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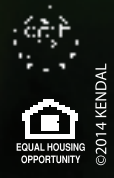
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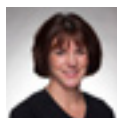
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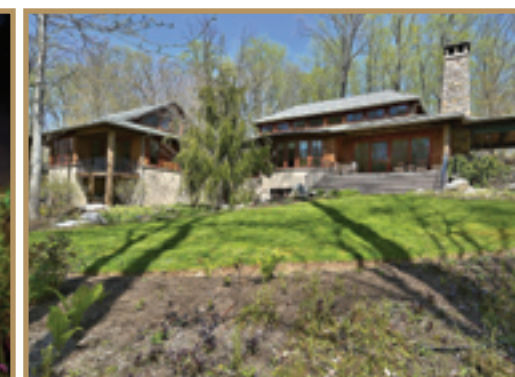


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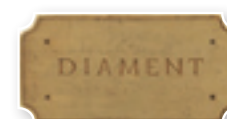
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Welcome October! Crisp weather, blazing colors, festivals galore. Every reason to be outside.

Why not start with a drive around *County Lines* Country, where there's always something worth seeing. Jane Gallagher takes you on a tour of nine towns and highlights what's new. You're bound to make your own discoveries along the way.

Linger in southern Chester County and bring your appetite. New restaurants are a big attraction there, as Carol Metzker reports in "Southern Lights." Make reservations *now* at Junto, before it's discovered!

For those whose minds drift toward Oktoberfest this month, check out brewer Jeremy Myers' piece, "Lagers: The Rebirth of (Pennsylvania) Cool" and Laura Brennan's "Traditional German Fare" in Brandywine Table.


Open houses are the order of business at area independent schools, and we have a handy Guide, in print and online. Cindy Walker advises visiting parents that what schools do outside the classrooms—travel, competitions, collaboration—matters as much as what happens inside, in "Learning Beyond the Classroom." And in "Sideline Etiquette for Parents," Zack Malet reminds us that learning happens everywhere! Also for parents, Dr. Bethany Kutz tells how to pick a pediatrician.

For a virtual open house, read Laurel Anderson's "Home of the Month" to explore a ten-acre woodland retreat nestled near three tributaries of Indian Run. Architect Brooke Drinkwater designed this stunning Polynesian-style home for longtime friend and builder John Diament.

Our October event coverage is overflowing with things to do—a full page of Family Fun plus more fun outside. And our interview with People's Light Artistic Director Abigail Adams will give you several reasons to visit the theater as it celebrates 40th years, with performances of *Fences* and *Row After Row* this month.

Finally, we've added a new feature, "Between the Lines"—our version of a backstage tour to show what we're up to in print and social media. Like our new photo contest!

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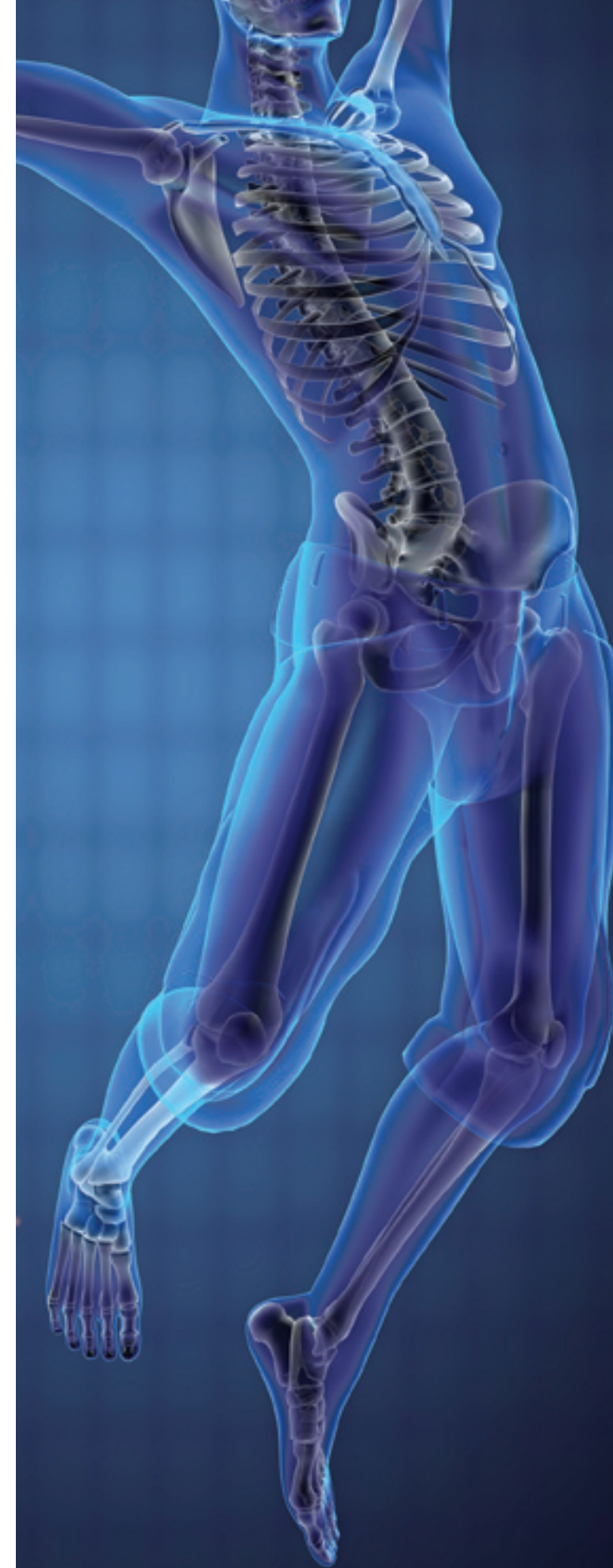
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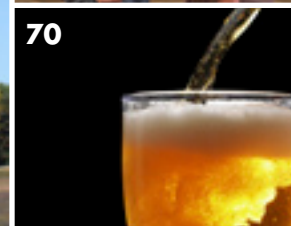
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Choosing a Pediatrician

Bethany Kutz, M.D.

Whether you're an expectant mother, recently relocated parent, or dissatisfied patient, looking for a pediatrician can seem like a daunting task.

How do you know if a pediatrician is well qualified? What questions should you ask the office and the physician to find the right match for you and your family? What factors should you consider?

Here's some advice I share with my friends when they're looking for a pediatrician.

Where to Begin? Keep your eyes open for pediatric offices in your community. Most pediatricians get the majority of their referrals from word-of-mouth. If there's an office that comes highly recommended by multiple families, take this endorsement as a positive sign and add that office to your list to contact. But

beware—you may have friends who give rave reviews to a pediatric practice that's 45 minutes away. Do you want to drive that far to see your doctor when you have a sick child?

Also make sure the offices you're considering accept your insurance. That may seem obvious, but if you don't ask this up front, you may expend a lot of energy for nothing!

Some Preliminary Questions. Is the office independent or affiliated with a hospital system? Although affiliation doesn't require you to use that hospital for specialists, admissions and the like, there are advantages to such a relationship. The pediatric practice often has access to technical resources, specialists and

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Is the office on electronic medical records (EMR)? This is helpful because prescriptions can be sent electronically to pharmacies from your doctor's computer—very helpful for busy parents. Also, records are clear and accessible to multiple parties, so medical errors are reduced.

What are the hours of the practice? Are there weekend and evening hours? This could be especially important to working parents. Who covers calls to the practice overnight, on holidays and weekends? If you call with a question, will you get an answering service or a medical professional on the phone?

Once You Have a List, Start Calling and Visiting. What kind of reception did you get when you made your first call to the office? Is the office manager or a physician willing to sit down with you to answer questions and orient you to the practice? First impressions are important. Remember, it's not just the physicians you'll be dealing with; it's the office staff as well. Are they kind, helpful and polite?

If possible, try to visit the office. Is the space clean and pleasant? Don't be influenced by bells and whistles, though—toys harbor germs and may be banned for good reason. Also important, is there a separate "sick" and "well" entrance?

Consider Your Particular Needs. Would you feel more comfortable with a pediatrician who is a parent? Perhaps you have a teenage boy who would feel more comfortable with a male physician. Or you have a child with special needs and would like your doctor to be proactive in helping you coordinate care. Maybe you plan to breastfeed and want a pediatrician who's knowledgeable and supportive of nursing.

Ask about the pediatrician's credentials. Your pediatrician should be board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Be vocal when you're interviewing and trust your gut! Do you get a warm fuzzy feeling from your visit? Or do you have nagging doubts this isn't a good fit?

Know that in an office of several physicians, there's generally a personality fit

for everyone! If you find the right office but the first pediatrician isn't "the one," don't give up! Ask to see a different doctor the next time. Don't worry—no one will judge you.

With a little research, your relationship with your pediatrician will be a long and rewarding one! ♦

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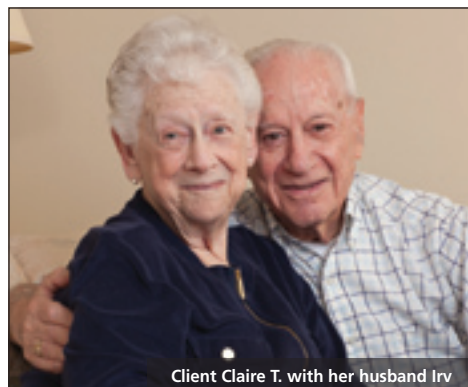
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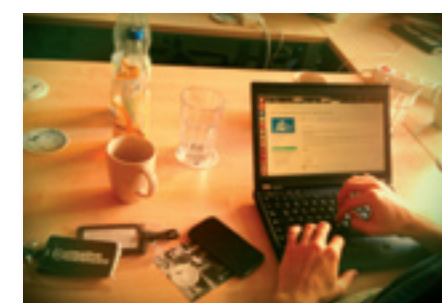
With multi drop-down screens and side-window sunshades, minivans seem to have it all these days. But the 2015 Toyota Sienna ups the ante with its new feature: **Driver Easy Speak**. Microphones for the driver allow Mom’s voice to broadcast behind her loud enough to be heard above the din in the back. Neck-craning, twisting and shouting while cruising down Route 202 are things of the past. So, are we there yet? The answer just might be “yes” this time. Check it out at Toyota.com.



Do the Monster Mash. Start your Halloween with a howl this season by getting in the ghoulish groove at [Linvilla Orchards](http://LinvillaOrchards.com)’ annual **Costume Parade**. Kids will boogie at the dance party, march in the parade and enter the costume contest. While the winners are decided, stroll through Pumpkinland, hop aboard the Playland Express or visit Stacey’s Face Painting for other fun-filled activities. At Linvilla Orchards on October 26, 137 West Knowlton Rd., Media. Register online at Linvilla.com.



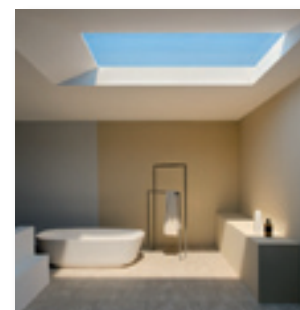
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Treats for Troops.

Leftover Halloween candy is no treat for kids’ teeth. So rather than dragging your kids to the dentist’s office, take your leftover candy there. Area dental offices participating in **Operation Gratitude** will double your pleasure through the **Halloween Candy BuyBack** program that collects candy for American soldiers overseas. For each pound of candy you give, you get a dollar. Find out if your dentist is participating at HalloweenCandyBuyBack.com. And if not, ask why not!



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of Special Note

Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival

October 4-5
Enjoy artisan demonstrations, children's activities and crafts, hayrides, music, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, corn maze and more at *Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$7. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.*



23rd Annual Dilworthtown Inn Wine Festival Crush Cancer Event

October 12
Join this premier wine event featuring more than 100 wines, craft beers, sumptuous fare, silent auction, live music, performance car show and much more. Benefits the cancer program at Chester County Hospital. *1390 Old Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Noon to 4. \$45. VIP tickets, \$100. 610-431-5329; ChesterCountyHospital.org.*

Canine Partners for Life's Open House & 25th Birthday Party

October 5
Come out and tour the kennels, enjoy a free barbecue lunch, a puppy kissing booth, games, music and shopping, then head on over to the field at 2 p.m. for the ever-popular Cow Bingo, a game of chance that pits your luck against the cow. *Cochranville Campus, 334 Faggs Manor Rd. Noon to 3 p.m. \$10. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.*



Brandywine Ballet's Season Opens With *Dracula*

October 24-26
A Brandywine Ballet favorite, based on Bram Stoker's 1897 classic novel, *Dracula* combines passion and romance with Gothic themes and an ancient legend of undying darkness. *Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri., 10 a.m.; Sat., 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m. \$18-\$40. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.*



Paoli Blues Fest

October 4
The main stage hosts continuous live band performances from premier blues musicians. Food vendors, street fair, beer and wine garden and kid's activities make this a fun, family event.

Main stage, Paoli Village Shoppes, across from Paoli Train Station; other venues in Paoli. *Noon to 6. 610-206-7743 or 610-644-6759; PaoliBluesFest.com.*

best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

OCTOBER 3-5

90th Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, music, live animal exhibits, food, rodeo on Sat, 6 pm, \$10-\$15; auction on Sun, 5:30. Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926, Unionville. Fri-Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 5:30. UCFairInc.org.

OCTOBER 4

Blessing of the Animals at Ryerss Farm. Bring your small pet on a leash or in a carrier to a short service, then enjoy a hayride and refreshments. 1710 Ridge Rd., Pottstown. 1 to 4. Free. 610-469-0533; RyerssFarm.org.

OCTOBER 4

St. David's Church 163rd Annual Fair and Country Auction. One of the oldest ongoing fairs in the country, and a treat for the entire family with games for children, a puppet show, an auction, music, food and crafts. Old St. David's Church, 763 Valley Forge Rd., Wayne. 10 to 4. \$2. 610-688-7947; StDavidsChurch.org.

OCTOBER 4

Bark in the Park at Nottingham Park. Vendors, skill demonstrations, exhibits. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 11 to 3. \$5/parking. 610-932-2589; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

OCTOBER 4-5

33rd Annual Heritage Festival. A celebration of Berks County's heritage through exhibitions, music, children's activities and art. The Heritage Center, 1102 Red Bridge Rd., Reading. 11 to 4:30. \$5 parking. 610-374-8839; CountyOfBerks.com/Parks.

OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25

Harvest History and Hayrides at Hagley. Hayrides include a children's map with fun history and science facts and a visual scavenger hunt. 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 11 to 4:30. Included in admission \$5-\$14. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

OCTOBER 5

Delaware Humane Assoc. "Tails Around the Tower" Walk for Animals. A one-mile walk around the park by dogs and their people, a festive atmosphere, music, refreshments, pet-friendly vendors and contests. Rockford Park, 2000 Lookout Dr., Wilmington. 10:30. 302-571-8171; DEHumane.org.

OCTOBER 5

Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch. Tractor and pony rides, pumpkin patches and carving, a hay bale maze, moon bounce, helicopter piñata. The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 1 to 4. Free. Rain date, Oct. 12. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

OCTOBER 11-12

American Helicopter Museum's RotorFest 2014. An all-helicopter air show featuring flight demonstrations, parachute team, amusement rides, music and helicopter rides (\$40). 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 10 to 4:30. \$10-\$15. Rain or shine. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum.

OCTOBER 11-12

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. Sat, 7 to 5; Sun, 7 to 3. Free. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.

OCTOBER 11-12

Harvest Days at Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum. Their biggest and oldest event, this is a culmination of a year's worth of hard work with demonstrations, crafts, wagon rides, parade of cars and food to immerse you in Pennsylvania German traditions. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 11 to 5. \$8-\$12. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

OCTOBER 17-18

Sugartown at Sundown. Lantern Tours with a Spooky Fall Flair. Enjoy Historic Sugartown in a whole new light as guides lead you through the village by lantern. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 6:30 and 7:30 pm. \$5-\$7. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

OCTOBER 18

Phoenixville Pumpkinfest. Pumpkin derby races, carving contests, carnival, "best" pumpkin dish competition and live entertainment on Main St., between Bridge & Church Sts., Phoenixville. 10:30 am to 6 pm. 484-928-0562; PhoenixvillePumpkinFest.com.

OCTOBER 18-19

Pumpkin Days at Tyler Arboretum. Lots of activities, entertainment, delicious food and, of course, pumpkins. Pick your own, assemble a scarecrow, race through an inflatable obstacle course, make crafts, play games and see Tyler's glorious fall colors on a hay wagon tour. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 5. \$7-\$11. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

OCTOBER 22

Downtown West Chester's Halloween Parade. Floats, marching bands, cheerleaders and dance performances. Market and Church Sts. 7 pm. Rain date, Oct. 23. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

OCTOBER 22

Phoenixville's Halloween Parade. Begins at 300 block of Bridge St. and ends at 100 block of Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. 610-933-8801; Phoenixville.org.

OCTOBER 23-25

The Great Pumpkin Carve at Chadds Ford Historical Society. More than 60 local artists carve huge pumpkins that will be lit and displayed on Friday and Saturday. Live music, hayrides and a haunted trail. Thurs, carving begins at 5; Fri-Sat, 5 to 9. Across from the John Chad's House, Rt. 100 N, Chadds Ford. \$3-\$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

OCTOBER 24

Trick or Treat at Radnor Township Bldg. 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 24-26

Halloween in Hockessin. The party starts Fri, with a Jack O'Lantern Jamboree at Gateway Garden Center, 7277 Lancaster Pk. On Sat, over 30 businesses will be handing out treats and tricks to the children from 11 to 3. Sun, is the Howling Hounds Pet Parade starting from Wild Birds Unlimited, 7411 Lancaster Pk. at 1 pm. 302-239-9071; Facebook.com/Pages/Destination-Hockessin.

OCTOBER 25

Halloween on the Farm at Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Children can wear their costumes and visit four locations to receive a treat, then enjoy candle making, a bonfire with warm cider and ghost stories in the springhouse. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 11 to 5. \$8. 610-566-1725; Colonial-Plantation.org.

OCTOBER 25

Downingtown Halloween Parade and 5K Dash of the Living Dead. The race starts on Pennsylvania Ave. at 2 pm, \$40. The parade starts at 2:30 on Pennsylvania Ave. between Beaver Creek Elementary and east to the gazebo in Kerr Park. 610-269-1523; Downingtown-MainStreet.com.

ANTIQUES SHOWS.....

NOVEMBER 6-9

51st Annual Delaware Antiques Show. The finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers in art, antiques and design. Special loan exhibition: Historic Odessa: A Past Preserved. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 800 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Thurs, Opening Night Party, 5 to 9, \$125-\$225. Show: Fri, 11 to 7; Sat, 11 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. \$15. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

NOVEMBER 8-9

The 2014 Annual Bucks Co. Antiques Dealers Association Show. High quality show with 30 exhibitors. Eagle Fire Hall, Rt. 202 & Sugan Rd., New Hope. Appraisers will be on hand Sun. only, from 12 to 3, \$10 per item charge. Show hours are: Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$6. 215-290-3140; BCADAPA.org.

NOVEMBER 15-16

Antiques at Kimberton Show & Sale. Long-running quality show featuring 70 dealers from several states. Kimberton Fire Company, 2276 Kimberton Rd., Kimberton. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$5. AntiquesAtKimberton.VPWeb.com.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

WEEKENDS

Brandywine River Museum Harvest Market. Regional artisans display and sell their fine handcrafted objects. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Sat-Sun, 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12. 610-388-2700; BrandywineRiverMuseum.org.

OCTOBER 3

West Chester Fall Gallery Walk. The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce hosts its Fall Gallery Walk celebrating the thriving community of artists and galleries that make West Chester their home. Stroll through downtown for an evening of art, dining and shopping. Gay & Market Sts., West Chester. 5 to 9 pm. GWCC.org.

OCTOBER 3-4

16th Annual Artisans' Porch Walk in Lititz. Show and sale of art and crafts on private porches and lawns throughout town. Lunch available and an auction to benefit the residents of Moravian Manor. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. 717-725-8637; MoravianManor.org.

OCTOBER 3-12

The 2014 Daylesford Abbey Art Show. Juried artists participate showcasing fine art, jewelry, sculptures, icons, stained glass, wearable art, miniatures and pottery. 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Complimentary reception, **Oct. 3**, 5 to 8. Daily, noon to 4. Free. 610-647-2530.

OCTOBER 4-5

Arts Festival Reading. Quality show featuring juried fine artists and craftsmen,

plus music and food. Benefits GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. 201 Washington St., Reading. Daily 10 to 5. \$8. 610-374-4600; ArtsFestivalReading.org.

OCTOBER 5-12

Annual Berks County Art Show. See museum-quality paintings by the school of artists from Berks County, circa 1820-1920, including works by Ben Austrian and more. Greshville Antiques & Fine Art, 1041 Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. **Oct. 5**, 12 to 7; **Oct. 6-11**, 10 to 7; **Oct. 12**, 12 to 5. Free. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com.



Charles Burchfield (1893-1967), *Early Spring*, 1966-67 watercolor, charcoal and white chalk on joined paper mounted on board Burchfield Penney Art Center, Gift of Charles Rand Penney

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OCTOBER 10-12

PA Guild Fine Craft Fair. Over 140 of the Guild's finest craft artists gather on Rittenhouse Square, corner of 19th & Walnut Sts., Philadelphia. Fri-Sat, 11 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. Free. 717-431-8706; PACrafts.org.

OCTOBER 18-19

The Hagley Craft Fair. Offering a wide range of media and a new specialty food market. Hagley's Buck Rd. E. entrance off Rt. 100, Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

OCTOBER 24-26

Flying Colors 2014 Art Show and Sale. Showcasing new works by member artists, unframed originals and signed prints, live demonstrations and activities for children. The Montgomery School, Bell Hall, 1141 Kimberton Rd., (Rt.



113), Chester Springs. Opening reception, Fri, 6 to 9, \$10. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. Free. 610-344-7340; FlyingColors.us.

OCTOBER 25-26

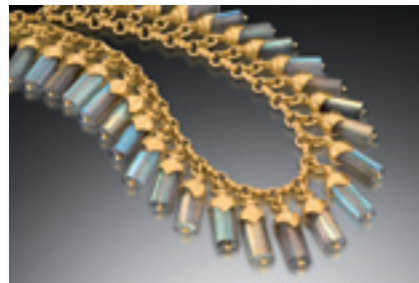
Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen 65th Juried Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. Local art and crafts are featured at this show offering museum-quality contemporary and traditional handcrafted art. Special silent auction of the late Gene Burkhart's art to benefit guild scholarships. Kutztown University, O'Pake Fieldhouse, Kutztown. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$6 donation. 610-678-6650; RBCrafts.org.

NOVEMBER 2-JANUARY 25

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibit & Sale. Artists from around the world with physical, cognitive, visual and hearing disabilities submit their work to this juried exhibition and sale. 414 Paoli Pk., Malvern. Daily 8:30 to 5. 484-596-5710; MainLine-Health.org/ArtAbility.

NOVEMBER 5-9

38th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show. A premier show and sale of contemporary crafts, includes 195 of the finest and most dynamic craft artists in the country. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. Preview party Wed, 4



to 9 pm, tickets start at \$125. Thurs-Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$15. 215-684-7930; PMACraftShow.org.

NOVEMBER 7-9

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 fine 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 7-16

Chester Springs Studio Fine Arts & Crafts Show. A showcase for regional artists who offer a beautiful selection of works just in time for holiday shopping. Chester Springs Studio, Lincoln Bldg. Galleries, Historic Yellow Springs. Fri, Nov. 8, 6 to 9; Mon-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

DESIGN, HOME SHOWS.....

OCTOBER 4

The 74th Annual Chester County Day House Tour. Visit historic and interesting houses, gardens and landmarks in the Northeast section of Chester County from Charlestown to Chester Springs. Tickets, \$40, are available at Chester County Hospital and other locations. A VIP ticket, \$100, includes an exclusive tour of Tutto Sorrissi estate in Malvern with a complementary picnic lunch prepared by Peter Gilmore. Benefits Chester County Hospital. 610-431-5329; CCHosp.com.

OCTOBER 17-19

Suburban Fall Home Show. View the latest in home entertainment, renovation and design resources and get advice from the experts. Bring the kids for special activities. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave.,



Oaks. Fri, noon to 8; Sat, 11 to 8; Sun, 11 to 5. Free. 856-782-2222; PhillyExpos.com.

NOVEMBER 6

Notable Kitchen Tour and Chef Showcase. See Fundraisers.

EQUESTRIAN.....

OCTOBER 9-18

Annual PA National Horse Show. Premier equestrian competition, featuring over 1,200 of the best horses and riders in the country. Specialty stores offer equine-related products, gifts. Benefits the Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Fdn. and PA National Horse Show Fdn. Farm Show Complex, Cameron St., Harrisburg. \$7-\$50. 717-770-0222; PaNational.org.

OCTOBER 11

2014 Radnor Hunt Horse Trials. A 40-year tradition of autumn eventing continues in Malvern with dressage, 8 am, show jumping, 10 am, cross country, 10:20 am. A pig roast with live music, good food and a silent auction, follow the last event, 3:30 pm, donation at the door. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorHuntHT.org.

OCTOBER 15-19

The Dutta Corp. Fair Hill International 3-Day Event. Olympic-caliber athletes take on daunting drops and huge fences at top



speeds. The Festival in the Country features food, Kids' Corner, classic cars and more. Benefits Union Hospital, Cecil County, MD. Gallaher Rd. off Rt. 273, Fair Hill (Elkton), MD. \$5-\$10-\$15. 410-398-2111; FairHillInternational.com.

OCTOBER 26

Fall Horse Show at Thorncroft. Special needs competitors compete in equitation, dressage and trail classes. Bring a picnic and enjoy a performance by the Mainstreamers. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. Thorncroft.org.

NOVEMBER 2

80th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Join the excitement in the country, with timber racing, food, holiday shopping in the equestrian boutiques. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. Gates open 11 am,

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OCTOBER 12
Annual Pink 50 Poker Prance. Take a trail ride through scenic Fair Hill to benefit breast cancer awareness and research. Start location is Fair Hill trailer parking lot, Rt. 273, Fair Hill, MD, between 9 and noon. \$30. 610-932-8521; Oxford-FeedLumber.com.

OCTOBER 18
Northern Lights of Life—A 1920s-Style Evening of Living and Giving. Dress in Jazz Age attire or the glitz and glam of today. The Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition presents its 16th annual event, where attendees are treated to an evening of entertainment, high-spirited bidding, gaming tables and gourmet food. Conservatory at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square. 7 pm. \$175. 302-778-1102; DEBreastCancer.org.

OCTOBER 18
Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Annual Black-tie Gala—The Butterfly Ball. One of LBBC's most important fundraising events of the year. Held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. 6:30 to midnight. \$350. 484-708-1804; LBBC.org.

Dinner. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Lookout Loft Treehouse, a walk through The Meadow Garden then a multi-course farm-to-table dinner in the Orchard, with wine pairings and desserts. 1001 Longwood Rd. 6 to 10 pm. \$175. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



OCTOBER 4-5
Brandywine Valley Wine Trail's 11th Annual Harvest Festival. The wineries of the wine trail celebrate the 2013 vintage. Enjoy picnicking, live music, hayrides through the vineyards, BBQs, wine tastings, tours and more. Purchase a Wine Trail Passport at any member winery. \$20. 866-390-4367; BVWineTrail.com.

OCTOBER 11
2014 Kennett Brewfest. Sample beers from over 90 local, regional and craft breweries, enjoy great food and live music and more at this fundraising event benefitting Historic Kennett Square. The

fest begins at 2. All taps close at 6. Your ticket will be scanned at the entrance, where you will receive your tasting cup. Tickets \$50. 610-444-8188; KennettBrewfest.com.

OCTOBER 4, 5-9
Phoenixville Food Festival 2014. *Oct. 4*, the food event includes a Food Truck Festival and a Pub Crawl with participating bars. Free parking and musical acts, as well as a vendor area. *Oct. 5-9*, is restaurant week in Phoenixville. For information, PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.

OCTOBER 5
Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. Music stages with bands playing throughout the day and children's activities. 9 to 5. Visitors are requested to bring canned or packaged goods for City Team Ministries. Rain date, Oct. 12. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

OCTOBER 12
11th Annual Vendemmia da Vinci Wine Festival. Wine enthusiasts gather to celebrate the harvest of the grapes by sampling fine wines from Italy and enjoying delicacies prepared by area restaurants. More festivities include live entertainment, homemade wine and gravy contests and a silent auction. Tubman-Garrett Park, Wilmington Riverfront. 2 to 6. \$60. Benefits local families in need. 302-631-1556; SocietaDaVinci.com.

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Rotary Club of West Chester Chili Cookoff. Teams compete for awards like the "People's Choice" and the "Best Darn Chili in Chester County." Come to downtown West Chester to sample them all and pick your favorite. Benefits Rotary projects. All-You-Can-Eat-Chili wristbands, \$10; 10 and under, free with paid adult. 10:30 to 3:30. Rain or shine. 484-343-4577; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.



