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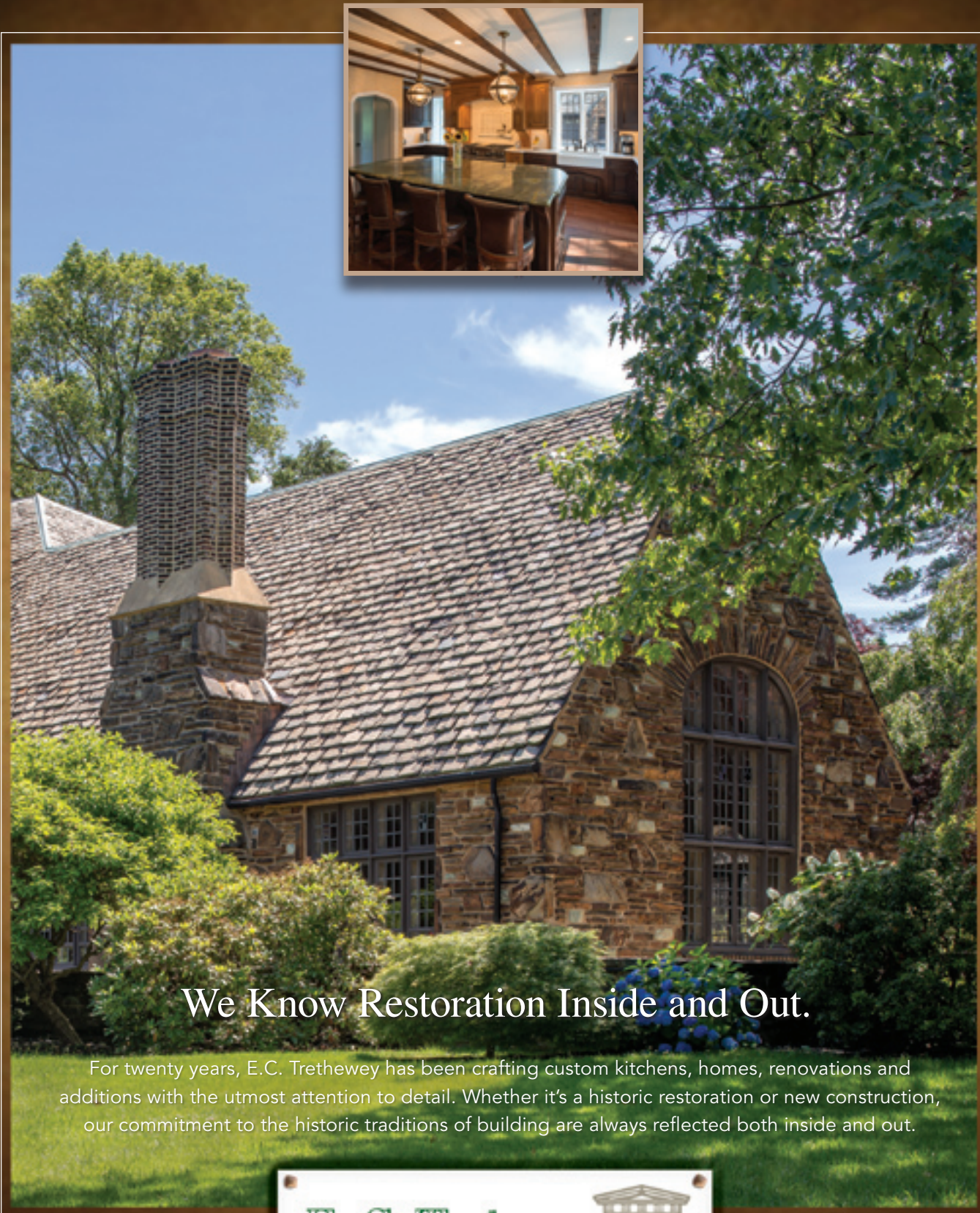
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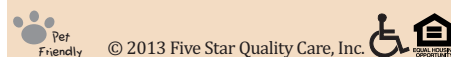
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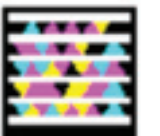
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Ah, autumn! After the soggy slog of summer, September arrives to revive the spirit. And we've packed this issue with plenty to make you happy you live here.

Our centerpiece article is a preview of the 73rd Chester County Day House Tour—a

unique opportunity to visit a collection of homes as diverse as our area. You'll see an architect's home, a retired winemakers' down-sized rowhouse, a bonsai studio in a former granary, a converted industrial site, and a classic 18th-century house.

For another kind of house tour, the Decorator Showhouse & Gardens in the Westover Hills section of Greenville gives you a chance to see the talents of 30 of the area's top designers on display. A bit of *Architectural Digest* in our neighborhood.

We follow the trail of a barn tour in the Willistown area with photos from a Barns & BBQ event in May, with a side trip to a converted barn that's home to the nation's first Antique Ice Tool Museum. And we drive the back roads of Chester County in Mercedes, BMW and Audi convertibles—the best vehicles for the season—in "The Return of the Cabriolet."

September now rivals May for equestrian excitement with three major events to enjoy. For those gearing up for the fall equestrian season, we guide you through year two of the Devon Fall Classic, the return of Plantation Field Horse Trials in Unionville, then back to Devon for world-class Dressage and Breed Show. Each event mixes horses and family fun.

Food fans should sample our new wine column highlighting under-the-radar picks by wine specialist Bob Trimble. We also review Roots Cafe in West Chester—now in Gilmore's former space—and share family recipes in Brandywine Table.

We hope these article inspires you to celebrate Chester County along with us.

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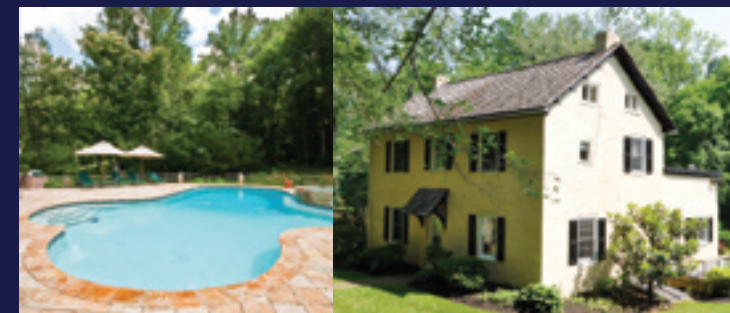
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What began as a workout cult is quickly growing into a hot fitness trend.

Michelle Kasker, CrossFit Inspire

Starting in 2000 when former gymnastics coach Greg Glassman launched CrossFit with just one gym in Santa Cruz, California, CrossFit has now grown to include over 6,100 gyms worldwide and five gyms in the Chester County area. With more than 10 million practitioners globally—60 percent of whom are women—this trend will likely be around for a while. And businesses interested in boosting morale and productivity while decreasing health insurance premiums have begun offering CrossFit classes onsite.

inclusive strength and conditioning program to help all types and ages of people prepare for a wide range of physical tasks. Women, men and even children of all ages participate in CrossFit.

The foundation of CrossFit's approach is "functional movements"—pushing, pulling, squatting, jumping, throwing, carrying and running—that people use in their everyday lives. These functional movements are constantly varied during CrossFit routines so the body is challenged differently every day.

WOD

CrossFit training highlights a different daily WOD (Workout Of the Day)—posted on the gym's website or on a whiteboard onsite—and each day the movements and time required to

The Core of CrossFit

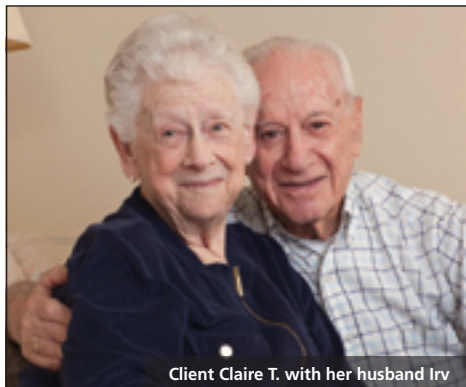
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perform them vary as well. For example, a WOD may be five rounds of 10 pullups, 15 pushups and 20 squats, with the time it takes to complete them being your score.

You won't see any traditional “machines” in a CrossFit gym, which is, by the way, generally a spare, no-frills space. Instead, the focus is on doing workouts that incorporate combinations of actions such as sprinting, rowing, jumping rope, climbing rope, flipping tires, pushing sleds, weightlifting with barbells, jumping boxes, and using gymnastics rings, kettle bells, and medicine balls, plus bodyweight exercises such as pushups, situps and squats. These different exercises are combined in short, high-intensity workouts that are constantly varied to deliver results efficiently.

Classes include a dynamic warm-up and an explanation of the movements in the WOD, with instructors reviewing each member performing the movements to advise on appropriate weights to use and to correct form to prevent injury.

The Benefits

Twin benefits of the changing WOD are that your body doesn't adapt to your workout routine and you don't get bored. An additional plus is that daily workouts and classes are scaled for all ability levels and ages. For example, in the same class one member may be working with a five-pound weight, while another may challenge himself with 100 pounds.

Anyone can walk into a CrossFit gym and perform the daily WOD. Some will perform the WOD “Rx”—exactly as it is written or prescribed—while others will modify the workout based on their ability. Most people start their CrossFit experience with “On Ramp” classes, an instructional program designed to review the basic CrossFit movements. Standards of movements, as well as how to safely and properly perform the different movements, are taught during this introductory class.

The CrossFit Games—a competition in the “sport of fitness,” recently shown on ESPN—is another reason CrossFit

continues to grow in popularity. Reebok now sponsors the annual CrossFit Games competition with teams, men, women and masters (age 40+) athletes competing for a prize of \$275,000 and the title “The Fittest on Earth.”

If you're interested in trying this approach to fitness, you can find the closest CrossFit gym by going to the website (CrossFit.com) to find a local affiliate. Then just show up for a class to see what it's all about. It's as easy as that! ♦

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Good to Know

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



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Happy 1st Anniversary! West Chester's **Hotel Warner** marked its first year of operation on August 17th but delayed the celebration until this month. Although it had been over 100 years since residents had a hotel in downtown West Chester, the hotel's convenient location at the crossroads of High and Gay Streets—in the middle of all the action—is likely to ensure many more anniversaries. Plans are afoot to mark the milestone, so book your room now and check for the date at HotelWarner.com.



What Else? At *County Lines* we like to share what's **Good To Know** in Chester County and Beyond. From bugs blitz to anniversary parties, pup culture to feeling like a superstar, you've seen what we've found. Now we'd like to hear from you. What have we missed? What do you think is Good To Know? E-mail your tips to Info@ValleyDel.com.

Riding Together.

Reins of Life has helped children with special needs for 20 years through therapeutic horseback riding. One unique program offered on the farm in Landenberg is sibling riding, when brothers and sisters can bond through physical activity on a horse—a rare opportunity for those with limits on other movements. Why not volunteer and see this amazing sense of success and accomplishment up close? Help is always welcome. *113 Crestwood Rd., Landenberg. 610-274-3300; ReinsOfLife.com.*



Long Live Libraries. Over 150 years ago on September 6, 1852, the first free public lending library was opened in Manchester, England. And the rest is history. Though Chester County boasts an enviable network of public libraries, none are quite as old. One of our biggest, **Exton Library** at Exton Square Parkway, is set in the woods and has arching windows that let readers enjoy the view as they curl up with a good book. Time your visit for September 15th and get a peek at October's Chester County Day House Tour during the preview lecture. CCLS.org.





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of Special Note



Glen Willow Combined Driving Event

September 6-8

Hold on to your hats! Come out to see this nationally-sanctioned combined driving event featuring the elegance of dressage, the excitement of marathon, and the precision of the cones. **Sept. 6**, 5K Muck Run and one-mile Pooch Stroll, 6 p.m.; **Sept. 7**, Saturday Night Shindig features music, food, cocktails and dancing, 6:30 p.m. *Glen Willow Horse Show Grounds, 685 Woodview Rd., Avondale. 910-691-7735; GlenWillowCDE.com.*



34th Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival

September 15

Calling all foodies! This Festival satisfies every taste—for entertainment, food vendors, local artisans and, of course, delicious food from the area. Local food vendors and restaurants serve gourmet, ethnic and unique restaurant favorites. Enjoy live bands that perform all day, and there's a Beer & Wine Garden on Church St. Back by popular demand is the Chester County Culinary Cook Off Challenge, where four local chefs compete to win the Top Chef Title. *Gay St., between Matlack & New Sts. and Market St. between Darlington & High Sts., West Chester. Rain date, Sept. 22. Noon to 5:30 p.m. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com/Recreation.*

Barclay Friends 9th Annual Festival of Gardens

September 7

Join an exclusive walking tour of 12+ private gardens in the southwest neighborhood of West Chester. During the tour, local artists can be found working in many of the gardens. And stop by the plant sale at Barclay Friends from noon to 4 p.m. Benefits Barclay's Horticultural Therapy Program. *700 N. Franklin St., West Chester. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$20-\$25. 610-918-3433; BF.Kendal.org.*



28th Annual Kennett Square Mushroom Festival

September 6-8

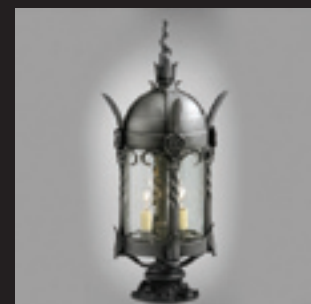
State Street becomes Mushroom Boulevard for the weekend as the Grower's Exhibit, mushroom farm tours, Culinary Tent, music on the Community Stage, live performances on the Children's Stage, and hundreds of vendors take part in the annual celebration of fabulous fungi. Carla Hall, co-host of "The Chew" and former "Top Chef" contestant, returns to the Mushroom Festival on Sunday with two shows. *Fri., 6 to 11 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 610-444-8188; MushroomFestival.org.*



St. Peter's in the Great Valley Colonial Fair & Fine Craft Festival

September 28

Learn about living in Colonial America through period product making and crafting exhibitions, music and period reenactments. Also enjoy regional and local nonprofit exhibitors, food and craft vendors and kids activities. *2475 St. Peter's Rd., Malvern. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$10 per car. 610-644-2261; TheGreatColonialFestival.org/up.*



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Best Local Events

Noteworthy in September ...

