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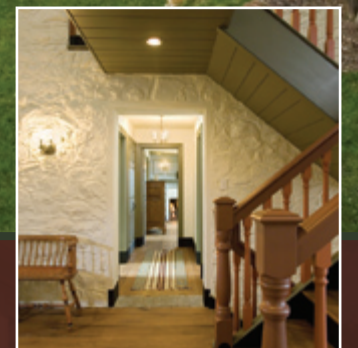
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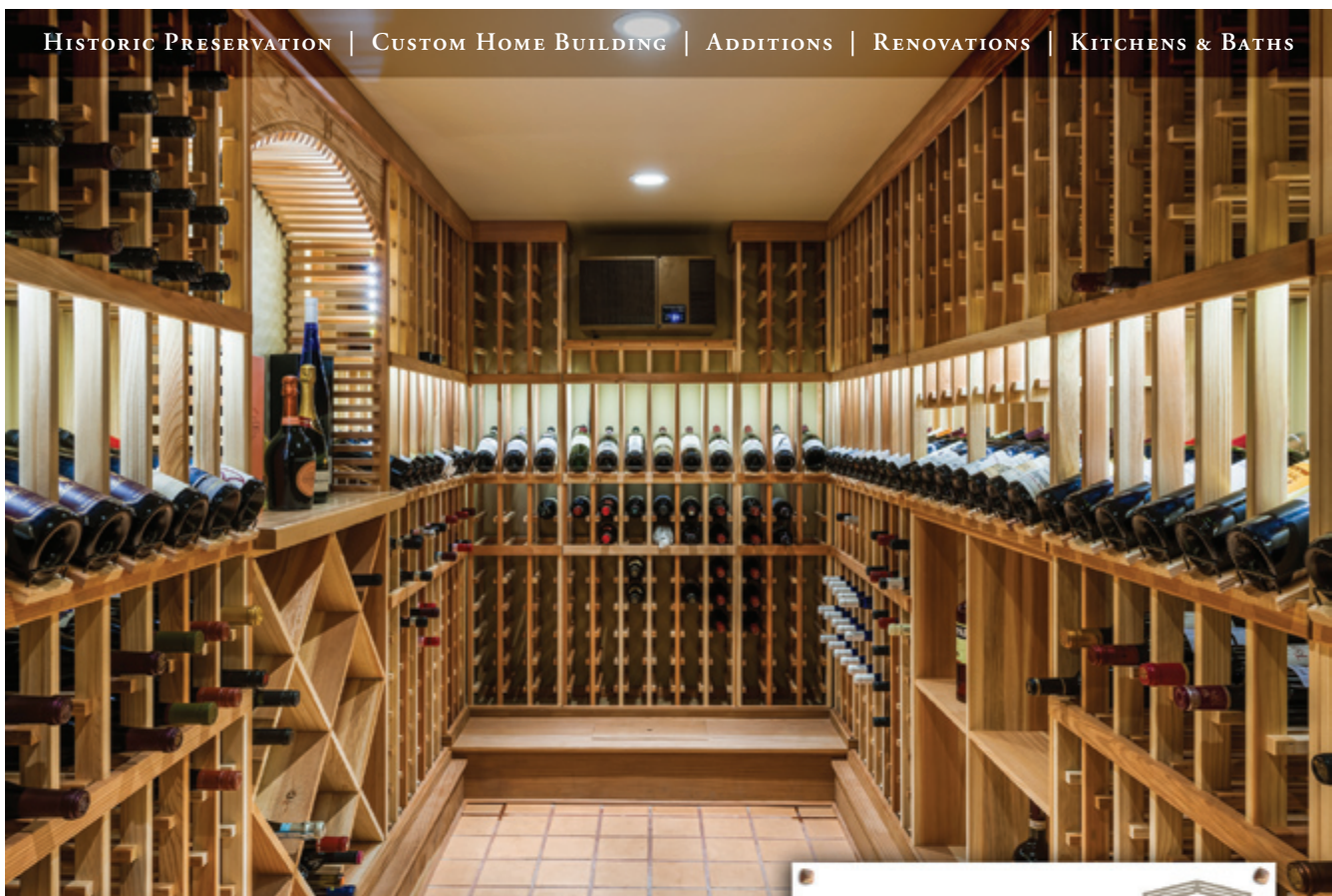
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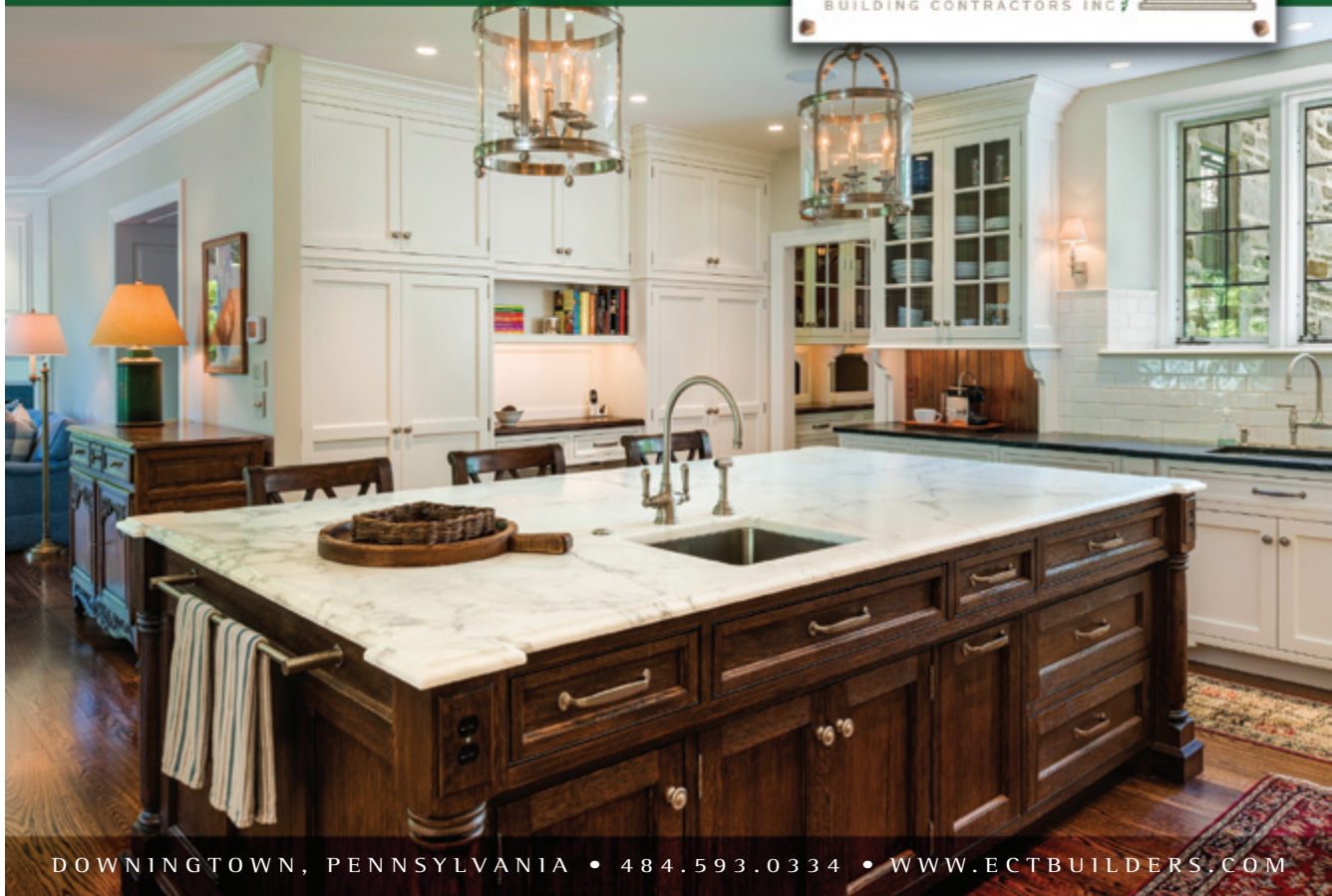
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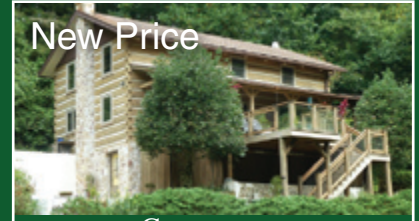
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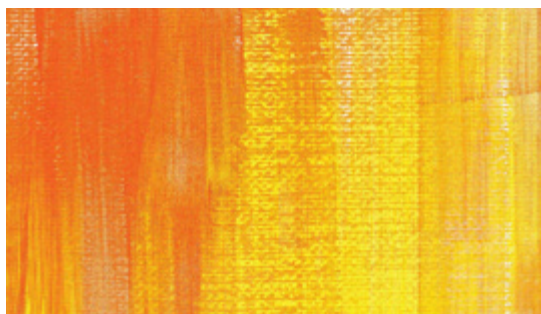
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Though summer is waning, we're psyched for an exciting September when Chester County virtually explodes with things to do.

Fall's equestrian season kicks off Labor Day weekend. Sarah Kondelin tells us that "Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair Return." For its 72nd year! Mary Irene Dolan follows up with "Devon Fall Classic," just a filly in its fourth season. And later this month, join in as "Dressage at Devon Celebrates its Ruby Anniversary." Ginny Simon lays out the timeline for the past 40 years of what's become a world-class event.

For more milestones, check out the "75th Tour of Tours" as Matt Freeman previews Chester County Day 2015. Matt highlights homes ranging from the 18th-century Dower House to a 1920s beauty. For one veteran's perspective on "the Day," see "Talking with Mike Pil-lagalli." And for a mix of homes and horses, our Home of the Month visits Swingtail Farm in Cheshire Hunt country.


Need more things to do? We recommend a visit to Historic Sugartown's Carriage Museum, a featured stop on Chester County Day. Heather Reiffer's "Much Traveled by Wagons" will tempt you to explore. Also worth a visit: Brandywine River Museum of Art's new exhibit, "Things Beyond Resemblance," with James Welling's photographic interpretation of Andrew Wyeth's work and world.

Blake Goll, Willistown Conservation Trust, invites you to "Meet the Birds of Rushton" to learn about the work being done in bird banding projects. Visit to learn what you can do.

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Recognizing, Assessing and Treating Individuals With Autism Spectrum Disorder

Todd Harris, Director of Autism Services, Devereux

TODAY ABOUT 1 IN 68 CHILDREN IN THE UNITED States has been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)—that's a 30% increase over the number identified in 2012 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (1 in 88).

Early diagnosis of autism—which is likely caused by genetics, environment or a combination—is critically important so appropriate treatments can begin. Parents should be aware that symptoms may begin in early infancy, and generally most children will exhibit some symptoms during their first year.

How do I recognize and test for autism?

Autism is a neurodevelopmental “spectrum disorder” with the severity of symptoms falling on a continuum. Some common indicators of ASD are problems with social interaction (poor eye

contact, resisting physical contact), verbal and nonverbal communication (not understanding nonverbal cues), and repetitive behaviors (rocking, head banging) or hyper-focused interests.

Regardless of whether symptoms are mild or severe, children who exhibit these behaviors should see a pediatrician as soon as possible. Pediatricians can use a simple autism screening tool to advise families if their child requires further evaluation.

The “gold standard” of autism assessments is the Autism Diagnosis Observation Schedule (ADOS-II). The ADOS is one component of a comprehensive evaluation performed by an assessment team that may include psychiatrists, developmental pediatricians and licensed psychologists. This test diagnoses autism by evaluating a child's behavior. During the test, children are asked questions so their responses can be evaluated to determine whether they are typical for a child of that age.

What resources are available?

Although there's no cure for autism, early treatment can have a great impact on quality of life. Treatment techniques, such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), are considered among the best practices in treating individuals with autism. Using principles from learning theory, ABA principles and techniques can foster basic skills such as looking and listening, as well as complex skills such as talking and understanding another person's perspective. The approach can be effective depending on the intensity of an individual's behaviors.

Using ABA, an individual's behaviors can be analyzed to determine the purpose the challenging behavior serves for the child. For example, if a child begins banging his head when given a certain task by a teacher, the teacher may remove the task to stop the behavior. The head-banging was a behavior the child learned to produce a desired outcome—removing the unwanted task.

With ABA, therapists and teachers can teach, shape and reinforce more appropriate behaviors. In the example above, this would mean helping the child communicate that he doesn't like doing the task, needs help with it, or would like to do it later. ABA helps individuals with autism learn how to communicate their needs in a more appropriate way.

Some children may receive treatment in their home school district, with specialized support tailored to their needs. Others may attend an approved private day school for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, where they can improve behaviors and learn new life skills. Some families may also receive in-home help, which can include autism-specific ABA services to develop communication and social skills, and adaptive living skills to increase independence.

What are Transition Services?

For adults living with ASD, gaining a sense of independence presents a life-long challenge. Community-based models are proving to be effective in meeting the needs of adults with autism, while allowing them to maintain as much independence as possible.

Community services vary in scope and

include services like behavioral support, community inclusion, staff-supported community living, and supported employment—all tailored to the needs of the individuals and families served. These models are built on the simple premise that individuals with disabilities, like all of us, can best learn and achieve success when actively engaged in their communities—near natural support from family and friends.

While there's still work to do, greater autism awareness will help families learn the

symptoms and risk factors, leading to earlier diagnoses and intervention. Individuals with disabilities—including autism—have a great deal to offer our communities. ♦

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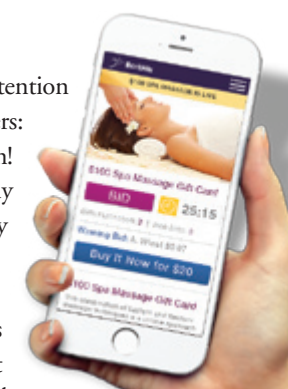
Good to Know

Just a few things we thought you'd like to know this month



Personal Pampering. For women who value "me time," a visit to Glen Mills' newest boutique is in order. Head for The Shoppes at Brinton Lake, where **Soft Surroundings** opened their 23rd store in July (there's another at King of Prussia). Look for style mixed with comfort in the wide selection of clothing, jewelry, accessories, home furnishings, beauty and skincare products. Everything you need to pamper yourself—or the busy women in your life! SoftSurroundings.com.

Awesome Auctions. Attention nonprofits and community supporters: there's a new fundraising app in town! Chadds Ford-based **BonBids** is a penny auction app that makes raising money for a cause fun and effective. Everything is built into the software, from bidding to payment—plus with bids costing only \$1, participants don't have to break the bank to win. Local merchants get exposure through supplying prizes, while nonprofits get 90 percent of the money raised. Sounds like a win-win! More at BonBids.com.