FUNDRAISERS.....
See also: Outdoor Activities
OCTOBER 7
Chester County Futures Annual Wine Tasting and Dinner. Award-winning cuisine and wine tasting, where Chef Patrick Feury of Nectar will design and prepare a menu to complement hand-picked wine selections.

Benefits Chester County Futures, providing students the college readiness and life skills they need. Paoli Design Center, 1604 E Lancaster Ave., Paoli. 6 to 10. Tickets from \$200. 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.

OCTOBER 11
Uptown! Entertainment Alliance Vintage Hollywood Red Carpet Gala. Put your dancing shoes on for this lavish affair with live music, dancing, wine, food and auctions. A major fundraiser for Uptown! to bring a theater to West Chester. Winterthur Visitor Center, 5101 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 7 to 11 pm. \$125. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

OCTOBER 11
Annual Octofair at White Horse Village. Residents sell needlepoint and knit items, handmade gifts and crafts, artwork and more. The festival also includes raffles, a fashion corner, silent auction, pony rides and book sale. 535 Gradyville Rd., Edgmont. 9 to 2:30. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

OCTOBER 15-18
54th Annual Shipley Shops. A shopping event featuring retailers and artists from across the country. The Shipley School, Yarnall Gymnasium, 814 Yarrow St., Bryn Mawr. Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 8:30 to 4:30; Sat, 9 to 1. \$5-\$10; free on Sat. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org.

Fun Things Happening in Downtown West Chester

GALLERY WALK
Friday, October 3

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Sunday, October 12

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS
Tuesday, October 21

HALLOWEEN PARADE
Wednesday, October 22

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OCTOBER 17
Best of Malvern Fashion Show and Luncheon. The latest designs from local boutiques and apparel stores. Benefits the Paoli Hospital Breast Cancer Center. General Warren Inne, 9 Old Lancaster Ave., Malvern. 11:30 am. \$55. MalvernBusiness.com.

OCTOBER 22
Take a Bite Out of Autism Fundraising Event. Enjoy a taste of signature dishes from fine area restaurants including Pacific Prime and Viviano. New location this year: Valley

Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. 6 to 9:30 pm. Benefits The Timothy School in Berwyn. \$50. 610-725-0755; TakeABiteOutOfAutism.com.

OCTOBER 23
Stroud Water Research Center's 11th Annual Gala, The Water's Edge. Cocktails, a delicious dinner and the recipient of the Stroud Award for Freshwater Excellence, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. highlight the evening's festivities. Proceeds support freshwater research, restoration and education.



Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 6 to 9. Tickets start, \$185. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org.

OCTOBER 23
Malvern Prep 5th Annual "Shop & Sip." Malvern Moms, as well as other local vendors, will be selling their "specialty" items, including clothes, jewelry, accessories and so much more. Bring a friend, or come alone and make new friends while shopping and enjoying a glass of wine or beer and some delectable appetizers. 418 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. 6:30 to 10. \$10. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.org.

OCTOBER 23
Harvest: A Farm to Table Chef Tasting Event. Thirty fabulous chefs and beer, wine and spirits vendors come together for this event that benefits Unite for HER, a nonprofit with a mission of positively affecting the lives of women and girls while supporting and offering breast cancer and wellness programs. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., 6 to 9. Tickets \$125; VIP \$175. UniteForHer.org.

OCTOBER 23
5th Annual Wings for Success Fundraiser—Merriment, Makeovers & Miracles. Enjoy a silent auction, delicious appetizers, desserts, wine and beverages at this event that works to empower women in need to pursue employment by helping with apparel, advice and advocacy. Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern. 6 pm. \$50. 610-644-6323; WingsForSuccess.org.

OCTOBER 25
Brandywine River Museum's All Hallows' Eve Costume Ball. Join the Young Friends of the Brandywine Conservancy for their annual gala fundraiser. This year's theme is Mid-Autumn's Night Dream. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes; those not in costume will suffer an unspeakable fate! Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9 pm to 1 am. \$85. YoungFriends@Brandywine.org.

OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 1
Community Clothes Charity Annual Sale. Featuring famous labels such as Chanel, Armani, Ferragamo, St. John, Escada and other designer names. Benefits Chester County

Local Farm Markets

Booths Corner Farmers Mkt., 1362 Naamans Creek Rd., Garnet Valley. Fri, 9 to 9; Sat, 9 to 8. 610-485-0775; Booths-Corner.com.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. Bryn-MawrFarmersMarket.com.

Coatesville Farmers Mkt., Rts. 30 & 82. Sat, 9 to 1. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

Collegeville Farmers Mkt., 217 E. Main St. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, 2 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

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

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

Upper Merion Farmers Mkt., 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org.

West Chester – Artisan Exchange Indoor Artisan Foods & Farmers Mkt., 208 Carter Dr. Sat, 10 to 2. ArtisanExchangeWCPA.com.

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

Family Academy, Acting Without Boundaries, Baker Industries and Mighty Writers. Carriage Barn at Liseter, 1 Liseter Rd., Newtown Square. Wed, 1 to 8; Thurs, noon to 8; Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, 10 to 1. CommunityClothesCharity.org.

NOVEMBER 6
"Fashion to Fund the Future" for Home of the Sparrow. The evening features boutique shops, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, runway 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, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. Shopping, cocktails, 5 to 7; dinner and fashion show, 7. \$85. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

NOVEMBER 6
Safe Harbor's 4th Annual Taste of Chester County Appreciation Event. This year's offering will include delicious food from area restaurants as well as beverages from local establishments. The event honors the 2014 Safe Harbor Humanitarian Award recipients. Milestone Events, 600 E. Market St., West Chester. 6:30 to 9. \$40. 610-701-5680; SafeHarborOfGWC.org.



NOVEMBER 6
6th Annual Notable Kitchen Tour & Chef Showcase. The Main Line Committee, for the benefit of The Philadelphia Orchestra, is presenting a self-guided tour of six of the Main Line's newest and unique kitchens. Each will feature a cooking demonstration by a notable area chef with taste-testing samples available for all visitors. 10 to 3. \$40. Notable-Kitchens.com.

NOVEMBER 12
Kennett Symphony League Fashion Show. A day filled with chic fashions, silent auction, gift baskets and a delicious luncheon. Benefits the Symphony's Family Concerts. Mendenhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Rt. 52, Mendenhall. 10:30 am to 2. \$45. 610-388-2100; Kennett-Symphony.org.

GARDENS & PLANT SALES.....
THROUGH NOVEMBER 23
Longwood Gardens Presents Autumn's Colors. The changing hues of the Meadow Garden and the whimsical Garden Railway shine in September. In October the Pumpkin Playground opens and in late October the Chrysanthemum Festival transforms the Conservatory into a vibrant feast of colorful

chrysanthemum blooms. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

OCTOBER 5
Scott Associates' Garden Day. Visit glorious gardens in the Pottstown/Malvern area. Reception at Welkenweir follows tour, 4 to 6 pm. Tour, 1 to 5. \$25. Contact the Scott Arboretum office for map and directions. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

MUSEUMS.....
THROUGH MARCH 15
Delaware Art Museum Exhibits & Events. **Oct. 10,** "Art is After Dark" Movie Night & Labyrinth Walk, 6 to 10 pm. **Oct. 18–Jan. 11,** "From Houdini to Hugo: The Art of Brian Selznick." **Through Mar. 15,** "Portable Fire: A History of Match Safes." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed–Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6–\$12. Free Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 16
Brandywine River Museum Exhibits. **Through Nov. 16,** "Exalted Nature: The Real and Fantastic World of Charles Burchfield" and "Matthew Jensen: Alongside Tall Grasses." Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. \$6–\$12. Free Sunday mornings until Nov. 23. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 2015
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Presents "Costumes of Downton Abbey." Forty costumes and accessories, worn on the period drama TV series are on display. Highlights: Lady Sybil's harem pants and Lady Edith's wedding dress. Rt. 52, Wilmington. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$5–\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT.....
THROUGH NOVEMBER
2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
West Chester Story Slam. A monthly event where anyone can take the stage and tell a five-minute true story based on the theme of the night. No notes, no props and no music allowed. Side Bar & Restaurant, 10 E. Gay St., West Chester. 8 pm. \$8. 610-429-8297 or visit SideBarAndRestaurant.com.

THROUGH OCTOBER 24
Point Entertainment Presents ... at The Colonial Theatre. **Oct. 3,** Marc Broussard, \$20–\$33.50; **Oct. 16,** Shawn Colvin, \$20.50–\$44.50; **Oct. 24,** Mary Black, \$32.50–\$44.50. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

OCTOBER 2
Music on the Brandywine at the Brandywine River Museum. Enjoy a performance by violinist Nikki Chooi, with full bar and small plate offerings available for purchase. Rt. 1, Chadds

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OCTOBER 5–NOVEMBER 22
Longwood Gardens 2014–2015 Performance Series. *Oct. 5*, organist Stephen Schreiber, 1 pm; *Oct. 21*, classical guitar ensemble Dublin Guitar Quartet; *Oct. 30*, jazz with the Cyrus Chestnut Trio; *Nov. 13*, organist Peter Richard Conte; *Nov. 16*, organist Wesley Parrott, 1 pm; *Nov. 21*, flamenco-jazz with Magos & Limón; *Nov. 22*, classical pianist Valentina Lisitsa. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. All concerts

at 8 pm unless otherwise noted. For information, LongwoodGardens.org.

OCTOBER 10, 16, NOVEMBER 14
WCU Live! Presents ... *Oct. 10*, The Williamsburg Salsa Orchestra performs innovative, dynamic arrangements of indie rock salsa-style, 7:30. *Oct. 16*, Gaelic Storm will play traditional songs of the ocean, 8 pm. *Nov. 14*, Voca People perform a cappella and beat box versions of popular favorites, 7:30. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, S. High St., West Chester. Both concerts, \$13–\$20. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.Edu/VisitingArtists/VAS.asp.



OCTOBER 11
Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood: Two Man Group at The DuPont Theatre. Two masters of improv comedy team up at The DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$20–\$60. 302-656-4401; DuPontTheatre.com.

OCTOBER 17, 19
Vox Ama Deus. “Sempre Vivaldi,” an all-Vivaldi program featuring an exciting assortment of gems by the Venetian master. Fri, Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, 8 pm. Sun, Thomas Great Hall, Bryn Mawr College, 4 pm. \$10–\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 23
Delaware County Symphony. Symphony Series: *Oct. 19*, the music of Copland, Mozart and Brahms, \$18. **Chamber Series:** *Nov. 23*, DCS Jazz Ensemble, \$12. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, Aston. Concerts, 3 pm. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

OCTOBER 30
Uptown! Entertainment Alliance Presents the Jazz Cocktail Hour Series. Dr. Terry Klinefelter. Knights of Columbus Bldg., 110 W. Market St., West Chester. Doors open at 6, concert, 6:30. Cocktails and small bites available. Tickets \$15. 484-639-9004; UptownWestChester.org.

NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3
Kennett Flash Presents “Sip and Savor with the Serafins” Concert Series. *Nov. 5*, Serafin String Quartet presents “Nordic Journey” the music of Edvard Grieg. *Dec. 3*, the concert will be “Viennese Classical Roots.” 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 7:30. \$18. BYO. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

NOVEMBER 13
Music on the Brandywine at the Brandywine River Museum. Pianist Andrea Lam will perform. Guests enjoy a full bar and small plate offerings are available for purchase. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Galleries open at 6; concert, 7:30. \$10–\$25. 610-388-8326; BrandywineMuseum.org.

NOVEMBER 19
Psychic Medium Lisa Williams at The DuPont Theatre. Lisa will be doing live audience readings at The DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$47.50–\$67.50. 302-656-4401; DuPontTheatre.com.

NOVEMBER 21
Vox Ama Deus. The Ama Deus Ensemble presents “Vienna Magic—Mozart &

On With The Show ...

THROUGH OCTOBER 5
Fences. August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama about a man of mythic proportions forced to wrestle with the reality of his life. People’s Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Call for curtain times. \$27–\$47. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 2
The Addams Family. Music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Call for curtain times. \$25–\$42. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

OCTOBER 14–19
Sister Act: The Musical. Broadway’s feel-amazing musical comedy smash with original music by 8-time Oscar-winner Alan Menken (*Beauty and the Beast*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Little Shop of Horrors*). DuPont Theatre, DuPont Bldg., 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Call for curtain times. \$55–\$85. 302-656-4401; DuPontTheatre.com.

OCTOBER 15–NOVEMBER 9
Row After Row. Regional premiere by Jessica Dickey about two hard-core Civil War reenactors in a dark comedy about friendship and bravery. People’s Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Call for curtain times. \$27–\$47. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

NOVEMBER 19–JANUARY 11
Arthur and the Tale of the Red Dragon: A Musical Panto. The holiday tradition continues with the world premiere about the adventures of young Arthur, Merlin and the Dame of the Lake. People’s Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Call for curtain times and tickets. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

NOVEMBER 19–JANUARY 11
Les Misérables. Based on Victor Hugo’s novel about Jean Valjean, the French peasant who steals a loaf of bread and spends two decades in prison. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Call for curtain times. \$25–\$42. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

DECEMBER 9–14
Cirque Dreams Holiday. An international cast of over 30 artists costumed as holiday ornaments come to life and perform astonishing feats of disbelief. DuPont Theatre, DuPont Bldg., 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Call for curtain times. \$55–\$79. 302-656-4401; DuPontTheatre.com.

Beethoven.” Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. \$10–\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

OCTOBER 4
Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival. More than 140 dragon boat teams compete, racing along a 500-meter course in multiple races. Teams gather on the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park, Phila. 8 to 5:30. 610-642-2333; PhilaDragonBoatFestival.com.

OCTOBER 5
41st Annual Marshalton Triathlon. Athletes, novice to ironman, bike, canoe and pace-walk through the countryside. A family and dog-friendly event (dogs on leash) with music, food and drink. Benefits the West Bradford Fire Co. and the town of Marshalton. Rt. 162. 8 am. \$30. MarshaltonTriathlon.net.

OCTOBER 19
Rally ‘Round the Races. Friends of the Radnor Hunt Races and its beneficiary, the Brandywine Conservancy, gather for this scenic drive. Prizes for optimum time and mileage are awarded. Rally begins 9:30 am and ends at noon for a luncheon party. \$165 per car includes lunch for four, children welcome. Reservations. 610-388-8398 or 610-388-8324.

OCTOBER 26
37th Annual Penn Medicine at Radnor Run. A 5-mile timed running race and 1-mile walk/fun run. Benefits the American Lung Association in providing important programs in this region. The race starts and finishes at the Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Registration, 7 am, race, 8:30. 800-LUNG-USA; LungInfo.org/RadnorRun.

