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## from the EDITOR

October is here! Kids are back in school, warming up to their subjects and teachers. Long-time educator Linda Phelps explores “The Value Of An Independent School Education,” which may make you want to reassess your child’s school. We’ll help with our Guide To Area School Open Houses.

And instead of a plain apple for the teacher, consider the tasty recipes in Laura Brennan’s Brandywine Table column, “How ‘Bout Them Apples?”

In this perfect month to be out and about, Mary Dolan tours the sights in *County Lines* Country in “Across County Lines” to discover what’s new—from Phoenixville to Wilmington, Wayne to Lancaster—and remember old favorites.

For a longer trip, we recommend the shore—Chesapeake Bay’s Eastern Shore for its arts, restaurants, wines and scenic views. Read about it in “Fall Getaway to Kent County, MD.”

Carol Metzker, though, says a short drive may be enough. To visit France but avoid packing, passports, TSA lines and cramped plane seats, discover French influences in Southern Chester County and find places to “Just Say ‘Oui.’”

For a dream destination that can be your home, consider 215-acre Wyndemere Farm, a virtual nature preserve complete with three-acre pond, nesting bald eagles and a blue heron rookery featured in “Home of the Month.”

And for more on homes, is yours market-ready? If you’re thinking of selling, Ed Malet has advice from local realtors in “It’s Not Personal.” For home gardeners, remember autumn shouldn’t be just about raking leaves. Chanticleer Garden’s Adam Dooling helps with “Maintaining The Beauty of Your Fall Garden.”

La Cabra’s Dan Popernack shares a strange wish: in “I Would Have Been A Cooper....” he gives us a short course as he writes about his love for barrel-aged beers.

And don’t forget our Best Local Events coverage this month, including a preview of People’s Light’s world premiere of *Lights Out: Nat “King” Cole*, starting October 11.

Thank you for reading.

Jo Anne Durako  
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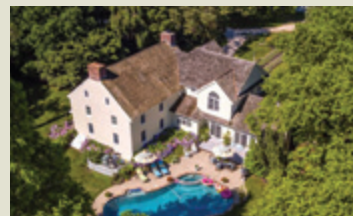
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## Having “The Talk” with your Kids: The Money Talk

Matt Davis, BB&T

MILLENNIALS ARE SAVVY ABOUT MANY THINGS, BUT FINANCIAL LITERACY MAY NOT BE ONE OF THEM.

**I**T'S OCTOBER AND KIDS HAVE GONE BACK TO SCHOOL. Whether they're in high school or college, your kids live in a financial world nearly unrecognizable from just a few years ago. It's certainly a different world from the one you or I grew up in.

And although millennials can program every gadget in your house, they may not know how to write a check, balance their checkbook (there's an app for that), keep a budget or build credit. It's easy to forget that most of us learned these skills from our parents and that social media may not be the best source for money lessons.

Do parents need to step in and have “the talk”?

The short answer is yes. While the Internet is ablaze with information, that doesn't mean your kids are reading up on financial

literacy. It's worth investing some time to make sure the fundamentals are covered.

**Banking & Budgets.** My best advice is to start early. Most banks offer checking accounts for children as young as 13, provided they're joint with a parent and the child has a valid government-issued ID (PennDOT offers ID cards for \$30.50). Saving up the ID fee could be your child's first budgeting lesson.

Amazingly, two-thirds of Americans don't have a written budget to track their monthly income and expenses, according to Experian. And you know there's an app for that, too!

Add to this the alarming statistic that nearly 30% of millennials

overdraft their checking accounts and the importance of early budget training is clear. To avoid overdrafts and fees, have your kids link their checking to a savings account to avoid those steep fees. And make sure they know that these savings are good for more than overdraft protection!

Only 20% of millennials say they've saved for a rainy day, yet over 80% of college-educated millennials have at least one long-term debt that persists even when that rain starts. Your advice on budgeting can help them with the first statistic; encouraging them to apply for scholarships and grants can decrease the amount of the second.

**College Costs.** Scholarships, grants and student loans all pay for college, but only the last option requires repayment. Student loans, while undeniably useful, carry potentially decades of repayment plus interest cost. Have you explained the power of interest to your child—both for savings and on student loans and credit card debt?

Even worse than the addition of interest to student loan debt is default, which can happen if a graduate can't find a job. And this default is different from most other types of debt because it can't be erased through bankruptcy.

If your child does take out student loans, you'll need to talk early on about building credit. Student debt will drag down a credit score, even if it's currently deferred.

**Creditworthiness.** A low-limit secured credit card backed by a savings account will serve a dual purpose: to reinforce that credit is still “real money” and create an active item on your child's credit report—more indicative of how they handle credit than looming student loans still deferred. Once they've paid this card regularly for a year or so—since they understand interest and the wisdom of paying off the complete balance—they'll have created sufficient credit history to close out the secured card and get a stand-alone one.

Working to create a positive credit history will help your child get other credit, such as auto or mortgage loans in the future. And it may even help with refinancing those student loans at a lower rate.

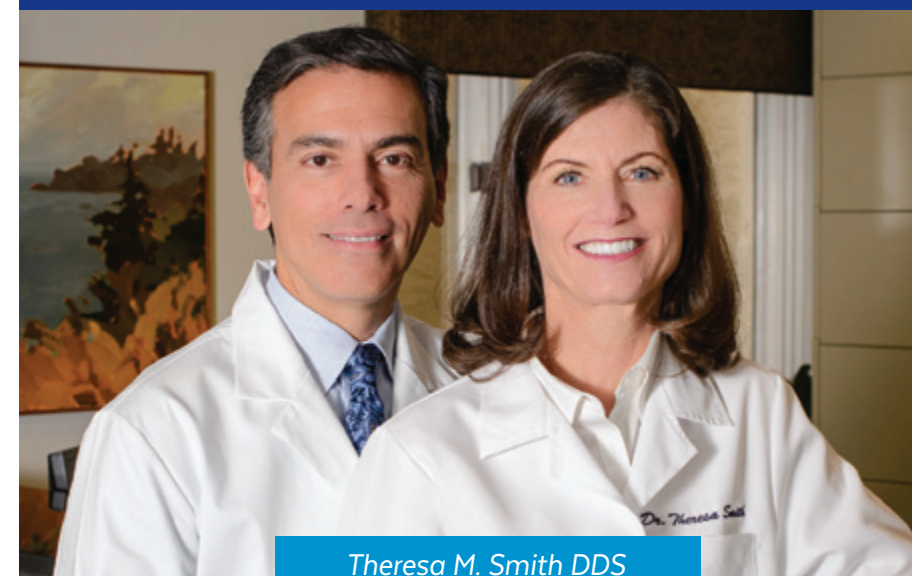
So, start the conversation early with your child to help improve their financial literacy. You'll both be glad you did. ♦

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## [Good to Know] Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

### Fit for a Queen.

Calling all fans of Netflix's *The Crown*! Starting October 20th, Winterthur Museum presents *Royal Splendor: The Coronation Gown from The Crown*, an exhibit showcasing a replica of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation dress actually worn on the show. Created to honor the Queen's 60-year reign—her Diamond Jubilee—the dress is a treat for *The Crown* lovers, history buffs and those still pining for *Downton Abbey* and that memorable Winterthur exhibit. [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).



**Skates and Steaks.** Don't want to wait until winter to practice your double axel? **The Ice Line** skating rink in West Chester is waiting for you! Whether you want to practice your hockey skills or just try to stand up on slippery ice, Ice Line has public skating hours for skaters of all levels. If ice skating isn't your forte, stop by their new restaurant, **The Goal Line Pub**, overlooking the rinks for dinner and drinks. *700 Laurence Dr., West Chester. [Iceline.PointStreak-Sites.com](http://Iceline.PointStreak-Sites.com).*



**Ara-So-Fun Farm.** If you're looking for ways to keep your kids (and yourself) entertained this fall, check out **Arasapha Farm's** new family-friendly attractions. Play on their new barnyard bounce, pumpkin jump and corn maze, or get in the Halloween spirit by picking out your special pumpkin from their patch. Arasapha Farm offers plenty of family fun before it transforms into a spooky, thrill-seeker's destination at night—The Bates Motel! 1835 Middletown Rd., Glenn Mills. [HarvestHayride.com](http://HarvestHayride.com).



**Pinkies Up.** Break out your kid's best clothes and dancing shoes because **The Saturday Club's 2017 Cotillion Program**, now in its 26th season, is open for registration! Sign up kids, grades 3 to 6, for six weekly classes taught by instructors from Jon D. Williams

Cotillions, a renowned social skills education program. Starting October 6, classes held at The Saturday Club in Wayne cover social dance and social skills—table manners, listening skills and promise to teach respect, courtesy and consideration—all good. Register at [SaturdayClub.org](http://SaturdayClub.org).

### Happy Haunted Birthday.

Anyone who's read R.L. Stine's famous *Goosebumps* series knows these books are not for the faint hearted. Celebrating his 74th birthday on October 8th, Stine has made a major contribution to children's literature with his creepy series of 62 books sure to scare any child or tween willing to dive into a world of monsters, mummies and mutants! Prime yourself for Halloween and read more about R.L. Stine and *Goosebumps* here: [Goosebumps.Scholastic.com](http://Goosebumps.Scholastic.com).





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## [October Picks] Our Picks for top events this month



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### Main Line Antiques Show

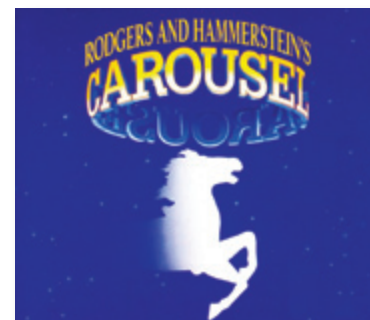
October 6-8, 20

Thirty distinguished dealers offer a wide selection of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, furniture and folk art. **Oct. 6**, Opening Night, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and light buffet, 6 to 9 p.m., \$125. *Cabrini University. Dixon Center, 610 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. Sat., 10 to 7; Sun., 10 to 5. \$15. (Complimentary tickets available on website.)* **Oct. 20**, What's It Worth appraisal event by Freeman's Auctioneers & Appraisers, *Surrey Services, 60 Chestnut Ave., Devon, 3 to 6 p.m., \$50, must register: 484-843-2510. 484-580-9609; MainLineAntiquesShow.com.*

### Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair

October 7

Premier blues musicians perform at a new location this year with lots of room for dancing, vendors, a beer garden, KidZone and more. *Paoli Presbyterian Church, S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 11 to 6. Donation of non-perishable food for the Food Bank. 610-206-7743; PaoliBluesFest.com.*



### Media Theatre—Carousel

Through October 22

An American classic featuring some of the most powerful music ever written for the stage, including "If I Loved You," "Mister Snow," "June is Bustin' Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." *104 E. State St., Media. \$25-\$50. For times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.*



### Delaware Art Museum—An American Journey: The Art of John Sloan

October 21-January 28

Featuring nearly 100 of John Sloan's works as an illustrator in Philadelphia, his famous depictions of New York City, his lively views of Gloucester, Massachusetts, and his fascinating studies of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The exhibition will be accompanied by a full range of public programs. *2301*

*Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed., Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs., until 8 p.m. \$6-\$12; free Thurs. from 4 to 8 and Sun. all day. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.*

### Rotary Club of West Chester's 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off

October 8

Over 70 chili-cooking teams compete for prizes at this annual event with crafters, a kids zone, food trucks, decorating booth and more. Benefits local nonprofits. *Gay St., West Chester. 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Wristbands, \$12. 484-467-3415; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.*



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Wellington Square Bookshop. Children's Story Time. Ages 2-5 listen to songs and stories. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; visit WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

### THROUGH NOV. 5, Sundays

Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights. Antique automobiles, trains and tours. Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$12-\$19. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 7

Delaware Museum of Natural History—Here Be Dragons. The exhibit explores human/dragon cultural connections through hands-on activities and encounters with live reptiles. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$3-\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

### OCTOBER 1

Falling Leaf Festival at Eagleview Town Center. Talent showcase from local art and dance schools, craft market and food court. 540 Wellington Square, Exton. 11 to 3. Free. EagleviewTownCenter.com.

### OCTOBER 1

11th Annual Garden Railways Tour. Self-guided tour of 9 private garden railways in Lancaster and Chester Counties. RR Museum of PA, 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg. 1 to 5 pm. \$10. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPa.org.

### OCTOBER 1

Westtown Day at Historic Oakbourne Mansion. Music, games, pony rides, petting zoo, food trucks, reenactors, an archaeological dig for kids, and local vendors. Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 10 to 2. Free. 610-692-1938; WesttownPA.org.

### OCTOBER 6-8

93rd Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, music, live animal exhibits, food and rodeo on Sat, 6 pm, \$10-\$15; auction on Sun. Landhope Farms, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Fri-Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 5:30. UCFairInc.org.

### OCTOBER 7

Truck and Tractor Day at Winterthur.

Explore tractors, modern farm vehicles and the Winterthur fire trucks. Enjoy a hayride, arts and crafts, and more. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10 to 4. \$5-\$20. 302-888-4780; Winterthur.org.

### OCTOBER 7

Newlin Grist Mill Fall Harvest Festival. Artisans demonstrate a variety of Colonial trades, hay rides, pumpkin painting and games. 219 Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. 10 to 4. Free. 610-459-2359; NewlinGristMill.org.

### OCTOBER 7-31

Scarecrow Design Contest at Morris Arboretum. Vote for your favorite among the 30+ designs created by local participants. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. Daily 10 to 4. \$5-17. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

### OCTOBER 13, 21, 28

Colonial PA Plantation—Lantern Ghost Tours. It's an evening of strange sounds, squeaky doors and ghostly stories. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 6 to 9:30 pm. \$10; age 10 and up only. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

### OCTOBER 14, 27

The Mill at Anselma Events. Oct. 14, Mill demonstration day, 10 to 4; Oct. 27, Halloween Lantern Tours, 5 to 7 pm. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. \$3-\$5. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.

### OCTOBER 14-15

Pumpkin Days at Tyler Arboretum. Traditional autumn festival with lots of activities, food, crafts, wagon rides, music and pumpkins. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Daily 10 to 5. \$9-\$15. For more events at Tyler, 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.



### OCTOBER 19-21

The Great Pumpkin Carve. Open-air festival featuring more than 60 local artists who carve huge pumpkins, some up to 400

pounds! Pumpkins will be lit Thurs-Sat. Live music, hayrides and a haunted trail. Across from the John Chad's House, Rt. 100 N, Chadds Ford. 5 to 9. \$5-\$10. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

### OCTOBER 20-21

Sugartown at Sundown—Lantern Tours with a Spooky Fall Flair! Bring the family for an evening of hair-raising fun! Listen to eerie stories while you enjoy hot apple tea punch and treats. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. Tours on the half-hour, 6 to 8:30. \$8-\$10. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

### OCTOBER 21

Willistown Conservation Trust—Run-a-Muck & Countryside Bash. Run or Muck (walk) along the 5K or 1+ mile trail. Enjoy live music, bonfire, wine, beer and country supper. Leashed dogs welcome. Kirkwood Preserve, 6114 Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. Gates open, 2:30 pm, race, 3:30. Register in adv., \$15-\$30. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

### OCTOBER 21

Newtown Square Railroad Museum Community Festival. Live music, vendors, miniature train rides and tours through 1895 PRR Freight Station, the 1907 Wooden Passenger car and the 1950 Caboose. Drexel Park, Newtown Square. 10 to 4. Free. 610-459-9507; NewtownSquare-RailroadMuseum.org.



