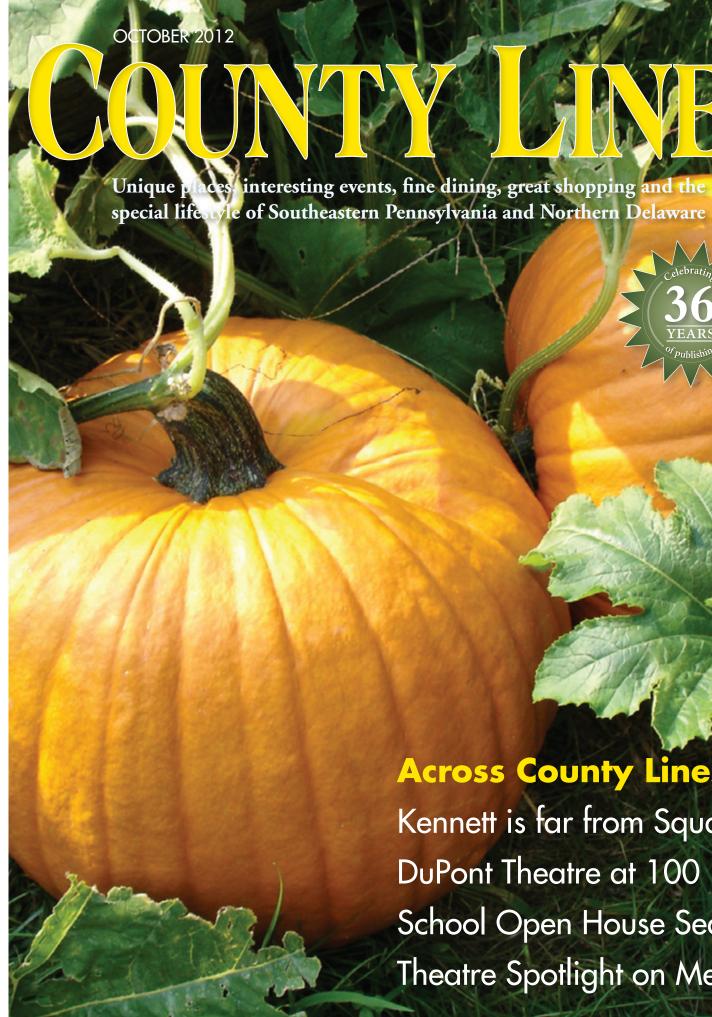






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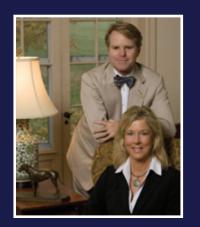
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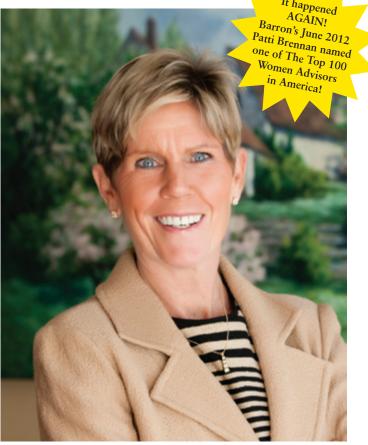
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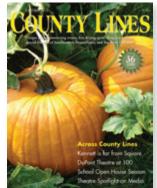


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#### From the Editor

October! Month of Octoberfests, October surprises, and the first Saturday in October (Chester County Day, for the uninitiated). A busy time, filled with options.

First, our regional theaters' seasons have begun. Media Theatre teases us with *Hairspray*, and The DuPont Theatre celebrates its centennial. Read Carol Metzker's "A Century of Applause," then see the season opener, *Elvis Lives!* Dig out your blue suede shoes. You'll see different shoes at Brandywine Ballet when it closes the month with *Dracula*! We visit Kennett this month and find it far from Square.

Ginna Goodall takes us to spas, fitness centers, boutiques, galleries—much more than mushrooms, although we have to mention them. Laura Bren-

nan's Brandywine Table column shares recipes featuring the fungi, and Lise Monty finds exotic mushrooms on the menu at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

In "Greener Acres," Patricia Finn goes to Honeybrook's Wyebrook Farm to find beef, pork and poultry, raised sustainably and deliciously. And, our publisher Ed Malet went "Searching for Real Food on the Eastern Shore" and found wine, artisanal bread and grass-fed Delmonico steaks—a change from Maryland's native blue crabs.

It may seem like the year's just begun, but The Delaware Center for Horticulture is planning ahead in "Spring Gardens Need a Fall Start." And Cindy Walker preps families thinking about a change of school in "Parents' Guide to the School Open House Season," along with our Directory of Open Houses, also available online.

Finally, in "Across County Lines," we've taken time for a fall ramble and taken photos of some signs you may see when you drive the rolling hills of our area on some golden October afternoon.

As always, our Events Section—on-line and in print—is your best guide to what's happening.

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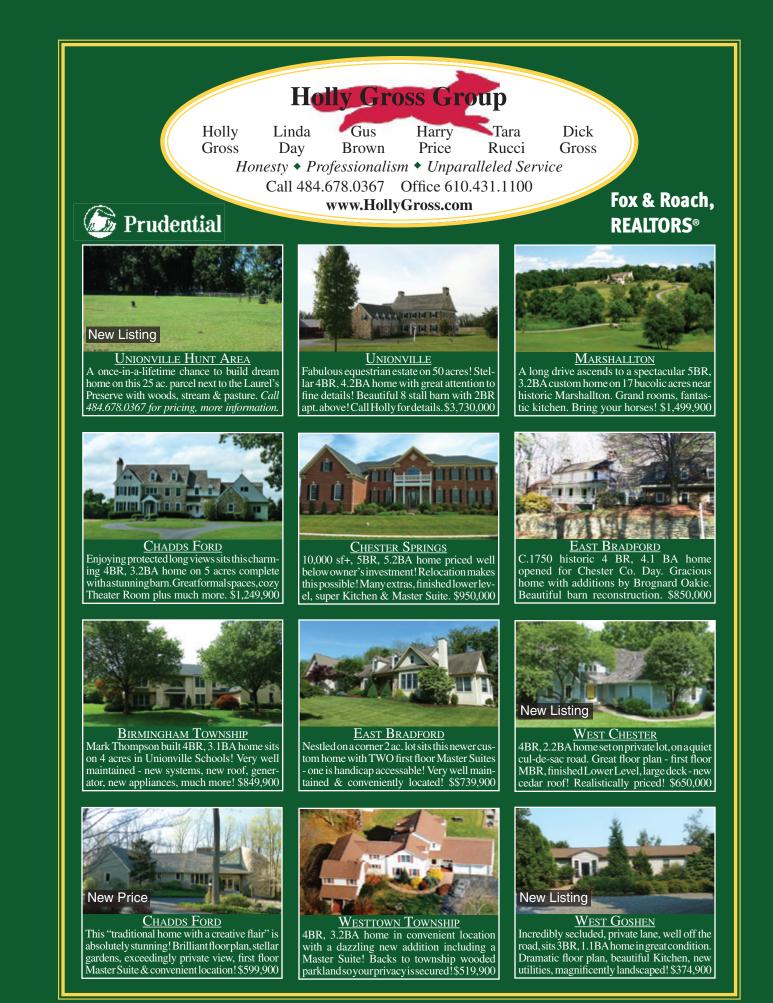
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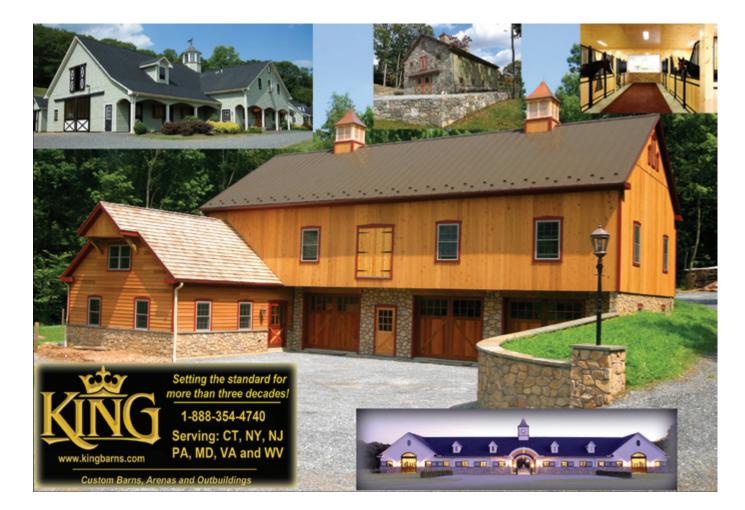
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#### More Than In the Pink.

It's not just about wearing pink this month. Real awareness also comes from getting involved. And for October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, choose how you can make a difference. With the help of thousands of

volunteers, local organizations hold walks, runs, galas, fashion shows—the list goes on—to raise awareness and participation in this worthy cause. So, whether it's giving a patient a ride to chemotherapy, putting together a team for an event, sending e-mails or collecting auction items, you can help. A few places that welcome volunteers: Bright Pink, *BrightPink.org*; City of Hope, *CityOfHope. org*: the American Cancer Society, *Cancer.org*; and the National Breast Cancer Foundation, *NationalBreastCancer.org*.

#### There is a Free Meal. Yes,

Virginia, there is such a thing as a free meal—for one lucky person who completes the **County Lines Restaurant survey** online at *CountyLinesMagazine.com.* We're soliciting readers' view on the best restaurants in our area to include in our January Dining Guide and the "Best of the Best" article. So,



spend a few minutes telling us about your dining experience and you'll be entered to win a free dinner for two. Thanks! Just a few things we thought you'd like to know for October

#### Show Off Local Art.

Be a bright spot of beauty on a rainy day or in every crowd you join with a new Andrew Wyeth-inspired umbrella and nylon tote bag. Rather than using some give-away bag emblazoned with a corporate logo or adding another black



spot on the landscape in the rain, choose something artful and stylish. Just open up a scene from the Pennsylvania landscape—so beautiful maybe even Rihanna will join you under your umbrella, ella, ella... From the Brandywine River Museum gift shop. *www. BrandywineRiverMuseum.org.* 



#### **Modern Anti-Slavery Move-**

**ment.** Chester County is once again fighting slavery. This time the impetus comes from local author Carol Hart Metzker's book *Facing the Monster: How One Person Can Fight Child Slavery.* Carol tells stories of rescued child-slaves, the plight of hidden victims worldwide (including in the U.S.), and how an encounter with an

11-year-old girl led her to learn about the world of human trafficking, forced sex trade and child slavery. Learn how to lend a hand, free a village, and aid survivors. Copies available locally at the Chester County Historical Society, Wellington Bookstore and Barnes & Noble. For more, *FacingTheMonster.com*.

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Home Show October 19-21

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of Food Network's "Restaurant: Impossible" and Kevin Sbarga, winner of "Top Chef Season 7." Greater Phila. Expo Center at Oaks, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri.-Sat., 11 to 8; Sun., 11 to 5. Free Fri.; Sat.-Sun., \$6. PhillyExpoCenter.com.

#### **10th Annual West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff** October 14

Dozens of teams compete for awards like the "People's Choice" and the "Best Darn Chili in Chester County." Sample them all and pick your favorite. New this year is the Wells Fargo Family Fun Center, in the parking lot next to

the bank. Benefits Rotary projects. All-You-Can-Eat-Chili wristbands, \$10; 10 and under free with paid adult. 10:30 to 4. Rain or shine. 484-343-4577; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.



Pumpkin Days at Tyler Arobretum October 20-21

Pumpkins, galore! One of the area's premier fall festivals, where families enjoy a day of autumn activities and entertainment including music, food, crafts, games, a haunted barn, hayrides and more. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Park at Penn State Brandywine Campus (Rt. 352) for a shuttle bus to Tyler. 10 to 5. \$7-\$10. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

## Suburban Fall





**Berks County Antique Art Show** October 7-14

Museum-quality paintings by the school of artists from Berks County, circa 1820-1920, are offered at this annual show, including works by Ben Austrian, Christopher H. Shearer, John H. Raser and more. Greshville Antiques & Fine Art, 1041 Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. Oct. 7, noon to 7; Oct. 8-13, 10 to 7; Oct. 14, noon to 5. Free. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com.



Annual Chocolate Walk & Artisans' Porch Walk In Lititz October 6, 12-13

Oct. 6, The Chocolate Walk features chocolate candymakers and pastry chefs at over 30 tasting stations throughout town. 10 to 4. Buttons, \$20-\$25; sales are limited. LititzChocolateWalk2012. com. Oct. 12-13, Artisans' Porch Walk is a show and sale of art and crafts on private porches and lawns throughout Lititz. Benefits local organizations that assist children. Fri., 10 to 5; Sat., 10 to 4. 717-725-8637, 717-560-2295; LititzPa.com.

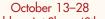
## **Best Local Events**

#### Noteworthy in October . . .



#### October 6

Paoli Sings the Blues. The main stage has continuous live band performances from premier blues musicians. Food vendors, street fair, beer and wine garden, and children's activities. Main stage, Paoli Village Shoppes, across from Paoli Train Station; other venues throughout Paoli. Noon to 6. 610-206-7743 or 610-644-6759; PaoliBluesFest.com.



Daylesford Abbey Art Show 40th Anniversary Exhibit. Ninety-nine juried artists will participate at this anniversary event which showcases fine art, jewelry, sculptures, icons, stained glass, wearable art and pottery. 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Opening reception, Oct. 13, 3 to 6, \$30. Open daily, noon to 4, Wed until 8. Free. 610-647-2530.



October 16

2nd Annual West Chester Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. The Downtown Foundation will hold this ceremony at the Chester County Historical Society. Winners include Dr. Walter Hipple, The Friends of Everhart Park and the Old Rubenstein's (Rams Head) Building (right). Reservations required. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 8 to 10 am. DowntownWestChester.com.

#### Antiques

#### November 3-4

82nd Annual Bucks County Antiques Dealers Association Show. Exhibitors display in three rooms. A special feature this year will be appraisals by the Pennsylvania Antiques Appraisers Association, Sat. 1 to 4, \$5 per item. New Hope-Solebury High School, 182 Bridge St., New Hope. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun. 11 to 4. \$6. 215-860-5211; BCADAPA.org.



October 14 21st Annual Dilworthtown Inn Wine Festival

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#### Art & Craft Shows

Through October 19 Scenes of the Schuylkill River Heritage Area Art Show and Sale. An annual, fall exhibit to celebrate the beauty of the Heritage Area through art. Montgomery County Community College's North Hall Art Gallery, 16 W. High St., Pottstown. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.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.



October 5-November 17 PA Watercolor Society Exhibit at Wayne Art Center. Exhibition and sale by members of the society with opening reception on Oct. 5, 5 to 7 pm. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Sat, 10 to 5. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

#### October 20

44th Annual PA Traditional Crafts & Folk Art Sale. Tole painting, redware, schneerinschnitte, log homes, Shaker boxes and more. Allegheny Evangelical Church, 1327 Allegheny Rd., Mohnton, 10 to 3, 610-856-5013.

#### November 2–4

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 of the country's finest artisans participate in this juried show which also offers live music, children's entertainment and great food. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri-Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8-\$10. 800-210-9900; SugarloafCrafts.com.

#### November 2–11

Chester Springs Studio Fine Arts & Crafts Show. A showcase for regional artists who offer a beautiful selection just in time for holiday shopping. Chester Springs Studio, Lincoln Bldg. Galleries, Historic Yellow Springs. Fri, Nov. 2, 6 to 9; Mon-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

November 10–11 Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen 63rd Holiday Show. Local art and crafts are fea-



tured at this show offering museum-quality contemporary and traditional PA folk artwork. Kutztown University, Keystone Hall, S. Campus Dr. and Baldy St., Kutztown. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$4 donation. 610-678-6650; RBCrafts.org.