TOWNS, BOROUGHS & SPECIAL EVENTS.....

OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7
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**, 610-642-4040; FirstFridayMainLine.com. **Oxford**, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville**, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. **Wayne**, 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester**, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington**, 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

OCTOBER 4
River Towns Ride & Festival in Delaware. A joint festival held in the two historic towns of New Castle and Delaware City, connected by the bike-friendly corridor of Route 9. Cyclists

can pick their distance and ride between the towns for fun or for a medal. Lots of activities in each town. RiverTownsFestival.com.

OCTOBER 4
24th Annual Blessing of the Animals at Ryerss Farm. Bring your small pet on a leash or in a carrier to a short service, then enjoy a hayride and refreshments. 1710 Ridge Rd., Pottstown. 1 to 4 pm. Free. 610-469-0533; RyerssFarm.org.

OCTOBER 21
The 2014 West Chester Historic Preservation Awards. The West Chester Downtown Foundation and the West Chester Historic Preservation Awards Committee will award winners in three categories: Bricks and Mortar Preservation Award, Preservation Service Award and West Chester Preservation Legacy Award. Award ceremony takes place at Chester Co. Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. 8 am. For information, DowntownWestChester.com.

OCTOBER 11
13th Annual Chocolate Walk in Lititz. A “Chocolate for Charity” event put on by the Kiwanis of Lititz. Visitors enjoy chocolate morsels made by the region’s most talented chefs and candy makers to raise money for children in need. 10 to 4. Buttons, \$30; sales are limited. 717-560-2295; LititzChocolateWalk.com.



OCTOBER 17–18, 24–25
New Castle Historical Society Presents Hauntings in History Walking Tours. The tour brings you inside one of the most haunted mansions of Old New Castle, the legendary Amstel House, then through New Castle’s darkened streets and alleyways where you’ll hear all kinds of macabre tales. 7, 7:30 and 8:30. \$6–\$10. 302-322-2794; NewCastleHistory.org. ♦

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Here's a look back over the past 40 years of outstanding performances and community programs. Learn more or subscribe this season at PeoplesLight.org. Celebrate 40!



1 Tom Teti and Elizabeth Meeker in *Sister Carrie*, 1991

2 Alda Cortese and Jim Burton in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1976 PHOTO: BRIAR STUDIOS

3 Carla Belver in *Toys in the Attic*, 1980

4 Susan McKey and John Douglas Thompson in *Splittin' the Raft*, 2007

5 Ceal Phelan, Stephen Novelli and Kim Carson in *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, 2007

6 Chris Faith, Tom Teti, Brad DePlanche and Andrew Kane in *The Three Musketeers (The Later Years)*, 2010

7 Melanye Finister and Brian Anthony Wilson in *Seven Guitars*, 2012

8 Leah Poyo, Susan McKey and Kim Carson in *Cinderella*, 2013

9 Julianna Zinkel, Becky Baumwoll, Clare Mahoney and Jessica Bedford in *Pride & Prejudice*, 2014

10 Community partners and New Play Frontiers playwrights in a discussion after the third Community Matters Event, 2014. PHOTO: TORI HARVEY

11 Marvin Payne in *Michael and His Grandmother*, 1994. This scene was part of a showcase of work from the Playwright's Lab, a course at Swarthmore College that brought together artists from People's Light, students from the college, and the theater's New Voices Ensembles —students from the city of Chester and neighboring schools.

12 Aspiring Designers, Summerstage 2013 PHOTO: WENDY BABE

13 Littles Sharing, Summerstage 2014 PHOTO: TORI HARVEY

OTHER PHOTOS BY MARK GARVIN

Amid the wooded hills of southeastern Pennsylvania, two trees, whimsically upturned and carved with totem faces sporting gnarly roots for hair, flank the entrance of a 1930s house, as if to signal the intentional, yet casual way the land is managed at Dancing Tree, home of landscape architect Margot Taylor.



Walkway to landscape architect Margot Taylor's home, Dancing Tree in Kennett Square



Liatris



Ruin Garden installation at Chanticleer



Gravel Garden



Water Garden



Juncus Reeds



Rain Barrel Garden

Save The Rain!

Andréa Miller, The Delaware Center for Horticulture

Dancing Tree's daunting 80-foot change in elevation over the 1.5-acre property provides Taylor ample opportunity to experiment with managing rainwater rolling down her steep hillside. The grounds boast dozens of features integrated into the landscape that enhance natural beauty, prevent erosion, divert water from the house, while at the same time making use of it in the garden, helping it percolate into the water table, and keeping it on Taylor's property rather than draining onto the road.

How does she do it?

Water Conservation Basics

Water conservation may sound like a feat best left to an expert like Taylor, but garden lovers need to understand how water functions in the landscape. Doing so increases gardening enjoyment,

creativity, efficiency and beauty. Plus strategies to move, slow, trap, clean and use water can be adapted to any size property, and often the materials needed are available on-site.

For instance, a rock-lined naturalized river that flows into a man-made pond captures a third of the Dancing Tree's stormwater and prevents it from flooding the house. Uphill, Taylor uses fallen logs to move water towards desired channels, and she slows water with *Hugelkulturs* (shallow depressions filled with sticks). Taylor also has trenches lined with local stones to redirect water flow to a strawberry patch and roses. The system is effective, uses no pipes that can clog, and creates an aesthetic that works with the natural landscape.

Few gardeners face such extensive water management challenges, but many visit Dancing Tree to learn more. Visitors leave with a sense they can improve water flow to good effect with minimal hassle, Taylor says.

Across the state line, expert horticulturalist Lenny Wilson has solved different problems. Unlike Taylor's property where water is generated on-site, Wilson's North Wilmington project involves small lots built mostly before modern stormwater codes, which often means managing water that starts elsewhere.

Wilson harnessed the water flowing from an adjacent property to a marshy spot on a homeowners' yard and created a bio-swale (more below), connected the home's downspouts to it, added boulders for aesthetics along with native plants and trees like *River Birch* and *Yellow Stemmed*

Dogwoods that tolerate wet to dry shifts and hold soil in place. The effect is lush and gracious. The wildlife-loving owners appreciate the seven new bird species the habitat has enticed to visit.

Bio-Swales and Rain Gardens

Bio-swales are trench-like, while rain gardens are pond-shaped—but both function similarly. The structures, three to six inches deep, are not ponds, though they may hold standing water for 36 hours after a heavy rain. This isn't a design flaw, says TheDCH Landscapes Manager Martha Stephens. They're

designed to collect runoff and cleanse pollutants as water slowly filters through layers of soil, compost and sand.

"People are used to seeing quick drainage away from the house to pavement, but that adds to storm surge problems," she says. "If you can capture the first five minutes of a storm and let the water seep into the ground, you're doing a lot for the environment."

Plant Selection

Plants can also be great tools, and you don't have to choose between beauty and function. "People often think a functional

rain garden has to look like a wild meadow,” Stephens says. “But if you want a more formal look, it is absolutely possible.”

How? Put prized cultivars around higher outer layers, and plant thirsty grasses and *Juncus* (reeds) in the lower ones. If you aren’t partial to Joe Pye Weed’s tall seed head, plant *Liatris* or *Echinacea* instead.

The more you know, the better, Stephens says. Before visiting a nursery, note sun and shade, soil moisture and composition where you intend to plant. She recommends getting a plant guide like *Landscape Plug Manual* by North Creek Nurseries in Landenburg.

More Features

Especially on small sites, rain barrels, vegetative roofs and infiltration beds work well. Why use a rain barrel? Aside from water cost savings, it may be your only resource when watering is banned during draughts. And un-amended water is better for plants than tap or well water because

it’s not chlorinated, fluoridated or loaded with dissolved salts.

For another smart improvement, the North Wilmington homeowners with the bio-swales traded a concrete patio for a porous surface made of lightweight aggregate soil, loam topsoil, leaf litter and organic matter for a good drainage rate (two inches per hour) that withstands traffic and supports plant life. Ever the creative recyclers, the couple turned the concrete on edge to use as a border.

The concept of green roofs is similar to rain gardens: filter water through layers that clean it, then store it for use later. There are two kinds of green roofs. Intensive roofs are deeper (six to 12 inches) and support a broad range of plants, trees and shrubs. Extensive roofs are thinner (.8 to six inches) and support low-growing succulent groundcovers like *Sedum*. You may be surprised to learn that a 2,000-square-foot roof captures 600 gallons of water in a half-inch rainstorm!

In Arden, one couple has been culti-

Bio-swales filter rain water through layers of soil, compost and sand.



vating an intensive green roof over their carport for a decade, adding intrigue to their gardening adventures. Today, it sports *Andromeda*, *Iris*, *Plox* and *White Fall Asters*, plus the runoff goes into a 55-gallon rain barrel. Doubly good. ♦

TheDCH hosts “Your Garden: Nature’s Way” with two sessions in 2015: Water Play, March 11, and Plants as Tools, May 13. For more events, workshops, daytrips and programs that educate and inspire gardeners to create beautiful, sustainable landscapes, visit TheDCH.org. And for a list of good plants for moist and streamside areas, go to CountyLinesMagazine.com.



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Not So Average Joe's



Lights at Longwood

SOUTHERN

Lights

If you haven't been to Southern Chester County lately, pull out your car keys and pack an appetite.

It's worth a visit! Or two!

Carol Metzker

This fall, some of the area's new and rising stars in the south of Chester County include venues that cater to your palate: noteworthy eateries, a winery and a pub, and a market stocked with mouth-watering choices, among other highlights worth a drive to this part of the county.

Spotlight on Chadds Ford

One of those new shining stars in the Brandywine Valley is Junto, a modern farmhouse BYOB restaurant. There, foodies relish in the magic of locally sourced food prepared by a creative chef with an eclectic background, superlative skills and a fresh philosophy.

"I always liked cooking," said MacGregor Mann, Junto's owner and chef. "My mom let me cook from the time I could reach the stove." He graduated from cooking dinners for homecoming dates to working his way up to sous chef at Amada in Philly. After stints as a chef at a fly-fishing lodge outside Yellowstone, an award-winning Chicago tapas bar and Denmark's Noma—rated the top restaurant in the world four times—Mann wound his way to Chadds Ford.

Each of Mann's culinary adventures provided a unique ingredient—a dish, a perspective, a cooking technique—that landed at the establishment in the Old Ridge Village Shoppes. Fare including fritters and chicken corn soup, influenced by Pennsylvania Dutch cooking in Mann's youth, abounds. Denmark's "Old Nordic Cuisine" mindset—preparing delicious dishes with whatever ingredients are available—inspires

the seasonal menu. Cooking techniques from around the world show up in the kitchen that serves up plates of duck pâté, rabbit over buckwheat and special sauces.

A mini-review overheard during my visit: "I've waited a long time for a meal like this without having to go to Philadelphia."

Find a bottle of wine to take to Junto or other new BYOBs at the Ten Gallon Hat Winery, named for the six-foot-four co-owner Chris Dion's penchant for cowboy hats. With 11 different red and white wines made and barrel-aged nearby, there's something for every taste and every meal.

The tasting room—open since December in an old blacksmith shop—moves to the property's renovated barn this fall. Sample an easy-to-drink nontraditional cabernet sauvignon, a dry-yet-refreshing pinot grigio or a popular chilled cranberry wine served with a wedge of lime.

Or take that Ten Gallon Hat wine home and pair it with a cowboy steak from The Meat House. A visit to the market—a revival of the old neighborhood harvest market and butcher shop—is an adventure.

Enter The Meat House where a coffee bar sits inside the door and the service is as exceptional as the market's website promises. Sidle up to the tapas bar or olive oil taps; find gourmet honey and fruit pies. On my expedition, a huge blackboard calendar announced that it was National Oysters Day. I considered that menu possibility before the chocolate pistachio biscotti caught my attention.

The butcher counter at the back is the highlight of any meat lover's visit. I



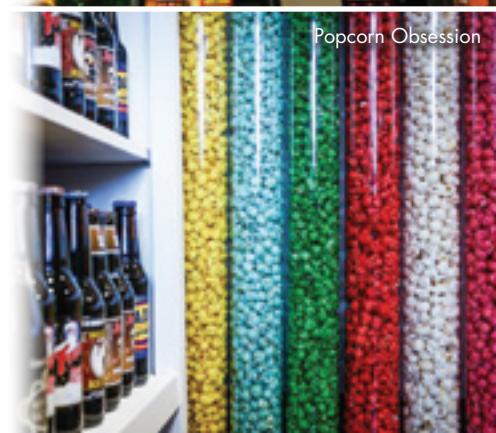
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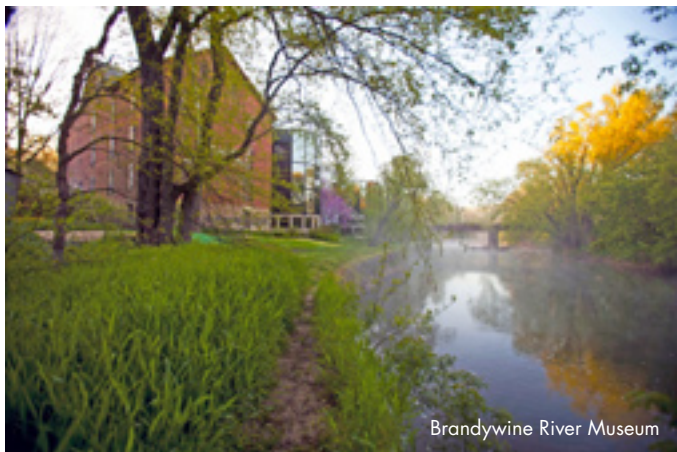




Downtown Kennett Square



Ten Gallon Hat Winery



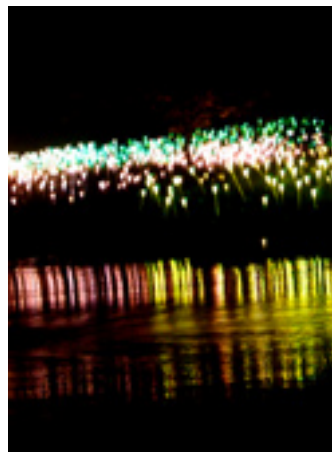
Brandywine River Museum



Brandywine Battlefield



Hayrides in the fall



Historic Oxford



Things To Do

Here are some highlights of happenings in Southern Chester County. To learn more, see the listings in "Best Local Events" and "Of Special Note" in this issue.

OCTOBER 3
First Friday in Kennett Square *HistoricKennettSquare.com* and Oxford DowntownOxfordPA.org.