Old Antiques, New Home. After 7½ years fondly spent in its circa-1770s home, **Brandywine View Antiques** made a move—just eight miles north on Route 1—to a new, bigger location. Now at 1244 Baltimore Pike in Chadds Ford,

the shop has even more rooms to hold those one-of-a-kind treasures you must have. Some perks of the new building include its three floors, 17 rooms and 34 parking spots. If you missed the summer's soft opening sales, stop by early September for the grand opening! More at BrandywineView.com.

Green Gadgets. With the start of another school year, consider going green with your kids' must-have electronics. Buying refurbished laptops, tablets and cell phones isn't just good for the environment, it's great for your wallet. But beware! Not all refurbished gadgets are equal. Look for the "R2 Ready for Reuse" identification to insure the item was correctly tested, repaired and installed with all new licensed software so that it works for years to come. More tips at SustainableElectronics.org.



Tickets for Two. If you love museums, get ready for *Smithsonian Magazine's* 11th annual **Museum Day Live!** In the spirit of Washington D.C.'s Smithsonian Institution—where admission is free every day—participating venues



across the country will be opening their doors with free admission on September 26th. To get in, just download the online ticket, good for two, and mosey through museums near you. Local participants include **Delaware Museum of Natural History, Hagley Museum and National Christmas Center Museum.** More at SmithsonianMag.com/MuseumDay.

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of Special Note



Chester County Pops 10th Anniversary Gala

September 12

You're invited to this fundraiser to enjoy a delicious variety of food with an Oktoberfest theme, wine tasting and "open" craft beers bar, musical entertainment by Chesco Pops players, a Wine Wall raffle and silent auction of goods and services. *The High Point at St. Peter's, 2475 St. Peter's Rd., Malvern. 7 to 10 p.m. \$75. ChesCoPops.org.*

September 13

Come to Malvern for the Harvest Oktoberfest, featuring a beer garden, complete with music from Polkadelphia. Burke Park is home to the perennial favorite, Bark in the Park, an all-about-dogs event. Great shopping with local artists and crafters, plenty of activities for the kids, delicious food, meet and greet with regional businesses, including *County Lines Magazine*, and so much more! *Along King St. and in Burke Park, Malvern. 11 to 4. Free. Malvern-Festivals.com.*



19th Annual Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

September 11-13

Lots of activities! *Sept. 11*, Welcome Barbecue at a local estate (TBD), 6:30 p.m., \$75. *Sept. 12*, Chester County Rally, 8 a.m., includes VIP luncheon (11:30 a.m., \$185) plus Cars and Coffee, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no charge), and, in the evening, a Black Tie Gala, live auction and art show preview, 6:30 p.m., \$150. *Sept. 13*, Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, 9 a.m., \$50 for adults, \$25 for 12-18, MotorSport Park (park your special interest vehicle on the show field and watch as the rally entrants begin their departures), \$60. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center. *826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorConcours.org.*



The Main Line Antiques Show

September 18, October 2-4



It's the 10th anniversary for this prestigious show, benefitting Surrey Services for Seniors. *Sept. 18*, Freeman's will host an Appraisal Event, "What's It Worth," at Surrey, 60 Surrey Way, Devon, and accept two items for valuation. Reser-

vations are required (610-647-6404), \$50, 3 to 7 p.m. *Oct. 2*, The Antiques Show kicks off with a Preview Party, featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a light buffet and first look at fine art and antiques offered by 40 distinguished dealers. *Cabrini College, 610 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. Preview, 6 to 9 p.m., \$100. Show hours: Sat., 10 to 6; Sun., 11 to 4. \$15. 484-580-9609; MainLineAntiquesShow.com.*

36th Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival

September 20

Over 60 restaurants and food vendors, 120 crafters and 7 bands on three stage areas. You can relax at the beer and wine garden at Gay & Church Sts. or watch the Chester County Culinary Cook-Off competition on the courthouse steps. Everything happens on *Gay St. and Market St. from noon to 5:30. Rain date Sept. 27. ChesterCountyRestaurantFestival.com.*



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best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH DECEMBER

The Wharton Esherick Museum. Special children's tours every Saturday. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. Tours by reservation, 11 am. Adm. \$6-\$12. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

Hay Creek Fall Festival. A weekend of authentic, traditional crafts and demonstrations, children's activities, food and music. Joanna Furnace, Rt. 10, Geigertown. 8 to 5. \$2-\$10. 610-286-0388; HayCreek.org.

SEPTEMBER 12

Truck Zoo. Children can climb into fire engines, police cars, trucks, school buses. Radnor Memorial Library, S. Wayne Ave. parking lot, Wayne. 2:30 to 5:30. Free. Rain date, Sept. 19. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

SEPTEMBER 12-13

Chadds Ford Days. The grounds of the Chadds Ford Historical Society come alive with entertainment, Colonial demonstrations, crafts, local restaurants and more. 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 10 to 5. \$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

SEPTEMBER 13

Shugart's Sunday—BBQ & Bluegrass. Enjoy great food, music and family fun at this BBQ and bluegrass event in Historic Sugartown. Games and activities for the whole family and hayrides. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 2 to 6 pm. \$10-\$35. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.



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SEPTEMBER 13

Fall Super Sunday in Media. State Street is the site for this annual street fair with lots of vendors, arts, crafts and food. Benefits local charities. Rain date, Sept. 20. 9:30 to 5. 610-583-4432, ext. 102; MediaPA.com.

SEPTEMBER 19

Canine Partners for Life's Open House. Tour kennels, enjoy a free barbecue lunch, puppy kissing booth, party games, music, shopping and the ever-popular Cow Bingo. 334 Faggs Manor Rd., Cochranville. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day. A timeline of American military reenactors and fun for the whole family. Interact with soldiers from every era of our history, let the kids enjoy traditional games and sample the vendor's crafts and food. Monument & Wayne Ave., Malvern. Donation, \$8; children, \$5; family, \$20. 11 to 5. 484-320-7173; RememberPaoli.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

5th Annual Pottstown Pet Fair. Chat with representatives from animal shelters, wildlife organizations and veterinarians. Vendors will offer goods and services. Pottstown Memorial Park, 75 W. King St., Pottstown. 9 to 3. Free. 610-970-6507.

SEPTEMBER 20

Radnor Fall Festival. Endless activities for the whole family including magic shows, a dog show, rides for all ages, live music, food and the Valley Forge Military Academy Marching Band. N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 1 to 5. 610-687-7698; RadnorFallFestival.com.



SEPTEMBER 20

Rockwood Museum's Faerie Fest. Put on your wings and enjoy stories, games, enchanted crafts, faerie and gnome parades. 4651 Washington St., Wilmington. 11 to 4. Free. \$10 for the Faerie House. 302-395-5652; Rockwood.org.

SEPTEMBER 23

The Wiggles Rock & Roll Preschool Tour at The Grand. The wildly popular children's entertainment group returns with their incomparable brand of entertainment for their "Rock & Roll Preschool" tour. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 6:30 pm. \$32-\$65. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrandWilmington.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Goose Creek Duck Race. Numbered rubber duckies race down Goose Creek for cash prizes. Benefits West Chester Food Cupboard and Camp Dreamcatcher. Thornbury Twp. Park on Rt. 926 in Westtown. 10 am. Numbers, \$5. WeGoRotary.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Community Day at Warwick County Park. Celebrate our community and explore the services and recreational opportunities offered locally and beyond. Craft and food vendors on hand. 382 County Park Rd., Pottstown. 10 to 2. Free. 610-469-1916 Chesco.org/CCParks.

SEPTEMBER 27

Chester County SPCA 42nd Annual Horse Show. Two rings and numerous divisions and classes at this fundraising event. There will also be food vendors, arts and crafts. Radnor Hunt Pony Club, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 8 am to dusk. Free. 610-692-6113; CCSPCA.org.

SEPTEMBER 27

Downingtown Fall Fest. Street festival featuring food and craft vendors, Victory Brewing Beer Garden, live entertainment. E. Lancaster Ave. between Wallace Ave. & Green St. Noon to 4 pm. 610-269-1523; DTRCC.com.

OCTOBER 2-4

91st Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, displays, music, live animal exhibits, food, rodeo on Sat, 6 pm, \$10-\$15; auction on Sun, 5:30. Landhope Farms, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Fri-Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 5:30. UCFairInc.org.

OCTOBER 3

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

OCTOBER 3-4

Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival. Children's activities and crafts, hayrides, music, food, wagon and pony rides. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. No dogs. Hours and admission TBD. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

OCTOBER 4

Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch. Tractor and pony rides, pumpkin patches and carving, a hay bale maze, instrument petting zoo, music. The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 1 to 4. Free. Rain date, Oct. 11. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

SEPTEMBER 4-6

Long's Park Art & Craft Festival. Shop as you enjoy this beautiful city park transformed into an outdoor gallery. Rated one of America's Top 25 Art Shows and featuring over 200 top artists from across the country. Live music, fine food, wine and craft beer ... something for everyone. Rt. 30 & Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. Fri-Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$7-\$12. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

SEPTEMBER 5-6

Heart of Lancaster County Arts & Crafts Show. Voted one of the top 100 shows in the country featuring 200 juried artists. Roots Market, 705 Graystone Rd., Manheim. Daily 10 to 4. Free. 717-898-6297; HLCShow.com.



SEPTEMBER 11-13, 18-20

Treasures of Caernarvon Exhibit at Historic Poole Forge. Unique exhibit of local, Caernarvon artists and craftsman, both past and present, displayed in the Poole Forge mansion. Sept. 11, opening night reception with the artists, 4 to 7. \$5. 484-797-5302; HistoricPooleForge.org.

SEPTEMBER 12

41st Colonial Day in East Berlin. Juried vendors of traditional and contemporary crafts display on W. King St., E. Berlin. 8 to 4. Free. 717-259-0822.

SEPTEMBER 12-13

Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Over 250 artists exhibiting in a wide range of styles and mediums, live music performances, children's activities and a selection of local food vendors. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6:30; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5; under 12, free. 302-690-5555; BrandywineArts.com.

SEPTEMBER 12-NOVEMBER 4

Main Line Art Center Unveils: "Panorama: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century." A celebration of the photographic image and its role in contemporary art. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. For information, MainLineArt.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

Log House Art & Craft Show. Original, hand-crafted work for show and sale. Kerr Park Log House Field, 20 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Downingtown. Noon to 4. Free. Downingtown.org.



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SEPTEMBER 19

Friends of Pennypacker Mills Craft Marketplace. Fifty skilled craftspeople have been selected for this fine show at the historic site. Food vendors, raffles and tours also available. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. 9:30 to 3. Free. 610-489-9732; MontcoPa.org/PennypackerMills.

SEPTEMBER 25

Main Line Art Center Presents The Art Market. Affordable artwork by local artists and refreshments are available for purchase. Unique ceramics, paintings, jewelry, and more. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. 5:30 to 8:30. Free. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

SEPTEMBER 26–NOVEMBER 8
WEEKENDS

Brandywine River Museum of Art Annual Harvest Market. From quilted items and hand-turned wood objects to pottery and handcrafted jewelry, regional artisans showcase their crafts. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30. \$6–\$15. No Harvest Market Oct. 24–25. Free Sunday mornings until Nov. 22. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Community Arts Center's Annual Fine Arts & Crafts Festival. Local artists bring their finest works to a new location this year. Live music, children's activities, raffle and festival fare. Myers Ave., Swarthmore. 10 to 5. Free. 610-566-1713; FineArtsAnd-CraftsFestival.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Art on the Green in Historic New Castle. Over 200 exhibitors will display on the scenic Delaware River in Battery Park, 3rd & South Sts., New Castle, DE. 10 to 4. Free. 302-328-5466; ArtOnTheGreenDE.net.

OCTOBER 2

West Chester Fall Gallery Walk. Stroll through downtown West Chester for an evening of art, dining and shopping. The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce hosts its Fall Gallery Walk. Gay & Market Sts., West Chester. 5 to 9 pm. GWCC.org.

OCTOBER 2–3

17th Annual Artisans' Porch Walk in Lititz. Show and sale of art and crafts on private porches and lawns throughout town. Lunch available and an auction to benefit the residents of Moravian Manor. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. 717-625-6030; Moravian-Manor.org.

OCTOBER 3–4

Arts Festival Reading. Quality show featuring juried fine artists and craftsmen, plus music and food. Benefits GoggleWorks

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

OCTOBER 4–11

Annual Berks County Art Show. See museum-quality paintings by the school of artists from Berks County, circa 1820–1920 at this one-of-a-kind show. Greshville Antiques & Fine Art, 1041 Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. *Oct. 4*, 12 to 5; *Oct. 5–10*, 10 to 5; *Oct. 11*, 12 to 5. Free. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com.

AUTO SHOW.....

SEPTEMBER 20

The Hagley Car Show. More than 500 antique and restored cars that date from the early 1900s–1980s. 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–\$10. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

BRIDAL SHOW.....

SEPTEMBER 27

Historic Yellow Springs Bridal Fair. See and learn all about the options available, from a full range of vendors with displays holding everything you need to know. The Washington at Historic Yellow Springs, Art School Rd. 1 to 4 pm. \$5. 610-827-7414 ext. 18; YellowSprings.org.

DESIGN & HOME SHOWS.....

SEPTEMBER 11–13

Greater Philadelphia Fall Home Show. Find experts, inspiration and more at this show designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating their homes. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 9; Sun, 10 to 6. Free. 855-449-3714; GreaterPhillyHomeShows.com.

SEPTEMBER 19–20

Home, Art & Horticulture: The Marketplace Experience. Everything from home improvements to how-to workshops, art, plant sales, live music and home décor. The Historic Figure 8 Barn, Bellevue State Park, 800 Carr Rd., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 4. \$3. HomeArtAndHort.com.

EQUESTRIAN.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$10–\$15; Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10. *Sept. 13*, Willowdale Steeplechase Day. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.



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SEPTEMBER 5-7

Ludwig's Corner Horse Show & Country Fair. See article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER 10-13

Devon Fall Classic. See article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

Glen Willow Combined Driving Event.

Nationally sanctioned combined driving event featuring the elegance of dressage, the excitement of the marathon and the precision of the cones. *Sept. 11*, dressage; *Sept. 12*, marathon and competitor's party; *Sept. 13*, cones and championship awards. Food

and a Trade Fair will be available. Starts at 9 daily. 685 Woodview Rd., Avondale. 910-691-7735; GlenWillowCDE.com.

