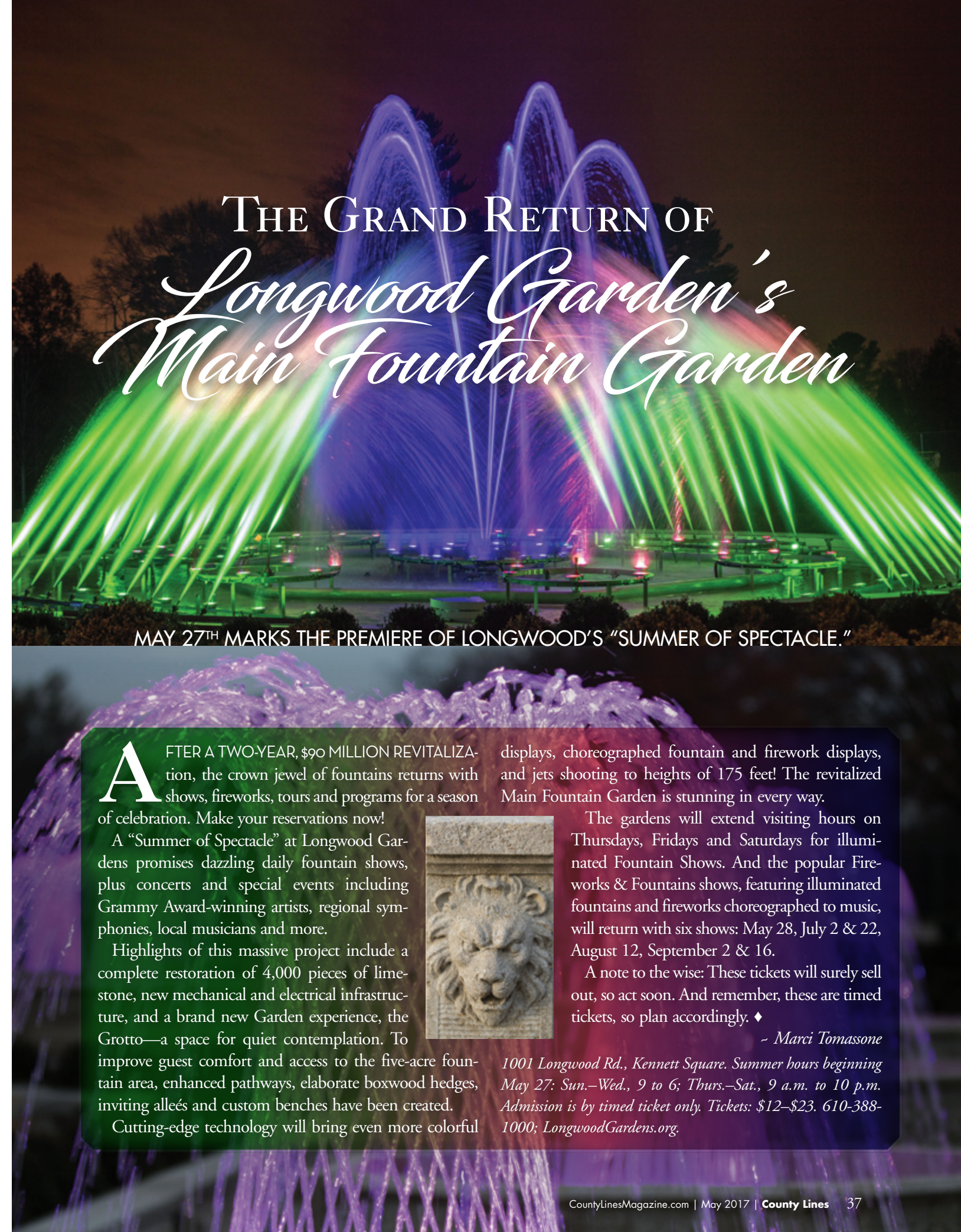



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The gardens will extend visiting hours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for illuminated Fountain Shows. And the popular Fireworks & Fountains shows, featuring illuminated fountains and fireworks choreographed to music, will return with six shows: May 28, July 2 & 22, August 12, September 2 & 16.

A note to the wise: These tickets will surely sell out, so act soon. And remember, these are timed tickets, so plan accordingly. ♦

— Marci Tomassone

1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Summer hours beginning May 27: Sun.–Wed., 9 to 6; Thurs.–Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is by timed ticket only. Tickets: \$12–\$23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



# The Buzz on Bees

Noah Gress, Beekeeper at Willistown Conservation Trust

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND THE BEES ARE BUZZING IN CHESTER COUNTY.

MANY OF US SPEND TIME IN OUR YARDS AND parks not fully appreciating the great value our beneficial friend—the bee—brings to our landscape and the food system around us. More specifically, the honey bee happens to be one of the most vital parts of our ecosystem. Without these humble bees our bountiful countryside and local food supply would not exist. Honey bees and domestic bees are responsible for pollinating an astounding 90 percent of our flowers and 30 percent of our food crops.

## THE BEES ARE OUT

You may have noticed that each spring, honey bees make their first appearance after a winter hibernation. And spring marks the season when Chester County is awash in blooms that decorate the trees, shrubs and plants creating a picturesque countryside and a welcoming habitat for bees.

Locally black locusts, tulip populars and autumn olives are some of the prime nectar sources that provide the variety of flavors and character of Chester County honey. Tulip popular imparts a reddish tint to the honey, while locust honey is so light it's almost clear. And if there's an abundant locust flow, the bees can produce 30 pounds of a honey in a week's time!

It's the lure of delectable and distinctive honey that attracts professional beekeepers and hobbyists to maintain their own bee colonies throughout our area. That and no doubt the chance to wear the classic jacket, hat and veil combination.

## LOCAL BEEKEEPING

Chester County has a vibrant beekeeping community with a long history. Its roots go back to the father of modern beekeeping,

Reverend Lorenzo L. Langstroth, who was from southeastern Pennsylvania and in the mid-1800s developed the modern beehive design and equipment that's been used ever since.

Just as in Langstroth's time, today people continue to be fascinated with how honey bees interact with the environment. Maintaining bee colonies helps us understand how the health of the land can be determined by the health of the honey bees on it.

The Chester County Beekeepers Association has over 400 members who maintain colonies. Consider for a moment that if each of the club's beekeeper has three colonies, that's 48,000,000 bees buzzing around us—just in our area. And that works out to 100 bees per acre of land in the County—quite a lot of inquisitive and hungry bees!

## BEYOND HONEY

In addition to making honey, bees are a vital part of agriculture because of their role in pollinating fruit and vegetable crops. Many farms in Chester County keep bee colonies for that very purpose.

When the land conservation organization, Willistown Conservation Trust, decided to establish Rushton Farm as part of the 84-acre Rushton Woods Preserve, the Trust started several bee colonies. Rushton Farm is now home to six thriving bee colonies producing over 400 pounds of honey a year. Rushton is fortunate that the bee colonies have been both fruitful and strong, helping to support the growing practices the farm employs.

These bee colonies not only help pollinate flowers and crops but also provide feedback on the health of the farmland. Rushton beekeepers look at the survival rate of their bees compared with rates at other farms, especially when many farms are seeing high rates of loss in bee colonies. Bees provide an important monitoring function for our environment.

## BACKYARD BEEKEEPING

While farms may employ professional beekeepers to maintain their bees, backyard beekeeping has become a popular hobby. Many beekeeping hobbyists start by assisting a professional beekeeper for a season or attending workshops to learn more about what can be a challenging pastime involving stinger-laden, venom-carrying flying insects. Other challenges include factors affecting the health of their bee colonies—including pests, weather and contaminants from pesticides sprayed on lawns and crops.

If you're curious about beekeeping, here are a few basics: A bee colony is a stack of white wooden boxes where the bees make honey and that can be set up wherever there's ample nectar- and pollen-bearing flowers. Each colony contains more than 40,000 bees by mid-spring—a queen, thousands of female worker bees, and a much smaller number of male drones. You can buy a starter kit of equipment (the hive, tools, smoker and more), and for your bees, you can mail-order a starter bee package, buy a working hive from a local beekeeper, or catch a wild swarm.

To learn more, contact the Chester County Beekeepers Association, a valuable local resource that provides information on the art and science of beekeeping, including sharing effective techniques and coping with problems and challenges that hobbyists encounter.

## MORE ON HONEY

Being able to collect your own honey from your backyard is an enticing notion—similar to the pleasure of growing your own delicious heirloom tomatoes in your garden. And one of the great things about honey is that it never spoils. In fact, edible honey has been found in Egyptian tombs!

You may be pleased to learn that a strong bee colony can produce 60 to 80 pounds of honey—more than enough for family and friends. Good stewardship, however, requires time and knowledge.

The color and taste of honey varies. Honey's color ranges from nearly colorless to dark brown, and its flavor varies from delectably mild to distinctively bold, depending on where the honey bees buzzed. As a general rule, light-colored honey is milder in taste and dark-colored honey is stronger.

This pure and natural food needs no processing for consumption. Be aware that most raw honey will crystallize within a few months of being bottled, though locust honey will remain liquid for a long time. Raw honey contains bee pollen, which is known to ward off infections, provide natural allergy relief and boost overall immunity—just a few reasons to include it in your diet.

If you decide to pass on having your own hive, local honey is available at many stores and farmers markets that support local agriculture, as well as on the farms themselves. Mark your calendar now to buy honey in late July right after it's been harvested—a very special experience worth seeking out.