OCTOBER 3-5
90th Annual Unionville Community Fair. *UCFairInc.org*.

OCTOBER 4
Bark in the Park at Nottingham Park. 610-932-2589; *ChesCo.org/CCParks*.

OCTOBER 4-5
Brandywine Valley Wine Trail's Annual Harvest Festival. 866-390-4367; *BVWineTrail.com*.

OCTOBER 4-5
Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival. 302-239-2334; *DelawareNatureSociety.org*.

OCTOBER 5
Canine Partners for Life's Open House & 25th Birthday Party. 610-869-4902; *K94Life.org*.

OCTOBER 11
2014 Kennett Brewfest. 610-444-8188; *KennettBrewfest.com*.

OCTOBER 23-25
The Great Pumpkin Carve at Chadds Ford Historical Society. 610-388-7376; *ChaddsFordHistory.org*.

OCTOBER 24-26
Halloween in Hockessin. 302-239-9071; *Check on Facebook*.

OCTOBER 26
Halloween Parade in Kennett Square. 610-444-8188; *HistoricKennettSquare.com*.

NOVEMBER 2
80th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. 484-888-6619; *PaHuntCup.org*.

NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3
Kennett Flash Presents "Sip and Savor with the Serafins" Concert Series. 484-732-8295; *KennettFlash.org*.

NOVEMBER 12
Kennett Symphony6 League Fashion Show & Luncheon. 610-444-6363; *KennettSymphony.org*.

THROUGH DECEMBER 7
A-Maize-Ing Wine & Harvest Adventure. *ParadoxVineyard*, 610-444-9003; *Paradox.com*.

eyed local filet mignon, lamb burgers and other choice cuts of meat before picking up my first cowboy steak. Staff members speculated about its name and coached me on cooking it. The double ribeye with a center bone derives its nickname from its size—enough meat to feed the hungriest of cowboys—and its bone that functions as a handle. Cook it "slow and low" in the oven, advised the staff.

No time for the "slow and low?" The Meat House offers sandwiches to go that can turn your kitchen table into one of the best bistros in town.

Another grab-and-go treat awaits you at Popcorn Obsession, opened earlier this year at the Village at Painters Crossing, very conveniently located near the AMC Theater. For gourmet kernels that will make fellow movie-goers weep, check out the 75 flavors cooked up by the mother-son duo of Cindy and Ben Fox. From Bacon Cheddar to Zebra Caramel—with Fried Pickle and S'mores in between—you'll want to find the right family video night, football game or themed party to try them all.

Family Dining Without Cooking

For cuisine inspired by traditional home cooking of Italy, but without stepping into a kitchen, take a trip to Arugula Ristorante Italiano. The authentic BYOB Italian restaurant is owned and operated by the Lubrano family: Antonio, Lucia, Enrico, Ray, Laura and Carlo. Dining at Arugula captures the spirit of the Lubrano family's meals in southern Italy. Meals around dark wood tables graced with white napkins and bread plates are reminiscent of warm Italian gatherings where everyone eats and talks.

"Open a bottle of wine. Get lost in conversation over a pasta dish called gemelli allo scoglio—helix-shaped pasta with shrimp, crabmeat and scallops in a light rosé sauce," suggested Ray Lubrano. "We offer the food and comfortable ambiance that's conducive to enjoying conversation and company."

More For Your Palate

Is beer your passion? Then head to Two Stones Pub in Kennett Square. Explore comfort food with a twist or dishes that are adventurous yet refined—all accompanying

20 craft beers on tap. While fish tacos and mushroom soup are trending as the local favorites, patrons are embracing other fare and irresistible pairings: blue cheeses and barley wines, wheat beer infused with peaches served with a seasonal salad, and more.

Watch Facebook for news of a not-to-be missed October event. Two Stones rolls out Pumking beer—like spicy pumpkin pie in a glass—and bold harvest vegetable dishes.

At Brinton Lakes Shopping Center, catch a fresh Maine lobster or oysters at the Big Fish Grill. With indoor and outdoor seating, a huge bar and a lounge where hungry patrons can grab salads, sandwiches or steaks as well as seafood, the spot is a popular gathering space.

Still up for another bright light? Try Not Your Average Joe's, the new kitchen and bar in Glen Eagle Square. At NYAJ, every meal of burgers or stone-hearth pizza begins with fresh-baked bread. As simple as it sounds, admitted one happy foodie, "the fries there are great." In a word: Stellar! ♦

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Jane Gallagher

Though most days we’re staring at schedules and spreadsheets on our computer screens, autumn calls for change. Revisit the old, reinvent it, boldly go ... somewhere new. Step outside. Take a deep breath. Feel that? Transition is in the air. It’s all around, wrapped in aromas of apple cider and pumpkin latte. Here’s my advice—grab someone you love and cancel your plans for the day. Where to go? I’ve collected some of my favorite places—even drawn a map! Each one has something new worth exploring. So, on your autumn adventure I hope you find something you can’t live without, something you didn’t know you needed. And that you stop every once in a while to appreciate the season’s magic.

WAYNE

Want reasons to visit Wayne? **Arde Osteria & Pizzeria** aims to please by bringing the rustic, authentic Italian vibe to the Main Line. And, for those who may be missing summer, straight from the shore, **blueturtle home** has a bright and airy feel offering hostess gifts, ten linen lines, fine art and fun decorative art. Always a Wayne-derful place to while away some time.

MALVERN

Third Thursdays are the new First Fridays in this quaint Main Line town, when during the monthly **Malvern Strolls** you can stop by to sip, shop and—you guessed it—stroll. Come see a bevy of beautiful new shops and restaurants including Wayne favorites **Christopher’s Neighborhood Place** and **Louella**, along with **12 West**, a new boutique that’s absolutely chic. Crave bacon—maybe crave bacon now is a better question? **BaconPress** is a match made in hog heaven. Plus, for all you pizza lovers (isn’t that everyone?), **Toninos Pizza & Pasta Co.** has authentic homemade options. There’s also a new theater season at **People’s Light**, outside Malvern, celebrating 40 years!

MEDIA

They say good things come in small packages, and Media is proving that true as even more is added to this compact community. Saying “I do” soon? Say “yes” to the dress, too. At **The Dress Matters** local brides find designer originals at less than original prices. Media is also the place to enjoy new eateries like **Garden Café** and **Berry Fresh** and to stop by the **1st Annual 101 Trolley Pub Crawl**, October 4th. If you miss it, there’s always next year when **Sterling Pig Brewery** will be open for a cool fall craft beer.

WILMINGTON

Headed to Delaware this autumn? Make sure you plan time to stop into **Bistro Jacques**, formerly Mona Lisa Bistro. A European vacation without the expensive plane ticket, the menu offers Pan-Fried Frog Legs to start, share Duck Rillettes, and then Pear and Apple Tarte Tatin to finish! **The Waterfall**, a luxury banquet hall for distinctive, all-inclusive events, also had a renovation recently. Keep them in mind when you want to be treated like a princess, but don’t want to pay the price. New on the scene is **Two Sisters Boutique** in Greenville, which welcomes teen and tween girls looking for something to make them feel beautiful. They even offer great shopping experiences for moms, so shopping is fun for everyone.

PHOENIXVILLE

One of my favorite parts of fall? The start of theater seasons. If you're a theater lover, celebrate the new season at **The Colonial**. From TED Talks to feature films and comedy club nights, there's a reason it's a community treasure. Like its namesake, Phoenixville has been on the rise for years and keeps going. Be on the lookout for new businesses and restaurants. For now, check out the **Great American Pub**, which moved into the Columbia Hotel this year.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Voted a top five spot for fall daytrips by *Forbes*, Lancaster has so many new offerings I doubt you can hit them all in a day. So, some recommendations: Mosey down Lititz's Main Street and check out **a. heather & co.'s** women's clothing, jewelry, accessories and gifts. For your home, **Next Door Home Décor** has your covered, and for antiques, visit **Finial & Fern** in Leola. Shopping making you hungry? New additions like **Phoenix Noodle** in Ephrata and **Salt & Pepper Italian Bistro** just outside Lancaster City will fix that. Just be sure to wash it down with a fall brew from **JoBoy's Brew Pub** in Lititz. And for dessert? **Lancaster Cupcake**, of course.

DOWNINGTOWN

There's a reason this town could be known as Diningtown. The latest reason is **Bangles Indian Cuisine**, new on the dining scene and offering plenty of options, from a three-course chef tasting menu to entrees like habañero mango chutney dosa, tomato onion uttapam, and chettinad chicken curry. And there's more than delectable dining here, with additions like **Home Eclectic Market**. Open on Second Saturdays, the collective of local artisans is dedicated to "Handmade, Vintage & Re-purposed Decor." Can't make it then? They have appointments, too.

EXTON

Some things may change, but some remain the same. While Penn's Table closed, those familiar with the menu and friendly staff will be pleased both are still the same at **Julie's Café**, which added delicious crepes and dinner hours. **Bistro at Our Town** moved to a new location on Main Street. Also new on Main Street is **Forage**, with a menu that can only be described as city flair meets farm fresh fare. Plus **Umami Asian Bistro**, offering a sushi bar and other Asian fare, and a lunch buffet that will make you wish your break lasted a lot longer. Coming soon is local restaurateur Dave Magrogan's latest—**Red Star Craft House**. With an outdoor bar featuring firepits, craft beer and wood-fired dishes, it extends the al fresco dining season.

WEST CHESTER

Wait until you're hungry to head to West Chester, now brimming with brand new options to whet your appetite and quench your thirst. Straight from South Philly, **Lorenzo & Sons** will be spinning pizza pies in Spazzo's old space, plus there's more Italian at **Laguna Miramare**, serving up pasta and pesce. Foodies delight in **Bon Bon Sushi's** new menu, while **Los Saberes De Mexico** offers a different ethnic dining delight. Locavores love **Mustard Greens** and **Sprouts Music Club**, an offshoot (get it?) of Roots Café, serving up fresh food, fresh beats and fancy cocktails. You'll have to wait until 2015 for **La Baguette Magique** and **Boxcar Brewpub** for crusty bread and homegrown brews—but definitely worth it! ♦



Learning BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

During your open house visits at prospective independent schools, check out their plans for learning outside the classroom.

Cindy Walker

Just as this year's back-to-school nights are over and parents get their first glimpse of what the *current* school year holds in store, open house visits to schools begin for those parents considering a new school for the *next* academic year. Yes, it's that time of year again!

Parents get the full up-close-and-personal tour as schools roll out the welcome mat and partner with parents in search of the right educational fit for their sons and daughters. Tours—both virtual and real—help parents make this important decision.

From large panels to student-led tours to one-on-one conversations and shadow visits for prospective students, open house programs offer multiple opportunities to see schools in action. In addition to assessing the match between the top-notch academic offerings *inside* the classrooms at area independent schools, parents are wise to add another area to investigate—learning *outside* the classroom.

Learning Happens Everywhere

Every parent who's had a spirited political debate with a child at the dinner table or taught a map-reading lesson during a car

trip—even with GPS and iPhone maps—understands learning happens everywhere. Whether it's awareness of income inequality made real during a service learning project or practical lessons on teamwork learned on athletic fields, students grow through a wide variety of experiences.

Research shows that real-world learning expands and reinforces what happens inside the classroom. So it's no surprise that independent schools consciously and carefully structure learning opportunities beyond the classroom walls.

That's why **Malvern Prep** is focused on providing internships and other team-based learning opportunities for its students, says Jim Mack, Associate Director of Communications. "We've hired a Director of Experiential Learning whose job it is to find learning experiences for our students outside of the classroom. Our students will be entering a global economy, and it's these types of opportunities that will set them apart," he said.

A signature experience for **Agnes Irwin** students is the 10th and 11th grade Special Studies Program—a two-week experiential learning initiative that allows girls to explore curricular areas of particular interest to them. "The program, which involves

international and domestic travel as well as local internships, has been in existence for 45 years, and many alumnae attest to its transformative powers," says Mari-andl Hufford, Director, Center for the Advancement of Girls.

Mini-Term Options

Much like the popular college mini-term or winter-term specialty courses that let students explore a topic in depth or try something outside their major, similar options are available at area schools.

The Adventure-Based Learning Experiences Program (ABLE) at **Delaware Valley Friends School** uses winter and spring breaks and long weekends to further students' education through local and international trips. Students have sailed the Florida Keys learning about that ecosystem, stayed with subsistence farming

families living off the grid in Costa Rica's rain forest reserves, spent time with children rescued for child labor camps in India, cross-country skied in the lake effect snows of the Tug Hill Plateau in New York, and much more, says Ken Sinapius, ABLE Program Director.

At **Episcopal Academy**, JTerm is a groundbreaking, interdisciplinary program for Upper School students, which Head of School T.J. Locke describes as "engaging, rigorous courses where students study topics in depth and often 'in the field.'" For JTerm's second year in 2015, 32 courses will be offered, ranging from Financial Literacy to Art rEvolution to Urban Farming to Storytelling with New Media to Robotics. Students may also go on international trips to South Africa, the Galapagos Islands, Haiti, Italy and Jamaica.

Preparing for Life Beyond School

With small classes and strong student-teacher relationships that develop curiosity for learning, **Devon Prep** is proud of what their students accomplish outside class, on the ball field and in the community. A wide range of activities help students develop a full resumé and stand out in the college admission process. Successes such as the award-winning Solar Car Team and championship Baseball Team, as well as a competitive Science Olympiad Team, are opportunities that prepare well rounded, responsible and compassionate young men able to lead in a global society, says Admissions Director Mr. Pat Kane

At **Benchmark School** a unique aspect of their educational approach is how lessons learned in the classroom are extended far beyond the academic setting. Whether the context is the soccer

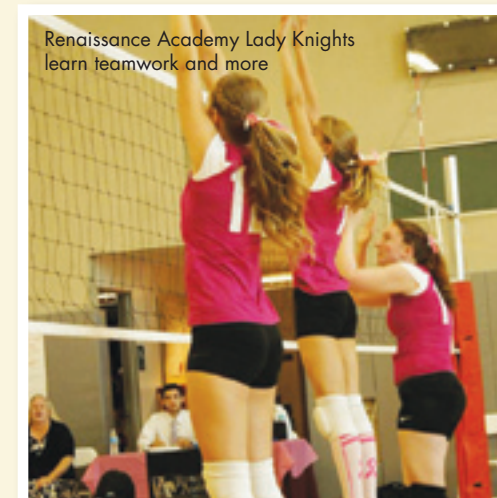
Delaware Valley Friends School's Adventure-Based Learning Program (here, left)



Devon Prep's award-winning Solar Car Team



Villa Maria's Orchestra students



Renaissance Academy Lady Knights learn teamwork and more



Benchmark School extends learning outside the classroom

field, history class or the playground, students learn to think flexibly, problem solve collaboratively, and act mindfully. Head of School Robb Gaskins says, "Our alumni tell us this prepares them to meet with success across endeavors throughout their lives."