### OCTOBER 25

West Chester Halloween Parade. Begins on Market St. between Church & Darlington. Marching bands and cheerleading performances featured. 7 pm. Rain date, Oct. 26. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### OCTOBER 27

Radnor Township Trick-or-Treat. Ages 5 and under can come dressed in their costumes and enjoy a safe and fun trick-or-treat. Activities and free pumpkins for decorating (while they last). 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. 9 to 4. Free. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

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

### THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Chester County Art Association. Through Oct. 28, bid on privately-owned pieces by significant Chester County artists, live auction Oct. 28; Oct. 5-7, Clay Days; Oct. 7-28, Michael Tomasso: The Art of Travel; Oct. 13-29, "Art as Change," 1960s revolutionary images. 100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester. Mon-Sat, 9 to 5; special Sun hours, Oct. 15, 22, 29, noon to 4. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org.

### THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

Main Line Unitarian Church—Artist of the Month Exhibit. Enzhao Liu from Beijing, recent graduate of PAPA. Oct. 8, opening reception 1:30 to 4:30. 816 S. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. Mon-Fri, 9 to 4:30; Sun, 9 to 1. 484-341-8014; MLUC.org.

### OCTOBER 6

West Chester Fall Gallery Walk. Stroll through downtown West Chester for an evening of art, dining and shopping. The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Gallery Walk with many locations. 5 to 9. GreaterWestChester.com.

### OCTOBER 6

Vintage Garage Sale. Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

### OCTOBER 6-8

Daylesford Abbey Annual Art Show. Major and miniature works of art, sculpture, pottery and more. Oct. 6, opening reception, 5 to 8, \$10. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 5. 610-647-2530; DaylesfordAbbey.org.

### OCTOBER 6-30

Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Arts Gallery. The gallery will host a solo exhibit of paintings by artist Don Shoffner with an opening during Downtown West Chester Gallery Walk, Oct. 6, 5 to 9. 23 N. High St., West Chester. 610-692-0374; for hours visit SunsetHillJewelers.com.

### OCTOBER 7-8

Arts Festival Reading at Goggleworks Center for the Arts. Quality show featuring juried fine artists and craftsmen, plus music and local food and craft beverages. 201 Washington St., Reading. 10 to 5. \$8. 610-374-4600; Arts-FestivalReading.org.



### OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 12

Lancaster Museum of Art. "Warren Rohrer: Painter of the Fields." 135 N. Lime St., Lancaster. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. 717-394-3497; LMAPA.org.

### OCTOBER 14-15

The Hagley Craft Fair. Fine arts, crafts, and gourmet items. Hagley's, Buck Rd., 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

### OCTOBER 21-22

Delaware County Studio Tour. Art enthusiasts meet 58 outstanding artists at 19 studios

in Delaware County area. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. Map available on website, CountyStudioTour.com.

### OCTOBER 27-29

Flying Colors Annual Fine Artists Show. All-women show of professional artists offering original works. Montgomery School, Rt. 113, Chester Springs. Reception Fri, 6 to 9; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. 610-269-9807; FlyingColors.us.

### NOVEMBER 3-5

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. High-quality arts, crafts and design elements together under one roof. Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station

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## AUTO SHOWS / RALLIES.....

OCTOBER 5–8

**Delaware Auto Show.** See *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*.

OCTOBER 8

**Rally 'Round the Races.** Explore the beautiful Brandywine Creek Greenway in the family car or that special vintage ride. Answer questions along the way towards the secret luncheon destination. Brandywine River

Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 9:30 am. Res. req. \$175 per car includes lunch for four. 610-388-8398; Brandywine.org.

## DANCE.....

OCTOBER 1

**Academy of International Ballet.** Enjoy a beautiful performance by dancers performing a variety of classical and contemporary works. Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffmans Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 2:30 pm. Free. 610-623-3607; Brandywine.org.

OCTOBER 20–22

**Brandywine Ballet—Dracula.** The season opener at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri, 10 am; Sat, 7 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$25–\$40. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.



OCTOBER 21–22

**First State Ballet Theatre Presents Giselle.** A beloved ballet perfect for the whole family. The Grand Opera House, 818 Market St., Wilmington. Sat, 7 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$30–\$50. 302-658-7897; TicketsAtTheGrand.org.

## EQUESTRIAN EVENTS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER 1, Fridays & Sundays  
**Brandywine Polo.** Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10–\$15. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

THROUGH OCTOBER 1

**Dressage at Devon.** World-class dressage competition, a Fall Festival of shops and special activities for the family. Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. \$10; ages 3–12, \$5; under 3 free. Benefits Equine Education. DressageAtDevon.org.

OCTOBER 7

**Radnor Hunt Horse Trials.** Autumn eventing continues with dressage, show jumping and cross country. A pig roast with chicken, salads, desserts and beverages, live music and a silent auction, follow the last event at 3:30. Donation requested. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Day starts at 8 am. RadnorHuntHT.org.

OCTOBER 12–15

**The Dutta Corp. Fair Hill International 3-Day Event.** Olympic-caliber athletes take on drops and fences at top speeds. The Festival in the Country features food, Kids' Corner and more.



## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OCTOBER 5–8

**Delaware Auto Show.** The latest 2018 models, kids Fun Zone, Spider Man and more. Benefits DE Breast Cancer Coalition. Preview Gala Thurs, 5:30, see website. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Daily 10 to 6, \$10. DelawareAutoShow.com.

OCTOBER 7

**Oxford Feed & Lumber's Pink Hobby Horse Prance.** Make stick ponies then ride them in a horse show. Benefits breast cancer coalitions. Oxford Feed & Lumber, 112 Railroad Ave., Oxford. 9 am. \$10. 610-932-8521; OxfordFeedLumber.com.

OCTOBER 15

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.** Walk to raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer. Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia. To register, 800-227-2345; MakingStrides.ACSEvents.org.

OCTOBER 14

**Susan G. Komen 16th Annual Pink Tie Ball—The Greater Gatsby.** Cocktails, silent auction, entertainment, dinner and dancing. Vie, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. 6 to 11:30. \$625. 215-238-8900; KomenPhiladelphia.org.

OCTOBER 26

**Unite for Her—Harvest Event.** Farm-to-table chef tasting featuring top area chefs, wines, brews and spirits, an auction and music. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. 5:30 to 9:30, \$150–\$200. UniteForHer.org.



NOVEMBER 11

**Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Annual Black-tie Gala—The Butterfly Ball.** One of LBBC's most important events. Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. 6:30 to midnight. Tickets \$350 and up. 484-708-1804; LBBC.org.

NOVEMBER 18

**Linda Creed Breast Cancer's Jazz Brunch.** Fabulous music, raffles, silent and live auction and shopping. Hilton Philadelphia, 4200 City Line Ave., Philadelphia. 11 am to 2 pm. \$65. 215-564-3700; LindaCreed.org.

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**OCTOBER 12-21**  
**Pennsylvania National Horse Show.** One of the largest indoor horse shows in the country. *Oct. 12-15*, Junior Weekend; *Oct. 16-21*, Adult Week. Farm Show Complex, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg. \$7-\$50. 717-770-0222; PaNational.org.

**OCTOBER 22**  
**Fall Horse Show at Thorncroft.** Special needs competitors compete in equitation, dressage and trail classes. 9 to 5. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

**NOVEMBER 5**  
**83rd Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.** Timber racing, food and shopping. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. Gates open, 10:30. \$50/car. Benefits the Chester Co. Food Bank, Work to Ride and Upland Country Day School. 484-888-6619; PaHuntCup.org.

**FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....**  
**THROUGH OCTOBER 29**  
**Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.** A cast of hundreds of colorfully costumed characters fill the Shire with music, dancing and more. Mt. Hope Estate, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Sat-Sun, 11 to 8. \$11.95-\$31.95. 717-665-7021; PArenFaire.com.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Nottingham Country Fair & Run.** 5K run, vendors, contests, music and family activities. Benefits local emergency services. Nottingham Co. Park, 150 Park Rd. 10 to 2. 610-932-2589; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**4th Annual Upper Main Line Rotary Oktoberfest.** Games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, bouncy-houses, live music, dancing, German food and a great beer selection. Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. Noon to 8. Adults, \$10. UMLRotary.org.

**OCTOBER 7-8**  
**Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival.** Children's activities and crafts, hayrides, music, food and wagon and pony rides. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. No dogs. Daily 10 to 5. \$7. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

**OCTOBER 14**  
**Chester County Fund for Women and Girls—Community Fest.** Live music, food trucks, kids activities, vendors and more, all to celebrate 20 years of community transformation through investment in women and girls. Kerr Park, 1 Park La., Downingtown. 10:30 to 1:30. 484-356-0940; CCFWG.org.

**Local Farm Markets**

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

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

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

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

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

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 112 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. *Fri, 3 to 7.* 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

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

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. *Tues, 1 to 5 pm.* 610-998-9494; Downtown-OxfordPA.org.

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

Phoenixville Farmers Mkt., 200 Mill St., Phoenixville. *Sat, 9 to 1.* Phoenixville-FarmersMarket.org.

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

SIW Farmers Mkt., 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. *Daily, 7 to 6.* 610-388-7491; SIW-Vegetables.blogspot.com.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 432 Dartmouth Ave. *Sat, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.* SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.

Thornbury Farmers Mkt., 1256 Thornbury Rd. *Tues-Fri, 11 to 6, Sat, 9 to 5, Sun, 11 to 5.* ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

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

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

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

**OCTOBER 14**  
**White Horse Village Annual Octofair.** Crafts, delicious food, raffle, children's activities, silent auction, antiques and more. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 9 to 2:30. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

**OCTOBER 21, 24**  
**Phoenixville Pumpkinfest & Halloween Parade.** *Oct. 21*, Pumpkinfest—derby races, carving contests, “best” pumpkin dish, vendors and entertainment. Main St., between Bridge & Church Sts., Phoenixville. 10:30 to 4. 484-928-0562; PhoenixvillePumpkinFest.

com. *Oct. 24*, Halloween Parade begins at 300 Block of Bridge St. & Taylor Alley, 7 pm. Rain date, Oct. 26. 610-933-8801; Phoenixville.org.

**OCTOBER 29**  
**Community Arts Center Empty Bowls Event.** Artists create and donate bowls and attendees pay a donation, choose a bowl and are served a meal of soup and bread. Benefits local food banks. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Noon. \$10. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

**NOVEMBER 2**  
**Notable Kitchens Tour and Chef Showcase.** Self-guided tour of six homes on the western



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**FOOD & BREW FESTS.....**

**OCTOBER 1**  
**37th Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival.** Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. Music stages with bands and children’s activities. 9 to 5. Rain date, Oct. 8. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

**OCTOBER 5, 7**  
**King of Prussia Beerfest Royale.** Over 50 craft and international brewers, 100+ beers and area restaurants in an outdoor beer garden and live music on two stages. Donnerstag Happy Hour, Thurs, 5:30 to 9, \$60–\$65; Sat, noon to 3:30

and 6 to 9:30, \$35–\$40. Designated driver, \$15. KOPBeerfest.com.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Phoenixville Food Festival 2017.** Enjoy gourmet foods from over 35 food trucks, with food both sweet and savory, and a variety of vendors. Main St. and Bridge St. (100 and 200 blocks). Free parking and a free shuttle service. Noon to 6 pm. PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.

**OCTOBER 13–15**  
**TASTE! Philadelphia.** Showcasing the finest in wine, spirits and gourmet foods along with the talents of local chefs and culinary personalities. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Fri, 6 to 10; Sat, 11 to 8; Sun, noon to 4, \$60–\$70. GourmetShows.com.

**OCTOBER 14**  
**Conshohocken Beer Festival.** Over 50 local, regional and national craft beers, plus local food, tailgate games and live music. A.A. Garthwaite Stadium, E. 11th & Harry St., Conshohocken. 1 to 5 pm. \$50. ConshyBeerFest.Ticketleap.com.

**OCTOBER 15**  
**26th Annual Dilworthtown Inn Crush Cancer Wine Festival.** 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–\$50. VIP tickets, \$100. 610-431-5329; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

**OCTOBER 28**  
**Pottstown Brewfest.** Beer, cider and brews with entertainment and food. Norco Fire Co., 144 W. Schuylkill Rd., Pottstown. Noon to 4:30. \$45–\$75. PottstownBrewfest.com.

**NOVEMBER 4**  
**Valley Forge Beer & Cider Festival.** Sample over 150 beers and ciders at the Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Two sessions, 12:30 to 4 and 5:30 to 9. \$40–\$50. ValleyForgeBeerFest.com.

**FUNDRAISERS.....**  
*See also: Outdoor Activities*

**OCTOBER 1**  
**Kennett Symphony Presents The Classics at Brantwyn.** Annual vintage and super car tour and show at Brantwyn Mansion, featuring a Grand Parade, champagne brunch and live blues. 600 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 11 am. \$95. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

**OCTOBER 2**  
**15th Annual People’s Light Golf Classic.** Enjoy lunch, golf, prizes and cocktails while raising funds for Arts Discovery. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. Tickets \$250 and up. PeoplesLight.org.

**OCTOBER 5**  
**8th Annual Wings Fling Event.** Featuring a silent auction, fine food and drink. Wings for Success empowers women with job search. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. 6 to 8:30 pm. \$65–\$75. 610-644-6323; WingsForSuccess.org.

**OCTOBER 5**  
**Green Valleys Watershed Celebration: “Protecting Hidden Treasures.”** Music and cocktails at 5:30 then a Farm-to-Table dinner at 6:30 with a special guest speaker. Welkinweir, 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. 5:30 to 8:30. \$95. 610-469-4900; GreenValleys.org.

**OCTOBER 7**  
**Main Line Animal Rescue Gran Fondo Cycling Event.** Ride through Chester Springs on a 15K, 40K, 50K or 100K climb. After-party with food, beer garden, live music and adoptable dogs. Begins and ends at Pickering Meade Farm, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. \$65–\$85. MLARGranFondo.org.

**OCTOBER 8**  
**Delaware Humane Assoc. Rubber Duck Race.** “Adopt” a rubber duck for a chance to win prizes. Benefits DHA’s mission of helping homeless companion animals. Brandywine Town Ctr., 3300 Brandywine Pkwy., Wilmington. 1 to 4. 302-571-8171; DEHumane.org.



**OCTOBER 8**  
**Thorncroft Equestrian Center’s 8th Annual “Lobstah Bake.”** Plenty of lobster, chicken, cases of wine and kegs of beer as well as lots of dancing to live music and kids entertainment. Rain or shine in the Jimmy Moran North Arena, 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 4 to 8. Tickets start at \$85. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

**OCTOBER 15**  
**National Dog Show Charity Walk.** Celebrity appearances, games, prizes and fun. New this year—a Meme Contest, see website for details. Winner receives free tickets to the Dog Show in Nov. Benefits Ronald McDonald House and local canine-related charities. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 9 to noon. \$20. CrowdRise.com/ NDSCharityWalk.