Honey isn't the only gift bees give us. This spring take a moment to smell the flowers and appreciate the bees that make them possible. ♦

*Rushton 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](http://WCTrust.org).*



## FUN FACTS

- Honey bees have been around for millions of years.
- Honey bees — *Apis mellifera*, which mean “honey-carrying bee” — are environmentally friendly and vital pollinators.
- Honey bees are the only insect that produces food eaten by man.
- Honey is the only food that includes all the substances necessary to sustain life — enzymes, vitamins, minerals, water — and the only food containing pinocembrin, an antioxidant that improves brain functioning.
- Honey bees' exceptional olfactory abilities include kin recognition, social communication in the hive, and odor recognition for finding food. Their sense of smell is so precise it can differentiate hundreds of flowers and tell if a flower carries pollen or nectar from meters away.
- An average worker bee produces about 1/12<sup>th</sup> teaspoon of honey in its entire lifetime.
- A hive of bees will fly 90,000 miles — three orbits around the earth — to collect 1 kg of honey (over 4 cups).
- A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a single collection trip.





# STOPS ALONG THE MAIN LINE

Emily Hart  
Photos by Wil Moore

TAKE A TRIP TO SEE  
WHAT'S NEW.



FOR YEARS, MY FANTASY WAS to live a second life with Ingrid Bergman's looks and Grace Kelly's wardrobe. For readers with similar notions but who don't have time to wait for reincarnation, a new shop in Bryn Mawr Village has a partial solution. Kirna Zabête sells Mark Cross box bags—fabulous purses rendered iconic when Grace Kelly opened hers to reveal lingerie for an overnight stay in the 1954 movie *Rear Window*. Pull out your credit card and bring that bag home.

Whether you're Princess of Monaco or queen of your own castle, there are great new finds in the area. Along the Main Line, passionate fashionistas, baristas and pioneers are bringing world-class goods and foods to our doorstep. Milanese dresses, Kenyan coffee beans and Sichuan-Taiwanese dumplings are yours without renewing a passport or catching a plane.

I went, I sampled, I loved.  
You will, too.

## BY DESIGN

Kirna Zabête is the area's newest hot spot for sky-high fashion and just one reason to visit Bryn Mawr Village's mixed-use complex anchored by the Old Bryn Mawr Garage. For a complete designer experience, gaze up at the shop's Orsman-designed lighting and chic chandeliers that match those of the flagship store in Soho.

Select Gucci slippers or top-selling Golden Goose sneakers. Between trying on styles designed by some celebrities and touted by others, lounge on a sofa of perfect red (owner Beth Buccini's favorite color). Statement pieces—with loads to say, in fact—range from \$4000 Rosie Assoulin dresses to \$40 Izipizi reading glasses.

Next door to Kirna Zabête, coffee lovers flock to an old favorite in a new location—the 17th and most recent addition to La Colombe. The atmosphere—funky exposed beams and bricks of the building that was once a SEPTA bus garage—sets a driving vibe while the coffee and conversation get your energy going.

Meet friends at the café to indulge in the day's brew and croissants, baked locally and served on colorful Italian Deruta ceramic dishes designed especially for La Colombe. Take home some ethically traded beans.



Kirna Zabête offers a taste of its Soho store, including the statement chandeliers.



The back room at Kirna Zabête oozes Main Line elegance.



The 17th location of popular La Colombe is in a former SEPTA bus garage.



Have you cruised along Lancaster Avenue in Bryn Marw lately? You should.





Main Points Books keeps readers happy with great selections, book groups and helpful staff.



Main Points Books



The Goat's Beard offers sustainable dining plus a full whiskey and craft beer list.

Cross the parking lot for brunch at Turning Point—a bright, airy spot for a chocolate chip shake-a-chino, eggs benedict with Cajun hollandaise sauce or OMG French toast.

Consider a final stop before leaving Bryn Mawr Village at Athleta for trendy sportswear and the latest in athleisure wear—a newish venture from The Gap.

About a block west on Lancaster Ave. you'll find the newest brewpub to add to our well stocked lineup—that's the newest as of press time! Tin Lizard Brewing offers house brews, barbeque and wine from Ferro Winery in Lewisburg, PA. Check out the inventive beer names like Clock with No Hands and Caught Up in You (American IPAs) and Allegory of Sight (witbier).

One more fashion shout-out for Bryn Mawr. If your chosen way to start the day is by putting on the best earrings ever, venture out to the newest location of Louella. The Bryn Mawr addition offers the same bright colors and bold prints as the shops in Malvern and Wayne, but also caters to slightly younger and fashion-forward crowds.

To go with Lisi Lerch tassel earrings or PowerBeads by Jen, grab hot pink suede sneakers, date-night tops to go with denim, or colorful Trina Turk threads.

#### DESTINATION WAYNE

For a weekend destination with shops for browsing, spas for pampering and restaurants for satisfying culinary curiosity, check out what's new in Wayne.

Sink into a comfy chair at Main Point Books on North Wayne Ave. Test drive a novel that evokes laughter or a mystery dead-set on luring you away from reality and into a dangerously late night reading session. A multi-colored mosaic on the wall says it all: "The point is to read."

Strike up a conversation with staff members, who are well-versed in what pages are worth sticking your nose into. Join a book club: fiction, science fiction, poetry, even a cookbook club. And be sure to buy a book!

Owner Cathy Fiebach opened the bookshop on the advice of a 16-year-old boy. "When Borders closed, I didn't think I could live in a place without a bookstore," Fiebach said. "My son told me, 'Buy some bookcases and start a bookstore.'"

So she took a class—yes, really—and bought Borders' old shelves, then started Main Point Books. The independent shop is coming up on its first birthday since it moved from Bryn Mawr to Wayne.

Next pop across the street and delight your sense of taste at The Goat's Beard. With warm weather comes some new salads and appetizers plus seasonal best-seller fish tacos—tortillas stuffed with red snapper, red cabbage slaw, lime, cilantro and house-made crème fraîche. For a twist on an Indian tradition, dive into vegetable coconut curry with saffron couscous, new potatoes, curry and coconut milk.

Spring at The Goat's Beard also features its 40-seat patio (it's in the former Xilantro space). On Sundays, indulge in a half-priced bottle of wine or champagne for sipping sunny mimosas.

#### ON YOUR PLATE

Three entrepreneurs asked: If you opened only one brewpub in your life, why wouldn't you pour all your creative energy into making it the most thrilling, comfortable and creative brewery? Brewer Dan Popernack, Chef John Hearn and General Manager Chuck Golder brought their individual talents and a passion for each other's to the table and ended up with La Cabra Brewing. The Latin-inspired gastropub in Berwyn with a great happy hour has guests coming back for seconds ... and thirds.

This season, the La Cabra team also steps out to pour for beer lovers at area festivals. Don't miss their Maibock release.

There's something fun about discovering a new place and reminding people you were there first. Past an unassuming entrance of

The Greyhound Café in Malvern, the food and atmosphere are worthy of exploration.

In a simple room adorned with sculpted greyhounds, I started with the signature Caesar with pico de gallo and crispy tortilla chips. I also sampled crab cakes that were divine—but didn't have a lump of crab in them. Like all the food in the café, the meat substitutes are plant-based.

Want one more? Visit DanDan, a restaurant that promises heat to make summer seem cool. The newcomer to Devon (in Ella's former spot) is set to dish up Sichuan-Taiwanese dumplings and noodles under globe lantern lights that match those at the original Rittenhouse Square eatery.

No doubt. Ingrid Berman and Grace Kelly's fantasy second lives had my day planner and car keys. ♦



The Goat's Beard



One of the newer additions to the brewpub scene, La Cabra Brewing got a thumbs up from Craig LaBan.



La Cabra Brewing



# Spring Into Steeplechase

Rachel Alfiero and Rachel Ezrin

WITNESS THE WONDER AND EXCITEMENT THAT'S BROUGHT TOGETHER CROWDS FOR DECADES. STEP INTO STEEPLECHASE SEASON AND ENTER A WORLD OF FAST-PACED FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**F**EEL THE THUNDER OF HOOVES AS THEY STRIKE the ground. Hear the roar of the crowds as they share their appreciation. See the colors on the fashionable fans as they line the rails. Marvel at the masterpiece that excites every sense. Welcome to steeplechase season!

Our annual steeplechase races serve as perfect chances to celebrate the tradition of horse racing while giving back to the community through a month of fundraising events.

Soak up the sun with friends, family and even Fido—when pets are allowed, of course—over four weeks. Treat yourself to fabulous food, hob knob with business elites, and do remember to watch those captivating races.

Perfect for the whole family, steeplechase is the quintessential Brandywine Valley kickoff for your spring season!

## STEEPED IN TRADITION

The rich tradition of steeplechase can be traced back a few centuries, to mid-1700s Ireland. The sport's name refers to church steeples that served as reference points for the horse race as riders dashed across the countryside, testing their skills and their steeds in a race for victory—and bragging rights of course!

In the 19th century, the sport of cross country horse racing found a home in South Carolina, thanks to the father of American steeplechase, Thomas Hitchcock.

Since then The National Steeplechase Association has helped bring this thrilling sport to a dozen states across the U.S. It's the perfect opportunity to bring together family, friends and equestrian fans alike to benefit our community through events benefiting open space preservation, clean water programs and more.







Winterthur Point-to-Point has everything from thundering horses to elegant dining to family fun and more.  
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Wear your best hat to the Race for Open Space, smile and say “cheese.” Radnor Hunt Races  
PHOTOS THIS PAGE COURTESY CARLOS ALEJANDRO



Choose from four area events this season, each with its own distinctive style and attractions. Or go to them all!