An overarching goal at **Wilmington Friends**, beyond preparation for the academic rigors of upper school and beyond, is for middle school students to bridge

the span between dependence and independence, reliance and self-advocacy, and myopic views of the world and a genuine concern for others, says Jon Huxtable, Head of Middle School. This is, in part, achieved through the advisory program where small groups of students meet regularly with one teacher/advisor. Each advisor knows and understands the needs of each student and works to help each of them achieve their personal goals.

Technology and the Arts

Expanding and integrating technology and the arts enhances both the curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities at area schools.

The innovative MAD (Media, Arts, Design) Lab in Middle School at **Rosemont School of the Holy Child**, and the overall use and implementation of technology throughout the grades, set this school apart. Head of School Tom Lengel says, "We adopted a 1-to-1 technology program for our middle schoolers four years ago, and several local high schools still don't have that as part of their program."

At **Montgomery School**, exposing all students to the arts is an important part of the culture. Every year, in addition to fine and performing art classes, the school invites guest artists to Visiting Artist Week, when they've hosted photographers, Brazilian dance troupes, improv groups and professional musicians and vocalists. This fall, they'll host The Young Americans, who run music and performance workshops in vocal technique, dance, acting, choral singing, auditioning and stage presence. Besides being international performers, The Young Americans are "trained teachers whose main goal is to encourage self-growth, self-esteem and teamwork among the students they work with," says Deb Goggins, Director of Admissions.

When There Are No Classrooms

A different type of school, **PA Cyber Charter School** says the world is their classroom, with enrichment classes, family field trips, STEM and gifted projects and clubs. For example, one student and his dad visited the home of Thaddeus Stevens, then made a YouTube video about the 13th Amendment ending slavery. Another led art and photography clubs through the Andy Warhol Museum. Across the K-12 continuum, PA Cyber's flexibility and technology foster educational success and a lifelong learning experience for each child, even without classrooms, says Marketing Manager Erica Manypenny. ♦

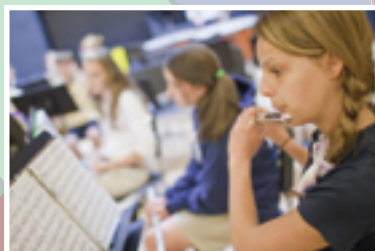
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What Will You Find at School Open Houses?

Each school has its own approach to introducing itself and its unique community to prospective families. Some schools have more formal presentations followed up by small groups and individual conversations, while others want you to stop by for Walk-In Wednesdays to see them in action. Still others invite you to watch a soccer game or school play to experience other dimensions of their educational experience. Here are what a few are planning for this year's open house season.

*At **AIM Academy's** monthly Open Houses, parents of students who learn differently experience our unique, arts-based and data-driven academic program. Interaction with current parents and students is followed by a presentation and tour on how the latest research is brought into the classroom from critical early literacy to creating a path to college and beyond.*

Lindsey Boden, Director of Enrollment Management

*Instead of Open Houses, **Media-Providence Friends School** offers prospective families Personal Tours. Families get a feel for the close-knit community at MPFS while classes are in session. Parents and children can meet our teachers, students and explore our classrooms. Students at MPFS benefit from being seen, heard and known by their teachers and we want prospective families to get that same treatment.*

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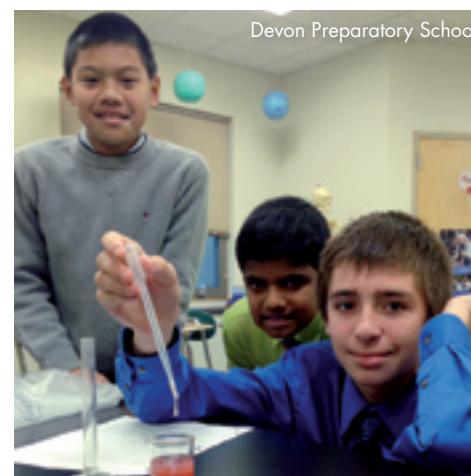
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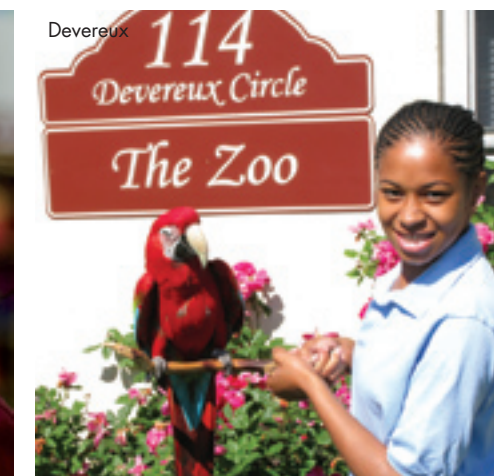
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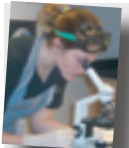
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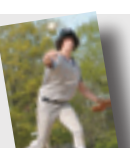

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And for those parents who see school sports as the easy road to getting their child into college, it's worth knowing that only about one percent of high school athletes get a college scholarship for their sport. Plus, those scholarships, too often, are worth much less than the family's investment in private coaching, sports camps and other training. Not to mention the time and opportunity costs.

Despite our regional tradition of fan-demonium, parents should *not* act like a stereotypical Eagles' fan while at school sports events. The sort of fanatical fan behavior that may have been tolerated at professional games (yelling at officials, spitting at opponents, booing Santa) is not appropriate at school games, and may even be on the wane at the Linc. (The Eagles Court closed down in 2003.)

Playing on school sports teams should be about building memories with friends and classmates. Sports is about learning teamwork, competition, self-discipline, mastery, and most important, having fun.

As a parent, you can have a big impact on making sure this happens. Or doesn't. You don't want to be that parent who's treating his son's Junior Varsity soccer game like it's the World Cup final.

Warning Signs

Overemphasizing winning at the expense of sportsmanship, having different goals than your child, and treating your child differently after a loss are all signs that a parent is sucking the joy out of kids' sports. Although sometimes well-intentioned, overbearing parents can derail a promising student athlete from fulfilling his potential, making over-involved behavior counter-productive.

For a cautionary tale, just Google "Todd Marinovich," a paragon of success and failure. Although practically bred by his father Marv to be an NFL quarterback, Todd ultimately washed out of his short pro career for using

drugs, arguing publicly with parents, refs and coaches, and much more. This is just one example of the backlash that can happen when parents get too invested in their child's sports success. That David Beckham was ejected from a youth soccer field for questioning an official, is yet another. Sadly, there are too many more bad examples at local sports fields.

The most common symptom of "nightmare sports parents" is living vicariously through your child's sports experiences. Watching your child play is an emotional experience and, of course, you identify with your child and are her biggest fan. Just don't over-identify so the game becomes about you, and your emotions get out of hand.

Try to keep in mind that school competitions are opportunities for your son or daughter to learn the fundamentals of working with teammates to achieve a common goal, and their success and failure has to be their own for these key lessons to be learned. Your son's and daughter's sport experiences will serve as positive models for them to follow when they approach other challenges and obstacles throughout life. Your job is to model good behavior as another aspect of what your child can learn from sports.

Separating yourself from your child's athletic competitions can change the course of their career for the better: even Tiger Woods' amateur golfer father Earl let Tiger grow under a new coach once Tiger hit high school.

Some Reminders

Here are some ideas to keep in mind so you're not a distraction or embarrassment on the sidelines, but a positive role model and welcomed sports parent.

- **START WITH ENCOURAGEMENT THAT FOCUSES ON HAVING FUN.** Before practice or a competition, make sure your child knows you want her to have fun and you love her regardless. Emphasize effort rather than outcome. Mike Ryan, father of NFL quarterback Matt Ryan of Exton, reminds his son that to their family "he's still Matt."

- **CHEER ON THE ENTIRE TEAM.** Your child looks to you as a role model, so model good behavior to teach good

behavior. Promoting the common goal of a team win helps your child understand a greater goal. The Phillies won the 2008 World Series because of a collection of great pitchers and batters, while the Sixers lost the 2001 NBA Championship with little other than Allen Iverson.

- **MAINTAIN A SUPPORTIVE AND POSITIVE TONE.** The coach, ref, your child's competitors and teammates are all human. Expecting perfection is unreasonable and opens you up to looking foolish and embarrassing your child. If you get overly enthusiastic at games, ask one of the calmer parents to tap you on the back when you're starting to go over the top. In my experience, the parent who's yelling out basketball plays from the sideline, more often than not never played basketball at a high level.

- **CONSIDER THE GAME A SOCIAL EVENT.** Make sure you're aligned with other parents on the common goal of getting your kids to have fun. Kids always remember the parent who brings the half-time orange slices. Be *that* parent.

- **LET YOUR CHILD INITIATE A POST-GAME TALK.** Don't greet your child with a play-by-play analysis. Let your child bring up the game, and make sure you listen carefully. In your child's view of a game, look for what she's proud of, insecure about, and her feelings about a loss. Make sure your positive encouragement alleviates insecurities and inspires her to continue to try hard. There are hiccups in every athletic career. Even West Chester East's star quarterback Matt Schaub red-shirted a year at University of Virginia before becoming the ACC Player of the year and going on to an NFL career.

- **UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD MAY NEED A BREAK FROM SPORTS.** Burn out can happen. If you notice your child's behavior is unacceptable during practice or competitions, that may be a sign.

- **WRITE THE COACH A THANK-YOU NOTE.** They have a thankless job.

The overarching theme for effective sideline behavior is for you to be on your child's team—a supplementary resource

for your son or daughter, not a forceful guide. Teach your child how to view setbacks, mistakes and risk-taking positively and you'll have passed on the key to a lifetime of success.



Postscript

At 26, I remember my school sports experiences more vividly than I remember yesterday's lunch. My parents, through unwavering encouragement and enthusiasm, enabled me to compete in high school and college and then work in the sports industry. I can still remember hearing my mom's shout of "Go Zack!" in a sea of Penn Relay fans at Franklin Field, my dad's inspirational phone calls after injuries in college, and winning our high school soccer championship with my friends.

And finally, it's easier to be a good sports parent than a bad one—all you have to do is sit back, enjoy the game and say six little words: "I love to watch you play." ♦

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In an area chockablock with stone farmhouses, it's a special pleasure to discover something completely different.

Sanctuary. Paradise. Hideaway. Sangri La. Polynesian pavilion. Private haven. Words don't fully capture the marvel that is the ten-acre woodland retreat nestled near three tributaries of Indian Run that architect Brooke Drinkwater designed for longtime friend and builder John Diament. Stunning, yet serene. Quiet, but visually exciting. Equally surprising and perfectly suited for the site. This list of contrasts could go on.

Luckily there are photos to help tell the story.

The Backstory

After raising his family in a traditional farmhouse on property next door in Glenmoore and building countless classic Pennsylvania stone homes scattered across Chester County, Diament dreamed of creating something singular on this property. "If I ever built a home on this site, it would be grand" he once said. Add "modest, yet grand" to the attempts to capture the spirit of this architecturally arresting home.

Reached after a winding drive through acres of woodland, punctuated by specimen trees—paper birch, crepe myrtle, maples and over 60 thousand perennials—is a clearing where Diament got

the home that is a dramatic departure from his former farmhouse. Beyond the copper-topped arbor marking the entryway, you'll spot four Polynesian-styled pavilions—main living area, master suite, kids' suites, and garage/workshop—capped by multi-angled roofs and linked by glass-enclosed passageways.

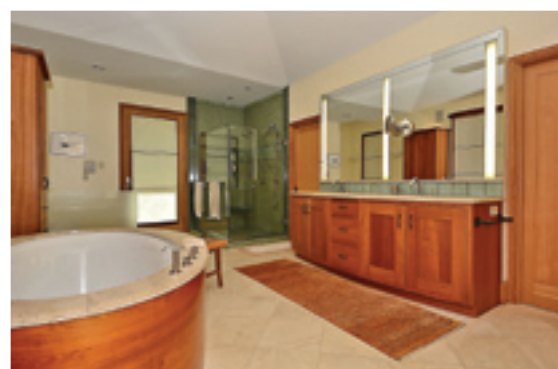
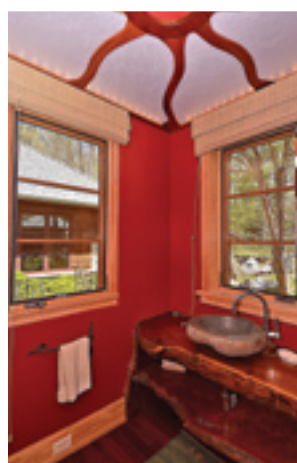
Earth-toned stucco, wood-shingle siding, wrap-around ipe decks and Asian-inspired gardens celebrate the landscape. "The site was so peaceful, so intimate ... I wanted to make sure the house didn't overshadow the lot," Diament said. Eco-friendly, high-tech interior details and low-maintenance design continue the theme inside.

And when a hands-on builder works on his dream home, enlisting a team of local artisans, you can imagine the resulting creative craftsmanship. The powder room sink is a work of art, the shower tiles have murals of mermaids, and lights in the media room are hand-blown glass sculptures.

The Living Space

An elegant, uncluttered aesthetic makes the interior feel spacious, calm and comfortable, while the copious use of glass—about 40 percent of the exterior walls—allows living close to





nature. Your introduction to the Zen-like sensibility mixing rock, water and wood is immediate. The foyer is anchored by a boulder harvested from the property—now a fountain amidst a koi pond and producing both ambient sound and interior humidity. Glass passageways enclosing glowing wood floors with radiant heat flow to the left toward the master suite and to the right toward the main living space.

Soaring 22-foot vaulted ceilings top the main open space surrounded by walls of windows for living, dining, media rooms and kitchen—the core of the family space. The mix of natural elements continues, adding texture with a massive, double-sided, indoor-outdoor stone fireplace and warm-hued woods from several sources—Brazilian cherry floors, American cherry kitchen cabinets, Honduran mahogany steps and Douglas fir details. A band of windows around the ceiling's perimeter allows for remote-controlled natural convection cooling for minimal use of air conditioning—only about a week this past summer.

You feel a sense of flow throughout the home echoing the convergence of the streams on the property. The pavilion design provides physical separation from other spaces yet close proximity to nature—all pavilions have private decks and access to the gardens, open space and water beyond.