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#### October 5-7

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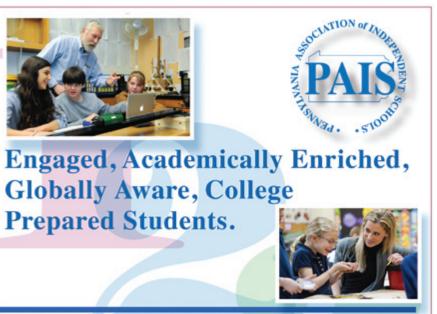
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open 11 am, Pony Hunt Cup, 12:30, Hunt Cup at 3. Benefits the Chester County Food Bank. 484-888-6619; PaHuntCup.org.

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Friday–Sunday, Through October 21 Lancaster Brewing Company Oktoberfest. Enjoy Authentic German food and Lancaster Brewing Oktoberfest Beer, 302 N Plum St., Lancaster. Fri-Sat, 11:30 am to 2 am; Sun, till midnight. 717-391-6258; LancasterBrewing.com.

#### October 5-6

King of Prussia Beerfest Royale. A celebration of local craft and German beers, food from local restaurants and authentic German beer vendors. King of Prussia Mall, next to The Court, W. DeKalb Pk., King of Prussia. Fri, 5:30 to 9 pm; Sat, 2 sessions, 12:30 to 4 and 5 to 8:30. \$45-\$85. KOPBeerFest.com.

#### October 6-7

Brandywine Valley Wine Trail's 10th Annual Harvest Festival. A grape stompin' good time as several wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail celebrate the 2012 vintage. Enjoy

pastoral settings for picnicking, live music, grape stomping competitions, havrides through the vineyards, BBQs, wine tastings, tours and more. 866-390-4367; BVWineTrail.com.

#### October 7

Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State St. There are music stages with bands playing throughout the day, children's activities, games and more. 10 to 5. Visitors are requested to bring canned goods or packaged goods for City Team Ministries. Rain date, Oct. 14. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.



#### Family Fun

October 6 Boehm's Chapel's 27th Annual Apple Festival. Like apples? You'll find them heredumplings, baked goods, ice cream, apple bread, crisp, nuggets, candied apples-the list goes on. Boehm's United Methodist Church, 13 W. Boehm's Church Rd., Willow Street. 9 to 3. 717-872-4133.

#### October 6 Bark in the Park at Nottingham Park.

A day to promote responsible dog ownership and have fun with your dogs. Vendors, skill demonstrations, exhibits. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 11 to 3. \$5/parking. 610-932-2589; ChesCo. org/CCParks.

#### October 7

Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch Event at The Willows. Pumpkin picking, hayrides, games and demonstrations at this family event with traditional harvest activities and refreshments. 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Begins at noon. Free and nominal charge activities. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

October 7, 14 November 4, 11, 18 West Chester Railroad Fall Foliage Express. Enjoy a brisk fall afternoon along the valley



#### Local Farm Markets

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

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. Mar ket 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.

Newtown Square Farmers Market, Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. Through Oct. 24, Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; PRC.org.

Oxford Village Market, 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; OxfordMainStreet.org.

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

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

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut 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.

Wilmington's Urban Farm Market, 12th & Brandywine Sts. Through Oct. Mon, 4 to 7 pm. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

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#### October 11-November 15 Brandywine River Museum's Read Aloud Tours for Children. Each week features a dif-

ferent 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.



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#### October 12

Storytelling and Bonfire at Warwick County Park. Family-friendly activities such as music, storytelling, havrides, food and an evening bonfire. 382 County Park Rd., Pottstown. 6 to 9 pm. 610-469-1916; ChesCo. org/CCParks.

#### October 13

Hay Creek Apple Festival, Scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, rides, pancake breakfast, flea market and apple dessert contest. Joanna Furnace, Rt. 10, 3 mi. N of Morgantown. 7 am to 5 pm. Free. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.



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#### October 13-14

Rotorfest 2012 at the American Helicopter Museum. The best variety of rotary flight including the US Army Black Daggers Parachute Team and military, civilian and kitbuilt rotorcraft. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 10 to 4:30. \$10-\$15. Rain or shine. 610-436-9600; HelicopterMuseum.org.

#### October 13-14

Farm Museum. Their biggest and oldest event, Harvest Days is a culmination of a year's worth of hard work with demonstrations, crafts,

wagon rides, antique cars and food to immerse vou in Pennsylvania German traditions. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, 11 to 5, \$8-\$12. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

#### October 16 Phoenixville's Halloween Parade. Begins at

Borough Hall, 140 Church St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. 610-933-8801; Phoenixville.org.

#### October 20-21, 27-28 Harvest Days at Landis Valley Village & West Chester Railroad's Great Pumpkin

**Express**. Take a ride on the "haunted train" as the friendly ghoulish crew hands out treats to all passengers. Everyone is welcome to

dress up in their Halloween costumes. (This is not too scary for the little ones.) Trains depart Market Street Station, West Chester. Noon and 2 pm. \$5-\$15. 610-416-1794; West ChesterRR.com.

#### October 21 Celebrate Ridley Creek State Park's 40th

Anniversory. Activities at Hunting Mill Mansion in the park include ranger talks, history displays, a birthday cake and more. All are invited to take part in the 40-mile Hiking Challenge. Register at MeetUp.com and start completing your log of miles. 1023 Sycamore Mills Rd., Media. Activities begin at 1 pm. Free. 484-442-0223; FriendsOfRCSP.org.



October 21 West Goshen Township's Annual Harvest Festival. Fun for everyone with havrides, scarecrow-making, pumpkin decorating, seasonal food and more. West Goshen Community Park, Fern Hill & N. Five Points Rds., West Chester. 2 to 4 pm. WestGoshen.org.

#### October 24

Downtown West Chester's Halloween Parade. Floats, marching bands, cheerleaders and dance performances. Market and Church Sts. 7 pm. Rain date, Oct. 25. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

#### October 25-27 The Great Pumpkin Carve at Chadds Ford Historical Society. Traditional pumpkin carve and show, where local artists transform giant pumpkins into fantastic creations. Oct. 25, carving begins at 5; Oct. 26-27, the show continues with huge carved pumpkins lit with candles, 5 to 9. Across from the John Chad's House, Rt. 100 N, Chadds Ford. \$3-\$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.



October 26 Trick or Treat at Radnor Township Building. Ages 5 and under can come dressed in their costumes and enjoy a safe and fun trick or treat. 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. 9 to 4. Free. 610-688-5600: RadnorRecreation.com.

#### October 27

"Trunk or Treat" at Grove United Methodist Church. Children through grade 5, accompanied by a parent, are invited to parade through the parking lot, in costume, and collect goodies from candy-filled car trunks. 490 W. Boot Rd., West Goshen. 5 to 6 pm. Free. 610-696-2663; GroveChurch.org.

#### October 27 Delaware County Halloween Parade.

Starts at 2 on State St., Media, Rain date, Oct. 28. 610-583-4432: VisitMediaPA.com.

#### Festivals & Fairs

Through October 28 The Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. A cast of hundreds of colorfully costumed characters fill the grounds with music, dancing and more. Over 90 stage shows daily and many artisans with handcrafted wares. Sat-Sun, 11 to 8. \$9.95-\$29.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

#### October 5-7

88th Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, educational displays and interactive events, musical entertainment, live animal exhibits, food and auction of donated item, Sun, 5:30, Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926, Unionville. Fri-Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 4 pm. UCFairInc.org.

#### October 6 St. David's Church 166th Annual Fair and

Country Auction. One of the oldest ongoing fairs in the country, this is a treat for the entire family with live entertainment, midway games for children, a puppet show, balloon sculptures, train rides, flea market, an auction under a huge tent, music, food and crafts. Old St. David's Church, 763 Valley Forge Rd., Wayne. 10 to 4. 610-688-7947; StDavidsChurch.org.



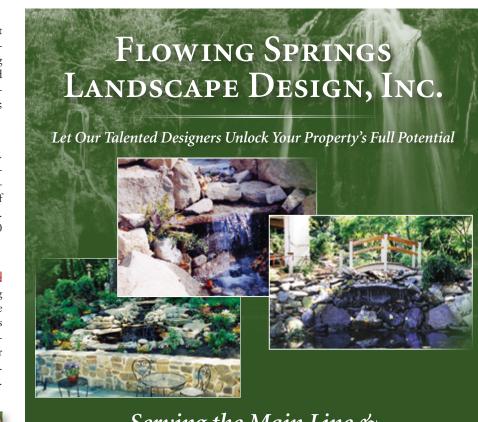
#### October 6

Revolutionary Germantown Festival featuring Reenactment of the Battle of Germantown. Celebrate Germantown's rich colonial history with programs, tours and activities for all ages throughout the community and the annual reenactment of the Battle of Germantown. Cliveden of the National Trust, 6401 Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill, 10 to 4, 215-848-1777; Cliveden.org.

October 6-27 Seasonal Events at Waterloo Gardens.

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Harvest Hayrides, hay wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, 11 to 3, \$5, 200 N. Whitford Rd., Exton. Oct. 6-7, Fall Harvest Festival, hayrides, pumpkin painting and more; Oct. 7, Friendly Farm Petting Zoo, noon to 4. 200 N. Whitford Rd., Exton. 610-363-0800: WaterlooGardens.com.

#### October 20-21 Conestoga Area Historical Society's Annual Harvest Festival. Exhibits and demonstrations from local craftspeople, children's activities, like music and refreshments. Held



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Conestoga. Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 717-872-1699; PennManorHistory.org.

#### Fundraisers

See also, Outdoor & Sport Activities.

#### October 2

10th Annual People's Light Classic. A day of golf, dining, cocktails, silent auction and prizes in support of Arts Discovery, the nationally recognized education program of People's Light & Theatre, providing more than 35,000 children throughout the area with a unique theater arts experience. The

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#### October 12

The Hickman's 9th Annual Art of Caring Event. Fun, fine food, entertainment and a silent auction featuring distinctive and unique items at this fundraiser for senior housing. The live auction offers 12 small tables individually painted and interpreted by highly collected regional artists. 400 N. Walnut St., West Chester. 6:30 pm. \$125. 484-760-6300; TheHickman.org.

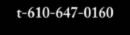




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Take a Bite Out of Autism Fundraisina **Event**. Enjoy a taste of signature dishes from fine area restaurants including Aneu, Margaret Kuo's and Sweet Jazmines. Paoli Design Center, 1604-1616 Lancaster Ave., Paoli, 6 to 9 pm. Benefits The Timothy School in Berwyn. \$50. 610-725-0755; TakeABite-OutOfAutism.com.

#### October 18 The Water's Edge—Stroud Water Research Center's Annual Banquet. The Center pres-

ents Dr. John Briscoe, the Gordon McKay Professor of Environmental Engineering and Environmental Health at Harvard Univ., with the Stroud Award of Freshwater Excellence for outstanding achievement in fresh water activities. Longwood Gardens, Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Tickets from \$50. 610-268-2153, ext. 230; StroudCenter.org.

#### October 18-20

52nd Annual Shipley Shops. A shopping event featuring premier retailers and artists from across the country. Fashion Show on Fri; Family Fun Day on Sat, includes a meet and greet with two players from the Philadelphia Union and a raffle. The Shipley School, Yarnall Gymnasium, 814 Yarrow St., Bryn Mawr. Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 8:30 to 4:30; Sat, 10 to 3. \$5-\$10; free on Sat. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org.

#### October 19

Bow Wow Lugu-Pals For Life Annual Benefit. Live and silent auction, fabulous food and an open bar at Waynesborough Country Club, 440 Darby Paoli Rd., Paoli. For information, 610-687-1101; PalsForLife.org.

#### October 20

Brandywine River Museum's All Hallows' Eve Costume Ball-How AproPOE! Drawing on the exhibition "Picturing Poe" for inspiration, the Young Friends of the Brandywine Conservancy create a compelling and macabre evening paying homage to Edgar Allan Poe. Enter the competitive costume contest and enjoy an open bar and live music. 9 pm to 1 am. For tickets, YoungFriends@ Brandywine.org.



October 27 Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce Annual Charity Event—Dance Party! Annual charity

event that helps celbrate the nonprofits in the area. Evening includes cocktails, dinner, live music, live and auctions, a raffle and more. Freedoms Foundation, 1601 Valley Forge Rd., Valley Forge. 6 to 10:30 pm. \$75. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

#### October 27 Grand Prix Gala for Lankenau Medical

Center. Dinner, black tie optional, includes live auctions of extravagant vacations, a fashion buyer's trip to New York City and more. Benefits Lankenau's Master Facility Project and Patient Care Enhancement Programs. Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, 6825-31 Norwitch Dr., Philadelphia. 7 pm. \$200. 484-476-2139; MainLineHealth.org/Deaver.

#### November 4

Interfaith Housing Assistance Corp. of Chester County Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Local and international wine sommeliers offer expertise as you enjoy wine and food pairings, jazz and a silent auction. Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. Benefits local families assisted by the organization. 4 to 7 pm. \$50. 610-696-5675; InterfaithHousingCC.org.

#### November 8

15th Annual Fashion Show Benefit for Home of the Sparrow. 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 pm; dinner and fashion show 7 to 9. \$75. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

#### Gardens

Through October 28

Tyler Arboretum Events. "Sit A Spell: Seats That Tell a Tale." Artisans bring their imaginations to life in the form of outdoor seating. Chairs, benches and rockers encourage visitors of all ages to sit and relax. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 9 to 7. \$5-\$9. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.



October 27-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. There is a Thousand Bloom mum and a single chrysanthemum plant with 100 different cultivars of mums blooming. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. Daily 9 to 5. \$8-\$18. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

#### Museums

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. Through Nov.



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15, "Picturing Poe: Illustrations for Edgar Allan Poe's Stories and Poems," looks at the work of more than two dozen artists, with special events surrounding the exhibit including a wine tasting on Oct. 10, 6 to 8. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30. \$25-\$30. 610-388-8326; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

#### Through January 19

Chester County Historical Society Exhibits and Lectures. Through Jan. 19, "Cut It Out! 200 Years of Paper Dolls," a wide selection on exhibit from the collection of over 8,000 paper dolls. Oct. 18-19, Opening Reception for new exhibit "On the Edge of Battle: Chester

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#### County and the Civil War." Oct. 24, "One Vote for the Electoral College" reviews the origins, changes and future of the electoral college. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Wed-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 610-692-4800; ChesterCo-Historical.org.

#### Music, Dance & Live Shows October 6

Immaculata University Presents "Broadway on Broad Street and a Few Doors Down." Students, faculty, alumni, Girard Academic Music Program Concert Choir and the Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts Concert Choir perform songs from popular Broadway musicals. Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater, Broad St., Philadelphia. 7:30. \$20. 215-893-1999; Immaculata.edu/Broadway.



#### October 11

WCU Live! Presents US Air Force Heritage Brass. From Bach to The Beatles and patriotic favorites, Heritage Brass offers a musical experience enjoyed by all. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. Free (tickets required). 610-436-2266; WCUPA.edu/CVPA.

#### October 14

Delaware County Symphony Concert. The music of Stanford, Sibelius and Rachmaninov. Neumann Univ., Meagher Theater, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-356-5673; DCSMusic.org.



#### October 21

Concert Series at the Cathedral Basilica. The Philadelphia Boys' Choir and Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra join the Mendelssohn Club of Phila. for the world premier of Robert Moran's "Angele Dei" and "Trinity Requiem." Also, Anton Bruckner's "Mass in E Minor." 18th St. at Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia. 3 pm. \$28. 215-587-3696; CathedralPhilaConcerts.org.