**OCTOBER 19–21**  
**57th Annual Shipley Shops.** Retailers and

artists display and sell at this shopping event. The Shipley School, Yarnall Gymnasium, 814 Yarrow St., Bryn Mawr. Preview Wed, 6 to 9, \$75. Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 8:30 am to 4:30; Sat, 10 to 3. \$5–\$10; free Sat. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org/ShipleyShops.

**OCTOBER 21**  
**Boot Scootin’ Gala in Oxford.** Dinner, open bar, music, square dancing, cow pie bingo, an auction—all at OMI Ranch, 370 Media Rd., Oxford. Benefits Oxford Mainstreet, Inc. 6 pm. \$150. 610-998-9494; Downtown-OxfordPa.org.

**OCTOBER 21**  
**The Kolbe Fund’s Rhythm & Blues.** Featuring food, craft beers, music, auction and auction



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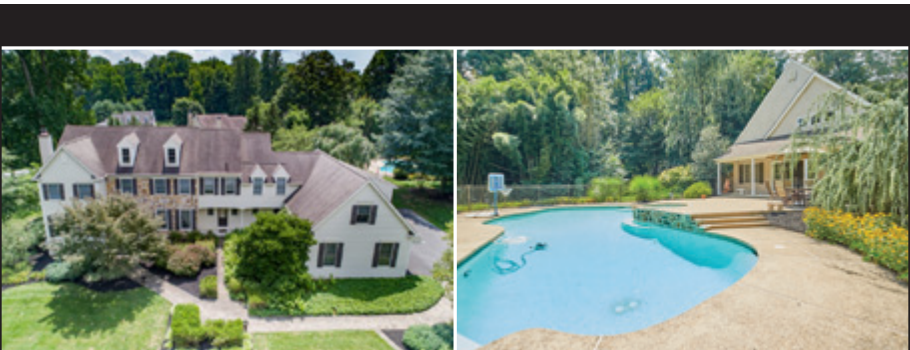
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#### OCTOBER 25-28

**Community Clothes Charity Annual Sale.** New and gently worn designer clothes for sale. Benefits local charities. Girl Scouts of Eastern PA, 330 Manor Rd., Miquon (Lafayette Hill), PA. Wed, 1 to 8, \$30; Thurs, 11 to 8, \$5; Fri, 10 to 4, free; Sat, 10 to 2, free. 610-525-0120; CommunityClothesCharity.org.

#### OCTOBER 26

**Take A Bite Out of Autism.** Join The Timothy School in honoring 50 years of service to children with autism—great food, drink and entertainment. The Barn at Liseter, 3710 Liseter Rd., Newtown Square. 6:30 to 10:30. \$95-\$150. 610-725-0755. TimothySchool.com.

#### NOVEMBER 4

**2017 Philadelphia Heart Walk and Festival.** A 5K walk that begins at Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia and festival with entertainment, food, music, games, and more. 8 am to noon. For info, www2.Heart.org.

#### GARDENS.....

##### OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 19

**Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival.** Wander the Conservatory to see thousands of mums. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Daily 9 to 6. \$12-\$23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

#### MUSEUMS.....

##### THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17

**Delaware Art Museum. Through Oct. on Thurs.,** Happy Hour, 5 to 7, free after 4 pm. **Through Jan. 7,** "Tableau: The Art of Richard Cleaver." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, free, Sundays. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

##### THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2018

**Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Through Jan. 7,** "Treasures on Trial: The Art and Science of Detecting Fakes." **Oct. 20-Jan. 7,** "Royal Splendor: The Coronation Gown from the Netflix series, *The Crown*." 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

#### MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....

##### OCTOBER 3-NOVEMBER 4

**Uptown! Events at Knauer Performing Arts Center. Oct. 19,** Jazz Cocktail Hour: V. Shayne Frederick, 6:30, \$15-\$20; **Oct. 26,** An Acoustic Evening with Hal Ketchum, 7 pm, \$30; **Oct. 28-29,** Nickerson-Rossi Dance, Sat, 7 pm, Sun, 2 pm, \$13-\$27; **Oct. 31,** Galactic Empire, 8 pm, \$20-\$28; **Nov. 4,** Classic Doo Wop, 7 pm, \$25-\$35. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Visit website for more, UptownWestChester.org.

##### OCTOBER 5

**Brandywine River Museum of Art—Music on the Brandywine.** Enjoy an evening of music by a trio of Astral performers featuring cello, harp and flute. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 6 pm. \$15. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

##### OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 5

**Longwood Gardens Concerts. Oct. 7,** Open Organ Console Day; **Oct. 14,** Jean-Baptiste Robin; **Oct. 20,** Terrell Stafford Quintet; **Nov. 5,** Eric Plutz. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Check website for times and admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

##### OCTOBER 13

**Vox Ama Deus—Ama Deus Ensemble.** Epic Beethoven. Kimmel Center, Broad & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia. 8 pm. \$20-\$75. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.com.

##### OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 4

**WCU—Live! Oct. 13,** Neil Berg's Pianomen: An Intimate Tribute to Billy Joel and Elton John, 7:30, \$15-\$27; **Oct. 27,** Backtrack, a cap-

ella singers at Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., 7:30, \$17-\$22; **Nov. 4,** Peter Gros of Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom*, 3 pm, \$15-\$27. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.



##### OCTOBER 14

**Kennett Symphony Orchestra Opening Night Concert.** "Reveries & Passions." Unionville High School, 750 Unionville Rd., Unionville. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$58. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

##### OCTOBER 14-26

**Point Entertainment Presents ... Oct. 14,** Dar Williams, \$40; **Oct. 21,** Al Stewart with the Empty Pockets, \$32.50-\$44.50; **Oct. 26,** The Yardbirds, \$28.50-\$48.50. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



##### OCTOBER 15

**Delaware County Symphony.** "Festive Showcase." Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Newmann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$17-\$20. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

##### OCTOBER 28-29

**Chesco Pops Fall Concert Series—Halloween Magic. Oct. 28,** Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7; **Oct. 29,** Phoenixville Area Middle School, 386 City Line Ave., Phoenixville, 3. \$15-\$20; children/students, free. Children are encouraged to come in costume and join in the costume parade. 610-594-9178; ChesCoPops.org.

##### NOVEMBER 4

**16th Annual Swing Dance at Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.** Dress to impress in your best '40s vintage attire and dance the night away at the museum. 300 Gap Rd., Stras-

burg. 7 to 10. \$20-\$35. 717-687-8628; tickets through EventBrite.com.

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

##### OCTOBER 1

**44th Annual Marshalton Triathlon.** Bike, canoe and pace-walk at this family-friendly event with music, food and drink. Benefits West Bradford Fire Co. Rt. 162. Check-in, 6:30 am; race, 8. \$50. MarshaltonTriathlon.net.

##### OCTOBER 1

**Pedal4Cam.** A bicycle event for persons of all ages and abilities—road bike, paved trail and mountain bike options. Benefits the Childhood

Cancer Foundation. Eagleview Town Center, 540 Wellington Square, Exton. Registration 7:30 am, race at 8:30. \$45. Cure4Cam.org.

##### OCTOBER 7

**BK5K Family Run.** Join FOX 29's Bob Kelly for a Kids Fun Run, Adult 5K and after race activities. Benefits Nemours A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children. East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pk., West Chester. 10 am. \$10-\$25. BK5KFamilyRun.org.

##### OCTOBER 7

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### OCTOBER 8

**Kimberton Waldorf School's Farm to School Trail Run & Wellness Fair.** Enjoy organic, healthy foods, vendors, post-run massages and the French Creek Trail Runs, nature walk and kid's run. Benefits the school's Community Spirit Fund. 410 W. Seven Stars Rd., Phoenixville. 610-933-3635; Kimberton.org/5K.

### OCTOBER 13-14

**Harvest Running Festival.** *Oct. 13*, The Peck 5K rounds Fox Chase Farm on the Geoghegan Trail, 6:30 pm. *Oct. 14*, The Bushel 21K runs from Fox Chase Farm along small country roads, dipping into the state of Maryland, 7:30 am. 3249 Appleton Rd., Landenberg. \$50-\$85. HarvestRunningFestival.com.

### OCTOBER 29

**40th Annual Radnor Run.** A 5-mile timed running race and 1-mile walk/fun run. Benefits the American Lung Association. Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Reg, 7 am, race, 8:30. \$30-\$40. 800-LUNG-USA; Lung.org/RadnorRun.

### THEATER.....

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 8

**Something Wicked This Way Comes.** Based on the book by Ray Bradbury. Recommended for age 12 and up. Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. Check website for show times. \$25-\$60. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

#### THROUGH OCTOBER 22

**Carousel.** An American classic featuring some of the most powerful music ever written for the stage. Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. \$25-\$50. For times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

#### OCTOBER 6-29

**Blythe Spirit.** The smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages. Hedgerow Theatre, 64 Rose Valley Rd., Rose Valley. \$20-\$35. For times and tickets, 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

#### OCTOBER 11-DECEMBER 3

**Lights Out: Nat "King" Cole.** See Theater Spotlight in this issue.

#### OCTOBER 19-21

**West Chester University Department of Theatre and Dance—Romeo and Juliet.** Madeline Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St., West Chester. Thurs-Sat, 7:30; Sat matinee at 2. \$13-\$16. 610-436-3463; WCUPa.edu.

#### OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 12

**Dare To Be Black: The Jack Johnson Story.** Written and performed by Tommie J. Moore.

Best suited for older teens and adults. Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. Check website for show times. \$40-\$60. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

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

#### OCTOBER 5-21

**Lancaster County Best Kept Secrets Tour.** Visit over 40 off-the-beaten-path businesses. Your ticket includes a map and guide, coupons, gifts, refreshments, raffles, demos or games at each stop. \$9; \$1 of each ticket sold benefits the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter. 717-721-9409; BestKeptSecretsTour.com.

#### OCTOBER 6, 14, 19

**First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays.** *Oct. 6, First Fridays: Kennett Square Art Stroll*, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennett-Square.com. *Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Oxford*, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. *Phoenixville*, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; West-Chester.com. *Wilmington Art Loop*, 302-576-2135; City-FestWilm.com. *Oct. 14, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media*, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. *Oct. 19, Malvern Stroll*, MalvernBusiness.com.

#### OCTOBER 7

**77th Annual Chester County Day Tour.** The tour honors the 125th anniversary of Chester County Hospital. Visit old and interesting homes, gardens and historic landmarks in West Chester and the Northwestern countryside. \$50, available at Chester Co. Hospital and on the website. VIP ticket, \$100, includes a tour of a special VIP house with a gourmet boxed lunch. Benefits Chester County Hospital. 610-431-5329; ChesterCountyDay.com.

#### OCTOBER 19

**West Chester Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony.** Raising awareness and appreciation of West Chester's historic character by encouraging the preservation of the Borough's historic integrity. Winners are announced at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St.,

West Chester. Light buffet, with wine and beer. 5:30 p.m. \$25. DowntownWestChester.com.

#### OCTOBER 12, 14

**Chadds Ford Historical Society.** *Oct. 12*, Tavern Talks, "Spirits & Spirits." Barns Brinton House, 630 Baltimore Pk. 7 to 9. \$15-\$20. *Oct. 14*, Paranormal Investigation of the Chads House, 1736 Creek Rd. 7:30 and 10:30 pm. \$25. 610-388-7376; Chadds-FordHistory.org.

#### OCTOBER 21

**Fall Paranormal Tour of Paoli Battlefield.** Tri-County Paranormal leads visitors on an investigation of "hot spots" at the site of the ninth deadliest battle of the Revolutionary War. Monument & Wayne Aves., Malvern. 6 to 11 pm. \$45. 484-320-7173; PBPFInc.org. ♦

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## THEATRE SPOTLIGHT



# Nat “King” Cole Resonates Louder Than Ever Before in the World Premiere of *Lights Out*

WITH MORE HIT SINGLES THAN SINATRA OR ELVIS, NAT “KING” COLE IS A BONA FIDE HOUSEHOLD NAME AND WAS THE FIRST MAJOR BLACK PERFORMER TO HEADLINE A NATIONALLY BROADCAST TELEVISION SHOW IN 1956.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF COLE’S PRECARIOUS POSITION as a Black man with mainstream success compelled renowned artists Colman Domingo and Patricia McGregor to explore the man behind the classy suits and silky melodies and to co-write *Lights Out: Nat “King” Cole*. Featuring Dulé Hill in the title role, this world premiere starts its almost two-month run at People’s Light on October 11.

The play celebrates Cole’s unique talents, but also seeks to unsettle the nostalgia that envelops Cole and his commercial success. Domingo explains: “His demons are as resonant for our time as his music. Together, they tell a story about identity, creativity, commerce and celebrity that’s more relevant today than ever.”

Domingo and McGregor join forces with acclaimed actors Dulé Hill (*Psych*, *The West Wing*), Daniel J. Watts (original casts of *Hamilton* and *Memphis*), and an ensemble of live musicians to present a show as enthrallingly complex as the icon at its center.

A seamless combination of music and drama, *Lights Out* opens on one of the most striking moment of Cole’s career: the final broadcast of his groundbreaking television program in 1957. Thanks to Cole’s talent and charisma, the variety show was wildly popular, achieving high ratings nationwide. Yet, failing to get a national sponsor, it ended after only one year.

Referring to the critical mass of advertising agencies in New York City, Cole famously quipped, “Madison Avenue is afraid of the dark.”

*Lights Out* takes inspiration from the emotion beneath these words. Weaving together performances by Cole (Hill), Sammy Davis, Jr. (Watts), Eartha Kitt, Peggy Lee and others—along with introspective backstage and on-stage moments—the creative team explores the dreams and dilemmas Cole could never fully share on screen.

Whether you’re 18 or 80, from Phoenixville or L.A., *Lights Out* will captivate you. This music-infused, theatrical exploration of a man who battled society’s strict boundaries even as they ensnared him will do Cole justice and leave audiences mesmerized. Like the title of one of Cole’s hits, it’s “Unforgettable.” ♦

—Levi Gray



## IF YOU GO:

**Where:** Steinbright Stage, People’s Light  
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**When:** October 11th to December 3rd

**Tickets:** \$29 and up, available online and at 610-644-3500

**Coming Soon:** *Aladdin: A Musical Panto*



# Maintaining the Beauty of your Fall Garden

Adam Dooling, Chanticleer Garden  
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## STRUCTURE AND TEXTURE ADD INTEREST TO YOUR GARDEN.

**A**UTUMN BRINGS A WELCOMED SLEEPINESS TO THE AIR. Shades of green turn a tawny hue as plants enter their dormancy for the winter ahead. There's a beauty in this senescence. As gardeners we can find inspiration in the texture, structure and color that's left behind after the exuberant colors of summer fade.

A successful garden should maintain its splendor through all seasons, and incorporating fall bloomers with perennials and grasses that remain graceful long after they've past is an excellent strategy to add sophistication to your garden. Here are some ideas for a stunning fall garden.



An aromatic Aster, 'Raydon's Favorite'

### HERBACEOUS PLANTS FOR STRUCTURE

Using herbaceous plants for structure may seem an odd concept to some home gardeners. Many herbaceous plants look haggard once they've past their prime and are chopped back, often leaving holes in the garden. But some plants have cell structures rigid enough to endure after the frosts have come, leaving their form and architecture in our gardens.