The master suite houses separate sleeping and office spaces and stunning master bath, with a ceiling-mounted rain shower, plus a convenient laundry room and storage. On the opposite side of the living area is the kids' pavilion, with the two suites—each with separate bedrooms and baths plus extra sleeping lofts perfect for visiting grandchildren, as well as a shared sitting area and laundry room.

A spacious lower level with abundant natural light adds more special features. The large recreation room with full-size billiards table, along with a wet bar, wine cellar with tasting room and seven-seat theater provide entertainment space for family and guests to enjoy. Another bedroom suite with full bath

and sitting room can be used for a guest, in-law or au pair suite. A spotless mechanicals room houses the high-tech systems that make for easy and eco living in a home that feel large but on a small footprint.

The fourth pavilion houses a huge wood-working studio and two-car garage. Separate buildings on the property provide garage space for more cars and utility vehicles along with a generator hidden in what looks like a charming tea house.

Outside

A design that's sympathetic to its setting makes the landscape the final "room" in this home. And so the unblocked views from every window beckon you outside, to enjoy the gardens, meander through the meadows and woods and then on to find your bliss along Indian Run. ♦

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Jeremy Myers, Head Brewer, Neshaminy Creek Brewing

One Small Step for Home Brewers ...

In 1965, Fritz Maytag purchased then-struggling, San Francisco-based Anchor Brewing Company, a full 14 years before President Jimmy Carter planted the seeds of the American craft beer movement. With the stroke of his pen, President Carter legalized home brewing on the federal level, starting in 1979.

Although Americans had been brewing beer illegally at home for years, no one was prepared for what lay ahead, after passage of H.R. 1337. From that seed, the American craft beer movement didn't take long to start growing—it's estimated that about 90 percent of the pioneer craft brewers began as home brewers.

A side note for some beer trivia: The legislation, H.R. 1837, was memorialized by Victory Brewing's 1337 Ale, released earlier in 2014. And Anchor Brewing went on to become the first modern microbrewery in an industry controlled by mega-brewers, with success that inspired legions of microbrewer followers.

Interest and activity began brewing (pun intended) around the country. In 1979, David Hummer, Alvin Nelson and Randolph Ware founded the Boulder Brewing Company—Ware and Hummer were both University of Colorado at Boulder physics professors, an excellent background for brewing.

At about the same time, Ken Grossman founded the Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. in Chico, California. Both these breweries, much like their home brewing brothers and sisters, had one thing in common: a penchant for brewing ales. Today Sierra Nevada Brewing is considered by those in the know as the father of the American Pale Ale style of beer, the benchmark for the style.

The Germans Were Brewing

Prior to Prohibition there were over four thousand breweries in the United States. Most beer history buffs agree that a large number of these breweries were founded or heavily influenced by German immigrants, known throughout the world for their love of beer and ability to make it. This was most clearly evident here in Pennsylvania, a state where one in four people have German ancestry.

German brewers are well known for their lagers. And so it's no surprise that, with the influx of German immigrants and the growth of the American brewing industry, lagers grew to be the dominant beer style in the U.S., just as they had around the world.

Ales vs. Lagers

One of the major differences between producing ales and lagers is the time it takes to brew them. A typical ale can go from brew house to packaged beer in about 12 to 18 days, sometimes faster, especially if the brewery is doing any sort of filtering, a clarifying step that further speeds up the process. And ales ferment at much warmer temperatures than lagers.

Lagers, however, take longer to produce. Because lagers typically are fermented at temperatures between 10 to 15 degrees colder than ales, the yeast is much less active in lagers than at warmer temperatures used for ales. Most lagers, if done correctly, take a brewer at least four to six weeks from brew kettle to finished packaged beer—over twice as long as most ales.

But, if left to its own devices, the extra time and lower temperatures produce beers that are clean, crisp, clear and can be very malt focused—hallmarks of lagers.

What's a Craft Brewer To Do?

For a small craft brewer just getting its business off the ground, time is money, and more important, liquid is money. If you can make three times more ale than lager, why would you bother making any lagers?

Another consideration was that at the birth of the American craft beer movement, lagers were viewed as boring—and quite honestly, they were. For years American mega-brewers like Anheuser-Busch, Miller and Coors were pumping out millions of gallons of inferior versions of European Pilsners brewed with rice, corn and six-row barley (often used for livestock feed, rather than two-row barley preferred for brewing). The historic, economic and cultural reasons behind this is a discussion for another day.

Suffice it to say at the birth of the American craft beer movement, ales were all the rage. This was partly because American craft brewing grew out of the home brewing movement and home brewers' greater ability to make quality ales at room temperature. Quite simply, it was the pure economic reality of making more beer in less time.

Less Alcohol, Fewer Hops

Here we are nearly 40 years into the American craft beer movement. And while India Pale Ales are, without a doubt, the Ferraris of the craft beer world, there's much to be said for lagers. The 'cool guy' club of craft beer is starting to look inward beyond the hopped-up sports cars of over-the-top hoppy beers.

Another trend: session beers, those under 4.5% alcohol by volume (ABV)—are gaining in popularity. Beer drinkers in larger numbers aren't looking only for beers with a high ABV or huge amount of hops.

Lagers, many with around 4.5% ABV, fit this trend perfectly. This demand spurred smaller American craft brewers to make world-class examples of the style—Pilsners, Amber Vienna lagers, Bocks, Doppelbocks, Munich Dunkels. And with the cold weather soon upon us, who could forget Maerzens (a.k.a. Oktoberfestbier)?

Pennsylvania Proud

Here in Pennsylvania beer fans are lucky to have many award-winning breweries

known for their world-class lagers. Stoudts Brewing in Adamstown and Tröegs Brewing from Hershey have won multiple Great American Beer Fest and World Beer Cup medals for Stoudts Pils and Tröegs Sunshine Pilsner. Tröegs' Tröegenator Double Bock has been the benchmark of the Doppelbock style (dark, malty lagers with high ABV; doppel is German for double), winning nine major medals since 2006.



Though a relative newcomer opening in 2012, Neshaminy Creek Brewing continued the tradition of great Pennsylvania lagers capturing a gold medal for Vienna-style lager, Churchville Lager, at the 2013 Great American Beer Fest—our first time entering the competition.

A fellow brewer said to me recently, "There's life in lagers." While lagers haven't been the focus of the American craft beer movement, lagers are the reason beer is one the most consumed beverages on Earth. The steadfast determination of craft brewers to brew flavorful and exciting lagers hasn't been lost, especially here in Pennsylvania.

So be sure to drink local and try a lager! ♦

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The Most Wonderful Time of Beer

Autumn is the middle child of the seasons, often outshone by the brightness of summers past or lost in the excitement of the holiday season to follow. Yet autumn has its fans because it reminds us to kick back in the present. And what better way to relax than with a beer?

No other season connects better with beer, as season and beverage share the same crisp smells, cool temperatures, yellow, brown and orange hues. No wonder there are so many events that celebrate the season and beer.

October 2 & 4, King of Prussia hosts the **3rd Annual Beerfest Royale**. Dine outdoors on local fare to pair with a beer. Over 25 local breweries supply the brew. Tickets for October 2nd are \$65; \$40 for October 4th. KoPBrewfest.com.

October 5–26, Stoudt's Brewing Company is hosting their **32nd Annual Oktoberfest**. A fun-filled family event held every Sunday in October, featuring live German music, dancing and authentic German food. Stoudts.com.

October 11, people will pour into Kennett Square to taste the best craft beers in the region at the **17th Annual Kennett Brewfest**. Nearly 100 breweries are attending, accompanied by live bands and local vendors. Tickets are \$50 and often sell out. KennettBrewfest.com.

November 1–8, more than a dozen local restaurants get crafty for Wilmington's Beer Week. It's a celebration of craft beer with food pairings, prix fixe menus, tap takeovers, meet the brewer events and more. Visit WilmingtonBeerWeek.com for venues and pricing.

And there's more. **December 6**, the **4th Annual Valley Forge Beer Festival** entertains at the Oaks Expo Center. It's indoors so you'll be plenty warm while enjoying the cool flavors of more than 100 beers from 50 local breweries. Advance tickets, \$40, or \$60 at the door. ValleyForgeBeerfest.com.

If you're willing to travel a bit, visit Funtober.com/Oktoberfest/Pennsylvania for a listing of beer festivals statewide.

Autumn's here and it brought the beer. Savor the flavors.



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Food News


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



Hot Chili. Does October's West Chester Chili Cook-Off inspire you to spice up your favorite chili recipe? Maybe adding more heat? Then try Chile Spot's newest addition—**Competition BBQ Mop Sauce**. Chile Spot's founder Jeff Porter wanted to create an organic BBQ sauce that was sweet and had a big chili kick but without additives or high fructose corn syrup. You can also

spice up your chicken cheese steak and much more with this kicky sauce. Available at the West Chester Growers Market and online at ChileSpot.com.

Beer in the Arboretum. Join TV personality Tony Sortino of *Beer Appetit* and Pennsylvania's first certified beer expert, Alex Crowe, October 30th in the beautiful Gillespie Room at Scott Arboretum for a memorable **Botanical Beer Dinner**, a four-course meal with craft beer pairings. Learn about beer's ingredients and find out what beers the hosts pair with Italian porketta with sweet potato and prune casserole and with molasses cake and ginger snap ice cream. 6:30 p.m.; \$70; 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.com. Read more about the botany of beer at CountyLinesMagazine.com/August.




New Teca in Newtown Square. West Chester's beloved panini purveyor and wine bar is expanding to Newtown Square this fall. Restaurateur Chris Scarduzio is teaming up with Alberto Guadagnini, owner of **Teca of West Chester**, to renovate the former space of Alberto's in Newtown Square to be modeled after Guadagnini's Tuscan villa and winery. Dishes will be similar to those served up in West Chester, and this new spot will feature an even more expansive wine collection. Look for the new restaurant opening early next month. 191 S. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square.

Taste of the Towns.

Treat your taste buds to **Table Tours**, a flavorsome visit to restaurants in the historic town we call home. Katy O'Gara's taste-testing tours let a group of guests sample an appetizer, entrée and dessert from select restaurants in

West Chester on October 14th and later this month in Kennett Square. Join the chefs in table-side chats as you savor dishes prepared exclusively for your intimate group. And cap the West Chester tasting at Gemelli, a gelato café, before its grand opening. *\$75 includes tax, tip, drinks. Use code CLMAG for a special discount for our readers! 610-389-2940; TableToursByTown.com.*



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Traditional German Fare

Laura Muzzi Brennan

Oktoberfest is a time to enjoy the pleasures of German food and drink.

Visiting Munich may not be on your fall itinerary, but celebrating Oktoberfest and sampling traditional German food should top your "to do" list this month.

Oktoberfest traces its origins to October 12th, 1810, when Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig (later King Ludwig I) married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen, and the royals invited all citizens of Munich to attend the festivities. Now the largest festival in the world, Oktoberfest runs for 16 days from late September to early October and draws over 6 million people who consume more than 1 million gallons of beer and plate after plate of hearty Bavarian fare. (See "German Food for Smarties" sidebar to learn more about these dishes.)

Closer to home, **Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant** has been doing its part since 1996 to introduce locals to the pleasures of Oktoberfest and German food and drink. They kicked off this year's Oktoberfest celebration on September 25th at their 10 locations including West Chester, Media, Phoenixville and Wilmington.

Through the end of October, you can sip Iron Hill's own Oktoberfest beer, a full-bodied deep amber lager with a malty-bready aroma and firm malt flavor. And if you're a beer enthusiast all year

long, join the King of the Hill rewards club: it's the smart way to hear first about upcoming beer releases.

Through Oct. 5th, Iron Hill offers 10 traditional Oktoberfest dishes in addition to its à la carte menu. Items include sauerbraten pot roast with ginger-



Hackbraten

snap gravy, potato croquettes and hühner schnitzel topped with a lemon-herb butter sauce. For dessert: Grandma's apple-golden raisin bread pudding.

If you can't get there for the special menu, fear not: Oktoberfest egg rolls, jaegerschnitzel and schlachtplatte (a "Butcher's plate" of knockwurst, bratwurst, smoked pork, fingerling potatoes and sauerkraut) are regulars on the Iron Hill menu. And if you're willing to travel a bit, check out: Funtober.com/Oktoberfest/Pennsylvania/ for Oktoberfest festivities throughout Pennsylvania. Plus this

issue includes details of local beer fests in the article on lagers.

Want to create your own Oktoberfest menu at home? Give it a try: "Anyone can produce a good schnitzel dish," says Kevin Davies, founding partner and director of culinary operations at Iron Hill.

"German food is not difficult to prepare. You just need good recipes, especially good sauce recipes." Read his gingersnap gravy recipe and you'll get the idea.

Davies also encourages home cooks to use high-quality stocks—either making them from scratch or doctoring store-bought ones with, say, extra bones and skin. When it comes to perfectly cooked schnitzels, it's key to heat the pan before adding the oil. Once you've browned each side of the meat, finish cooking in a low (300°) oven.

Whether you are spending Oktoberfest raising a beer stein to friendship or a fork to the wonders of German comfort food, you'll see why, 200+ years after it began, this fall festival marches on.



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Sauerbraten

The word *sauerbraten* derives from two German words: *sauer*, meaning *sour* or *pickled* and *braten*, meaning *roast meat*. At Iron Hill Brewery, this *stick-to-your-ribs* roast is topped with *gingersnap* gravy and served with beer br zaised red cabbage and spaetzle.

For the marinade:

3¼ C. Burgundy wine
2 C. red wine vinegar
1¼ C. water
3¼ C. medium diced Spanish onions
1¼ C. medium diced carrots
1¼ C. medium diced celery
2 ½ Tb. salt
2 ½ Tb. sugar
⅓ tsp. nutmeg
13 whole cloves
1 Tb. whole black peppercorns
2½ Tb. chopped parsley
2 bay leaves

For the roast:

5 lbs. chuck roast
Salt and pepper, to taste
¼ C. vegetable or canola oil
3 C. strained marinade
5 C. beef stock or broth
1 C. medium diced carrots
1 C. medium diced celery
½ C. medium diced Spanish onion
3 cloves garlic

To make the marinade:

Place all ingredients into a stock pot. Bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

To make the roast:

Marinate roast in refrigerator for a minimum of 36 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°. Remove roast from the marinade and dry with paper towels. Strain marinade, discarding solids. Season both sides of beef with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in a large sauté pan and sear the roast on its two large sides. Place into a roasting pan. Pour 3 C. strained marinade and beef stock over the beef

along with carrots, celery, onion and garlic. Place waxed paper over the beef and seal the pan with aluminum foil.