September 7-8

48th Annual Chadds Ford Days. The grounds of the Chadds Ford Historical Society come alive with live entertainment, battle reenactments, Colonial demonstrations, quality crafts, local restaurants and so much more. 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 10 to 5. \$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.



September 28

2nd Annual Hootenany Hoedown. The day begins at 9 am with a 5K Trail Race for Conservation, then a Children's Run Over Obstacles for ages 10 and under at 9:45. Come back in the evening at 6 pm for the Hoedown featuring a BBQ, table games, silent auction and 50/50 Chicken Bingo. 387 Green Valley Rd., Coatesville. 6 pm. \$75. 610-347-0347; TLCForSCC.org.



September 28-29

"Beyond the Garden Gate" Flower Show at Longwood Gardens. Five national garden clubs sponsor this beautiful show along with the Visitor Education Department of Longwood Gardens, introducing the public to new and different horticultural displays and floral designs. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Sat., 1 to 5 pm; Sun., 10 am to 5 pm. Show is included in gardens admission, \$8-\$18. 610-444-2776.



October 1

11th Annual People's Light Classic. A day of golf, dining, cocktails, silent auction, contests and prizes, all in support of Arts Discovery education programs at People's Light & Theatre. The Ace Club, 800 Ridge Pk., Lafayette Hill. For information and registration, 610-647-1900, ext. 119; PeoplesLight.org.

October 6-13

Berks County Antique Art Show. Museum-quality paintings by the school of artists from Berks County, circa 1820-1920, are offered, including works by Ben Austrian, Christopher H. Shearer and more. Greshville Antiques & Fine Art, 1041 Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. **Oct. 6**, 12 to 7; **Oct. 7-12**, 10 to 7; **Oct. 13**, 12 to 5. Free. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com.

Art & Craft Shows

September 1

35th Annual Long's Park Art & Craft Festival. Recognized as one of the country's top fine art and craft shows, with 200 juried artisans, a gourmet food court, live music and a kids' tent. This beautiful city park is transformed into an outdoor gallery. Benefits the summer music series. Harrisburg Pk. & Rt. 30, Lancaster. 10 to 5. \$10. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

September 7-8

Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Many artists and craftspeople display and sell their work. Enjoy a food court and free entrance into the Brandywine Zoo with ticket purchase. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5; under 10, free. 302-690-5555; BrandywineArts.com.

September 20-October 25

Plein Air Competition, Art Show. The competition will be held at three sites in scenic areas around Chester from Sept. 20-21 and up for viewing at Art on Avenue of the States by Sept. 22. **Sept. 28**, reception at the gallery, 5 to 9 pm. 504 Avenue of the States, Chester. Wed-Fri, 11 to 3. 610-547-5967; ArtAveStates.com.

September 28

Community Arts Center's 11th Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. Local artists bring their finest works in ceramic, fiber, clay, mixed media, wood, watercolor, jewelry, photography and more. Live music and festival fare. State St., Media. 10 to 5. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

October 5-6

Arts Festival Reading. Quality show featuring 90 juried fine artists and craftsmen and over 30 GoggleWorks studio artists, plus music and food. Benefits GoggleWorks Center for the Arts whose mission is to enrich the community by promoting arts education. 201 Washington St., Reading. Daily 10 to 5. \$8. 610-374-4600; ArtsFestivalReading.org.



October 5-13

41st Annual Daylesford Abbey Art Show. Juried artists participate showcasing fine art, jewelry, sculptures, icons, stained glass, wearable art, miniatures and pottery. 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Reception, **Oct. 4**, 5 to 8 pm, free. Daily, noon to 5. Free. 610-647-2530.

Design, Home Shows

September 6-8

Greater Philadelphia Fall Home & Hot Tub Show. Designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating with merchandise, demonstrations and sample vignettes. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 9; Sun, 10 to 6. Free. 888-433-3976; ACSHomeshow.com.

October 4-November 3

Oxford Arts Alliance Decorator Showhouse & Gardens. See article in this issue.

October 4-6

Suburban PA Fall Home Show. See description, above, *Philadelphia Fall Home Show*. Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 S. Queen St., Lancaster. Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 6. Free. 888-433-3976; ACSHomeshow.com.

Eat, Drink & Be Merry

Through September 25

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

Sundays, September 1-29

September "Ice Cream Sundays" at Landis Valley Museum. Enjoy live music, wagon rides, and "make-your-own" ice cream sundaes at this family event. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. Noon to 3. \$8-\$12. 717-569-0401; LandisValleyMuseum.org.

September 20

Longwood Gardens 1906 Wine Dinners. Autumn Harvest, from Paul Hobbs Winery, Sebastopol, CA. Meet the winemaker and feast on a gourmet four-course meal. 1001 Longwood Rd. 6 pm. \$115. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

September 26

Global Tastes 2013. Experience the diversity of the community through the

taste of ethnic food, as area restaurants present their twist on foods of the world. Benefits Nationalities Service Center aiding immigrants and refugees in the area. Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park, N. Horticultural Dr., Philadelphia. 6 to 9 pm. \$125. NSCPhila.org/GlobalTastes.

September 28-29, October 5-6 Brandywine Valley Wine Trail's Annual Harvest Festival. All the sights and smells of harvest as the wineries of the Wine Trail celebrate the 2013 vintage. Enjoy picnicking, live music, hayrides through the vineyards,

BBQs, wine tastings, tours and more. Purchase a Passport at any member winery, \$20. 866-390-4367; BVWineTrail.com.



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October 3, 5

King of Prussia Beerfest Royale. Oct. 3, For “Donnerstag: Happy Hour,” area restaurants create exciting dishes to pair with craft brews; live music and cigar bar. 5:30 to 9, \$55–\$65. Oct. 5, Beerfest offers 50+ craft and international brewers featuring over 100 beers, local restaurant and authentic German beer vendors. The Plaza at King of Prussia Mall, parking lot adjacent to Mall Blvd., King of Prussia. Sat, 2 sessions, noon to 3:30 and 6 to 9:30. \$45–\$55. KOPBeerFest.com.

October 5

16th Annual Kennett Brewfest. Sip national craft beers from over 90 regional breweries accompanied by great food and music. 600



S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 2 to 6 pm. \$45; advance purchase only. Designated driver ticket: \$15. Benefits Historic Kennett Square. 610-444-8188; KennettBrewfest.com.

October 5, 6–10

Phoenixville Food Festival 2013. Oct. 5, the food event includes a Food Truck Festival and a Pub Crawl with participating bars. Free parking and musical acts, as well as a vendor area. Oct. 6–10, is restaurant week in Phoenixville. For information, PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.



October 6

Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. There are music stages with bands playing throughout the day and children's activities. 9 to 5. Visitors are requested to bring canned or packaged goods for City Team Ministries. Rain date, Oct. 13. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

Equestrian Events

See articles: *Devon Fall Classic*, *Plantation Field Horse Trials and Dressage at Devon*.

Through September 2

70th Annual Ludwig's Corner Horse Show & Country Fair. More than 500 horses compete in events at the 33-acre Ludwig's Corner horse show grounds. Also featured: rides and games, carriage exhibition, antique cars, vendors, crafters and children's activities. Benefits open space conservation. Ludwig's Corner, Rt. 100, N of Rt. 401. 8 to 6. \$3–\$7. 610-458-3344; LudwigsHorseShow.org.

Fridays & Sundays Through September

Brandywine Polo. Spectators can picnic and tailgate at the grounds. On Friday, spend an evening under the stars with live music, polo, regional wines and food. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$25; Sun, at 3, \$10. Cancelled for weather. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

Local Farm Markets

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

Coatesville Farmers Mkt., Rts. 30 & 82. Through Oct. 26, Sat, 10 to 2. 201-888-8260; Facebook.com/CoatesvilleFarmersMarket.

Collegeville Farmers Mkt., 217 E. Main St. Through Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1. 610-454-1050; CollegevilleFarmersMarket.org.

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Kerr Park, Rt. 30. Year-round, Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., downtown. Through Oct. 25, Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

Media Farmers Mkt., State St. b/w Monroe & Gayley. Through Nov. 14, Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

New Garden Grower's Mkt., 8934 Gap Newport Pk. Through Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1. 610-972-7194.

Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. June 5–Oct. 23, Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; PRC.org.

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. Through Oct. 30, Tues, 12:30 to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

Phoenixville Farmers Mkt., 200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. Through Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

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

Upper Merion Farmers Mkt., 175 W. Valley Forge Rd. Through Nov. 23, Sat, 9 to 1. 610-265-1071; UpperMerionFarmersMarket.org.

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

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

West Grove Mkt., Harmony Park, Harmony Rd. Through Oct., Thurs, 2 to 6. 610-932-5468; WestGroveFarmersMarket.com.

Family Fun

Sundays Through September 22 West Chester Railroad Summer Picnic Specials. Enjoy a relaxing 90-minute train ride on a warm summer afternoon. Pack a lunch to have at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. Trains depart Market Street Station, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. Noon. \$10.50–\$12.50. 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.

Through October 6
The Franklin Institute Presents—SPY: The

Secret World of Espionage. Featuring historical artifacts and the stories they have to tell—a collapsible motorbike, a two-man submersible and a CIA robotic catfish—combined with firsthand spycraft like disguises, voice alteration and navigating through a field of laser beams. Check website for hours. 222 N. 20th St., Philadelphia. \$13–\$28. 215-448-1200; FI.edu.

Through October
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Brandywine River. The Food Shack is open weekends and holidays, and for large groups during the week. Reservations are preferred. 1810 Beagle Rd., West Chester. Daily 9 am; last trip, 4 pm. 800-898-2279; Northbrook-Canoe.com.

Through October

Tyler Arboretum Presents "Totally Terrific Treehouses." Come climb, explore and play at Tyler. 515 Painter Rd., Media. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 9 to 6. \$5-\$9. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

September 15

Radnor Fall Festival. See article in this issue.

September 21

Willistown Conservation Trust's 5th Annual Run-A-Muck & Countryside Bash. Jump in to the 5K cross-country trail race and a family-friendly muck. Followed by a country supper and live music. Benefits land conservation efforts. Heartwood, 912 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. 2:30 pm. \$15-\$60. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.



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September 28

Hillside Farm's 4th Annual Harvest Festival. Seasonal local vendors, a pie bake off, hayrides, games, demonstrations and a barbecue. Hillside Farm, 111 Elwyn Rd., Media. 11 to 3. Free. Rain date, Sept. 29. 484-442-8381; GreenerPartners.org.

September 29

Community Ice Cream Social. Come for ice cream, live music, face painting and moon bounce. Grove United Methodist Church, 490 W. Boot Rd., West Goshen. 3 to 5. Free. 484-879-9260; GroveChurch.org.

October 5

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

October 12

Sky Tour at Anson B. Nixon Park. Members of the Chester Co. Astronomical Society will bring their telescopes to help participants find their way around the heavens. Tino Leto Athletic Fields, N. Walnut St. Begins at dusk. Free. 610-444-1416; Anson-BNixonPark.org.

Festivals, Fairs & Parades

September 6-7

Annual Chile Pepper Food Festival in Bowers. From food to crafts to clothing—just about anything you can imagine made with or about chile peppers can be found here. Live music, a jalapeño eating contest, chile pepper plants, song contests. No alcohol; no pets. William



DeLong Park, 233 Bowers Rd., Bowers. 9 to 6. Donation. 610-682-7045; Pepper-Festival.com.

September 6-8

Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance. Sept. 6, Welcome Barbecue; Sept. 7, Chester County Rally, 8 am, followed by a cocktail reception and black tie gala; Sept. 8, The 100 Motor Cars of Radnor Hunt. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 610-353-3536; Radnor-Concours.org.

September 6-8

Hay Creek Fall Festival. Early American crafts, home crafts, a Civil War encampment, children's hands-on activities, food and music at Historic Joanna Furnace, Rt. 10, 3 mi. N. of the PA Tpk. interchange 22 on Rt. 10, Geigertown. Daily 10 to 5. \$2-\$10. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.

September 7

Upper Merion Township Tricentennial Celebration—Parade and Community Day. March in the parade or watch from the sidelines, then on to Heuser Park for the festivities: food, live music, rides and more. Heuser Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. UpperMerion300.org.

September 7-8

27th Great Media Garage Sale Days. This festive event is a huge garage sale, with many homes participating in the sale and block parties all over Media. 9 to 4. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

September 15

The Hagley Car Show. More than 500 antique and restored cars that date from the early 1900s-1980s. This year's special feature is American manufacturers' high performance cars. The show features vehicle parades, motoring music, video and go-kart racing and a festival food court. 200 Hagley Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$5-\$14. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.



September 15

Fall Super Sunday in Media. Eight blocks of State Street and all of Veteran's Square will be blocked off for this street fair, which features food, crafts, antiques and lots of fun. Benefits local charities. Rain date, Sept. 22. 9 to 5. 610-583-4432, ext. 102; VisitMediaPA.com.