Perennials like the pale purple cone-flower (*Echinacea pallida* 'Hula Dancer') and rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) boast an awesome flower show earlier in the summer, yet their branching architecture and spent flower heads look exquisite in autumn.

Both plants serve an aesthetic and ecological function as their seeds provide a much-needed resource for birds in our area—it's not uncommon to find goldfinches fluttering about them late in

the year. Though more adapted to poor and dry soils, these plants will grow happily in the home garden, creating interest throughout the season.

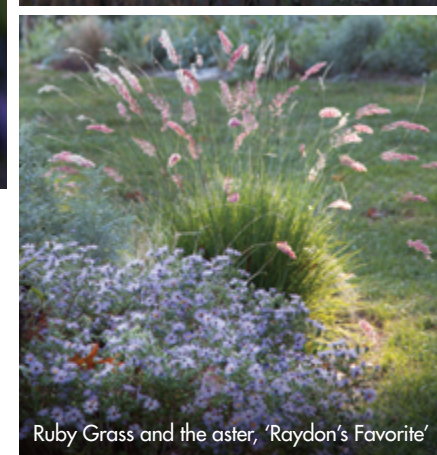
For the more adventurous gardener, we suggest Korean angelica (*Angelica gigas*). Also known as the purple parsnip, this stately biennial sports regal purple stems and flower umbels (think umbrella ribs) to create a dramatic presence. Best planted as very young transplants in full sun to light shade in medium to dry soils. Not for the faint of heart, this plant may require some work for the home gardener, but the effort is worth it for a sculptural display like few others.

### GRASSES FOR TEXTURE AND WARMTH

An iconic image for this season is the American prairie, in all its autumnal glory. While most of us don't have the expansive space to create our own meadows, we can



Rattlesnake Master's spent flower heads



Ruby Grass and the aster, 'Raydon's Favorite'

draw inspiration from their textures and color by including a few garden-worthy grasses in our own gardens.

Pink muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) is a warm-season perennial grass known for the pink, cloud-like appearance of its flowers come autumn. This dreamy look is due to thinly branched inflorescences that mature from the bottom up. Muhly grass boasts handsome foliage that's bright green in summer, exhibiting hues of bronze later in the season.

Hardy, drought tolerant and able to thrive in versatile conditions, this low maintenance grass is perfect for a variety of garden situations. Best in full sun, use Muhly grass as either an accent, en masse or pair it with perennials such as cone-flower or rattlesnake master for an ethereal effect that lasts through the winter.

The annual ruby grass (*Melinis nerviglumis*) is a useful plant for gardeners who want the beauty and effect of a perennial grass without the investment. Compact in stature, ruby grass



Switchgrass, 'Shenandoah' by Martha Keen





Prostrate Blue Violet, 'Silver Gem' by Adam Dooling



Little Bluestem, 'Standing Ovation' by Martha Keen



Pink Muhly Grass with Coneflower seed heads in the gravel garden

features gorgeous, feathery pink plumage atop blue-green foliage that turns red in the fall. This grass appreciates good drainage, making it perfect for containers or well-tended bedding schemes. Pairs perfectly with asters, mums and other fall bloomers. Currently underused but growing in popularity, ruby grass should be at the top of your garden shopping list.

Due to their growing popularity, ornamental grasses have become widely available. Many, like switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum* 'Shenandoah') and little bluestem (*Schizachyrum scoparium* 'Standing Ovation'), provide spectacular fall interest and come in a wide selection of cultivars to match any garden's needs. Consult your local garden professional for recommendations based on your taste and your garden's growing conditions.

With new cultivars arriving every season, you are bound to find the right one for your garden.

#### FALL BLOOMERS FOR ADDED COLOR

Readers may want to refer to *County Lines'* October 2013 article "Gardening for Fall Color and Beyond" as an excellent and enduring resource for fall color in the garden. We'd be remiss, though, if we didn't add a few recommendations of our own.

Recently awarded 2016's Plant of the Year by the Garden Club of America, the aromatic aster (*Aster oblongifolius* 'Raydon's Favorite') is among the most elegant and durable of asters for our area. With a graceful mounding habit, Raydon's lavender blue flowers lend a cooler tone than the warm purples found in other asters, while providing important nectar for late season pollinators.

The prostrate blue violet (*Viola walteri* 'Silver Gem') is a recent Mt. Cuba introduction suitable for those cooler, shadier spots in your garden. Not to be confused with the Johnny jump-ups of the past, this Appalachian native selection boasts attractive, mounding silver foliage and a display of lavender flowers in Spring which return again in autumn as the temperature cools. ♦

*Adam Edward Dooling, currently an intern at Chanticleer, is a past recipient of Longwood Gardens' TRIAD Fellowship and trained in gardens throughout England, Japan and America.*

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# ACROSS County Lines

Mary Irene Dolan

There's no time like fall in Chester County. Changing leaves. Colorful trees. And a horizon that stretches for miles. Whether you're driving through town or cruising along back roads, the scenery, shops, eateries and landmarks beg a closer look. Take a tour of some of our favorite towns and destinations, then explore on your own ...

This Great American Main Street Award winner always has something new, especially to eat! Stroll along Gay and Market Streets and sample from newbies and veterans alike.

New to the mix, **Love Again Local** redefines vegan comfort food with "cold cut" sandwiches, hoagies and paninis, while **Rai Rai Ramen & Hawaiian BBQ** serves up authentic Japanese and Hawaiian options. Recently opened **Tranquillitea Temple** on Church Street offers hot, iced and bubble teas to help you forget your worries.

Established fan favorites like **Limoncello Ristorante**, **Pietro's Prime**, **Mercato Ristorante and Bar** and **Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill** are always worth the visit. And revisit.

And although West Chester may be known mainly as a dining destination, retail is still strong. Check out new boutique **VK Veruzka** for unique women's clothing and accessories from around the world. Then stop in favorites, **Tish Style** and **Jane Chalfant/Kiki Boutique** for the latest in women's fashion and **Phineas Gage** for men's.

Try out organic makeup and spa treatments at **Emily Alice**, and browse through **Old Soul Décor** for vintage décor and more. For something out-of-the-box, head to **Merchant of Menace Re-Imaginers Gallery** for creative art from reclaimed materials.

And catch **Resident Theatre Company's** season premiere, *Next to Normal*, at the **Knauer Performing Arts Center** through October 15!

## WEST CHESTER



PHOTO BY TIMLYN VAUGHAN

When you visit you may notice history is rich in this cozy town. You'll find Old World charm dining at the **General Warren**, established 1745, and taste it at family-run **Toninos Pizza & Pasta Co.**, in their traditional Italian comfort food.

For something new, try **The Greyhound Café**—serving 100% plant-based Italian, Mexican and brunch eats—or Malvern's newest watering hole **Locust Lane Craft Brewery**. Come back in early 2018 to see **The Desmond's** updated look, thanks to their partnership with Hilton Hotels.

**People's Light** is a must-visit for stellar theater, and their season premiere, *Light's Out: Nat "King" Cole*, opening October 11 (see Theater Spotlight in this issue).

And remember to sip, shop and stroll on King Street every **Third Thursday**. You'll find boutiques, an art gallery, and more restaurants to sample.



## MALVERN

For a town of substance and history, look no further than Phoenixville. With reconceptualized vegan-friendly eatery **TASTE** and newcomers like sushi haven **Chikara Sushi & Asian Fusion** and Chester Springs-based **Liberty Union Bar & Grill** in their second location with the same great homey comfort food, you won't leave hungry. Watch for **Morrell Park**, a casual neighborhood spot inspired by the owner's Northeast Philly hometown, coming this fall.

The beer selection is where this town really shines. Six breweries—yes, six—call Phoenixville their home, from old timers like **Iron Hill**, **Sly Fox Brewing & Eatery** and **Stable 12** to newcomers **Crowded Castle Brewing Company**, **Root Down Brewing Company** and **Rebel Hill Brewing Company**. Which to choose first? We'll let you decide...

## PHOENIXVILLE







## EXTON & DOWNINGTOWN

With Route 30 bridging the gap, these towns are just a short jaunt apart.

Start first at **Eagleview Town Center's** Restaurant Row, now home to six distinct options, including the newest, Japanese sushi BYOB **Bluefin Eagleview**. Stop next door at independent bookstore **Wellington Square Bookshop** for bestsellers and copies of *County Lines*. Come back on Thursdays for the **Eagleview Farmers Market** for cool events and local goodies.

Also new on the Exton scene, casual gastropub **Cask +**

**Kitchen** is now at home in the Clarion Hotel. Plus **Ron's Original Bar & Grille** and **Appetites on Main** continue to be neighborhood faves for good reason.

Some things have stood the test of time like **Ball & Ball Antique Hardware Reproductions** and the **Chester County Library**, with even more locations across Chester County.

In Downingtown, **East Branch Brewing Company** is livening up the east end with pints, growlers and crowlers, while **The Farmhouse Coffee and Espresso Bar** serves up handcrafted beverages and bakery treats.

## THE MAIN LINE

Need a reason to visit the Main Line? New eateries are beckoning. Start in Devon with Sichuan and Taiwanese cuisine at lively **DanDan**.

Then head to Wayne for seasoned chef Alex Hardy's up-scale creation **At The Table BYOB**, or **La Jolie** for French bistro fare. For a tried-and-true favorite, there's **Black Powder Tavern**.

In Bryn Mawr, give the new **Sontuosa BYOB** a try for a sumptuous—according to their name—blend of Mexican, Italian, French and American cuisine. Or stir things up at the town's first dedicated wine studio, **What Am I Drinking**, offering wine-tasting classes and private parties.

For healthy cooking classes and meals, recently opened fitness studio **BodyX** has you covered, plus they'll help you burn off the calories!

And be sure to stop in **Louella's** third and newest location—also in Malvern and Wayne—to see what's in style this fall.



Bryn Mawr  
PHOTO BY WIL MOORE

## PAOLI

This town was made for shopping. Though many are big box names, others like **Walter J. Cook Jeweler** and **Van Cleve Wedding Pavillion** have been locally owned for decades. Check out the **Paoli Village Shoppes** and **Paoli Shopping Center** for more shopping options.

When all that shopping makes you hungry, try something new at **ANEU Approach Café** with organic breakfast or lunch made from scratch. Or dine in the rustic “urban farmhouse” **EatNic** for farm-to-fork fare.

Remember to save the date, October 7, for the **Paoli Blues Fest**, this year at the Paoli Presbyterian Church, for blues, grooves, food, booze and more.



Paoli Blues Fest

## WILMINGTON

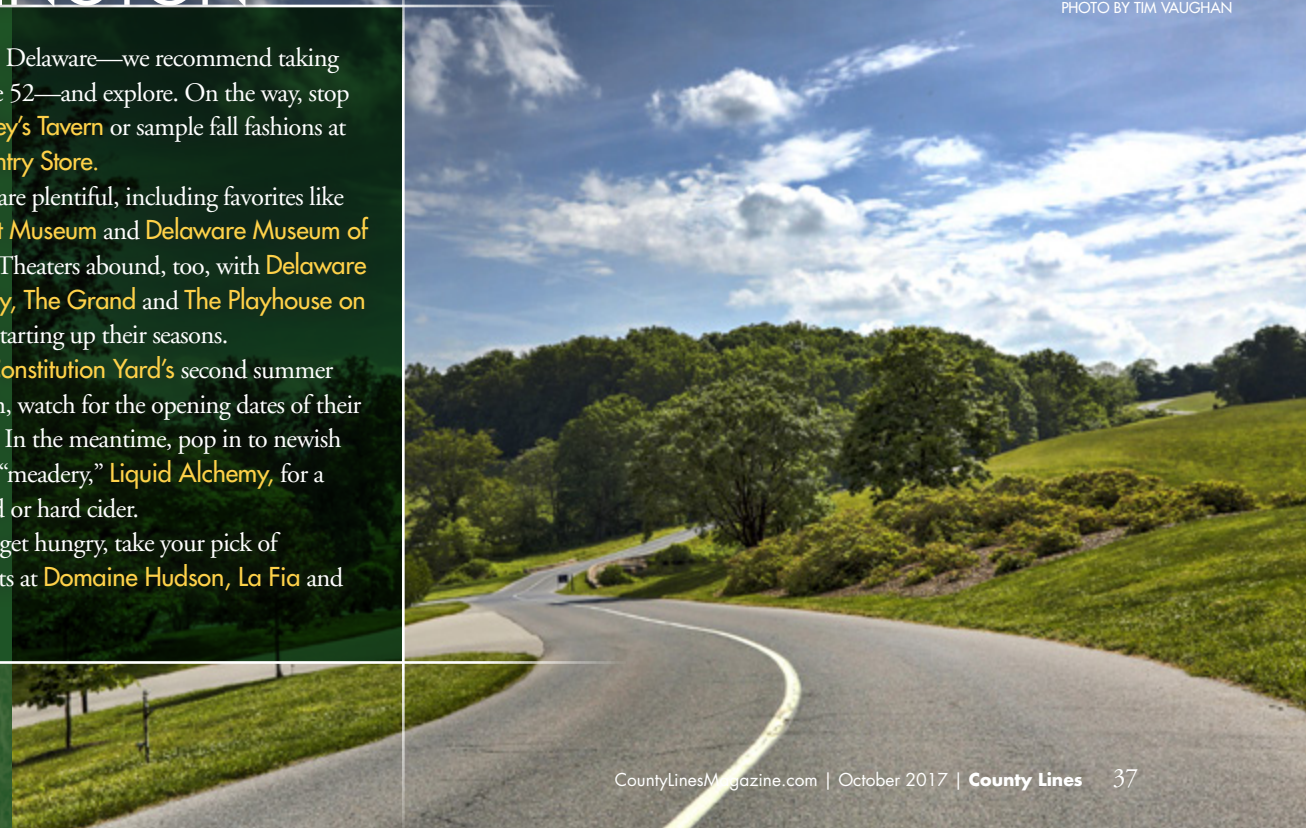
Head south to Delaware—we recommend taking scenic Route 52—and explore. On the way, stop for a bite at **Buckley's Tavern** or sample fall fashions at **Wilmington Country Store**.

Museums here are plentiful, including favorites like the **Delaware Art Museum** and **Delaware Museum of Natural History**. Theaters abound, too, with **Delaware Theatre Company**, **The Grand** and **The Playhouse on Rodney Square** starting up their seasons.

If you missed **Constitution Yard's** second summer beer garden season, watch for the opening dates of their holiday river rink. In the meantime, pop in to newish mead brewery, or “meadery,” **Liquid Alchemy**, for a taste of their mead or hard cider.

And when you get hungry, take your pick of award-winning eats at **Domaine Hudson**, **La Fia** and **Merchant Bar**.

Driving to Wilmington on Scenic Route 52  
PHOTO BY TIM VAUGHAN





# DELAWARE COUNTY

To the east, Delaware County—or “DelCo” as the natives call it—is home to Newtown Square’s growing mega-development, **Ellis Preserve**. With plenty of fast casual food options plus special occasion dining destinations **Firepoint Grill** and **Finley Catering’s The Ballroom**, don’t wait until the Whole Foods is open to visit.

While you’re there, stop at **Mostardi Nursery** for fall gardening essentials, **Christopher Chocolates** for sweet treats, and **Color & Style Home + Studio**—Kennett Square’s Consign-It Furniture’s sister store—for vintage-inspired furniture and DIY-ready chalk paint.