SEPTEMBER 17-20

Plantation Field International Horse Trials.

Top-quality eventing competition in a country fair atmosphere. This year's theme is "Down Under in the Aussie Outback." Benefits Chester County Food Bank, The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, Work to Ride and Cheshire Land Preservation Fund. 387 Green Valley Rd., Unionville. Daily 8 to 4. Thurs, Fri, free;

Sat, Sun, \$20 per carload. Tickets: 610-347-2024; PlantationFieldHorseTrials.com.



SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4

Dressage at Devon. See article in this issue.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

See Family Fun for more.

THROUGH OCTOBER 25

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire—The Return of the King.

A cast of hundreds of colorfully costumed characters fill the Shire with music, dancing and more. Sat-Sun (plus Labor Day). Mt. Hope Estate, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 11 to 8. \$11.95-\$30.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

30th Annual Mushroom Festival in Kennett Square.

Enjoy tasty mushroom foods, mushroom-growing exhibits, cooking demonstrations, Antique and Classic Car Show, entertainment for children. Fri., community parade with dining and dancing in the streets, 6 to 10; Sat., 10 to 7; Sun., 10 to 5. \$2 610-444-8188; MushroomFestival.org.

SEPTEMBER 14-19

St. Hedwig Polish Festival. You'll dance, visit the Polish Kitchen, enjoy Family Nights with special discounts on rides and have a great time. 601 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Mon-Fri, 5 to 10; Sat, 3 to 10. Free. PolishFestival.net.

SEPTEMBER 19

Poole Forge Day.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Poole Forge Park. Featuring an Artisans Village, lime kiln presentations, a Conestoga Wagon display, antique tractors, Colonial games for kids, animal exhibits, iron master mansion tours, local food vendors and more. 1940 Main St. (Rt. 23), Narvon. 9 to 6. Free. 484-797-5302; HistoricPooleForge.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

Delaware Art Museum Hosts Korean Festival and Harvest Celebration.

Traditional and modern Korean cultural activities, a harvest celebration, Taekwondo demonstration, a fashion show, dance and music performances.

Local Farm Markets

Anselma Farmers Mkt., Mill at Anselma, 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. *Wed, 3 to 7.* AnselmaMill.org.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. *Sat, 9 to 1.* FarmTo-City.org.

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

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Dane Decor Warehouse Parking Lot, 216 Washington Ave. *Sat, 9 to 1.* 610-836-1391; GrowingRoots-Partners.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Rosemont Farmers Mkt., 1149 Lancaster Ave. *Wed-Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 9 to 4.* 610-527-4800; RosemontFarmersMarket.com.

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

Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. *Sat, 11 to 2.* Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

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

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

*Some markets have winter markets at least once a month during the off-season or are indoors. Check their websites for details.

2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 11 to 3. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Taste of Trolley Square. Beer and wine tastings, small plates, sidewalk sale, street entertainers, live music, games and prizes. Trolley Square, Delaware Ave. at Dupont St., Wilmington. 1 to 7. Free. VisitWilmington-DE.com.

OCTOBER 4, 25, NOVEMBER 8

Clover Market. A seasonal open-air market

featuring over 100 vendors with antiques and collectibles, vintage jewelry, clothing, finely crafted handmade items and original art. 7 N. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 10 to 5. TheCloverMarket.com.

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SEPTEMBER 2

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FOOD & DRINK.....

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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

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SEPTEMBER 12

Historic Odessa Brewfest. Local gourmet food, live music, artisans and, of course, some of the best regional and national craft beers. Benefits Historic Odessa Fdn. 201 Main St., Odessa, DE. Doors open at noon for VIP Tasting, \$70; regular fest begins at 2, \$50. Taps close at 6. 302-378-4119; OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 12

West Nantmeal Township Historical Commission's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest. Featuring beer, farm-to-table cuisine served family-style, live music, silent auction and cow pie bingo. Fundraiser for the township's Stone Wall Reconstruction Project. 150 Wye-brook Rd., Honey Brook. 4 to 9. \$50. 610-286-9722; WestNantmealHC.org.

SEPTEMBER 14-19

Brandywine Valley Restaurant Week. See Food News for details.

SEPTEMBER 24

5th Annual "Taste of the Town" Event. Local restaurants offer tastings of their signature dishes to be voted on for the Best Taste of the Town. Open bar and live music. Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 6:30 pm. Advance tickets required, \$75. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

OCTOBER 1, 3

King of Prussia Beerfest Royale. Over 50 craft and international brewers, 100+ beers, area restaurants in an outdoor beer garden and live music on two stages. Thurs, 5:30 to 9, \$60-\$65; Sat, noon to 3:30 and 6 to 9:30, \$40-\$45. Designated driver, \$15. KOPBeerfest.com.

OCTOBER 3, 4-8

Phoenixville Food Truck Festival 2015. Oct. 3, enjoy a wide variety of gourmet foods from over 35 food trucks, with food both sweet and savory, and a variety of vendors. Free parking and a free shuttle service. Noon to 6 pm. Oct. 4-8, is restaurant week in Phoenixville. For information, PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.

OCTOBER 4

35th Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. Music stages with bands playing throughout the day and children's activities. 9 to 5. Rain date, Oct. 11. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

FUNDRAISERS.....

SEPTEMBER 12

4th Annual Hootennany Hoedown. Grab your boots & cowboy hat and join of The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County for great fun. Benefits The Conservancy's efforts to protect open space. "The Ruins" on the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Course, entrance on Rt. 842 (Upland Rd.), Unionville. 5:30 pm. \$75-150. 610-347-0347; TLCForSCC.org.

SEPTEMBER 14

Loch Nairn Golf Club Hosts Surgicorps International 7th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament. Benefits Surgicorps, a volunteer organization providing free medical and surgical care to disadvantaged patients. 514 McCue Rd., Avondale. Registration at noon; tee time, 1 pm. \$145 includes greens and cart, refreshments on course, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, dessert. 610-268-0824; LochNairn.com.

SEPTEMBER 19

Justice4PaKids 3rd Annual Motorcycle Ride. A 2-hour motorcycle ride, then all are invited to join in the fun and festivities at The Office Bar and Grille, 1021 Morehall Rd., Malvern. Benefits the organization's community outreach programs. Registration at 10 with ride at 11. \$25 per bike. Justice4PaKids.org.

SEPTEMBER 19

Hops & Helicopters at the American Helicopter Museum. Come out for this museum fundraiser and sample craft beers and wine, enjoy food truck cuisine, play games and tour the museum. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. VIP admission at 2 pm, \$50 includes food voucher and special tasting; general admission, 5 pm, \$35. Helicopter rides, \$60. 610-436-9600; American-Helicopter.Museum.

SEPTEMBER 20

Delaware Museum of Natural History's "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 museum programs. 4840 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Wilmington. Noon to 4. \$45-\$65. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

Main Line Animal Rescue Presents Bark-O-Lounge. Guests will enjoy beer and wine, delicious food, silent and live auctions and music. Benefits MLAR's mission to end animal homelessness. Pickering Meade Farm, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 5 pm. Tickets start at \$100. 610-933-0606; MLAR.org.

OCTOBER 1

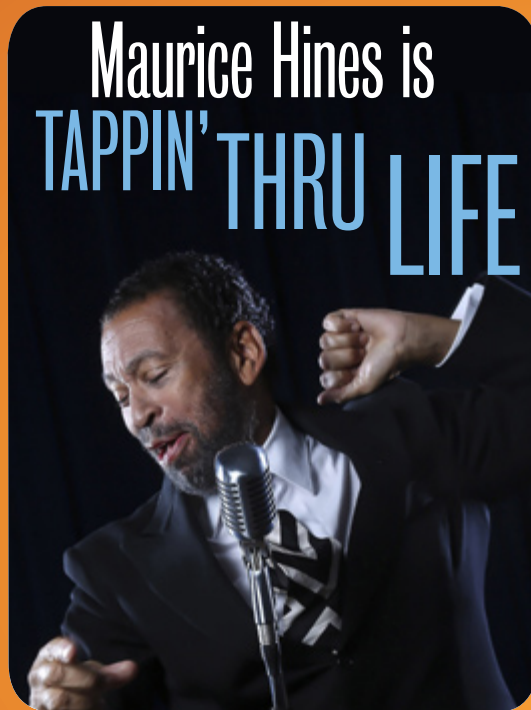
7th Annual Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser. The evening features a raffle, live music, cocktail reception and dinner. Held in conjunction with Unionville Community Fair (see Family Fun). Benefits local agriculture, youth education and those who supply food to the hungry. The Red Barn on the Unionville Fairgrounds, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. 6:30 to 10. \$100. UCFairInc.org.

OCTOBER 1

Take a Bite Out of Autism Fundraising Event. Enjoy a taste of signature dishes from fine area restaurants. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. 6 to 9:30 pm. Benefits The Timothy School in Berwyn. \$50. 610-725-0755; TimothySchool.com.

OCTOBER 2

Greener Partners "Remarkable Farms" Gala. Seated dinner using locally sourced, farm fresh ingredients created by Chester County's finest culinary artisans including chef Patrick Feury of Nectar, chef Andrew Deery of Majolica and chef Sean Weinberg of Restaurant Alba. Benefits Greener Partners' mission of healthy communities through food, farms and education. Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 6:30 pm. \$150. RemarkableFarmsGala.com.



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OCTOBER 2-4

Susan G. Komen 3-Day Event. The journey begins on Friday morning with an Opening Ceremony, then the 60-mile journey, approximately 20 miles each day, until the Closing Ceremony celebration Sunday afternoon. Begins at Willow Grove Park Mall, Easton, Moreland & Old Welsh Rds., Willow Grove and ends at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia. To register, The3Day.org.

OCTOBER 4

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

OCTOBER 4

Taste of Berwyn. Restaurants will offer their delectable dishes and vendors their wares. Games and play area for children, live music and a Beer Garden. Benefits Daemion Counseling Center. Hilltop House Estate, 570 Beaumont Rd., Devon. Noon to 5. \$5 for age 21 and over. TasteOfBerwyn.com.



OCTOBER 4

Annual Thorncroft "Lobstah Bake." Old-fashioned fun at this Thorncroft Equestrian Center fundraiser. Plenty of lobster, piles of chicken, cases of wine and kegs of beer as well as lots of dancing to live music. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 4:30 to 7:30. Tickets start at \$75; \$20 for 12 and under. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

OCTOBER 4

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

OCTOBER 10

White Horse Village Annual Octofair. Take part in the silent auction featuring furniture, accessories, jewelry and collectibles, shop the Gift Corral for clothing and gifts and stop in The Stall Resale Shop for great finds. 535

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GARDENS.....

SEPTEMBER 12
11th Annual Secret Gardens of West Chester. Join an exclusive walking tour of 12+ private gardens in the Marshall Square Park neighborhood. Local artists will be working in many of the gardens and a plant sale at Barclay Friends follows the tour. Benefits Barclay's Horticultural Program. 700 N. Franklin St., West Chester. 10 to 3. \$20-\$25. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org.



SEPTEMBER 12-13
Scott Arboretum's Biennial Plant Sale. Shoppers can find a great selection of clematis, ferns, hydrangeas and perennials at the Arboretum's

fundraising event. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. Sat, noon to 3; Sun, 11 to 2. Free. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH NOVEMBER
Christian C. Sanderson Museum. *Sept. 17*, World War I Exhibit Opening and Preview Party, 5 to 8. American life during WWI will be portrayed by impressionists from "Historical Military Impressions." Also through Nov, Abraham Lincoln Exhibit, and "Sanderson's Summer Stories," where children enjoy an interactive book reading and participate in a related craft and snack. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs-Sat, noon to 4 or by appt. \$5. 610-388-6545; Sanderson-Museum.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2016
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Exhibits. *Through Jan. 3*, "A Colorful Folk: Pennsylvania Germans & the Art of Everyday Life," and "Tiffany Glass: Painting with Color & Light," featuring some of Tiffany's most iconic works. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 10
The Delaware Art Museum. *Through Sept. 17*, "Dream Streets: Art in Wilmington 1970-1990," celebrating two decades of artistic activity in the City of Wilmington. *Sept. 23*, Fall Equinox Labyrinth Walk, 6 to 7 pm. *Sept. 26-Jan. 10*, Helen Farr Sloan, 1911-2005," painter, printmaker, and art instructor. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4 pm; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4; \$6-\$12. Free on Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT.....

SEPTEMBER 5-OCTOBER 3
Paradoxx Vineyard Summer Concert Series. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of great music, fantastic food from local and Philly food trucks and caterers and, of course, a glass of wine. *Sept. 5*, The Blue Route Band; *Sept. 19*, Knowlton Point; *Oct. 3*, Sara Spicer Band. 1833 Flint Hill Rd., Landenberg. 5 to 9 pm. \$10 includes concert and 1 glass of wine; age 20 and under, free. 610-255-5684; Paradoxx.com.

SEPTEMBER 12
6th Annual Phoenixville Blues Festival. Live music, food and beverages. Benefits local

charities. Reeves Park, Main St. & 2nd Ave. Begins at noon, last concert at 9 pm. Free. For this year's band lineup, visit PvilleBlues.org.

SEPTEMBER 12
Kennett Symphony Orchestra Free Thank You Concert for the Community. Come for The Mushroom Festival during the day and stay to hear the Symphony as they perform diverse selections, including Broadway, movie music and patriotic tunes to pay tribute to America's rich musical heritage. Willow & State Sts., Kennett Square. 7:30. Free. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

SEPTEMBER 13
Vox Ama Deus-Camarata Ama Deus Chamber Orchestra. "Maestro's Mozart." Valentin Radu, piano, artistic director and conductor. Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 6:30 pm. \$10-\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.



SEPTEMBER 17
Uptown! Entertainment Presents ... Jazz Cocktail Hour: Eddie Bruce. Ballroom at the Westside, 430 Hannum Ave., West Chester. 6 to 7:30. \$15. UptownWestChester.org.

SEPTEMBER 18
Community Arts Center Friday Night Live Concert. Philadelphia Folk Song Society welcomes Divine Feminine Rising. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7:30 pm. \$15. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

SEPTEMBER 26
WCU-Live! Presents Philly Bloco. It's a Brazilian carnival as the 24-member troupe featuring 12 Samba drummers, vocals, guitar and horned instruments gets you up and dancing. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$10. 610-436-2266; WCUa.edu/Live.