### 25th WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Looking for a new Mother’s Day tradition? This May 14th, take Mom to the Willowdale Steeplechase, marking its 25th anniversary. With 15,000 spectators and counting, this year’s race promises to be the best yet! On the race card is the \$100,000 Steeplechase Challenge, for the horse and rider that win both the Willowdale Steeplechase in May and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup in November.

Steeplechase races are fast paced and demanding. Horses gallop at over 30 miles per hour and jump over four-foot and higher fences. This year’s special attractions feature the Willowdale Water Jump—the only one of its kind in North America—and a ladies sidesaddle race over fences.

Willowdale is all about combining luxury and family fun. High fashion and shopping are deeply ingrained in the race’s tradition, while the Kid’s Activity Tent keeps the youngsters entertained. After brunch with Mom, check out what’s happening on the grounds, like an antique car show, Jack Russell Terrier Races and pony races.

Proceeds from the steeplechase go to The Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, and University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine’s New Bolton Center.

On race day, enjoy the thrills of this “race with a view” in its natural amphitheater setting and help three worthy causes.

**If You Go:** Sunday, May 14. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Gates open at 10 a.m.; races start at 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$30 in advance; \$40 at the gate. 610-444-1582; [Willowdalesteeplechase.org](http://Willowdalesteeplechase.org).

**Tip:** For best tailgating, reserve a spot well before race day.

### 39th WINTERTHUR POINT-TO-POINT

Swing into spring with one of the Brandywine Valley’s signature events! With almost four decades of racing and pageantry, the 39th annual Winterthur Point-to-Point is better than ever. This heart-pounding event happens on the former du Pont estate, a lush 60-acre property known for extravagant gardens and rolling fields.

Races start at 2 p.m., but there’s plenty to do before the main event. Stop by the marketplace for unique hats, jewelry and equine-inspired apparel. Take the kids on a scavenger hunt, watch the antique carriage parade or bring your well-behaved dog for canine capers at the PAWS training tent.

Craving fine dining? Reserve a seat at the Winterthur Hunt Brunch Hospitality Tent, serving a lavish catered lunch with premium bar from 11 to 4. Take a stroll past vintage cars, courtesy of the Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club. And kids 4 to 10 can join in on the fun with stick horse races and pony rides.

With games, tailgating and more, this year’s race promises fun for all ages! Enjoy the excitement of racing at one of the region’s best steeplechase events.

**If You Go:** Sunday, May 7. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Gates open 11:30 a.m.; races at 2 p.m. Admission: \$15–\$30, under 12, free. \$15–\$25 for prepaid parking. For more, 800-448-3883; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).

**Tip:** Purchase a wristband for access to all the events.

### 87th ANNUAL RADNOR HUNT RACES

Slip on your chicest hat and dress to the nines because the 87th annual Radnor Hunt Races are just around the corner! Come see the excitement that’s attracted crowds of 20,000 for decades.

This year’s theme, “Frolic Along the Brandywine,” commemorates George A. “Frolic” Weymouth—one of the founders of the Brandywine Conservancy, the event’s beneficiary. Proceeds benefit the open spaces and clean water programs of the Brandy-



## 10 Terms to Ponder at the Steeplechases

*Maybe you’re a seasoned steeplechase fan, or maybe it’s your first year at the races. Either way, bring your railside chatter up to speed.*

- 1. Apprentice:** A relatively inexperienced jockey.
- 2. Furlong:** Standard measurement in U.S. racing, equaling one eighth of a mile.
- 3. Handicap:** Race in which horses are assigned weights to carry, according to their abilities. In theory, the horses should all reach the finish line at the same time.
- 4. Maiden:** A horse that’s never won a race. A horse that won on a flat course is still considered a maiden in a steeplechase race.
- 5. Novice:** A horse beginning its steeplechase career.
- 6. Paddock:** The area where horses are saddled before the race begins.
- 7. Steeplechase:** A race for thoroughbreds that includes jumps.
- 8. Steeplechase Start:** All steeplechase races begin when the horses are aligned with the starting post, known as post position.
- 9. Timber Fence:** A wooden fence made from boards, logs, posts or rails.
- 10. Wings:** Panel on either side of the steeplechase fence. Designed to guide the horse to the fence.





There's fine dining, numerous tailgates and plenty of spots at the informal parking lot along the rail to watch as racers compete for purses totaling \$190,000.

Take in a spectacular horse race while helping with a good cause at this year's Race for Open Space at Radnor Hunt.

**If You Go:** *Saturday, May 20. 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). \$175 railside parking. For more, 610-388-8383; RadnorHuntRaces.org.*

**Tip:** *Reserve tickets early so you don't miss any of this year's excitement!*

wine Conservancy, which has protected over 62,000 acres of land to date.

Take in this classic Chester County event on the rolling hills of Radnor Hunt Club grounds in Malvern with the whole family in tow. Show off your most fashion-forward hat in the Picnic Patron tailgating area—and maybe get a little inspiration from others, too! Set your watch for the antique carriages and carve out time to see those adorable foxhounds in their own parade.

### 83rd ANNUAL FAIR HILL RACES

Finish off the steeplechase season by heading down to Maryland for the 83rd Fair Hill Races. Since 1934, this race has been held on the former du Pont property and benefits the Union Hospital of Cecil County.

Fair Hill draws over 10,000 spectators to marvel at the eight exciting races, risk




Started in 1934 by William du Pont, Fair Hill Races offer pari-mutual betting, a vendor village and Kids' Korner  
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it big at the betting windows, and browse the Vendor Village and food concessions. A perfect way to wrap up May!

**If You Go:** *Saturday, May 27. 402 Fair Hill Dr., Elkton, MD. Gates open at 10 a.m.; races begin at 1 p.m. Admission: \$5-\$15, children under 10, free. For more, 410-398-2578; FairHillRaces@gmail.com.*

**Tip:** *Leave Fido at home. No pets allowed at the race. ♦*



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# THE DEVON HORSE SHOW MEANS FAMILY FUN

Story by Laurel Anderson  
Photos by Brenda Carpenter

Despite their long history,  
The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair  
continue to offer fresh fun every year.

**W**E'VE BEEN VISITING THE DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR for years and are enticed back to visit favorites and discover what's new. With special Family Days, Ladies Day, ponies, costumes and clowns, what's not to love? Add in Devon fudge, lemon sticks, tea sandwiches and shopping. So we'll share what we've learned from folks who've been going for generations.

Here are some highlights to consider as you plan your Devon visit.

## FIRST NIGHT AND FIRST WEEKEND

The Devon grounds open early on First Night as it's called for a peek at the year's festivities and a grand launch of the Show, on Wednesday, May 24. Join the glittering party and fundraiser at the Art Gallery at Devon that toasts the arts with signature cocktails. Read more in "Gallery Round-Up" in this issue and get a look at the 2017 Devon poster, suitable for collecting.





Action in the ring begins bright and early at 8 a.m. on Thursday—Family Day—and lasts until 10 p.m., with specials on Midway rides (including the antique carousel), souvenirs and food. Each year there are new souvenirs—toys, jewelry, athlesisure wear—and old favorites—stuffed animals, silver charms, horse-bedecked ties. Check out the other shops, too.

Dog owners will love the “Dog Show at the Horse Show” on Thursday night, featuring six classes of canine competition—from jumpers to tricks to a costume parade—at 7:30 in the Dixon Oval. Admission is free after 5 p.m. and entries are limited, so register online now to be part of the fun.

Junior riders are featured this first weekend—junior hunters and jumpers and future Devon stars, plus the colorful costumed Pony Hunt Teams. The even-younger set gets into the action as adorable three-to-five-year-olds parade in the Dixon Oval in the Lead Line, a Devon favorite at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Since things are always more fun with good food, pencil in grazing under the sycamores in the Country Fair grounds. Devon fudge and lemon sticks are two classics, but you’ll also find so much more. Crave quiche or tea sandwiches from the Tea Cart? Satisfying burgers and fries? Luscious lobster rolls, veggie taco wraps or a simple slice of pizza? And Mompops’ special Devon pop. For adult refreshment, there are theme dinners, plus wine at the Pavilion and beer at Clydesdale Corner.

While you’re there, stroll along the patio at Anniversary Square and see if you recognize any names on the bricks underfoot—loyal Devon fans who contributed to the Square’s construction. Purchase your own brick to cement your Devon memories and become a permanent part of the tradition.

## GRAND TRADITIONS, CARRIAGES AND VETERANS

Be transported back to slower, gentler times on Sunday and find a spot on the route for the Pleasure Drive, where antique carriages grace modern roads through nearby neighborhoods. You’ll see everything from simple carts with a single pony to grand four-in-hand teams pulling carriages of men in top hats and women in chic chapeaux.

Watch the period-perfect parade while enjoying your tasty tailgate picnic. Homeowners along the route have made parade watching a tradition and host front yard parties. Or get a front row seat at the special tailgate spot on Berkeley Road. There’s a tailgate competition, so bring your silver and your best recipes!

A new exciting Devon Arena Eventing competition has been added to the Sunday night schedule. The course takes horse and rider through both the Gold Ring and Dixon Oval with over a dozen cross country and show jumps mixed in to add thrills and chills. Winner takes the \$50,000 prize.

Memorial Day Monday’s activities honor veterans, with free admission for vets, military members, first responders and their families. There’s a Tribute to Heroes at 6:30 p.m.

Monday’s daytime action in the ring includes fast-paced scurry driving and the return of the Shetland pony races. Plus more fun for the kids with clowns and face painting in the evening.