#### October 26

Vox Ama Deus – "Magic Mozart." Ama Deus Ensemble featuring soloists, chorus and orchestra at Kimmel Center Perelman Theatre, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. 8 pm. \$70. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

#### October 26, November 16 Community Arts Center Friday Night Live

Concerts. Oct. 26, Sonoma Sound, eclectic roots music; Nov. 16, Cormorant's Fancy, Irish music and the Midnighters, folk. Light refreshments served. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 pm. \$10. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

#### October 26, 27

Brandywine Ballet Presents "Dracula." See article in this issue.

#### October 26, 27 Concerts at The Colonial Theatre. Oct. 26,

Al Stewart—enjoy songs that are uniquely his such as "Year of the Cat," "Time Passages," "On The Border." 8 pm. \$22-\$42.50. Oct. 27. Rockapella—"Motown & More," pays tribute to the music of Motown with unique versions of hit songs from The Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, and more. 8 pm. \$22.50-\$35. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

#### **Outdoor & Sport Activities** See also, Fundraisers.

October 6

Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival. More than 140 dragon boat teams compete, racing along a 500-meter course in multiple races. Teams, including corporations, community organizations, businesses, schools, families and more, are featured at this event held on the Schuvlkill River in Fairmount Park, Phila. 7 am to 6 pm. 610-642-2333; PhilaDragonBoatFestival.com.

#### October 7

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's 10th Annual Buddy Walk & Family Fun Day. Something for all ages with raffles, moon

bounces, basketball throw, soccer shoot, football toss, jugglers, balloon sculptures, great food and more. Meet local celebrities and mascots. Benefits the Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) Program at CHOP. Villanova University Stadium, 800 Lancaster Ave., Villanova. 10 to 1. Registration, 9:30; walk, 10:45 267-426-6496; email: Buddywalk@email.chop.edu.

#### October 7

39th Annual Marshalton Triathlon, Pedal, Paddle, Pace—all athletes, novice to ironman and their families, are invited to bike, canoe and pace-walk through 10 miles of Chester County countryside. A family and dogfriendly event (dogs on leash). Enjoy music,

food and community fun at the firehouse. Benefits the all-volunteer West Bradford Fire Co. Rt. 162, 5 mi. W of West Chester, 8 am. \$30. MarshaltonTriathlon.com.

#### October 14

6th Rally 'Round the Races. Join the fun with the Brandywine Conservancy and go for a fall drive, including a visit to the Conservancy's Waterloo Mills Preserve to plant a tree. Win prizes in the scavenger hunt and enjoy a picnic lunch. Begins at 9:30 am. \$135/car, includes lunch for three. Phone for reservations, 610-388-8324; RadnorHunt-Races.org.

#### October 14

6th Annual Camphill Challenge. Take a

ride and soak in the beautiful fall folliage and bucolic scenery that is Chester County. 50, 25, 10 mi. and family-friendly routes offered. Benefits Camphill Special School. Begin at Kimberton Waldorf School, 410 W. Seven Stars Rd., Kimberton. Registration 8 am; first ride, 8:30. 610-469-9236; Camphill-Challenge.org.



#### October 28

35th Annual Penn Medicine at Radnor Run, A Mid-Atlantic USATF Grand Prix event featuring a 5-mile certified run and 1-mile fun run/walk. Benefits the American Lung Association of PA. Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Registration, 7 am, race start, 8:30. 800-LUNG-USA; LungInfo.org/RadnorRun.

#### In Towns & Burroughs . . .

#### October 5, 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; FirstFridayMainLine.com. Oxford, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA. org. Phoenixville, 610-933-3070; Phx-FirstFriday.com. *Wayne*, 610-687-7698;

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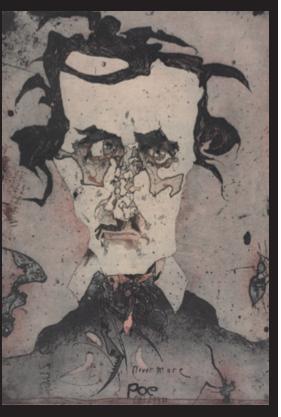
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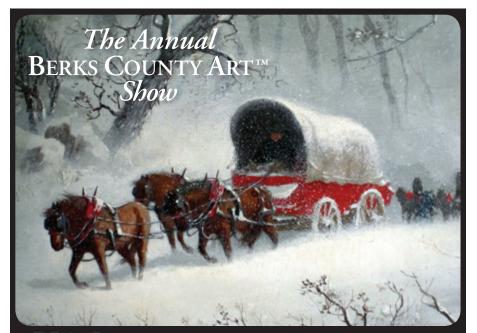
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October 13, November 10 Media's Second Saturdays. Media's version of First Fridays. 610-566-5210; Media-ArtsCouncil.org.

#### Theater

#### Through October 7

Seven Guitars. Part bawdy comedy, part dark elegy, part mystery, Seven Guitars is a sultry riff on the American Dream. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. Tickets, 610- 644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

#### Through November 4 Hairspray. See article in this issue.

#### October 26–28, November 1–3

She Loves Me. Based on the movie You've Got Mail, this is warm romantic comedy with a touch of nostalgia. West Chester Univ., Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. Thurs-Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 2. \$12-\$15. 610-436-2533; WCUPa. edu/CVPA.

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Candlelight Ghost Tours. Bone-chilling tales of real haunted houses, true ghost stories and where they buried the bodies! Candlelight Walking Tours, Haunted Trolley Tours and Ghost Hunting Tours are available nightly in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Strasburg and beyond. Visit GhostTour.com.

#### October 5, 12, 19

Haunted History of Rock Ford Plantation Guided Tours. Visitors are invited to explore the mansion by candlelight and discover the darker side of this historic site. 881 Rockford Rd., Lancaster. 7 and 9 pm. Not recommended for children under 12. \$12. 717-392-7223; RockFordPlantation.org.

#### October 6

72nd Annual Chester County Day Tour. The oldest house tour in the country offers examples of original, restored, new and historically significant homes, this year in the southwest quadrant of the county. Begin "The Day" with the traditional fox hunt at Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds, 1547 W. Doe Run Rd., Unionville, 8:30 to 9:30 am, continental breakfast available. Previews Oct. 3, Chester Co. Hospital, 7 pm; Oct. 4, Longwood Gardens, 5, 6 and 7 pm; Oct. 5, Chester County His-

October 20 Autumn in Bucks County House Tour. Five historic, 18th- and 19th-century properties are on this year's tour, each with a unique combination of history, architecture, style and furnishings. Benefits mission efforts of Trinity Church. 10 to 4. \$35; \$12 for boxed lunch. 215-297-5135; TrinitySolebury.org/ HouseTour. 🔶

October 20 Architectural History Tour: Hidden Trea-

sures I. Enjoy a leisurely drive exploring the

autumn countryside and some of the finest

historically significant structures in Lancast-

er County. Tour program and map provid-

ed for self-paced tour from 10 to 5. \$10-\$20.

717.291.5861; HPTrust.org.

torical Society, 5, 6 and 7:30 pm. Tour, 10 to 5. \$40. Picnic lunch available, \$10. \$100 VIP

ticket includes lunch. 610-431-5301; Chester-

October 7 6th Annual Garden Railways Tour. Enjoy a self-guided tour of several private homes which feature beautiful garden railways, operating layouts and special model train collections. 1 to 5 pm. \$10. 717-687-8628;

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## BRANDYWINE BALLET Lights, Camera, Dracula!

rom the darkness of *Dracula* to the enchantment of choreography by Donna Muzio and David Kloss create *The Nutcracker* and the gaiety of *Grease*, Brandywine balletic magic while spinning this well-loved tale of young Ballet is back this season with a trio of performances Clara's adventures. Share the holiday spirit with 80 actors and dancers in the enchanted "Land of the Sweets." To add to delight and entertain. to the wintry mix of holiday fun, families are invited to a Brandywine Ballet kick starts its season with the return pre-performance Nutcracker tea, December 8, 9 and 15.

of the forbidden romance between the beguiling Count Dracula and the beautiful Mina, danced by Tim Early and Hannah Telthorster. Dracula reaches the hearts and souls of audiences with exhilarating ensemble dancing, tantalizing costumes and ghoulish suspense. Will Mina follow her heart or lose her soul? Join her in her adventure of finding love. This emotional, moving production of Bram Stoker's 19th-century novel premieres October 26-27. Join families and friends at Faunbrook Bed & Breakfast, October 14, to help launch the 2012-2013 season.

Loyal fans will be pleased that the Brandywine Ballet, Chester. Grease is the word!  $\blacklozenge$ ~ Jessica Ohnikian for the 33rd time, will perform its beloved classic The Nutcracker, running December 7-16. This sugarplum confec-Performances take place at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, West tion will warm the hearts of Chester County audiences Chester University. Tickets, \$25-\$40 (student, senior and group discounts) are on sale now. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.com. this chilly winter season. Jae Hoon's return as Cavalier and

This spring, ladies get out your poodle skirts and men dust off those leather jackets, Grease is coming to town just in time for some summer lovin'. Ballet mistress Nancy Page recreates the '70s musical in a full-length ballet filled with energetic dancing, retro music and 1950s period costumes to bring you back to your high school glory days. The timeless love story of Rydell High's Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsson will premiere May 3-5. Relive your most poignant summer romance recreated right here in West





## Theatre Spotlight

## MEDIATHEATRE.ORG hairspray **SEPT. 26-NOV. 4** You Can't Stop the Beat at the Media Theatre

ohn Walter's Hairspray comes to life at the Media Theatre through November 4. Through the eyes of Artistic Director, Jesse Cline, Tony Award winning Hairspray brings us all the right moves. This tale of a pleasantly plump high school student turned overnight sensation has captivated audiences with its sprits 'n' spray and '60s sparkle.

As a teenager in the music-crazed 1960s, Tracy Turnblad Music Director Tom Fosnocht conducts a live orchestra finds herself yearning to be famous for her love of dancing. featured throughout the musical, adding to the energy of the An opportunity on "The Corny Collins Show"-Baltimore's live theatrical performance. version of "American Bandstand"—leads Tracy to more than To top off this colorful production, beauticians and hair just 15 minutes of fame. Little did Tracy know that her big hoppers were welcomed to a "Best Bouffant" Contest (see heart and big hair would put her in the limelight!

The story of one girl trying to make a difference through her newfound fame has warmed the hearts of audiences everywhere. Shake and shimmy with Tracy and friends on their upbeat adventure!

#### **Rousing Roles**

Where: 104 E. State St., Media Springfield's talented Victoria Mayo takes on the role of When: September 25 – November 5 the bubbly and driven Tracy. Complementing her in the cast is William Thomas Evans as Edna Turnblad, a role made Box Office: 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org. Group discounts famous by John Travolta in the 2007 film version of the play. Watch as the twosome captures the energetic, entertaining What's Next: Dr. Dolittle, Nov. 20-Jan. 27; Forever Plaid, Mar. 6-30; Mame, Apr. 17- May 19 spirit of Hairspray.

#### **READY? SET? BOUFFANT!**

While the bouffant originated in the late 18th century, popularized by Marie Antoinette, this teased and high piled hair-do was brought back in the 1960s famously by Jackie Kennedy. A glamorous hair style, it was ideal for any type of outfit or look—going to school or to a ball, the bouffant was an all around fashion statement. Today, the bouffant has made a come back, sported by the likes of Beyoncé Knowles, Adele and the late Amy Winehouse.

To get everyone in the spirit for *Hairspray's* arrival, The Media Theatre held a Be<mark>st Bouffant Contest. Ladies and</mark> their favorite salons were invited to create and style their most impressive bouffant dos. The lucky winner will be chosen October 1 and receive complimentary tickets to the performance. Check out the winners' bouffants on Media Theatre's website, *MediaTheatre.org.* Run and tell that!



A treat for all ages, Hairspray, as The New York Times wrote, "succeeds in recreating the pleasures of the old-fashioned musical comedy without seeming old-fashioned." You better come on down and meet the nicest kids in town, who managed to integrate "The Corny Collins Show" and the city of Baltimore.

#### **More Fun**

sidebar below). This performance takes audiences back to their days of having big bee-hive bouffant 'dos. Get out your hairspray and combs and come to Media! •

~ Jessica Ohnikian

#### If You Go:

## KENNETT IS FAR FROM SQUARE

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Square

ow known for gourmet restaurants, art galleries and hip boutiques, downtown Kennett Square has captured the attention of the Delaware Valley and beyond. New businesses open along the tree-lined streets of this destination stop, named one of "America's Coolest Small Towns" and among the "Top 10 Road Trips" by Forbes Magazine. Today's Kennett Square is a long way from a sleepy agricultural center once known mostly for mushrooms.

#### Ginna Goodall

#### For Body and Soul

While retaining the best of its historic, small-town atmosphere, Kennett Square is a vibrant community with a renewed focus on new-age health, wellness and beauty. From fitness instruction and nutritional counseling to spa treatments and massages, Kennett businesses offer what you need for body and soul.

As the era of high-tech fitness with expensive equipment has evolved to a back-to-basics approach,

you'll find what you need in Kennett Square. At Longwood Crossfit Coach Bryan motivates students with gymnastics, weightlifting, and track and field workouts to transform bodies and lives. Around the corner on State Street, you'll find Advanced Fitness with John Wilkins offering personal training instruction and group classes with individualized plans to meet your health and fitness goals.





Longwood Crossfit

The newest addition to the scene is Bliss Yoga Studio, where Leslie Benedetti, Svaroopa® Certified yoga instructor (from Sanskrit, meaning you know yourself at the deepest level), leads beginner to advanced classes, as well as kids' programs.

After an intense workout, what could be better than a relaxing massage? After all, therapeutic massages help with certain medical conditions, coping with stress, and maintaining good health. Head for Kennett Square Massage for services to relax, revive and rejuvenate by licensed therapist Stacy Madonna Gibson, at her new digs.

The Centre for Vibrant Living offers another approach to a healthy lifestyle through "inspiration for transformation of body, mind and spirit," with services such as nutrition and lifestyle coaching, Reiki and meditation techniques, thetaHealing, crystals and more.

And for those who prefer old-school, the Kennett Area YMCA has been at the heart of the town's health and fitness activities for 15 years, achieving national status for its member satisfaction.

#### **Beauty Stops**

Once in shape, you'll want to polish your look from head-to-toe. Currie Hair Skin Nails offers full menu of services to pamper-haircutting, hair coloring, extensions, massage, facials, body treatments, waxing, nail services, makeup and more.

education for total "skin wellness" that extends to the mind and soul, featuring nail and spa services, plus nutritional and wellness counseling and detoxifying wraps. For a new fun approach to healthy, natural nails in a safe, fume-free environment, visit Polished Salon for fall nail colors.

a collection of Phillies' memorabilia. And for a far-from-square side of the body-beautiful scene, there's State Street Tattoo Gallery, where two skillful artists with over 15 years of experience create distinctive designs.

#### **Bounty of Boutiques**

Fall fashion hunting is another draw to the streets of downtown Kennett, where a dozen boutiques will help you find what's trending this season. Mark October 11 on your calendar for Girlfriends Night Out (see the Events section for details).

Enjoy the thrill of the hunt as you discover merchandise as distinctive as the names at Ashley Austin Boutique (shoes, accessories, jewelry) and Chantilly Blue (pre-

Picone Beauty and Wellness refers to their services as both care and



Although the salons and spas cater to both sexes, Kennett also hosts traditional barbershops, including Fragale Brothers and Jackie's Barber Shop. A local favorite since 1892 is family-owned Burton's Barber Shop, which doubles as the Hall of Fame for Kennett's athletes along with displaying



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#### HISTORIC OXFORD

Oxford. You'll be glad you did.

Begin the day at Morning Glories for your first cup of coffee and a scone. Fortified and caffeinated, you're ready for a stroll through the newly completed streetscape to visit unique shops like Petey Possum's Hangout for quality kid's books and toys, Outback Company Store for apparel, hats and boots, and Stillwater Fibers for an exquisite selection of yarns. It's a long walk or short drive out of town for Oxford Rug Company, but worth it.