September 21

4th Annual Phoenixville Green Earth Festival. This festival celebrates area businesses and service groups that are working to make Phoenixville a sustainable

community. Phoenixville Farmers Market on the Schuylkill River Trail, Taylor Ave. to the Foundry. 9 to 2. 484-995-8305; PXVGreen.org.

September 21

3rd Annual Pottstown Pet Fair. Chat with representatives from animal shelters, wildlife organizations, veterinarians and animal control. Vendors will be offering goods and services. Pottstown Memorial Park, 75 W. King St., Pottstown. 9 to 3. Free. 610-970-6507.

September 21-22

Colonial PA Plantation's Civil War Battle

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September 22-23
Linvilla Orchards Apple Festival. Jam-packed fun for the whole family. Linvilla Orchards, 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. 9 to 6. 610-876-7116; Linvilla.com.

September 29
Malvern Harvest Family Festival and Paws in the Park. Artists, music, food, hay rides, apple cider and maybe a haunted house. Paws in the Park (Burke Park) hosts

local animal rescues and pet-related vendors. King St. & Burke Park, Malvern. 11 to 4. 610-644-2602; MalvernBusiness.com.

October 4-5, 12
12th Annual Chocolate Walk & 15th Annual Artisans' Porch Walk in Lititz. **Oct. 4-5,** Artisans' Porch Walk show and sale of art and crafts on private porches and lawns throughout town. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. Benefits local organizations that assist children. 717-725-8637. **Oct. 12,** the Chocolate Walk features chocolate candy-makers and pastry chefs at over 30 tasting stations. 10 to 4. Buttons, \$20-\$25; sales are limited. LititzChocolateWalk2013.com. 717-560-2295. LititzPa.com.

October 4-6
89th Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, displays and interactive events, music, live animal exhibits, food and auction of donated item, Sun, 5:30. Landhope Farms, Rts. 82 & 926, Unionville. Fri-Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 4. UCFairInc.org.

October 5
St. David's Church 162nd Annual Fair and Country Auction. One of the oldest ongoing fairs in the country with entertain-

ment, games for children, a puppet show, flea market, an auction, music, food and crafts. Old St. David's Church, 763 Valley Forge Rd., Wayne. 10 to 4. \$2. 610-688-7947; StDavidsChurch.org.

October 5
Revolutionary Germantown Festival featuring Reenactment of the Battle of Germantown. Celebrate Germantown's rich Colonial history with programs, tours and activities for all ages throughout the community and the annual reenactment of the Battle of Germantown. Cliveden of the National Trust, 6401 Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill. 10 to 4. 215-848-1777; Cliveden.org.



October 5-6
Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival. Events include a corn maze, Native American exhibits, an International Turtle Race, living history programs, pony

rides and more. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. No dogs. Festival hours, 10 to 5. \$7. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

Fundraisers

See also, *Outdoor Events, Sports.*

September 21
"Art For Heart Gala" Fundraiser. Dancing, wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres, art for sale, live and silent auctions and a raffle. Benefits Healing Art Works, a nonprofit dedicated to providing fine art donations to area hospitals. Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. 7 to 11 pm. \$60; \$100/couple. 484-798-8656; HealingArtWorks.org.

September 21
Center for the Creative Arts "Luck of the Draw" Event. Victoria Wyeth hosts this event at which cards are drawn at random and the ticket holder with the matching card selects one piece of art from donated works by local artists. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine and desserts. 410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn. 6:30 to 10 pm. \$85; non-participating guests, \$15. 302-239-2434; CCArts.org.

September 22
Delaware Museum of Natural History's 7th Annual "Wine & Dinosaurs" Wine and Beer Tasting Festival. Sample delicious wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres while bidding on the silent auction and enjoying live entertainment. Benefits programs at the museum. 4840 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Wilmington. Noon to 4. \$50. 302-658-9111, ext. 303; DelMNH.org.

September 23
6th Annual Safe Harbor Golf & Tennis Classic and Fall Dinner. A benefit to raise funds for the homeless men and women of Chester County. Whitford County Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. Shotgun start, golf, noon; tennis tournament, 2 pm; happy hour, dinner at 5. Golf, \$175; tennis, \$50; dinner only, \$50. 610-458-8552; SafeHarborOfGWC.org.



October 6
4th Annual Thorncroft Lobster Bake. Old-fashioned fun at Thorncroft Equestrian Center. Lobster (or chicken) dinner, a beer and wine bar and live music celebrates the completion of The Jimmy Moran Indoor Arena and say "thank you" to those who made it possible. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 4:30 to 7:30. \$75; \$20 for age 12 and under. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

Gardens

September 21-22
Scott Associates Plant Sale. Extend your gardening season into the winter months with plants for the garden and containers. The Scott Arboretum, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. Sat, noon to 4; Sun, 11 to 3. Free. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

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September 6
West Chester Vintage Garage Sale. Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

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September 14, October 12

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

October 5

73rd Annual Chester County Day Tour. Experience Chester County's finest examples of original, reclaimed, restored, new and historically significant homes, this year in the northwestern quadrant of the county. Purchase a VIP ticket (\$100) and, in addition to the tour, you can enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres at the

private preview lecture on Sept. 28th and a complementary picnic lunch the day of the tour. Benefits The Women's Auxiliary's "Gift of Time" for Chester County Hospital. Tickets \$40. 610-431-5301; CCHosp.com.

October 5

41st Annual Historic House Tour of Chestertown, MD. Chestertown welcomes visitors to view the town's renowned historic houses. Benefits the Historical Society of Kent County, MD. Ticket holders receive a tour book to guide them through the beautifully restored district. 1 to 5 pm. \$25-\$30. Box lunch, \$12. 410-778-3499; KentCountyHistory.org.



Museums

Through November 17

Brandywine River Museum Exhibits.

Through Sept. 8, "Creative Spaces: Photographs of Artists' Homes and Studios." **Through Nov. 17**, "Jamie Wyeth, Rockwell Kent and Monhegan," examines the fascination that the island of Monhegan, off the coast of Maine, held for both artists. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$12; under 6, free. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

Through January 12, 2014

Delaware Art Museum Exhibits. **Through Sept. 15**, "French Twist: Masterworks of Photography from Atget to Man Ray," features 100 vintage prints from the golden age of French photography, 1910-1940. **Sept. 14-Jan. 12**, "Femfolio," a print portfolio assembling twenty women artists important to the feminist art movement of the 1970s. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12; under 6, free; Sundays, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

Ongoing

National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. View the works of German-born artist, Klaus Guido Grutzka—paintings are on permanent display at NISHM. 50 S. First Ave., Coates-

ville. Mon-Sat, 10 to 3. \$5. 610-384-9282; LukensNHD.org.

Ongoing

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. On view now: "Common Destinations: Maps in the American Experience;" "The Flowering of American Tinware;" "Boston Furniture." 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$18. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

Music, Dance & Live Shows

Through September 20

Friday Nights Under the Stars at Brandywine Polo Club. See Equestrian Events.

September 5

Swingin' Summer Thursdays in West Chester. The party is on Gay Street with rock 'n roll/funk featuring Chaos Thompson and Blue Apple Grove. Gay St. 6:30 to 9:30. Free. 610-436-9010; DowntonWestChester.com.

September 7

4th Annual Phoenixville Blues Festival. Live music, food and beverages. Benefits Give the Gift of Music, PACS, Paint the Town Pink and the Phoenixville Library. Reeves Park,

Main St. & 2nd Ave. Begins at noon, last concert at 10 pm. PvilleBlues.org.

September 7

Chestertown, MD Jazz Festival. Performances throughout the day. Food, beer and wine vendors. Wilmer Park on the Chester River, S. Cross St., Chestertown. 11 to 6. Free continental breakfast to first 100 attendees. \$10-\$25. 443-480-8944; GarfieldCenter.org.

September 20

DuPont Theatre Presents John Pinette—Still Hungry Tour. A hilarious evening of stand-up comedy at DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$38.75. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

September 28

Bringing Back the Bacons at The Colonial Theatre. The Bacon Brothers per-



form to support the causes of culture and conservation in our region. The concert benefits both the Association of the Colonial Theatre and the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. \$75-\$100. 610-917-0223; TheColonialTheatre.com.

September 29

The Brandywine Singers—Open House, Wine Tasting & Silent Auction. Chester County's select chamber choral ensemble performs at Chadds Ford Historical Society, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 2 to 6. TheBrandywineSingers.org.

October 5

TEDx Phoenixville. TED is a nonprofit devoted to ideas worth spreading, bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, Design. The talk topic for this year is Past Perseverance, Present Performance, Future Potential. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 10 am. \$18-\$40. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

Outdoor Events, Sports

September 8

Kennett Square Mushroom Festival 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk. Registration, 7 am,

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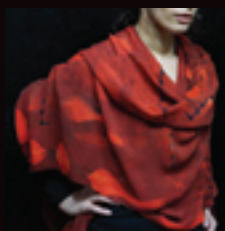
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September 15

Philadelphia Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon.

The course is flat and festive—perfect for runners/walkers of all levels. Benefits many charities including The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Start: Ben Franklin Pkwy. Finish: Eakins Oval, Fairmount Park with festival, live music, refreshments. Race begins 8 am. RunRocknRoll.Competitor.com/Philadelphia.

September 22

6th Annual "Bike Fresh, Bike Local" Event.

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September 28

15th Annual Kimberton Run. Run or walk through the beautiful countryside of East Pikeland. Benefits the Kimberton Lions' projects. Bring cans of food for PACS, Phoenixville Area Community Services Org. Kimberton Fire Company, Rt. 113, Phoenixville. Reg., 8 am; run, 9 am. \$9-\$19. KimbertonRun.com.

September 28-29

Bike MS: City to Shore Ride 2013. Bike from Cherry Hill to the Ocean City boardwalk, choosing from several route options. Benefits the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. MSCycling.org.

October 5

Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival. More than 140 dragon boat teams compete, racing along a 500-meter course

in multiple races. Teams gather on the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park, Phila. 8 to 5:30. 610-642-2333; PhilaDragon-BoatFestival.com.



October 6

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October 6
Delaware Humane Assoc. "Tails Around the Tower" Walk for Animals. A one-mile walk around the park by dogs and their people is just one part of this event—a festive atmosphere, music, refreshments, pet-friendly vendors, pet contests and more round out the day and make it a perfect family outing. Rockford Park, 2000 Lookout Dr., Wilmington. 10:30 am. 302-571-8172; DEHumane.org.

Theater

September 18–October 13
The Rainmaker. A fast-talking charmer with promises of rain changes the lives of a farm town starved for water. People's Light & Theatre, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tues-Thurs, 7:30; Fri-Sat, 8; Sun, 7; Wed, Sat, Sun, 2. Phone for tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

September 25–November 3
Monty Python's Spamalot. Tony-Award winning musical based on the 1975 cinematic classic, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Phone for curtain times. \$25-\$42. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

October 1–6
Cirque Eloize: Cirkopolis. A vibrant look into the comic book world, pushing the boundaries of visual and audio innovations. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. Tickets start, \$35. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com. ♦

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It's year two at this exciting fall jumper show.

Three years ago, the decision was made to host a jumper show in September at the Devon Horse Show grounds. "People had been asking for a fall jumper show," says Mimi Killian, Event Coordinator for the Devon Fall Classic. The show that began the fall equestrian season in Devon would have to be exciting, full of speed and sheer power—it would have to be a show with its own special niche. According to Killian, a key to creating the Devon Fall Classic was to "hold on to the pieces of the Devon Horse Show in May that we really love and think are important."

The first year of the Fall Classic in September 2012 filled the bill, with great competition between award-winning horses and riders plus the Fall Festival, the Fall Classic's version of the Devon Horse Show's beloved Country Fair. Success for the fall event was built on the same winning combination of exciting equestrian events and exclusive vendors offering high-end shopping and delicious food, along with plenty of family fun.

A Horse Show of a Different Color

The four-day Devon Fall Classic has a schedule that isn't quite bursting at the seams like its 11-day-long big brother in May, affectionately referred to as "Big Devon" by those involved. But that's not a bad thing.

"The pace is a little more relaxed," says Killian, "which makes the riders more relaxed."

Many of these riders also take part in the Devon Horse Show's spring competition, making the fall event perfect practice for those looking to gain experience in the arena. But while the relaxed atmosphere may make it seem that the pressure is off, the competition is still fierce and the entertainment value of the shows is paramount. All these features combine to make the Devon Fall Classic a show that, according to Killian, "has its own sort of vibe."

Another unique aspect of the Fall Classic is that it's strictly a jumper show, an event that's both exciting and understandable





to even the least equestrian-inclined. Killian explains, “All you have to know about jumpers is that they have to get over the fence and do it fast. ... Someone who’s never seen a horse show in their life can see the jumpers and get really engaged.”

Stay for the Fun

Entertainment at the Fall Classic doesn’t end with excitement in the ring. The Fall Festival, on the grounds adjacent to the equestrian arenas, is full of family-fun, shopping and great eats. Browse to your heart’s content through over 40 boutiques bursting with the latest styles, covetable jewelry, stylish home furnishings, unique antiques and equestrian goods.

Then stop by Hess BBQ for something meaty and messy, or Luigi and Giovanni’s to delight in upscale Italian market fare while the kids play games on the Midway. Have a delicious dessert with Bassett’s ice cream or get your second wind with a cup of Caffè Craze’s gourmet coffee



before riding the Ferris wheel and carousel or heading for the pony rides. And watch the Top Dog Contest on Saturday—a brand new event.