Over in Media, the new season is underway at **Media Theatre**, with *Carousel* running until October 22. Other Media landmarks include oldies but goodies **Wolff’s Apple House** for fresh produce and **Riddle Ale House** for casual American cuisine.

A drive to Springfield for Happy Hour at **Tavola Restaurant + Bar** is worth the trip. Or make your dining destination the **Inn at Swarthmore’s Broad Table Tavern** for locally sourced food and drink.



Ellis Preserve in Newtown Square

# BEYOND...

There are even more discoveries off the beaten path... **The Whip Tavern** in West Marlborough is a must-visit for award-winning British pub fare, while **Eleanor Russell Ltd.** in Glenmoore has gifts and home décor with Chester County flair.

Some of the best, finely crafted furniture is just a scenic drive away, at Pottstown’s **Moore’s Furniture**—also in Chester Springs—and **Salvaged Furniture**, and Lancaster County’s **Martin Furniture**. Plus home design services are close by with **AK Interiors** in Lancaster, **Heritage Design Interiors** in New Holland and **Christiana Factory Studio** in Atglen.

We hope you enjoy the ride! ♦



Lancaster County

# I WOULD HAVE BEEN A COOPER...

Dan Popernack, La Cabra Brewing

## THE MAGIC WHEN BEER IS AGED IN BARRELS

IN ANOTHER LIFE, I WOULD HAVE BEEN A COOPER—you know, a cask and barrel maker. That’s because even the relatively basic maintenance we perform on the barrels in our brewhouse is enough to inspire me with appreciation for the craft of barrel construction.

The slow, patient work of bending nature into a watertight vessel that develops through years of use remains a mystery to most. But now that breweries large and small are expanding their offerings of beer aged in oak, this is prime time for beer fans to get some basic knowledge about barrels and how they’re used.

And, as with most beer questions, there’s often a short answer and a very, very long answer.

Well, here’s the medium answer for those who have ever wondered what those stacks of wood are doing hidden among the stainless steel tanks at your local brewery. And for those who’ve wondered how barrel aging produces beers described as big, bold, complex and unforgettable.

THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN UNDER A HUNDRED WORDS  
Oak has been used for millennia to transport dry goods and liquids, including beer. Tales of Catherine the Great requesting British Imperial Stout brewed strong enough to make the trek to Russia, German lager slumbering inside cool mountain caves, and the extra hopping required to get IPAs to British colonial soldiers are all well entrenched in beer lore. And for some American history, before Prohibition beer was not found in stainless steel tanks.

The unsung hero in these stories is the humble vessel: the barrel.

### WHICH WOOD, WHICH USE?

In the world of wood barrels, oak is the tree of choice. American, French and Eastern European oak are the three largest families in widespread use for barrels but trees grown to the rigorous specifications of coopers come from many regions. Some countries (France in particular) have forests protected by law solely for producing oak designated for barrel making.





As you might expect, different regions produce oak of drastically different character. In a very general sense, American oak tends to be sharper and brasher, while European oak is richer and deeper—that’s generalizing very broadly. The brewer selects the type of oak, accordingly, depending on the desired flavor to impart to the beer—vanilla, spice, smoke, musk,

tea, coconut, tannin, floral, fruity or any of the myriad flavors of oak.

Another barrel fact: America’s bourbon frenzy results in about a million spent barrels each year, since the law requires *new*, charred oak barrels for making bourbon. Finding uses for those excess barrels has inspired many a brewer, including those at Goose Island Beer Company, credited with the first barrel-aged beer—Bourbon County Brand Stout in 1992.

For those not satisfied with this simplification of the complex science of oak rearing, *Wood and Beer* is an approachable and informative book for casual and intense beer fans alike.

#### TO BUBBLE OR TO SLEEP?

The two primary uses of wooden vessels are for fermentation (bubble) and conditioning (sleep) of beer. Primary fermentation can be sparked by the brewer pitching fresh yeast into the wort

(unfermented beer) or spontaneous fermentation using yeast and bacteria living inside the barrel wood.

Fermentation in barrels rather than stainless steel provides modern brewers a powerful tool: fermenter dynamics. Without getting too deep into the topic, certain ale strains benefit from fermentation in shallow, wide vessels rather than tall towers of steel. For much of brewing’s history, fermentation would have occurred in relatively stubby tanks, so a barrel is a fitting vessel for these rustic yeast strains.

For example, for Belgian lambic the wort is pumped from the brewhouse into coolships (think giant swimming pool of beer!) to be cooled and inoculated by wild yeasts in the air. Then it’s transferred into barrels for fermentation and aging.

#### DEVELOPING TRUE BARREL CHARACTER

Prolonged aging and conditioning of beer in barrels post-fermentation is where true barrel character shines—the smooth, full-flavored complexity. In the case of “clean” beers with no wild yeasts or bacteria involved, the beer picks up nuanced flavors from the wood itself as well as notes of whatever lived in the barrel previously—wine, spirits, coffee, whatever.

The challenge for brewers is preparing a beer that will both complement and be enhanced by the character of the barrel and the previous liquid. Barrels holding everything from maple syrup to hot sauce can be used, so balancing punchy flavors and making them meld with the beer is both art and science. Careful recipe development and blending different barrel projects together are key, and when executed well, can push beer to a different level of complexity.

Aging beer in a whiskey barrel is relatively straightforward: con-



La Cabra’s Barrel-Aged Aleatory #2 Tart Brown



Oak barrels at La Cabra



Washing barrels at La Cabra

tact time between the beer and the barrel’s liquor and oak happens fairly quickly, and longer aging will soften and meld the flavors. But, in the case of “wild” beer—with earthy characteristics—the oak and spirit character of the barrel are amplified by the existence of bacteria and yeast that put the beer through a secondary fermentation.

With wild or funky barrels, the barrel is a living vessel that continues to develop and morph the beer as compounds produced during brewing and fermentation are consumed slowly by the organisms in the oak. These projects can rest for a few months to years as the beer develops.

While “clean” barrel aging is very intensely focused on the recipe and marrying the beer to the barrel, wild barrels require the brewer to let projects drift and give the critters in the oak time to do their magic. To add more factors to the process, in our own cellar, we’ve also seen beers change dramatically through seemingly small external variations, like fluctuations in humidity and temperatures.

From there, the brewer changes hats and becomes a blender—a practice that looks more like wine-making as the brewer/blender must select the correct barrels and flavors to achieve the desired result.

#### HOW BIG CAN YOU GO?

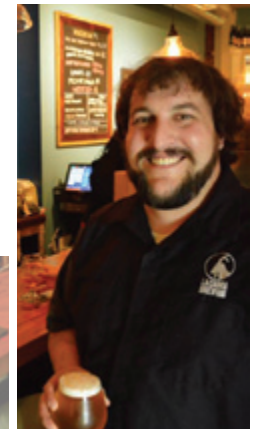
As you can tell, there’s a tremendous amount involved—just about oak—even

before you get to the technical side of barrel construction. From tiny boutique barrels to 100 BBL foudres (3,100 gallons), breweries are constantly expanding their oaken flotillas and using new techniques to produce beers of singular character.

So, next time you see one of those bearded guys or ... well, likely not bearded gals, but still identifiable ... kicking around the brewhouse, ask them about their barrel projects. Then watch how passionately they care for these ancient beauties.

Cheers! ♦

*A former Spanish and English teacher who began brewing beer in the garage of his Malvern home, Dan Poperneck opened La Cabra (Spanish for the goat) last year to meet the needs of his growing fan base. The seven-barrel, two-story brewpub and restaurant across from the Berwyn train station has gathered accolades from the likes of Craig LaBan (“impressive take on lambic”) and Philly Mag (2017 Best Brewpub, “Burbs). 642 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn. LaCabraBrewing.com.*



La Cabra’s Barrel-Aged Aleatory #3 Strawberry Wild



# Just Say “Oui” TO SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY

Carol Metzker

Sunflower fields of Avignon. Provençal window boxes of lavender. Bonbons from Paris. Neighborhoods called Chateau Country. If you’re longing for France, some treasures of the Brandywine Valley will raise your *joie de vivre* ... without having to brush up on your French.

ON A RECENT TRIP TO FRANCE, MY HUSBAND and I picnicked on extraordinary local cheese, olives and berries on a terrace overlooking the Rhone Valley. A chef recognized our chevre topped with a small purple blossom. The mystery ingredient? Every day before milking time, he said, the cheesemakers play Mozart for the goats and pick little flowers from their garden.

Cows, sheep and goats at the Farm at Doe Run might not hear Mozart, but depending on the day’s herdsman, there’s country music in the air. Who knows whether it influences

one of the region’s best artisan cheeses—the cheese earned seven ribbons at this year’s American Cheese Society competition.

“European visitors tell us our pastureland reminds them of home,” said Stacey Kennedy, sales manager at the Doe Run farm.

From the route to the farm—among rolling hills, past a roundabout and down narrow lanes bordered by Queen Anne’s lace and blue chicory, all ubiquitous in the French countryside—to the farm’s artisan techniques, flower garden that hosts honeybees from neighbor Swarmbustin’ Honey and superb cheeses, the entire scene evokes images of Old World cheese-making.

“Everything happens here on the farm,” Kennedy continued. “Animals are bred, birthed and milked. Cheese is aged underground. Even the cheese-making team lives on the farm. It’s home to us, the animals and the cheese.”

This year Doe Run is developing a cheese in partnership with Stroud Water Research Center. Keep your eyes open for “Mayfly”—named for the insect whose presence indicates unpolluted fresh water—a creamy pasteurized version of a Normandy-style Camembert to pair with perfect wine and golden baguettes.

## LA VIE EN ROSE

In Provence, Jean, a castle owner, asked what kind of local red we’d like to try—something fruity or “earth in the mouth”? The answer was “both.” Our visit wasn’t long enough to try all the local vineyards, but fortunately there are wonderful wineries in the Brandywine Valley and the marvelous, quirky wine shop Collier’s of Centreville, Delaware.

Among lots of bottles and character, Cellar Mistress Linda Collier holds tastings and regales customers with tales of wine, food and travel, including stories of hopping off a barge to bicycle into villages for wine and food during a trip through the Canal du Midi.

When asked where in the shop to turn for a good French wine, Collier replied, “There’s a little bit of France in every direction.” She gestured toward choices from Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux and the Rhone Valley.

I left with several bottles, including a rosé—“a red in a pink dress,” Collier quipped—from the Mont Ventoux region and the melody “La Vie en Rose” in my mind.

Had I been in Centreville in the morning, I likely would have been drawn to the village hub and gathering spot of the Centreville Café for a flaky croissant baked on site or slice of quiche of the day. There’s more French flavor in Montrachet Fine Foods catering busi-



Barberet Bakery



Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery

ness based in the café and in the village of Montchanin a bit south.

For a French greeting and pastries to transport you, head north to La Baguette Magique in West Chester to sample authentic French *délices* throughout the year: *bugnes*, loved in Lyon, in cool weather and summer *pain aux herbes*—aromatic bread with herbs. At Easter order a Praline Tart—a magnificent pink confection of almonds and sugar. In December experience a traditional *Galette des Rois*—a delicious treat with a charm hidden in the middle layer of almond cream. The treasure-finder wears the crown adorning the pastry, becoming king for the day. *Enchantée!*

If your sweet tooth craves pure chocolate, a stop at West Chester’s award-winning Éclat Chocolate for truffles from master chocolatier Christopher Curtin may be just the thing.

Or for more options, taste authentic, raspberry *macarons* and brightly-colored hibiscus chocolate truffles at Lancaster’s Barberet Bakery, a bit beyond the Brandywine Valley but much more convenient than crossing the pond!

## TREASURE HUNT

Explore other local treasures to capture the essence of Provence and Paris. Visit seasonal fields of sunflowers at Pete’s Produce Farm,





Catherine's Restaurant's Apple Tarte



Gourmet Cheese at Talula's Table



Marché's Cheese Knives

with more golden fields in northern Chester County in the Elverson area and, some years, even more tall-stemmed stunners around Longwood Gardens.

To conjure images of St. Didier, enjoy ivy-draped window boxes and a charming rustic, blue table on the patio at Catherine's Restaurant in Unionville—a lovely setting for brunch.

Or relax on Galer Estate Vineyard and Winery's deck. Notice their wine bottle labels, with some history. While seeking a brand image that would represent Old World France and their slogan—"blending nature, science and art"—artist and estate owner Lele Galer found a picture that would make a beautiful emblem. Without knowing where she'd taken the photo, she hesitated to use it. On her next trip to Paris, she rediscovered the image: Sun King Louis XIV dressed as Apollo, god of science and art, at the entrance to the Louvre. (More French connections at local wineries in the sidebar.)

On Friday afternoons, head to Kennett Square. Shop for kitchen textiles, honey and vegetables at State Street's outdoor market, reminiscent of the market at St. Remy. Find gourmet treats including cheeses from Doe Run at Talula's Table. Pair with an exquisite onyx cheese board and set of Laguiole cheese knives—with a bee logo seen frequently in Provence—at Marché.

Or let Houppette bring a blush to your check. The European-style cosmetic shop (French for powder puff) offers products from French celebrity makeup artist Laura

Mercier and bareMinerals, a company working to keep human trafficking out of its supply chain. Browse clothing, jewelry and beautiful make-up brushes—works of art themselves.

#### BON APPETIT

The three best meals I ever ate were at Chateau la Roque, sur-Pernes. Each perfect morsel of filet mignon with truffle, Mediterranean monkfish with saffron, artichoke ragout, and honey-drizzled apricot led to euphoria. The secret to those meals: ripe, fresh ingredients; magnificent recipes; and a talented chef's passion for food.

Under shade trees at Chadds Ford's SIW Vegetables, select fresh goods for your table local fruits, vegetables and cheese; flatbread; plants and flowers. In spring ask for herbs common to Provence to plant: basil, thyme, rosemary and lavender to season your dishes.

If cooking isn't your cup of *café*, wind your way north to Coventryville and Martin Gagne's table at La Maison. There, the French go for a taste of home and finest French cuisine. If you're in Media, the obvious choice is La Belle Epoque Wine Bistro, offering savory crepes in the Brittany tradition, along with other classics of French cuisine—from escargots to soupe a l'oignon.

Or partake in a meal that French chefs would approve—at Talula's Table in Kennett for creative, delectable dishes with locally sourced ingredients in a modern farmhouse setting. *Ooh la la!*

No RSVP Needed. *Allons-y!* ♦



Houppette - French for powder puff



#### L'amour du Vin

Several area wineries offer a variety of wines with a French influence and are made from French varieties grown here.

Try a few and feel transported!

##### CHADDSFORD WINERY

Chadds Ford; Chaddsford.com  
*Sauvignon Blanc, Barrel Select Chardonnay, 'Sur Lie' Chardonnay, Saignée à Trois, Harbinger, 2014 Fusion*

##### GALER ESTATE

Kennett Square; GalerEstate.com  
*Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot*

##### GRACE WINERY

Glen Mills; GraceWinery.com  
*Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Rosé*

##### PARADOX VINEYARD

Landenberg; Paradox.com  
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##### PENNS WOODS WINERY

Chadds Ford; PennsWoodsEvents.com  
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# THE VALUE OF AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL EDUCATION

Linda Phelps, Executive Director,  
Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools

**I**S YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE IMPORTANT TO YOU? IF IT IS, YOU share something in common with independent schools—they, too, are concerned about the future; the future for the students they serve. Independent schools are about ensuring that their students become connected, confident and successful through balanced academic, arts, athletic and healthy lifestyle programs.