## FAMILY DAY, LADIES DAY AND THE GRAND PRIX

Family Day is back on Tuesday, in case you missed the fun last week—again with specials at the Midway, souvenirs and food. There's also a Back-Barn tour (3 to 6 p.m.) for those interested in a behind-the-scenes look at the magic that happens in the rings.

And Devon remembered the ladies. Wednesday is Ladies Day with free admission for ladies wearing elegant hats and special events and other goodies (tickets required for this)—champagne, tasty bites and goodie bags. And all the shops are open for this stylish crowd.

Ladies parade on the grounds with their millinery masterpieces, often towering several feet high! The sky and your imagination are the only limits for crafting a crafty topper in hopes of being judged best in this show. The hat contest begins at 10:30, as a panel of judges convenes to award prizes in several categories. See photos that follow.

Ladies Day is a fitting time to feature the popular Ladies Side Saddle event. Check out the period riding costumes, authentic down

to the flask of sherry tucked into the saddle. Then marvel as fearless riders don't merely parade around the ring but clear the jumps. Jumps ... while sitting sidesaddle!

The equestrian highlight of each year's show is Thursday night, the Sapphire Grand Prix, an exciting display of show jumping by top riders before one of the most knowledgeable and appreciative audiences in the country. Olympians, hopefuls and the best of our local talent jump astonishing heights on exquisite steeds for the \$225,000 grand prize. A thrilling evening that's quintessentially Devon. Reservations for this event are a must.

You could win a prize, too. Thursday marks the drawing for Operation Goldmine—a chance to win a gold bangle bracelet with diamonds and sapphires. Then Friday's Devon Derby drawing gives the winner a two-year lease on a 2017 luxury vehicle and other great prizes. Purchase a "full boat"—two Operation Goldmine chances and five Devon Derby books—to maximize your chances to win.

## FINAL WEEKEND

The last days of Devon provide future stars a chance to ride in the famed rings in several amateur owners events.

Closing day, Sunday, June 4, brings Devon to an end for this year with a final Family Day, filled with special activities for kids. The food vendors enjoy their last day of serving up their specialties and the almost 60 shops may just have a treasure you can't live without. It's your last chance to take home your personal souvenir to mark this year. And for gardeners, there's even a plant sale to find homes for the gorgeous greenery that's decorated the grounds over the eleven days of the show.

Then it's time to head home with your Devon memories. ♦

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

**WHERE:** Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon

**WHEN:** May 25–June 4; gates open at 8 a.m. and close around 10 p.m.

**INFORMATION:** [DevonHorseShow.org](http://DevonHorseShow.org) and Facebook





# Hats are Happening at Devon





# Your Guide to 11 Days of Fun at the DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

MAY 24 TO JUNE 4

## WEDNESDAY ~ May 24

First Night at Devon  
*See Gallery Round Up in this issue.*

## THURSDAY ~ May 25

Junior Weekend –  
Thursday through Sunday  
Family Day

*Specials on Midway rides, souvenirs and food. Country Fair open til 9 pm. Get your ringside seats for the Dog Show with a fun exhibition and 6 classes. Admission is free after 5 pm.*

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

- ✦ USEF Talent Search
- ✦ WIHS Equitation Jumper

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Pony Hunter Breeding
- ✦ USEF Hunter Seat Medal

7 to 10 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ The Dog Show at the Horse Show, 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY ~ May 26

*Visit the official Souvenir booth and the newly renovated Anniversary Square just outside Clydesdale Corner.*

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

- ✦ ASPCA Maclay & R.W. Mutch Equitation Champ.
- ✦ Junior Hunters

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Pony Hunters

7 to 10 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ Junior Jumpers, 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY ~ May 27

*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 28

*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' Div.
- ✦ Pony Jumpers
- ✦ Adult Amateur Jumpers

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

- ✦ \$50,000 Devon Arena Eventing

## MEMORIAL DAY

### MONDAY ~ May 29

*Memorial Day—free admission for all military personnel, first responders and their families. 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*

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

- ✦ Clowns / Face Painting
- ✦ Tribute to Heroes at 6:30
- ✦ NAL Adult Amateur Jumper Classic
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Single / Pair Pony Driving

## TUESDAY ~ May 30

### 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

7 to 10 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ *Exhibition: Guy McLean*
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI \$50,000 Welcome Stake
- ✦ Single Horse Driving
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Coach Horn

## WEDNESDAY ~ May 31

### 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
- ✦ 7-Year-Old Jumpers

### Gold Ring, morning only

- ✦ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

7 to 10:15 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ *Exhibition: Guy McLean*
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI, \$40,000 Speed Stake
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Friesians

## THURSDAY ~ June 1

*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 gold bangle bracelet with diamonds and sapphires.*

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

- ✦ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers (morning only)
- ✦ USHJA Hunter Derby
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Coaching

## SAPPHIRE GRAND PRIX OF DEVON

7:15 to 10 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ *Exhibition: Guy McLean*
- ✦ FEI—World Ranking Comp. \$225,000 Sapphire Grand Prix

## FRIDAY ~ June 2

*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

### Gold Ring

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

7 to 10 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ *Exhibition: Guy McLean*
- ✦ \$35,000 Devon Speed Challenge
- ✦ Coaching Championship & Coach Horn
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Fresians

## SATURDAY ~ June 3

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

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

- ✦ Amateur Owner Hunters
- ✦ Saddlebreds & Hackneys
- ✦ Amateur Owner Jumper SJHOF Classic

### Gold Ring

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

7 to 10:30 p.m.  
Dixon Oval

- ✦ *Exhibition: Guy McLean*
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI \$50,000 Idle Dice Jumper Stake
- ✦ Saddlebreds
- ✦ Hackneys & Roadsters

## SUNDAY ~ June 4

### Family Day

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

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

- ✦ Hunter Breeding Division
- ✦ Young Hunter Under Saddle ♦

*Updates at [DevonHorseShow.org](http://DevonHorseShow.org).*





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## THE ART GALLERY AT DEVON

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**A**MID NON-STOP ACTION IN THE HORSE SHOW rings and squeals of excitement at the midway, the Art Gallery at Devon offers a welcome spot for respite and reflection in the middle of the County Fair grounds. And there's wonderful art to enjoy as you step into the white clapboard cottage with walls filled from floor to ceiling with art.

You'll find paintings of horses and riders, at Devon and elsewhere, along with lush landscapes, still lifes and animal portraits—from farm animals to beloved dogs to foxes. More than 500 pieces are for sale at this juried exhibit that includes work from 60-some national and top regional artists.

Since opening in 1999, the Art Gallery has attracted artists, art lovers, collectors and browsers interested in art in a wide variety of mediums and price points. The gallery is one of the top-grossing contributors to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, beneficiary of the Country Fair.

Also on display is this year's official Devon Poster by Berwyn artist Genevieve Snyder, who had her work selected for the poster in 2013. Suitable for collecting, the poster (shown on this page) is previewed at the Art Gallery's opening night—called First Night.

Held on May 24th, the night before the official opening of the Horse Show, this fundraiser allows guest to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, this year from Perfect Settings caterers, while mingling with the artists and other art lovers.

Come and enjoy the art and the First Night party!

*Art Gallery at Devon is open from May 25 to June 4, 10 a.m. until closing of the Horse Show, around 10 p.m. Check their Facebook page for updates.*



2017 Devon Poster  
ART BY GENEVIEVE SNYDER



Celebrate First Night, the opening  
of the Art Gallery at Devon.  
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SUNDAY, MAY 7

Enjoy a glorious day of steeplechase racing at this year's 39th Annual Winterthur Point-to-Point. Pack a festive tailgate spread and get ready to enjoy one of the Brandywine Valley's most stylish sporting events!



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### 44TH ANNUAL YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

Treat yourself to a day filled with creativity, culture and, of course, great art. The historic Lincoln Galleries at Yellow Springs are home to this year's juried art show, featuring a wide variety of works by some of the finest artists living and working in the Delaware Valley and beyond.

Over 200 artists were selected to showcase their best work—everything from paintings, drawings, graphics and three-dimensional works. You'll recognize art show favorites—like Brad Earl, Joe Jacobs, Teresa Haag and Helena van Emmerik-Finn—alongside 23 newcomers eager to impress.

Kids will love the treasure hunt with prizes, and adults can wind down at the Wine and Cheese Happy Hour, May 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

An artful way to round out Mother's Day!

Through May 14. Daily: 10 to 4. 610-827-7414; [YellowSprings.org](http://YellowSprings.org)

### WEST CHESTER SPRING GALLERY WALK

Art lovers, rejoice! West Chester's Spring Gallery Walk is back for its 27<sup>th</sup> year, with new exhibits set in a town that blends small town sophistication and urban ambiance. This year's Gallery Walk features a variety of art from local to international artists displayed in six galleries and over thirty-something "one-night-only" shows that represent the thriving artistic community that makes West Chester home.

View vibrant paintings in watercolor, acrylic and oil, or see stunning photography and sculptures. Beautifully crafted jewelry, ceramics and textiles are also featured exhibits of this walk.

Don't know where to start? Grab a map or a brochure to find a full list of locations and events, or look for signs to tell which buildings are official Gallery Walk Hosts.

This May, bring a friend and explore everything downtown West Chester has to offer during this special First Friday!

May 5, 5 to 9. 610-696-4046; [GreaterWestChester.com](http://GreaterWestChester.com)



Yellow Springs Art Show  
ART BY MARY ANN WESELYK



West Chester Spring Gallery Walk



Chester County Studio Tour  
ART BY DAVID KATZ



### CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

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Looking for a souvenir? Check out the “County Collector Series” for framed 6” x 6” original pieces.

This art escape is worth marking your calendar for!