Live bands playing everything from country to rock to acoustic music will entertain all through the shows and even afterwards, so don’t trot home right away. “If people want to come down on a Friday night and just have something to eat and a beer, it’s a great place to do it,” adds Killian. ♦

~ Katarina Troutman

Devon Fall Classic. September 12-15, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon. \$5 adults, boxes available. 610-688-2554; Devon-HorseShow.net/fall-classic.



PLANTATION FIELD HORSE TRIALS ARE BACK!

A destination equestrian event with huge local support in a classic Chester County setting.

It’s that time of year: time to join the fun at Plantation Field International Horse Trials in Unionville, September 20-22, the second of three equestrian events on this month’s hyper-busy schedule. Riders from the United States, Canada and even Europe will come to Chester County for this eventing competition, so don’t miss any of the equestrian excitement—dressage, stadium jumping, cross country—or family fun. This year’s special treat—bareback stadium jumping, where riders clear tall obstacles without a saddle—is a test of talent and bravery. And there’s Downton Abbey-themed tailgating, just another reason to go.



dressage

For those who haven’t been to Plantation Field before—and being at the site in June for the Chester County Balloon Festival (of the hot air variety) doesn’t count—here’s our insider’s guide to a weekend of fun on this stunning property.

Three Days of Horse Trials

First, you need to know that these horse trials combine three different tests of the partnership and athletic

pro prowess of horse and rider teams over three days of competition—think equestrian triathlon.

On Friday, the dressage phase involves a series of classical movements in an enclosed ring (there’s more in the “Dressage

at Devon” article in this issue). This event takes a steady hand and constant communication between horse and rider. Watch as riders guide their horses through intricate routines with deft yet imperceptible directions. Some call it ballet on a horse, with the same grace and apparent effortless-

The second phase of the trials, held on Saturday, is stadium jumping, done in the ring, where competitors jump fences up to four feet high! Get a front-row seat to watch horses soar over these towering jumps. And don’t miss the bareback jumping at noon—but don’t try that at home.

The final phase of the competition, held on Sunday, is cross-country riding, the fastest and for some, most exciting of all the events with horses and riders galloping over natural terrain. Cross-country riders must tackle many types of obstacles—jumps, water hazards, hills—while staying on their horse and on course and competing against the clock. Horse and rider are faced with broad jumps, skinny jumps, and the always-daunting water jump. Let’s hope both horses and riders clear that one!



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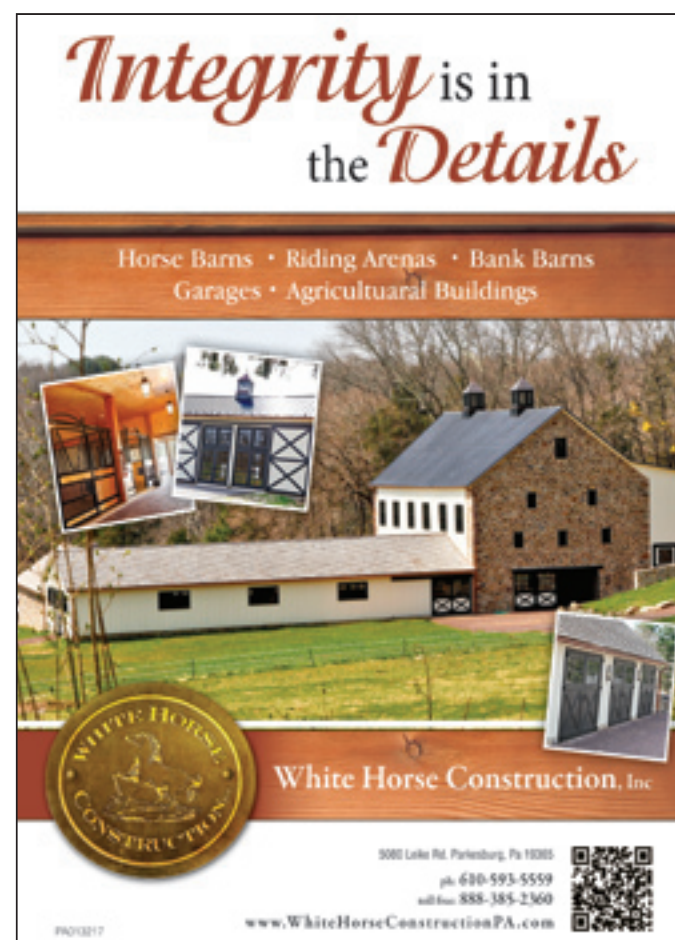


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Three Days of Fun

Even if three days of watching horses isn't your idea of the perfect weekend, Plantation Field has much to offer. You'll find over 50 vendors' booths for shopping, eating and drinking with a food court, wine bistro and beer garden—and in keeping with the Downton Abbey theme, the booths will be transformed into the Village of Grantham, circa 1921.

There's also a kids corner, plus a petting zoo, carnival games and moon bounce, in addition to mechanical bull rides, carriage parade, antique car show, craft exhibitions, and a parade of hounds.

On Sunday make sure you have a ticket for the tailgating section to enjoy live music

and a great view of all the action. Come decked out in your best British attire—Downton Abbey costume optional, but special hats strongly encouraged—to compete in the tailgate competition for a gift certificate to The Whip, the best version of a British pub around.

Do Good and Have Fun

Beneficiaries of this year's event are The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, Cheshire Land Preservation Fund and Chester County Food Bank. Spring Brook Farm's herd of kid-friendly animals provides animal-assisted activities for children with disabilities. Cheshire Land Preservation Fund works to preserve open

space, agricultural resources and natural ecological systems in Southern Chester County, including Buck and Doe Run Valleys. And the Chester County Food Bank helps feed 70,000 people who struggle with hunger by growing produce and partnering with local farms to increase access to fresh food.

Come out for this remarkable equestrian competition and be part of the action. ♦

— Eva Greenholt

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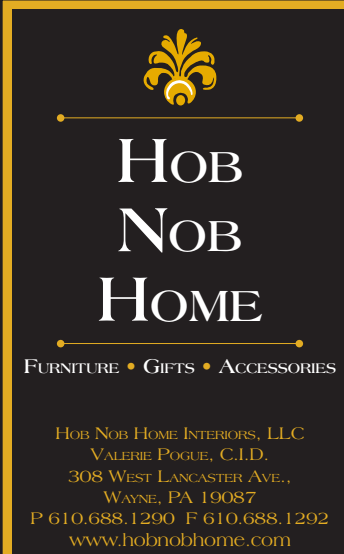
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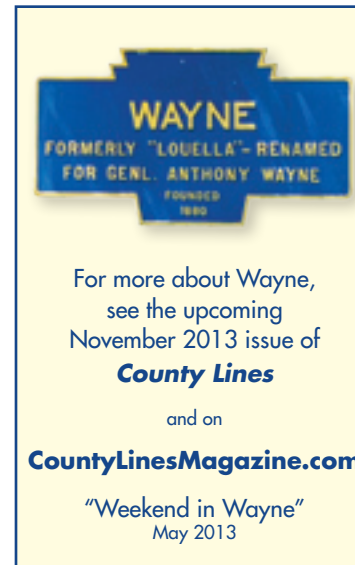
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"Weekend in Wayne" May 2013



Community-Driven Fun Radnor Fall Festival September 15



The tradition continues in Wayne as friends, families and neighbors flock to North Wayne Avenue on September 15 for the Radnor Fall Festival, a celebration of community, small businesses and the goodwill of friendly neighbors. "Every year when I walk through, I just see everyone smiling and having a good time," says Sam Strike, co-chair of the Radnor Fall Festival and board member of the Wayne Business Association, which sponsors the festival.

With over 50 vendors coming out for the day, the festival is a great place for local businesses to connect with the community that surrounds and supports them. You'll find a mix of non-profit organizations and businesses—from the Radnor Library to landscapers—all there to share with the community. And the local connections continue after the festival ends with proceeds from the event supporting a college scholarship for a student working for a local business.

It's not all business at the Fall Festival though. A \$5 handstamp lets kids get on any ride, play any game, and have their faces painted. If your little one dreams of fighting fires someday, check out the big red truck from the Radnor Fire Company. "We have just as much for kids as we do for adults," says Strike, adding, "There's really something for everybody."

If that something for you is music, then the Fall Festival has you covered. Get out on the streets and dance to live music, be wowed by local dance and performance troupes, and enjoy The Valley Forge Regimental Band.

Or maybe you're a dog person. Or maybe you're not ... yet. But you will be after watching the Top Dog Contest. Think Norman Rockwell small-town dog contest, featuring little kids and their dressed-up dogs doing the most impressive pet tricks. The contest is judged by a panel that includes local veterinarians. Who can resist these talented canines?

What's a Fall Festival without a celebration of local cuisine, you ask? Restaurants along North Wayne Avenue will all be open and ready to serve outdoors and in. Stop by Wayne favorite Christopher's Restaurant for family-friendly dining or Paramour's veranda to people watch.

And don't forget to capture all the fun on camera! Little Nest Portraits will be there with a photobooth set up and will post photos online.

So, whether it's family-fun, talented pets or fabulous food you're craving, stop by to take part in the festival that, according to Strike, "celebrates everything local to Wayne."

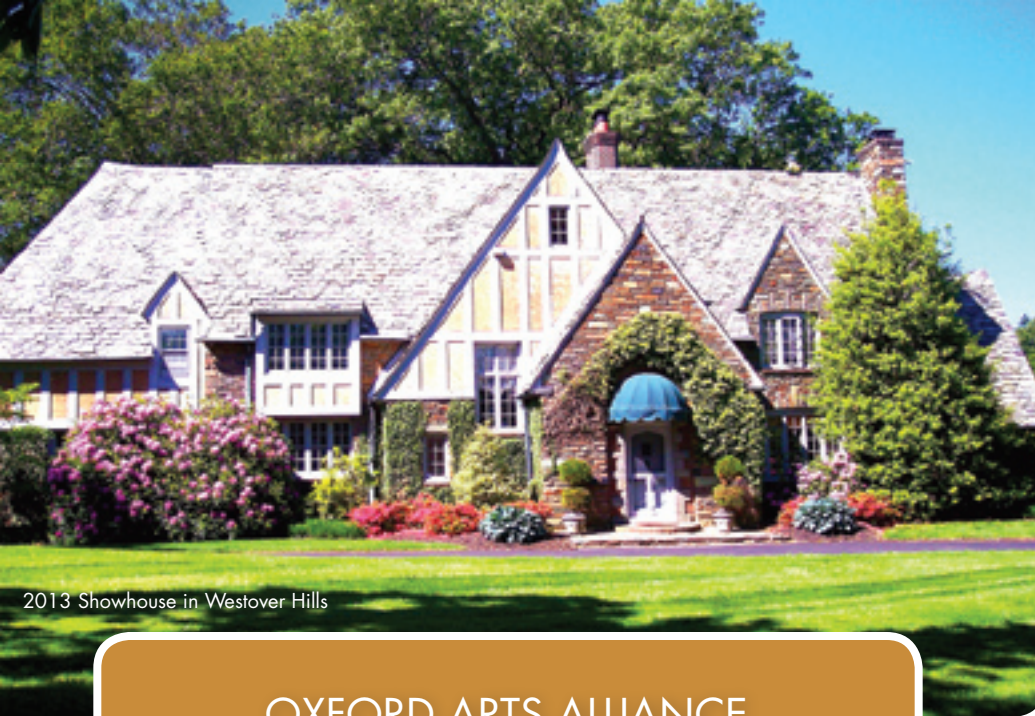
It's Waynederful. ♦

~ Katarina Troutman

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1 to 5 p.m., N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. Free. For information: 610-687-7698; RadnorFallFestival.com.



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2013 Showhouse in Westover Hills

GET A GLIMPSE OF
THE LATEST INSPIRATIONS
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DESIGNERS AT THIS
YEAR'S PREMIERE AREA
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OXFORD ARTS ALLIANCE DECORATOR SHOWHOUSE & Gardens



2011 Showhouse, Stonebridge Mansion



You'll feel like you've stepped into the pages of *Architectural Digest* when you visit this year's Oxford Arts Alliance Decorator Showhouse & Gardens in the tony Westover Hills neighborhood of Greenville, open October 4 to November 3. There you'll discover the artistry of the tri-state area's foremost interior and garden designers at this year's showcase of what's new in home décor.

Tour dazzlingly decorated rooms, each brimming with individual style and flare. Stroll through the perfectly restored 1927 Tudor-style home, garden areas and garage and find a bounty of different inspirations ... imagine *National Geographic* on safari meets the Four Seasons. "This has been fun, creating a sanctuary for my imaginary client," says one designer. (Photos from the 2011 Showhouse shown here give you just a hint of what's in store this year.)

The Oxford Arts Alliance delighted those of us who pined for the Vassar Showhouses, which ended in 2006, by sponsoring a Decorator Showhouse in 2011 at Stonebridge Mansion in Chadds Ford, PA. A huge community success as a fundraiser, the event is back by popular demand. And there's little doubt that the Showhouse also contributed to the property being sold that year.

What You'll See

Set on 1.5 acres in the prestigious Westover Hill's neighborhood, the charming home, originally owned by Alfred and Julia du Pont Bissel, has 25 interior spaces with outdoor patios and landscaped niches, plus a pool, greenhouse and potting shed—each area

decorated by one of the 30 distinctive designers showcasing their talents. Every window, framed by stylish window treatments, has a view of the gardens and outdoor entertaining spaces. And a newly finished garage is the perfect backdrop for the vintage and latest-model luxury automobiles on display.

