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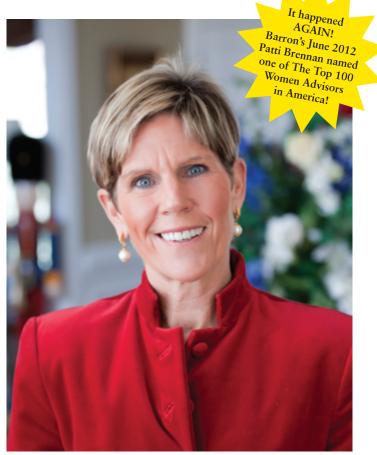


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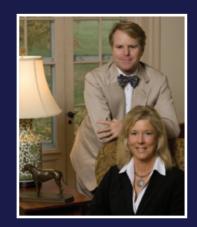
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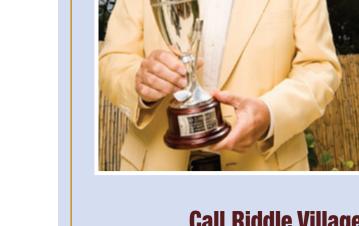
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From the Editor

November: Cast your ballot, honor a veteran, plan your turkey, and start shopping for gifts. The holidays are coming! 'Tis the season to visit our distinctive towns, making sure to celebrate Small Business Saturday, November 24, to support locally owned businesses that boost our economy.

Carol Metzker says it's "Time for Another Look" at Phoenixville, while Jessica Ohnikian finds "It's the Most Waynederful Time of the Year" during Wayne's Old Fashioned Christmas. While in Wayne, stop at Paramour, where our restaurant reviewer Lise Monty enjoyed a leisurely lunch.

We also suggest a visit to "Five Star Antiques Shows," so you can enjoy the process of searching for gifts from the Main Line to Wilmington and choose something "green" (antiques are the ultimate green gifts).

"Make Your Home Holiday-Ready," in which Cindy Walker interviews designers for trends, ideas and inspiration, will help you get yourself holiday-ready. And during the holidays when extended families gather, the conversation may turn to down-sizing or moving someplace newer and closer. Emily Hart's "A Community that Fits Like a Glove" has ideas for how to manage that process. Our Directory of Senior Communities gives helpful details. Or if you're in the market for a special, new family home, Laurel Anderson finds one in Delaware's Chateau Country—25 acres, five bedrooms and baths, entirely updated.

Laura Brennan's Brandywine Table column offers crowd-pleasing small bites for the winter party season. These easy, delicious appetizers are your recipe for happy and carefree holiday entertaining.

We salute the League of Women Voters as our Local Heroes. Their voter registration efforts were complicated this year by a new Voter ID requirement, which they fought in court and eventually delayed, at least until after the election. Good work!

Finally, during this busy time, let our Best Local Events Section—online and in print—be your guide to what's happening in our area.

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Worth Knowing

Top 10 Tips for Smart Financial Planning

Peter K Hoover, CFP®

November is a good month to review your financial planning.

ents his nightly Top 10 list. His whimsical and witty observations are fun, but nothing to take seriously.

There are some Top 10 rundowns, however, that should be carefully considered. One such list is related to financial planning and protection. Preserving wealth to ensure your future financial security and comfort of your family is essential. These tips can help.

1. Establish realistic and obtainable investment financial objectives. Although we may dream of limitless wealth, not everyone will achieve such a lofty goal. View your life as





- ost of us chuckle when David Letterman pres- if it were a movie, complete with scene changes. Life is not static and your financial aspirations should revolve around long-term strategies.
 - 2. Check and update beneficiary designations on all important accounts-such as IRA accounts, retirement plans and life insurance policies. Your main financial planning goal is to protect loved ones in perpetuity. If all beneficiaries are not listed appropriately, unexpected problems could occur. For example, if your will directs money and property to a second spouse, but the beneficiary designated on insurance policies, IRAs and 401Ks is another person, those assets will go to the beneficiary named on these accounts, not the second

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spouse. Beneficiary designations supersede will intentions.

3. Rebalance investments on a regular basis. A wise investor sells high and buys low. Consistent review and rebalancing of your portfolio forces you to buy and sell at the best times to invigorate financial growth and protect investment profitability. Periodic review is essential.

4. Safeguard your financial and investment data in a central location. Many folks store important documents all over the place-in file cabinets, desk drawers, even in shoeboxes. You may not have a secure designated spot for everything, but you should. One simple option is to use an electronic vault—a computerized or video record. It saves time and eliminates stress.

5. Have all four estate planning documents up to date. These four essential documents are your will, health care power of attorney, durable power of attorney and living will. Periodically have them reviewed and revised, if necessary, by a lawyer.

of investments, less can be more. Some people invest in multiple instruments and have money in a variety of banks and insti-

According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, nearly 700,000 women lose their husbands annually. Senior widows outnumber senior men by four to one. Too often, financial panic adds to their sorrow. To prevent anxiety over bills, liability and loss of funds after the death of a spouse, have a sound up-to-date financial plan and ensure that your loved one knows where it's stored. They should also know the location of all

also much easier.

related documents. 8. Prevent the possibility of outliving your assets. A smart plan helps pave the path to financial independence regardless of age. A full range of investment and insurance solutions should be provided and 6. Consolidate and simplify. In the area updated when necessary to ensure lifetime

> financial security. 9. Prepare an income tax forecast for 2012. With the potential of rising taxes



tutions. Each account must be maintained and managed. Consider consolidating investments, which can reap lifetime benefits. Consolidation results in less paperwork and fewer statements and checks. Plus, estate administration and distribution are

7. Review your files with a loved one.

next year, now is the time to investigate ways to save. Carefully review earnings, expenses and tax-related deductions. Doing tax-related homework now may reveal opportunities for reducing payments or increasing refunds next year.

10. Think about your legacy. What's most important is to make certain your family is comfortable if something happens to you. Discuss this with a qualified financial advisor, preferably one who is independent with no proprietary products or corporate allegiances. A professional can help you make the best decisions for you and your family. ♦

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Swanson's created turkey TV dinners in 1953, in part, to deal with leftover frozen turkey. Pilgrims only used spoons, knives and fingers to eat on Thanksgiving (sorry, parents), and they likely ate venison and seafood, not turkey. There's more tryptophan in soybeans, parmesan and pork than turkey! And Canadian Thanksgiving is the second Monday in October, so you missed it this year. Let us know your favorite Thanksgiving trivia at Info@ValleyDel.com.



Foxy Centennial. A foxhunting man with a great vision, Plunket Stewart founded the Cheshire Hounds in 1912, contributing to the historic relationship between the sport of foxhunting and the conservation of open space. Southeastern Chester County boasts one of the few remaining areas where this relationship continues, through the efforts of private landowners, land conservancies and dedicated associations. A week of hunting, sporting competitions and social events are planned for the centennial of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds, beginning November 10th and ending with a Hunt Ball at Longwood Gardens on

the 17th. Plus a November 14 premier at Chester County Historical Society of the short film, Good Night Ladies, a portrait of Nancy Penn Smith Hannum, master of the hounds for over 50 years. CheshireHuntConservancy.org.

Go to the Dogs. Join 19 million viewers after the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and watch The National Dog Show on NBC, Nov. 22, noon to 2 p.m., or see the actual event live Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks/Valley Forge. See 170 breeds of purebred dogs, with two new breeds this year: the Russell Terrier and Treeing



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

Jobs' Disease. Steve Jobs, Sally Ride, Randy Pausch (of The Last Lecture fame), Patrick Swayze, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Jack Benny, Donna Read and Count Basie all had pancreatic cancer. Because

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cancer deaths. Research

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atic cancer's statistics

there's no good screening is often not detected metastasized to other fourth ranked cause of is severely underfunded, and the mortality rate types of cancer have survival rates, pancreremained stagnant. Wear purple to mark November as National Pancreatic

Cancer Awareness Month. PancreaticCancerFoundation.com.

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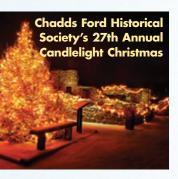
The Main Line Committee for The Philadelphia Orchestra hosts this self-guided tour featuring seven beautifully designed Main Line

kitchens from Gladwyne to St. Davids, each featuring a "notable" local chef or caterer preparing culinary treats. New for 2012 is a premier Market Place in Worthing Estates featuring gourmet delights, housewares and more. 10 to 3. \$35; boxed lunch, \$15. NotableKitchens.com.

Jazz By Night in Media November 17

Evoking the spirit of New Orleans, Media is the backdrop for a diverse variety of acts performing genuine jazz-from Traditional and Classic to BeBop and Hard Swing and Avant-Garde to NuJazz. State St. 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$10-\$15. 610-566-5039; StateStreetBlues.com.





December 1

Self-guided tour of 20 historic, private homes and public buildings in the Village of Marshalton, decorated in holiday finery and illuminated by candlelight to show decorations in soft period light. 1 to 6. \$20-\$25. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org. Read more about it online at County LinesMagazine.com.

15th Annual Fashion Show Benefit for Home of the Sparrow November 8

This year's theme is "Little Black Dress" and the evening features boutique shops, cocktails, hors d' oeuvres, fashion show and dinner. Benefits Home of the Sparrow, dedicated to improving the lives of homeless and low-income women and children. Desmond Great Valley Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. Shopping, cocktails, 5 to 7 p.m.; dinner and fashion show, 7 to 9. \$75. 610-647-4940; HomeOfThe

Best Local Events

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November 4 78th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Join the excitement in the country with timber racing, food and holiday shopping in the equestrian boutiques. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. \$50 per car. Gates open 11 am, Pony Hunt Cup, 12:30; Hunt Cup at 3. Benefits the Chester Co.



November 17–18



November 15

CCHS Founders Dinner. Celebrate two individuals who embody the spirit of their respective awards: the Senator Robert J. Thompson Award to Carol Aichele, on left, Secretary of the Commonwealth and The Founders Award to Karen Simmons, President and CEO of the Chester County Community Foundation. Desmond Hotel, One Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 6 to 10 pm. \$250. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.



Antiques

See article in this issue covering five shows.

Art & Craft Shows

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Through November 10 Happenings at Beauty Art, Antiques, Gifts. "Wind and Air," paintings by Chantal Westby. 3857 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. Tues, Wed, Fri, 11 to 6; Thurs, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net.

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dren's entertainment and great food. Greater

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November 3-January 20 17th Annual Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibit & Sale. Artists from around the world with physical, cognitive, visual and hearing disabilities submit their work to this juried exhibition and sale. 414 Paoli Pk., Malvern. Show hours: daily 9 to 9. 484-596-5710; MainLineHealth.org/ArtAbility.

November 7–11

36th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show. A premier show and sale of contemporary craft, includes 195 of the finest and most dynamic craft artists in the country. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. Preview party Wed, tickets start at \$125. Thurs-Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$15. 215-684-7930; PMACraftShow.org



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November 23-24

42nd Annual Belsnickel Craft Show. Approximately 140 juried artisans present their fine crafts. Benefits Boyertown Area Historical Society programs. Boyertown Sr. High School, 4th & Monroe Sts., Boyertown. Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 10 to 4. \$5. 610-845-2781; Boyertown-History.org.

November 30-December 9 Main Line Art Center's Holiday Fine Craft

Sale. Fine crafts-jewelry, ceramics, glass, fabric and more-by professional artists from the region for sale. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon-Thurs, 9 to 9; Fri-Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 9 to 4:30. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

December 8

Valley Forge Beer Festival. Local, regional and international beers are featured. Benefits the Committee to Benefit the Children. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Session 1, 12:30 to 4; Session 2, 5:30 to 9. \$40-\$60. 631-940-7290; ValleyForgeBeer Fest.com.

Family Fun

Through November 15 Brandywine River Museum's Read Aloud Tours for Children. Each week features a different story and art activity. Designed for children ages 3 to 6 accompanied by an adult. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 10:30 am. \$6-\$12. 610-388-8326; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 4

World's Greatest Farmer Showdown. A family-friendly event to celebrate local farmers. The day begins with a Farm-K fun walk and continues with competitions, local vendors and demonstrations. Longview Center for Agriculture, 3215 Stump Hall Rd., Collegeville. Noon to 4. \$5. Rain date, Nov. 11. 610-584-6580; GreenerPartners.org.

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November 12

53rd Veterans Day Parade in Media. Veterans of all wars walk together on State St. 11:30 am. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

November 24

Brandywine Battlefield Park Celebrates Potriots' Day. Step back in time to a small British outpost and see Redcoats and Royal

Artillery encamped during the winter of 1777. Brandywine Battlefield Park, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, 10 to 3, \$3-\$6, 610-459-3342; BrandywineBattlefield.org.

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See also, Outdoor & Sport Activities.

November 2 Rotary Club of Media's Silent and Live Auction. Cocktails, dinner and an auction benefits three local charities. Drexelbrook, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill. 6 pm. \$75. 484-432-9038; MediaRotary.org.





Through December 31 Annual Woodworker's Competition at

Wharton Esherick Museum. "Sticks and Stones" features 27 pieces of jewelry made primarily of wood. The Studio is located just west of Valley Forge Park and is open by reservation only. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

November 2–4

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 of the country's finest artisans participate in this

November 3

West Chester Area Senior Center's 13th Annual Gala, "A Celebration of West Chester-An All American Town." A blacktie optional dinner with auction and awards. Benefits the West Chester Area Senior Center. Held at the Center, 530 E. Union St., West Chester. 5:30 to 9:30. \$100. 610-431-4242; WCSeniors.org.