*Tour: May 20, 10 to 6; May 21, 11 to 5.  
ChesterCountyStudioTour.com*

### CRAFTED AT EAGLEVIEW

Check out one of the region’s most recent additions to local art shows—Crafted at Eagleview! This outdoor exhibit is returning for another year, with more talent, music and fun.

This year, over 40 craftspeople will display their talent, with exhibits featuring watercolor paintings, hand crafted jewelry and more. Watch as East Fall Glassworks transforms glass into beautiful works of art and admire the hooked rug exhibit hosted by the Brandywine Valley Rug Hooking Guild.

Enjoy food from four restaurants in Eagleview, topped off with a cold glass of hand crafted beer. Bring the kids along for craft demos and fun for the whole family. ♦

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Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Tour



Brandywine River Museum of Art  
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Demuth Garden Tour

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**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; BucksCounty-DesignerHouse.org.

#### MAY 5–6

**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, DE. Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 3. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org.

#### MAY 6

**Friends of Everhart Park Plant Sale.** Plant varieties proven to thrive in the Brandywine Valley. Proceeds go to maintaining and improving the park. 501-599 W. Union St., West Chester. 10 to 2. Facebook.com/Friends-OfEverhartPark.

#### MAY 6

**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. \$35–\$40. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

#### MAY 6–7

**DE Nature Society Native Plant Sale.** More than 300 rare varieties of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns and aquatic plants are for sale. Some from nearby Mt. Cuba Center and many species that attract wildlife. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 11 to 4. 302-239-2334; DelNature.org/NPS.

#### MAY 6–7

**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. Sat, 9 to 3; Sun, 11 to 3. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

#### MAY 6–7

**Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum.** Hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs—an inspiration for the whole garden. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

#### MAY 7

**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 21. 215-247-6696; ChestnutHillPa.com.

#### MAY 11

**78th Annual Phila. Herb Society of America Herb Sale.** Herbs, vegetable seedlings, rare and unusual geraniums and salvias for sale, along with herbs. Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Herbal brunch, \$15, res. only. 10 to 1. 610-970-5264; HSAPhiladelphia.org.

#### MAY 11–13

**Wilmington Flower Market.** Benefits non-profit 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; WilmingtonFlower-Market.org.

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**MAY 12-13**

**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. \$12. 717-569-0401; [LandisValleyHerbFaire.org](http://LandisValleyHerbFaire.org).

**MAY 12-13**

**Scott Arboretum Selections: The Spring Sale.** Hard-to-find but superior plant performers that thrive in area gardens—plants not found at big box stores are found here. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Wister Center, Swarthmore. Fri, Preview Party, 5:30 to 7:30, \$25-\$40; Sat, noon to 3, free. 610-328-8023; [Scott-Arboretum.org](http://Scott-Arboretum.org).

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#### MAY 20

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#### JUNE 3

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#### JUNE 4

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#### JUNE 10

**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. Adjacent to Ridley Creek State Park. Start at the Club House, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 11 to 3. Free. 610-558-5000; [WhiteHorseVillage.org](http://WhiteHorseVillage.org).

#### SEPTEMBER 16-17

**Scott Arboretum Selections: Fall Sale.** Mark your calendars for the fall event held at Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. Sat, noon to 3; Sun, 11 to 2. 610-328-8025; [ScottArboretum.org](http://ScottArboretum.org). ♦

#### MAY 13-14

**Brandywine River Museum of Art Wildflower, Native Plant & Seed Sale.** Hundreds of varieties for sale to benefit Brandywine Conservancy's native plant gardens. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 5. Free. 610-388-2700; [BrandywineMuseum.org](http://BrandywineMuseum.org).

#### MAY 14

**Welkinweir's Mother's Day Tea & Azalea Bloom Walk.** A springtime tradition celebrating mothers and special women. Organ concert, tours of the historic estate house and azalea gardens at the peak of bloom and an afternoon tea served on the tented terrace overlooking the pond and spring blooms. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. Res. req. 610-469-7543; [Welkinweir.org](http://Welkinweir.org).

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IF LOCATION-LOCATION-LOCATION STILLS HOLDS TRUE, then Huntview Farm gets a blue ribbon. Set in Radnor Hunt Country and custom crafted by its only owner, a Master of Fox Hunting and teacher of Foxhunting 101, the farm is the perfect starting point for equestrian adventures. Take a short ride with your kids to Radnor Hunt Pony Club, have a staging area for foxhunting with friends, or use it as home base for trail riding on one of the best trail systems in Chester County.

And the property offers additional welcome amenities. The level four-plus-acre lot with fenced pastures provides ample space for building a jumping or dressage ring for future Devon stars. The charming house has hosted more than its share of hunt brunches

for hungry returning riders—whether victorious from the hunt (or more accurately, the chase, since the fox is run to ground) or merely invigorated by the adventure. And the proximity to the 55-acre Ashbridge Preserve, just across the road, means endless entertainment on miles of trails there and on the many nearby conserved properties that allow riders to roam.

The main residence at Huntview Farm is a cozy, functional home for owners who are more likely outside riding the many trails in Willistown Township than spending time indoors—essentially a “hunting box” for shelter. And even if you’re not the sort to spend most waking hours with horses, that may just be because you’re not a rider ... yet.

## NOT A RIDER ... YET

Even if the equestrian life is not in your history or DNA, Huntview Farm may change that. The easy access to some of the most appealing riding trails and hunting clubs may tempt even the most reluctant tenderfoot. And the three-stall barn begs to have horses—your own or horses that board in exchange for riding lessons. Or choose fox following—to assist the riders—rather than fox hunting as your new country pastime.

Of course there’s always the option of transforming the three-stall barn—with tack room, hayloft, tractor space and center aisle—into a party barn, guest cottage or she shed (the feminine equivalent of a man cave). Or perhaps an art studio or home office?







Proximity to Ashbridge Preserve holds further opportunities to enjoy the lifestyle of Willistown Township—where you'll see bumper stickers saying “Slow Down in Wil-listown.” Home to a branch of Ridley Creek, with miles of nature trails, plus woodlands, wetlands and wildflower meadows, the pre-serve is a birder's paradise and nature lover's nirvana. The peaceful splendor of Ashbridge Preserve is your other yard.

#### THE MAIN HOUSE

Flanked by towering holly trees and marked with a brass horse-head knocker and kickplate, the 1970s Colonial-style stone and old school stucco home's entrance leads to a grand two-story foyer with curved hardwood staircase and a Palladian window.

The formal living and dining rooms are to the left and right, both right-sized for carefree living. Large windows grace both rooms—a bay window in the dining room and windows on three sides in the living room, catching the sunrise and reflecting off the dentil molding. Throughout the day the sun fills the most-used rooms—

great room, breakfast room and master bedroom—with their southern exposures.

Anchored by a stone fireplace with wood mantle and raised hearth, the inviting great room boasts several built-ins, currently displaying silver cups and horse show ribbons. Doors to the fenced pool and brick patio and a cozy wet bar at the far end of the great room invite two different forms of entertainment.

Another favorite space is the updated kitchen, with stainless steel appliances, cherry cabinets and granite countertops, plus center island. Truly the heart of the home, the kitchen runs from the front to the back of the house, with a sunny breakfast room overlooking the pool and pastures.

A laundry room, mechanical room and renovated powder room—with more cherry cabinets, granite counters, plus foxhunting motif wallpaper—round out the indoor space. An open-air breezeway porch, complete with swing, leads to the oversized two-car garage, with workbench.

Upstairs includes four bedrooms and two baths. The sunny master suite—with two closets and updated en suite bath—is

enhanced by a private, south-facing balcony overlooking the property, perfect for morning coffee or sunset cocktails. The remaining bedrooms and a new bath line the hallway.

A comfortable second home during the foxhunting and equestrian seasons or the core residence prime for further expansion, Huntview Farm offers options to its next owners. ♦

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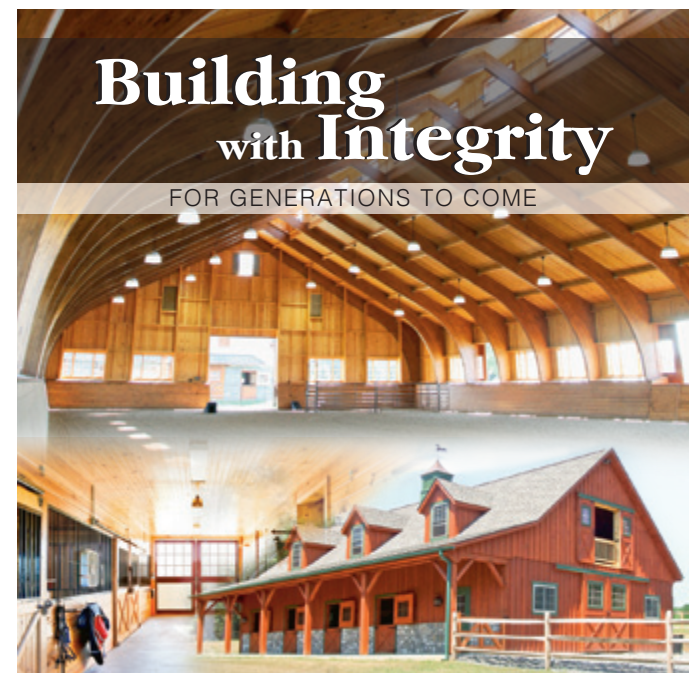
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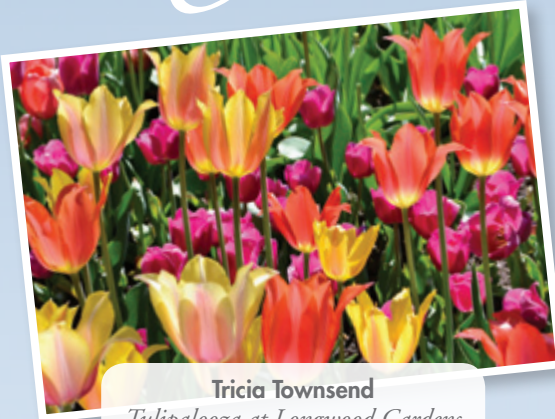
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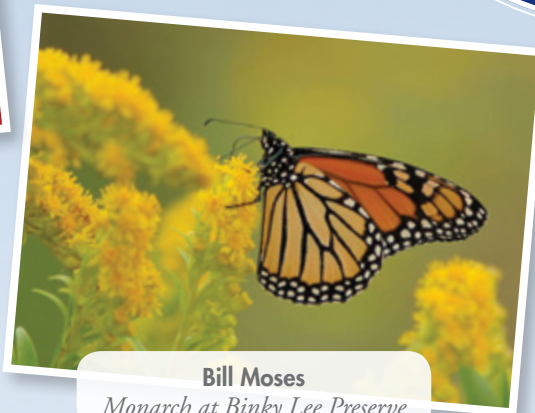
# CHESTER COUNTY *In Bloom*