And as a bonus, you can shop as you tour—the furniture featured in the house is for sale. See a nice ottoman that's perfect for your family room? You can buy it. The house itself is also for sale.

Tour and Do Good

In addition to the Oxford Arts Alliance, whose mission is cultivating community through art, there are four more beneficiaries of this fundraiser. The Breast Cancer Coalition is Delaware's sole organization focused on breast health; Child Inc. provides neglected and abused families with creative protection plans; The Wilmington Flower Market is dedicated to improving the lives of Delaware's children; and The Delaware's Children Theatre gives children an artistic outlet to learn and express themselves.

Just more reasons to mark this event on your fall calendar. ♦

— Eva Greenholt

The Showhouse is open daily, except Mondays, with extended hours on Thursdays, October 4 to November 3. Tickets, \$30. 1106 Hopeton Rd., Westover Hills, Greenville, DE. To find out more: OxfordDecoratorShowhouse.com.

Photos of the 2011 Showhouse interiors: Steven Paul Whitsitt Photography.

Photo of Stonebridge: JohnWerry.com





73rd Tour of Tours

Story and photos by Matt Freeman

When Chester County Day opens the doors to magnificent area homes.

You might think, for an astonished moment, that you were gazing upward at a Norman castle, or find yourself dreamily immersed in Asian art and a bonsai collection, or just catch a view outside a more-familiar farmhouse window and be struck with a shock of recognition by how uniquely beautiful Chester County can be.

This year's Chester County Day house tour takes place on October 5 and focuses on the northwestern

quadrant of the county—from Exton to Elverson, with a stop in West Chester. In this closeup preview of just five of the many homes on this year's tour, you'll see the region's iconic and well-loved architectural traditions on display as well as a pleasing—and surprising—variety of homes that are interesting for their own unique reasons.

Plan now for this special first Saturday in October. See details in our Events Section.



Tranquility, Inside and Out

When he first saw the 150-year-old grist mill and granary on Lewis Mills Road near Honey Brook, Howard McNeal says, “There was something about it that gave me a feeling ‘I’ve been here before.’” That was in 1965.

The McNeals had just lost their home to a fire, and sat on orange crates in the granary as they set about making this their new home. It started out rustic—McNeal says it’s thought that mill workers lived in the granary, and perhaps some livestock as well—but McNeal added mouldings, chair rails and other refinements.

He also added period furniture, paintings and Oriental rugs. But more than that, McNeal made the property his own with Asian art and decor. Having spent a year in Korea and a year in Japan during military service, McNeal acquired a powerful love of Asian art. In the house are pieces of sculpture and ceramics that go back many centuries.

The front of the home is designed like a Japanese garden, and McNeal has a studio in the grist mill where he teaches the art of bonsai. Scores of the miniature trees fill the backyard, one of them thought to be 600 years old. And if they put you in a contemplative frame of mind, well, that’s the idea.





Down-Sized with Style

Eric and Lee Miller, who founded Chaddsford Winery in 1982, lived in a traditional Chester County farmhouse when their children were growing up. But as retired empty-nesters, they wanted a low-maintenance home and were “into simplicity,” Eric says.

So they found a small row house on East Marshall Street in West Chester, shaded by tall trees, facing Marshall Square Park. They gutted the interior and added a modern kitchen, making the house large enough to be cozily comfortable while retaining a life-simplifying smallness for “right-size living.”

Most of all they updated the decor, striving for a clean, modern, open look, with a focus on flow. The old enclosed stairwell now has a modern, riserless staircase and a transparent wall making it an eye-catching design element as you enter. A cool minimalist kitchen has ample open space flowing around a central island, and leads to an enclosed porch shaded by mature trees.

Not surprisingly, the former winemakers created a combination dining room and wine cellar in the lower level. This well-used space holds about a thousand bottles—even this is downsized from what he used to have, Miller says—and gives the home a cheerful, convivial core.





Isabella Furnace

When you turn into the drive on Bollinger Road near Elverson and Isabella Furnace emerges from the trees, you may well wonder for a moment whether there's a medieval side to Chester County history. Isabella Furnace was an iron furnace built in 1835, and the sheer size and mass of its immense buildings dwarf most other examples of early industrial sites in the area. The vast stone buildings are perched on a large hill, and for a moment they powerfully recall a cliffside fortress in Europe.

The furnace stopped operating in 1894, but was fairly well preserved, and one of its buildings was converted in 1972 into a large house that resembles a Second Empire mansion with a side-gabled rather than mansard roof. The current owners, Ted and Debby Flint, bought it in 1985 and built an addition that joined the house to a charmingly landscaped courtyard.

A large foyer at the entrance and a vast living room are traditionally but imaginatively decorated, and the addition contains a more contemporary kitchen and dining room. The grounds house many other structures, some stupendously massive, others more delicate.

Once the shock of seeing all that stone passes and you begin to wander the greenery of the surrounding grounds, it becomes clear that a former industrial complex can, in fact, become a comfortably elegant home.





Winance-Hager House



Located on Grove Road in Warwick Township, the Winance-Hager House is the kind of 18th-century home often described as “lovingly” restored, although in this case “zealously” might be just as apt. Its owner, Wesley Sessa, also owns a business called 18th Century Restorations, and he typically does various types of research—archaeological, architectural and genealogical history, paint analysis, even ground-penetrating radar—to keep the restoration true to the original. While Wesley focuses on the historic aspects, his partner Heidi Rosato is responsible for the home’s warmth and livability.

Built in 1785 with an addition in 1805, the house includes doors, ironwork, paint and woodwork that are mostly original or faithfully reproduced. Except for the newer front porch, options for which Sessa is currently researching, and an addition on the north side Sessa added after he bought the property in 2006, the house presents itself as it did in 1805.

A tenant house from 1835, also being restored, perches charmingly on a hillside below the main house, and an equally charming and friendly mostly-black cat named Lorenzo can often be seen playing about the grounds.



Mercer Hill Farm

North of Unionville on Doe Run Road, Mercer Hill Farm is, simply put, the classic Chester County horse farm. The house (originally built in 1750) and barn sit amid the unspoiled former King Ranch country invariably described as “rolling hills,” but the hills roll a bit higher here than in many places and the landscape is dramatically varied.

Owner Richard Buchanan, of the architectural firm Archer & Buchanan, and wife Cynthia, both avid equestrians, bought the property in 1999 in part because Richard’s parents were downsizing their own horse farm and the new couple wanted to keep farming in the family. In the years since, Buchanan has been doing projects every year to “make it practical for our generation” without spoiling what came before. “Just trying to find ways to make the best of the house and the opportunities it presents,” he says.

Every room is furnished in an easygoing elegance—the house, as handsome as it is, nevertheless feels like a home and not a museum. Among the improvements Buchanan made are a modern kitchen and a staircase that winds regally to the second floor.

And the views from every window of those famous hills are another example of something that came down through the years, deeply appreciated and lovingly preserved. A perfect symbol of Chester County. ♦





Crumdale Farm: The 19th-century bank barn at Crumdale Farm has recently undergone a complete restoration—designed by Archer & Buchanan and built by White Horse Construction—and today houses horses and ponies while staying true to Chester County's vernacular architecture.

Barns & BBQ

A Showcase for Beautiful Barns On Protected Lands

Jodi Spragins
Photos by Mary Hunt Davis Photography



Bryn Clovis Annex: The Bryn Clovis Annex at Brushwood Stable is an active broodmare barn for thoroughbred racing horses. Its well-known "Hundred Acre Field" was nearly lost to an 82-unit housing subdivision but was saved and permanently protected in 1983 by conservation easement. Guests of Willistown Conservation Trust's first annual Barns & BBQ tour gather at the entrance of the Annex to hear the owner's stories about the many successful thoroughbred race horses born there.



What is it about barns that we find so appealing? Is it the soaring cupolas with weathervanes? The voluminous, cathedral-like spaces within? The weathered surfaces that tell their own story? The romance of a building designed to help one live off the land?

The answer may be different for each of us, but one thing is certain—barns have a special connection to the land on which they sit. In Willistown, where over 6,000 acres of land have been permanently protected from development, many of the area's barns continue to be of use. Whether now used for agriculture, housing livestock or other traditional country activities, these working lands and their centerpiece barns are indeed a special treasure.

Blessed with a bounty of barns in the neighborhood, the folks at Willistown Conservation Trust thought their local barns deserve their own party. And so did the over 250 guests who joined the Trust's first annual Barns & BBQ celebration and fundraiser. (Plans are in the works to follow up next year with the second annual celebration.) An evening of touring—with owners, architects and craftsmen

telling their stories at each site—was capped off with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a live auction, and a farm-to-table BBQ prepared by Chef Brian Storey.

The five barns were selected for the tour because they're located within the Trust's core area on land permanently protected from development by conservation easement, and all barns are still actively used for agricultural purposes. The tour highlighted the breadth and beauty of the countryside's working lands and their barns, and included a small scale sustainable beef and lamb farm, a thoroughbred broodmare farm, a rescue farm for animals, and two equestrian facilities.

Willistown Conservation Trust hopes these beautiful barns and working lands will inspire continued support for preserving additional vulnerable land. ♦

Next year's Barns & BBQ tour and fundraiser for the Willistown Conservation Trust is tentatively scheduled for May 2014. Last year's event sold out (\$225 per ticket), so mark your calendar and check the website for details, WCTrust.org.



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How to Save a Barn? Turn it into a Museum.

Of the many adaptive reuse ideas for historic stone barns, perhaps some have thought of creating museums in their large interior spaces. But for an ice tool museum?

Yet that's exactly what Pete Stack, former CEO of the Brandywine Ice Company in Aston, PA, did. Stack toured many sites but kept coming back to the Darlington Seminary Barn. When that property was headed for demolition because of neglect, Stack approached the Historical Commission, thinking he might have found a home for his vast personal collection of tools from the ice industry.

With a history dating back to the early 19th century, the barn had been used for many purposes—a seminary, a recreational facility, a work center and part of a sanitarium—in addition to its intended agrarian purposes. Owners included such notable families as the Ingrams, Biddles and Darlingtons before the Stacks purchased it from Genesis Healthcare in 2009.

The barn was constructed at the time the ice industry was in its infancy and could be retrofitted to accommodate Stack's collection. The exterior was changed little from the original 1826 design by William Ingram, though structural work was needed on the interior to support the weight of early ice delivery vehicles that are part of Stack's collection.

In 2012 the Antique Ice Tool Museum, the first in the U.S., was complete and Stack began sharing the collection with the community. The collection demonstrates every aspect of the ice industry from its start in the early 1800s to today. Ice saws and wenchers, huge tongs, ice picks, shavers and other implements along with early ice boxes and huge ornate ice boxes from hotels are on display.

Visit this Chester County treasure at 825 Sconnettown Road, West Chester. AntiqueIceToolMusum.org.



clockwise from top-left

On Point Farm (1, 2): The 50-acre On Point Farm was part of a larger Willistown Conservation Trust project that permanently protected 324 acres from development. The upper level of the barn—designed by John Milner and built by Griffiths Construction—is used for carriages and hay storage for the farm's horses.

Garrett Mill Farm (5, 6): The 19th-century bank barn at Garrett Mill Farm has received a thorough structural renovation, while preserving its charming two-hundred year old patina. The barn is the centerpiece of the farm's grass-fed, rotational grazing system for chickens, sheep and cattle.

Marlborough Farm Bank Barn (3, 4): The classic Chester County bank barn at Marlborough Farm houses a menagerie of rescued horses, ponies and donkeys. A reproduction medieval thatched-roof sheep shed designed by John Milner was hand-thatched by William Cahill, an internationally renowned Irish thatcher. The shed houses an assortment of rescued goats and sheep.



Beatrice VDL, 2012 Devon Grand Champion at the Devon Breed Show and Born in the USA Winner



Sentimento has had great success in the International Grand Prix classes of Dressage.



Dressage at Devon

September 24 - September 29, 2013

Come celebrate the 39th year of the one of the world's highest ranked dressage competitions and the largest open breed show in the world.

Ginny Simon



Aesthete, ridden by Silva Martin of Cochranville, won several events.



Jacqueline Brooks on D-Niro, 2012 winner of the Dressage Freestyle event.

Last year's Olympic coverage of dressage expanded the audience for this fast-growing equestrian sport.

At Dressage at Devon, you get to see world-class athletes—human and equine—up close and personal. You'll also see, the Dressage at Devon Breed Division, the largest open breed show in the world. From September 24 through the 26th, spectators will see foals as young as a few months (with their mothers of course) up to six-year-olds hoping to catch the eye of the judge. On Thursday, more than 20 breeds are featured, from the adorable Halfingers to Andalusians, Appaloosas and more. The Performance Division begins September 27 and runs through the 29th.



Ringmaster Gina Burgess



Coeur Dashian, a foal



Winner of the young horse championship in the Breed Show.

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Visit the Devon Horse Show grounds to see where the horses, riders and grooms spend time when they're not showing in the ring. Check out the Festival Area, famous for its culinary offerings—it was voted “best food on the show circuit.” And be sure to leave time to browse the boutiques and shops offering apparel, tack, fine art, jewelry, antiques and Dressage at Devon souvenirs.