Roast for 4 hours or until beef is tender. Remove the foil and waxed paper and allow beef to cool slightly. Remove the beef from the roasting pan and slice.

Makes 6-8 servings.

Gingersnap Gravy

1 oz. vegetable or canola oil
1 C. medium diced Spanish onions
¼ C. medium diced celery
2 oz. (approx. 10 cloves) minced garlic
½ Tb. kosher salt
½ Tb. sugar
⅛ tsp. nutmeg
½ Tb. dry mustard
5 whole cloves
1 tsp. whole black peppercorns
1 bay leaf
3 C. Burgundy wine
4 C. demi-glace*
4 C. chicken stock
½ C. red wine vinegar
1 C. gingersnap cookies, ground

* *Demi-glace is a thick, brown sauce made from beef or veal. You can make your own or purchase it at gourmet food markets.*

Heat the oil in a medium-sized stock pot. Add onions and caramelize. Stir in the celery, garlic, salt, sugar, nutmeg, mustard, cloves, peppercorns and bay leaf. Cook for 3 minutes.

Add the wine and reduce by half its volume. Add the demi-glace and chicken stock and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes. Add the vinegar. Cook 5 more minutes.

Strain into another pot, discarding solids. Stir in the cookies. The sauce will thicken in a few minutes.

Makes 6 cups.

Bavarian Lentil Soup

On a crisp autumn day, get a pot of this

German Food for Smarties

Don't know spaetzle from schnitzel? Read on and you'll be asking, "Kann ich bitte haben die Hühnerschnitzel mit einem Bier?" ("May I please have the chicken cutlets with a beer?") in no time!

Schnitzel: breaded cutlets made with a variety of meat and poultry. Jaegerschnitzel is made with pork, hühner schnitzel with chicken and wiener schnitzel, which translates to Viennese cutlet, is made from veal.

Spaetzle: small dumplings or noodles made by pushing dough through a large-holed grater, colander or spaetzle maker directly into boiling water or broth. The drained dumplings are usually pan fried or tossed in butter.

Bierocks: a sweet dough pocket pie stuffed with a savory filling made of ground beef, cabbage and onion.

Wurst: sausage. Though recipes vary, bratwurst usually contains veal or pork. Spicier than bratwurst, knockwurst is garlicky and made from ground beef and pork. And liverwurst? You can guess what's in this spreadable sausage.

Semmelknödel: bread dumplings. Depending on the cook's preference, these balls of comfort can be smaller than a tangerine or nearly grapefruit size. They're delicious served with stews or roasts.

Bienenstich ("Bee Sting Cake"): This two-layer cake boasts a caramelized almond-honey topping and a vanilla pastry cream or pudding filling. Legend goes that the clever baker who invented the cake was stung by a bee making a beeline for the honey topping.

Kaiserschmarrn: a popular Bavarian dessert resembling a torn pancake or thick scrambled crepe. Also enjoyed at breakfast, this beloved traditional dish is usually topped with powdered sugar and fresh fruit or fruit compote. Translated, it means Emperor's mess or Emperor's mishmash, the emperor being Austria's Kaiser Franz Joseph I who adored this sweet treat.

Rouladen: beef rolls stuffed with bacon, onion and pickles, then seared and simmered in wine, water or beef broth.

Kraut: cabbage or more generally, herbs or the leaves and stems of a plant. Sauerkraut translates to "sour cabbage."

soup going on the stove. Recipe courtesy of Iron Hill Brewery.

2 Tb. vegetable or canola oil
2 C. small diced Spanish onions
1½ C. small diced carrots
1½ C. small diced celery
1 C. small diced green bell peppers
½ lb. ham, cut into small dice
1 Tb. minced garlic
1-2 bay leaves
¾ tsp. dried thyme
¾ tsp. ground black pepper
¾ tsp. ground cumin
2 C. crushed tomatoes
6 qts. chicken stock
1¼ lbs. lentils
1¼ lbs. bratwurst
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pot. Add the diced ingredients and sauté over medium-high heat until the onions become translucent. Add the garlic, bay, thyme, black pepper and cumin, and sauté for 3 minutes.

Add the chicken tomatoes, stock and lentils. Cook for 30 minutes or until the lentils become tender.

Cut the bratwurst into half moons and add to soup. Cook for 10 minutes. Check the seasonings.

Makes 1 gallon (16, 8-oz. servings).

Potato Croquettes

Served with apple sauce (recipe below) and a small arugula salad dressed with lemon vinaigrette, these hearty gems are Oktoberfest favorites at Iron Hill Brewery. Note: If you don't own a potato ricer, use a masher. However, think about investing in this handy tool: it costs about \$15 and gives you a lifetime of fluffy, lump-free mashed potatoes.

2 lbs. Yukon gold potatoes
6 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
2 Tb. heavy cream, hot
1 Tb. butter
½ C. drained and minced sauerkraut

½ Tb. minced chives
3 oz. minced, cooked bacon
Salt and pepper to taste
2 C. flour
Egg wash (6 eggs and ¼ C. milk whisked together)
2 C. panko breadcrumbs
Canola or vegetable oil for frying



Peel and cut potatoes into large dice. Cook them in boiling salted water until tender. Drain.

While the potatoes are still hot, place them into a ricer and process into a large mixing bowl.

Cut the cream cheese into cubes and add to the mixing bowl. Stir in the hot cream, butter, sauerkraut, chives and bacon. Add salt and pepper to taste. (Do not over mix the potatoes or they will become gummy.) Refrigerate mixture until cold.

To form each croquette, take ½ C. of the potato mixture and shape into a 1" thick disc. Roll croquettes in flour, egg wash and then breadcrumbs. (Do not double-bread the croquettes.)

Heat ½" oil in a high-sided pot until the temperature reaches 350°. If using a deep fryer, wait until temperature reaches 375°. Fry until golden brown in color. Remove from oil and place on a paper towel. Season again with salt and pepper.

Makes 12-16 croquettes.

Apple Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Iron Hill Brewery.

5½ lbs. Granny Smith apples
4 strips lemon peel
Juice of a lemon
2 cinnamon sticks
4 oz. brown sugar

2 oz. white sugar
4 oz. apple cider
1½ C. water
½ tsp. kosher salt

Peel and core the apples. Cut into chunks and place into a large pot.

Add all other ingredients. Bring to boil. Then reduce to a simmer. Stirring frequently, cook until the apples are soft and mixture is almost dry, about 15-20 minutes.

Remove from the heat and discard the cinnamon sticks and lemon peel. Place into a large container. Cool and then purée using a small immersion blender or a free-standing blender.

Makes 2 quarts.

Oatmeal Cake

At Iron Hill Brewery, Crème Anglaise and a scoop of vanilla ice cream accompany this satisfying dessert. Note: Since precise measurements can mean the difference between failure and success in baking, some ingredients in this recipe are measured by weight and others by volume.

For the cakes:

3 C. rolled oats
2½ C. boiling water
½ lb. salted butter, room temperature
1 C. sugar
14 oz. light brown sugar
6 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3 oz. toasted walnuts, chopped
3 C. all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
½ tsp. ground nutmeg
1 tsp. kosher salt

For the topping:

10 oz. salted butter
5 oz. dark brown sugar
4 oz. heavy cream
3 oz. toasted walnuts, chopped
6 oz. rolled oats
8.2 oz. shredded sweetened coconut



To make the cakes:

Preheat oven to 350°. Place oats in a medium-sized mixing bowl. Add the boiling water. Mix and let stand for 20 minutes.

Spray two 9" springform pans with cooking spray.

In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the butter until smooth. Add both sugars and mix until smooth and fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and mix until just combined. Add the rolled oats and toasted walnuts and mix until just combined.

In another bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt.

Working in 3 batches, add the dry ingredients to the butter-oat mixture, mixing until just combined after each addition. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of each cake comes out dry, approximately 30 minutes.

To make the topping:

Combine butter, brown sugar and heavy cream in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Remove from heat and stir in walnuts, oats and coconut.

Spoon the topping evenly over cakes.

Place under the broiler on high and cook until the topping is golden brown, watching carefully to make sure it doesn't burn. Cool the cakes on a rack and place into the refrigerator overnight before removing from pans.

Makes 2, 9-inch cakes.

Bratwurst and Kraut

I adapted this recipe from Better Homes and Gardens' Heritage of America Cookbook. It's a favorite dish of Germans who settled the Midwest. You can simply plate it and enjoy or spoon it onto hotdog rolls spread with spicy brown mustard and eat it out of hand.

1 lb. cooked smoked bratwurst
1, 14-oz. package coleslaw mix or 6 C. shredded cabbage and
1 carrot, shredded
1 bottle of beer
½ C. water
½ large onion, chopped
1 tsp. caraway seeds
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
¼ tsp. salt
4 slices Swiss cheese, torn in small pieces



Make a few slits in each bratwurst. Place coleslaw mix (or cabbage), beer, water, onion, and spices into a large pot and mix well. Place bratwurst on top. Bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook until vegetables have lost their crunch, about 15 minutes.

Remove bratwurst. Drain liquid from cabbage mixture. Return mixture to the pot and stir in cheese. Cook on low just until cheese melts. Remove from heat.

Cut bratwurst into pieces and toss with cabbage mixture.

Makes 4-6 servings.

Chicken Schnitzel

Raindrops on roses and schnitzel with ... garlic-onion gravy? Try this combination, and it just might become one of your favorite things!

2½ lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 8 pieces)
1 C. flour
3 eggs
1 Tb. Dijon mustard or spicy brown mustard
1½ C. breadcrumbs
½-1 Tb. garlic salt
Black pepper to taste
¼-½ C. oil (I use a mix of olive and canola.)



Preheat oven to 300° and have an ovenproof casserole dish on hand.

Remove any extra fat from chicken breasts. If necessary, cut larger ones in half. Pound to ½" thickness.

Place flour in one bowl. In a second bowl, whisk together eggs and mustard. In the third bowl, mix breadcrumbs, garlic salt and pepper. Dip chicken breasts in flour, then egg mixture, then breadcrumbs.

Over medium high heat, heat ¼ C. oil. Once it shimmers, cook chicken in batches until golden brown and cooked through, 2-3 minutes per side.

Two notes: If the crust starts to get too dark before the chicken is cooked through, place in casserole dish and bake for a few minutes. If, after cooking the first batch, you notice the oil has become littered with pieces of breading, then discard that oil and start with a new ¼ C.

Place chicken on paper towels.

Makes 8 servings.

Garlic-Onion Gravy

I adapted this recipe from Guy Fieri, host of the Food Network's show Guy's Big Bite. Truth be told, it's more of a topping than a gravy. But whatever its name, it plays nicely with any kind of schnitzel.

2 Tb. olive oil
6 cloves garlic, pressed
1 large yellow onion, cut into small dice
1 tsp. dried thyme
Salt and pepper to taste
½ C. dry white wine
1 C. chicken broth
4 Tb. unsalted butter, cold and cut into cubes
Lemon juice to taste
Optional: ½ C. chopped Italian parsley

Heat the oil in a high-sided pan over medium-high heat. Add the garlic, onion, thyme, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring frequently, until onions soften and just start to brown, 7-8 minutes.

Add the white wine and cook for 1 minute, scraping up any of the browned bits. Add the chicken broth and reduce to a simmer. Cook for 5 minutes until you've reduced the liquid by half.

Remove from the heat, and swirl in the butter. Add a squeeze of lemon to brighten the flavors. If desired, sprinkle with parsley. Serve warm over the schnitzel.

Makes 1 C. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks.

A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.

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talking with Abigail Adams

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, People's Light in Malvern is one of Pennsylvania's largest professional nonprofit theaters, known for its resident company, eclectic mix of productions, and innovative work with young people. We asked Artistic Director and CEO Abigail Adams, who's directed more than 60 plays there, to tell us more about this Chester County treasure.



You've been with People's Light almost since its inception. Care to share a few highlights?

I'm often asked this, but in truth my mind is always on what we're doing now or planning to do in the future. It's the body of work over time that matters most to me rather than individual productions—the range of work, the amazing commitment and talent of so many artists, and the ways we've developed as an organization. That said, favorite productions I've directed include *In the Blood*, *Memory of Water*, *Getting Near to Baby* and *A Trip to Bountiful*.

People's Light is known for mixing classics with world premieres and the Holiday Panto. What's your vision for designing the lineup each season?

A wide range of offerings—truly something for everybody. All our choices are dictated by many agendas that can often conflict: the passions of individual artists, the calendar, the availability of scripts and artists, grants to support the work, what we think our subscribers will enjoy, plays we think new audiences will like. And what will make us stretch. It's a huge puzzle.

In addition to its strong resident company, People's Light works with guest artists. This year David Strathairn and Mary McDonnell will perform in *The Cherry Orchard*. What's that like?

We love mixing our resident company artists with guest artists. Every guest provides the possibility of a long-term relationship. The mix is exciting—and we all learn from each other. David has done two prior productions with us and many readings. I've known Mary since the early 90s through readings in New York. We've been talking about *The Cherry Orchard* with both David and Mary for years. And, their schedules and our schedule miraculously lined up for a production this winter!

There's a strong community connection with the theater's mission—it's got 'people' in its name, after all. What programs do you do for young people?

We do extensive programs for young people that include performances, theater school classes, residencies in schools, a Subscription Teen Engagement Program (STEP) and much more. What's unique about this work is that it's led by the artists you see on our stages. The work on our stages inspires and informs our work with young people, *but* our work with young people equally inspires and informs our professional work. Our recent productions of *Pride and Prejudice* and *A Winter's Tale* were directly informed by projects with our teen ensembles before we went into rehearsals.

There are several stages, a restaurant and event space on campus. How do they contribute to the mission?

Everything we do supports the mission. The Bistro was conceived of as a great way for people to have a really nice meal before seeing a production, the Farmhouse event space allows us to do weddings, conferences and parties, all of which financially support our artistic work. But it's also a way for us to be sewn into the fabric of community life. We're not quite 24/7, but darn close.

What are your plans for the big 40th?

First and foremost we're using the 40th as a way to honor the past, enjoy the present, and celebrate the future. So that frames everything from talk-backs to special events. In September we held our first free Family Day event, in March we'll hold a Gala in which the cast of *The Cherry Orchard* will perform, and on July 18th we will celebrate our birthday on the opening night of *Stella and Lou*.

How can those with Broadway dreams get involved with the theater?

We do non-Equity auditions once a year. But primarily we cast on a show-by-show basis from our company and a pool of actors with whom we have a connection—some of our guests are from the talented pool of artists living in Philadelphia, others tend to be based in New York, Washington or LA. ♦

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