November 4

Interfaith Housing Assistance Corp. of Chester County Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Local and international wine sommeliers offer

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November 7

Kennett Symphony League's Luncheon and Fashion Show. Food and fashions at this benefit supporting the Symphony's free Family Concerts in March. Live and silent auctions, raffle, gift table and luncheon. Mendenhall Inn, Rt. 52, Mendenhall. 10:30 to 2. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

November 10 Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Grove United Methodist Church, All-voucan-eat menu raises funds for student scholarships. 490 W. Boot Rd., West Goshen. 8 to 10 am. \$4-\$8. 610-696-3699; GroveChurch.org.

November 10

Living Beyond Breast Cancer Annual Butterfly Ball. Annual, black-tie gala is held to raise funds to support LBBC's education and support services for women affected by breast cancer. The event features a one-of-a-kind live and silent auction followed by dinner and



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dancing. Loews Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. \$350. 6:30 to 11:30. LBBC.org.

November 12–14

The Christmas Shop Foundation Presents "The Perfect Gift." Specialty stores from around the country participate to benefit nonprofit programs in Delaware. DuPont Country Club, Rockland Rd., Wilmington. Preview Mon, 6 to 9, \$85-\$175, silent auction, raffle. Tues-Wed, 9:30 am to 8 pm; Thurs, 9:30 am to 4 pm. \$10, for 3 days. 302-654-4435; ChristmasShopFoundation.org.

November 16–18

Delaware Hospice Festival of Trees. Area businesses sponsor the display of holiday trees and wreaths decorated by local artisans, with a selection of items for sale and special events throughout the weekend. Cokesbury Village, 726 Loveville Rd., Hockessin. Daily, 10 to 4. \$6-\$8. 302-479-2577; DelawareHospice.org.



November 17 Paoli Hospital Auxiliary's 18th Annual "Mistletoe & Magic." Cocktail buffet, raffles, live music and auction. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Aronimink Golf Club, St. Davids Rd., Newtown Square. Begins at 6, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Tickets start at \$125.484-565-1335; MistletoeAndMagic.org.

November 29-30 Women's Committee of Children's Hos-

pital of Philadelphia Presents A Holiday Boutique. The area's finest boutiques participate to benefit CHOP. Preview Thurs, 5 to 9, \$125-\$1,000; Fri, 9 to 3, luncheon available, \$10-\$35. Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford. 267-426-6489; Giving.Chop.edu.

December 1 24th Annual West Chester Charity Ball.

Dinner, dancing and auction. Benefits The Friends Assoc. for Care and Protection of Children, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 West Ashbridge St., West Chester. Cocktail chic or black tie. 6:30 to 11:30. \$175. 610-431-3598; FriendsAssoc.org.

Local Farm Markets

Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. BrynMawrFarmersMarket.com

East Goshen Farmers Market, E. Goshen Park, Paoli Pk., East Goshen. Thurs, 3 to 7 pm. EastGoshenFarmersMarket. blogspot.com.

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

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

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

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

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

New Garden Grower's Market, 8934 Gap Newport Pk. Through Nov. 17, Sat, 9 to 3. 610-268-2915.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, under Gav St. Bridge accessed by Taylor Alley. Sat, 9

to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org. West Chester Growers Market, Chest-

nut and Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010: WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

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

Gardens

Through November 18

Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival. See unique varieties of mums trained to flow down walls, drape like curtains and form grand archways in this inspiring display. See the Thousand Bloom mum and a single chrysanthemum plant with 100 different cultivars of mum blooming. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Daily 9 to 5. \$8-\$18. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

December 1

Scott Arboretum Holiday Greens Sale. Gorgeous fresh greens and holiday accents at the Wister Center, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 10 to 2. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

Through December

in this issue.

November 14-December 30 Historic Odessa Foundation hosts "A Story of Old Christmas." Odessa's Georgian-style Wilson Warner House (c. 1769) will be transformed into the storied English countryside home, Bracebridge Hall. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. Odessa is located between Rts. 1 & 13. Houses: Corbit-Sharp House, Wilson-Warner House, Collins-Sharp House,

Holiday Events & Tours

Holiday Events in Phoenixville. See article

Brick Hotel and Odessa Bank. 302-378-4119; HistoricOdessa.org.

November 17-January 6

Yuletide at Winterthur. You will be transported to a 19th-century market square to see how preparations for winter festivities began. Rt. 52, 6 mi. NW of Wilmington. Tour is free to Winterthur members. (\$5-\$20) for nonmembers. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

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November 23

Holiday Downtown Open House and Parade in Kennett Square. Holiday parade with caroling, shopping and Mr. & Mrs. Claus arrive. Christmas tree. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

November 23 Santa's Arrival & Festival of Lights in 19th-century families who lived on Workers' Media. Festivities begin at 5 pm, Santa arrives

at 6. State & Jackson Sts., Media. Snow or shine. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

November 23-25 December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

West Chester Railroad Santa's Express. Old St. Nick will be on board with a treat for the children and entertainment. Market Street Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. 11, 1 & 3; 5 pm on Dec. 8-9, 15-16. \$6-\$20. 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.

Weekends, November 23-January 1 Family Christmas Activities at Hagley. Like the Hill, visitors can enjoy making Victorian

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November 23-January 6

A Brandywine Christmas. A holiday tradition featuring an extensive O-gauge model railroad, natural "critter" ornaments made by museum volunteers on holiday trees (Annual Critter Sale, Dec. 1-2), and a charming new dollhouse display. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Open daily (except Christmas), 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 30-December 2 MARSdrinks Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration in West Chester. Nov. 30, 4th

Annual "Jingle Elf 5K Run" at 6:30, Santa arrives, parade, 7:15. Nov. 30-Dec. 2, "Trial By Jury," see Theater. Dec. 1, Breakfast with Santa at Chester County Historical Society, 8:30 to 10 am, \$12, limited seating, bring your camera. Gingerbread House Making, West Chester Municipal Bldg., 2 to 4 pm, \$12. Caroling at Brandywine Hall Care Center, 7 to 8 pm. 610-696-4046; GWCC.org.



November 30-December 1 Wayne Hotel's Old-Fashioned Christmas. See article in this issue.

November 30-December 2 Hay Creek Historical Assoc. Christmas at Joanna Furnace. Enjoy an evening in the parlors of colonial and Victorian families as they celebrate Christmas. Horse-drawn carriage rides, a Christmas Market, food, a bonfire, live nativity and walking tours. Rt. 10, 3 mi. N of Morgantown. Daily, 5 to 9. \$5; 12 and under. free. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.

Weekends, November 30-December 16 Devon in December: Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale. Fresh, locally grown Fraser and Douglas firs and holiday wreaths for sale; activities and surprises for children. Benefits Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Foundation. Horse Show Grounds, Rt. 30, Devon. Fri, 4:30 to 7:30; Sat, 9 am to 7 pm; Sun, 10 to 4. 610-964-0550; TheDevonHorseShow.org.

December 1 Historic Newtown's Holiday House Tour.

An annual tradition that takes visitors into five private residences and a few public buildings including the Half-Moon Inn where you will enjoy period music, colonial cooking demonstrations and refreshments. All sites are within walking distance of each other. 10 to 4. \$25. 215-968-4004; NewtownHistoric.org.

December 2

Winter Festival at Oakbourne, Carols, arts and crafts, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa in the mansion, which will be beautifully decorated for holiday season. 1014 S. Concord Rd. 3 to 5. 610-692-1930; WesttownPA.org.

December 2, 9, 16, 23

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides in Kennett Square. Horse-drawn carriage rides throughout town, leaving from the corner of State and Union Sts. \$5. Sundays, noon to 3 pm. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

December 7–8

Malvern's Victorian Christmas. Events begin in Burke Park, for the lighting of the town tree. Then stroll King Street, stop at vendors and visit shops offering complimentary refreshments. Also, musical performances, children's shows, carriage rides, Santa and Mrs. Claus and more through Sat. Fri, 6 to 9; Sat, 10 to 2. 610-296-9096; MalvernsVictorianChristmas.org.

Tour 2012, "Holiday Cinema by Candlelight." Eleven holiday movies are represented

at the mansion under the glow of candlelight. Live music, refreshments and Santa. Cedar Knoll Rd., Wagontown. Fri-Sat, 6:30; Sun, 2. \$5; under 12, free. 610-388-3812.

December 8

Holiday Home Tour. West Chester Public Library presents a walking tour of 10 beautifully decorated homes, dating from 1870 to 2000, in the northwest and northeast section of West Chester. 10 to 3. Tickets at the Library, 415 N. Church St. or online. \$25; \$35 day of tour at library only. 610-696-1721; WCPublicLibrary.org.

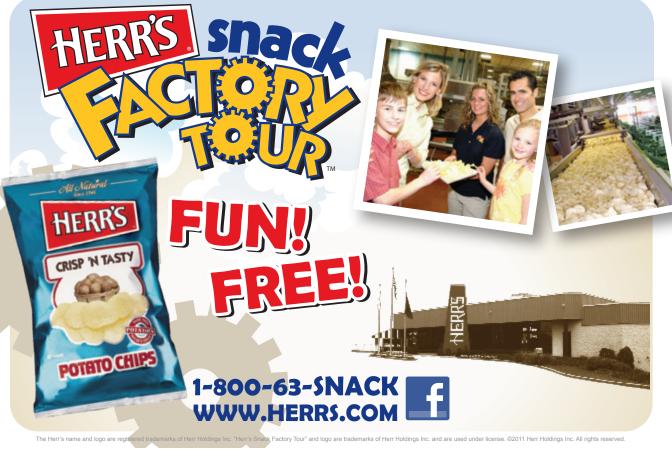
December 8 Delaware Art Museum's 28th Annual Hol-

iday House Tour. Tour 10 spectacular homes bedecked for the holiday season and visit the museum to view the 12 talented regional artisans, who will display their wares. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$25/\$30 at the door. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

December 8

December 7–9 Friends of Hibernia present Candlelight

The Spirit of Christmas in New Castle, DE. A full day of concerts, house tours, crafts, shopping, refreshments and sharing the Christmas Spirit. Brochures at New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St., New Castle. 10 am to 5:30 pm. All events are free. 302-328-3279; NewCastlePresChurch.org.



December 8

Colonial PA Plantation's Christmas on the Form. Get into the holiday spirit and visit the Plantation on its closing day for the year and enjoy the decorations, tea tasting, wassailing, textile, woodworking and long rifle demos. Ridley Creek State Park, Media. 11 to 6. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.



December 9

Historic Holiday Home Tour in Kennett Square. Historic homes will be decked out for the holidays and open to visitors. Tickets required. 610-444-8141; KennettSquareHistory.org/CandlelightHomeTour.html.

Museums

Ongoing Chester County Historical Society Exhibit. Ongoing, "On The Edge of Battle: Chester County and The Civil War." Through Jan. 19, "Cut It Out! 200 Years of Paper Dolls,"

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a wide selection from the collection, of over 8,000 paper dolls. 225 N. High St., West Chester, Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30, 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

Tuesdays, Through November 15 Brandywine River Museum' Exhibits. Through Nov. 13, "The Art of Andrew Wyeth" includes a visit to his newly-opened studio and a docent-led tour featuring "Three Generations of Wyeth Art" from the Museum's renowned collections. *Through Nov.* 15, "Picturing Poe: Illustrations for Edgar Allan Poe's Stories and Poems," looks at the work of more than two dozen artists. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 10:30 to 2. \$25-\$30. 610-388-8326; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

Through January 13, 2013 Delaware Art Museum - "Centennial Juried

Exhibition." A juried Centennial will be on view featuring a variety of media and include artists living either within Delaware or within 100 miles of the Museum. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

November 14

Premier Showing of "Good Night Ladies" at Chester County Historical Society. Christianna Hannum Miller's short (35-minute) film about her grandmother, Nancy Penn

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Smith Hannum of Unionville, who was master of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds and an avid conservationist. Music by Alison Krause. Christi will be there to answer questions. CCHS, 225 N. High St., West Chester. 5 and 7 pm. Free. 610-692-4800; ChesterCo-Historical.org.

Music, Dance & Live Shows November 9, 11

Vox Ama Deus, Camerata Ama Deus Presents "Festa Vivaldi." The Baroque Chamber Orchestra performs Nov. 9, The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 8000 St. Martins La., Chestnut Hill, 8 pm; *Nov. 11*, Thomas Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, 4 pm. \$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.



November 10, 30 Point Entertainment Concerts at The Colonial Theatre. See article in this issue.

November 15

Music on the Brandywine at Brandywine River Museum. Colombian clarinetist and composer Benito Meza performs. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 7:30 pm. \$15-\$25. 610-388-2700; www. BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 16-17

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County's 25th Anniversary Gala Concert. A sparkling spectacle of Gilbert's clever wit and Sullivan's glorious music complete with vocal and orchestral favorites. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, West Chester. Fri, 8 pm; Sat, 1:30. \$10-\$20. 610-269-5499; GSSChesCo.org.

November 18

Delaware County Symphony Chamber Series Concert. The music of Prokofiev, Ravel and Messiaen. Neumann Univ., Meagher Theater, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-356-5673; DCSMusic.org.

November 30, December 2 Vox Ama Deus Presents Renaissance Noel.

Nov. 30. The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 8000 St. Martins La., Chestnut Hill, 8 pm; Dec. 2, Thomas Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, 4 pm. \$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

December 1

DuPont Theatre Presents Jim Brickman, "On a Winter's Night." Two-time Grammy-nomi-

nated, platinum-selling pianist and songwriter plays holiday favorites plus all his hits in one spectacular concert. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 3 & 7:30 pm. \$40-\$75. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

December 1

Kennett Symphony's "Visions of Sugarplums." This annual holiday concert is a family tradition in Chester County. Kennett

High School, 100 E. South St. 8 pm. \$5-\$40. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

December 2

Delaware County Symphony Concert. "Russian Fairy Tale" featuring the music of Rimsky-Korsakov. Neumann Univ., Meagher Theater, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-356-5673; DCSMusic.org.