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If You Go

What: Champions from around the world, food, shopping, Ladies Hat Day and more

Where: Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon, PA

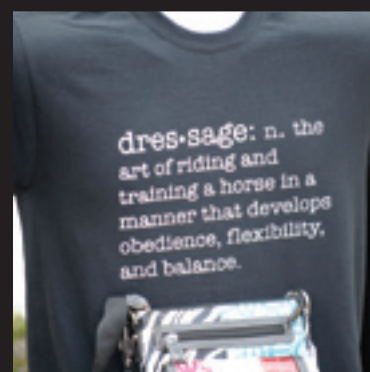
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Up to Speed



2013 Mercedes-Benz SL65 AMG

The Return of the Cabriolet

Jack Smith

For connoisseurs of fine motoring there's no season like autumn. It's the time for wind blowing in your hair, the aroma of new-mown hay wafting over from the roadside, and country landscapes bursting in color. Following the foliage becomes most exhilarating at the wheel of a stylish new convertible with just enough room for an overnight bag and picnic basket in the trunk and an amiable traveling companion or two or three along for the ride.

However evocative this tableau, some Chester County car buffs may recall the time when convertibles were on the verge of going the way of Burma Shave signs. When, on April 22, 1976, a Cadillac Eldorado rolled off the assembly line, it marked the end of an era. Thanks to a 55-m.p.h. speed limit, air conditioning, and federal angst over safety, mileage and Arab oil embargoes, the Eldorado would be the last ragtop to come out of Detroit for years.

They're Back!

So it's worth noting that today, from the Revolutionary battlements of Valley Forge to the floral extravaganzas at Longwood Gardens, from the vineyards of Chadds Ford, to the fashion-forward boutiques at Eagle Village, *convertibles are back and cruising our local roads!*

There are Mustangs, Corvettes, Jeep Wranglers, Camaros, Chrysler 200s, Fiats, Rolls-Royces, Toyota Camrys, Nissans, Mini Coopers, Bentleys, Lexus IS Cs, Volkswagen Beetles, Maseratis and Mitsubishi Eclipses, to name a few. Yet none of these marques reflects a more compelling shift in the

evolution of convertibles than Germany's three prestige car makers—Mercedes Benz, BMW and Audi.

"The Germans used to scoff at anything that wasn't inspired by the autobahn," says Paul Eisenstein, publisher of *The Detroit Bureau*, which chronicles auto industry trends. "This included cup holders, cruise control, and America's 55 mile-an-hour speed limits. As for convertibles, they were pretty but—given their lesser rigidity and greater weight—more driven by fashion than performance."

Magical Mercedes

Fortunately there's little evidence of that Teutonic minimalism in the latest lineup from Mercedes, which includes the jaunty SLK roadster (from \$42,000), the high performance SL two-seater (from \$105,000), and the stylish E-Class four-seater (from \$60,200). Each is a head-turner in its own right, but it's the E-Class that represents the classic weekend getaway machine perfect for country back roads.

With its fabric top up and locked in place, it feels like a well-insulated cocoon. With the top down, its wedge-y, forward lean and Ferrari-like scoops beneath the headlights give it a demeanor that is at once aristocratic and athletic.

Even so, no Mercedes owner wants to arrive with mussed up hair, and a feature called AirCap virtually eliminates drafts fore and aft when driving with the top down. Up front a wind deflector rises just above the windshield, while in back a see-through screen rises up between the rear head restraints. Aerodynamic magic. So drive to the fundraiser

out on Providence Road and arrive perfectly coiffed.

It was also Mercedes that introduced the now-ubiquitous Electronic Stability Program (ESP) and crumple zones, so it follows that its cars now do much of the thinking and steering for us with Distronic Plus. The heart of this safety feature is a camera mounted high on the center of the windshield, giving a three-dimensional view in front of the car. This enables the E-Class to follow other vehicles going bumper to bumper in the Dressage at Devon traffic more or less autonomously and even steers the vehicle for up to 10 seconds if the driver takes his hands off the steering wheel. After that time, Distronic's steering assist emits a warning and steering again becomes the driver's responsibility, presuming he hasn't dozed off.

Driving Pleasure Is in the Details

This new technology isn't for everyone. At BMW, for instance, some purists contend that because of the car's superior feel for the road they're better off driving by the seat of their pants. Whether this is so or not, and whether they favor the 1 Series softtop (from \$36,900), 3 Series with retractable hardtop (from \$47,600), Z4 roadster (from \$47,500), or the 640i convertible (from \$82,400), BMW has taken steps to make their ride a more enjoyable experience.

"In any other car it can be painful to slide into your convertible's seats when your roof is down and your car has been baking in the sun on a hot, sunny day," says Claudio Mascioli, client advisor at Devon Hill BMW in Devon. "If you or your children are wearing shorts, you might get a nasty burn." That, he says, is where BMW's attention to detail comes in.

"We now apply a high-tech coating that deflects the sun's UV rays if you leave the roof down or if the sun is shining through the windshield. It keeps your car's interior—and your own torso—from overheating. On dark leather it can mean a difference of 36 degrees Fahrenheit." A godsend during this past summer's heat wave or when returning to your parked car at the shore.

The advantage of passive features like this, says Mascioli, is there's no "off" and "on" switch. "Americans don't use 60% of the features on their cars," he says, pointing



2013 BMW Z4 Roadster

out another useful but often overlooked feature—the tire pressure monitor—and shrugging in exasperation. "They like the way the car looks and handles, but they don't always take the time to learn how to use all the controls."

Evolution of Audi

Though brands and corporate images are constantly morphing and fluctuating in the American consciousness, no automotive identity has evolved more than Audi. In the 1980s Audi had a niche following in Europe, where its Quattro drivetrain had made it a perennial winner on the rally circuit. A decade later—thanks in part to a car chase in the DeNiro thriller *Ronin*—Audi meant big, powerful sedans.

Since then, of course, there's also the image of *Iron Man*'s Tony Stark in his Audi R8 V12. But more recently and more importantly there was me wheeling a 2013 Audi RS 5 Cabriolet Quattro S (from \$89,000) with "tronic" 7-speed transmission from the rolling hills and back roads of Chester County out onto Route 202 and through an overpass, the exhaust note hitting my senses like a shot of adrenalin. If so inclined, I could press the gas pedal to the floor and release 450 horsepower while rocketing from 0 to 60 in just 4.5 seconds.

I could also operate in either fully automatic mode or shift via Formula 1-type paddles on the steering wheel (tabs that extend like ears from either side of the steering column). It would be no less entertaining to explore the

car's transmission shift points, throttle response, steering characteristics, and dictate a suspension from Lazy Boy to 24-Hours-of-Le-Mans as I take in the scenery.

Cruising past the George Washington Chapel in Valley Forge, I slowed to favor the joggers with a glimpse of the RS 5 in Estoril Blue Crystal with 20-inch wheels. If anyone asks, I can explain it gets 16 m.p.g. in the city but 22 on the highway. I might even offer one or two admirers a ride to demonstrate the heated, 12-way seats.

Sometime soon, mindful of Mascioli's advice, I really should return home and study the owner's manual and specifications. But for the moment Route 422 is clear and I can already hear those eight cylinders screaming like a chorus of metal-throated Valkyries as the tach spins into the red.

Yes. There is so much else to do, but I'll do it tomorrow. ♦

Jack Smith has been a car buff since childhood, when his father designed auto bodies for Philadelphia's E. G. Budd Company. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Town & Country, GQ and the Robb Report, where he created the "Connoisseur at Large" column. He won three gold "Motos" for automotive travel writing.



2013 Audi RS 5 Cabriolet

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The Unusual Suspects

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Four high-quality wines that you might
but shouldn't miss

Walk into any wine store these days and you're faced with an unbelievable sea of wines—the result of the world-wide fascination with all things of the vine. So how do you make a sound buying decision when you're looking for a celebratory bottle, an accompaniment to a special meal, or just a great wine to enjoy at home?

Eric Asimov, wine critic for *The New York Times*, has a great suggestion in his book *How to Love Wine*: “The single most important thing one can do if one wants good bottles with dinner is to make friends with a smart salesperson at a good wine shop. Let them help you.” I couldn't agree more! As a salesperson with 30 years of experience who aspires to be smart about wine, I do my best to know the wines my store carries, the best values, where the deals are and what's hot in the wine world today.

Good wine salespeople spend hours reading about and tasting wines so they can help you make better buying decisions. Of course they know what's popular, but they also know about under-the-radar wines, or, as I like to call them, the “unusual suspects”! These are high-quality wines that might not be as recognizable as the usual suspects—such as chardonnay and cabernet—but are every bit as good. They also provide good value because they're not as well-recognized.

In the spirit of the unusual suspects, I'll offer four suggestions I think you'll enjoy.

Unusual Whites

The first white wine—*Benton-Lane Pinot Gris, 2011* (\$16.99)—hails from the Willamette Valley in Oregon. The grape variety is pinot gris, better known as pinot grigio. But don't confuse this wine with those thin, watery and over-cropped pinot grigios forced on you this summer.

Steve and Carol Girard run the Benton-Lane winery, named for the two counties in which their vineyards lie. The Girards owned a very successful winery in the Napa Valley but moved to the Willamette Valley to make pinot noir, which is their main focus. But I really love this pinot gris. The wine has aromas and flavors of honeysuckle, pear and white peach. It's crisp and refreshing with lively acidity, perfect with seafood, especially shellfish and sushi, and fresh salads.

The second white wine comes from Marlborough, New Zealand—*Greywacke Sauvignon Blanc, 2011* (\$17.99). Marlborough took the wine world by storm 30 years ago when it began producing sauvignon blancs unlike those from anywhere else—zingy and crisp with aromas of grapefruit.

The region has many pioneering wine-makers, but none more important than Kevin Judd, who managed the first 25 vintages at Marlborough's Cloudy Bay winery. In 2009 he left to establish his own label, Greywacke. The 2011 savignon blanc represents Judd's third vintage there, and it's a real beauty. The wine



Shatter Grenache

is deliciously aromatic with intense aromas of grapefruit, lemon, and hints of minerality, followed by juicy acidity and a lingering, crisp finish. Perfect as an aperitif or with seafood.

And, Judd is one of the world's best wine photographers. I've been mesmerized by his beautiful vineyard scenes. Grab a bottle of Greywacke, and enjoy it as you look at his incredible portfolio at KevinJudd.co.nz.

Unusual Reds

Grenache is a wonderful red grape that thrives in the Languedoc-Roussillon region along France's southern coast. American wine makers Joel Gott and David Phinney collaborated to make the delicious wine, *Shatter Grenache, Vin de Pays des Cotes Catalanes, 2011* (\$29.99). The grapes are grown in gravelly hillside vineyards, where the vines struggle to produce a minuscule amount of very small, incredibly concentrated grapes.

This wine is purely for people who like concentration and intensity. Intense red and dark fruits marry with spice and just a touch of heat. I found the wine evolved and softened a bit a few hours after opening, although it still showed plenty of punch the next day. This is not usually my style of wine, but I was compelled to keep tasting it. And as I did, it really grew on me.

The last wine—*Terrabianca Campaccio, 2008* (\$28.99)—from the Tuscan hillsides of Italy, leans more toward elegance than power. It's known as a "Super Tuscan" because its winemakers colored outside the lines, using grape varieties not traditionally grown in the region. Terrabianca created this blend of 70 percent sangiovese with 30 percent cabernet sauvignon.

I find the wine rich and elegant with berry fruits, mocha and hints of toasty oak. The moderate alcohol

(13.5 percent) helps the wine pair beautifully with food. For under \$30, this wine really delivers in my quality-to-price ratio!

So the next time you're shopping for wine, ask to speak with the wine specialists and find out what they have recommend as "under the radar." Cheers! ♦

Bob Trimble is the wine specialist at the Fine Wine & Good Spirits Premium Collection at the Pennsylvania State Store in King of Prussia. The wines he's recommended are available throughout Chester County and the Western Main Line. To feed his 30-year passion for wine, Bob has traveled extensively through the world's great wine regions. Career highlights include a "Best of Philly" award for Best Wine Class and conducting tastings for the Congressional Wine Caucus on Capital Hill.



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Bird watchers will be delighted with their finds too, especially while taking a nature walk on a trail to a waterfront bench or an observation deck at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. This island habitat, only seven miles from Rock Hall, is open sunrise to sunset. Taste fresh seafood, including the Chesapeake

Bay Blue Crab and Rockfish. Known for its terrific restaurants, you will find one here for every taste. From mouth-watering burgers to gourmet local seafood and grass-fed beef entrees, the flavor is yours to choose. From waterfront vistas to historic red-brick sidewalks, the view is yours to pick. For wine lovers, visit the County of Kent's winery in Kennedyville. Be sure to take a taste of "Made in the County of Kent" home with you, by stocking up at the Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market on Saturday mornings in Fountain Park.