OCTOBER 3
Paoli Blues Fest. The main stage hosts continuous live band performances from premier blues musicians. Food vendors, street fair, beer and wine garden and kid's activities make this a fun, family event. Main stage, Paoli Village Shoppes, across from Paoli Train Station; other venues in Paoli. Noon to 6. 610-206-7743 or 610-644-6759; PaoliBluesFest.com.

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SEPTEMBER 19

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country trail. End at the countryside bash
with live music, a country supper, pet parade,
climbing wall and fun for the family. Leashed
dogs are welcome. Heartwood, 912 Providence
Rd., Newtown Square. 2:30 pm. Runners must
register in advance, \$15-\$60. 610-353-2562;
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SEPTEMBER 20

**The Fourth Annual W.H. McIntyre Love,
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cation programs manager as she teaches
you about the evening sights and sounds.
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bonfire included. 970 Spencer Rd., Avon-
dale. 7 to 9. \$20. StroudCenter.org.

SEPTEMBER 26

17th Annual Kimberton Run. A 5K run/
walk and Kids Fun Run through the beau-
tiful countryside of East Pikeland. Benefits
the Kimberton Lions' projects. Canned food
collected for Phoenixville Area Community
Services Organization. Kimberton Fire Com-
pany, Rt. 113, Phoenixville. Reg., 8 am; run,
9 am; Kids Fun Run, 10. \$13-\$19. 610-935-
2346; KimbertonRun.com.

OCTOBER 4

42nd Annual Marshallton Triathlon. Athletes,
novice to ironman and their families, bike,
canoe and pace-walk through the countryside.
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Fire Co. and the town of Marshallton. Rt. 162.
8 am. \$40. MarshalltonTriathlon.net.

THEATER.....

SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 11

**Bullshot Crummond—The Man, The Myth,
The Legend.** Uproarious comedy at Hedge-
row Theatre, 64 Rose Valley Rd., Rose Val-
ley. \$15-\$34. For curtain times, 610-565-
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SEPTEMBER 9–OCTOBER 4

All My Sons. Tony Award-winning drama by Arthur Miller. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$27–\$47. For curtain times, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 4

Maurice Hines is Tappin' Thru Life. Written by and starring Maurice Hines. Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. Call or visit website for curtain times. \$30–\$45. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

SEPTEMBER 23–NOVEMBER 1

Gypsy. Jule Styne's music and Stephen Sondheim's lyrics. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. \$25–\$42. For curtain times, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

SEPTEMBER 4

First Fridays. Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Kennett Square,** 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; Downtown-OxfordPA.

org. **Wayne,** 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington,** 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmingtonDE.com.

SEPTEMBER 4, OCTOBER 2

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

SEPTEMBER 11

Coatesville Remembers: 14th Annual World Trade Center Commemoration. Steel tridents from the Twin Towers will be on display at this annual remembrance. National Iron & Steel Museum, 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. All day event. Free. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

SEPTEMBER 14

Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund Presents "The 1st Rhode Island Regiment." A talk about the struggles of the African-American soldiers in the Continental Army. General Warren Inne, 9 Old Lancaster Rd., Malvern. \$49 includes 18th-century American Fare Buffet and beverages. PBPFUnc.org/1st-Rhode-Island.

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SEPTEMBER 26

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OCTOBER 3

75th Annual Chester County Day Tour. See article in this issue. ♦

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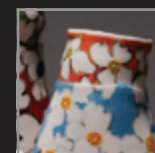
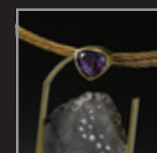
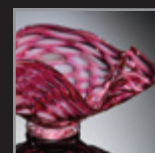


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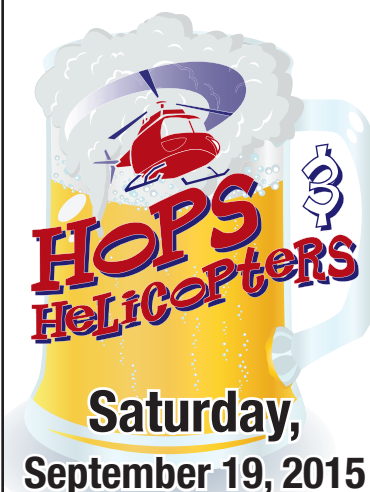
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Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair Returns



CELEBRATING ITS 72nd YEAR THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND

LUDWIG'S CORNER HORSE SHOW IS SADDLING UP to launch the fall equestrian season from its 33-acre grounds near the intersection of Routes 100 and 401 in northern Chester County. What began 72 years ago as a gathering of local landowners to prepare their horses for the coming fox hunt season has evolved into a beloved Labor Day weekend tradition among equestrians and visitors alike. Attracting nearly 600 horses and 25,000 spectators, the show has seen riders return every year for the past 50 years and some families for three generations!

The country charm unique to Ludwig's Corner also grows, with an expanded Country Fair sporting midway rides, fun and games for the little ones, plus a pet parade and dog agility demonstration. Even puppies get their time to shine!

THE SHOW BEGINS

Saturday, the show kicks off at 8 a.m., as former (called off-the-track) racehorses, hunters and other regional horses take to the three show rings, judged on performance over fences, fluidity and manners. See the lady's sidesaddle competition and an adorable lead-line event, where cheerful tots ride atop horses led by moms, trainers and handlers, all dressed to the nines.

On Sunday, more advanced divisions amp up the excitement as the competition mounts (pun intended) for the Horse Classic

and Hunter Derby cash prizes and ribbons. Children and adults, in formal show attire, compete as their horses show off their form and precision.

Sunday also makes a trip to the past with the antique carriage exhibition, showing horse-drawn vehicles ranging from open carts to large road coaches pulled by ponies and sport horses. Passengers are decked out in period attire to set the scene, complete with elegant hats.

Wrapping up the show on Monday, Labor Day, are jumpers in the main ring—exciting, timed events with horses soaring over hurdles. The Lexus Mini Prix competition, where the winner takes home \$1250, is the highlight. Watch horses display grace and strength as they compete to clear the most jumps in the fastest time. Visitors will also enjoy an antique car exhibit, and, new this year, an antique tractor exhibit.

MORE FUN AT THE FAIR

Not too far from the excitement of the show rings, more family fun abounds. If your younger ones need some activity, there's lots to do at the Country Fair. Enjoy hayrides, a mechanical bull, 25-foot hard rock climb, a rock and roll ride, and even a "tropical" inflatable obstacle course.

If that's not enough, there's also a magician, pie-eating contest



The Country Fair has tons of family fun.



See the antique Carriage Parade on Sunday.



Plenty of excitement in the Main Ring.

and expanded tent of games and activities! In the mood to shop? Local vendors will be showing their wares on the midway, offering everything from handcrafted jewelry to fashions, plus a new artisan gallery.

Hungry? There are plenty of delicious choices to indulge in all weekend. Sample stuffed portabella mushrooms, chicken fajitas and pork sandwiches from the BBQ station, coconut shrimp with orange marmalade from the Tiki Hut, or classic cheeseburgers, hotdogs and French fry favorites. Don't forget the funnel cakes, ice cream and baked goods for dessert.

Thirsty? Beer, wine, soft drinks and water are at the ready, all three days of the event.

Join loyal fans and see what makes Ludwig's Corner Horse Show a favorite Labor Day weekend of fun and excitement. Trophies will be awarded and memories made. Go see for yourself. ♦ ~ Sarah Kondelin

The Horse Show runs Sept. 5-7, at 8 am and continues until dusk. Admission: \$7, adults; \$3, kids; \$10 a carload on Saturday only. 1326 Pottstown Pk. (Rt. 100, just N of Rt. 401), Glenmoore. For a schedule, visit LudwigsHorseShow.com.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A DIEHARD EQUESTRIAN FAN if you eagerly await the month of May, when the Devon Horse Show grounds come alive. But for four years and counting, there's been a reason to get pumped for September, too, when the Devon Fall Classic comes to town! This year's lively all-jumper show spans four days and four nights of classic Devon fun—from September 10-13.

Although not as long or intense as the eleven-day Devon Horse Show—or "Big Devon"—the Fall Classic is hardly "little" in terms of excitement and competition. You'll be on the edge of your seat as skilled riders and their well-trained horses leap over challenging jumps while racing for the fastest time.

Find out why September is the new May for equestrian events at the Devon Fall Classic this year.

Jumping For Four Years

If you're not a seasoned horse show fan, you may be wondering, what exactly is a jumper show, anyway? In short, a jumper show is what the hurdles are to track and field. They're quick bursts of amazing athletic power, judged on whether the horse attempts the

obstacle, clears it and finishes the course faster than other competitors. Basically, anyone watching can understand and enjoy the action—even first-timers and little ones!

The Devon Fall Classic brings this traditional equestrian discipline to the Dixon Oval with a wide range of competitor classes. Watch children as young as five, juniors and adults of all skill levels show off their technique and speed on the complex courses. With a more relaxed atmosphere than its May counterpart, it's a great practice show for amateur riders—and young horses—to get a taste of the ring and the crowds.

Whether you're a Devon regular or enjoying your first horse show, you'll want to be at these must-see jumping classes that raise the bar higher each night. Come see the Welcome Stake on Thursday's opening night and the fast-paced Open Speed Stake Friday night that close the first two days' festivities.

Then, gear up for Saturday night's feature event—the \$25,000 Devon Fall Classic Grand Prix. The uninterrupted jumping action draws large crowds each year, and it's easy to see why. As the most intricate and technical course of the four-day show, the event mesmerizes spectators with riders' grace, passion and impressive ability.



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Fun at the Fair

To stretch your legs, venture over to the Fall Festival. Just like the Country Fair in May, this family-friendly carnival has it all—food, drinks, rides, shopping, music, contests and more!

Take in the sights, sounds and delicious smells from over 40 vendors and boutiques featuring fall fashions, home furnishings, antiques, equestrian goodies and, of course, great eats. The kids will love the Midway's activities, like the Ferris wheel, carousel and pony rides, while adults can relax with a cold beer and live entertainment on the late summer's nights.

And this horse show isn't just for horses! Bring your canine friends on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. to enter them in the What a Good Dog Contest. This year's dogs and owners will be judged in fun categories like Best Trick, Most Creative Costume and Best Child Handler.

With so much to see and do, the Devon Fall Classic is sure to satisfy your equestrian craving ... At least until the next show. ♦

~ Mary Irene Dolan

Devon Fall Classic. Sept. 10–13, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon. \$5 adults. 610-688-2554; DevonHorseShow.net/Fall-Classic.



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75th Tour of Tours

Story and photos by
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When Chester County Day opens the
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HELP CELEBRATE THE 75th ANNIVERSARY of Chester County Day, the longest-running house tour in the country. In this anniversary year, the event appropriately focuses on the West Chester area and the southeastern quadrant of the County, location of the original 1936 tour.

With a few years' hiatus for two World Wars and other inconveniences, Chester County Day has proceeded ever since, allowing thousands of visitors, including those from other states and countries, to appreciate the historic appeal, interest and charm of our region's architecture and its surroundings.

The tour, organized from the beginning by the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, directly benefits the Hospital. This year tour tickets and VIP passes—available at CCHosp.com—help support its award-winning Cardiac Program.

Perhaps less directly but still meaningful is the way the tour helps people appreciate the region and its historic resources. This article visits five distinctive properties on the tour, all lovingly preserved and added to over the years by a series of caring owners.

The tour itself allows visitors close-up looks at these and other homes. If anyone wonders why the tour has lasted so long, or why people care so much about Chester County's charms, the following pages may hold an answer.



The Dower House

The Dower House on Goshen Road is considered the oldest inhabited structure in West Chester (the original log house was built in 1712), but it's also part of a very new real-estate trend—its current owners bought it before they ever saw it in person.

Work changes two years ago meant Tait and Lisa Norden had to move from Maine to the West Chester area. They looked at 50 prospects as time pressure mounted. Then one day they peered at a computer screen in Maine as the agent walked through a house in West Chester, pointing her phone excitedly at the different features. Tait says the visual appeal of the home and the agent's palpable excitement led them to make an offer.

The real-life house did not disappoint. Built circa 1767, the house was later owned by the novelist Joseph Hergesheimer, who had it renovated in the early 1920s by the famous restoration architect R. Brognard Okie. The renovation recreated the extensive and charming original woodwork, using the best wood available, and accented with authentic period ironwork. They also milled lumber from 18th-century barns. This millwork has Okie's signature elements and design.

Later owners maintained the home's stylistic consistency and comfortable charm, and the grounds were spared intensive development anywhere within view. Tait says today he and Lisa feel they are "stewards of a very special place."



IF YOU GO ON THE TOUR:

On October 3, the **Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital** hosts the 75th gala year of the longest running house tour in the country.

Start the "Day" at the fox hunt where riders and hounds take off at 9 a.m. from the beautiful Radnor Hunt grounds. Coffee and baked goods will be available.

Then on to the tour! This year's focus is on the Borough of West Chester, where the tour began in 1936, and on the southeastern quadrant of the county. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased by mail, online or in person starting Sept. 1st at satellite locations and at the Chester County Hospital. Tour hours are 10 to 5.

Do the "Day" in style with a VIP ticket, which gives you exclusive benefits including a VIP Reception and Preview Party at Vickers Restaurant on

Sept. 27th, a visit to Broadlawns in West Chester for a private tour and a gourmet boxed lunch from White Horse Tavern, plus a chance to tour in a BMW provided by Otto's BMW. VIP tickets are \$100 and 100 percent of your contribution benefits The Chester County Hospital.

There are many public preview lectures at sites around the county, running from Sept. 15 through Oct. 2. You can purchase tickets for the tour at these lecture locations. Check the website for a complete list.

Tour-goers can reserve a picnic lunch from Arrianna's Gourmet Café (for \$10), or bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy along the route. The Brandywine Table column in this issue has ideas for delicious treats that travel well.

For more information, phone 610-431-5301 or visit ChesterCountyHospital.org/ChesterCountyDay.



Thomas Mill Farm

East of West Chester, The Thomas Mill Farm is situated along Crum Creek. The driveway is just across Goshen Road from Bartram's Covered Bridge, and going up the lane you pass a grist mill that may have helped feed the Continental troops at Valley Forge. "We just love the feel of the history," says Diane Roskamp.

Roskamp and her husband Robert discovered Chester County some 20 years ago while developing a new retirement community here. They fell in love with the area and began to look for a home. Once they came up the lane off Goshen Road and experienced the bucolic peace of the 20-acre property, the search was over.