Outdoor & Sport Activities

December 2 35th Annual Brian's Run. A 5-mile race



through West Chester and North Hills. Benefits Homes For Our Troops, a nonprofit organization that makes homes handicap accessible for wounded veterans. Henderson High School, 400 Montgomery Ave., 1 pm. BriansRun.org.

In Towns & Burroughs . . . November 2

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

November 3

Annual Chestertown, MD Book Festival. Over 30 authors and readings all day at Emmanuel Church Hall, 101 North Cross St., Chestertown. 10 to 4. 443-282-1160.

November 10 Media's Second Saturdays. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; Media-ArtsCouncil.org.

Theater

Through November 4 Mark Twain: Sacred Cows Make the Best Hamburgers. Mark Twain returns to the 21st century to share his most-loved classics. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sun, 7; Sat, Sun, 2. Tickets, 610- 644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

Through November 4

Anything Goes. A saucy and splendid production of this winner of three 2011 Tony Awards. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Tues-Thurs, 7:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 8; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$35-\$75. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

Through November 4

Hairspray. A teenage heroine wins a role on a local TV dance program and becomes a celebrity overnight. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. \$27-\$49. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

November 1–3

She Loves Me. Based on the movie You've Got Mail, this is a warm romantic comedy with a touch of nostalgia. West Chester Univ., Mad-



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800-272-9934 610-696-9322 eleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. Thurs-Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 2. \$12-\$15, 610-436-2533; WCUPa.edu/CVPA.

November 7

Tales From Poe. A dramatic presentation by Hedgerow Theatre of stories by Edgar Allan Poe. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 7 pm. \$6-\$15. 610-388-8382; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

November 14-January 6

Aladdin: A Musical Panto. When the young ne'er-do-well Aladdin and his animal pals discover a mysterious lamp, the hilarious adventure begins. People's Light & Theatre, Main Stage, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sun, 7; Sat, Sun, 2. Tickets, 610- 644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

November 20-January 27

Dr. Doolittle. Classic tale of kindness to animals and animal kindnesses in a big family musical. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. \$27-\$54. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

November 29–December 23

This Wonderful Life. One actor portravs George Bailey, Clarence the Angel, Mary, Old Man Potter and the entire population of Bedford Falls. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Sat, Sun, 2. 610- 644-3500; Peoples-Light.org.



November 30-December 2 Trial By Jury and Carol Sing, presented by

the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County during West Chester's Old-Fashioned Christmas. Courtroom 1, Chester Co. Justice Center, 201 W. Market St, West Chester. Fri, 6 pm; Sat, 2 and 8; Sun, 2 pm. \$5-\$12. 610-269-5499; GSSChesCo.org.

December 4-9

Shrek The Musical. Everyone's favorite ogre comes to life on stage. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Tues-Thurs, 7:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 8; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. \$35-\$75. 800-338-0881; DuPont Theatre.com. 🔶

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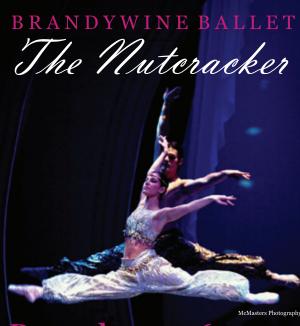
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et in the holiday spirit at the annual Old Fashioned Christmas weekend in Wayne! With over 20 years of tree lightings and festivities, Old Fashioned Christmas gives you a Currier and Ives moment with family and friends.

A weekend of family-fun and entertainment starts with the Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, November 30th, and continues Saturday, December 1st, with Santa's Parade, all sponsored by the Wayne Business Association and The Wayne Hotel. Join in the kickoff to this holly-jolly season!

Each year, families and friends are charmed by this and other holiday fans. There's also a strolling Toy wintry mix of Christmas cheer, starting with the horse-Soldier, perfect for photo ops. All sure to bring back drawn carriage rides Friday night (at 5:30). Families your fondest holiday memories. arrive early for this journey back in time through the The evening's events lead up to the highly antici-South Wayne neighborhood, where Victorian homes pated tree lighting, at 7:30 by the Wayne train sta-

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are decorated for the season. Neighbors compete, deck their halls n' houses, and light their luminarias to add to the merry ambiance of this magical ride.

Friday evening also hosts an ornament decorating craft event at the Radnor Firehouse, where families design ornaments to take home and hang on their tree. For more decorating, there's face painting for the kids.

Don't miss the chance to sing your favorite Christmas carols with the Valley Forge Military Academy & College Choir and community groups, like Girl Scouts tion on North Wayne Avenue, led Music Group will fill downtown by 6ABC Action News Reporter Wayne as Santa takes his seat on the Vernon Odom. Wayne Business Association President Diane Jiorle 11:30. Paramour will serve complisays, "The most important part is mentary house-made hot chocolate the countdown! All the people up and fresh cookies to all who attend, and down the street shout the num- says David Brennan, General Manbers and cheer together when the ager of the Hotel. bright tree lights go on. Everyone is excited—people love it!" Don't their Christmas lists and a donation miss out on this holiday tradition, including the magic moment when Santa has been known to make a children's wishes can be granted! surprise visit!

Saturday morning aboard a fire in a little holiday shopping. Or stop truck right down Lancaster Avenue, by Sovereign Bank for Wayne gift heading out at 10 a.m. to meet and greet the kiddies. Sounds of the Radnor High School Marching Fashioned Christmas in Wayne, Band, Cheerleaders and Valley Forge Military Academy Field

veranda of The Wayne Hotel, until

Make sure the little ones bring for the Toys for Tots dropbox (available through mid-December) so all

Wayne shops stay open for the Santa officially comes to town big weekend, so you may just sneak certificates.

> For more on this year's Old visit WayneChristmas.com.

Jessica Ohnikian

Wayne Events

Through November 17 PA Watercolor Society Exhibit at Wayne Art Center. Exhibition and sale by members of the Society. 413 Maplewood Ave. Mon-Sat, 10 to 5. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

November 3-4 Wayne Oratorio Soc. Choral Concert. The Society's 200 Voice Choir and Orchestra present "Dona Nobis Pacem" and "Gloria.' 125 E. Lancaster Ave. 7:30. Donation. 610-688-8700; WaynePres.org.

November 13 Saturday Club Holiday Market. Held in the historic clubhouse and featuring local businesses, artisans and designers selling clothing and gifts. 117 W. Wayne Ave. 5 to 9 pm. Free. 610-688-9746; SaturdayClub.org/HolidavMarket.php

November 30–December 1 Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa Parade. Sea article in this issue

November 30–January 26 Craft Forms 2012 at Wayne Art Center. Sea Of Special Note in this issue.

December 9 Holiday at The Willows. Holiday entertainment, refreshments, music, crafts, facepainting and Santa. Willows Mansion, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 2 to 4 pm. Free. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

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Five Star Antiques Shows in November

vid area antiques collectors mark March and to-be-missed, high quality, yet intimate show. Honorary April on their calendars for two premier Chairs Ann Hamilton and Betty Moran ensure a glitevents, the Chester County and the Philadeltering preview party and well-attended show, which phia Antiques Shows. To get their fall fix of period benefits Surrey Services for Seniors, a nonprofit orgapieces, collectors are thankful that November offers nization helping older adults live in their homes and up five fascinating shows. Perhaps it's because much of remain active. November is best spent indoors or that helpful show Show Manager Nick Vandekar has worked with the organizers plan holiday gift-shopping opportunities, but volunteers to create a focus this year on "Interiors" and this month has a show to satisfy a wide range of tastes "Using Antiques in Interiors," with special attention and schedules. paid to the New Collectors Group. To encourage new

From the Main Line to Wilmington, Bucks County to Kimberton, and out to Maryland's Eastern Shore, one of these five shows will make your weekend better.

For its lucky seventh year, the Main Line Antiques **Show** will return for a third time to the Radnor Valley County Club, November 16 through 18, with over 30 distinguished dealers offering 18th-, 19th- and 20thcentury fine and decorative arts, jewelry, furniture and folk art for both seasoned and new collectors. Is the third time the charm or the start of a new tradition?

Despite the treasure troves of antiques secured in nearby mansions, this is the only antiques show held on the Main Line itself. As you can imagine, it's a not-

2011 Main Line Antiques Show Exhibitors

antiques fans, Vandekar says, "One does not need a complete collection. Often just one or two pieces used in conjunction with modern or contemporary furnishings can change the whole feel and look of a room."

Show-goers will learn more at a lecture series on interior decorating with antiques, called "Inside-Out." Jeff Groff, from Winterthur, will address "Notable Main Line Interiors: 1875-1935," and Barbara Eberlein, President of Eberlein Design Consultants Ltd., will speak on "Decorating at Ardrossan."

Opening night party, Nov. 16, 5 to 9 (call 610-647-9774). Radnor Valley Country Club, 555 Sproul Rd. (Rt 320), Villanova. Show, Nov. 17 & 18. Sat., 10 to 5; Sun., 11 to 5. 484-580-9609; MainLineAntiquesShow.com.

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Carolyne Roehm, notable tastemaker known for her contributions to interior design, fashion and entertaining, is the keynote speaker and honorary co-chair at the 49th Annual Delaware Antiques **Show,** held at the Chase Center on the

Riverfront in Wilmington, November 9 through 11. You'll find 60 distinguished dealers in American antiques and decorative arts, including furniture, paintings, rugs, ceramics, silver, jewelry and more.

In addition to an opening night party with Roehm, the show features a special loan exhibition called "Color Counts," showcasing Henry Francis du Pont's eye for color in decorating and entertaining. Also enjoy talks by Winterthur's curators about entertaining and the current exhibit of winerelated objects, "Uncorked! Wine, Objects & Tradition." And you'll learn the difference between a collector and a pack rat: focus, knowledge, enthusiasm and discipline!

Opening night party, Nov. 8, 5 to 9 (call 800-448-3883). Benefits Winterthur's educations programs. Chase Center, Wilmington. Show, Nov. 9-11, Fri., 11 to 7; Sat., 11 to 6; Sun., 11 to 5, \$15, 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

Head out to beautiful Bucks County for some prime antiquing at the 82nd Annual **Bucks County Antiques Dealers** Association Antiques Show. This very long-running show is sponsored by a group dedicated to preserving and advancing quality antiques and collectibles and dealers with a proven track record of following a strong code of conduct and ethics. Highlights include three glorious rooms featuring all categories, periods and styles of antiques, plus appraisals by the Pennsylvania Antiques Appraisers Association on Saturday, 1 to 4, \$5/item. Nov. 3 & 4; New Hope-Solebury High School, 182 Bridge St., New Hope. Sat., 10 to 5; Sun., 11 to 4. \$6. 215-860-5211; BCADAPA.org.

"Go green" by reusing antique items in your home. You'll see great ideas on how to use old items in new ways at the Antiques at Kimberton Show, a long-standing show, and twice-a-year event (also in March) featuring 70 hand-chosen dealers from several states. The show fills over ten thousand square feet with primitive furniture, miniatures, architectural items, pottery, glassware, linens, jewelry, decoys, toys, Native American artifacts and more. Nov. 17 & 18; Kimberton Fire Company, 61 Firehouse La. (off Rt. 113) Kimberton. Sat., 9 to 5; Sun., 11 to 4. \$5. 717-768-7132; AntiquesAtKimberton. VPWeb.com



It's worth a trip to Maryland's Eastern Shore for the 49th Annual Chestertown Antiques Show & Sale, presenting an impressive selection of quality antiques dealers representing period to 20thcentury furnishings and accessories. Held at the Washington College Lifetime Fitness Center, the show also offers you a chance to tour that charming campus.



Benefits the Kent Association of Riding Therapy. Nov. 23 to 25; 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown, MD. Fri., 4 to 7; Sat., 10 to 5; Sun., 10 to 3. \$6. 410-810-4898; KentRidingTherapy.org.

polling places in Chester County. They will cast ballots, not only for one of four presidential candidates-Democrat, Republican, Green, Libertarian-but also for a U.S. Senator and Congressman, three state executives (Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer), and a State Senator and Congressman.

Of course, not everyone will vote. About one-quarter of the County's population is under-18. Felons and foreigners can't vote either. That leaves about 375,000 of 500,000 who can. And about 235,000 who will. Well, so be it. Two-thirds will decide for the other third. They have their chance.

Today, Susan and the League's members aim to engage Over time, the eligibility for voting has generally become more open, more available. At first, mostly over-21, white as many people as possible in the voting process: visiting male property owners were allowed to vote. The propertylibraries, Veterans Administration hospitals, churches, colownership requirement dissolved largely in the early 19th leges, senior centers. This year, because of the Voter ID century. After the Civil War and a century of legislation, Law, the burden grew immensely: about 700 volunteer-Blacks got the vote. In 1920, women were included. And in hours total, reading legal briefs, interpreting the legislation, preparing testimony, attending hearings, answering phones, 1971, 18-year olds. An ever-expanding electorate... taking the train to Harrisburg. In the past year, the Chester Until this year. County branch has grown as well; its membership is up by a round 40%-from 100 to 140-in apparent reaction to Voter ID This year, Pennsylvania's Legislature decided to make it the new law.

harder, not easier, to vote. And, until October 2, would have been successful, had the League of Women Voters (and several other groups and individuals) not sued to stop it. Four other states imposed a strict photo ID requirement. Over 20 others sought a lesser ID requirement.