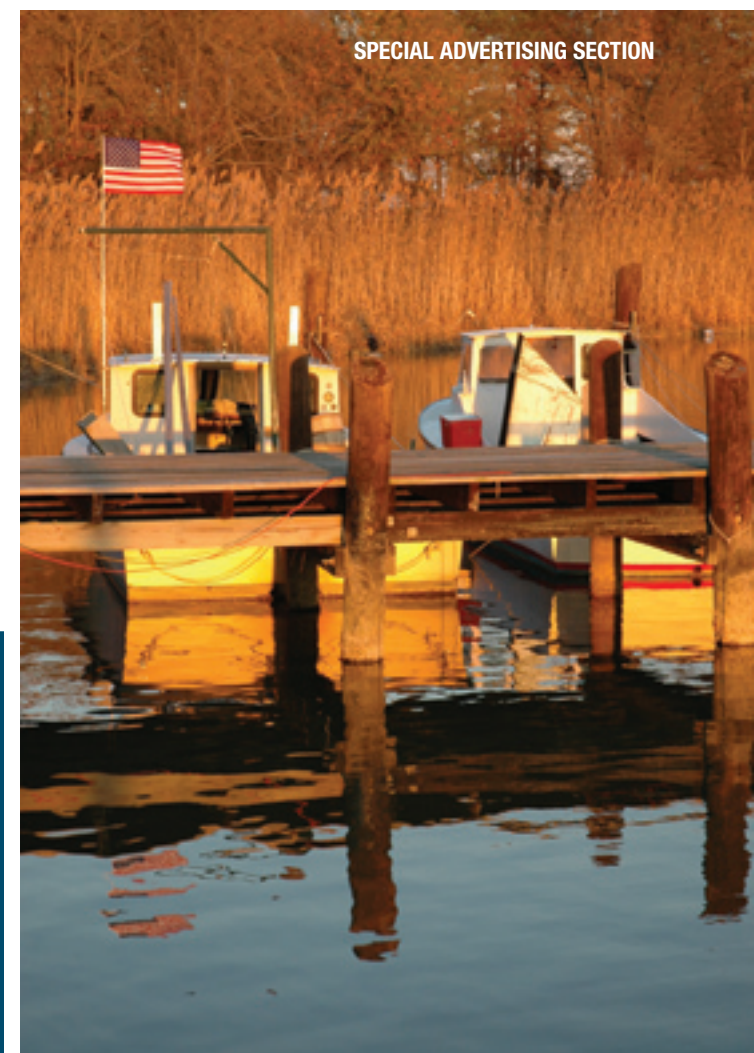
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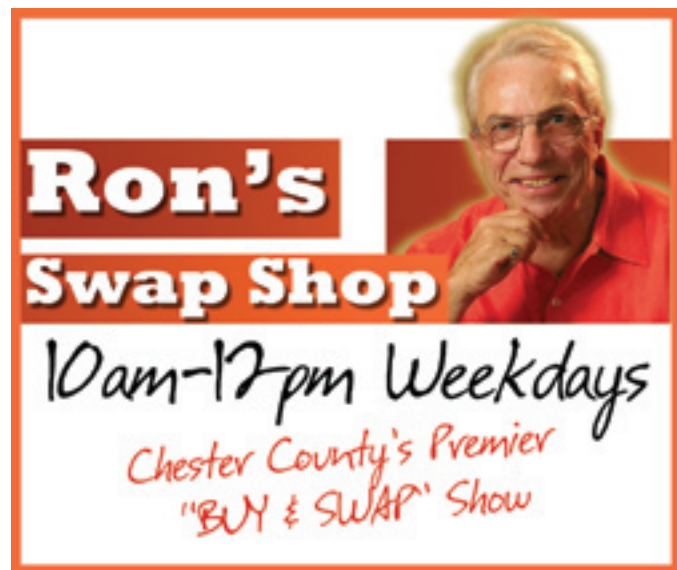


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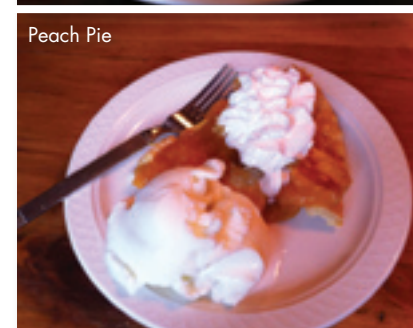
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Cindy Walker

Two diverse groups of diners have eagerly anticipated the reopening of the former Gilmore's restaurant space in the East Gay Street townhouse in West Chester. Fans of Le Bec Fin-trained Peter Gilmore awaited the next life of the hallowed ground that housed the eponymous French food destination for so many years, wondering where to get their perfect-sauce fix. And an eclectic mix of farm-to-table fans, vegans and vegetarians who loved tiny Roots Cafe during its two years on West Gay Street, hoped the new, expanded space would encourage growth in all the right ways.

Both groups should happily enjoy what Chef/Owner Dan Cellucci has achieved at his new venture. He's serving even more happy diners breakfast and lunch with an updated, satisfying menu from local sources in this larger space. And Cellucci is developing his cooking chops by adding a surprisingly sophisticated dinner service, Thursday through Saturday.

Opened in late June, the transformation is complete. Gone are Gilmore's pink walls and dainty chairs, replaced by golden hues, hand-crafted wood tables and bold local art (A Dan Hanafin oil of the Lincoln Building hung over our table). And an outdoor courtyard beckons with more seating near the bountiful herb garden. The ambiance is the right setting for Roots' mission "to provide local, organic, and sustainable food" sourced from area farms, markets and co-ops.

Getting Started

Kale. If the menu is of the sustainable school, then there must be kale. So the special *Kale Sausage Soup* (\$5 cup/\$7 bowl) was an obvious and delightful choice (kale salad is also sometimes on the menu). A creamy broth held chunks of potato, swirls of kale and the punch of spiced sausage to rank the soup in the yum category. House bread with herbed olive oil for dipping made a perfect accompaniment.

We agreed on the *Seasonal Bruschetta Plate* (\$15) for the table, but couldn't agree on a favorite topping. The garlic hummus was rich and satisfying, the red-yellow-green heirloom tomato salad as pleasing to the eye as to the palate, and the eggplant jelly's seasoning made it a hit. Placing a bit of each on a bread slice turned out to be the best approach to enjoying this app.

The *Arugula Salad* (\$11) was another winner, with a lively combination of bacon, Millwood Springs Organic's blue cheese, julienned apple, chili-maple pecans, and red onion, topped with a tangy apple-yogurt dressing. Big, green and a great, fresh beginning.

Other starters included: Thornbury Farm's organic house salad, prosciutto and watermelon, gnocchi mac & cheese, zucchini quesadilla, and a locally crafted cheese board. The deviled egg trio (smoked salmon, pickled beet, chili) we'd seen on the website was not on the menu, which changes every two weeks—a reason to return.

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

The Main Course

While the organic themes from the soup, salad and starter selections may make you wonder if the entrées will tend toward tofu, toferky and beans, the appealing choices demonstrated confidence, skill and imagination in the kitchen.

Airline Chicken (\$21) was the entrée special. Our uninformed jokes about whether it was served luke-warm in a rectangular plastic dish sent our patient and accommodating server to the kitchen for details. Others may know this dish dating from the 1960s—a skin-on, boneless chicken breast with the drumette (first wing segment) attached. Our server said the dish—with bone sticking up in the air—looks like an airplane ready to take off.

A description we couldn't refuse. The succulent breast meat was topped by crispy skin redolent with garden-fresh herbs. The juices flowed into lemon and herb mashed Yukon potatoes—rich, creamy, smooth. Fresh, young, honey-glazed carrots complete with tiny roots at the ends—added a pop of color. The right choice!

My duck-loving companion was overjoyed to spot *Coffee-cured Duck Breast* (\$23) on the menu. Served with a blackberry demi-glace, the tender, flavorful duck was cooked to a wine-colored perfection. Sweet corn and jalapeño polenta was the starch; roasted zucchini added even more visual and edible interest.

Our vegetarian diner smiled as she ate the *Stuffed Pepper* (\$18), bursting with quinoa, corn, black beans, and Doe Run Dairy cheese. An heirloom tomato and cucumber salad paired well and satisfied.

Other main courses that night: handmade crab-cake ravioli, herb crusted striped bass, and bison burger (with a sunny-side egg).

Other diners were enjoying wine they brought to this BYOB (\$5 corkage fee), but we took the final B to mean bring our own beer, opting for a variety from Victory Brewing Company.

Just Room for Dessert

Ample portions made our mission to sample dessert a challenge. After weeks of

searching for the perfect local peach of the season, we had to choose the homemade *Peach Pie* (\$6), topped with D'Ascenzo's milk and honey gelato. That our server's mother made the pie added to our enjoyment of its homey goodness of jammy peach wrapped in crisp, flaky crust. The generous serving was more than ample to satisfy the table.

Desserts are currently outsourced. Peanut Butter Supreme, Turtle Cake and Raspberry Melon Cake were the other options from Shady Maple. Dia Doce's delish cupcakes and pastries from Yori's Bakery are also available.

And we think keeping the emphasis on the other end of the menu is the right strategy for this revitalized addition to West Chester's dining scene. ♦

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Later this fall—in time for the winter holidays—The Saturday Club in Wayne will release its fourth cookbook: *Eat. Love. Philadelphia*. The oldest women's club in continuous existence in Pennsylvania, The Saturday Club is a volunteer and philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, children and families in the Philadelphia area. While its previous cookbooks (*Main Line Classics I and II* and *Main Line Entertains*) centered on the Main Line, *Eat. Love. Philadelphia* explores the greater Philadelphia region's rich culinary history and vibrant foodie scene.

Putting together this hard-cover volume was a true community effort, involving scores of volunteers and hundreds of hours, explains Kimberly Donaldson Smith, the Club's Cookbook vice president. Active and former members contributed over 300 of their favorite recipes; some members pulled from batter-splashed family cookbooks while others put healthy twists on classic Philly favorites.

Then every recipe was tested two or three times by members. Families, friends and members filled out comment cards rating each dish while local photographers donated their expertise. The result: over 100 foolproof recipes accompanied

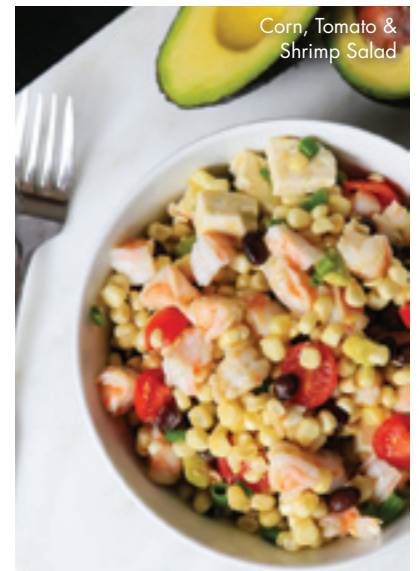
by stories and full-color photos of the dishes and neighborhoods that contribute to Philadelphia's food legacy.

If all this talk of community cookbooks inspires you to document your own family's culinary history, check out the many websites and software programs that make this labor-of-love less about labor and more about love.

Oprah and Rachel Ray recommend HeritageCookbook.com, while our own Associate Editor, Marci Tomassone, gives high marks to Tastebook.com, which she used to create a family cookbook in celebration of her older daughter's wedding.

Depending on your time and budget, you can keep your family cookbook simple—just recipes printed in black and white—or you can include color photos of family cooks and handwritten recipes along with the stories behind each dish. Many websites allow you to create online as well as printed books. Before you decide on a website or program, however, research whether you're required to order a minimum number of printed books and whether it's easy and cost-effective to add recipes as time goes on.

In the following pages, you'll get a sneak preview of *Eat. Love. Philadelphia*, as well as recipes from friends and family whose tables I've shared. Here's hoping you enjoy every bite!



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Drunken Cherry Tomatoes

These little gems know how to get the party started ... and keep it going! Recipe from *The Saturday Club's upcoming cookbook*, Eat. Love. Philadelphia.

- 1 pint heirloom cherry tomatoes
- ¼ C. vodka
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- Zest of one lime
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 tsp. fresh dill

Rinse and dry tomatoes. With a toothpick, prick 4 holes in each tomato and place in a shallow baking dish. Pour vodka over the tomatoes and let stand overnight at room temperature.

Combine remaining ingredients in a small chopper and pulse until blended.

Roll tomatoes in spice mixture. Place in martini glasses for display and serve with toothpicks.

Makes 8–10 servings.

Corn, Tomato and Shrimp Salad

Healthful and delicious, this salad highlights the flavors of summer. Look for this recipe in

The Saturday Club's upcoming cookbook, Eat. Love. Philadelphia.

- 1 lb. cooked frozen shrimp, 21–25 count
- 6 ears fresh corn
- 8 oz. fresh mozzarella, cubed
- 2 C. grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 avocado, cut into small cubes
- 1 C. canned black beans, rinsed, drained
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced

For the dressing:

- 2 Tb. champagne vinegar
- 1 Tb. white wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ C. extra-virgin olive oil

Thaw shrimp according to package instructions. Discard tails and chop into bite-sized pieces. Set aside.

Meanwhile, boil the corn gently for a few minutes to retain crispness. Shear corn kernels off the cob with a sharp knife into a large mixing bowl. Add shrimp, mozzarella, tomatoes, avocado, black beans, and scallions and gently stir ingredients together.

Whisk the vinegars, salt, pepper, and olive oil together until smooth. Pour over

the salad and toss to coat.

Cover and let the salad sit for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

Price Family Pizza Sauce

My friend Liz and her family moved from the U.S. to Libya in the 1970s so her parents could teach at the University of Tripoli. Although the family usually ate the food of their new country, whenever her mother made this pizza sauce, Liz tasted home.

- 1, 1-lb. can tomatoes, drained
- 1, 15-oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ C. olive oil
- ⅛ tsp. garlic powder
- 1 Tb. dried oregano
- 1 Tb. dried basil leaves

Blend all ingredients until nearly smooth. Makes approximately 3 C.

Bridal Soup

More commonly called Italian wedding soup, this was one of my grandmother's spe-



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cialties. Like many home cooks just trying to get dinner on the table, Grandmom never wrote her recipes down. Luckily my Aunt Maryann watched Grandmom add a pinch of this and handful of that, so she was able to pass the recipe onto her daughter Susan who passed it on to me. If you don't want to make broth from scratch, substitute 6–8 C. high quality store-bought broth.