Looking for one-of-kind treasures? Visit antique, vintage and resale shops such as Oxford Odds & End, J&K Slightly Touched Furniture, and Oxford's own Neighborhood Thrift Store. How about an elegant gift for that special someone? Then Ediene's Fine Jewelry & Accessories is the store for you.

Hungry? What will it be-Italian, Mexican or Chinese? You'll find them all. And after lunch is the perfect time to admire the fine art in Oxford Arts Alliance's gallery.

With your shopping urge satisfied, it's time to take the self-

Relax, slow down and enjoy a day in Downtown Historic guided Historic Walking Tour and experience the Oxford community. You'll get to know the people and places that made Oxford a friendly, historic town.

> Too tired for walking? Jump in your car and enjoy the Covered Bridge Tour. Begin in the center of Oxford, then follow the winding roads dotted with farms. Travel back in time to an era of stagecoaches and the simple pleasure of wind through your hair as you imagine the clip-clop of horses' hoofs from the many Amish neighbors. Stop by Oxford Mainstreet's office for maps and brochures.

Wind down and finish the day at Muse Restaurant, where you'll experience fine dining at its best. And parking? Free parking and convenient metered parking are just a few steps from the main shopping area.

If you time your trip right, you can take part in the many Downtown Oxford events, including First Fridays. Just visit DowntownOxfordPA.org to find out what's happening in this great neighborhood. Hope to see you soon!

~ Eleanor Roper

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Oxford is a bit closer to square than Kennett but has nteresting shops and restaurants in the historic town.

IRST FRIDA mium denim), which jointly hosted a recent Autumn Girl's Night. Visit Frolic! Boutique (fashion for the fun of it), Green Eyed Lady (vintage jewelry and accessories), Mystique (a recent arrival from Wilmington, celebrating 27 years in business), and **Pinklily** (fashions from flirty to subtle). Don't miss kids' fashions at Bedbugzz and The Growing Tree. There's also Torelli's Custom **Shop**, showing a more traditional naming style and offering custom tailoring for men.

> More specialty shops in Kennett elevate browsing to a high art. From green gifts at the **Eco Boutique** (formerly The Paper Market), to delectable edibles at Mrs. Robinson's Tea Shop (over 100 varieties) and the Mushroom Cap (for everything mushroom related). Check out musthave items for your home from **Scout &** Annie or gifts for that hard-to-shop-for person at the Military History Shop. Or lose yourself in three bookstores clustered on South Union Street: Thomas Macaluso's Used and Rare Books, Kennett Square Resale Book Shoppe, and **RLD Used and Rare Books.**

#### **Galleries Galore**

If you pass on wearable art from fashion boutiques and prefer gallery hopping, Kennett offers a visual feast. Visit with artists at Lesher Paintings, Charles Metzger's Pottery and Rilievo Studio (for drawing classes). Or shop the curated collections at Cenzia Arts and Gifts, regina joans, willow on State and Artworks & Metalworks.

And no First Friday Art Stroll would be complete without a stop at Longwood Art Gallery, representing over 50 regional artists for 30+ years.

riences it offers.

First Friday Art Strolls are held each month, with shops open late and live music, art exhibits, tantalizing food and drink available downtown. Stay

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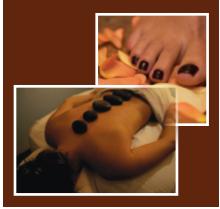
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Upcoming Performances, at 8 pm: Oct. 7, Phil Minissalel; Oct. 5, Melton Brothers; Oct. 13, Whirled Peas; Oct. 19, Zach DuPont; Oct. 27, Dan Orlando; Nov. 9, Paul Cullen; Nov. 10. Graham Alexander; Nov. 20, Rust. Mondays: Glee Club; Tuesdays: Open Mic Nights. First Thursdays: Better Than Bacon Improv.

Kennett Square Farmers Market. Stop by for fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, jams, and home-baked goods. Downtown, Fridays, 2 to 6. Through October. Alternate Fridays, November through April. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

#### October 5, November 2, **December 7**

First Friday Art Stroll. Arts com- nettSquare.com. munity open house in downtown Kennett Square on the first Friday of each month from 6 to 9 pm. Live Music and art displays. Shops stay open late & offer refreshments.

#### October 5

Center presents "Has Thee ennettSquare.com.

**Heard.**" A historical re-enactment where you can eavesdrop on the secret conversations, rumors, gossips and hints by local heroes of the Underground Railroad. State and S. Broad St. 6 to 8 pm.

#### October 7

#### The Classics at Brantwyn – A **Benefit For Kennett Symphony.**

Step back in time at Brantwyn Estate for an enchanting day of extraordinary cars & fine cuisine. A grand parade of automobiles and motorcycles, champagne brunch, live music and awards. Brantwyn, DuPont Country Club, Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 11 am. \$110. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

#### October 11

Annual Girlfriends Night. Hosted by Bove Jewelers, 124 W. State St., this evening is for women to come to Kennett Square, have a relaxing night of shopping (local merchants will be offering their best), and enjoy cocktails and refreshments from local restaurants. Shoppers can grab a "goodie bag" with discount certificates and gift items. 6 to 8 pm. HistoricKen-

#### October 28

Kennett Square Halloween Parade. Come in costume as the Halloween Parade marches through town with bands, floats and dance units. Family party at the American Legion to follow Kennett Underground Railroad parade. 3 pm. 610-444-8188; HistoricK-

#### 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 23

Holiday Downtown Open House and Parade. Shops open their doors to visitors for this traditional event. Holiday parade with caroling and Mr. & Mrs. Claus arriving to light the town Christmas tree. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

#### December 1

**Kennett Symphony's "Visions** of Sugarplums." The Symphony's annual holiday concert is a family tradition in Chester County. Kennett High School, 100 E. South St. 8 pm.

#### December 2, 9, 16, 23

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides. Horse-drawn carriage rides throughout town, leaving from the corner of State and Union Sts. \$5. Sundays, noon to 3 pm.

#### December 9

**Annual Historic Holiday Home Tour.** Historic homes will be decked out for the holidays and open to visitors to stroll through. Tickets required. 610-444-8141; KennettSquareHistory.org/Candlelight-HomeTour.html.



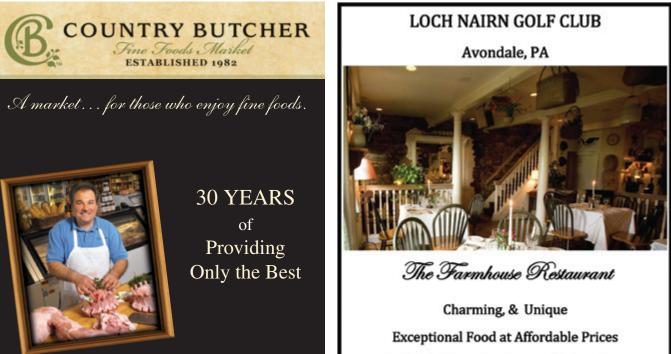
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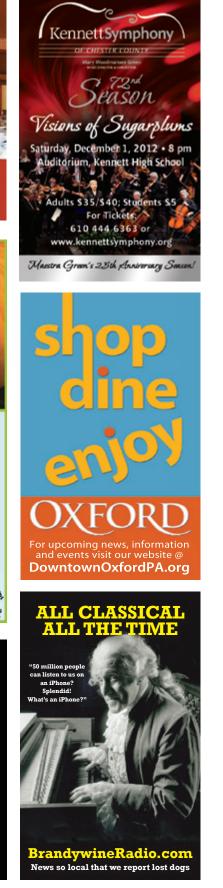
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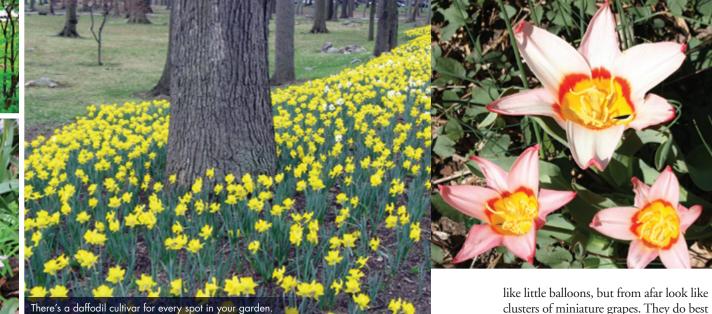
elcome to October, with its golden hues and long afternoon shadows. That crisp

Once you have a new batch of spring bulbs, open nip in the air signals more than leafthe bags immediately and inspect the bulbs for damage. peeping season-it's spring bulb planting time! Bulbs in their dormant state should feel firm and solid. Of all the plant species available to gardeners, no group If some bulbs have sprouted prematurely, give them the is more easily grown and with more spectacular results benefit of the doubt and plant them with confidence. than spring flowering bulbs. Many varieties are also ideal Once you've inspected them and discarded damaged for cutting and arranging in long-lasting bouquets. bulbs, store your new bulbs in a cool dry place until Think of spring bulbs as the "bears" of the plant you're ready to put them in the ground

world: the foliage of the plant "feasts" all spring and Bulbs thrive best in well-drained, friable soil (not into summer, storing vital energy and nutrients in tightly packed). Loosen the soil with a digging fork and its bulb, then dies back to the ground mid-summer, arrange where you'd like the bulbs to grow by placing hibernating through winter until the following spring. them on the surface of your planting bed. With a trowel, plant each bulb individually to the appropriate Then it emerges from its slumber to put forth glorious blossoms, and begins its life cycle anew. depth, root end down, making sure it's set firmly with

#### New bulbs in hand, now what?





no air pocket below. After planting, smooth over the surface gently with a garden rake. And that's it!

There are endless varieties of bulbs, and by choosing wisely, you can have successive waves of blooming flowers all through the spring. Here are a few favorites to get your bulb garden started.

Spring Crocus (Crocus sp.) Often the first blossoms to appear, crocuses may even poke through snow to give us happy tidings of spring's arrival. These short, 6-8 inch, cupshaped flowers come in shades of lavender, butter, cream and rose, and may even be bi-colored or striped. Their grasslike leaves blend well with similar foliage after the blooms die back, and many people plant crocus throughout their lawns. Most crocuses will finish their growth cycle before you start mowing, but give them more time to regenerate by mowing your grass at the highest setting the first few times. Really love crocuses? Try winter- and fall-blooming varieties.

Bluebells (Hyacinthoides sp.) The bell-shaped flowers of the bluebell add a charming touch to woodland gardens, and typically starts blooming in the Brandywine Valley in early May. Growing 1-21/2 feet tall, the dainty carillons of this flower range in hue from lavender and deep violet to pink or white. These members of the lily family can tolerate dappled shade and moist, well-drained areas. Bluebells look best planted in large masses under trees, and will add a flicker of color to otherwise dark areas.

Daffodils (Narcissus sp.) The quintessential bulb of spring, daffodils are a favorite, appearing from late February through March. They come in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes and are a favorite for deer-resistant gardens. There are hundreds of daffodil cultivars-early, mid or late bloomers; solid or multi-colored; single trumpet, double corona; and on and on! Most daffodils enjoy full sun, but if you select carefully, you can find a daffodil for any spot in your yard. This river of gold trumpets in Wilmington along Miller Road is called Dutch Master.

Grape Hyacinth (Muscari) Not actually hyacinths, muscari are members of the lily family. These small purple bulbs, usually under 10 inches tall, are best planted in masses for maximum impact. Up close, the individual flowers are



Like daffodils, grape hyacinths are deer resistant and are best planted in masses for maximum impact





clusters of miniature grapes. They do best planted at the base of shrubs, will naturalize under trees, add color to liriope, and are deer-resistant. In spring-themed containers, they give a smoky lilac pop under lipstick red tulips or paper-white daffodils. Don't worry if their leaves show up in the fall-this is normal and your flowers will still bloom come spring.

**Species Tulips** (Tulipa sp.) If you're tired of hybridized, typical tulips petering out after three years, consider



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species tulips. Less well known, these tulips bloom dependably year-after-year (perennialize), and are better than their taller relatives. At 4-12 inches tall, they offer a splash of color and spread naturally over time. They do well on open hillsides or in well-drained containers, where their yellow, red, mauve, white or multi-colored flowers can be the typical tulip-cup shape or fully open blossoms. Even their foliage is striking, in variegated, mottled, blue-gray and

Next spring while you're gazing upwards and admiring the blooms on the dogwood, magnolia and cherry trees, don't miss the wondrous spectacle at your feet created by those intrepid gardeners who planted flowering bulbs in the fall.

The Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH) plants thousands of flowering bulbs to enhance Delawarés urban landscapes; supports community gardens; plants trees and leads regional community forest projects; beautifies roadsides and traffic medians with native landscaping; and provides fun educational programs. TheDCH.org.



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Patricia Finn

now where your food comes from. For Dean Carlson, after 15 years of working as a bond trader on Wall Street, this mantra has become his mission as he bid farewell to finance and said hello to sustainable agriculture at Wyebrook Farm. Starting in April among the rolling hills of Honey Brook in northwestern Chester County, Dean now cares for cattle, chickens and heritage pigs on 355 lush, green acres.

#### Local Land, Local Roots

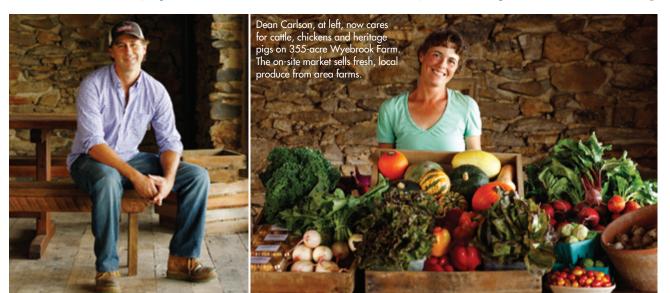
History surrounds Wyebrook Farm, land that has been continuously farmed for over 200 years. As you walk into the renovated stone barn-home to Wyebrook's market with on-site butcher shop and café—it's clear that the farm stays true to its roots. The area's history practically jumps out from the pages of an 1881 copy of *The History of Chester County* and old editions of American Agriculturalist magazine, dating back to the mid-1800s, lying on a center table.

But the other side of the table shows the future of Wyebrook Farm with books that inspired Dean to explore a new type of agriculture, like Michael Pollan's The Omnivore's Dilemma. Reading motivated Dean to take up sustainable agriculture—a method of humane animal-raising that also uses significantly less resources and chemicals.

#### Wild Things

Dean's new mission begins with the animals. Roaming the farmland, 300 Devon, Red Angus and Scottish Highland cows graze the pastures, but instead of being fattened with the typical grain feed, these cows are solely grass-fed. Following "rotational grazing," the cattle are moved to a fresh pasture at least once a day.

Nearby, raised in the woodlot for maximum exercise, live the farm's 100 heritage pigs-including the special Ossabaw breed, known for its adaptation to heat and ability to survive seasonal scarcity of the leaves, grass and insects that make up



the café. And pick up fresh eggs to take home.



most of their diet. In other areas around the farm are the 500 Freedom Rangers chickens, which grow slowly but are famous for their exceptional flavor.

The lean meat produced from these freerange and grass-fed animals creates both a delicate texture and a fuller, richer flavor. Hormone-free and well-nourished, the healthy animals at Wyebrook Farm are central to the farm's mission of sustainability.

#### Farm of the Future

Humane animal treatment is just the beginning of Dean's approach to farming. When he bought the farm, Dean made remodeling the dilapidated farm take on a whole new shade of green. As part of the "greening" process, he added solar panels that now satisfy half the farm's energy needs, changed overgrown pastures to usable grass for grazing, converted his water source to springs and a gravity holdingtank requiring no electricity, and started heating and cooling the onsite house with geothermal energy.