Some say the new Voter ID Law is reminiscent of the Poll Tax, which was outlawed by the 24th Amendment in 1965. work is never done and we clearly have been presented with Blacks, students, the disabled, and the elderly objected. Those in our marching orders-our working papers-our heightened favor of the law today say they are concerned with "voter fraud" sense of supporting the voters in Chester County." and "foreigners." The District Court on October 2 decided the We wish the League well, for the work they do to sustain law would create confusion and disenfranchise voters, at least and improve our electoral process. And we declare them our if the law were to take effect before this election day. However, Local Heroes this November. Edwin Malet

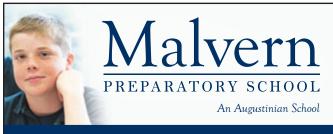


his November, about 235,000 people will visit 226 the court halted the enforcement of the law, which divided the Legislature on party lines, until after November.

League of Women Voters

Susan Carty is the President of Chester County's League of Women Voters, part of the national League, a nonpartisan group, founded in 1920, around the same time the 19th Amendment (giving women the right to vote) was ratified. Its mission was initially to assist women with their new responsibility. The mission grew over the years to include education, improving elections and improving government. It even accepts men. (I had to ask.)

On October 2, the extraordinary effort of the League was vindicated. Susan thanked the member-volunteers: "I cannot express my sense of pride in having the experience and opportunity to work with such a dedicated and tenacious group of volunteers. To actually be a part of this historical process reaffirms my faith in our democratic system. We know our



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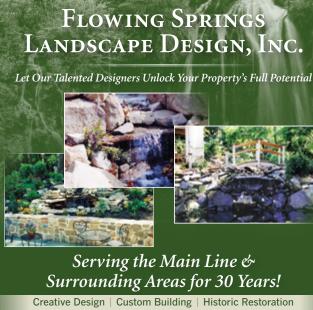


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Time for Another Look!

New Perspectives on Phoenixville

Carol Metzker Photos by Mike Irby



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If there's one word to describe Phoenixville, it's eclectic.

unlight streams through the windows of Steel City, a funky Phoenixville coffeehouse. On this brisk fall day, steam curls wouldn't be surprised. above my mug. Opposite a tiny stage, and near a window plastered with posters, a wall exhibits oil paintings in rich colors by pany, near an architectural firm and real estate signage, I'm back local fine artist Monique Kendikian-Sarkessian. Across the table, photographer Mike Irby prepares to take me on a personal tour of connections: Thai Elephant, El Burrito, and Daddy Mims, whose Bridge Street, Phoenixville's hub for retail shops and restaurants.

Irby's photographs display people and architecture in exquisite detail, nightlife and movement in neon-bright colors, and food in such sharp focus that the images leave me salivating. So serves up, you guessed it, Irish classics and Bistro on Bridge offers it's no wonder I'm excited to be re-introduced to Phoenixville through his eyes.

lined with brick homes decorated with gingerbread porches, or watched fireworks at Friendship Field. Mike's unique perspective on what's new or newly renovated is just the thing for a new look at the town. If there's one word to describe Phoenixville, he indicates, it's eclectic.

Phoenixville Walkabout

Mike and I set out on foot. For a moment, it feels that I've walked backwards in time. The storefront of Steel Eagle, an antiques shop new to the block, showcases an old barbershop chair and a vintage Coca-Cola machine. Heidi Sue Variety is like a delightful old fiveand-dime store with wooden floors, nickel balloons and moon

pies by the cash register. If Norman Rockwell appeared inside, I

Elsewhere, at Iron Hill Brewery, in front of an insurance comin the 21st century. Restaurants reflect the best of modern-day jazzy entrance and Creole cooking can transport patrons to New Orleans. Pepperoncini Sotto Restaurant and Bar offers Italian cuisine with a flair, while Molly Maguire's Irish Pub & Restaurant great wings and drink specials.

In some spots along Bridge Street, the picturesque scenes are It's been a while since I strolled Phoenixville's sidewalks simply timeless. Charming bright blue lampposts and benches, a tiny children's plaza with a fountain, and an American flag blowing in the breeze represent the best of every era.

Phoenixville's Act II

On the opposite side of Bridge Street from Steel City, Mike and I enter the iconic Colonial Theatre. There, the Firebird Children's Theatre gears up for its Winter Holiday Revue and a cornucopia of entertainment can be found in all seasons: Fright Night horror flicks on First Fridays, screaming audiences and flying popcorn at each summer's Blobfest (celebrating the theater's 15 minutes of fame in the 1950s horror film, The Blob), TEDx events for the curious, and classic and feature films on the Colonial's big screen. Plans to expand into the building next door call for two rooms for digital cinema, entertainment and programs, plus a large lobby with concessions and exciting updates to its stage.

The Colonial Theatre's recent renovations and upcoming changes are just a few The early 20th-century industrial center now living up to its mythological namethat rises anew from its ashes.

Retold Tales is the new home of abun- bird designed by Brett Williams. dant shelves of used books. Outdoor chairs of red, yellow and blue invite shoppers to delve into their purchases on sunny days. Other exciting changes are on Phoenixville's horizon with the Streetscapes 2013 upscale apartments and more.

nated and new businesses are moving in, tive sidewalk grates pay homage to Phoenixville's history as a steel town. Taking its

name from the collectible Etruscan majolica nixville and you'll get directions to some meals.

of the projects revitalizing Phoenixville. complete without mention of its annual Firebird Festival, this year on December 8 that boasted of iron works and factories is (see details in Events, following this article). The culmination of the celebration with the Phoenix or Firebird, a legendary bird arts, crafts and food will be a bonfire cre-

Great Places for Great Days

Mike and I discuss other Phoenixville features worth noting. On Gay Street, LEO (Lovely Events & Occasions) helps brides development project—a new borough hall, and others find photographers, bakers and other vendors for their special day. The While older businesses are being rejuve- superlative Phoenixville Foundry on Main Street can provide the venue. If information stately stone library on Main Street. Ask families about the hot spot of Phoe-







L'Elephant, Bistro on Bridge, Molly Maguire's, and Steel City

pottery once manufactured in town, chilly fun on Nutt Road—Petrucci's Ice Majolica restaurant is where "foodies" go Cream-Water Ice. The 15-year-old busito savor Chef Andrew Deery's sumptuous ness, surrounded by a pink patio, is known for its ice cream, water ice, locally made No discussion of Phoenixville would be waffle cones dipped in chocolate, and hot pretzels baked on the premises.

What some ice cream lovers don't know is that the shop and its proprietors, Mary and John Colarusso, are spotlighted in the children's book, Ice Cream Shop by Bruce ated from a 28-foot-high fantastical wooden Larkin. For nine years, the Colarussos have read the book and given it to first graders in Phoenixville area schools. During visits, John answers kids' questions, such as "How does ice cream twist in a cone?" "Magic," he replies with twinkling eyes.

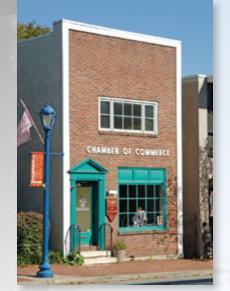
Memorable Gifts

The Colarussos and other Phoenixville volunteers give their time and talent to the community. Many participate in Phoenixthe town hasn't forgotten its roots. Decora- is what you seek, look no farther than the ville Area Community Services' Empty Bowl event, where money raised by selling bowls of soup in artisan- and volunteer-





Bridge Street is Phoenixville's hub for shopping and dining, with an eclectic mix of distinctive, locally owned shops and restaurants. For a taste of pure Americana, you'll find charming blue lampposts and benches, a tiny children's plaza with a fountain, and flag blowing in the breeze

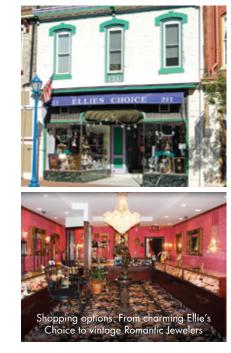


Phoenixville's active Chamber of Commerce spearheads the popular First Friday celebrations throughout the year

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esses are being rejuvenated and new businesses are moving in, the town hasn't forgotten its roots. Decorative sidewalk grates pay homage to Phoenixville's history as a steel town.

Welcome



made bowls goes to feed the hungry. Others sell tickets to the Colonial Theatre, conduct Rotary or Kiwanis club projects, construct the main attraction for December's Firebird Festival, or help with January's Taste of Phoenixville fundraiser.

By noon, Mike's guided tour has whetted my appetite for holiday shopping. There are great choices: Romantic Jewelers for one-ofa-kind sparklers; unique gifts from Ellie's Choice; hand-sculpted fountains at Natural Creations; and two sources of local wine-Black Walnut and Taste with Sand Castle wines-for gifts or to carry into one of the great BYOB restaurants after shopping.

When Mike and I part, I know I'm headed back to Phoenixville soon. There's more to discover.

Don't know much about Phoenixville history?

The Foundry building's location was formerly the site of Phoenix Iron Works, once one of the largest factories in the U.S.

The same men who owned Phoenix Iron Works started Phoenix Pottery in 1867, known for its colorful, and now very collectible, majolica pottery.

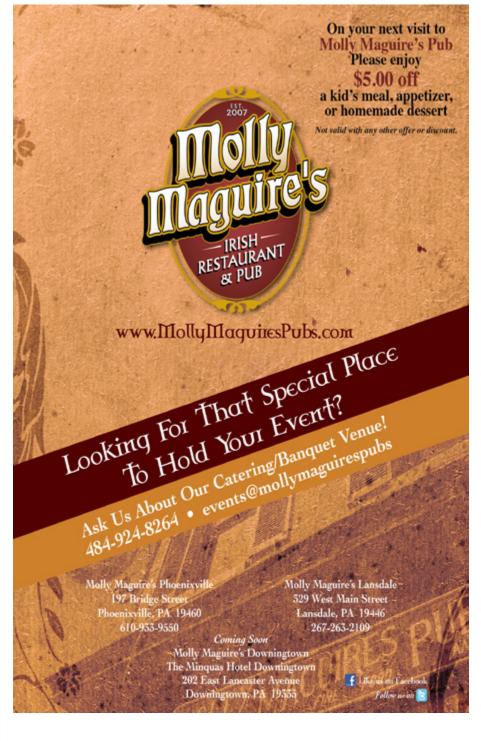
Phoenix Bridge Co. erected hundreds of bridges in the last decades of the 19th century and worked on the Manhattan Bridge, completed in 1909.

Phoenixville's first newspaper was the Phoenix Gazette, started in 1846.

Phoenixville has the largest registered historic district in Chester County.

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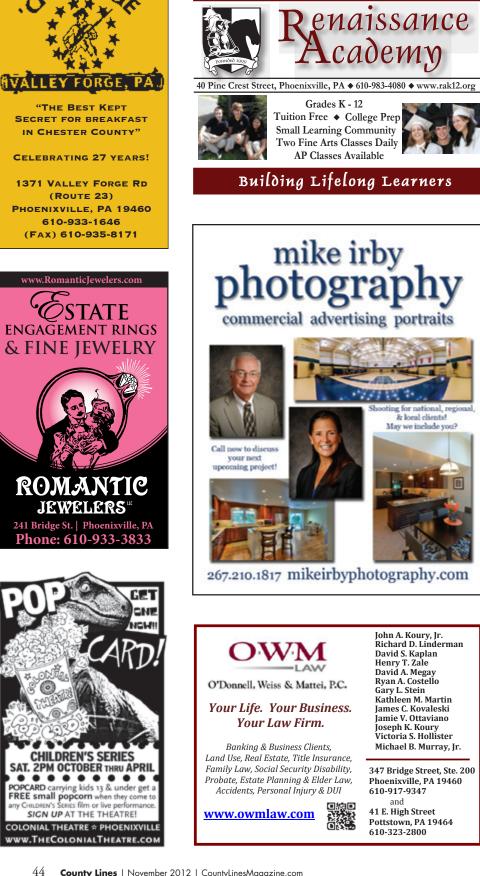
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Wine, Wit & Wisdom – Phoenixville November 1

Fine wine, dinner and auction benefit Phoenixville Library. Guest speaker is author Jack Dobbins. River Crest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Golf Club Dr. 5:45 to 9 pm. \$125, 610-933-3013; PhoenixvilleLibrary.org.

November 2, December 7

Stroll through the streets on a self-guided tour of local art galleries, studios, stores and restaurants. Bridge St. from Starr St. to Gay St. 6 to 10 pm. 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com.

Family Foliage Walk at Black Rock Sanctuary November 3

Join the Activate Phoenixville Area group for a beautiful walk on the 3/4 mi. trail. Snacks and face painting for the kids, raffle and Zumba demo. 953 Black Rock Rd.. Registration at 8:30 am. 610-917-9890; ActivatePhoenixville Area.org.

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484-645-9033 or 610-917-2270. Christmas Parade in Phoenixville December 7 The parade starts at 7 at Borough Hall, 140 Church St., and continues to Starr St. then Bridge St., for the tree lighting at the corner of Bridge and Main Sts. 8 pm. 610-933-8801;

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November 30

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December 1

Holiday Craft Fair

bowl as a reminder. Covered Bridge Room at Kimberton Fire Company, 752 Pike Springs Rd. & Firehouse La. 4 to 9. \$20. 610-933-

of soup and bread served in a bowl hand- crafts, music and refreshments. Benefits Phoecrafted by an area artist or student. Keep the nixville Library and The Clinic. Tickets and tour programs available at 2:30 pm at the Phoenixville Senior Center, 153 Church St. 3 to 7 pm. \$20-\$25. 610-933-9181; PhoenixvilleHistorical Society.org.