Spring is in full bloom this month in County Lines Country! We asked our Facebook followers for their best pics from the area—and they didn't disappoint. During May, we'll showcase each stunning photo on Facebook. To vote, just like us, then like your favorite. The entrant with the most likes\* will win a 5 person membership to **Longwood Gardens**. We'll announce our winner on Facebook in May.

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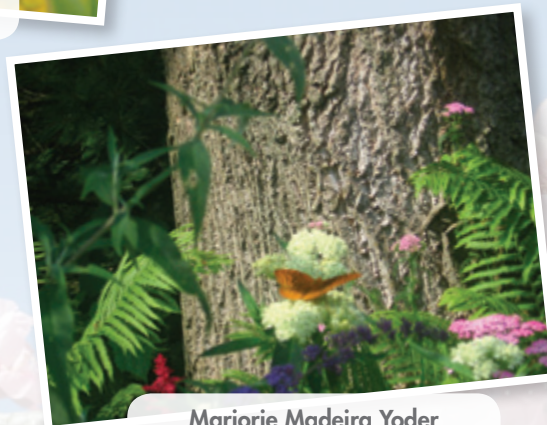
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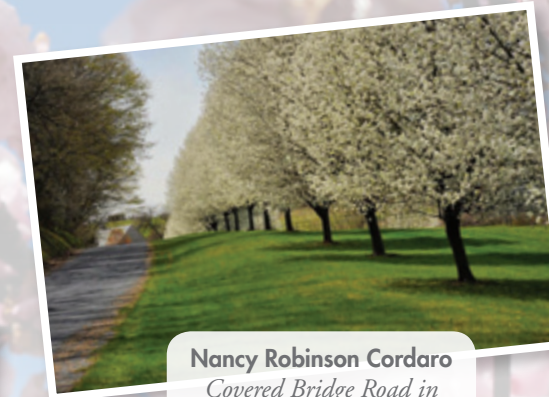
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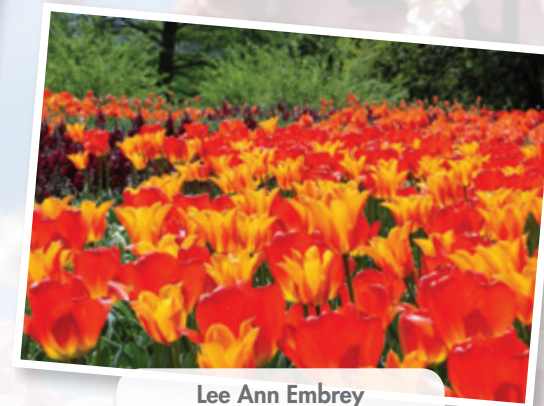
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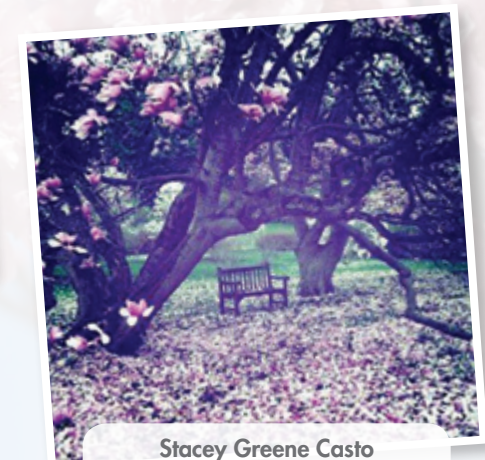
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½ C. chopped dandelion green leaves  
2 clementine tangerines, zested and juiced  
2 limes, juiced  
2 oz. agave syrup  
2 oz. gin (optional)  
Ice cubes  
Sparkling water  
Clementine slice, for garnish

Muddle clementine zest, clementine juice, lime juice, agave syrup and dandelion greens.  
Shake with gin and ice—or omit the gin. Pour over ice.  
Top with sparkling water and clementine slice.  
Makes 2 drinks.

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## The Willowdale Steeplechaser

This Willowdale Steeplechase race day cocktail is a bright, lemony cousin of the well-loved Mint Julep. Enjoy it with alcohol or without—the nonalcoholic version is aptly named “The Water Jump.”

2 parts Maker's Mark or bourbon of your choice  
1 part fresh lemon juice  
1 part honey syrup or simple syrup  
Ice cubes  
Lemon slice, for garnish  
Sparkling water (optional)

Fill traditional silver Mint Julep cup or highball glass with ice cubes and pour in Maker's Mark or bourbon.  
Mix simple syrup and lemon juice and add to glass. Stir gently and garnish with a round slice of lemon.  
For a nonalcoholic version, substitute sparkling water for bourbon.  
Toast and enjoy!



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## Radnor Hunt Races Riders Up Bloody Mary

The first race is at 1:30 p.m., but at high noon before the tailgating begins, it's time for a Radnor Hunt Races Riders Up Bloody Mary.

20 oz. V8 Juice  
6 oz. vodka  
2–3 Tb. horseradish  
1 dash Worcestershire sauce  
2 dashes Tabasco sauce  
Pinch of celery salt  
Pinch of black pepper

1 lemon, juiced  
Ice cubes  
Carrot sticks, for garnish  
Fresh cilantro, for garnish

Combine all ingredients, but garnishes, in a small pitcher. Stir. Add ice to the glasses and pour. Garnish with carrot sticks and cilantro. Makes 4 drinks.  
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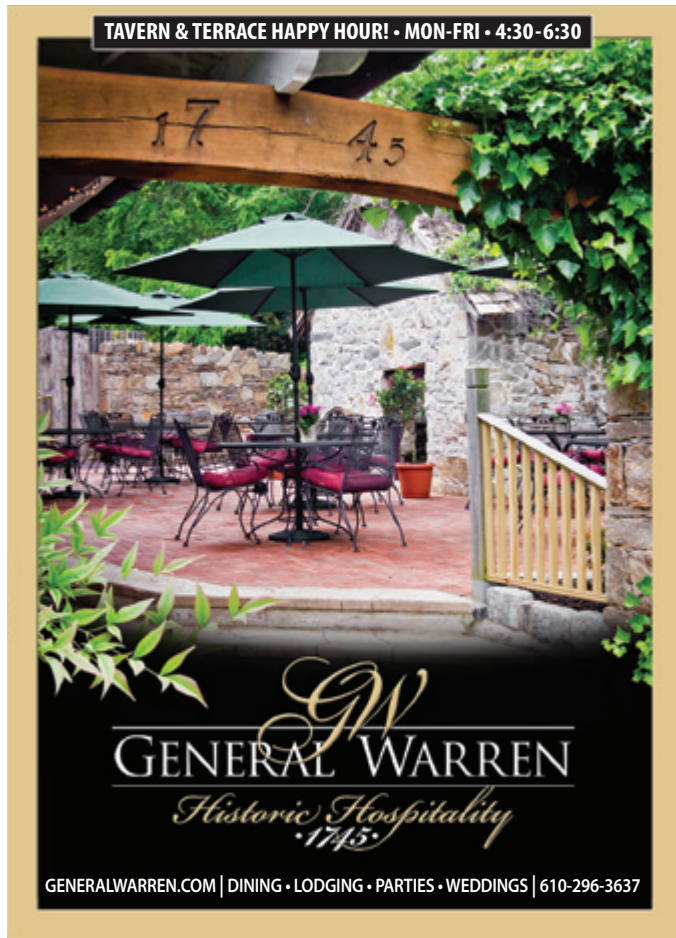
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## [Food News] *A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink*



**Fresh is Best!** Craving a slice of authentic Neapolitan pizza? Look no further than **MidiCi**, King of Prussia's newest Italian destination. Located in KOP's Town Center, MidiCi will take your taste buds on a journey to Naples with traditional dishes like Pizza Diavola, or—calling all dessert lovers—their signature Nutella Calzone. MidiCi flies in their non-GMO flour all the way from Naples. That's a journey worth celebrating with a second serving. *201 Main St., Ste. 100, King of Prussia; MyMidiCi.com.*



**Best of the Beers.** Head to the **23rd Annual Buzz Off Homebrew Competition** at Levante Brewing. Mark your calendar for May 19–20 to watch as homebrewers submit handcrafted beers brewed using their own private equipment. This year Levante will choose one beer from the Best of Show table to be scaled up and brewed on their system for the taproom. That's something to drink to! *Awards Ceremony 4 p.m., free, Levante Brewing, 208 Carter Dr., Ste. 2, West Chester; BrewDrinkRepeat.com/Buzzoff.*