Add to this the renovation of the barnturned-market-and-café, now featuring a large window overlooking the pastures

and a usable deck for dining. With this transformation, Dean's goal was to become as self-sufficient as possible-a rarity in the petroleum-dependent farming that is modern agriculture.

Greener still, Wyebrook Farm also places great trust in its buyers. Besides marketing meat at the onsite market, Wyebrook Farm also delivers its beef, pork and poultry to restaurants in Philadelphia and Downingtown, those known for featuring fresh and locally sourced food, like Center City's Farm and Fisherman restaurant and Downingtown's Station Taproom. Recently a weekly Tuesday drop-off at

COOK, a state-of-the-art kitchen classroom in Philadelphia, was added for those who can't make it to Honey Brook. COOK's classroom, which respects both food product and process, is bringing more sustainable agriculture into Center City, expanding Wyebrook Farm's impact.

#### See for Yourself

On weekends, Wyebrook Farm welcomes visitors to wander across the rolling land, meet the animals in their natural habitat, and sit down for a bite. The market

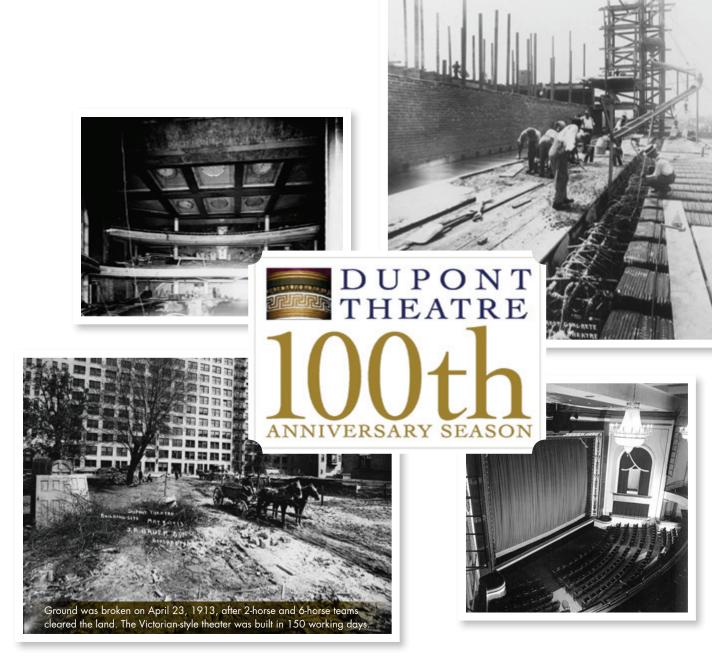
(open Fri., 3 to 7; Sat. & Sun, 11 to 6) and café (open Sat. & Sun., 11 to 5) offer selections featuring meat straight from the farm. Supporting other local farms, Dean also incorporates fresh produce grown on nearby farms, including B&H Organics in Morgantown and Paradise Organics in Paradise, onto his menu.

A signature dish of Wyebrook's butcher Janet Crandall is the Wyebrook Farm Burger. Served on a toasted brioche bun with corn dressing, cherry tomato pickled with ginger and peppers, shallot onion rings, and fried pickles, the Farm Burger celebrates the farms bounty on your plate.

On Saturday, dine away with the café menu and listen to live music in the afternoon, featuring tunes from bluegrass, country and rock. As a special treat, Dean often ends the day by whipping up a tasty meal featuring the meat of his choice. In September, Dean hosted his first farm dinner.

Determined to change the face of local farming, Dean Carlson makes Wyebrook Farm a model the whole community can experience and enjoy! •

150 Wyebrook Rd., Honey Brook. 610-942-7481; WvebrookFarm.com.



## A CENTURY OF APPLAUSE THE DUPONT THEATRE TURNS 100

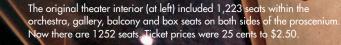
#### Carol Metzker

rare automobile pulls up to the Hotel du as a visitor waltzes through open doors and a luxurious lobby. The evening is filled with anticipa-tion as guests discover stunning crystal chandeliers zanine and balcony. And they still wait with anticipation luxurious lobby. The evening is filled with anticipaand wait for red velvet curtains to rise.

The year is 1913. The car is a newly minted Ford. The price of a ticket for a show is 25 cents, and Wilmington's brand new theater promises drama, entertainment and glitz!

One hundred years later, the cars have changed and Pont. Bystanders catch a glimpse of glitter ticket prices are now in dollars. But guests in glamorous outfits still exclaim over the grand old theater with its for the red curtains to rise on productions that dazzle.

Celebrating its centennial season, the DuPont Theatre is the oldest continuously operating theater in the nation. Right here, inside the Hotel du Pont, in Wilmington.







#### **Setting the Stage**

Originally called the Playhouse, the theater at 1007 North Market Street in Wilmington was the dream of three DuPont executives: John J. Raskob, Pierre S. du Pont and R.R.M. Carpenter. Their goal was to bring to Wilmington "the finest entertainment possible."

Early on, William A. Brady, a New York producer, provided just that with a production of The Whip, which amazed audiences with live animals and a dramatic railroad crash on stage. The executives' mission continued spectacularly with performances by celebrity actors and jawdropping drama over the next 99 years.

The Playhouse began its century of theatrical seasons and Broadway sensations around the time of Wilmington's 75th birthday. The city, built along the Christina River, had prospered during the Civil War; its businesses and boundaries were growing.

At the beginning of the 20th century, Wilmington society

and culture were flourishing, as reflected in the recent establishment of Rockford Park and the formation of the Wilmington Society of Fine Arts, known today as the Delaware Art Museum. Pierre du Pont had recently begun hosting garden parties that thrilled guests at his glorious, lush, 600-foot-long Flower Garden Walk, still a favorite today at nearby Longwood Gardens.

#### **Early Years**

At the time of the theater's inception, movies were silent-not acquiring sound until the 1920s-and television sets had not vet entered households. With Interstate 95 still on the distant horizon, the theater was a big deal for audiences looking for big-time entertainment close to home.

As eras changed, shows at the Playhouse kept pace with themes of patriotism, fantasy and progress. Annmarie O'Hara-Townsend, general

manage

of the DuPont Theatre, described the role of the theater during World Wars I and II. "Audiences could get enjoyment out of life when reality didn't look as good," she said. "It was a way to escape everyday life."

During the 1941-42 season, a play entitled The Admiral Had a Wife was slated to run on December 8. The farce about wives running the war was cancelled, however, when "they decided it wasn't so funny," O'Hara-Townsend said, alluding to the December 7th bombing of Pearl Harbor.

#### Sheer Drama

Over the decades, some shows that ran were considered scandalous by audiences. Two were particularly eyebrow-raising and, thus, secretly scintillating for theater-goers, according to Joanna Arat, author of the new book, Images of America: DuPont Theatre.

Ballet Africanes in the 1960-61 season and This is Burlesque in the 1970-71 season conjured a deep blush and a hidden smile in more than a few women. Reminiscent of vaudeville with more than a hint of bawdy behavior, the show and even the word "burlesque" led female patrons to whisper at the box office window when ordering tickets, she said.

In 1980, another show left male guests gasping, said O'Hara-Townsend. In Tennessee Williams's Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Kathleen Turner captivated the audience when she appeared as Maggie the Cat in a scene wearing only a slip.

More recently, the comedic musical Le Cage aux Folles brought spicy fun to the theater and to the Hotel du Pont, when one of the drag queens wore stilettos and risqué costumes to escort guests from the street to the lobby while valet service attended their cars.

"People loved it," recounted O'Hara-Townsend.



Famous Broadway shows including Chicago, Cats, Grease, Les Miserables and Titanic aren't the only reason crowds return year after year. Over the decades, the theater has rolled out the purple carpet for brilliant stars including the legendary Fred Astaire, incomparable Bette Davis, award-winning Carol Channing and others.

#### **Celebrating the** Centennial Season

Today, the DuPont Theatre is still going strong in an epoch when technology rules, opportunities for amusement are nearly endless and, yet, theater can still rock the world. Thousands of fans "like" the theater's Facebook page and social networkers have been all a-twitter over this season's opening musical, Elvis Lives.

Five more star-studded Broadway shows follow in the 2012-13 season-Anything Goes, Shrek the Musical, Flashdance, Dreamgirls and Memphis. Special centennial events also include "Behind the Curtain" peeks at dressing rooms and the orchestra pit; packages that include a show, dinner and a night at the Hotel du Pont. And-of course-look for an extraordinary anniversary cake baked just for the DuPont Theatre's extraordinary occasion.

The theater has also cooked up a great children's series for the season and fabulous kids' events: children's art and writing contests and a Pinkalicious Cupcake Tea. Performances for children, introduced in 1988, now greet 40,000 youngsters each year. For many, their school trip to the DuPont Theatre is a first experience at a live play or musical.



Alice Brady, opening night guest, Kathleen Turner of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, and Carol Channing from Hello Dolly! are just a few luminaries from the theater's history.

"Children walk into the Victorian theater, look up and are awed by the ceiling and chandeliers," noted O'Hara-Townsend. "Some talk about the experience with their parents and bring the family back to the theater. Others write notes to us." Families enjoy magnificent evenings together at classic productions such as Beauty and the Beast and the upcoming season's production of Shrek that transcend age.

At the DuPont Theatre's centennial celebration, there's something for everyone. "Regardless of changing economic or political climate, people will always turn to live theater for entertainment because they love it," said O'Hara-Townsend.

The stage is set for another century of applause. 🔶



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*Elvis Lives*. Multi-media and live musical journey across Elvis' life. 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.

October 6–7 Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival. Scarecrow stuffing, corn maze, turtle race, living history, Farm Olympics, pony rides. Benefits DE Nature Society's programs. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville. 10 to 5. \$5-\$8. 302-239-2334; Delaware NatureSociety.org.

October 6, 13, 20, 27 Brandywine Hayrides at Hagley Museum. Take a hayride along the Brandywine to enjoy the fall foliage. Children can try seasonal crafts and get a taste of fall with local apple cider and live music. Rt. 141, Wilmington. 11 to 4. \$4-\$11; under 6, free. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

#### October 7 Societa da Vinci Vendemmia Wine Festival. Celebrate the harvest with wine samplings and food from top area restaurants, live music, and food and wine contests. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Wilmington. 2 to 6 pm. \$50-\$60. Benefits community services. 866-771-3014; SocietaDaVinci.com.

October 13 DE Center for Horticulture: Pumpkins on Parade. Bring kids to see how a pumpkin seed turns into a vine full of pumpkins. Decorate a pumpkin, read a story, enjoy pumpkin snacks. 1810 N Dupont St., Wilmington. 10 am. \$20-\$30. 302-658-6262; The DCH.org.

#### October 20-21

Hogley Croft Foir. Craft artists from the Mid-Atlantic sell their work and demonstrate their skills in historic buildings on Hagley's grounds. Buck Rd. East entrance off Route 100, Wilmington. \$3-\$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

Through January 6, 2013 Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library's "Uncorked! Wine, Objects & Tradition." An exhibition that explores the stunning range of objects associated with the history of wine drinking. See website for events. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

Through January 13, 2013 Delaware Art Museum – "Centennial Juried Exhibition." A juried Centennial features a variety of media—drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, video, installation—and includes area artists. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



ust a few weeks after students have settled into this school year rediscovering homework, connecting with old friends, complaining about new teachers—it's time for parents contemplating a change of school to get ready for open house season. Parents who wish to enroll their son or daughter in a private school next September should begin now to investigate the wealth of school choices our area offers. As autumn arrives, so does the schedule of school open houses (an **Open House Directory** follows this article and is on our website at *CountyLinesMagazine.com*).

#### When To Start

The first school open houses have already begun—really! But schools schedule several opportunities for parents and students to visit their campuses and classrooms. To help you get to know them, schools give tours, host panels and presentations, have Q&A sessions, and involve their students, teachers, administrators and alums.

October through early December is a busy time for open house



tours—some requiring registrations, but most allowing walk-ins on mornings, afternoons and evenings, weekdays and weekends, all flexibly scheduled for even the busiest parent and child. The first Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each month will find open houses at several area schools, plus specific fall dates scheduled at others. For families interested in schools making admission decisions in early 2013, these fall sessions are essential.

After the New Year, schools continue to roll out the welcome mat. Late January through early March is the next peak open house season. Even April holds a final round of events, and there are schools that offer rolling admissions all year round on a space-available basis.

#### **Big Picture Questions**

Because there are so many fine schools to choose from, the prepared parent should begin developing general criteria to winnow down the wish list of schools to visit. Start with macro questions for the type of school: coed or single sex, religious or secular, boarding





or day, large or small, college prep or special focus (e.g., for specific interest or learning your target schools. differences), cyber or charter.

Now is also the time to consider if a private or independent school is your preference. (To oversimplify: Private schools are all nonpublic schools, including independents, but can be part of a larger organization, often a church or a for-profit group that sets policy and contributes funds. Independent schools are governed by a board of independent trustees that sets policy for the school and are funded through tuition, endowments and fundraising.)

Talk within the family-parents should discuss these questions together and talk with your child, who, after all, must live with the final choice. Without narrowing your target, your search will be too fragmented-there are almost 200 private houses and follow up visits are the best way schools in our area!

#### **Smaller Picture Questions**

With an emerging idea of the type of school you believe will be the best fit for your child—and recognizing there may be house is why area schools invest so much of several options that are excellent-you're ready to take a closer look and delve more

deeply and identify the characteristics of

The next level of sorting involves smaller scale questions and questions of degree. Schools differ in their mission, diversity, size, curriculum, rigor, extracurriculars, cost, community and more.

Consider how important class size and teacher/student ratios are. How rigorous must the curriculum be-how many AP classes? Must there be Mandarin, so your daughter can chat with Sasha Obama? What's the optimal emphasis on the arts, sports, technology? What mix of tradition, innovation and flexibility?

#### Your Target Schools

Now you're ready to do your fieldwork and visit schools you've identified. Open to discover the look and feel of each school. During the application process, a full-day visit (a shadow day) for your child and a parents' appointment may be required.

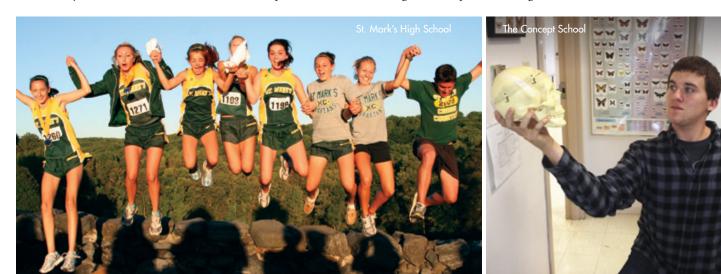
Finding the right fit during an open their time and resources in their admissions process. The decision of right fit is important to the schools as well as applicants. Schools want students who will flourish, learn, grow, contribute, be engaged and successful, become part of the community.

The wrong fit frustrates all parties and affects other students as well as teachers and the school community. Plus, no parent wants an unhappy child who hates school. Every day. At a significant cost and in so many ways.

#### **Parents' Homework**

Some prep is well worth the investment of time spent reviewing school websites (most have extensive sites with text, photos, videos, links, FAOs, virtual tours), reading "look books" with their gorgeous photos, talking with other parents about the schools.

Developing questions will help focus your attention when you visit schools. What's most important for you to find out during the visit? What special concerns and questions do you have, specific to your child? What are the financial aid options (about 30 percent of students receive some aid)? What are your major reasons for considering that school? Is the school what





## Advice from the Pros

theirs is the right fit. Here's what some area schools hope parents will learn about them.

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Sister Regina Plunkett, President

We hope families come away from an Open House at Church Farm School not only with a great sense of what makes us different than most schools—like our intimate size, commitment to educating boys, 21st-century curriculum, uncommon affordability, and strong focus on character and values—but also having had the chance to meet our best advertisement, one of our fantastic students. They are the real stars of our Open Houses.