As the Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools, former educator, parent of two, now-adult, independent school graduates, and grandparent of an independent school student, I've been fortunate to experience both directly and through others the benefits of an independent school education. And I regularly meet parents who praise their children's experience in independent schools. One independent school graduate, his child now in an independent school, summarized for me: "What you get ... is priceless. You get a foundation. You get a community, your teachers, your administrators, who know you as a student."

This parent's experience, in fact, is similar to my own. My successful adult children today maintain strong relationships they first developed in school. Often I talk to independent school graduates who report they were well prepared for life beyond high school. In the course of my responsibilities, I visit successful schools, meet with well-trained, enthusiastic and passionate faculty and delight in seeing happy, engaged students!

## UNDERSTANDING INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

To begin to understand how independent schools do such a good job, recognize that as a group independent schools share a commitment to providing a safe environment where young people can learn the importance

of hard work. In general, these schools offer diverse and strong curricula, small classes, attention to individual student needs, dedicated teachers and advisors, parental involvement and a sense of community. They extol leadership, collaboration, personal responsibility and good citizenship, using service projects to encourage social responsibility.

Teachers are also well supported and commit time to work individually with students, as required. Careful, personal guidance that students and their families receive helps to ensure student success at the next academic level.

## THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE

The foundation for this culture is independence. Every independent school is governed by a board of trustees and funded primarily through tuition, charitable contributions and endowment. The independence of its funding and administration allows every independent school to have a unique mission: one that's supported by the school's entire community and implemented through its curricular and hiring decisions.

This independence is unlike public schools, which are operated by an elected school board and funded by tax dollars. It's unlike church-administered schools, and for-profit schools.

Independent schools are not only categorically different from public and other private schools, but they're also different from one another. Each has its own self-crafted and unique mission. Within the bounds of accreditation requirements (see below), each has the freedom to interpret and implement its mission as it sees fit. As a result, its trustees, students, parents, faculty and administrators share the mission of the independent



school. The result is a close-knit community and an ideal educational environment.

Independence does not imply any lack of educational standards. State-recognized accrediting agencies—in our area, the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS)—are key. Accreditation is based on the school's mission; the process for a school is rigorous and is your assurance of quality.

It's through commitment to a demanding accreditation process that schools hold themselves publicly accountable to all who seek assurance that they meet accepted, published standards of educational quality, operation and staff competence. Every accredited independent school in Pennsylvania and Delaware must follow applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including those governing 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Trustees, boards and families tend to be especially active in independent schools.

Another important feature of independent schools is that they deliver. When asked about their choice of school, independent school families cite individual attention, small classes, teacher excellence and high academic standards.

A national study conducted by the U.S.

Department of Education reported that this is what independent schools do. It concluded that more students in independent schools are enrolled in advanced courses than in public or other private schools. It reported that independent school students watch only two-thirds as much television and do twice as much homework as their public school counterparts. They're significantly more likely to participate in varsity sports and more likely to agree that students and teachers get along well and discipline is fair.

### SELECTING AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

While all accredited independent schools maintain high standards and emphasize values, it's important to realize that they are not generic. The very characteristic that enables them to excel—independence—also means that each independent school is different from the next. A wide range of options guarantee that each is a special place.

The community of independent schools offers a wide range of options from preschool to pre-kindergarten to high school, to day schools and boarding schools and to some that do both. Also included are co-educational, all-girls' and all-boys' schools, as well as schools

with religious affiliations and others that are nonsectarian.

There are stand-alone preschools, lower and upper schools, as well as schools that offer the whole range of preschool through 12th grade. And, although independent schools tend to be small in comparison to public schools, there's a range in size. Enrollments vary from a few dozen to over a thousand students.

### SUBTLE DIFFERENCES

Beyond these evident differences, there are more subtle differences, for example, in philosophy, mission and culture.

Researching the world of independent schools, in short, can be confusing and challenging. And your temptation may be to choose the easiest alternative: either to accept the local public school system or to choose an independent school that seems most convenient. I understand that convenience is an important consideration, but do recognize that the many "flavors" of independent schools create opportunity. They create choice. They give you as parent the opportunity to find the right fit for your child.

And so, as you explore the world of independent schools, foremost in your mind should be that your child has special strengths, weaknesses, interests and expectations. He or she is an individual. The right school for your child will be one that fosters individual strengths, addresses specific weaknesses, and serves your child's individuality. You know your child best!

More particularly, as you look, take into consideration the school's philosophy and mission. Consider its size, curriculum, religious affiliation, student-teacher ratio, leadership, extra-curricular opportunities and guidance counseling. Be aware that some schools are progressive, with children involved in discovery learning and experiential activities. Others are more traditional, using structured learning settings and teacher-directed programs. Still other schools' programs are a blend of traditional and progressive styles. Some schools offer online learning as part of the student's program.

Also recognize that most independent schools, intentionally or otherwise, specialize. And so there are schools for students looking to excel at rigorous intellectual preparations, others dedicated to learners with different interests, and some that focus on bright students with learning disabilities. Similarly, there are schools that offer advanced instruction in fine arts and the performing arts, others that offer travel abroad experiences, and still others that consistently succeed in athletics.



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In the end, your job as parent is to look at your child, look at the schools, and choose the one that most closely fits.

## PRACTICAL MATTERS

Sending a child to an independent school is costly because good education is expensive. Independent schools are privately funded institutions, with tuition as their greatest source of funding. Parents of independent school children regard the cost of an independent education as an investment in their child's future.

No doubt financial constraints become a deterrent to some who would benefit from an independent school education. Independent schools try to work with families to help them meet cost. Many purposefully seek a diverse population to provide the richness that a variety of backgrounds and nationalities add to the learning experience. And many offer need-based financial aid, which often includes grants, scholarships, loans and payment plans.

Similarly, recognize that transportation is available for families who live at some distance from the otherwise "right school." Many independent schools run bus service specifically for their own students. And, under Pennsylvania's pupil transportation laws, local school districts are required to provide transportation to and from school within a ten-mile radius.

The result is that independent schools are not only, as they are sometimes regarded, for affluent families. Parents are often surprised by the socio-economic, ethnic, religious and geographic diversity found at independent schools. Students develop lifelong relationships with friends they would have never met had they not attended an independent school.

In any case, if "education is life itself," finding the right school to match your child's needs, talents and interests ranks as one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. My recommendation is to give it thought: research and explore and take advantage of opportunities.

For many, the best place to look for that school will be in the independent sector. Independent schools partner with parents in educating their children. In the independent sector, school life becomes part of family life. Students become part of a culture and community that yields lifelong returns for students.

Fortunately, the Delaware Valley has many fine independent schools from which to choose. ♦

For more information about independent education, go to [PAISPA.org](http://PAISPA.org) or contact Linda L. Phelps, Executive Director, PAIS at 610-567-2960.

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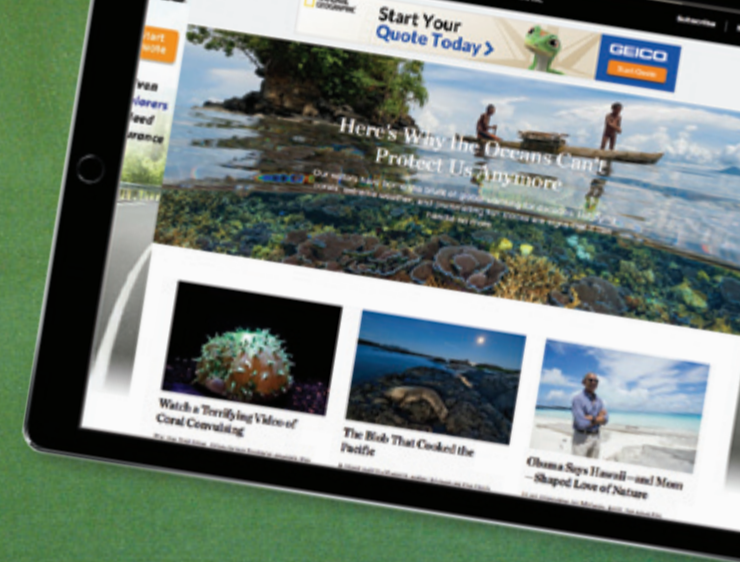
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# Guide to School Open Houses



## PENNSYLVANIA

### Bryn Mawr

#### Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr

480 S. Bryn Mawr Ave.

610-527-3915;

SHABrynMawr.org

Sacred Heart Academy is an independent, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls, K-12 and is a proud member of the international Network of Sacred Heart Schools, ADVIS, PAIS and the Middle States Association. Established in 1865, the school has been committed for over 150 years to educating girls through faith, intellect, service, community and personal growth.

9th Gr. Scholarship/Entrance Exam: Oct. 21, 8:45 am

Upper School Open House: Oct. 21, 12:30 to 3 pm

All School K-12, Open House: Oct. 24, 9 to 11 am

6th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam: Feb. 3\*

\*snow date, Feb. 10

All School K-12 Open House: Jan. 28\*, 11 to 1

\*snow date, Feb. 3



the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, one of the nation's largest, most experienced, and most successful online public schools. PA Cyber's personalized instructional methods and curricula connect students and families with highly qualified teachers and rich academic content. As a tuition-free public school, enrollment is open to any school-age child residing in PA.

Online Info Sessions: visit PACyber.org

### Devon

#### Devon Preparatory School

363 N. Valley Forge Rd.

610-688-7337

DevonPrep.com

Devon Prep is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school for young men in grades 6-12, focused on the Holistic education for life. Founded by the Piarist Order, the school promotes the Piarist fathers' mission of preparing young men for the rigors of 21st-century life by modeling, in word and deed, the Piarist values of charity, humility, patience, respect and simplicity.

Open House: Oct. 1, 9 am Mass, tours, 10 to 1

Early Decision Scholarship/Entrance Exam

(High School): Oct. 21, 8:30 am

Middle School & High School Scholarship/Entrance

Exam: Nov. 4 and Dec. 3, 8:30 am

Middle School Scholarship/Entrance Exam:

Feb. 11, 8:30



### Crum Lynne

#### The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School

Philadelphia Area Regional Office

1553 Chester Pk., Ste. 103

888-722-9237; PACyber.org

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## Downingtown

### Bishop Shanahan High School

220 Woodbine Rd.

610-518-1300

Shanahan.org

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8th Grade Scholarship Test: Oct. 28, 8 am to noon

Open House & Registration: Nov. 12 from noon to 3

7th Grade Visitation Day: Mar. 14 from 8:30 to 1:30

Spring Open House: Mar. 21, 7 pm

7th Grade Practice Test: Apr. 7 from 8 to noon



### Friends School Haverford

851 Buck La.

610-642-2334

FriendsHaverford.org

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Media-Providence Friends School



Westtown School



The Tatnall School



St. David's Episcopal Day School



The Hill School



Friends School Haverford



Pilot School



AIM Academy



Renaissance Academy



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ACADEMICS



outstanding  
ATHLETICS



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ARTS



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The best way to understand what Tatnall is all about is to experience it for yourself. Please join us for one of our fall admissions events:

**THE TATNALL EXPERIENCE:**  
**Admissions Preview Night**  
Wednesday, October 11  
5:30 to 7 p.m.

Join us for an informal chat and get an inside look at the Tatnall experience.

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Wednesday, November 8  
9 to 11:30 a.m.

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Open House: Oct. 7, Nov. 1, Dec. 5,  
Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Mar. 6, May 9

### Immaculata

#### Villa Maria Academy Lower School



1140 King Rd.  
610-644-4864; VillaMaria.org

Villa Maria Academy is an independent, Catholic school for girls in K-grade 8 and a coeducational preschool.

Since 1872, Villa Maria has empowered young women through leadership and service opportunities in the traditions of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At Villa, each student is encouraged to reach her full potential academically, spiritually, socially and morally.

Open House: Nov. 7, Jan. 10, Feb. 9, Mar. 14  
at 9:30 am

### Lititz

#### Linden Hall School

212 E. Main St.  
717-626-8512

LindenHall.org



Nestled in the quaint and historic town of Lititz, Pennsylvania, Linden Hall School is a vibrant and diverse community of 200 boarding and day students in grades 6-12 who represent 32 countries and 16 states. They are proud of their distinction as the country's oldest residential girls' school, and work assiduously to ensure their students are valued and known.

Open House: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Mar. 4

from 3 to 5

Student Visit Day: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Jan. 15, Mar. 5

from 3 to 5

### Malvern

#### Villa Maria Academy High School

370 Central Ave.

610-644-2551; VMAHS.org



Villa Maria Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young women to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, and collaborative citizens with strong communication skills. Rigorous academics, combined with innovative real-world experiences and extensive extracurricular opportunities, prepare young women with the skills and the confidence they need to meet the challenges of the future.

Open House: Oct. 15, 10 to 2

Entrance/Scholarship Exam: Oct. 28 or Nov. 4 at 9 am

Visit Villa Days: Oct. 5, 6; Nov. 6, 7; Dec. 4, 5 from  
7:30 to 2:30

### Media

#### Media-Providence Friends School

125 W. Third St.

610-565-1960; MPFS.org



Wilmington Friends School



Villa Maria Academy High School



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**October 7** > 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**November 1** > 9 am - 11:00 am  
**December 5** > 9 am - 11:00 am



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*Open House: Oct. 20, Nov. 10 at 9 am*

### Newtown Square

#### Episcopal Academy

1785 Bishop White Dr.  
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[EpiscopalAcademy.org](http://EpiscopalAcademy.org)  
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*Middle/Upper School Open House: Oct. 22 at 1*  
*Lower School Open House: Nov. 4*



### Phoenixville

#### Renaissance Academy

413 Fairview St.  
610-983-4080

[www.RAK12.org](http://www.RAK12.org)  
A tuition-free, college prep, fully-accredited, public charter school for grades K–12. Their mission is to prepare children for success as students, workers and citizens by providing them with a high-quality liberal arts, college preparatory education.  
*Open House (RSVP req.): Nov 15, 6 to 8 pm*  
*Mar. 14, Gr. K–12, 6 pm to 8 pm*



### Pottstown

#### The Hill School

860 Beech St.  
610-326-1000; [TheHill.org](http://TheHill.org)

For 167 years, The Hill School has prepared students from across the country and around the world for college, careers and life. Within a family school environment and a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, The Hill challenges young people to work hard, think and reason, be fulfilled, serve the common good, and be prepared to lead as citizens of the world.  
*Open House: Oct. 28, 9 to 11:15 am*



#### The Wyndcroft School

1395 Wilson St.  
610-326-0544

[Wyndcroft.org](http://Wyndcroft.org)  
The Wyndcroft School is a coed day school for children in Pre-K–grade 8. They offer a rigorous academic program enabling the child to establish a foundation for a happy and successful future. Their focus is character development, and pursuing excellence in English, history, math, science, foreign languages and the arts. Their small class setting provides a nurturing environ-



ment, fostering creativity, personal integrity, determination and respect for others.  
*Open House: Nov. 12 at 1 pm*

### Villanova

#### Academy of Notre Dame de Namur

560 Sproul Rd.  
610-971-0498; [NDAPA.org](http://NDAPA.org)

With a bold strategic vision and innovative campus master plan, Notre Dame is preparing and inspiring young women from grades 6 to 12 to take their place as confident leaders in a global, highly technological society. The Academy is a faith community, guided by the Catholic mission of service to others and the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

*Open House for Grades 6–12: Oct. 1, 10:30 to 1:30*  
*Experience ND Day for Parents: Oct. 25*  
*8:30 to 11:30*

*High School Entrance Exams: Oct. 21 & 29*  
*Middle School Entrance Exams: Oct. 29 & Jan. 20*



### Wayne

#### St. David's Episcopal Day School

765 S. Valley Rd.  
[SDEDS.org](http://SDEDS.org)

A coeducational, private, independent school, St. David's Episcopal Day School (SDEDS) will open for the 2018-2019 academic year for 2-year-olds through kindergarten. SDEDS provides the highest quality education in an inclusive environment that embraces individuality, nurtures the whole child and fosters character development grounded in the spiritual values of the Episcopalian tradition. Transitional kindergarten, enrichment and before/after care available.