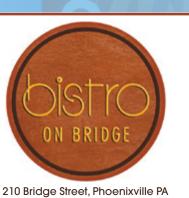
Nov. 10, Point Entertainment presents Dr. Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys, 8 pm, \$27.50-\$42.50. Nov. 30, Four Bitchin' Babes, 8 pm, \$20-\$39.50. Dec. 15, Firebird Children's Theatre: Winter Holiday Revue where kids celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, sing holiday music and watch a live musical comedy suitable for young audiences, 2 pm, \$10. Jan. 26, Point Entertainment presents Johnny Winter, 8 pm,\$25-\$38.50. 227 Bridge St. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust's 30th Annual Auction and Dinner

Raising money and awareness for their mission to preserve open space in northern Chester County. Stonewall Golf Club, 375 Bulltown Rd., Elverson. Cocktails at 6. Check website for auction items. 610-933-7577; FrenchAnd-

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Phoenixville's 9th Annual Firebird Festival

December 8

Burning of the Firebird (Phoenix) is back at the original location, off Main St., behind the old Superior Beverage building. The fun begins at 4, with arts and crafts vendors and refreshments. Burning of the Phoenix at 8. 610-917-1228; FirebirdFestival.com.

11th Annual "A Taste of Phoenixvil January 17, 2013

A premier food, wine, beer event featuring selections from some of Phoenixville's finest restaurants and caterers. Live music and dancing. Benefits the Good Samaritan Shelter. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St. \$75-\$85. 6 to 10. 610-933-9305; TasteOfPhoenixville.com.





MAKE YOUR HOME HOLIDAY-READY

Cindy Walker

Whether it's calling in your favorite decorator, taking a DIY class, or enlisting the kids, each family finds a way to create a home for the holidays.

eing at home for the holidays is more festive and no longer (or never did) want to climb on the roof fun when that home is a holiday wonderland natural gathering space, a holiday-ready home brings us the pleasure of the season and a bright spot to entertain, share time with loved ones, or just relax.

For those on a tight schedule, a call to a professional decorator leaves more time to be with family and friends without the frenzy. For those on a tight budget, head out to the stores or join a holiday tour, like Chadds Ford Historical Society's Candlelight tour, for inspiration. And for our readers, here are a few ideas to get you on your way to holiday ready.

Help from the Pros

the interior and exterior of your home. For those who

or ladders on a windy day to festoon the homestead that gets everyone in the spirit. As the family's with holiday lights, landscape designers are happy, and trained, to help. Rich Burns of Malvern's Flowing Springs Landscape has been helping homeowners for years with installation, maintenance and removal of exterior lights. The experts can also help decorate outside urns, topiaries, walkways and help you find the right kind of LED lights that are efficient and give off a warm glow. Check out the new-and-improved variety.

Interior designers do anything from turn-key decorating to consulting to make you look like a pro. Anita Yoder, of Heritage Designs in New Holland, has worked with families for years helping them prepare for a big holiday open house by getting everything Professional designers and landscapers can help with holiday-ready, from front doors "to floral designs, swags for fireplace mantels, and special garland for staircase



railing." Theme trees that echo the style of the home and family are popular details, according to Yoder.

Yoder also likes to use some favorite items, like quality containers, and switch out year-round plants to replace them with poinsettias and other flowering seasonal plants, some of which can extend beyond Christmas and brighten dreary winter days. Winter wreaths can also last beyond the holidays, by strategically removing a Santa or Christmas ball. Extend the look to March, with just minor tweaks!

The first step that Linda Dooney, of LAD Designs in Bryn Mawr, recommends is to put away some of your everyday décor items to make room for the special seasonal items you'll be adding. Don't put a layer of holiday finery over what's always on view. For example, put out old holiday photos after removing those you enjoy the remainder of the year. Less is more! No need to overdecorate.

Dooney also suggests you decorate "to your house." A country cottage shines

with natural touches-like greens, fruits, berries-while a traditional Federal home's décor should be more formal, perhaps using gilded pine cone rather than natural. Touches like switching to holiday table linens and candles, exchanging seasonal throw pillows, replacing hand towels in the powder room with some Christmasthemed towel help set the holiday mood.

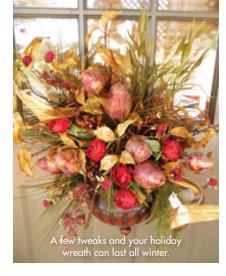
A Few Trends

Recent years have seen a variety of trends in holiday decorating including glitz, white, vintage and natural styles. From twinkling lights to sparkling sugarplums, the glitz and glamour of bright, glittering decorations are always popular. Polish up the silver, bring out the glass, throw in some gold or other metalics (even bronze and copper) to make it shine and to up the sparkle quotient. White for Christmas is as classic as the

carol by that name. Serene and lovely, white is always right. Add some snow, white flowers, white decorations for the tree (even

ntage and natural styles. Heritage Design styled the glittering mantl<u>e, above, and Waterloo (</u> atural with the tree, below





a white tree), and white wrapped gifts for an elegant winter wonderland.

Vintage fits into our nostalgic holiday memories. Old model trains, ornaments from our childhood, family jewelry repurposed, wooden Santas, plaid ribbons, anything that evokes Christmas past. And add things showing family heritage or ethnic background.

Back to nature is a natural theme for many. Armloads of fresh cut evergreens, fruit on the mantle, oranges studded with cloves and star anise, containers of paperwhites, homemade ornaments, branches in a vase, seed pods, winterberries, rosemary topiaries. Green the holiday and pick your favorite trend.

For the DIYers

For many, decorating is a joy not a chore, so a little DIY is part of the celebration. Recycle old favorite decorations and upcycle the old with the new. At Matlack Florist in West Chester, designer Debbie Matlack likes to create vignettes that customers can buy or draw on for inspiration yet personalize for themselves.

From fully decorated trees to details like Scrabble letters spelling "DEAR SANTA" and candles floating in Mason jars, ideas are everywhere. You'll find evergreens, poinsettias, amaryllis, narcissus, orchids and even silk floral displays for color and beauty that will last beyond the holidays, adding color to the season. The goal, says Matlack, is to "make Christmas beautiful not only in your home but in your heart as well."

For the diehard DIYers, Waterloo Gardens in Exton is devoting more space for DIY workshops and design rooms for consultations to bring together their gifts, home décor, floral and seasonal items. Shoppers can get one-on-one help, join a workshop session, or follow recipe cards that lay out projects step-by-step. And shoppers are encouraged to snap photos of their homes on their smartphones to use as a basis for discussing projects and getting advice from the experts. Waterloo's Lucy LeBoutillier says this is the ultimate in "personalizing your decorations while celebrating your life during the holidays."

Holiday displays in local shops will provide inspiration for decorating your living spaces. Check out holiday trees decorated in sports, equestrian, whimsical and traditional themes for ideas you can use. Families are spreading the joy of the season by having holiday trees throughout the house—even in the kitchen. After all, that is the heart of the home and a place you know you will gather throughout the season. •

Resources

Flowing Springs Landscape Design, 610-408 0739 FlowingSpringsDesign.com

Heritage Design Interiors, 717-354-2233 HeritageDesignInteriors.com LAD Designs, 610-526-9466; LADDesign@aol.com Matlack Florist, 610-431-3077; MatlackFlorist.com

Waterloo Gardens, 610-363-0800; WaterlooGardens.com





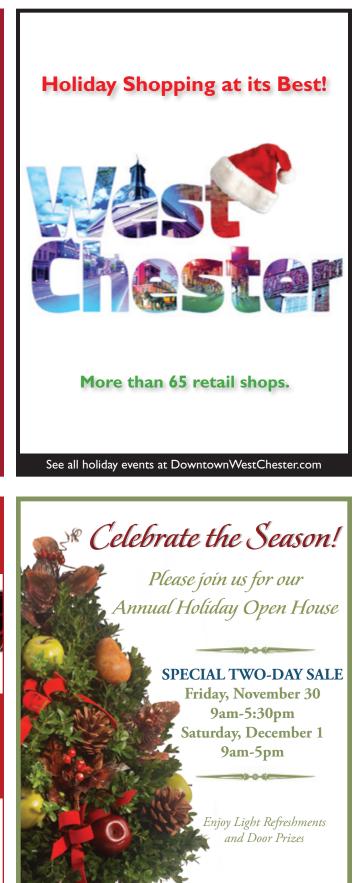
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Mostardi Nurserv 610-356-8035; Mostardi.com

November 2-3, 9-10 **Heritage Design Interiors**

1064 Main St., Blue Ball. 717-354-2233; HeritageDesignInteriors.com. Stop by their Open House and enjoy refreshments. Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 9 to 4.

November 6-10 Beauty-Art, Antiques, Gifts

3857 Providence Rd., Suite 200, Newtown Square. 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery. net. Holiday Gift Open House featuring jewelry, ceramics, portrait painting demonstrations, bridal and wedding gift preview. Meet the designers.



Beauty–Art, Antiques, Gifts 610-353-4569; BeautyArtGallery.net

November 8-11 The Carriage House

Rts. 926 & 82, Willowdale Town Ctr., Kennett Square. 610-444-6770; WillowdaleTownCenter.com/CarriageHouse. html. Enjoy shopping and refreshments by candlelight on Thurs, 4 to 8. Open house continues Fri, 10 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5:30; Sun, 12:30 to 4:30.

Holiday Shopping

November 9-11 Waterloo Gardens

200 North Whitford Rd., Exton. 610-363-0800; WaterlooGardens.com. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Marvelous holiday displays will inspire you to begin your holiday decorating and gift shopping. Browse the best selection of merchandise and experience the magic of the holiday season.

November 10 Lucky Duck Toys

106 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. 610-254-0054; LuckyDuckToys.com. Neighborhood Toy Store Day, a national event, by ASTRA (American Specialty Toy Retailers Association) where they will be showing off the Best Toys for Kids winners and have door prizes, cookies and more.

November 10

Matlack Florist 210 N. Chester Rd. (Rt. 352), West Chester.



Matlack Florist 610-431-3077: MatlackFlorist.com

610-431-3077; MatlackFlorist.com. This is a Holiday Preview. 9 to 5.

November 17

Greshville Antiques & Fine Art

1041 Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques. com. Join them for their Holiday Open House.

November 22-January 4 Herr Foods

Rt. 1 to Rt. 272 to Herr Dr., Nottingham. 800-63-SNACK; Herrs.com. Holiday light display open to all from dusk 'til dawn.

November 24 Kurtz Collection

1010 N. Union St. Wilmington. 302-654-0442; KurtzCollection.com. Small Business Sat urday—shop local and take advantage of special offers on unique gifts for the holiday season.



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Chestnut Village Shoppes, 36 Chestnut

Rd., Paoli. 610-644-5347; WalterJ-

CookJeweler.com. Holiday preview. Fill

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3519 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square.

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November 30-December 1 **Matlack Florist**

Sat, 9 to 5.

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642 Lancaster Ave., Frazer, 610-644-6767; 804 E. Market St., West Chester, 610-701-9111; Commons at Thornbury, 62 E. Street Rd., 610-399-0124; 2062 Newark Rd., New London, 610-869-8828. ConcordPetFoods.com. 21st Annual Moonlight Madness sale with up to 30% off everything at all 22 locations. 8 am to 6 pm.

December 5 **Dragonfly Decor**

1600 Yellow Springs Rd. Chester Springs. 610-827-1220; DragonflyDecorHome.com. Storewide sale with refreshments and a gift with your purchase. 10 am to 8 pm.

December 8 The Spirit of Christmas in New Castle

The whole town is having an open house in charming shops, museums and homes. Brochures at New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St., New Castle. 10 to 5:30. 302-328-3279; NewCastle PresChurch.org.

December 23 The Little House Shop

Eagle Village Shops, 503 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3222; LittleHouse-Shop.com. Just in time-Men's Shopping Day. Refreshments will be served. Noon to 4. 🔶



The Little House Shop 610-688-3222; LittleHouseShop.com

210 N. Chester Rd. (Rt. 352), West Chester. 610-431-3077; MatlackFlorist.com. Annual Holiday Open House with special sale, light refreshments and door prizes. Fri, 9 to 5:30;

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A Community That Fits Like a Glove

Emily Har

ohn and Sandy Young sat next to each other, crossreferencing calendars. According to the Youngs, they "never had to plan things together like this before!" Nowadays, their hours are so full of activities, they set aside time to synchronize planners and communicate their whereabouts to each other in different ways. "We stop short of texting each other when we're in the same villa, but we do text each other," said John.

For the Youngs, "before" meant the 45 years in their West Chester home prior to moving to White Horse Village. These days, they can be found gardening, attending cultural and Rotary events, dining with old friends or new ones they met in the White Horse community, or enjoying activities for physical fitness and fun on White Horse's 96 acres of countryside adjacent to Ridley Creek State Park. "We didn't want to sit for the rest of our days," asserted John. Sure enough, they're lunches for weeks," John said with a laugh. doing nothing of the sort.

House Hunting

Admittedly, choosing a retirement community can be complicated. There are numerous options in the Brandywine Valley and multiple aspects of each community to consider. There are also a variety of reasons seniors choose to switch homes-changes in health, desire for a more leisurely lifestyle, or peace of mind for their adult children, to name just a few.

After experiencing firsthand that moving to a retirement community can lead to a better quality of life and potentially greater longevity, however, many seniors say they wish they moved sooner. They attribute contentment to finding the right place for them—one that fits like a glove.