Bart Bronk '96, Director of Admissions

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Mary Ellen Trent, Director of Admissions

The biggest piece to take away from **Devon Prep's** Open House, after learning about our students, faculty, parents and alumni, is that we are all part of a family. In your family, there are many differences, but that's what makes your family special. The people here, coming together as one, accepting each other for who they are, for the greater good of each individual's life, is a special environment to be educated in.

Patrick C. Kane, Director of Admissions

## Schools want their Open House sessions to help parents get what they need to determine if

At Episcopal Academy our mission is to challenge and to nurture the Mind, Body and Spirit of our students. We know and respect that finding the right school for your child is a major decision, and believe that attending an Open House is a good first step to learn about our school. We look forward to welcoming you to EA.

Rachel Tilney, Admissions Director

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Henry Fairfax, Director of Admissions

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#### Veronica Harrington, President

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#### John Baird, Head of School

You are entrusting your greatest treasure, your child, to a school, and when that child has a learning difference, finding the right school can be very scary. At Woodlynde School's Open Houses where you meet students, teachers and current parents who have followed this path themselves, you will KNOW if our school is the right one for you. Dorinda Shank, Director of Admission

For more advice from admissions directors, go to CountyLines-Magazine.com.



you expected? Better than expected? Many parents have that epiphany after attending an open house at a "right fit" school.

Train your parents' eyes on non-verbal cues. Your tour guides and panelists are articulate representatives of the school and its mission, so take in more than their message. Are the students comfortable with adults, are they self-possessed, role models consider attending a school music or thefor your child?

What else can you discover? What's in the halls and on the walls? Is there art by all levels of students? Do trophy cases hold scholastic trophies as well as sports memorabilia? How are desks arranged in classrooms-in rows, a circle, clusters-or are to do your research.

there options other than desks? What kind of technology do students use? What evidence is there of school pride? Of parents' support of the school?

#### Know It When You See It

Find out what kind of open house will best help you evaluate the right fit. And ater performance or sports event to see the school community in action.

Choosing the best possible school for your child is a parent's essential duty. Luckily, you have the help of trained educators who share that goal and a full open house season

#### Learn More About Area Independent Schools

In our six Guides to Education-How to Find the Best Possible Education for Your Child-County Lines has explored topics of interest to parents considering private education for their children. These guides are available online at CountyLinesMagazine.com, under Special Issues and Guides.

Here's our Top 10 list of articles you may find helpful background:

'Financing an Independent School Education"

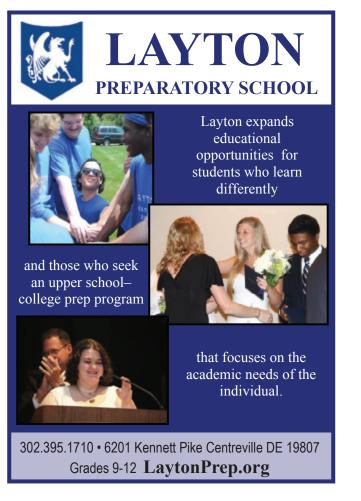
"Global Citizenship: Preparing Students for the 21st Century"

"Different Schools for Different Learning" "Open House: Independent Schools Roll Out the Welcome Mat"

"Old School: Schools With History" "Service Learning: Sowing Seeds for Civic Responsibility" "Toward Independence: Transitioning

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### **Open Houses For** Independent and **Private Schools**

#### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Bryn Mawr

#### The Baldwin School

701 Montgomery Ave. 610-525-2700; BaldwinSchool.org Oct. 24 - 6 pm; Nov. 2, Apr. 18 - 9 am *Feb.* 10 – 2 pm

#### Barrack Hebrew Academy

272 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-922-2300; JBHA.org

Barrack Hebrew Academy combines academic excellence with timeless values and traditions, preparing students in grades 6-12 to excel in learning, leading and life. A 35-acre campus features modern facilities and playing fields. Seniors are accepted to top-tier colleges and universities; alumni play leading roles at home and abroad.

Oct. 30, Nov. 15, Feb. 7, Apr. 11 - 9 am to noon

Country Day School of the Sacred Heart 480 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-527-3915; CDSSH.org

Established in 1865, Country Day School of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic, independent, college preparatory school for girls, grades PK-12. Students benefit from a 7:1 student-teacher ratio, while enjoying an international campus of over 150 schools worldwide. Sacred Heart education includes AP courses, integrated humanities and STEM curricula, community service and network exchange. Oct. 20 - Grades 9-12 - 12:30 to 2 pm 9th Gr. Scholarship Exam - Oct. 20 - 9 am Oct. 30 - Pre-K-12 - 9 to 11 am

#### St. Aloysius Academy

401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave. 610-525-1670; StAloysiusAcademy.org St. Aloysius Academy is a private, Catholic, elementary school for boys committed to the spiritual, moral and academic development of each student. A dedicated, caring faculty encourages each student to develop his God-given talents so that he will be prepared to live a life of Christian leadership and service. Oct. 17, Nov. 29, Jan. 15, Mar. 20, *Apr.* 23 – 9:30 am, *Feb.* 24 – 1 pm

#### The Shipley School

814 Yarrow St. 610-525-4300; ShipleySchool.org *Nov.* 10 – 9 to 11 am Walk-In Tours: Oct. 4, 25, Dec. 19 - 9 am

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#### **Chester Springs**

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Jan. 12 – 10 to noon; May 7, 7 to 8:30 pm

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*Oct.* 14 – 1 to 4 pm Scholarship Exam - Oct. 20, Oct. 28 - 8:30 am

#### **Downingtown** Bishop Shanahan High School

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Noon to 3 8th Gr. Scholarship Exam - Dec. 15 - 8 am

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475 Shadeland Ave.

24 - 5 to 6:30 pm

610-259-2712; HolyChildAcademy.com *Oct.* 19, *Feb.* 21 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Dec. 5, Jan. 16 - 8:30 to 10 am Twilight Tours: Nov. 14, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr.

#### Eagle

Windsor Christian Academy 213 Little Conestoga Rd. 610-458-7177; WindsorCA.org *Nov.* 7–8, *Feb.* 6, 10 – Phone for hours

#### Exton

Collegium Charter School

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Haverford Friends School Haverford 851 Buck La.

610-642-0354; FriendsHaverford.org Drop-In Tours: Wednesdays - 9 to 9:30 am

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Info. Sessions: Oct. 21 – 1 to 3 pm Look and Learn Wednesdays: Nov. 7, Nov. 28 *Dec.* 12 - 9 to 10 am

#### **Kennett Square**

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420 W. Street Rd. 610-444-3035; UplandCDS.org \*

#### **Kimberton**

#### Kimberton Waldorf School 410 W. Seven Stars Rd.

610-933-3635; Kimberton.org Nov. 18, Jan. 13, Apr. 28 - 1 to 4 pm

#### Lititz

#### Linden Hall – Girls College Preparatory 212 E. Main St. 717-626-8512; LindenHall.org Open House – Jan. 19

Student Visit-For-A-Day: Oct. 8, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 11

#### Malvern

#### Malvern Preparatory School

418 S. Warren Ave. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.com Malvern Prep is an independent, Catholic, Augustinian college preparatory school for young men in grades 6-12. The all-boys education balances rigorous academics, deep extracurricular commitment, spiritual development, global citizenship and Christian service, preparing each student to become a gentleman and a scholar.

*Open House – Oct. 21 –* 8:30 am Mornings at Malvern: Oct. 3, Nov. 14, Dec. 6, Apr. 24 - 8:30 am Academic Scholarship / Entrance Exams: *Oct. 21, 27 – 8:30* am to noon

The Phelps School

583 Sugartown Rd. 610-644-1754; PhelpsSchool.org \*

#### Villa Maria Academy High School

370 Old Lincoln Hwy. 610-644-2551; VMAHS.org Villa Maria Academy High School, prepares students to face the challenges of the 21st century with a college preparatory academic program that includes 16 Advanced Placement courses. The school is founded on the charism of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The faculty of religious and lay teachers continues to blend academic excellence and Christian values.

*Open House: Oct. 21* – 11 am to 1:30 pm Entrance / Scholarship Exams *Nov.* 3 – 9 am to 12:30 pm (Conflict) Nov. 9 - 8:30 am to noon

#### Villa Maria Academy Lower School 1140 King Rd.

610-644-4864; VillaMaria.org Villa Maria Academy is a private, Catholic, elementary school for girls and co-ed preschool

fostering leadership and service, integrating spirituality with academics, encouraging a love for life-long learning, the development of critical thinking skills, and the nurturing of creativity, aesthetic appreciation, and reverence for the person as a unique creation of God. Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Jan. 9, Mar. 13 - 9:30 am *Oct. 21* – 2 pm

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125 W. Third St. 610-565-1960; MPFS.org

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*Mar.* 1, *Apr.* 5, *May* 3 – 9 am

610-892-8000; TheWaldenSchool.org Wednesdays – 9:30 to 11 am (call to confirm)

The Walden School

901 N. Providence Rd.

Merion Mercy Academy

Waldron Mercy Academy

610-664-6655; Merion-Mercy.com

610-664-9847; WaldronMercy.org

511 Montgomery Ave.

*Oct.* 14 – 1 to 4 pm

513 Montgomery Ave.

*Oct. 28* – Noon

462 Malin Rd.

*Nov.* 4 – 2 to 4 pm

*Apr*: 6 – 9 to 11 am

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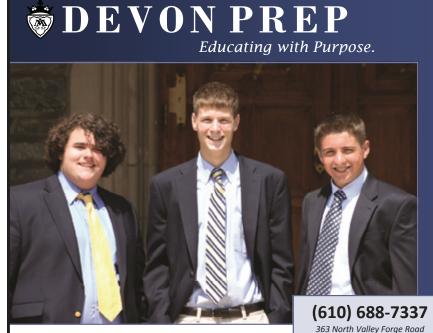
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Sunday, November 11th 10:00 a.m

Sixth Grade Entrance & Scholarship Exam Saturday, January 26, 2013 9:00 a.m.



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#### **Rose Valley**

School in Rose Valley

20 School La. 610-566-1088; TheSchoolInRoseValley.org Oct. 3, Nov. 14, 17, Dec. 2 - 9 to 11 am *Oct. 21* – 10 to noon *Ian.* 12 – 10 to 11:30 am

#### Rosemont

#### Agnes Irwin School

Ithan Ave. & Conestoga Rd. 610-525-8400; AgnesIrwin.org Spanning more than 140 years of excellence in all-girls' education, The Agnes Irwin School is an independent college preparatory school for students in grades PreK-12 that fosters the intellectual and personal growth of girls and young women, preparing each student to lead and to enrich the world.

*Oct.* 4 – *Lower School* – 9 to 10:30 am *Oct.* 21 – All grades – 2 to 4 pm

#### Rosemont School of the Holy Child 1344 Montgomery Ave.

610-922-1000; RosemontSchool.org First Wednesdays, Oct-May - 9 am

#### Strafford

Woodlynde School 445 Upper Gulph Rd. 610-687-9660; Woodlynde.org One of the region's leading educational resources for intelligent, talented students with learning differences in grades K-12. Students benefit from small classes with expert and caring teachers; multi-sensory, evidence-based learning programs; differentiated instruction; metacognition techniques; and innovative assistive technology. Provides a challenging, college preparatory curriculum and active student life program.

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Open House: Nov. 4 – All Grades – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

#### West Chester

Collegium Charter School 103 N. Everhart St. 610-903-1300; Collegium-Charter.org \*

Discovery School & Camp 325 N. Five Points Rd., 610-696-5984 DiscoverySchoolAndCamp.com \*

#### Goshen Friends School

814 N. Chester Rd. 610-696-8869; GoshenFriends.org *Oct.* 15 – K – 1 pm Oct. 21 – All grades – 2 to 4 pm

West Chester Friends School 415 N. High St. 610-696-2962; WCFriends.org \*

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#### Wynnewood

Friends' Central School Upper School 1101 City Ave. 610-649-7440; FriendsCentral.org

*Nov.* 8 – *Gr.* 5-12 – 8:45 to 11 am Friends' Central School, Lower School 228 Old Gulph Rd. 610-642-7575; FriendsCentral.org Oct. 4, Nov. 14 - PreK-4 - 9 am



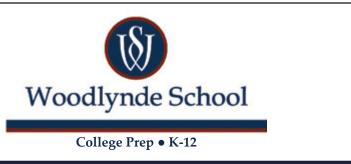


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#### Claymont

Archmere Academy 3600 Philadelphia Pk. 302-798-6632; ArchmereAcademy.org *Nov.* 18 – 1 to 4 pm

#### Hockessin

Sonford School 6900 Lancaster Pk. (Rt. 41) 302-239-5263; SanfordSchool.org \*

#### Wilmington Christian School

825 Loveville Rd.
302-239-2121; WilmingtonChristian.org
Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5
Mar. 5, Apr. 9 – 9 to 11 am

#### Newark

The Independence School 1300 Paper Mill Rd. 302-239-0330 TheIndependenceSchool.org \*

#### Tall Oaks

181 Stanton-Christiana Rd. 302-738-3337 TallOaksClassicalSchool.org \*

#### Wilmington

Albert Einstein Academy 101 Garden of Eden Rd. 302-478-5026; AEAcademy.org *Tours: Every Wed. and by appt.* Padua Academy 905 N. Broom St.

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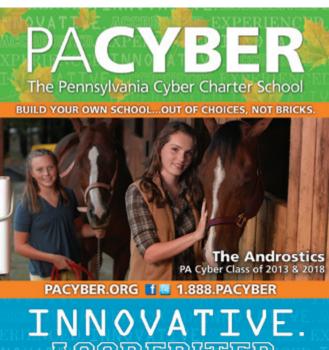
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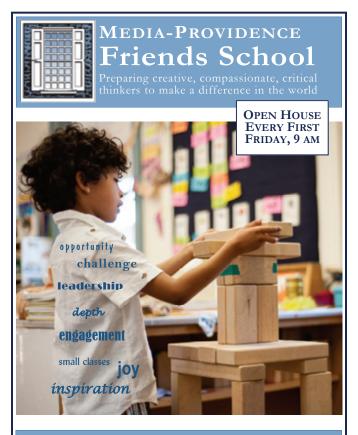
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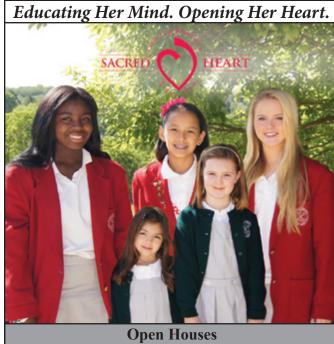
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350 Noxontown Rd. 302-285-4231; StAndrews-DE.org Oct. 12, Nov. 9 - 1:15 pm Space is limited, registration required.

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*Open House – Nov. 4 – 12:30 to 3:30 pm Mar.* 12 – 6:30 pm

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1801 N. Broom St. 302-654-2495; Salesianum.org *Nov.* 11 – 12:30 to 3:30 pm

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1501 Barley Mill Rd. 302-998-2292; Tatnall.org Nov. 10 – 8:30 am (registration required)

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302-575-0550; TowerHill.org Oct. 2, Dec. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 10 - 9 am *Nov.* 4 – 1 pm

Ursuline Academy 1106 Pennsylvania Ave. 302-658-7158; Ursuline.org *Nov.* 4 – *Gr.* 7-12 – 1 to 3 pm *Nov.* 11 – *PreK-6* – 1 to 3 pm

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Jan. 16, Mar. 13, Apr. 16, May 8 – 9 to 11; *Feb 3* – 1 to 3 pm

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Oct. 10, Nov. 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Feb. 27, Mar. 17, Apr. 10, May 1, May 29, June 26, July 17, Aug. 14 – 9 to 11 am

*Nov.* 4 – 1 to 3 pm

#### Vanguard School

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#### Rosemont

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roam through antiques, furniture, crafts and various shops. Maybe, but not what I'm after today.

and upscale shopping. Not to mention after-school traffic.