*Open House: Oct. 22, Dec. 10 from noon to 2 pm*



### West Chester

#### Saints Simon and Jude School

6 Cavanaugh Court  
610-696-5249

[School.SimonAndJude.org](http://School.SimonAndJude.org)  
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*Preview Mornings: Nov. 17, Mar. 23 at 8 am*

*Evening Visit: Nov. 16, 7:30 pm*

*Middle School Visit Night: Jan. 24, 7:30 pm*

*Catholic Schools Week Open House:*  
*Jan. 28, 10 am to 1:15 pm*



#### West Chester Friends School

415 N. High St.  
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[WCFriends.org](http://WCFriends.org)  
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*Open House: Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Dec. 8, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 7 at 9:30 am*

#### Westtown School

975 Westtown Rd.  
 610-399-7900; [Westtown.edu](http://Westtown.edu)  
 Westtown, a Quaker Pre-K-grade 12 college preparatory school offers a challenging, diverse curriculum emphasizing action-based learning, critical thinking,



#### Wynnewood

##### Friends' Central School

(Grades 6–12), 1101 City Ave.  
 (Nursery–Grade 5), 228 Old Gulph Rd.  
 610-649-7440; [FriendsCentral.org](http://FriendsCentral.org)  
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dents in Nursery–grade 12. Located on 41 acres across two campuses, Friends' Central cultivates the intellectual, spiritual and ethical promise of students. Guided by Quaker values, since 1845, they have been educating for excellence, inspiring tomorrow's leaders, honoring each individual, and encouraging students to peacefully transform the world.



*Columbus Day Open House: Oct. 9, Lower School, 9 Middle & Upper School at 12:30 pm*  
*Admission Parent Info Sessions: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, Lower School at 9 am; Middle & Upper Schools at 8:30 am*  
*Spring Open House: Apr. 19, Lower School: 9 to 11 Middle & Upper School: 4 to 6 pm*  
*Walk-in Wednesday Tours: 9 am each week*

#### DELAWARE

##### Claymont

##### Archmere Academy

3600 Philadelphia Pk.  
 302-798-6632

[ArchmereAcademy.com](http://ArchmereAcademy.com)

An independent, Catholic, coeducational college preparatory school, grades 9–12. Founded in the Norbertine tradition, the education focuses on the whole person, developing students into empathetic leaders and inspiring them to reach their potential. Top academics, expert faculty, competitive athletics, award-winning arts, and state-of-the-art facilities create an exceptional educational experience. Visit and learn about what it means to be an Auk.

*Open House: Oct. 29*

*Entrance Exam: Nov. 11, register online*



##### Wilmington

##### Saint Edmonds Academy

2120 Veale Rd.  
 302-475-5370

[StEdmondsAcademy.org](http://StEdmondsAcademy.org)

Saint Edmond's Academy, a Catholic, independent school, educates the hearts and minds of boys in the Holy Cross tradition from JK–grade 8. Their heritage incorporates contemporary thought with individualized instruction and a challenging 21st-century curriculum. The program at the Academy creates a foundation for the future that prepares boys with values and skills for life.

*Open House: Nov. 7, Jan. 30 from 9 to 11 am*

*Visit website for advanced registration.*



##### The Tatnall School

1501 Barley Mill Rd.  
 302-892-2292; [Tatnall.org](http://Tatnall.org)

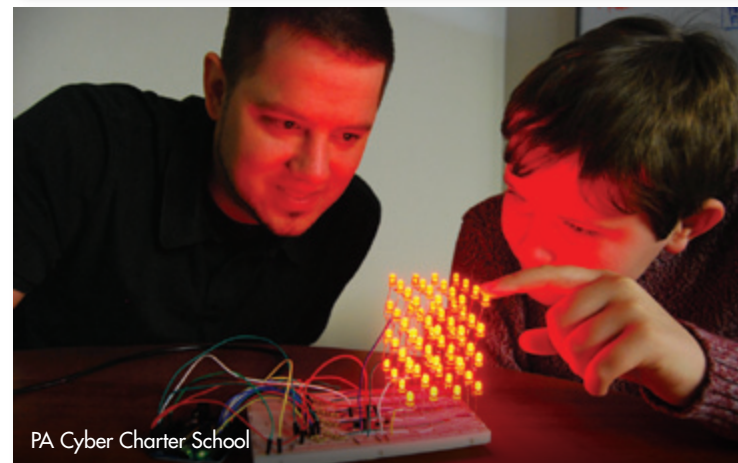
The Tatnall School is an independent, coeducational college preparatory day school situated on a pastoral 110-acre campus in the Greenville area. Composed of four academic divisions that enroll students in PK3–grade 12, Tatnall provides a strong, balanced foundation with exceptional academics, outstanding athletics, unparalleled arts, and authentic relationships. Partner with Tatnall today to start your child on the path to success.

*Admissions Preview Night: Oct. 11, from 5:30 to 7*

*Fall Open House: Nov. 8 from 9 to 11:30*



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**College Fair (Open to the Public) - October 3, 2017 - 7 PM - 9 PM**

**8th Grade Scholarship Test - October 28, 2017 - 8 AM - 12 PM**

**Open House & Registration - November 12, 2017 - 12 PM - 3 PM**

**7th Grade Visitation Day - March 14, 2018 - 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Spring Open House - March 21, 2018 - 7 PM**

**7th Grade Practice Test - April 7, 2018 - 8 AM - 12 PM**

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### Entrance/Scholarship Exam

October 28 and November 4

### Visit Villa Days

October 5 and 6

November 6 and 7

December 4 and 5

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## Wilmington Friends School

101 School Rd. (Rts. 202 & 95)  
302-576-2900  
WilmingtonFriends.org

Wilmington Friends is a great place to grow up. They offer an unsurpassed academic program with depth, asking students to question, collaborate, be creative and take risks, all within a caring community that balances focus on the individual with responsibility to the common good. Reggio Emilia inspired preschool, 1:1 laptop program, STEM Labs and programming, and International Baccalaureate program. Preschool-12.

Preschool-5th Grade: Oct. 14, 9 to 11 am

6th-12th Grade: Oct. 1, 1 to 3 pm

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tunities for children with language-based learning differences such as dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia. AIM delivers a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum as well as a rich range of extracurricular arts, music, clubs and athletic opportunities.  
Open House: Oct. 4, Nov. 2, Dec. 8, Jan. 28,  
Feb. 22, Mar. 21, Apr. 12, May 11,  
9 to 11 am, registration required  
If you cannot make an Open House date, phone to  
arrange a tour.

#### Downingtown

#### Devereux Autism Assessment Center

600 Boot Rd.  
267-788-6892; Devereux.org/Autism

Provides comprehensive services to address questions and concerns about Autism Spectrum Disorder, offering the gold-standard in Autism assessment including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). The program strives to deliver the highest quality of services from intake, to thorough assessment, to intensive follow up. It's in line with Devereux's mission of providing individualized and comprehensive services for children and adults with special needs.

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Nov. 9, Jan. 25, Mar. 22, May 10, July 19  
from 9 to 11 am



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### Lower School

#### GRADES 3-5

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### Middle School

#### GRADES 6-8

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### Upper School

#### GRADES 9-12

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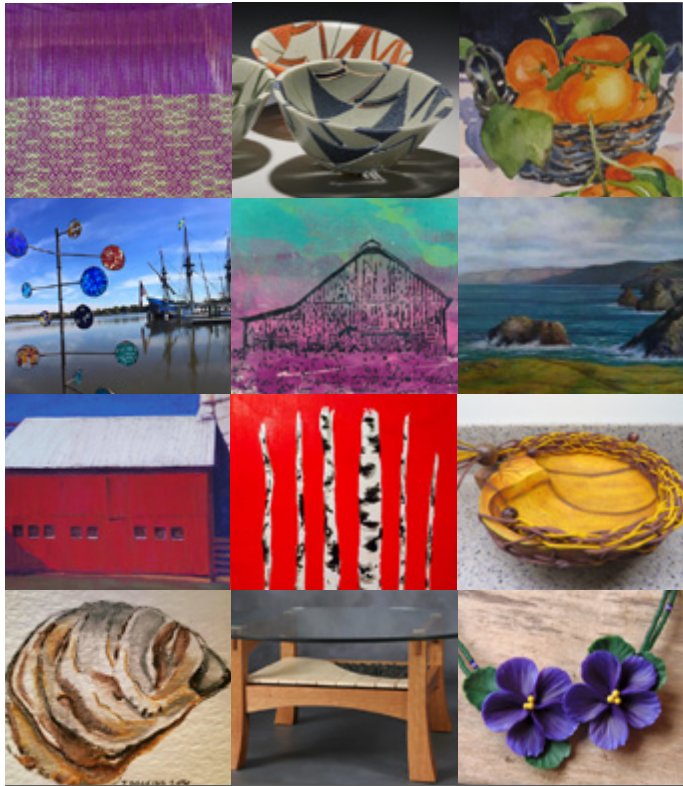
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It's daunting. Books, clothes, artwork, favorite furniture.... For over 30 years, we've been accumulating ... stuff. Bric-a-brac, gew-gaws, tchotchkes. Memory items, I call them.

I look around, trying to see through a buyer's eyes. There's a scratch on the wall, a stair that creaks, a double-paned window that's lost its seal. We've been ignoring things that don't matter. Not to us, anyway.

Outside, there's an overgrown patch by the stream and an empty spot in the hedge where a laurel bush died. The cedar siding may need attention.

It's certainly not structurally unsound, but what about curb appeal? A realtor would ask, "Does it pop?"

We're considering putting the house on the market. Probably next spring. And we ask, what must go? What can we hide? What should we fix? What will pay off?

## THE DRIVE-BY

The "drive-by!" Missy Schwarz, a Berkshire Hathaway agent in Devon, can't emphasize it enough. She uses the term over and over again. That first impression will forever color the buyers' experience. If they even take the time to have an experience.

You need to get them in the door. A "fresh coat of paint" is a good idea, especially for the front door. "Plant some flowers. Mow the lawn."

As a seller, the temptation is to express your love of your home—to show how you've lived in it. But that's not what buyers want.

Buyers want a clean, open, fresh appearance. "Push the furniture toward the wall a bit." "Or move some of it out." With enough time, "consider knocking down a wall to open up the space." The last thing you want is for the space to feel small and cluttered.

Landscaping, realtor Margot Mohr Teetor, with RE/MAX in West Chester, says, is "very important," in part because it's the first thing prospective buyers see. There's no need to invest heavily, she tells us, but the property can't feel overgrown or neglected.

Light, too, is important. Hope that the sun shines! On the whole, the property should project a "warm, comforting" feeling.

## LOW-HANGING FRUIT

Holly Gross and her son, Stephen Gross, of the Holly Gross Group, are realtors in West Chester with years of experience preparing owners and their homes for sale—yes, owners must be prepared, too. Their advice: go for "the low-hanging fruit." Buyers will make quick evaluations, and the feel of the house—whether it "sparkles"—is essential to a quick sale. "Think HGTV: that's what buyers want."

The first priority should be "de-cluttering." Keepsakes should be put away or stored off-site. Buyers don't want a library. Or overstuffed closets. Tables should be cleared, along with your walls. Photos, awards, mementos: buyers don't want your biography. They want a clean slate, so they can see themselves—not you—in the home.



Second, Holly and Stephen would assess “the palette of the house.” Note that color choices, no matter how tastefully paired with your décor, are better toward the “more vanilla.” If you paint, take it down a notch. Wallpaper, too, should probably come down.

The third priority is kitchens and bathrooms. Of course, everything must be in good repair. But here is where the seller may face real investment choices. To redo a kitchen may cost upwards of \$10,000. Each bathroom—the Grosses suggest focusing on the master—is another \$10,000-plus.

The homeowners as sellers must have the time, “mental capacity” and “bandwidth” for these projects, but the Grosses are sure they pay off. “Two or three to one,” they say about return on investment. And the home sells faster, too.

#### PROBLEMS AND DEFECTS

You should expect defects to be reflected in the sales price, says Teetor. On the other hand, there won’t be a sale, let alone a sales price, if the defect is too large.

In some cases, a seller may need to make a significant investment, and it’s best to tackle these big projects before putting the house on the market. Teetor points to “the stucco problem”: a problem facing owners of stucco homes, common among those built 15 to 20 years ago, and particularly common in Chester County. The problem is moisture: water that’s seeped into the stucco, possibly causing mold. Teetor advises testing and remediation beforehand, but unfortunately remediation is expensive.

Similarly, she advises sellers to take a good look at the home’s carpeting. If it’s obviously worn or stained, it should be replaced. And appliances, like refrigerators, may deserve assessment and replacement.

In general, though, she’s cautious—be wary of updating for updating’s sake. Buyers may have different tastes. If the problem is merely one of taste, doesn’t involve safety, and replacement has significant cost, then exercise caution and don’t change.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE

Alas, there’s “no formula” for getting your home market-ready, says Teetor. But you can do your homework. For example, since a potential buyer is comparing your house to new construction, says Schwartz, you may want to look at some newly built houses in the area to get ideas of what you should do and what the competition is.

The Grosses advise, it’s a process and it starts with your realtor’s first visit and walk-through.

Ultimately, professional assistance from a stager may help prepare your home for that big open house. Objective eyes are needed.

And a photographer! The internet has drastically changed the dynamics of selling. Today’s home buyers shop widely. And they almost always have spent a lot of time in your on-line house before the first visit. So get the best photos.

Some old advice still holds up, though. Don’t be afraid to do some baking or light a scented candle! Careful, though: it’s no time for fish curry. ♦

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The stately three-story home boasts all the rich details of the period: original wood flooring, beamed ceilings, deep windowsills, six working fireplaces, antique hardware. A large entrance foyer welcomes you, with fireplace at one end and curving staircase at the other. To the left, past the powder room and wet bar, you're drawn to the wood-paneled living room and library paneled in cherry wood thought to be harvested from the property. Built-in bookcases, window seats and more





beamed ceilings accent the walk-in fireplace. A perfect place to feel the history of the home.

To the right of the foyer is the formal dining room, with fireplace, beamed ceiling and antique yellow pine floors. A newer, light-filled addition to the east end, the sun-room retained the original exterior stone wall and added a brick floor, plus three walls of windows for panoramic views of the pond and meadows. Beamed ceilings and built-ins blend the old and new in this family-friendly space.