The Youngs outlined the major factors they considered when choosing a new home: healthcare facilities, location, cost and personal preferences.

To learn more, like other seniors, the Youngs visited many communities in the area. They attended open houses and explored villas, apartments and cottages. To prepare for a move, they attended programs on finances, downsizing and moving. Of great importance, they met and talked with residents of each community. They also sampled the cooking-"You could do a circuit of free

To Good Health!

To begin, evaluate your current and potential medical needs with respect to healthcare facilities and services offered at each community. When weighing options, compare Continuing Care Retirement Communitiesresidences that offer a range of services from enhancements for independent living to skilled nursing carethat allow for aging in place, to residences that meet specific needs for personal help or assisted living. Ask

about wellness centers, health programs and personal attention from healthcare staff.

New faces to the campus of Foulkeways at Gwynnedd are students from the schools of nursing at Thomas Jefferson and Drexel University. While the students gain firsthand experience, skills and knowledge, residents enjoy connecting with energetic youth and encouraging them in their career paths. Foulkeways' medical facilities are just a few of the reasons seniors choose the award-winning CCRC with an abundance of community-led activities and groups to keep retirees vibrant.

Riddle Village in Media is next to Riddle Hospital, a feature that provides reassurance to some of its residents. It also offers resort-style independent living, facilities for residents needing help with daily routines and skilled nursing care.

Location, Location

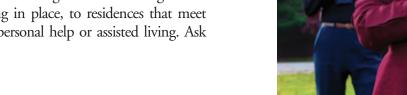
Proximity to family and friends and a favorite environment-town, sprawling

countryside campus or high-rise in a city atmosphere-are also essential aspects to consider.

Ware Presbyterian Village, a nonprofit CCRC in historic Oxford Village, is situated in a small town close to a library, restaurant, banks and shops. At the same time, residents who raised families in Chester County and love the area's charm still have easy access to the University of Delaware, city life and bucolic Amish country farmland.

Dollars and Sense

coverage for whatever comes up.



Forefront in most seniors' minds is cost. There are plenty of programs and individuals to discuss fees, how insurance and Medicare fit in the overall picture, and to help determine options that best suit your budget. Ask about refundable or nonrefundable deposits, entrance fees, "pay-asvou-need" services and inclusive "lifecare"

A wide range of choices are available in

the region: fee-for-service at Jenner's Pond and lifecare contracts at Riddle Village. Kendal at Longwood and Crosslands provide a full spectrum of amenities and lifetime health care under a contract and with monthly fees. As with most communities, there are entrance fees.

It's Personal

When choosing your next home, assess the feel of the community and your compatibility with residents-your future neighbors. Choose a community-one based on religious affiliation; profit or nonprofit; or packed with amenities, facilities for dining and activities you like-that feels comfortable and welcoming ... the way home should feel.

The Kendal organization, behind CCRCs Kendal at Longwood and Crosslands, is based in the traditions of the Religious Society of Friends and strong in values and ethics. If care for the environment and diversity of culture matter





enner's Pond Retirement Community

to you, you'll find like-minded neighbors in the new LEED cottages at Kendal at Longwood and other residential options on its 500 acres. Residents represent many cultures, countries, ethnicities, religions and political views. There's even a child care center on site, providing opportunities for multi-generational interaction.

Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, a CCRC built on Christian values in nearby Lancaster County, is currently expanding. Its new Great Rock community-a picturesque neighborhood of cottages for active, independent people—is lies realize a lifestyle change is in order. So underway.

For many seniors, opportunities for

activity, rather than aging, becomes the focus for decision-making after costs and necessities are covered.

In West Grove, Jenner's Pond's new front desk concierge provides answers for longtime residents and helps incoming residents acclimate to the retirement community and surrounding area. Its new valet parking service caters to residents who drive their own cars in addition to enjoying the community bus.

With winter winds and snow shoveling on the way, 'tis the season when many famigrab your coat and scarf and find a community that fits like a glove.

Checklist for a Retirement Community Visit

- When attending a senior community open house, ask the following questions, suggests Amy Carr, sales director at Ware Presbyterian Village:
- How will I spend my time? What ac-tivities are offered?
- How is the food? The community's dining services often cater the event, so don't be bashful about trying it.
- Is the community accredited?
- Does a resident council give feedback to staff and management?
- Are the community's finances sound?
- How long has the community been around?
- Is the community for-profit or nonprofit? The answer may shed light on its mission and values, as a nonprofit organization is not accountable to shareholders.
- What provisions are there if I run out of money?
- Will the community be a good fit for me and my family?

Michele Berardi, director of marketing and community outreach at Kendal Crosslands, provided some observations to make when touring facilities:

- What is your first impression?
- What is the spirit of the community? What does it feel like?
- Do you feel welcome? What makes you feel welcome-the sight of trees, someone who smiles, the smell of baked goods? Individuals' answers are unique.
- Are community representatives educating you at various steps in your search?
- She adds an important question to ask: Will a space be available when it's needed

Linda Wilmont, executive director at Jenner's Pond Retirement Community, says she sees more and more adult children conducting the initial research and doing the early legwork on behalf of aging parents. After learning about finances, physical facilities and social aspects, important questions include:

• What can my loved one expect? • How will she be integrated into the

- community? • How can I ensure that my parent isn't
- lonely?

Look closely at customer service and relationships among current community members to extrapolate what a parent's experience might be.



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Pennsylvania

AVONDALE The Traditions at Inniscrone 610-268-2593; RyanHomes.com/Traditions

DOWNINGTOWN

Ashbridge Manor 610-269-8800; AshbridgeManor.com Downing Forge 866-736-1222; Ryvenco.com The Woods at Rock Raymond 484-784-2100; WoodsAtRockRaymond.com

GLEN MILLS

Fox Hill Farm 610-558-4441; FoxHillFarm.org Windsor at Glen Mills 610-459-5020; WindsorAtGlenMills.com

KENNETT SQUARE

Cartmel & Coniston (Kendal) 800-216-1920; KCC.Kendal.org

KIMBERTON

Atria Woodbridge Place 610-933-7000; AtriaSeniorLiving.com

MEDIA Springton Lake Village 610-356-7297; SpringtonLakeVillage.com

PHOENIXVILLE

Coldstream Crossing 610-933-3493; ColdstreamCrossing.com

WEST CHESTER

Hershey's Mill

610-436-8900, ext. 217; HersheysMill55Plus.com Hershey's Mill, one of the premier 55+ active adult communities in Pennsylvania, is nestled in historic Chester County's lush and picturesque countryside. Situated on 800 acres of natural beauty with award-winning landscaping and a championship 18-hole golf course on-site, "The Mill" is an exciting active adult community that anyone would be pleased to call home. Isn't it time to learn more about Hershey's Mill? Visit them at 1500 Greenhill Rd., West Chester, or call for a brochure.

Westtown Reserve

215-910-3064; WesttownReserve.com

Delaware

HOCKESSIN

Cokesbury Village 302-235-6000; ActsRetirement.org

WILMINGTON

Ingleside Retirement Apartments 302-575-0250; InglesideHomes.org Methodist Country House 302-426-8112; ActsRetirement.org

COMMUNITIES FOR THE FIT, ACTIVE, AND INDEPENDENT (BUT WITH A SAFETY NET)

Many seniors are currently fit, active and independent, but want or need, either for themselves or their spouses, to live with support. There's a sequence with increasing support: *independent* living, then *assisted living*, followed by *skilled nursing* and several kinds of specialized facilities. When the sequence is combined on a single campus, it's called a *continuing care community*. Those listed have especially strong "independent living" programs.

> **Pennsylvania** DOWNINGTOWN

Simpson Meadows 610-269-8400; SimpsonMeadows.org

Villa St. Martha 610-873-5300; VillaSaintMartha.org

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Heatherwood Retirement Comm. 610-273-9301; HeatherwoodRetire.com

Tel Hai Retirement Community 610-273-9333; TelHai.org

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Brandywine Sr. Living at Longwood 877-427-2639; Brandycare.com

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Willow Valley Retirement Comm. 800-770-5445; WillowValleyRetirement.com

MEDIA

Riddle Village

;,com

610-891-3700; RiddleVillage.org

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Sunrise at Granite Run

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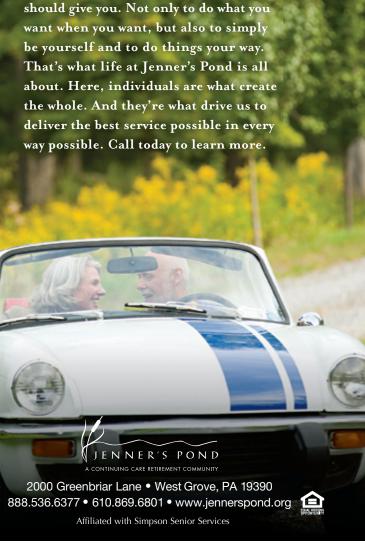
NEWTOWN SQUARE

Dunwoody Village 610-359-4400; Dunwoody.org

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Some 300 seniors are members of this growing, vibrant community, which offers courses on topics ranging from the purely academic to personal enrichment. World War II, the Presidential election, Canadian literature, Italian wines, the world of sports, genealogy, the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, financial planning, and "Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?" are popular fall semester courses. Most are day classes, though some are held in the evening. It's all for enrichment, with no tests and no grades.

Field trips are also part of the mix and have included an October visit to the Mayan Exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania. A computer technology club helps members with questions about using everything from a Mac or PC to smartphones and tablets. Another club is for contract bridge players, while book lovers discuss literary gems monthly.

OLLI also sponsors a popular lecture series open to the public on Wednesdays at 12:10. Featured Nov. 7 will be writer Joe Samuel Starnes discussing his experiences publishing two novels and his current project, a nonfiction book about football culture. On Nov. 14, OLLI member Dick Calef will present a pictorial journey of a spring trip from Nice to Paris in which several OLLI members, the "Rhone Rangers," participated. Admission, limited to 70, is first come/first served.

OLLI is financed through membership dues, a grant from the Osher Foundation, and support from Widener University. For a course catalog, speakers' list and further information, 484-713-0088; Widener.edu/ olli or visit the campus, 825 Springdale Dr. off Bus. Rt. 30) in Exton.

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Laurel Anderson

Perfect Family Home in Delaware's Chateau Country

ess than a mile from Hoopes Reservoir, surrounded in the scope of the renovation and modernization of than half the property's 25 level acres, sits a gracious home in need of the right family. Four levels, large sunny rooms, new tree house, three-stall barn, and large London) to the high style of the gourmet chef's kitchen, yard are all there to be enjoyed, just ten minutes from stunning marble foyer, lacquered dining room walls, Wilmington.

This classic farmhouse has the warmth and charm of a traditional stone home that's endured for generations. Yet this home to just two families, located on Walnut Green Road, is less than 20 years young and was completely renovated-roof to basement-less than three years ago, providing every amenity and chore-free living for years to come. If any part of the home appeared to be near the end of its useful life, it was replaced during this top-to-bottom upgrade, done by James Grogan of PanGro Development. Superb craftsmanship is evident

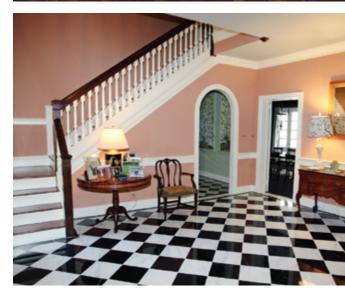
by old-growth hardwood forest that covers more the home. And the eye of the decorator/owner ensured that every detail is perfection—from the unique design of each fireplace mantle (including one imported from and much more.

> Evolving from plans originally drawn by noted local architect John Milner, this home was designed for comfort and elegance, befitting its place in Delaware's Chateau Country. Modern details, such as nine-foot ceilings and abundant light mix with features such as thick stone walls and deep window sills to offer the best of tradition and convenience.

The property also includes a three-car detached garage, with one-bedroom apartment above, and a three-stall barn, plus tack room, and fenced paddocks.



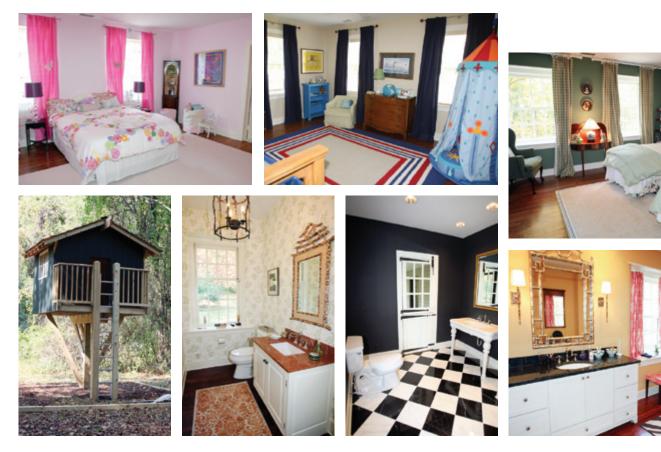












Grand Entrance

A diagonal, checkerboard, black-andwhite marble floor in the foyer sets the tone for gracious living in light-filled, wellproportioned rooms. You might be drawn through the arched door to the left, into the spectacular eat-in gourmet kitchen, with a long zigzag counter anchoring the room filled with top-of-the-line appliances and ample custom cabinets.

A convenient family room is just steps away, with original brick floors and beamed ceiling, new custom paneling and mantle, plus built-ins and three walls of windows to make this a favorite gathering spot.

Rich hunter green lacquered walls accent the formal dining room, which boasts another unique fireplace mantle, more builtins and beams, and slate floors. Access to the flagstone terrace through French doors allows for an easy flow for entertaining. A large, well-designed butler's pantry, with cement counter and two refrigerators, is another feature to make hosting parties big and small a breeze.