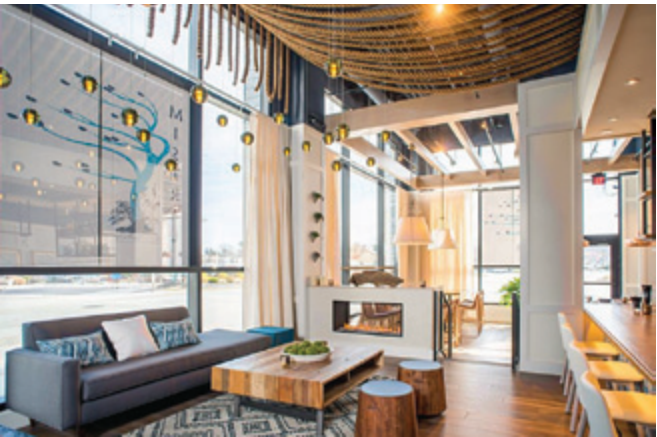
**Simply Crafted.** Malvern's newest watering hole—Locust Lane Craft Brewery—is bringing simplicity back to the search for craft beers. Four base beers make up the menu at Locust Lane, with no long lists to bog down your drink selection. Try simple favorites like IPA, ESB and stout and then visit the rotating lineup of food trucks. So, if you're looking for a new place to grab a brew, take a stroll down Locust Lane. *50 Three Tin Rd., #4, Malvern; LocustLaneCraftBrewery.com.*



**Community-Crafted.** Just in time for Memorial Day, **The Creamery in Kennett Square** reopens for a whole new season of family fun. This former 1902 creamery was refurbished in 2016 and now offers a pop-up beer garden, rotating food trucks and a community gathering space with a vintage twist. Marvel at the up-cycled renovations of this once industrial space, play lawn games and listen to local music all while sipping a cold craft beer. *401 Birch St., Kennett Square; KennettCreamery.com.*



**Going Global.** King of Prussia Mall gets another taste of global cuisine with its newest eatery. At **Mistral Restaurant**, Chef Scott Anderson—2014 James Beard Foundation Award Semi-Finalist—blends international flavors and his trademark “interpretive-American” style to bring patrons tempting options like Lamb Belly, Thai Duck Salad and Crispy Maitake Mushrooms. Using the best that local farms have to offer, Mistral serves small, fast plates—perfect for a mid-shopping lunch break! *160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia; MistralKOP.com.*





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## [Brandywine Table]

# Hosting a Tea Party

Laura Muzzi Brennan

## LITTLE BITES—BIG TASTE.

CIVILITY MAY BE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE WIDER world, but at **A Taste of Britain** in Wayne, it flows freely and comes with flaky scones and a dollop of lemon curd. Since the season of Mother's Day, graduations, weddings, picnics and the Devon Horse Show is here, I checked in with owner Debbie Heth to talk about why sharing tea—at home or in her shop—is the perfect way to mark special days or transform ordinary ones into occasions.

“We don't have a froufrou, pinkies-up vibe,” laughs Heth—which in no way means you can't wear a tiara if you've got one. Some diners do show up in full *Downton Abbey* regalia, and waiters are happy to double as photographers. An elevated tea with a special

menu marks Mother's Day as well as Valentine's Day and December's Winter Wonderland parties. (Reserve early for all of these!) On most days, though, A Taste of Britain channels tea shops in England where friends unwind over food, both sweet and savory, and cozy cups of tea.

A Taste of Britain offers more than 50 teas, all available in the small retail shop, so you can create your

own party at home. Earl Grey à la crème with notes of vanilla is one of the most popular. Prince George (a blend of black and green teas with a bright citrus flavor) and Princess Charlotte (green tea with tangerine and sage notes) make a bow to the British crown's youngest heirs. If you want to expand your tea horizons, Heth recommends lemon soufflé rooibos. Unlike green, black and white teas—which all come from *Camellia sinensis*—naturally decaffeinated rooibos derives from a South African red bush plant (*Aspalathus linearis*). I heeded her suggestion to sip Himalayan white tea and loved its mild sweetness and pineapple finish.

Choosing among the many teas presents a happy challenge as does deciding what to eat or if you're the gracious host, what to serve. One misperception is that tea party food is not filling. In fact, Heth says, lots of people leave A Taste of Britain with leftovers happily tucked under their arms. Full afternoon tea includes eight tea sandwiches—among them the popular turkey with cranberry butter and curried chicken salad—and an assortment of pastries and scones baked in house and served with clotted cream, lemon curd and preserves. (For Heth's tips on making tea and tea sandwiches, see sidebar.)

Tea party menus go well beyond finger food. At the shop, Heth offers salads, croissant sandwiches and English favorites such as Welsh rarebit and chicken pot pie. There are also two frittatas and two scratch-made soups every day. Favorite soups include fresh pea with mint, celery and Stilton, and curried tomato. In warm weather, she'll serve watermelon gazpacho and other chilled soups, great options for garden tea parties as well as tailgates and picnics.

This May, if you're looking for a refined, relaxed way to honor your mother, cheer a graduate or just reconnect with friends, why not do it over tea? Gloves and tiaras optional.





## Spinach and Goat Cheese Frittata

Debbie Heth of A Taste of Britain says this recipe works with almost any fillings you can imagine, so experiment to your heart's content.



- 8 large eggs
- 1 C. heavy cream
- 1 C. whole milk
- 16 oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained well (squeeze out excess water)
- 4-6 oz. crumbled goat cheese
- ¼ C. diced sun dried tomatoes (optional)
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350°.

Whisk eggs, cream and milk together. Spray an 8" pie plate liberally with nonstick cooking spray. Spread the spinach and sun dried tomatoes (if using) and crumble goat cheese evenly in pie plate. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over the spinach and goat cheese, all the way to the top of the pan. You may have egg mixture left over.

Bake for 50-60 minutes, until egg is set in the middle. Let cool at least 15 minutes, then cut into 8 wedges.

*Note:* This is also a great make-ahead dish. You can let the baked frittata set overnight in the refrigerator, and then cut and reheat before serving.

Makes 1 pie (8 lunch-size servings).

## Cheese and Chutney Tea Sandwiches

There will be generous amounts of both cheese and chutney left over. You can spread both on crackers or use the chutney as a sandwich spread with any meat or spooned warm onto baked chicken or pork. Recipe courtesy of Debbie Heth, A Taste of Britain.

*For the tomato chutney:*

- 28-oz. can whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 lb. Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and roughly chopped
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- ½ C. raisins
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 1½ tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. mustard powder

## Tea and Sandwiches Fit for a Queen

Since 2012, when she became the owner of A Taste of Britain, Debbie Heth and her kitchen staff have brewed pot after pot of tea and made thousands of tea sandwiches. Read on for their secrets.

*Tea:*

Make hot tea by measuring 1 teaspoon loose tea for each cup. Bring water to boiling and let sit for a minute, especially before making green and white teas. Black teas are heartier and can handle water off the burner.

Store tea in a dark, cool area, away from strong smells. A jar or tin inside a cupboard works well. Tea loses its zing after 3-6 months but can still make a delicious iced tea.

Make a cold-brewed iced tea by steeping 1 rounded tablespoon of tea per quart of cold water. Let sit in the refrigerator for 8-24 hours. Herbal teas might need up to 2 tablespoons for full flavor. Strain the tea to serve it, but keep leaves to use again for a second steeping.

*Tea Sandwiches:*

Layer butter on all sandwiches except for ones with a cream cheese base. Butter provides a barrier between bread and filling, meaning sandwiches don't go soggy.

Grind fillings such as chicken salad in a food processor. They're easier to spread and look elegant, too.

Use a hearty bread such as Pepperidge Farms brand.

Chill uncut sandwiches for a few hours or overnight. Time in the fridge makes quick, clean work of removing crusts and cutting into shapes.

Cover sandwiches with a damp paper towel until ready to serve. You'll be rewarded with fresh, moist sandwiches.

- 1½ tsp. kosher salt
- 1 Tb. hot sauce (such as Tabasco)
- ¾ C. white wine vinegar
- ½ C. dried apricots

*For the cheese mixture:*

- 2 lbs. English cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1½ C. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

*For the sandwiches:*

- 14 slices bread (suggestion: Pepperidge Farm Whole Wheat)
- 1 stick butter, softened
- ½ C. tomato chutney
- 2 C. cheese mixture

*To make the chutney:*

Add all ingredients to a stockpot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 45 minutes. Let cool for about 15 minutes. Then use an immersion blender to puree until slightly chunky. Store in refrigerator for up to 6 weeks.

*To make the cheese mixture:*

Mix all ingredients together until well blended. Add more mayonnaise if needed to create a spreadable consistency.

*To assemble the sandwiches:*

Lightly spread each slice of bread on one side with butter. Spread 7 slices with about a tablespoon of chutney on top of the butter. (The butter keeps the chutney from soaking into the bread.) Spread the other 7 buttered bread slices with about 2-3 tablespoons of the cheese mixture on top of the butter. The cheese mixture should be only about ¼" thick.

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Form a sandwich with one piece of chutney bread and one piece of cheese mixture bread. Wrap the sandwiches in plastic or put back in the bread bag. Let set in the refrigerator for at least an hour or overnight. Cut off the crusts with a sharp serrated knife.

Cut each sandwich in half diagonally. Then cut each triangle one more time to form quarters. Cover with a moist paper towel until ready to serve.