A fourth fireplace graces the eat-in country kitchen, renovated in the style of R. Brognard Okie. Painted wood cabinets with antique-style hardware, beadboard walls, and box locks add to its charm.

On the second floor, a large foyer leads to two full baths and three spacious bedrooms, two with fireplaces, another with built-ins and all with antique heart-of-pine floors. At the east end, above the first-floor sunporch, is a large screened sleeping porch, used by a former owner in all seasons!

Surprisingly high-beamed ceilings, a skylight, original wood floors and ample storage make the third floor an inviting space for two more bedrooms, sitting area and full bath. The large, dry lower level houses laundry facilities, utility systems, storage closets and a root cellar, perfect for a future wine cellar.

### BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE

About 500 yards from the main house sits a classic 1884 one-room, brick “Little Red Schoolhouse.” Complete with working school bell on top, it’s now a spectacular guest house, studio or office—with a two-story, vaulted beamed great room, plus kitchenette, loft bedroom, study and full bath. Stunning views from the front porch and through floor-to-ceiling windows flanking the brick fireplace make it difficult for guests to leave!

Charming outside and dramatic inside, the schoolhouse is a special space suitable for a variety of dreams and dreamers.

### GARAGE, GARDENS, GAZEBO

Steps from the main house and adjacent to a formal walled garden sits an oversized two-car stone garage. This dormered structure includes another guest or in-law suite on



its second level, with living room, bedroom and full bath.

The brick wall surrounding the formal garden encloses a private space with stone patio, pergola, statuary along with perennials, specimen shrubs and trees. This secret garden was well established during the hundred years the current family lived here.

Yet another spot for private enjoyment is the pond-side gazebo, perfect for picnicking, reading or watching wildlife. Near the pond’s east end, an in-ground pool offers more entertainment options.

Other features on the property include two former quarries (now filled with water), lime kilns, remains of an old mill, South Brook Creek, horse trails, meadows, pristine woods and much more.

Wyndemere Farm offers opportunities both grand and humble: multi-generational family compound, equestrian estate or personal nature preserve. Once it finds its next caretakers. ♦

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## Food News

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



**Chef Dreams.** Ever dreamed of wearing chef’s whites—that cool double-breasted jacket? Check out **Culinary and Hospitality Day** at **Delaware County Community College** where you’ll be inspired by the best! Join Culinary Arts Program Manager and Philadelphia’s Chef Educator of

the Year, Peter Gilmore, for a fun class where you’ll watch a cooking demo and learn about a career in the culinary and hospitality fields. Sharpen your cooking skills (and your chef’s knives) and register for the October 14th session at the Marple campus. [DCCC.Edu/Info-Session](http://DCCC.Edu/Info-Session).

### Ditch the Takeout.

Weeknight cooking can be frustrating. There just isn’t enough time in a busy day to spend hours prepping dinner. Luckily, award-winning local cookbook writer Kathy Brennan (*Keepers*) has a plan—*The Dinner Plan: Simple Weeknight Recipes and Strategies for Every Schedule*. With 135 no-fuss recipes and five strategies, Brennan makes cooking quick, fun and painless. Instead of ordering takeout tonight, buy a solution to your dinner-prep blues! Available at Wayne’s Main Point Books, Exton’s Wellington Square Bookshop and other independent booksellers.



**Chili Days.** October is **National Chili Month**, so as the weather gets cooler, the smart move is to warm up with a hearty bowl of soul-satisfying goodness. Folks from Texas would likely agree, since their love of chili predates 1977, when they made chili their official

state food. And West Chester shares the love when it celebrates the traditional dish at the **15th Annual Chili Cook-off** on October 8th. Stop by for a palate-clearing mint at the *County Lines* table! [WestChesterChiliCookOff.com](http://WestChesterChiliCookOff.com).



### 47 Thousand Farmers Can’t Be Wrong.

That’s the force behind D.C.-based **Founding Farmers**, a full-service restaurant and bar serving food grown locally and with care at its new King of Prussia Town Center location. This 14,000-square-foot eco-friendly urban farmhouse serves up breakfast, lunch and dinner for up to 300. With a menu of sustainably sourced food and drink—freshly baked bread, house-churned butter, homemade ice cream—Founding Farmers is making dining out wholesome. [WeAreFoundingFarmers.com](http://WeAreFoundingFarmers.com).

### Go Nuts!

Celebrate the nutty holiday of **National Nut Day** on October 22nd, a day with a not-so-nutty origin—it was started by the Liberation Foods Company to advocate Fairtrade nuts and promote healthy living. Need a simple recipe to mark the day? Whip up fall harvest nuts by mixing honey granola, mixed nuts, cinnamon, dried apples and pears. For nut allergies, swap out the nuts for peanut-free granola. With this healthy snack, who needs Halloween candy? [HomeMadeHooplah.com/Fall-Harvest-Mixed-Nuts](http://HomeMadeHooplah.com/Fall-Harvest-Mixed-Nuts).





# How 'bout them apples?

GETTING THE RIGHT APPLE FOR THE JOB MEANS TO TASTE AND TASTE AGAIN

Laura Muzzi Brennan

I READ COOKBOOKS COVER TO COVER AND AM FASCINATED by the section alternatively called “staples” or “pantry essentials.” Nearly every author lists pasta, extra virgin olive oil and onions as indispensable. David Leibovitz keeps shallot marmalade in his cupboard, and Ruth Reichl sleeps better knowing she’s got a package of bottarga on hand.

Apples rarely make these lists. Yet after talking with the knowledgeable folks at **Hockessin’s Harvest Market** about fall’s iconic fruit, I’d go for apples over anchovy paste any day.



Megan Bushnell of Hockessin's Harvest Market

for anyone looking to reduce refined sugar, apples work magic. One example: Bushnell adds them to carrot-cardamom soup to impart just the right level of sweetness.

Most of Harvest Market’s apples are certified organic or grown using IPM (integrated pest management). Depending on the time of year, they hail from the West Coast, Southern Hemisphere or

from just down the road. Late fall and early winter are a boon for apple lovers, with nearly 20 varieties piled high in Harvest’s produce section. Many come from Kauffman’s Fruit Farm in Lancaster County.

Bushnell loves local apples, especially heirlooms, and mentions Golden Russet and Stayman Winesap as favorites. Market owner Bob Kleszics, names Diva as his current go-to. Kleszics knows firsthand the challenge of growing apples—especially on the East Coast where moisture levels make it difficult to produce blemish-free fruit.

Both Bushnell and Kleszics liken apples to wine, speaking in terms of flavor profile, complexity and sugar content. Thinking about apples in this way helps cooks choose which variety to use in a dish—rather than making decisions based on pretty colors and jazzy names. (That said, if you visit Harvest Market and buy a basketful of Calville Blancs, King Davids



or the pleasantly alliterative Roxbury Russets, no one will think less of you.)

Flights of fancy aside, when selecting apples, remember those with lower sugar content like a Granny Smith or Braeburn keep their shape when cooked, perfect for pies and tarts. Apples with higher sugar contents make ideal apple butter and sauce.

Beyond these guidelines, says Bushnell, the best way to determine the right apple for the job is to taste and taste again, tweaking your recipe as you go. Her “Fall in Love with Kale Salad” might have slices of Fuji one season and Pink Lady the next. Which apple elevates her favorite smoked cheddars and goudas? Well, that’s an experiment that never gets old.

With apples in your pantry—and they should be—your next meal is minutes away.



Market owner Bob Kleszics displays his juggling act

## Grandbutter’s Apple Pie

*Chef Megan Bushnell’s proper grandmother wanted to be addressed as “Grandmother.” Her young grandchildren mispronounced it: “Grandbutter” stuck. Bushnell family lore has it that Grandbutter was an average cook but a genius when it came to apple pie.*

*Although Granny Smith apples are an ideal apple for pie and available all year round, Bushnell suggests taking advantage of local apples in season, using varieties like Gold Rush, Smoke House or Northern Spy. Go to the local farmer’s market or orchard stand and see what’s available!*



*For the crust:*

- 1 C. all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$  C. Spectrum Organic Shortening
- $\frac{1}{4}$  C. cold water

*For the pie filling:*

- 6–8 apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 Tb. all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting counter
- $\frac{2}{3}$  C. granulated cane sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 Tb. butter

Preheat oven to 400°.

Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Add shortening and cut it in with your fingers or two butter knives, until the fat is well distributed and the mixture resembles cornmeal. Sprinkle in cold water and combine with light hands until wet but not sticky. Form into a ball and cut into two halves.

Dust the counter with flour and roll out half of the dough, working from the center outwards, until it is large enough to fill a 9” pie pan. Lay the dough into the pie pan, allowing the excess dough to spill over the edges.

Fill the pie pan with sliced apple pieces, and sprinkle with flour and sugar. Dot with butter, and sprinkle with cinnamon to taste. Wet the edges of the crust with water for sealing.

## Two Ways of Looking at an Apple

Picked a bushel of apples but need only a peck? No worries! Dry or freeze them apples and you’ll be eating well for months to come.

### DRIED APPLES

Good as a snack or chopped and added to granola or muffins.

Preheat oven to 225°. Wash and slice apples into  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” slices or thinner if you want to make apple chips. There’s no need to peel or core them.

Line a few baking sheets with parchment paper. Lay apple slices in a single layer with a little space in between them.

Sprinkle with pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon or leave plain.

Bake for 1 hour. Flip slices over and bake for 1 hour more, until slices start to curl up at edges.

Cool and store in an airtight container in a cool, dark place.

### FROZEN APPLES

Great in smoothies or eaten out of hand as a healthy alternative to a popsicle. If you use them in baked goods, adjust your recipe to account for the extra liquid frozen apples release during cooking.

Fill a bowl with water and add a little lemon juice, about 1 Tb. lemon juice per gallon of water.

Peel and core apples. Slice into desired shape.

Dip apples into water. Time saving tip: If you have a colander that fits right into a bowl, just throw the apple slices into it, dip in water, remove and shake off excess water.

Line a few baking sheets with parchment paper. Lay apple slices in a single layer with a little space in between them.

Place in freezer for an hour or more, until frozen through.

Place in freezer bags. Apples last for 6 months.

Roll out second half of pie dough, fold into quarters and cut little slices along the seam for venting steam. Center and unfold dough on top of pie. Press edges of pie dough together to create a seal. Trim excess and crimp the edges with your fingers or a fork.

Bake 1 hour, or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Makes 1 pie.

## Bountiful Beet Salad

*Harvest Market offers this salad during every season. It’s a sweet yet sugar-free snack or accompaniment to pork chops and holds up well in the refrigerator for up to a week. Sweet eating apples work best for this salad to balance the earthiness of the beets and carrots. Good apple varieties will be sweet, firm and juicy such as Fuji, Braeburn or Pink Lady.*





½ lb. carrots, peeled or scrubbed clean  
 ½ lb. beets, unpeeled and scrubbed clean  
 1 lb. apples, unpeeled, washed and cored  
 ¼ C. (about ½ bunch) parsley, minced  
 1 Tb. apple cider vinegar, raw and unprocessed  
 ¼ tsp. sea salt  
 2 tsp. fresh ginger, peeled and minced  
 1 Tb. extra virgin olive oil

With a food processor or a box grater, grate the carrots, beets and apples using a medium size grate. Place into large bowl and combine. Add parsley and mix well.

In a small bowl, combine vinegar, salt, ginger and olive oil. Whisk together to form a dressing. Pour dressing over vegetables and mix thoroughly until combined.

Makes 6–8 servings.

### Paleo Apple Crumble

*Finished dinner and craving dessert? No problem! Chef Megan Bushnell created this quick and easy treat that you can throw together with little effort. Because it uses almond flour, ghee and maple syrup for the topping, it is both paleo-friendly and gluten-free. To make a vegan and dairy-free version, just substitute coconut oil for the ghee. Use the same kinds of apples that you would use for pie, so the fruit holds its shape when cooked.*



*For the base:*

6 apples  
 1 Tb. tapioca flour  
 ¼ C. pure maple syrup  
 2 Tb. ghee, plus more for greasing pan  
 ½ tsp. cinnamon  
 ¼ tsp. nutmeg

*For the topping:*

1 C. almond flour  
 3 Tb. ghee  
 3 Tb. pure maple syrup  
 A pinch of salt  
 ¼ tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°.

Lightly grease a 9” baking pan or 9” cast iron skillet with ghee (or coconut oil). Peel, core and slice apples. Place apples in a bowl and toss with tapioca flour, maple syrup, ghee and spices. Lay apples into the baking pan, filling completely.

In another bowl, mix together the ingredients for the topping with your hands until it forms a smooth, sticky dough. Drop the topping in small dollops on top of the apples, to cover evenly.

Bake for about 50 minutes or until apples are soft and topping is brown.

Makes 6 servings.

### Thai Larb Gai with Apples

*Apples add a satisfying crunch and hint of sweetness to this traditional Thai chicken salad. Serve as a first course over a bed of lettuce or all by itself. Adapted from New York Times Cooking.*

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1–2 apples (cook’s choice; I used 1 Pink Lady and 1 Envy.)  
 plus slices for garnish, optional  
 2 Tb. lime juice, plus more to toss with apples  
 5 tsp. fish sauce (nam pla)  
 ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper, more or less to taste  
 ¼ C. slivered red onions  
 ¼ C. chopped cilantro  
 ¼ C. chopped mint



Place chicken breasts and salt in a large pot and cover with water by 1”. Bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook until chicken is just cooked through.

While chicken cooks, peel, core and cut apples into ½” pieces. Place in a bowl with a little lime juice to prevent apples from browning.

In a large bowl, whisk together 2 Tb. lime juice, fish sauce and cayenne pepper. Mix in red onions.

When chicken is cool enough to touch, chop finely and add to bowl with lime juice and onions. Mix in apples, cilantro and mint.

Leave at room temperature for 30–60 minutes to allow flavors to bloom.

Makes 6 servings.

### Sweet Potato and Apple Mash

*An easy and satisfying side dish for chicken or pork. Play around with the flavors: roast a few cloves of garlic alongside the apples and sweet potatoes, substitute sage for the rosemary and thyme or add some grated ginger before roasting.*

2 large sweet potatoes  
 4 tart apples (I used Granny Smith)  
 2–3 Tb. olive oil  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 2 Tb. chopped fresh rosemary,  
 more to taste  
 2 tsp. lemon thyme or regular thyme,  
 more to taste  
 ½ lemon

Preheat oven to 400°.

Peel and cut sweet potatoes into 1” pieces. You can peel the apples or not, depending on whether you want a more rustic dish. Cut apples into 2” pieces. (The idea is to cut the apples larger than the sweet potatoes so that both finish roasting at the same time.)

In a large bowl, combine sweet potatoes, apples, oil, salt, pepper and herbs. Divide between two rimmed baking sheets and spread in a single layer.

Bake 20–30 minutes and stir. Bake for another 20–30 until sweet potatoes can be pierced with a fork. The apples might get a bit mushy, but don’t worry because they get mashed later.

Remove from oven and place in a large pot or bowl. While sweet potatoes and apples are still warm, squeeze lemon over them. Mash and season with additional salt, pepper and lemon to taste.

Makes 6–8 servings. ♦

*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 excite-*

*ment most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.*



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