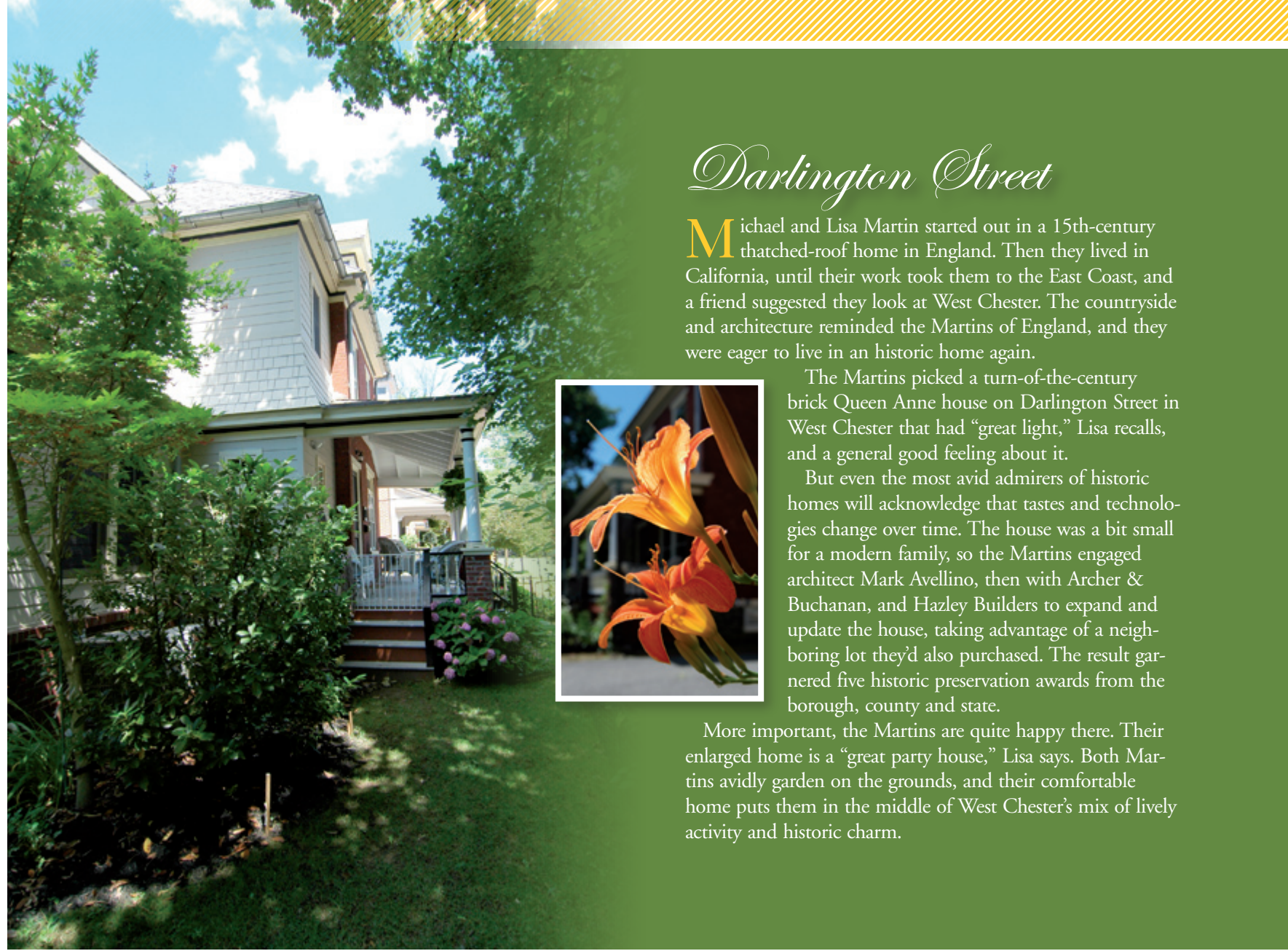
The famous clockmaker, Isaac Thomas, built the small, original 1745 house for his new wife. Needing more room for their own family, the Roskamps hired historic-preservation architect John Milner to add some new wings to the original building.

Art pieces—contemporary and historic, including several tall case clocks made by Thomas himself—lend visual charm to

the interior; outdoor sculptures include one piece by Glenna Goodacre, creator of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Chester County Day visitors are invited to picnic on the grounds. "Why have all this," Diane asks, "if you don't share it?"





Darlington Street

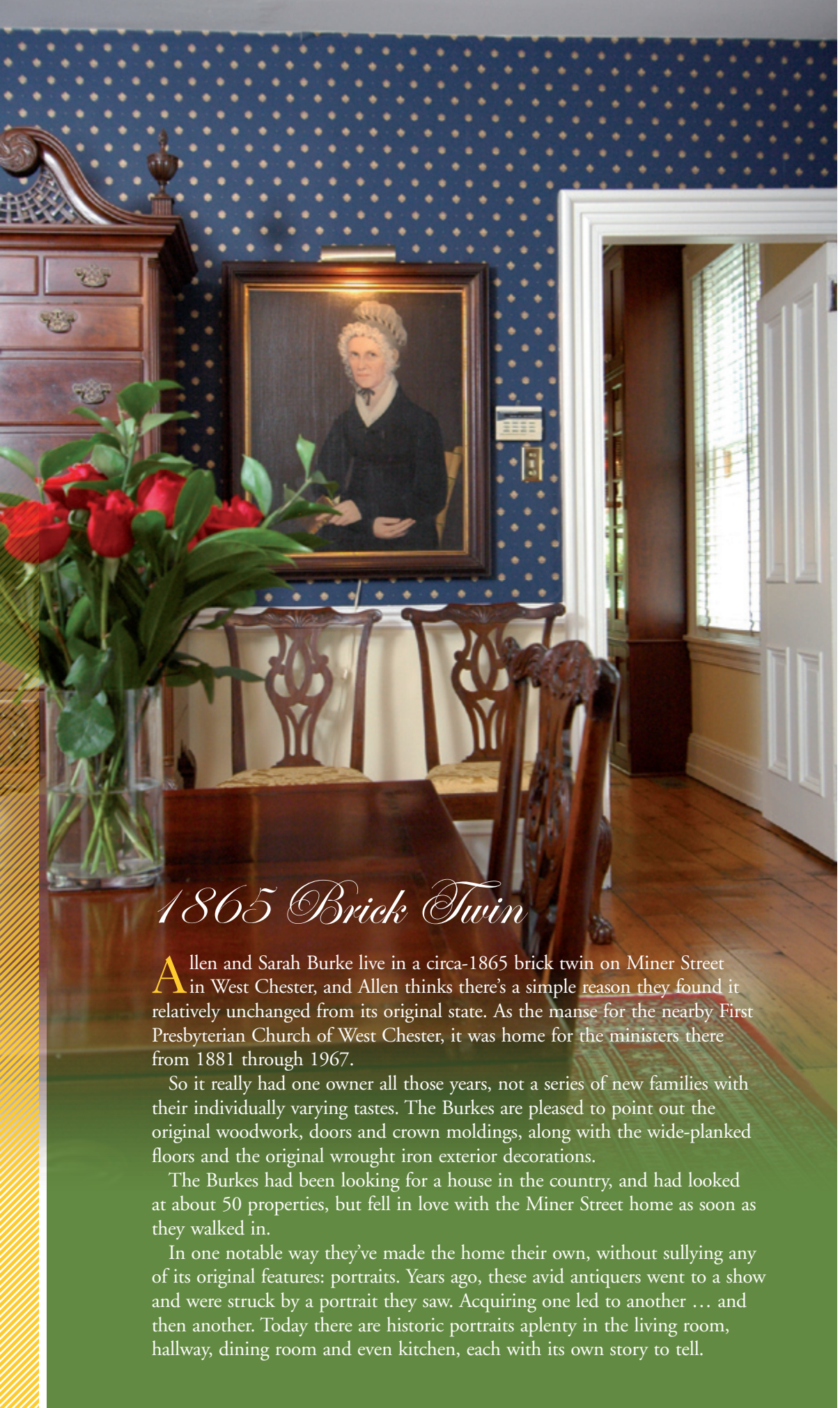
Michael and Lisa Martin started out in a 15th-century thatched-roof home in England. Then they lived in California, until their work took them to the East Coast, and a friend suggested they look at West Chester. The countryside and architecture reminded the Martins of England, and they were eager to live in an historic home again.

The Martins picked a turn-of-the-century brick Queen Anne house on Darlington Street in West Chester that had “great light,” Lisa recalls, and a general good feeling about it.

But even the most avid admirers of historic homes will acknowledge that tastes and technologies change over time. The house was a bit small for a modern family, so the Martins engaged architect Mark Avellino, then with Archer & Buchanan, and Hazley Builders to expand and update the house, taking advantage of a neighboring lot they’d also purchased. The result garnered five historic preservation awards from the borough, county and state.

More important, the Martins are quite happy there. Their enlarged home is a “great party house,” Lisa says. Both Martins avidly garden on the grounds, and their comfortable home puts them in the middle of West Chester’s mix of lively activity and historic charm.





1865 Brick Twin

Allen and Sarah Burke live in a circa-1865 brick twin on Miner Street in West Chester, and Allen thinks there's a simple reason they found it relatively unchanged from its original state. As the manse for the nearby First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, it was home for the ministers there from 1881 through 1967.

So it really had one owner all those years, not a series of new families with their individually varying tastes. The Burkes are pleased to point out the original woodwork, doors and crown moldings, along with the wide-planked floors and the original wrought iron exterior decorations.

The Burkes had been looking for a house in the country, and had looked at about 50 properties, but fell in love with the Miner Street home as soon as they walked in.

In one notable way they've made the home their own, without sullyng any of its original features: portraits. Years ago, these avid antiquers went to a show and were struck by a portrait they saw. Acquiring one led to another ... and then another. Today there are historic portraits aplenty in the living room, hallway, dining room and even kitchen, each with its own story to tell.



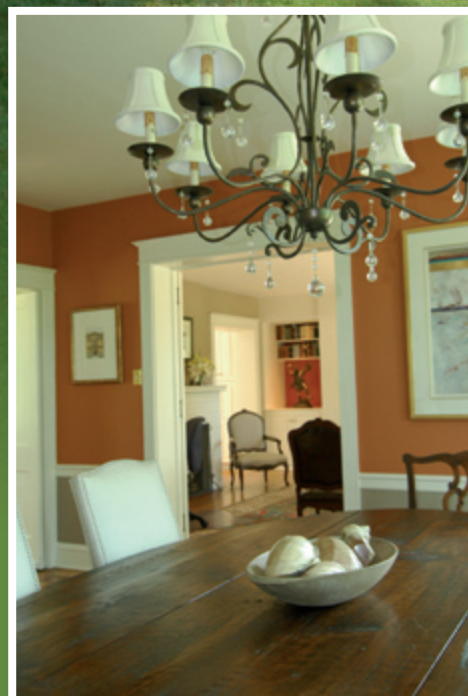


1920s Corcoran Home

Bob and Wendy Nelson were renting a modern house in the area when they heard about a home built in 1926 between West Chester's High and Walnut Streets by architect William J. Corcoran for his own family. The Nelsons' goal was to downsize from their home in Westchester County, New York, and Wendy laughed when she saw the Walnut Street house had six bedrooms.

But then they saw it, "and we fell for it," she says. The house has a tile roof and stucco exterior, similar to the Tuscan look of the nearby Chester County Hospital, and it has a quietly regal way of sitting on a hill that overlooks High Street and the grassy expanse of the golf course beyond.

The Nelsons added terraces and a circular herb garden, but what may strike Chester County Day visitors most is how their decor, much of it original art, blends with the clean, expansive lines of the interior to create a timeless visual fascination. "Homes from the 1920s often have a charm of their own that happens to accommodate modern living and design remarkably well," Wendy says. Be sure to check out the clean, modern lines of the centuries-old Khmer pots (see photo facing page, inset). ♦



THINGS BEYOND RESEMBLANCE

James Welling Photographs

Work of a leading contemporary artist inspires fresh and insightful connections to Andrew Wyeth. At the Brandywine River Museum of Art, through November 15

AS A YOUTH IN HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT DURING the 1960s, James Welling took a drawing class at the Wadsworth Atheneum, where he first became interested in the art of Andrew Wyeth, whose paintings made a deep and lasting impression on him. “Things Beyond Resemblance: James Welling Photographs” is an exhibition of select Welling’s photographs inspired by the work of Andrew Wyeth on view now through mid-November at the Brandywine River Museum of Art.

Today, Welling is a renowned conceptual artist working in photography. His work has addressed an impressive array of issues and ideas, including personal and cultural memory. He’s exhibited nationally and internationally and taught at universities across the country, currently as a tenured professor of photography at UCLA. Welling has influenced an entire generation of artists and photographers. This exhibition will help you understand why.

TRANSLATING WYETH IN PHOTOS

The Wyeth series of photographs evolved from a reflection on Welling’s own life and work. “At one point one of my peers cited his earliest influences in photography as Walker Evans and Robert Frank,” said Welling. “While Evans and Frank were important to me, they were not formative in the way Wyeth had been. A flood of Wyeth memories came back to me as I realized just how decisive he had been for my photography. I realized that I had never stopped thinking about Wyeth; he had become part of how I see.”

“Things Beyond Resemblance” explores the influence of one artist upon another across time—and using a different medium—ranging from subconscious borrowings to meticulous recreations.

Welling traveled to and immersed himself in the two areas where Andrew Wyeth lived and painted—Chadds Ford and Cushing, Maine—to develop a new body of Wyeth-inspired photographs. Working over a five-year period, Welling photographed at Wyeth’s studio, the Olson House, the Kuerner Farm and other outdoor locations.

In the photographic series, Welling brings together distinct artistic traditions and influences, but the photographs primarily take their cues from Wyeth and his work. The painter’s compositions, color palette and idiosyncratic points of view all inform Welling’s photographs. While some of the photos re-stage or echo Wyeth’s paintings, others explore or convey the sense of Wyeth’s work.

“The idea of using another artist’s production as the springboard for one’s own work is more often found in music and poetry and less often in visual art. I think this is what I’m doing in Wyeth. I’m making a new work in the act of ‘translating’ the work of another artist,” said Welling.

GRADIENTS—PHOTOGRAPHY AND SCULPTURE

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Brandywine River Museum of Art commissioned Welling to create a site-specific installation that explores the intersection of photography and sculpture, titled “Gradients.”

In early July, Welling photographed sites around Chadds Ford. He then took digital samples of the colors in the photographs and placed them in a digital file using a process known as gradient mapping. The resulting “map” is a smooth gradation of color representing bits of color from the original site. See the contents page for an example.