You'll find a cozy spot for reading by the fire or enjoying private TV time just down the hall in the warm red library, with walls of custom bookshelves for treasured books, A sunny second-floor laundry room with mementoes and family photos.

The final grand room on the main floor is the sunny formal living room, centered

around a dramatic white marble mantle. Original wide-plank hardwood floors add warmth and contrast with the white wainscoting and custom moldings. French doors here expand the living space to the adjacent screened porch overlooking the property.

Two elegantly appointed powder rooms, a large mudroom and walk-in pantry complete this level.

Other Levels

The magnificent main level is an appropriate base for this surprisingly spacious home. Five bedrooms and five baths fill the second level, which includes a private master suite at one end. With three walls of windows, a fireplace, access to a large screened porch through French doors, the master bedroom is perfection.

His and her walk-in closets/dressing areas with built-ins (perfect for a large shoe collection) plus his and her en suite baths, with claw-foot tub and marble details continue to demonstrate how every need has been anticipated with an elegant solution.

Airy guest rooms share a Jack-and-Jill bathroom, while a pink girl's room and blue boy's room each have a private bath. sink and built-in cabinets is large enough to be yet another bedroom.

More sunlight floods the fully renovated

third level through rows of skylights and more high ceilings. A smaller room, perfect for a home office, is complemented by a ballroom-sized space, with beautiful hardwood floors, that could be the site of a playroom or studio.

An immaculate lower level houses a new wine cellar, workout space, powder room, plus another large family room/game room, with fireplace. Even in this lower level there are windows and the ceilings approach nine-feet, continuing the feeling of functional design and comfort.

This level also houses more storage and the state-of-the-art systems room, a treasure trove of professionally installed WiFi, sound and media systems (even the deck is wired for sound), plus the engine behind the five-zone climate control system and security system.

Convenient to Wilmington and the airport, yet secluded by its 25 acres and large neighboring properties, this special home is in turn-key condition for its next family. \blacklozenge

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Dining





here's a whole lot of love going on at Paramour and for Paramour, the historic Wayne Hotel's sleek and modern onsite restaurant. Since its lavish makeover a year ago, it's become the darling of food-savvy folks looking for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. And the after-work crowd has taken a shine to the charms of its Bistro Bar. The artful modern-American cuisine, with Chef de Cuisine Kyle Johnson in charge, has been key to wooing and keeping fans.

Four dining areas or venues, as Paramour calls them, offer distinct options to suit your mood. In the stylishly modernistic dining room, crystal and silk chandeliers warm the airy room's subtle earth tones. Varied mirror and glass surfaces and look-atme floral arrangements enhance the welcoming ambiance. For those who like to check out how dinner's coming along, the shiny open kitchen's hustle-bustle activity is on view for all who are interested. You can take a quick look-see or be seated at the chef's bar with its black granite top for a front-row view throughout dinner. The latter's a good choice if you're dining alone.

My two companions, fans of Paramour, chose the Bistro Bar, its banquettes specifically, when we met for a catch-up Saturday lunch. They like the privacy and comfort of the high-backed, semi-circle seating areas, covered in a bold yet simple contemporary design. I do, too.

But it was the updated Lobby Lounge, where the original 1906 architecture and striking contemporary updates are hapgreen chimichurri sauce. Other entrée choices: caramelized pily married, that elicited a true wow! reaction. Here, under diver scallops, which are a dinner-time favorite at Paramour, dazzling crystal chandeliers, you can sip a glass of wine and share grilled Scottish salmon, crispy chicken and chestnut tortellini. some appetizers or more, while sitting in comfortable oversized I'm sure lobster roll-purists up in Maine would look askance at Paramour's interpretation. I applaud it, especially the small chairs. Some are covered in serene cream-colored fabric; others, brioche buns (so much better than ordinary hot dog rolls) in a vibrant persimmon shade that generates energy. The gracious Veranda out front, surrounded by pretty garden views, is that held the delicious toss of lobster chunks dressed with always popular. It's also where Santa greets kids during Wayne's avocado aioli. A field greens salad came with the Lobster Roll Old Fashioned Christmas celebration. Trio (\$17).

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Lise Monty

Appealing Fall Flavors

We agreed to share tastes of everything, enjoying sips and bites of the varied creations, featuring local/seasonal ingredients. We had different opinions, of course, the best recipe for good conversation. It's my favorite way to enjoy a meal.

The colorful and bold Gingered Butternut Squash Soup (\$9) saluted autumn with gusto. Coconut milk enriched its smooth goodness; toppings of Maine lobster bits and pepitas added flavor and crunch. The Scottish Salmon Crudo (\$12) deserved to be slowly savored, the small slices of rich salmon topped with tangerine oil and bits of citrus fruit. Other small-plate choices included an oyster sampler, braised pork cheeks, deviled egg sampler and beets & burrata (fresh Italian cheese).

Paramour's flatbreads shine compared to many I've sampled. The Roasted Eggplant & Half-Dried Tomatoes (\$13) choice scored with zesty vegetables and abundant shavings of tangy parmagiano romano. Other "On Bread" choices were salumi & ricotta salata and one French-inspired: gruyere, bacon & caramelized onions.

My beef-loving companion got her fix with Steak Frites (\$24), a classy take on this universally popular meat-and-potatoes combo. The grilled "culotte" cut, which is the top sirloin cap, was richly flavored and juicy; the fries, homey and honest. Adding bright flavor and color: a generous dollop of bright





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Other sandwiches on the menu include the house-ground burger, the most popular, I was told. Also, Kobe sliders and tuna sliders. Among the salad choices, the Northeast Louie-bibb lettuce, blue crab, day boat scallops, Maine lobster and asparagus-had special appeal. Other salad options: house Caesar, organic market greens, shaved root vegetables, and the "chop chop," with roasted wild turkey, vegetables, raisins and almonds. The menu is more extensive for dinner and in the main dining room.

Happy Desserts

With football and pumpkins everywhere, it would have seemed positively un-American to pass up the Caramel Apples (\$10) dessert. Its varied components, spread out on a rectangular plate, made it perfect to share and a total delight. A small heap of apple slices, all caramel-y and sweet, was framed by two small portions of dense brown-sugar walnut cake, one topped with a medium-size scoop of rich rum-raisin ice cream, the other with a smaller scoop of oatmeal ice dream. A casual toss of brown sugar crumbles and toasted nuts added to the fun.

The steamed lemon pudding cake was featured on high-style recipe cards offered for pick-up on tables in the lobby, a nice touch. Along with the recipe was a shoutout for Paramour's pastry chef Amelia Dietrich and her skill at finding "inspiration from classic American desserts."

Other choices included chocolate caramel parfait with salted peanuts, a contemporary chocolate sampler, and house-made gelato and sorbet. The American Creamery Selection dessert of "local honeycomb and toasty bread" appealed, so it's on my list for the next time.

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Food News

"LISTEN/With faint dry sound/Like steps of passing ghosts/The leaves, frostcrisp'd, break from the trees/And fall." Adelaide Crapsey's "November Night" speaks my November mind. This month I find I need to chase dark restive blues away by making restorative meals at home and breaking bread with friends in cheerful restaurants. This November we have a couple of great new local dining choices.

New in Newtown Square. Azie Southeast arrived in September, and

as the name indicates, it focuses on southeast Asian cuisine (Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, southern China). General Manager Byung Lee says the vegetables are locally sourced from Newtown Square's Mill Hollow Farm. He highly recommends Azie's Barbecue Platter (lemongrass chicken, roasted pork, grilled filet tips, poached shrimp and thai basil, which you assemble into summer rolls). The menu is varied and ultra-enticing. So is Azie's Happy Hour (4:30-6:30) with half-price appetizers. In the Edgemont Square Shopping Center, where Sang Kee Noodle bowl was located. AzieSoutheast.com.



Thanks**qivings**

Past. If I could reexperience a Thanksgiving meal surpassing

all others,

it would be our "Sylvia's Thanksgiving" catered

many years ago by Harlem's legendary restaurant. We supplemented our own turkey with Sylvia's baked ham, poached salmon, black-eyed peas, collard greens with smoked turkey, yams and corn bread. Sylvia Woods passed this summer. To honor her, I think I will recreate the menu this month. Her book, Sylvia's Soul Food is available through Amazon.com.

About Curtis Roberts. I'm a lawyer who also does other things, including appreciate regional food. My family returned to the area to reclaim my wife's deep Chester County roots, educate our daughter in the right Philadelphia way, and enjoy the food. For more of my gastro-adventures, check my blog, ACravan, ACravan.Blogspot.com, which is so varied, there may just be something you'll find interesting.

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

Upping the Steaks. First, Jack's Steaks and Shakes, 16 E. Gay St. in West Chester, really is something to get excited about—a brilliant new arrival from Jack McFadden, formerly of The Gables. Some think "improving" on the cheesesteak is an impossible dream, but it would be churlish to insist that variations are impermissible, especially when gifted cooks with disciplined imaginations use the best ingredients. Jack's four "steaks"—New



Zealand Grass-Fed Beef, Line-Caught Ahi Tuna, Kennett Square Portobello Mushroom and Free-Range Chicken-are perfectly cooked in the open kitchen and complemented by excellent rolls, toppings, sauces, sides and a take-out window for late night noshing. The eponymous shakes are great, made with lowfat yogurt. Ditto the fries and mayonnaise-less cole slaw. Jack's is a new "regular" spot for us. JacksSteaksandShakes.com.



Diamond Anniversay. I'm sorry I missed the 75th anniversary of the Swarthmore Co-Op, the nation's third oldest community food cooperative, but happy to mark it here and recommend readers patronize this remarkable (now venerable) enterprise. Thinking globally (i.e., emphasizing organic and sustainable) while acting and often sourcing locally, Swarthmore's Co-Op is a model food business. And they stock both Bassett's and Zsa's ice creams! Swarthmore.coop.









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Laura Muzzi Brennan

love November, not only for its promise of turkey that modern hosts want to be part of the party, so stuand dressing but because it ushers in the winter party dents in his hands-on classes learn dishes that are easy to season. Starting the first of the month, I open the prepare ahead of time. He's passionate about choosing mail-real and electronic-with giddy anticipation, high-quality ingredients and thrilled that today's cook delighting every time my eye catches a "You are Invited" can readily procure ingredients like fresh herbs, andouille or a "Please join us." sausage and capers, which were considered exotic just a And it's not long after I rsvp to that first invitation decade or two ago.

(minutes usually) that I start to concoct my own party Although Roman doesn't have hard-and-fast rules dicplans. The ingredients are a tried-and-true combination: a tating what to serve, he generally advises hosts to offer

fire in the hearth, good friends and a variety of tempting appetizers.

While I serve some old favorites, I always like to throw in a few new dishes. This year, I called on Art Roman, owner and cooking instructor at The Kitchen Workshop in Paoli, for his take on crowdpleasing small bites. (Many County Lines readers probably remember Roman from



Unionville's Corner Store Café where he was cook/coowner from 1998 to 2003.)

Since opening The Kitchen Workshop in 2003, Roman has taught a number of classes focusing on appetizers— Tasty Tapas for Couples, World's Fare Appetizers and Dude Food are just a few. Around the winter holidays, he



offers Quick, Easy and Delicious Holiday Appetizers and Ho! Ho! Ho! Holiday Appetizers.

Roman mentioned when we talked is beyond!

Before the **Big Meal**

at least one hot dish, one nondairy dish, and one healthy dish. However, "People give lip service to low-fat and low-carb," says Roman, "but during the holidays, caution gets thrown to the wind."

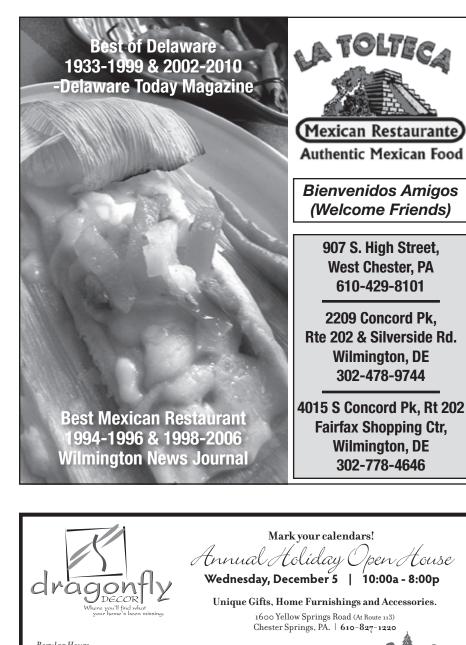
But no dish, no matter how toothsome, can compensate for a harried host. With some smart shopping and planning, you can relax and your guests will follow suit.

First, don't feel compelled to make every appetizer yourself. Culinary translation: there's nothing wrong with a package of store-bought mini-meatballs! Second, keep generously-stocked cabinets (see "Party-Ready Kitchen" sidebar). Third, cook a new dish once before the day of the party so you can get the kinks out. Most importantly, if you mess up a recipe the night of the party, just call

it "rustic," laughs Roman, and serve it anyway.

Here's wishing you happyand carefree-One enter- entertaining taining trend from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day and

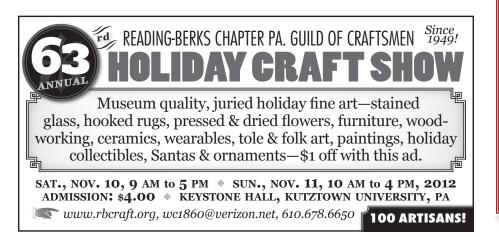




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No-fuss, No-measure **Appetizers**

Whether you're more culinary artist than scientist or you just need a quick appetizer to welcome unexpected guests, try these no-measure unrecipes. Most are Art Roman's, a few are mine.