Makes 28 tea sandwiches.

## Turkey and Cranberry Butter Tea Sandwiches

*This recipe makes a generous amount of cranberry butter. Store extra in the refrigerator for up to 4 weeks. Recipe courtesy of Debbie Heth, A Taste of Britain.*



*For the cranberry butter:*

- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 lb. unsalted butter, room temperature
- 4 C. dried cranberries

*For the sandwiches:*

- 1 C. cranberry butter, softened
- 1 lb. good quality roasted turkey breast deli meat (about 7–14 slices, depending on size and thickness of each slice)
- 14 slices bread (suggestion: Pepperidge Farm Sandwich White)

*To make the cranberry butter:*

In a food processor, blend mayonnaise and butter until well blended. Add dried cranberries, one cup at a time, until mixture is pink and cranberries are mostly chopped. It's okay to have some bigger bits of cranberries. Note: Mixture will get hard when refrigerated, so bring to room temperature before spreading.

*To assemble the sandwiches:*

Spread each piece of bread on one side with cranberry butter. Top half of the pieces with sliced turkey and another piece of cranberry-buttered bread to make a sandwich. Wrap the sandwiches in plastic or put back in the bread bag and refrigerate for at least an hour (or overnight) to set the cranberry butter.

Cut off the crusts with a sharp serrated knife. Cut each sandwich in half diagonally. Then cut each triangle one more time to form

quarters. Cover with a moist paper towel until ready to serve.

Makes 28 tea sandwiches.

## Cherry Scones with Lemon Glaze

*I adapted this recipe from King Arthur Flour's website. If you don't already know, King Arthur has a baker's hotline, and these lovely folks stand at the ready to solve all baking conundrums.*

*For the scones:*

- 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. all-purpose flour, plus 1 Tb. flour
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 Tb. baking powder
- 1/2 C. butter, cold and cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1 C. chopped dried cherries (raisin-sized or smaller)
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 tsp. lemon extract
- 2/3 C. half and half

*For the lemon glaze:*

- 1 1/2 C. confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tb. lemon zest
- 2–3 Tb. fresh lemon juice
- Optional: Strips of lemon peel



*To make the scones:*

Using a stand mixer, mix flour, sugar, salt and baking powder together. Add butter and mix until butter is pea-sized.

In a small bowl, toss cherries with 1 Tb. flour and set aside.

In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, lemon extract and half and half.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Add cherries and mix just to incorporate them. Do not overmix.

Scrape dough onto a lightly floured surface. Divide dough in two and form each into a circle about a 1/2"–3/4" thick.

Using a knife or bench knife, cut each circle into six wedges. Place each wedge on a cookie sheet and freeze for a half hour.

After the scones are frozen solid, you can bake them in a 425° oven for 20–25 minutes until they are golden brown or put them in



a plastic freezer bag and bake them without thawing whenever you are ready. Cool for a few minutes on cookie sheet.

*To make the glaze:*

Whisk together sugar, lemon zest and 2 Tb. lemon juice. Add more lemon juice to achieve desired consistency.

While scones are warm, drizzle glaze with a spoon or place in a small, sturdy plastic bag and snip a very small piece from one corner for a DIY pastry bag.

Squeeze glaze onto scones in any pattern you choose. Top each with a few strips of lemon peel, if using. Allow glaze to set for a few minutes.

Makes 12 scones.

**Peanut Butter Mini-muffins**

*To up the sweet factor for these, stir in mini chocolate chips or toffee chips. I adapted the recipe from Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library's Muffins and Quick Breads.*

2 C. all-purpose flour  
 1/3 C. firmly packed brown sugar  
 2 Tb. granulated sugar  
 1 Tb. baking powder  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 2/3 C. smooth peanut butter  
 1 1/3 C. whole milk  
 1/4 C. butter, melted  
 2 large eggs  
 1/2 C. chopped roasted, salted peanuts  
 Optional: 1 C. mini chocolate chips or toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter muffin tins unless you are using non-stick tins.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, both sugars, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, beat the peanut butter with a hand mixer and add milk in a few tablespoons at a time until incorporated. Then, mix in eggs and butter, again until incorporated. Mix in peanuts and chocolate chips or toffee bits, if using. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix until just combined.

Spoon batter into muffin tins, filling them at least 3/4 of the way up. Wipe off any batter that's spilled between muffin wells. Bake for 10–15 minutes or until a knife inserted comes out clean. Start checking after 8–10 minutes. Cool in tins for a few minutes and serve warm.

Makes 36–48 mini muffins. ♦

*Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.*



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Jack Smith

FOR SELLER AND BUYER, THE CAR BIZ ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.

GOING OUT TO BUY A NEW CAR USED TO BE A LOT like going on safari. There was the thrill of anticipation as you set out for the hunt, your pulse pounding upon sighting your prey, and the suspicion that, even as you closed in on your prize, your trophy was stalking you. It was a practice replete with such time-honored rituals as kicking the tires, an act as much reflexive as instructive, and looking under the hood, as if to assure oneself that the manufacturer had not forgotten to include a motor, plus allusions to the former owner, a little old lady who only drove it to church on Sundays.

Today the experience can vary from make to make, dealer to dealer, and even salesperson to salesperson. The one thing these parties all agree on is, the process of buying—and selling—a car has changed.\*

"The business model is not what it used to be when I first went into the business," says Jason Reitelbach, Internet Director at Scott Honda in West Chester. "Dealers used to throw a lot of money at TV and newspaper advertising with huge circulations, but as we've learned these media aren't as effective as word of mouth. People trust their neighbors more than the mass media."

No less than dealers, buyers' shopping habits have changed too. "Five years ago they typically visited four or five dealerships in person before purchasing a vehicle," he says. "Today buyers are better

informed before stepping into a showroom; they spend an average 16 hours online and then zero in on an average of 1.4 dealers before deciding on a new car."

More importantly for the buyer, the new car business is no longer about "the deal"—the price you could get for a car. "That adversarial situation is a thing of the past," says Reitelbach. "Today the business is all about volume. The idea is to sell as many cars as you can, at whatever price, and building on that sale to keep customers coming back."

Of course, once a new car is sold, the key to making its owner a repeat customer is service. "Honda has always had a reputation for high quality and reliability, but in a way that makes our job harder because we have to exceed our buyers' expectations. We offer the first service free, to introduce our new buyers to the service process, so our buyers are getting top-notch service at a price that can't be beat and we're getting a loyal customer. It's a win-win all around."

At EuroMotorcars in Devon, the combination of the internet and Mercedes' Certified PreOwned program (CPO) makes it easier than ever to drive a Mercedes, whether a 2012 C300 (\$17,562) or a sleek 2009 SLR roadster (up to as much as \$1 million).

Here again, the internet dictates the price while taking the stress out of the transaction. "The buyer knows in advance what he or she is going to pay," says Sales Manager Joe DeCarolis. "At the same

time the CPO customer is getting a Mercedes that's virtually indistinguishable from new, from tires and brakes and rotors to warranty. If your pre-owned car has 26,000 miles on it, the 30,000 mile maintenance will be done."

Whether CPO or new, the buyer gets the same level of attention and courtesy from the sales staff. "The sales rep will go over every feature, to make sure you understand them all. We check the mileage history, engine components, electronics and appearance to eliminate any dings or scratches. We do a road test and then a post-road test, to see if any issues emerge."

As at any dealership, says DeCarolis, the buyer should familiarize himself with the service department. "How do they greet you? Is the staff polite and helpful? Do they offer a loaner car? Is the work performed on the premises? Is everything done to precision?"

If you've acquired your Mercedes at EuroMotorcars, your car will be washed and prepped after every service before being delivered back to you inside the dealership's capacious service facility. This isn't the same at every dealership, says DeCarolis. "At some dealerships they toss you the keys and say, 'Your car's out there on the lot. Have a nice day.'"

For decades the mantra at Porsche has been "Race on Sunday, Sell on Monday." With its rear-mounted, horizontally opposed power plant and legendary tail-heavy handling, Porsche's classic 911 performed like nothing else on the road. Indeed, the clincher in the litany of the salesman was, "This is not the car for everyone." At that point every car buff worth his testosterone would reach for his checkbook.

Today Porsche remains the standard in the realm of high performance motoring but machismo is no longer its chief selling point. "It's different from the way it was 15 years ago. We're no longer just a performance line," says Joe Nogrady, sales manager at Porsche of the Main Line in Newtown Square. "Our line has expanded dramatically. There are countless ways to make a Porsche fit your own personality and motoring needs."

Indeed, joining the classic 911 there is the sleek Boxster roadster, the Cayenne SUV, the mid-engine Cayman coupe, the Panamera four-seater sedan, and most recently the Macan, a curiously hump-backed crossover SUV.

Obviously the debut of any new Porsche model is big news for car buffs but no less significant, to the bottom line, is the role of the pre-owned Porsche. "Porsche is not like other marques," says Nogrady. "People drive hundreds of miles to buy a pre-owned Porsche and a lot of people own multiple Porsches. The Macan allows us to target buyers who always wanted a Porsche, and our pre-owned inventory allows us to offer a daily driver that's also a performance car at a lower price point than we could before."

At a higher end of the market, he says, the dealership targets Ferrari owners. "A lot of car buffs have always wanted to own a Ferrari. Now they have and they've come back to Porsche."

For some lucky buyers the buying experience might include "hot laps" around a local race track. Or the offer of a 24-hour test drive. "We have some terrific roads around here. Fortunately, we haven't had many incidents. People are aware they're driving a Porsche and they're careful." ♦

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