The gradient itself was then printed using a dye sublimation process, which fused ink directly with a metal plate. Mounted to walls or fastened to signposts, these newly created printed images tie back to both Welling’s photographs on display and to the palette of Wyeth’s world.

“Gradients” extends “Things Beyond Resemblance” into the very landscape that inspired both artists and marks a significant expansion of Welling’s personal artistic practice. ♦

Amanda C. Burdan, Associate Curator

IF YOU GO

WHERE: Brandywine River Museum of Art, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford
610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org

WHEN: Through November 15; Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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DAWN BREAKS AT RUSHTON FARM, AND THE FIRST light illuminates sparkling drops of dew clinging to a mist net, carefully spread open by a bird bander between a tangle of honeysuckle shrubs. The net lay furled the previous night in the crisp autumnal darkness of the dense undergrowth as untold hundreds of songbirds burned through the starry sky on southbound wings, taking advantage of the cool stillness of the night.

The Banding Process

Now the team of bird banders work swiftly to open all ten nets around the farm and nature preserve while keeping their ears peeled to the dawn contact calls between birds—miraculously revealing to the experienced birder the number and species of the migrants that descended to rest their weary wings in this critical stopover habitat of plentiful food and shelter.

A flash of gold suddenly appears out of the morning mist and into the black nylon mesh of the net. A bird bander exclaims in the ecstatic tone used on sighting a shooting star—“Oh! This is a good one!”

With fingers as adept as a garden spider working its web, the bander extracts the tiny yellow bird with gentle care from a situation that would look hopeless to the untrained eye. Holding the golden creature up in the growing light, the bander says in awe, “It’s an ASY Mourning Warbler—male. A beauty!” (ASY is banding lingo

for “after second year,” an age distinction banders make based on plumage characteristics.)

The wee warbler is taken back to the banding station in the hedgerow in a small cotton bag where it, along with a dozen other birds, is quickly processed by licensed bird banders. Feathers are scrutinized, wings are measured, weight is taken, giant Bible-looking books about plumage are pored over, and numbers are entered onto datasheets.

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Although newer technologies are on the rise—radio transmitting nanotags and satellite transmitters that give information about a bird’s whereabouts without having to have the bird in the hand—banding remains a safe and indispensable conservation tool. It’s essential for studying dispersal and migration, behavior and social structure, life-span and survival rate, reproductive success and population changes between years.

Peak Banding Season

During the fall migration bird-banding season—the busiest for Rushton and spanning August through November—the team cap-

tures and bands over a thousand birds of around 60 species. Many of these are birds of two worlds—some traveling hundreds of miles from the wild boreal forests of Canada to backyards in Guatemala, connecting your own yard to these distant destinations during their crucial days of rest.

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Fortunately, all these human-created tolls can be minimized when people are educated.

Learn More

Since fall 2009, Willistown Conservation Trust has been banding birds at its Rushton Woods Preserve and Farm to contribute to global bird conservation studies, while also teaching thousands of public visitors how we can all help. Rushton is a living demonstration of the importance of preserving land for wildlife and that habitat conservation should include people.

An Audubon-designated, globally significant Important Bird Area, Rushton grows about 30,000 pounds of wholesome food each year on just 4 acres within an

86-acre nature preserve. A host of sustainable practices eliminate the need for large-scale farm equipment and chemicals. Native wildflowers, trees and shrubs juxtaposed with the farm habitat encourage beneficial insects that feed birds and serve as natural pest control and effective crop pollinators. Many birds like orioles and saw-whet owls benefit from the hedgerow habitat that buffers the farm, as shown through banding.

Birds leave Rushton with permanent bands on their legs, and visitors leave with bands on their hearts—bands that remind them of their responsibility to help conserve these vanishing natural treasures.

Visitors may be inspired to plant native shrubs in their yard to offset their lawn footprint, take up birding as a hobby, buy sustainable shade-grown coffee to protect bird habitat in Latin America, put up a bird box, or join the Audubon Society or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to stay abreast of conservation topics.

Come to Rushton Farm, marvel at our birds that are the pulse of life reverberating throughout the continent’s landscape, and live the banded life. ♦

Willistown Conservation Trust is a nonprofit land trust that’s protected over 7,200 acres of wildlife habitat in the Willistown area. Its mission includes inspiring a lifelong love of the land through education. The Rushton Farm bird banding station in Newtown Square is open to the public through November. For information, WCTrust.org.



Scarlet Tanager data ready for recording



Elementary school students observing a banding of a Wood Thrush

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Extracting a Tufted Titmouse from a mist net



Connecticut Warbler with light-weight metal band



Male Orchard Oriole



Young Male Common Yellowthroat



Northern Saw-whet Owl



Rushton Farm is an Important Bird Area

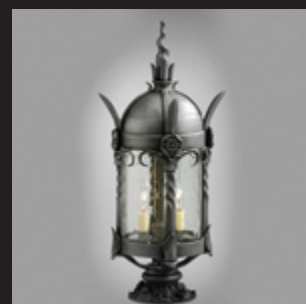
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Celebrates its Ruby Anniversary

{ 1975 ~ 2015 }

Ginny Simon

THIS YEAR, DRESSAGE AT DEVON (DAD) IS celebrating its 40th Anniversary. You're invited to join in the festivities and see world-class riding and the finest sport horse breeding stock. This milestone celebration includes new classes, more prize money, special exhibitions by the famed Tempel Lipizzan Stallions (see sidebar), and fun for life-long fans and first-time visitors.

Through its 40 years, DAD has seen many changes, most a result of the growing popularity of the show among competitors and spectators alike. This show draws top caliber competitors, international

judges and thousands of spectators. For competitors, the new classes provide expanded opportunities for both amateurs and pros.

And for spectators (and competitors when they're outside the ring), you'll notice more shopping options and an even bigger selection of great food—and that's for a show known on the horse-show circuit for its great eats!

Come October 2nd for Ladies Hat Day, always a favorite, when ladies bedecked in hats are admitted free. No baseball caps please—there are traditions and a certain level of style to be upheld! Especially for the Ruby Anniversary. ♦

DRESSAGE AT DEVON HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST 40 YEARS



1974 – The show grew, classes were added, more riders competed and the show moved to the Radnor Hunt Club.



1975 – Another move, to the Devon Horse Show Grounds. Dressage at Devon (DAD) was born.



1978 – Prior shows featured only performance classes (dressage tests, etc.). In 1978, Breed Divisions were introduced, where breeders brought fillies and colts to show off their breeding lines. Today, DAD is the world's largest open breed show with over 20 breeds!



1980 – When the son of a local riding instructor got leukemia, equestrian enthusiast and oncologist Dr. Audrey E. Evans, of CHOP (above center), was approached by DAD to be a fundraiser for the Cancer Research Center, resulting in a 10-year relationship. Many volunteers were doctors and family members of kids at CHOP. DAD raised \$110,000 (in 2015 dollars).



1989 – To escape the heat, DAD moved from July to September. Bring in the chrysanthemums!



2003 – The Born in the USA award was started to recognize sport horse breeders in the US. Over \$60,000 in prizes has been awarded.



2010 – Other sport horse breed shows—from New York to Kentucky—had Born in the USA classes and gave Breeders Awards. The Beer Garden moved under the pavilion and became The Pub. Dressage with the Experts was a new feature providing ongoing audio commentary on the action in the ring.



2013 – US Equestrian Federation (USEF) designates DAD as a USEF Heritage Competition—the highest honor currently held by any Federation horse show. DAD is the first dressage show so honored.



2015 – Ruby Anniversary! New classes! More prize money! Temple Lipiz-zan Stallions! A new FEI Amateur Division for the many amateur riders. See hundreds of horses, over 10,000 spectators and the Ladies Hat Contest.

1960s

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1966 – Riding enthusiasts formed The Delaware Valley Combined Training Assn. (DVCTA) with clinics for adults to learn and hone dressage and eventing skills—an “adult pony club.” Answering the question “Why should the kids have all the fun?”



Early '70s – First dressage show was held at Willcox's Tory Hill Farm in Glen Mills, with more horses than spectators, but plenty of enthusiasm.

Mid-'70s – The Fair area started as an Arts & Crafts Festival, with a '70s vibe. It later became the Fall Festival, today with 90 vendors. The Beer Garden opened. Early volunteers were rewarded with shakers of ice-cold martinis!



Late '70s – The Breed Division (judging movement and conformation) expanded to two days. Breed division horses—foals to older mares and stallions—are led by a trainer at a walk and trot. A great place to shop for young horses or see the future stars.



Early '80s – Breed Show got a 3rd day and now included Individual Breed Classes with popular as well as lesser known breeds.



1991 – Thorncroft Therapeutic Horseback Riding, the new beneficiary, specializes in helping disabled individuals through hippotherapy (physical therapy on horseback). Thorncroft Mainstreamers (below) perform often at DAD. The Festival area shops became more boutique-oriented, now called the Grand Prix Shops.



2006 – DAD became a separate entity from DVCTA and a nonprofit corporation. The two groups maintain a strong working relationship, with overlapping committee membership and a strong volunteer corps.



2012 – Dressage was in the news as Rafalca, co-owned by Ann Romney, competed in the Summer Olympics. Even comedy star Stephen Colbert covered dressage as the sport's fame grew. DAD's Follow the Foal program began, as a foal participating in the Breed Show was chosen for special coverage.



2014 – DAD e-newsletter provides news inside and outside the ring to hundreds of volunteers, competitors, spectators, and fans world-wide. (Subscribe on the DAD website.)





The Courbette



The Levade



The Capriole

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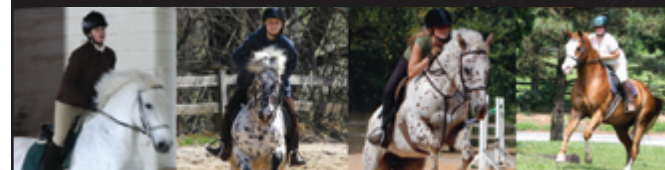


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A Visit to Historic Sugartown’s Carriage Museum

Story by Heather P. Reiffer, Historic Sugartown

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IT’S A DREARY EVENING IN 1804 AS ELI SHUGART SITS down to dinner at his newly rented home in Willistown. Suddenly there’s an urgent rapping at the door. Eli opens it to find an exhausted man, soaking wet with the spring rain, with an equally soaked horse and wagon filled with goods on the road behind him.

Eli didn’t mind helping out this weary traveler, except the fellow was the third one he’d helped just that week.

Shugart’s Town

In May 1804, Eli Shugart petitioned Chester County’s Court of General Sessions for a license to “keep a public house of entertainment” at his home on the “main leading road from Goshen Meeting House and Garrett’s Mill, to fall into the Strasburg and new State roads toward Philadelphia.”

Eli explained the road was “much traveled by wagons from the Black Horse Tavern in Middletown, Delaware County on their way to the Warren Tavern on the Turnpike,” a distance of 14 miles. Because there was no Public House available between these two stopping points, Eli argued that his home was a “suitable stage for feeding,” and he was already “much troubled with travelers calling, in bad weather especially.”

Eli Shugart was granted his license, and within two years, his stop on that main leading road became known as “Shugart’s Town.” Today we know the village crossroads as Sugartown.

Historic Sugartown

Sugartown was one of dozens of village crossroads that sprung up in Chester County to support the new nation’s young and growing economy in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Sugartown played a vital role in the larger network of stops for wagoners and drovers as they hauled raw materials and agricultural goods of rural Pennsylvania to the markets in Philadelphia.

The 19th-century village of Sugartown remains today on the outskirts of Malvern preserved through the efforts of Historic Sugartown, founded in 1982 by Penelope P. Wilson and the late John C. Nagy. Historic Sugartown is now a vibrant historical attraction that explores rural community life in 19th-century Chester County through engaging programs and the preservation of the village.

A Carriage Museum is Born

In 2010, a Carriage Museum was opened in Historic Sugartown’s fire station building to explore the vital role that transportation



Albany Sleigh



Carriage Museum



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played in 19th-century Chester County life. A joint project with the Chester County Historical Society, the Museum became a showplace for a collection of horse-drawn vehicles previously in storage.

The Museum features a highly intact collection of around 20 early horse-drawn carriages and sleighs that once traveled the roads of Chester County. The collection is distinctive because most of the vehicles are in their original condition, preserving the details of historic materials.

Local carriage consultant Jamie O’Rourke believes the collection embodies the life’s blood of the County, with each vehicle representing a slice of daily life in the 1800s. Personal carriages ranging from the practical to the sophisticated transported people into town and to faraway places. The dump cart, work sled and breaking cart supported daily farm operations.

And people played! Horse races were popular in the summer and sleighing parties were a fun way to spend winter days. Other vehicles were built for specific purposes—the hearse carried loved ones to their final resting place.

Collection Highlights

The collection’s largest vehicle is the imposing Conestoga Wagon, which transported freight and farm products from rural agricultural communities to Philadelphia markets in the early 1800s. The wagon is wonderfully complete, with its original sideboards, tar pot, feed box and homespun canvas cover.

Some of the vehicles on display are exceptionally rare. According to Merri Ferrell, carriage consultant and former curator of the Carriage Museum at the Long Island Museum of Art, History & Carriages, the c. 1870 Albany Sleigh (named for the Albany, New York firm that invented the design), is an “outstanding example of its type, incor-

porating beautiful curving, contiguous lines, lively ornamental painting and a plethora of bold fabrics representing a cross-section of textiles produced in America during the period 1860-1870.” It’s a beautiful, hand-painted sleigh and a conservation priority for the Museum.

Historic Sugartown and Chester County Historical Society continue to support the Carriage Museum and preserve Chester County’s rich transportation legacy. The organizations are exploring ways to enhance the exhibit through photography and interpretive exhibits and are establishing conservation priorities for vehicles in the collection. ♦

Ellen Endslow, Chester County Historical Society, and Jamie O’Rourke, local carriage consultant, assisted with this story.

Visit the Carriage Museum during Historic Sugartown’s scheduled hours. Guided tours: Sat., 11 to 4; Sun., 1 to 4. Group tours by reservation. Admission, \$3-\$5. Corner of Boot & Spring Rds., Malvern. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org. Historic Sugartown is a featured stop on Chester County Day, October 3, 2015.

1 Breaking Cart

The c. 1900 breaking cart was crafted in West Chester by George J. Moses at his factory.

2 Hearse

The c. 1870 hearse solemnly carried the dead in Guthriesville, where George L. Moore, and later his son, David, were cabinet makers and undertakers. Moore’s shop still survives, next door to the Guthriesville General Store.