Delaware County. But the roads become choked approaching Media. Hmmm. Not today.

docents. I'll pass.

And, so, southwest. Past Oxford and Nottingham. The county line there is a fair distance from West Chester. There are few buildings. Mostly farms, silos, cattle, corn. Crisp air, open spaces, broad skythey suit me fine today.

stalks of corn are brown or already cut. The aroma of manure, strangely pleasant, earthy and rich.

children wear straw hats, white caps and dark, modest clothing. A young girl waves.

the season now.

buses, then a trestle for the rail. I stop. There are no tracks. I don't know where they'd go.

should get a map or turn on the GPS, but there's only one road out here.

one or two banks, several family-oriented businesses, an internet café and other assorted shops.

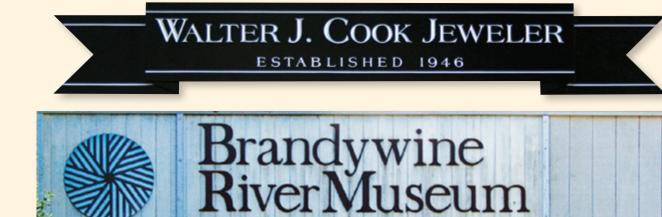
my fall sojourn is over.

and find the advertisements.) Enjoy this year's fall ramble.

#### A Fall Shopping Ramble

- To the west is Lancaster County. I can sample rolling farmland and simplicity. I've already been on Lincoln Highway, though. Similarly, to the northwest is Berks County. Picturesque, woodsy. I can
- The northeast is tempting. Former industrial towns. Battlefields converted to parkland. From Pottstown, by Phoenixville and Valley Forge. Ultimately, the Main Line and its well-manicured estates
- Or I can head southeast. The county line is close there, touching such towns as Kennett Square, Glen Mills and Chadds Ford. The Brandywine River Museum and Media's Veterans Museum are nearby in
- Maybe Delaware? The land of the du Ponts and old money. Farms and gentlemen; museums and
- I take Route 272 north from Nottingham, near the southern and western edges of Chester County. Windows and sunroof open, the last of a waning summer rushes by. My nearly-classic Land Rover hums low. The
- Soon I'm among the Amish, and I realize I unknowingly passed into Lancaster County. Here, the
- There's an occasional church, a church that's been converted to a garage, and another garage. And a lot that sells farm equipment. A vegetable and fruit stand promises much, but is closed, apparently for
- A dairy outlet comes and goes briskly as I ride up and down the hills. A school and a hundred school
- The road signs mention New Britain. Another Lancaster. I'm farther west than I thought. Perhaps I
- Eventually, I reach Quarryville and turn east. It seems a veritable metroplex amidst the corn, cows and wagging orange-tailed buggies. There are about five blocks, an Italian restaurant, a Dollar Store,
- Christiana and Atglen are even larger, and the traffic is denser. But between the towns, just the road and me. I pass through towns that are too small to be easily found by Google. I enter Chester County and note immediately the large warehouses along the road, the semis in the rear-view mirror. Then, suddenly, Coatesville, with large, brown, hulking buildings, which make, or made, steel. And I realize
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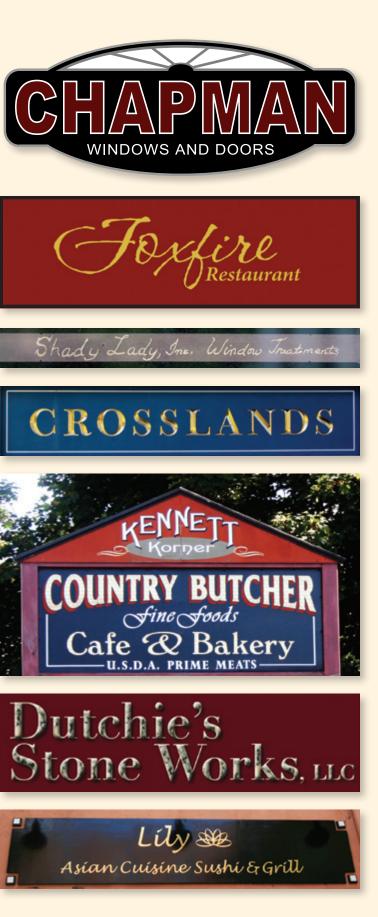
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## ON THE **Eastern Shore**

oday I'm after real food. What are the food treats, I Alas, I buy an apple: one of the crispest, sweetest, juicask, from Maryland's Eastern Shore, besides crabs? iest Honey Crisps ever. And an Amish farmer has half a I've heard about their renowned poultry-Perdue dozen pumpkin woopie pies. I taste-mmmm-I buy. The tomatoes, however, are gone: a lady bought the last started there in 1920. I've passed many farms on my way from West Chester. Let me taste their bread, their wine, of them and loaded them in her trunk. Peaches? Gone. their home-grown product. I watch as greens and some corn are loaded back into a truck. It was a good market day, I'm told.

Ed Malet

#### **The Farmers Market**

I head off to the Chestertown Farmers and Artisans Market, one of the largest on the Eastern Shore, in Fountain Park, about three blocks from the waterfront. But the local vendors are largely packing up. And it's only 12:15! (It's open until 1, according to my information; until noon, according to better information.)



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Doug Rae, of Evergrain Bakery, below, before the few ren eil loaves on a recent Saturday and racks of his baked go of his baked goods at right



#### **Evergrain Bread Company**

One vendor I miss at the market is Doug Rae of Evergrain Bread Company. Born in Chestertown, Doug worked with artisan bakers in the U.S. and Paris. When Chestertown needed a bakery, one specializing in breads made the Old World way, he came home.

The focus of Evergrain is on, not surprisingly, the grain-not on the seeds, the fruits, or other additions—but on the flavor of the grain itself. Doug hand-selects it, then ferments it slowly. Very slowly. The method evolved in Europe and is quite different from the mass production methods of large commercial bakeries in America.

Doug is at the bakery on High Street, a block from the docks. I catch him and the store, but almost miss the contents. The shelves are nearly empty. I watch the last of the semolina sourdough loaves disappear into a shopping bag. I never even see the baguettes, campagnes, or 7-grain loaves. I lay my hands, however, on a massive Miche de Meteil-a hearty round loaf of whole wheat and rye flours (pictured above, on the shelf). And savor it all the way home and all weekend.

## **Crow Farm**

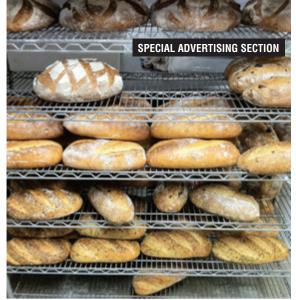
tions. I could be in Iowa.

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and only vineyard, growing its own grapes and bottling its own wines. The Crows also raise Angus beef, about 90 head, feeding them on the property's 350-odd acres of







With my provisions, I head for another destination-this one in Kennedyville. On both sides of the road, I'm passing high corn, ready for harvest. Corn in all direc-

I turn off the main road, drive several miles, turn again. The gravel drive up to Crow Farm crunches under my tires. Buildings gradually come into view on the horizon. Vineyards-a young one and a

Judy Crow is a very busy woman, but she greets me amiably. Roy, she explains, is tending to the cows. The farm, she begins in a well-rehearsed tone, was in her husband's family for three generations and was operated as a dairy farm. Five years ago, they worked out a plan for authenticity, sustainability and profitability, which included cattle, a vineyard, and a bed and breakfast. Today, the farm is the Eastern Shore's first grass. (Having brought home and grilled their Delmonico and strip steaks, I can



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attest to the taste and quality of their grass-fed beef.) And you'll find free-range chickens, not to mention several dogs, cats, and miscellaneous interns, consultants and children.

The final part of the plan is the bed and breakfast: three guestrooms and a cottage. The guests are on a "Farm Stay" during which they sample "farm life" at their discretion. (Though I doubt they have to rise with the rooster.) The visitors can tour the barn and the winery, with its stainless steel tanks, sorting tables, presses and other winemaking equipment. They can also collect the eggs, tend the herds, taste the wine... The tasting room tends to be a popular spot. As is the swimming pool.

I wish I had more time. I leave the Crow Farm with a couple of steaks and a bottle of Sparkling Vidal Blanc, which proved to be a crisp, bubbly delight. In my car are the remainder of the woopie pies and bread. I'll stop at a farm stand along the way to get some fruit, maybe some tomatoes and other vegetables.

It's an hour and a half to home, but I cross the line into Delaware bearing the makings of a wonderful meal.

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Kent County, MD Events October 6

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#### October 25-28

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## Dining



t felt really good to be back at The Farmhouse. As the three of us settled in on a busy Saturday evening, we agreed it had been too long since our last visit. Over the years, this welcoming historic gem in a beautiful country setting has always maintained its appeal, especially for a leisurely dinner.

Before we opened our menus, we just had to check out the multitude of old-timey objects that hang on the walls and down from the low ceilings that recall the building's 18th-century beginnings. There are birdhouses, old signs, Wyeth-country artwork, dried flower arrangements, weathered weathervanes and decoys. A few of the farm and household utensils intrigue because you can't figure out what they could possibly be used for. A cigar-store Indian stands watch over it all.

Handsome oriental carpets on the wide-plank floors, candles flickering on crisp linens and servers clad in black and white enhance the refined side of the rustic ambiance. My worldtraveling friends said it feels French to them. To me, it's pure Americana. Either way, it's charming.

The menu has broad appeal, too, offering tempting classic dishes, both Continental and American, designed to please traditional as well as contemporary tastes. And they're prepared with skill and imagination.

#### **A Really Good Start**

My beef-loving companion felt confident that if he ordered The Welsh oyster stew topped with house-made buttermilk the Center-Cut Filet Mignon (\$35) cooked medium-rare, it and a chive biscuit was the immediate appetizer choice for one would indeed be medium rare. He was right. And he high-fived of my companions, until he heard the server's description of the man-sized, pan-seared filet, served on sautéed exotic mush-Oysters on the Half Shell (\$12.95/six). He immediately switched, rooms with a classic red wine demi-glace sauce. Along with a and was delighted he had. The freshly shucked beauties, served heap of perfect mashed potatoes and stack of slender asparagus on shaved ice, came with three sauces: traditional cocktail, a spears, it was a feast. For another \$4, the kitchen will top the filet with Maryland-style jumbo lump crab mix and béarnaise vinegary mignonette with minced shallots and cracked pepper, and a balsamic-based sauce with finely chopped onion. sauce. Whew!

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#### Lise Monty

Vietnamese Spring Rolls (\$8) scored as another appetizer choice with their crispy skins holding a tasty mix of ground pork, mushrooms, bean thread noodles and veggies, lightly seasoned with those distinctive Vietnamese flavors. The spring rolls were served on a bed of chilled rice pasta, a first for me.

Other appetizers included a petite version of The Farmhouse's super-star crab cakes, escargots, house pâté with cognac and cream, mushroom soup, mushroom tart, cheese board with sun-dried fig compote, Florida rock shrimp, and a smokehouse sampler with smoked salmon and duck breast.

I've been on a beet salad kick recently and am happy to report this was the best of them all. Sliced beets covered the bottom of the bowl in the Toasted Beet & Arugula Salad (\$9), with a toss of baby arugula, pears and toasted almonds on top, dressed with a light vinaigrette. Mouth-watering.

Other salad offerings: classic Caesar served in a homemade locatelli cheese bowl, spinach salad with apples and walnuts, and warm goat cheese salad with port dressing. And one special, a tomato salad showcasing a seasonal and local treat, in keeping with The Farmhouse statement "proud support of locally farm-raised products," on the menu.

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I savored the excellent North Atlantic Salmon Fillet (\$29), a large portion ovensteamed with leeks and baby spinach in a white wine saffron broth with fingerling potatoes, and saluted its healthful preparation. The evening's appetizer special, Seared Scallops (\$12), ordered as an entrée, delighted. The three plump scallops, seared perfectly to preserve their sweet, delicate flavor while showing off their caramelized tops and bottoms, were enhanced by a light lemon sauce.

Other entrées include The Farmhouse's famous crab cakes, described by staff as "our biggest draw ... all crab, with no filler, no binder, no Old Bay," and surfand-turf, which pairs a crab cake with filet mignon and exotic mushroom sauté. Also, a veal tenderloin and Maine lobster combo sautéed with oyster mushrooms, white wine, lemon and capers over a creamy risotto. More from the menu: Long Island duck, New York strip steak au poivre, New Zealand lamb loin chops and roast pork tenderloin.

#### **Sweet Endings**

The Peach Tart (\$7) wowed us. Round and plump with slightly sweetened fruit encased in flaky pastry, it was presented on a large plate covered with perfect alternating swirls of raspberry and vanilla sauces. Wonderful. Oh, there was a scoop of rich vanilla ice cream, too.

At our server's recommendation, we tried the Flan (\$7), a true classic with a welcomed kick of coffee flavor. We hated to pass it up, but decided we would wait until our next visit to indulge in The Farmhouse's signature dessert, Praline Ice Cream Pie, a decadent blend of vanilla ice cream, crunchy bits of praline and rich caramel sauce.

#### **Another Thing: Time-sensitive**

The Farmhouse's outdoor terrace, which overlooks pretty gardens and rolling hills, will stay open through October and a bit beyond, weather permitting. It's a lovely spot.  $\blacklozenge$ 

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## Food News

"Blackbirds and the sun of October/Summery/On the hill's shoulder" was how Dylan Thomas put it on his 30th birthday in 1944. And the thought still seems right, possible, desirable and Chester County-ish today. October should be autumn's crown, a bounty month preceding winter's potential difficulties. For me, October is about harvests and meals composed around apples, mushrooms, olives and grains, abundant items in the Pennsylvania larder.

Early Thanksgiving, Eh? Monday, October 8th is Canadian Thanksgiving, for those who want a reason to celebrate early. Declared an official national holiday in 1957, although its roots date back to a 1578 Northwest Passage expedition, Canadian Thanksgiving has both the festive and the serious elements of our national holiday. I've linked my ideal Thanksgiving menu, which highlights slowroasted duckling, "21" Club-style. I've also included my daughter Jane's tribute to Canada in the form of the "St. Croix Sandwich," named for the Maine-Canada boundary river she crossed by canoe at summer camp during a brief unplanned invasion of our northern neighbor. Don't tell anyone, please.



How Do You Like Penn Apples? John Bartram, the great Quaker horticulturalist, began cultivating apples along the Schuylkill in the 1720s; Benjamin Franklin took up his work from 1759. Although common, our delicious apples are prized for eating out of hand, cooking or consuming as cider. Pennsylvania Apples (PennsylvaniaApples.org) lists 25 varieties grown in the state and shows where you can buy them at supermarkets, farm markets and "u-pick" orchards. Our family is partial to the apple cider sold at Pete's Produce and at Good Harvest Farms in Wayne's Lancaster Farm Market. We also love our baked apple recipe, which you can find online at CountyLinesMagazine.com.



vated and wild mushrooms, including spring's exquisite wild morels and autumn's delicious and medically propitious wild hen-of-the-woods variety. Wild Mushrooms on Toast makes a luxurious meal. So do these two Joe's Mushroom Soup recipes (recipes available online). All reasons October is, for me, Mushroom Month, despite September's festival.

Foreign Oil. Visiting West Chester's A Taste Of Olive can make you forget that we don't grow olives in Pennsylvania. The best Thanksgiving we ever spent was one in Florence tasting Tuscany's new vintage of olive oils with the excited native population. A stroll through A Taste Of Olive, sampling its many plain and flavored oils, vividly and happily recalls that trip. This holiday season we'll be purchasing a selection of their olive oils and excellent vinegars as gifts and possibly creating our own flavor chemistry by adding to them herbs from our garden. ATasteOfOlive.com.