Hurry Up Bean Dip: Mash or purée 1 can cannellini beans, a few minced garlic cloves, fresh or dried herbs (sage, rose-mary work well) and olive oil. Spread on toasted baguette slices and top with a strip of roasted red pepper or serve as a dip for raw vegetables.

Caprese on a Stick: Toss small cubes or balls of mozzarella cheese and cherry tomatoes in pesto. Thread on skewers.

Not-Your-Everyday-Popcorn: Sprinkle air-popped popcorn with olive oil and your favorite seasoning. Montreal Steak Seasoning, lemon pepper and freshly grated parmesan cheese are some of Art Roman's favorites.

Company Biscuits: Jazz up ordinary refrigerator biscuits or crescent rolls by sprinkling with water, topping with poppy or sesame seeds and baking according to package directions. You can even arrange refrigerator biscuits close together on a baking sheet and alternate different types of seeds for a checkerboard pattern. Serve with spiral ham slices or chicken salad.

Sweet Jezebel: Mix a can of whole cranberries with mayonnaise and horseradish for a Jezebel sauce that spices up mini-roast beef or pork tenderloin sandwiches.

Cheesy Bundle: Take a large square of puff pastry. Cut a square inch from each corner, so pastry forms a cross. Spread pastry with ginger marmalade or other preserves or jam. Place a wheel of brie in the center. Bring each "arm" of pastry over the brie as if wrapping a gift. Flip over, so top is smooth and bake at 350° for a half hour until pastry is golden.

Dippin' Dogs: Add a finely chopped chipotle pepper to ketchup, maple syrup or Dijon mustard. Warm over medium heat. Serve with mini-hotdogs. A more sophisticated version: use rounds of andouille sausage.

Caramel Nut Brie: Place a wheel of brie in a small baking dish. Spread softened butter over the top and sides of brie. Press brown sugar into butter. Top with chopped pecans or walnuts. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes until brie softens and butter and brown sugar form a caramel topping. Note: Placing a piece of aluminum foil loosely over cheese prevents nuts from burning. Serve with crackers, sliced fresh apples or pears.

Larb Gai (Spicy Thai Chicken Salad)

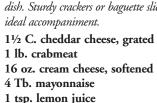
I adapted this recipe from one I found on Food.com. I like my larb gai on the spicy end of the spectrum, so I've upped the quantities of herbs and condiments. As an alternative to the red pepper boats, you can serve this salad in endive leaves, on cucumber rounds or on peeled orange slices.

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast

- 1 Tb. olive oil 2-3 Tb. fish sauce
- 3 Tb. lime juice
- 6 Tb. chopped fresh cilantro, plus
- more for garnish
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 1/2 small shallot, chopped finely
- 3-4 Tb. chopped mint
- ¹/₂ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. red chile and garlic sauce
- (Sriracha)
- 6 red peppers

Using a sharp knife, mince the chicken. (Don't use a food processor, as the chicken might end up mushy.)

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook chicken until just cooked through. Remove from heat and drain liquid if there is any.



1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350°. Reserve 1/2 C. cheddar cheese. In a large bowl, mix remaining ingredients and place in a casserole dish. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Remove cover, sprinkle with reserved cheddar cheese and bake for 5 more minutes or just until cheese melts. Makes 31/2 C.



Place in a large bowl, and mix in all other ingredients. Allow to sit for 15 minutes at room temperature, so chicken can absorb the flavors. Meanwhile, cut each red pepper into 6-8 slices, removing stems and seeds.

Adjust seasonings to taste and spoon chicken mixture into red pepper boats. Makes 3-4 dozen appetizers.

Mrs. H's Crab Dip

When I was growing up, Mrs. H. lived across the street and brought this crab dip to neighborhood parties. Usually, it disappeared before it got cold, but if you're concerned about keeping it hot, serve it in a fondue pot or small chafing dish. Sturdy crackers or baguette slices make the

Curried Pecans

Art Roman of The Kitchen Workshop frequently makes these flavorful nuts, and they always garner raves. Not only are they great eaten out of hand, says Roman, they're also delicious on top of salads or ground finely and used as topping on baked fish or chicken.

1 lb. pecan halves 2¹/₂ Tb. corn oil ¹/₂ C. sugar 1/2 tsp. salt ¹/₄ tsp. freshly ground black pepper ¹/₄ tsp. cayenne pepper 1¹/₄ tsp. ground cumin 1/4 tsp. ground coriander ¹/₂ tsp. ground ginger ¹/₄ tsp. ground cloves ¹/₂ tsp. chili powder

Preheat oven to 325°. Blanch the pecans in boiling water for 1 minute and drain well. While the pecans are still hot, put them in a bowl and toss them with the oil and sugar. Let stand 10 minutes.

Arrange pecans in a single layer on a rimmed baking pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes, turning every 10 minutes.

When pecans are brown and crisp, put them in a bowl. Combine seasonings and toss with the still-warm nuts. Cool com-



The Party-Ready Kitchen

Art Roman's well-stocked kitchen allows him to throw together a party in less time than it takes to zest a lemon. Here's an A-Z list of items he keeps on hand.

- Anchovies
- **Balsamic vinegar**
- Beans (cannellini, chickpeas and other canned varieties)
- Breadsticks
- Capers Chipotle peppers in adobo sauce Crackers Cranberries (whole in a can)
- Dough (frozen; puff pastry, biscuits) Extra virgin olive oil
- Hot dogs (mini)
- Jams and preserves
- Lemons, limes & oranges for
- zest or cocktails
- Maple syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Mustards (all different kinds)

Nuts Olives (oil-cured and other varieties)

- Parmesan cheese Peanut butter
- Popcorn
- Seasoning blends (especially Montreal steak seasoning and lemon-pepper) Seeds (poppy and sesame) Tuna (canned, packed in olive oil)
- Tahini (sesame paste)

pletely. Store in an airtight container. Makes 1 lb.

Honey-Pecan Cheddar Bites

Art Roman sometimes substitutes molasses or maple sugar for the honey. Another creative idea: roll these bites in chopped parsley, poppy seeds or sesame seeds.

8-oz. block of sharp cheddar cheese 1/2 C. honey 1 C. very finely chopped pecans

Cut cheese into 36 cubes. Insert a toothpick into each cube. In a small saucepan, bring the honey to a boil and cook for 11/2 minutes. Let cool slightly. Dip each cheese cube into honey, then into pecans.

Note: These can be made ahead of time. Place on a plate lined with plastic wrap, cover and refrigerate. Return to room tem- at least 1 hour before serving. perature before serving.

Makes 36 servings.

Pineapple Cucumber Salsa

A refreshing topping for tortilla chips. If you have any left over, spoon on grilled fish or

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chicken. Recipe courtesy of Art Roman.

- 1/2 large pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/4-inch dice (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 medium cucumber, peeled, and cut into ¹/₄-inch dice
- (about 1 cup)
- 1 small shallot, minced (about 2 Tb.)
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, minced
- 2 Tb. chopped fresh mint leaves ¹/₂ Tb. very finely grated ginger
- 1-2 Tb. lime juice
- Kosher salt, to taste

Makes 3 cups.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Let stand for 15 minutes for flavors to develop. Adjust seasonings and serve.

Havarti Cheese Ball

Art Roman jokes that to be his friend, you must love cheese! Roman likes to serve this appetizer with crackers, Melba toast rounds or freshly sliced apples or pears.

- 1, 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- ¹/₂ C. shredded Havarti cheese
- ¹/₃ C. crumbled feta cheese
- 1 Tb. milk or dry white wine
- ³/₄ tsp. dried oregano,
- 2 scallions, finely chopped
- ¹/₂ C. parsley, chopped
- ¹/₄ C. poppy seeds

In a large bowl, beat all ingredients except parsley and poppy seeds with a mixer, until well blended and fluffy. Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours, until firm enough to shape. Shape cheese mixture into a ball or log, and roll in parsley and poppy seeds. Makes 1 ball.

Chipotle-Lime Dip with Scallions

Art Roman presents this dip in a cabbage bowl. Simply cut a head of cabbage in half and remove the center leaves to make an attractive serving piece. One more plus: one less bowl to wash!

1 C. mayonnaise ¹/₂ C. sour cream

- 3 scallions, sliced thinly
- 2 medium cloves garlic, smashed 3 small chipotle chilies in adobo,
- minced to a paste (about 1 Tb.), plus ¹/₂ tsp adobo sauce
- 1 tsp. lime zest, grated
- 1 Tb. lime juice

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl until smooth and creamy. Cover and let sit for Makes 1½ C.

Roasted Shrimp with Feta Dip

I learned about roasting shrimp from catererturned-celebrity chef Ina Garten of Barefoot Contessa fame. She knows how to make party

food delicious without a lot of fuss. However, if you want to simplify even more, pick up cooked and peeled shrimp at the grocery store. To quote Ina, "How easy is that?"

2 lb. (16-18 count) shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails on Olive oil to coat

Salt and pepper to taste

Cream Cheese and Feta Dip:

- 8 oz. cream cheese 4-6 oz. feta cheese, crumbled 2 Tb. chopped mint
- Tabasco sauce, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, toss shrimp with olive oil to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste and toss again. Spread on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5-6 minutes, until shrimp turns pink and is just cooked through.

While shrimp roasts, pulse cheeses, mint and Tabasco sauce in a blender until mixture is just combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Allow to sit for 15 minutes so flavors have a chance to develop.

Serve shrimp warm or at room temperature with dip.

Makes approximately 3 dozen.

Pinwheels

My sister brings these small bites to every holiday oatherino.

- 1 pkg. large flour tortillas (8-10/pack) 1¹/₂ packets Hidden Valley Ranch
- dip mix
- 2, 8-oz. packages low fat cream cheese, softened

2 cans chopped green chiles, drained

2 small jars chopped pimentos, drained 1 can jumbo black pitted olives,

drained and chopped

3-5 finely chopped scallions

1/2 C. chopped cilantro leaves, optional

Mix 11/2 packs of dip with cream cheese. (If you use too much dip mix, the cheese mixture will be too salty, so be careful.)

Spread cream cheese mixture on tortillas. Down the center of each tortilla, layer chiles, pimentos, olives and scallions. Sprinkle cilantro leaves, if using. Roll tightly, and place seam side down on a cutting board or cookie sheet. Cover and chill for 1-2 hours. Just before serving, cut into 1-inch pieces. Toss out the ends.

Makes 60-80 appetizers.

Parmesan-Sage Polenta Sauares

You could use prepared polenta, which comes in tubes at the grocery store, but homemade really does taste best. To cut down on last minute work, make the polenta the day before and keep it chilled

in its baking dish. Recipe adapted from Gourmet Magazine, Feb. 1995.

- 2 C. whole milk
- 2 C. chicken broth or water (If you use water, add $1-1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt.)
- 1 Tb. minced fresh sage leaves or 1 tsp. dried sage leaves, crumbled
- 1¹/₃ C. yellow cornmeal
- ¹/₄ C. unsalted butter, plus more for buttering baking dish
- 1 C. grated parmesan cheese 1 C. marinara sauce

Generously butter a 13"x 9" baking dish. Over high heat, bring milk and broth or water to a boil. Add sage and 1/3 C. cornmeal, a little at a time, stirring constantly with a whisk. (Stirring constantly prevents the polenta from sticking to the bottom of the pot, and keeps the heat from building up so much that the polenta jumps out of the pot and scalds the cook!)

Reduce heat to low and add remaining cup of cornmeal a few tablespoons at a time. Cook mixture until liquid is absorbed and reaches the consistency of cream of wheat.

Remove from heat. Add 2 Tb. butter and 1/3 C. parmesan. Mix well and spread polenta evenly in baking dish. Chill until firm, 20-30 minutes.

Just before serving, preheat broiler and line a baking sheet with foil. Melt remaining butter over low heat. Invert polenta on to baking sheet. Cut into 1"x 2" sticks. (You might want to use dental floss or a straightedged spatula to avoid tearing foil and scratching baking sheet.)

Brush with butter, and sprinkle with remaining parmesan. Broil until golden, 2-3 minutes.

with marinara sauce for dipping.

wedges or sturdy crackers.

Makes 12-16 servings.

(not slices)

and bubbly.

Makes approximately 4-5 dozen.

Place a toothpick in each square and serve

Pepperoni Dip

My sister warns that this dip is definitely not for

those counting calories, and while it may not

be the most attractive dish on the coffee table, it

tastes like a "10." Serve with tortilla chips, pita

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients

together and place in a baking dish. Bake,

uncovered, 25 minutes or until golden brown

Vegetable Pizza

1 refrigerated pizza crust (Pillsbury now

2, 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 bag (1-1¹/₂ C.) pepperoni pieces

has a whole grain artisan version.) 1, 8-oz. package cream cheese 1 packet Hidden Valley Ranch dip mix

1¹/₂ C. cauliflower florets, cut into

1/2 C. sour cream

small pieces

1-11/2 C. broccoli florets, in small pieces 1 C. small red pepper pieces 1 C. shredded carrots 1¹/₂ C. shredded cheddar cheese

Shape pizza crust into a rectangle and roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Bake according to package directions. Allow the crust to cool.

Mix cream cheese, dip mix and sour cream and spread evenly on pizza crust all the way to the edges. Layer vegetables on top and sprinkle with cheese. Cut into small squares.

Makes approximately 20 squares.

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