3 Private Hansom

The c. 1830 private hansom, with hinged drop front wooden doors, was possibly a traveling vehicle for a family. It’s considered to be extremely rare—possibly the only one of its type to survive.

4 Chaise

An inauspicious looking piece once owned by the Cloud family of Kennett Square, the c. 1810 chaise is one of the collection’s rarest and earliest vehicles. Note its elegance and decorative elements. It appeared in celebrations in Chester County in the early 1900s.

5 George Moses Carriage Factory

Walnut St., West Chester, c. 1910

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AFTER 25 IDYLIC YEARS LIVING IN CHESHIRE Hunt Country and adjacent to The Laurels Preserve, the owners of Swingtail Farm are planning their retirement and move south—hoping to recreate the pleasures of their life here. Named after a chance remark about their happy dogs, Swingtail Farm has housed similarly contented horses and a young family that's now grown.

The 33+-acre East Fallowfield equestrian estate includes a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath main house with mature gardens and landscaped pool, an eight-stall barn plus paddocks and pastures, a one-bedroom apartment above the two-car garage, a separate machine shed, plus rolling woodlands—all set amidst 30 thousand acres of conserved land. In short, a perfect compound for the right family.

Years of Planning

Pass neighboring horse farms as you enter the winding drive up the hill to the picturesque setting of Swingtail Farm and take in the stunning country views that wowed the owners on their first visit. Wanting to capitalize on the natural beauty of their property and The Laurels Preserve beyond, the owners took five years before building. The final design by local architect Peter Luquier, later expanded by Richard Buchanan, captured the picture-perfect southern exposure throughout their home.

The home's unique stone and stucco style has been called transitional and a modern twist on a Chester County farmhouse, with its distinctive central stone tower and peaked roof housing the grand three-story staircase. More stone elements, peaked rooflines and architectural columns unify the main house and outbuildings



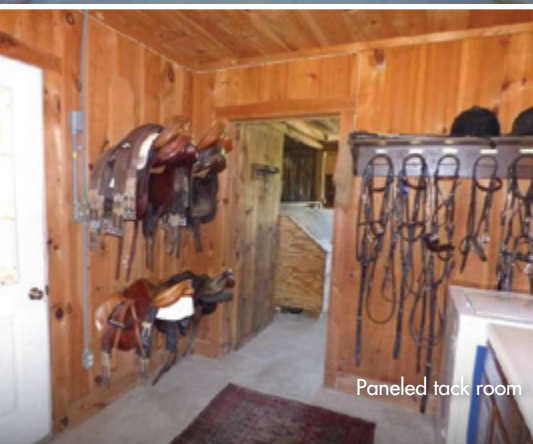
Great room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace



Recently redone gourmet kitchen



Center-aisle barn with 8 stalls



Paneled tack room



Living room with stunning views



Cozy master suite study with back stairs

to create a cohesive grouping around the circular drive.

The Main House

Expectations of a traditional interior vanish upon entering the grand double-height foyer, foreshadowing the open, light-filled design of this home. Your gaze is immediately drawn to a wall of south-facing windows and glass doors framing the view of the pastures and woodlands from the living room—the view that sold the property.

Flanking the living room, with its wood-burning fireplace and raised-panel hearth, are the sun-filled music room, complete with cozy sitting nook, and formal dining room, also with a southern exposure and all with random-width oak floors. An inviting built-in cherry wet-bar off the foyer is but one detail showing this home is perfect for entertaining.

Set in the home's center, with views to the pastures and the barn, is the gorgeous, open gourmet kitchen. Recently redone to incorporate every convenience, the kitchen boasts top-of-the-line appliances, Madurai granite counters, knotty alder wood custom cabinets and ceramic tile floors. Designed by owners who do indeed love to cook and entertain, the kitchen is positioned to draw both family and guest from the adjacent television room and great room.

Beyond the breakfast area, the other hub of the home is the great room, with vaulted, wood-paneled ceiling, exposed beams, built-ins, a wall of south-facing windows and two-story stone fireplace. This much-used room was added to extend the open family space from the kitchen. A back staircase winds its way up to the master suite.

A rear foyer, mudroom, storage closets, walk-in pantry, large laundry room, full bath and powder room complete the first floor.

The partially finished lower level has a spacious, carpeted game room with wood wainscoting, and is currently home to the family pool table. Additional space, which could easily be converted to any number of uses, houses

two utility/storage rooms for the mechanical systems and emergency generator.

Upper Levels

The second level is home to three bedrooms (one with en suite bath), hall bath, linen closet and the private master suite at the end of the hall.

Like the other grand spaces, the master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling and south-facing windows, with an atrium door to a balcony. Built-ins, a walk-in closet and make-up area adjoin the master bath, with its cherry cabinets, Corian counters, glass block shower and separate water closet. The highlight is the whirlpool tub, set to take in the woodland views.

A private study off the master bedroom, with two walls of bookcases, can serve as a refuge or home office.

On the third level is a large carpeted space—bedroom number five, plus a playroom, suitable for rainy-day play or big sleep-overs.

Out Buildings

A covered walkway from the main house takes you to the two-bay garage and charming second-floor apartment, complete with living room, kitchen, bedroom and modern tiled bathroom. Perfect for guests, in-laws or an office, this space has a balcony and views of the landscaped pool area. An outdoor shower, rose gardens, pergola and flagstone terrace for enjoying the view are just a few more amenities.

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While technically not a varietal, Rioja is known for the red varietal Tempranillo, a grape indigenous to Spain. Tempranillo is typically the kingpin varietal in most red Rioja wines with others—Graciano, Mazuelo (or Carignan in France) and Garnacha—all playing lesser roles. Wines of Rioja may also be white or rosé and sourced from Viura (or Macebo), Malvasia, Garnacha Blanca and Verdejo, to name a few.

More than you wanted to know?

THE BASICS

Let's try this. Rioja is a region in north-central Spain where roughly 150,700 acres (or 75 square miles, if that helps) are vine-laden with red and white wine varieties. It's about the same size as Delaware, yet has 150 wineries drawing from 14,000 vineyards.

Flowing throughout the region, the Ebro River has a significant impact on the terroir, along with the Sierra de Cantabria mountain range to the northwest and more mountain ranges to the south. The Ebro River and mountains account for significant differences in climate throughout the region, ranging from humid continental, Mediterranean climate and an ocean climate. These climatic differences create the differences in Rioja throughout its sub-regions. Fun

fact: another river, the Oja, or Rio Oja, is thought to have inspired the name.

Between the varietals and the terroir, Rioja offers a range of styles to suit all palates. These are big wines, with the structure and tannins of a cabernet, yet a fruitiness of a pinot and a hint of vanilla.

Any discussion of Rioja wines must explain how the Control Board of Rioja places a seal (Trustseals, metallic-looking strips depicting parts of the logo and the word "Rioja") on the back of the wine bottle—essentially a four-color-coded style guide—guaranteeing the authenticity, vintage and aging of the wines. This system controls the quantity of wine produced and more important its quality—similar to the Burgundy Cru classification system.



RIOJA: GREEN SEAL

Let's take a look at the details of these Rioja Trustseals. Quick rule of thumb: the higher the level, the more time in oak barrels, the higher quality—and, not surprisingly, the higher the

price. Knowing more about the labeling will help you select the style you prefer and want for a specific occasion.

As usual, I've included a few personal recommendations!

Formerly known as vin joven (meaning young wine), the green-sealed Rioja wines are released within their first or second year of vintage. These wines are more the Fresh Prince of Rioja than the mature, sophisticated stylings of Philip Banksian Gran Reservas described later. Young Riojas shine the spotlight on the brighter fruit flavors of Tempranillo wines without all the tannin (or richness) of the other classifications.

With a medium body, these wines are perfect for casual, stand-alone sipping at a value price point of \$9-12. Try the **Montebuena Rioja 2012** at a Carlton-dance-inducing \$9.99.



CRIANZA: PINK SEAL

The deep pink-sealed Crianza is perhaps the most common Rioja designation and most widely available in the U.S. Generally featuring more tannin than the young Riojas, these wines must spend at least one year in oak and one year in bottle. (Whites must spend only six months in oak.)

Stylistically, these wines are still very approachable and offer up a touch more spice and depth than their young Rioja counterparts. Some say they have more body than a merlot, and offer the pleasures of a great value in a cabernet sauvignon.

Coming in at 80 percent Tempranillo and 20 percent Graciano, the **Bodegas Ondalán Crianza Rioja 2011** offers up black fruits, vanilla and anise at \$15.99.



RESERVA: MAROON SEAL

For Rioja wines, the word Reserva actually has true meaning! To be granted the

maroon-colored seal, the wine must be aged a minimum of three years, one of which must be in oak. For most Reserva-level wines, the winemaker goes beyond the minimum one year in oak and is more selective in choosing the grapes used. This results in wines showcasing darker fruits and being a bit more rustic—less fruity than the Crianza while less oakey than the Gran Reserva.

Priced at \$24.99, give **Cune Rioja Reserva 2009** a swirl. After you decant this beauty, the opening on this wine features ripe black fruits and hints of smoke and leather, with tannins that ride out to a savory finish.



GRAN RESERVA: BLUE SEAL

Finally, Gran Reserva is *The Godfather* of Rioja wines. Aged at least two years in oak and three years in the bottle for reds (four years total for whites), these are serious wines! Wines with this blue seal are not usually released within 10 years of their vintage and have remarkable aging potential—up to 30 years! Don't go searching for bright fruits on these serious customers. They're loaded with flavors of ether, tobacco and dried fruits.

Case in point, the **Faustino Rioja Gran Reserva 2001**, at \$31.99, has almost 13 years between grape harvesting and hitting the shelves. A wine you can't refuse!

As I hope you can see, Rioja wines have so much to offer in terms of value, quality and selection. In fact, *Wine Spectator's* 2013 "wine of the year" was a Rioja that can be found for only \$63 a bottle. Less well known than wines from Bordeaux or Burgundy, Riojas can deliver taste, quality and value. And while these wines go with a wide variety of food, they shine when paired with savory flavors of meats and strong cheeses.

I implore you to get a group of friends together, pitch in and sample the

full range of Rioja wines from young to Gran Reserva. Find your style! ♦

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Food News

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



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Bushels of Fun. Fall is just around the corner, so it's time to taste the apples of autumn. One option: **Linvilla Orchards Apple Festival**, complete with apple pie-eating contests and



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their bakery. Pie fans in five age brackets vie for prizes in the timed eating competition, so come hungry. *598 Linvill Rd., Media. Linvilla.com.*

Fuse Your Water. Be smart about what you drink and say sayonara to sugary soda. How about a refreshing water cocktail instead? By adding fresh fruit, flowers and herbs, you can flavor your water naturally. Try rhubarb, apple and cinnamon for a fall **water fusion**, or a lemon and cucumber concoction with herbs like rosemary and thyme. Prepare your water bottle in advance so you can grab it and go. Healthy, energizing and thirst-quenching. Win-win-win. *More recipes at Pinterest.com.*



Food Play. Get your child excited about back-to-school lunch with a simple and adorable food arrangement in their lunchbox. Use **cookie cutters** to make bears, ducks, fish or any kind of animal figure out of a PB&J. Then use some colorful fruits to set the scene for the animal sandwich—green grapes for the grass and blueberries for the sky. Complete the scene with a sun made of corn. The possibilities, and the smiles, will be endless! *More ideas at BlissfullyDomestic.com.*



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Flexible Food

Laura Muzzi Brennan

Everyday recipes that travel well or satisfy at home—with a minimum of fuss.

SEPTEMBER'S GOT ONE foot sliding back to summer and one pointed toward fall. There are still lots of opportunities for leisurely outdoor dining—neighborhood BBQs, horseshow tailgates—but just as many days when frenzied school and work schedules, not to mention a drop in temperature, call for a quick meal inside at the kitchen table.

To tap dance through this month of transitions, we all need a few recipes for flexible food: food that can be made ahead, improves with time, doesn't get all persnickety about serving temperature and can go from Saturday tailgate to Wednesday night dinner without missing a beat.

Merrill Johnston, owner of **Delightful Desserts and Culinary Creations** in West Chester, knows a thing or two about flexible cooking and entertaining. She supplies soups, salads, quiches, paninis, wraps, breakfast/lunch burritos and a large assortment of baked goods and desserts to local cafes and restaurants. You can try her food at Foxy Loxy in Unionville, Artisans Gallery and Café in Phoenixville, and Specialteas Tea Room in Chadds Ford.

A caterer since the 1980s, she's orchestrated everything from a romantic dinner for two to a corporate party for a thousand. While Johnston's on site for most events, sometimes clients simply want her to prepare food they can serve themselves with a minimum of fuss.



Merrill Johnston, winner at Sweet Charity event.

I talked with her after she'd supplied a Radnor Races tailgate party hosted by *County Lines Magazine*.

One dish everyone loved was Johnston's Crispy Oven-fried Drumsticks. Made ahead and served at any temperature, they're a filling main dish for dinner anywhere, anytime, no utensils required. Her chicken wings work well as a hearty appetizer. Johnston also made a N'awlins Muffuletta Sandwich—cold cuts, olive salad, crusty bread—that requires an over-

night stay in the fridge to develop flavors.

For dessert, she provided moist citrus-flavored bars ("Citrusies") with a dollop of her lemon curd which won Best Dessert at 2015's Sweet Charity event. She shared recipes for her chicken, a vegetarian take on the muffaletta and a raspberry jam tart with pecan crumble. Her lemon curd recipe remains classified!

Johnston also gave me a few other suggestions for super-versatile dishes. Seasonal roasted vegetables topped the list. Toss them into pasta for a meatless main, add chicken or shrimp for a heartier meal or enjoy them as a side dish. She also recommends oven-roasted salmon—it's good warm or cold (she loves it for a quick, healthy lunch) and it works for both formal and informal meals.

Wherever you find yourself this fall—picnicking at Plantation Field, planning a menu for Chester County Day events or simply a weeknight dinner—call on these recipes, good any time.



Citrusies



Roast Beef Paninis

Oven Fried Chicken

This recipe can be multiplied for a large crowd or cut down for a small party. Recipe courtesy of Merrill Johnston, *Delightful Desserts and Culinary Creations*.



- 1 C. vegetable oil
- 12 lbs. skin-on, bone-in chicken parts
- 1¾ C. panko bread crumbs
(Use gluten-free if needed.)
- 1 C. yellow cornmeal
- ½ C. all-purpose flour
- 1½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. poultry seasoning

Preheat oven to 400°. Place ⅓ C. oil in each of three 11x17-inch jelly roll pans or other rimmed baking sheets.