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



Wild Mushrooms. Kennett Square's renown as "Mushroom Capital of the World" and the availability of so many excellent local cream of mushroom soups, long ago established for me Pennsylvania's deep association with mushrooms. My wife, whose West Chester parents often took her to the legendary Joe's in Reading-America's most famous mushroom restaurant, which moved to Oregonfeels the same way. Pennsylvania is known both for culti-



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.

## **Mushrooms**

#### Laura Muzzi Brennan

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ot for nothing is Kennett Square called "The got a legion of fans-more like ambassadors-who are U.S. and upon leaving, the VP told Hulbert, "Don't practically poetic on the subject of fungi.

Since fall 2011, Chef Brett Hulbert has been showcasing Kennett Square's pride at Portabello's, a welcoming 65-seat BYOB on West State Street. With access to nearby mushroom suppliers like Laf- Festival, which has been held every September for the past

ferty, To-Jo and Phillips Farms, Hulbert says he could happily include mushrooms in half of his menu's dishes.

Portabello mushroom fries and an exotic mushroom crepe rank among the restaurant's popular small plates, while State Street Mushroom Soup, flavored with Madeira wine and toasted shallots,

with portabellos, garlic, caramelized shallots and parsley butter remind anyone lucky enough to sample a forkful that simple food made with quality ingredients has no

rivals. quality—Hulbert strives to offer "simple foods prepared perfectly" means constant improvisation. He tweaks the menu every two weeks season, and he incorporates the best of many cuisines-Spanish, French, Italian and Asian-into this ever-

evolving menu. Some dishes, like the portabello fries and lobster ravioli, however, have earned a permanent place the local treasure in our own on his globally-inspired menu.

What's more: Hulbert's under strict orders from Vice Mushroom Capital of the World." It supplies President Joe Biden regarding his chicken parmesan. over 60% of the nation's mushrooms, and it's Biden declared Portabello's chicken parm the best in the change your sauce! I'll be back."

> Just across the street from Portabello's sits The Mushroom Cap where owner Kathi Lafferty offers all manner of things mushroom. An organizer of the Mushroom

> > 27 years, Lafferty comes by her enthusiasm for mushrooms honestly: her family operates nearby

The Mushroom Cap carries many varieties of fresh mushrooms in its cooler including whites, shiitakes, portabellos, oyster and maitakes. On the shelves, visitors find mushroom-themed tea towels,

stars in the soup category. And the rustic egg noodles t-shirts (including the punny "Shitake Happens in Kennett Square") and food items. Lafferty herself invented the popular Snack N' Shrooms, a mushroom chip that's dried not fried and comes in a variety of flavors.

The Mushroom Cap also houses a small museum in A commitment to its back room. Visitors can watch a short video about Chester County's mushroom industry (while seated on mushroom-shaped stools, of course!), and peek into a miniature model of a mushroom production facility.

And if Louise D'Amico, whose family business is To-Jo Mushrooms, happens to be working considering what's in at the shop that day, she'll gladly reel off her recipe for an easy, satisfying portabello salad.

> Although we Brandy-winers might take the humble mushroom for granted, a foray into Kennett Square reminds us of backyards.



#### **Roasted Mushroom and Blue Cheese Hummus**

At Portabello's in Kennett Square, Chef Brett Hulbert likes to serve this flavorful spread with fresh vegetables and crostini.

#### 2 lbs. button mushrooms

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. extra virgin olive oil, divided Salt and pepper to taste 20-30 garlic cloves, sliced 1, 15.5-oz. can garbanzo beans, rinsed 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs. blue cheese, crumbled 1 bunch scallions, chopped 3 Tb. fresh thyme, chopped 2 Tb. fresh tarragon, chopped

Preheat oven to 500°. Coat mushroom with half of the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast until mushrooms are reduced in size by about a third, approximately 25 minutes. Allow to cool.

Over high heat sauté garlic in remaining olive oil until edges just start to brown. Allow to cool.

In a food processor, purée all ingredients. Makes approximately 10-12 servings.

#### **KSQ Bread Salad**

KSQ stands for Kennett Square, of course. Chef Brett Hulbert suggests serving this salad over a bed of your favorite lettuces.

#### 2 lbs. roasted mushrooms

1/4 C. extra virgin olive oil, divided Salt and pepper to taste

- 10 cloves garlic, sliced
- 3 lbs. heirloom tomatoes,
- cut into large dice
- 1 medium sweet onion, sliced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. red wine vinegar
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. fresh local basil, chopped
- 1 Tb. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. croutons

Preheat oven to 500°. Coat mushrooms with half of the olive oil and season salt and pepper. Roast until mushrooms are reduced in size by about a third, approximately 25 minutes. Allow to cool.

Over high heat, sauté garlic in remaining olive oil until edges just start to brown. Allow to cool.

In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients, except croutons, and season with salt and pepper. Let stand 15 minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic. Twenty minutes before serving, add croutons and toss.

Makes approximately 8-10 servings.

#### **Steak and Portabello** Mushroom Kabobs

Chef Brett Hulbert calls on Asian ingredients to add punch to this dish. Five spice powder combines peppercorns, star anise, cloves, cinnamon and fennel seeds, and it tastes of all five flavors: sweet, sour, bitter, pungent and salty. Kimchee, a spicy condiment popular in Korean cooking, is made from fermented cabbage, garlic, vinegar and chile peppers. For the kabobs:

 $\frac{1}{2}$  C. soy sauce

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. dark brown sugar 1 large onion, puréed 3 Tb. fresh ginger, puréed 2 Tb. sesame oil

1 tsp. five spice powder 4 lbs. sirloin steak, cut into 11/4" cubes 8-10 Portabello mushrooms, cut into 11/4" cubes

Skewers

In a large bowl, combine soy, brown sugar, onion, ginger, sesame oil and spice powder. Add sirloin and marinate for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 hours at room temperature.

Skewer beef and mushrooms. Grill kabobs until middle of sirloin reaches 125°. Remove from heat and let stand for at least 5 minutes. Serve with slaw. Makes approximately 8 servings.

The Slaw:

1 C. kimchee, chopped 2 C. Napa cabbage, shredded 1 Bermuda onion, sliced Juice of 2 limes

Toss all slaw ingredients together and let stand for at least 1 hour.

My sister makes this comforting dish whenever the temperature falls below 50. She serves it atop wide egg noodles. Add a green salad, and you've got dinner.

- 1 Tb. olive oil

1 lb. thinly sliced steak (beef stir fry pieces or cook's choice) 1 medium onion, chopped 1 lb. mushrooms, sliced 1, 10.5-oz. can cream of chicken soup Salt, pepper and garlic salt to taste

2 Tb. flour <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. sour cream

1 tsp. Kitchen Bouquet for darker color, optional

In a large skillet coated with the olive



## Lafferty Farms.

#### **Beef Stroganoff**



#### What's in a **Mushroom Name?**

The word "mushroom" comes from the French word "mousseron" meaning moss, the place where mushrooms grow. Of the 38,000 known species, many possess delightfully whimsical names. For the meanings behind the monikers, read on

Hen of the Woods resembles a hen with ruffled feathers. Also known as "maitake" (Japanese for "dancing mushroom"), this mushroom can weigh up to 20 pounds. No wonder the mushroom hunter dances when he finds one!

Porcini means "piglets" in Italian, so called because pigs fight for them. Usually associated with Italy, this "king of mushrooms" actually grows in many parts of Europe, China and North America.

Shiitake stands for "shii mushroom' in Japanese. "Shii" refers to the type of tree whose dead logs provide fertile real estate for this exotic species.

Portabellos (sometimes spelled Portobello or Portabella) might be named after London's Portobello Road, the home of many upscale shops and antique stores. Or the name might refer to the television show "Portobello." Northern Italians call this variety "cap pellone" which means "big hat."

Creminis, aka baby bellas, derive their name from the Italian word for cream, a nod to their color. When a cremini grows to 4-6" in diameter, it's labeled a portabello.

**Oyster** mushrooms possess caps and mild taste evocative of oysters.

oil, brown beef and onion together. Drain off fat. Add mushrooms, soup and seasonings to taste. Cover and simmer for about 20 minutes.

Add flour and sour cream to beef mixture. Increase heat and stir until mixture bubbles. Add Kitchen Bouquet, stir once

#### **Mushroom Grab Bag**

Mushroom history and lore abound in Kennett Square. Below are some interesting tidbits I picked up when I visited.

William Swayne, a Kennett Square florist, is often referred to as the father of the U.S. mushroom growing industry. In the late 1800s, Swayne decided to put the space under his carnation beds to good use. He imported mushroom spawn from England and started Kennett Square on the road to becoming the Mushroom Capital of the World.

Clean mushrooms with a brush or a slightly damp towel to loosen the dirt. If you must wash, rinse don't soak, and dry them immediately.

Ancient Egyptians believed that mushrooms brought immortality to anyone who ate them. By law, only pharaohs could partake of the magic food.

Other ancient cultures grew mushrooms for warriors, claiming that the fungi gave these men superhuman strength.

Mushrooms are more nutritious than you may thing. They're low in fat, sodium and calories, yet high in potassium and fiber.

more and then shut off heat. Allow to sit for 5 minutes before serving. Makes 4-6 servings.

#### **Funghi Ripieni** (Italian Stuffed Mushrooms)

I adapted this recipe from Jane Grigson's The Mushroom Feast. Published in 1975, this book is part field guide, part history, and part recipe collection. For mushroom lovers, it's simply a treasure. Note: feel free to increase or decrease the amount of anchovies based on your taste.

#### 15 large white mushrooms 1 Tb. olive oil

- 1 garlic clove, minced 1 large shallot, diced
- 1, 4-oz. tin of anchovies packed in
- olive oil, drained and oil reserved
- 1/2 C. chopped Italian parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 slices Ciabatta or other Italian bread, moistened with water and torn into dime-sized pieces 1 egg, beaten

#### Grated parmesan cheese, optional 1 lemon, cut into 4 wedges

Preheat oven to 400°. Remove stems from mushrooms. Chop stems along with three of the mushrooms. You will have 12 mushroom caps and 1-2 C. chopped mushrooms. Set aside.

In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Do not allow garlic to burn. Add shallots and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Increase heat and add chopped mushrooms. Cook for 5 minutes. While mushrooms cook, chop anchovies. Stir in anchovies and parsley and cook for 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat. Add salt and pepper to taste.

In a large bowl, stir together mushroom mixture, bread and egg.

Coat the bottom of an ovenproof dish with a teaspoon or two of the reserved oil from anchovies. Arrange mushroom caps close together and spoon mixture into them. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake for 10-15 minutes. Serve with lemon wedges.

Makes 4 appetizer servings.

#### **Exotic Mushroom Pizza**

Recipe courtesy of The Official Cookbook of the Mushroom Festival, an annual event in Kennett Square.

- 1, 12-inch pre-baked pizza crust
- 3 Tb. olive oil, plus extra for brushing on crust

1 lb. assorted exotic mushrooms,

- sliced or chopped (If using shiitakes, remove stem.)
- 4-5 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 shallots or mild onion.
- thinly sliced or minced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. dry red wine, optional
- 1 oz. gorgonzola cheese, crumbled
- 8 oz. fontina cheese, grated or
- thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Put pizza stone or pan in oven and heat to 425°. While stone is heating, brush a little olive oil evenly over pizza crust. Bake 5-7 minutes or until oil bubbles. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly. (If using a thin crust, you can eliminate this pre-baking step.)

Heat sauté or frying pan on high heat. Add 3 Tb. olive oil, garlic and shallots. Quickly sauté for 30 seconds. Do not allow mixture to burn. Add mushrooms

to hot pan and sauté until most mushroom juices have evaporated, about 3-5 minutes. Add wine and continue to sauté until wine completely evaporates and mushrooms have turned a darker shade of brown, about 2-3 minutes. Remove mixture from heat.

Spread gorgonzola cheese evenly over warm crust so that it melts slightly. Spread mushroom mixture evenly over the crust. Add the fontina cheese, distributing it as evenly as possible. Season with salt and pepper.

Place on hot stone in oven and bake 12-15 minutes or until cheese is lightly browned and bubbly. Cool and cut into small rectangles for hors d'oeuvres or into pie-shaped pieces for a main course. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 12 appetizer or 4 main course servings.

#### **Flaky Sherry Mushroom Turnovers**

Recipe courtesy of The Official Cookbook of the Mushroom Festival.

2 Tb. butter

- 1 garlic clove, minced 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 large carrot, shredded
- 1 tsp. marjoram
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. chicken broth
- 2 Tb. sherry
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pkg. (6) Pepperidge Farm frozen

pastry shells, thawed per directions on box

Shredded cheese (cook's choice), opt. Butter or egg wash, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Melt butter in a frying pan. Add garlic and onion and cook until soft and golden. Add sliced mushrooms, carrot and marjoram. Cook until liquid has evaporated.

In a bowl, combine cornstarch, chicken broth and sherry. Add to mushroom mixture. Cook, stirring constantly until the sauce boils and thickens. Season with salt and pepper. Let this mixture cool completely.

On a floured board, roll each pastry shell into a 71/2" circle. Place 1/2 C. of the mushroom filling on half of each pastry circle. If desired, add a tablespoon or two of cheese.

Lightly moisten the edges of the pastry with water and fold pastry over the filling to enclose. Press the edges together with a fork. Prick the tops with a fork and arrange turnovers on a baking sheet. (If you like, cover and refrigerate until the next day.) If desired, brush the tops with melted butter or an egg wash (a beaten egg mixed with a little water).

Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes or until brown and puffy. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Makes 6 servings.

#### **Brandywine Mushroom Terrine**

This recipe calls for giving the terrine a water bath, providing a gentler way to cook while providing the necessary moisture. Here's how to make one. Place your filled baking dish into a large, deep roasting pan and then place both in the oven. Using a large measuring cup with a spout or even a watering can (free of old leaves, of course), add enough hot water so that it reaches halfway up the pan. Recipe courtesy of The Official Cookbook of the Mushroom Festival.

3 oz. butter 1 large onion, diced



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2 cloves garlic, minced 1 lb. portabello mushrooms, chopped finely 1 lb. white mushrooms,

chopped coarsely 3 C. shredded fresh spinach

3 Tb. sherry

3 eggs, beaten

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. chopped macadamia nuts <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. fresh chopped parsley 1 Tb. fresh chopped rosemary Salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste 1 Tb. of your favorite pesto added to

1/2 C. mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 350°. Sauté onion in butter until soft. Add garlic, mushrooms, spinach and sherry. Cook until dry. Set aside to cool.

In a mixer, beat cream cheese until light. Add eggs, one at a time, until incorporated. Mix in mushroom/spinach mixture. Fold in nuts and seasonings. Pour into greased Pyrex bread loaf pan. Top with aluminum foil. Bake in a water bath for 2 hours. Cool in refrigerator overnight. Unmold, slice and serve on crackers or oatcakes with a dollop of pesto mayonnaise.

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. cream cheese, room temperature

Makes 1 loaf-sized terrine.

#### **Quick Mushroom Salad**

Quantities don't matter much in this quick and easy recipe. Just let your taste be your guide. Recipe from Louise D'Amico of To-Jo Farms and The Mushroom Cap.

Portabello mushroom cap Salt and pepper to taste Olive oil Lettuce Bruschetta for topping Diced Mozzarella or Feta cheese **Balsamic vinegar** 

Preheat oven to 350°. Put a portabello cap, gill side up on a rimmed cookie sheet. Season with salt, pepper and a little olive oil. Roast for 5-10 minutes. Drain mushroom liquid. Place portabello on a bed of lettuce. Spoon bruschetta topping and diced mozzarella or feta cheese onto mushroom. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.

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