For the broth:

- 3–4 lbs. whole chicken or chicken pieces
- 2 carrots, cut into very small pieces
- 1 stalk celery, cut into large pieces

For the meatballs:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ⅔ C. breadcrumbs with a little water added just to soften
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ C. finely chopped onion
- 2 Tb. chopped fresh parsley
- Optional:** 1–2 cloves garlic, minced

- 2, 10-oz. boxes frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed to remove excess water
- 4 eggs, beaten
- Optional:** Parmesan cheese for top

To make the broth:

Put chicken, carrots and celery into a large stockpot and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until chicken is cooked through, 1–2 hours, occasionally skimming foam off the top.

Strain solids and return stock to the pot. If you wish, remove some chicken from the bones and add to stock.

To make the meatballs:

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix meatball ingredients together, and shape into very small meatballs (less than ½" in diameter). Place on a cookie sheet and bake for 10 minutes.

To assemble the soup:

Add meatballs and chopped spinach to broth and heat through. Right before serving, stir in the 4 beaten eggs. (They will cook quickly once they hit the hot soup and will look like egg ribbons.)

Ladle into bowls and top with additional Parmesan cheese if desired.

Makes 8–10 servings.

Roasted Summer Vegetables

My friend Deb adapted this recipe from Patricia Wells' recipe for Tian de Legume in the *Bistro Cookbook*. She makes it at least once a week all summer and into early fall, and even her preschooler digs in. Deb has substituted other vegetables including cauliflower, but she always makes sure to put the onions on the bottom and the tomatoes on top. Serve over rice to absorb all that fragrant vegetable broth.

- 2 small onions
- 2 red peppers
- 4 small zucchini
- 5 small tomatoes (Roma or other but not cherry)
- ¼ C. olive oil, divided
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ½ to 1 C. crumbled feta cheese (Israeli feta is less salty than Greek, so Deb uses that.)

Preheat oven to 350°. Wash vegetables and peel onion. Using a mandoline or a very sharp knife, slice vegetables as thinly as possible.

Drizzle 1 Tb. olive oil on bottom of gratin dish. Arrange some of the sliced onion in a single layer. Sprinkle with salt. Drizzle more olive oil. Then layer red pepper, zucchini and tomatoes, drizzling olive oil and sprinkling salt between each layer. (You should end up with 2 layers of each vegetable.)

Cover loosely with aluminum foil and bake until vegetables are soft, about 35–45 minutes. During the last 15 minutes, uncover and top with feta. Cook until feta becomes bubbly.

Makes 6–8 servings.

Curry Parmesan Zucchini Bake

When I was looking through her family cookbook, my college friend Jenna told me I must include this recipe. She's made this simple side dish over and over and assures me that there's never a bite left.

- 3 or 4 zucchini
- 1½ tsp. curry powder
- 1 C. Bisquick (regular or light)
- 4 eggs
- 1 onion, chopped
- ½ C. Parmesan cheese
- ½ C. vegetable oil
- 2 Tb. fresh chopped parsley
- Salt, pepper and Tabasco to taste

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients



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and pour into a 9x13 greased pan. Bake for 35 minutes or until lightly browned.
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Calico Beans

Calico refers to the many colors of beans in this dish. A favorite of friends Judy and Larry, this dish has potluck written all over it. Note: Rinse and drain all the beans.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ lb. bacon, cooked, drained, crumbled
- 1, 16-oz. can kidney beans
- 1, 16-oz. can butter or lima beans
- 1, 16-oz. can Great Northern beans
- 1 C. ketchup
- ¾ C. brown sugar
- 1 Tb. prepared mustard
- 1 Tb. vinegar

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, brown together ground beef and onion. Drain off fat.
In a 2 quart casserole, combine beef mix-

ture with all other ingredients. Bake for 45 minutes.
Makes enough for a hungry crowd, approximately 16–20 servings.

Ann Landers' Meatloaf

This meatloaf is one of those comfort foods that my friend Liz and her family make over and over. Decades ago, Liz's mom clipped it from the column of syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers. Maybe when sound advice won't cure a problem, meatloaf will!

- 2 lbs. ground round steak
- 2 eggs
- 1½ C. bread crumbs
- ¾ C. ketchup
- ½ to 1 tsp. seasoned salt, eg. Lawry's
- ½ C. warm water
- 1 package Lipton's onion soup mix
- 2 strips uncooked bacon
- 1, 8-oz. can tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except bacon and tomato sauce. Do not over-mix, as doing so can make meat tough.
Put into a loaf pan. Cover with two strips

of bacon. Pour tomato sauce over top. Bake for 1 hour.
Makes 1 loaf.

Marinated Pork Tenderloin

Another gem from my friend Jenna. It seems only fitting that her family cookbook, whimsically named Like One Pig Waits for Another, should contain this pork recipe. Jenna and her family like to cook the pork so that it retains a trace of pink in the center (145° internal temperature), but if you prefer your meat well done, cook it until the internal temperature is 150–160.

- 5–6 lbs. pork tenderloin
- 3 C. pineapple-orange-banana juice
- ¼ C. soy sauce
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tb. ground cumin
- 2 Tb. dried sage

Place the pork in a large plastic bag. Add the juice, soy sauce and garlic. Seal the bag and turn it over to distribute the marinade. Marinate in the refrigerator at least two hours, turning the bag occasionally.
Preheat oven to 425° or prepare a grill.

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Remove the pork from the marinade, reserving the marinade. Rub the cumin and sage into the pork. Roast or grill pork until done to your liking, about 25–35 minutes.
While the pork cooks, simmer the marinade in a medium saucepan until it begins to thicken. Let the pork rest 10–15 minutes before slicing.
Slice and serve with sauce over top.
Makes 12–14 generous servings.

Sin Bars

These rich layer bars could make a sinner out of anyone. Find this recipe and other irresistible desserts in the soon-to-be-published Eat. Love. Philadelphia.

- 1 C. graham cracker crumbs
- ½ C. butter, melted
- 1 C. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 C. shredded coconut
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Place graham cracker crumbs in an 8x8 baking pan.
Add the butter to the graham crackers, mixing thoroughly and pressing to the bottom of pan to form the crust. Sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over the crust, then follow with the coconut and pecans. Pour condensed milk evenly over the other layers. Let stand for 15 minutes before baking.
Bake for 30 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Cool, then cut into bars.
Makes 16 bars.

Grandma Ruthie's Banana Bread

Says my friend Stella who shared this recipe: "When I think of going to visit my grandma in Wisconsin when I was little, I remember her apartment always smelled like banana bread. She loved to bake and had a huge sweet tooth, but she was as tiny as a toothpick. She

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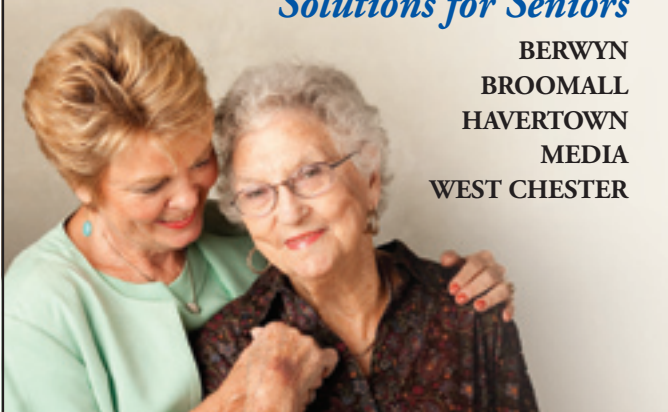
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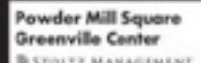
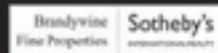
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3 medium or 4 small very ripe bananas
1 C. sugar
2 C. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 Tb. water
½ C. melted shortening or unsalted butter
2 eggs, beaten

Optional: ½ C. chopped walnuts or cook's choice

Preheat oven to 325°. In one bowl, mash bananas and toss with sugar. Let stand 15 minutes.

In another bowl, sift the flour. Then add baking powder and salt.

In a third bowl, dissolve baking soda in water. Add shortening to banana and sugar mixture and beat together. Add dry ingredients, baking soda, eggs and nuts if using. Stir only until mixed.

Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake 1 hour.
Makes 1 loaf.

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

When carrot cake gained popularity in the 1970s my friend Stella's mom, Robbie, became a huge fan and so did Stella and her sister. Robbie's recipe differs from many others because it has pineapple in it.

For the cake:

3 C. all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
2 C. sugar
1¼ C. vegetable oil
4 eggs
2 C. grated carrots
1, 8-oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained
Optional: 1 C. chopped walnuts

For the frosting:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
3 C. powdered sugar

To make the cake:

Preheat oven to 350°. In one bowl, sift flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt together and set aside.

In another bowl, combine sugar and oil. Add eggs, one at a time, and beat well after each. Fold in flour mixture. Stir in carrots. Stir in pineapple (including juice) and nuts.

Pour into greased 10" tube pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

To make the frosting:

Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar together until smooth.

When cake has cooled completely, spread with frosting.

Makes 10–12 servings.

Mississippi Mud Cake

From my editor, Jo Anne Dunako, comes one of her many chocolate dessert recipes. Jo Anne encountered folks from the Deep South for the first time during college. She bridged the cultural gap through an appreciation of regional food, including this easy cake recipe. Jo Anne uses semi-sweet chocolate but bittersweet works just as well.

Fast, easy, decadent.

2 C. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
Pinch of salt

1½ C. coffee
½ C. bourbon
8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
2 sticks butter, cut into pieces plus extra for greasing pan
2 C. sugar
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
Cocoa for dusting pan

Optional but highly recommended: whipped cream

Preheat oven to 275°. Mix flour, baking soda and salt in a bowl and set aside.

Heat coffee and bourbon in a double boiler for 5 minutes. Add chocolate and stir until smooth. Add butter and stir until smooth. Remove from heat and add sugar. Stir until smooth.

Cool for about 3 minutes. Add half the flour mixture to the chocolate mixture. Stir, then add remaining half. Beat for 1 minute. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat until smooth.

Butter Bundt pan and dust with cocoa.

Bake for 1½ hours. Cool before removing from pan. Serve with whipped cream.

Makes 10–12 servings. ♦

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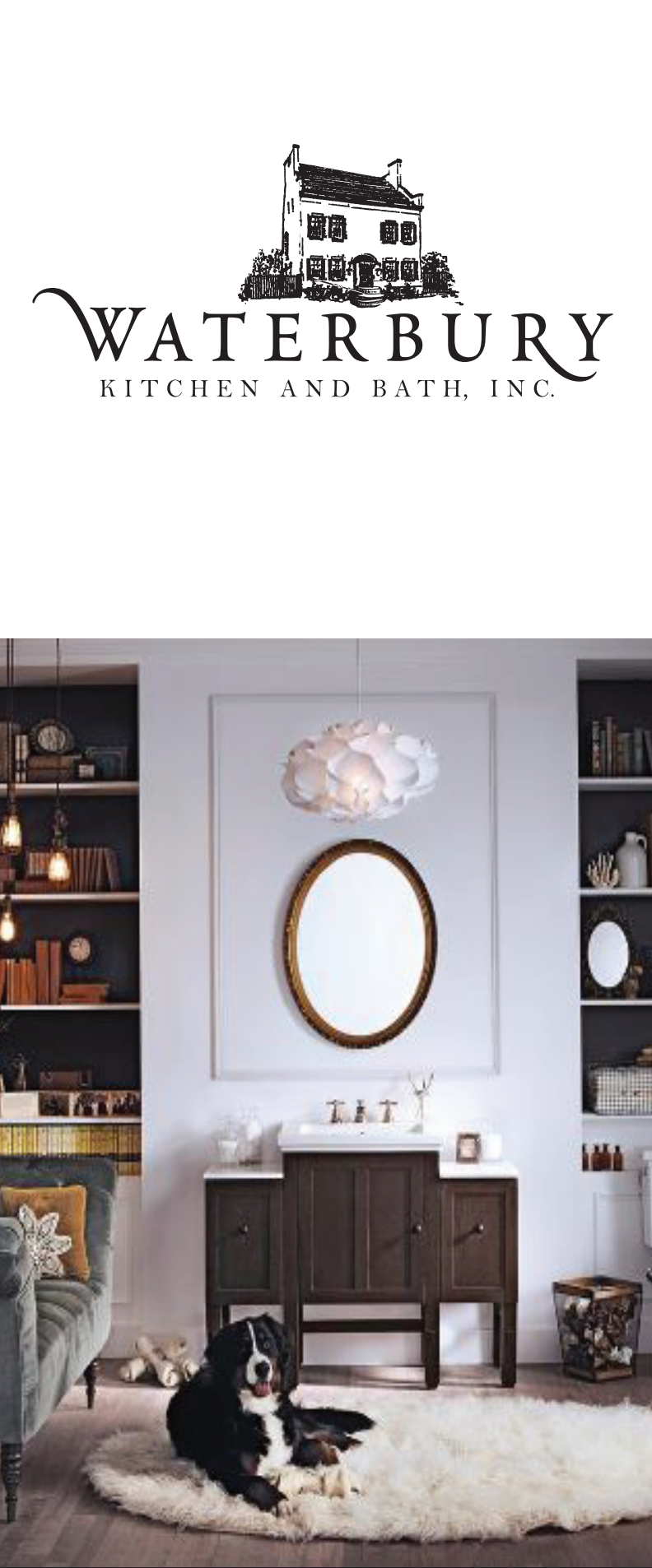
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