Roll the chicken in the oil to coat all sides.

In a large brown paper or plastic bag, shake together breadcrumbs, cornmeal, flour, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning.

Add chicken a few pieces at a time, and shake to coat. Place in the pans, skin side up, leaving space between the pieces.

Bake about 45 minutes, until the chicken is golden brown and registers 165° on a digital thermometer.

Serve warm or refrigerate overnight, then bring to room temperature and serve.

Makes 30–35 pieces.

Mediterranean Loaf

A savory vegetarian appetizer or light main dish, courtesy of Merrill Johnston.

- 1 baguette (around 16")
- 8 oz. peeled, diced cucumber (1 cuke)
- 9 oz. tomatoes, seeded and chopped (about 1 large tomato)
- ¼ C. finely diced red onion or scallion (white and light green parts only)
- ¼ C. chopped black olives
- 3 oz. chopped, roasted red pepper
- 2 Tb. mayonnaise

Post-Cooking Game Plan

Kudos to you for preparing the dish in advance. Now, to make it go the distance—whether to a tailgate, a potluck in your backyard or even just the kitchen table—follow these helpful hints.

1. Freeze and defrost smart: Cool food completely before putting it in the freezer or refrigerator. Wrap it tightly to prevent ice from forming on the inside. And remember to allow time for food to come to room temperature before serving.

2. Stay organized: Nothing's more frustrating than having to root around for a dish you had the good sense to make ahead, so keep your refrigerator, freezer and countertop as uncluttered as possible. Label foods and include any last-minute plating and serving instructions on a post-it note attached to the container.

3. Transport like a pro: Caterer Merrill Johnston uses blue ice for keeping foods

cool. She also recommends putting hot foods in coolers (sans ice—of course!) to keep them toasty in transit.

4. Serve safely: At longer events such as tailgates and picnics, it's tempting to put all the food out at once and go on your merry way, but replenishing dishes throughout the party is a safer bet. The food looks better, too! The USDA recommends perishable food be left out no more than 2 hours at room temperature or 1 hour when the temperature goes above 90. For more guidelines on handling food safely, visit www.fsis.usda.gov.

5. Be flexible: We all know what happens to the best laid plans, so if you forget the forks or the ice melts, do as the old songs advise—keep on the sunny side, accentuate the positive, don't worry! be happy!—and you and your guests will savor every bite.

Raspberry Jam Tart with Pecan Crumble

This tart may be served alone or with whipped cream or ice cream. Courtesy of Merrill Johnston.



- 2 C. pecans
- ⅔ C. sugar
- 5 oz. cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1¼ C. all-purpose flour
- Heaping ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 Tb. beaten egg
- 1 C. raspberry jam
- ¾ C. frozen raspberries, defrosted, drained

Preheat oven to 350°. Place a circle of parchment paper in a greased ten-inch tart pan with a removable bottom.

Lightly chop ¼ C. pecans in a food processor for topping. Reserve in a small bowl.

Finely grind the remaining pecans with sugar in a food processor. Add butter, flour and salt. Process until mixture resembles



Delightful Cupcakes from Delightful Desserts & Culinary Creations

sand. Add 1 C. butter-flour mixture to the reserved nuts. Set aside. Add beaten egg to remaining flour mixture and pulse until it begins to clump together.

Transfer to tart pan and press with floured fingers onto bottom and up sides of the pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until firm and remove.

Meanwhile, spoon jam into a small bowl, stir to loosen and gently add raspberries. Rub reserved nut mixture between your palms to form small clumps. Spread jam and raspberry filling over bottom of crust. Sprinkle nut mixture over the top and return to oven and bake for 15–20 minutes until bubbly.

Cool in pan on a rack for 10–20 minutes. If necessary, loosen side of pan with a knife, then remove tart and cool completely.

Cover and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature to serve. It may be made two days in advance.

Makes 10–12 servings.

Spicy Chinese Noodle Soup

A pot of soup on the stove is the ideal meal for people on the go. Merrill Johnston makes this soup at home when she wants a satisfying meal. It's great for a potluck, too!

- 6 Tb. hot sesame oil, divided
- 1½ lbs. ground turkey
- 1 bunch (6–8) scallions, light green and white parts only, sliced thinly
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ Tb. minced fresh ginger
- 8 C. chicken broth
- 4 C. (or more) bok choy, thinly sliced
- 4 C. (or more) Savoy cabbage, thinly sliced
- 3 Tb. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tb. rice vinegar
- 2, 8-oz. cans diced water chestnuts
- 2 pkg. Trader Joe's Fresh Rice Noodles,

cooked and tossed with a little vegetable oil to prevent sticking

In a sauté pan, heat 3 Tb. hot sesame oil over medium heat. Add ground turkey, scallions, garlic and ginger and cook, stirring and breaking up turkey until it is no longer pink. Take off heat and reserve.

In large soup pot, heat broth to boiling. Add bok choy, Savoy cabbage, soy sauce, rice vinegar and the remaining 3 Tb. hot sesame oil.

Cook till greens have wilted and then stir in reserved turkey and water chestnuts. Put some noodles in each bowl and ladle in the soup.

Makes 12–16 servings.

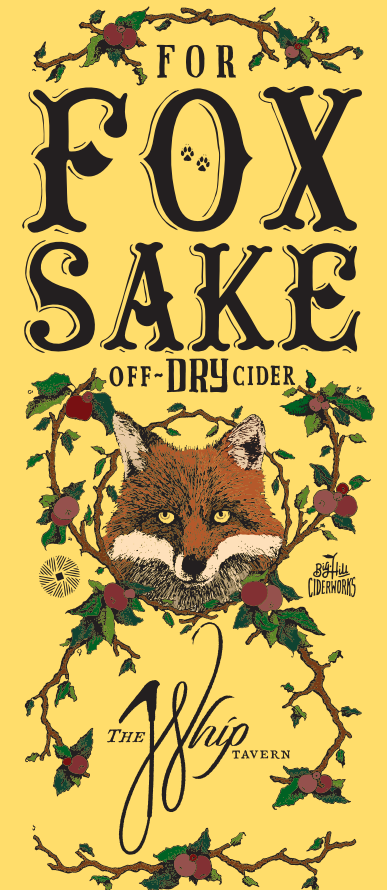
Smoked Trout Spread

I adapted this recipe from Anne Byrn's *What Can I Bring? Cookbook*. It's one of my go-to cookbooks when I can't decide on a dish for a party. You can make the spread two days in advance, giving the flavors a chance to bloom. Serve with thin slices of baguette or your choice of cracker. For fancy hors d'oeuvres, top peeled cucumber slices with a spoonful of the trout spread and top with a few capers.

- 8 oz. smoked trout filet
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- ¼ C. sour cream
- 2 scallions, white and light green parts, minced; dark green parts, thinly sliced
- ¼ C. chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Capers, optional

Remove skin from the trout, and flake it with a fork or your fingers. Discard any small bones. Place trout in a bowl.

Add cream cheese, sour cream, the minced scallions, parsley, and juice of ½



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lemon. Mix well with a fork. Taste and add
more lemon, salt and pepper.
Spread in a shallow bowl. Cover with
plastic wrap and refrigerate for an hour or
for up to 2 days. Garnish with thinly sliced
scallions and optional capers.
Makes 2½ cups.

Lemon Pound Cake with Lemon Glaze

*Pound cake has got to be one of the most ver-
satile desserts going. You can eat it plain, toast
it, top it with berries and whipped cream, layer
it into a trifle or make it the basis of an ice
cream cake. It does, however, require a good
bit of effort so I scaled the recipe to make 2
cakes. Eat one now, and freeze one for later.
I adapted this recipe from Cook's Illustrated
Cookbook.*

For the cake:

3 C. cake flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. table salt
8 eggs, room temperature
2½ C. sugar

2 Tbl. lemon zest (from 4 medium lemons)
2 Tbl. lemon juice (from 1 medium lemon)
3 tsp. vanilla
1 lb. (4 sticks) butter, softened

For the lemon glaze:

1 C. sugar
½ C. lemon juice
Sweetened shredded coconut, optional



To make the cakes: Preheat oven to 325°
and adjust the oven rack to the middle posi-
tion. Grease and flour 2 loaf pans.

In a bowl, stir together cake flour, baking
powder and salt. Set aside. In another bowl,
beat eggs and stir in sugar, lemon zest,
lemon juice and vanilla. Set aside.

To cream the butter, put it in the bowl of
a standing mixer and mix on medium speed
for 1–2 minutes. (or use a hand mixer.)
Add egg-sugar mixture to butter, and mix
on medium-high speed for 6–8 minutes,
scraping sides and bottom 2–3 times. (The
batter may look slightly curdled.)

Add ⅓ of flour mixture, and on low
speed, mix until just incorporated (about
30 seconds). Repeat two more times with
remaining flour mixture. Do not overbeat.

Pour half of batter into each loaf pan
and gently drop pans on counter to release
air bubbles. Smooth the tops with spatula
and bake.

Check doneness after 50 minutes. Cakes
are done when top turns golden and a
toothpick or knife inserted in the center
comes out clean.


Cool for 10 minutes in pans. Remove
from pans and place on a cooling rack with
a cutting board or baking sheet underneath.
Using a toothpick or slim end of a chop-
stick, poke holes all over tops.

To make the glaze: While cakes are warm
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to a boil in a small saucepan. Reduce to a simmer and cook for 2 minutes until mixture thickens slightly. Brush tops and sides with the glaze. Sprinkle with coconut, if using.

Cakes can be stored at room temperature for 3 days or wrapped tightly in plastic wrap and frozen.

Each cake makes 8–10 servings.

Zucchini & Yellow Squash Salad With Fresh Herbs

When I make the Italian dressing for this salad, I love to start with the Italian dressing base from Penzey's Spices. For the vinegar, I prefer red wine, sherry or champagne or a combination of all three. I don't recommend balsamic or apple cider vinegars, as they overwhelm the vegetables and herbs.



2 medium zucchini
2 medium yellow squash
½ C. Italian dressing (not creamy) or more to taste
Salt and pepper to taste
2–3 Tb. chopped fresh herbs (basil, mint, chives or Italian parsley all work well.)
Crumbled feta cheese, optional

Using a julienne peeler or a spiralizer, cut zucchini and squash into spaghetti-like ribbons. (You'll be left with the center parts, which you can slice thinly and add to the salad or reserve for another use.)

Toss with dressing and salt and pepper. Mix herbs and feta in immediately before serving.

Can be made a day in advance, covered and refrigerated. It's delicious cold

or at room temperature.

Makes 6–8 servings. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.

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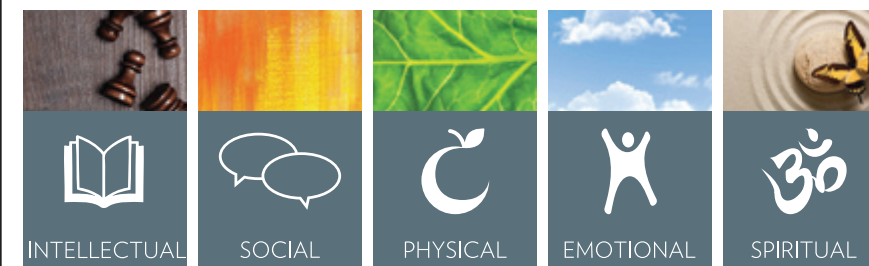
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talking with

Mike Pillagalli, Committee Member, Chester County Day

For 75 years, the first Saturday in October has seen scores of gracious homes in Chester County open their doors to lines of excited tour-goers who are part of the celebration of history that is Chester County Day. A major fundraiser for The Chester County Hospital sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, "The Day," as it's known, depends on an army of volunteers and a legion of willing homeowners. In this platinum anniversary year, we talked to Michael Pillagalli, to learn more.



How did Chester County Day start?

The Day started when a member of the Women's Auxiliary to The Chester County Hospital who was visiting Nantucket in the mid-1930s saw a house tour there and brought the idea back with her. It's endured for 75 years!

I got involved when I moved into the house next door to Mrs. Berenice Ball, prior chair and inspiration, who recruited me to lecture with her about homes on the tour. I've continued to attend The Day and have volunteered for over 40 years.

Has the tour changed over the years?

The biggest change came during the gas crunch of the late '70s. The tour had encompassed the entire county but with rationed gas, the committee broke the county into quadrants, along Routes 30 and 100, with four areas to tour over four years. We did a clockwise rotation each year to minimize travel distance. Another change was limiting ticket sales to 5000. This helped eliminate the wait to get into featured spots. Today, we have fewer homes, in close proximity, allowing tour-goers to visit more stops. There are many other changes, as to be expected after 75 successful years.

What are some of the traditions of The Day?

One of the first was to pick a perfect day for the event. Mrs. Ball worked with a meteorologist who hand charted—no computers then—the autumn day with the best weather. After many efforts, they found the first Saturday in October held the record for clear, sunny days—and so we have our date.

The first tours, at \$1.00 a ticket, included tea at the Chair's home, with silver tea service and china cups! That had to stop when ticket sales soared into the thousands. Then fancy tailgate lunch parties began, with everything from silver wine buckets to simple fare. And, for many tour veterans, planning the route and homes to see is a tradition in itself.

How much has been donated to Chester County Hospital?

The Women's Auxiliary has donated over \$4 million over the years. Donations have been earmarked for mammography equipment, 24 private rooms in the New Mother and Baby Pavilion in the Lasko Tower, redesign of the Emergency Room to help with wait-time there. More recent gifts include a \$2-million pledge to the Hospital's capital campaign for the construction of the new tower.

What do guests see on the tours?

Amazing homes, carriage houses, working barns, converted barns, party barns, gardens, churches, historic landmarks, covered bridges, back roads and beautiful countryside. Plus friends waiting in line.

People don't always realize that homeowners prepare for months to ready their homes. Tour-goers get to enjoy manicured gardens and flower arrangements, antique furnishings that have been collected, art-work that's shared, and the history that makes the properties and this county so special.

Do you need volunteers and homes for next year's tour?

We're always looking for volunteers to help greet guests at the homes, park cars on The Day, help mark the route and many other jobs. The volunteer list tops out at 500 now, but all new help is readily accepted. And the House Committee is always looking for homeowners interested in being part of The Chester County Day House Tour. Contact us at the Chester County Day Office: 610-431-5301. ♦

Can you tell us about the most unusual properties on the tour?

One of the most popular features are barns converted into residences. Some are intimate and retain original features, while others are completely transformed into soaring spaces and breathtaking adaptations for modern living. The tour highlights compact town-homes as well as multi-acre estates. Something for every interest.







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