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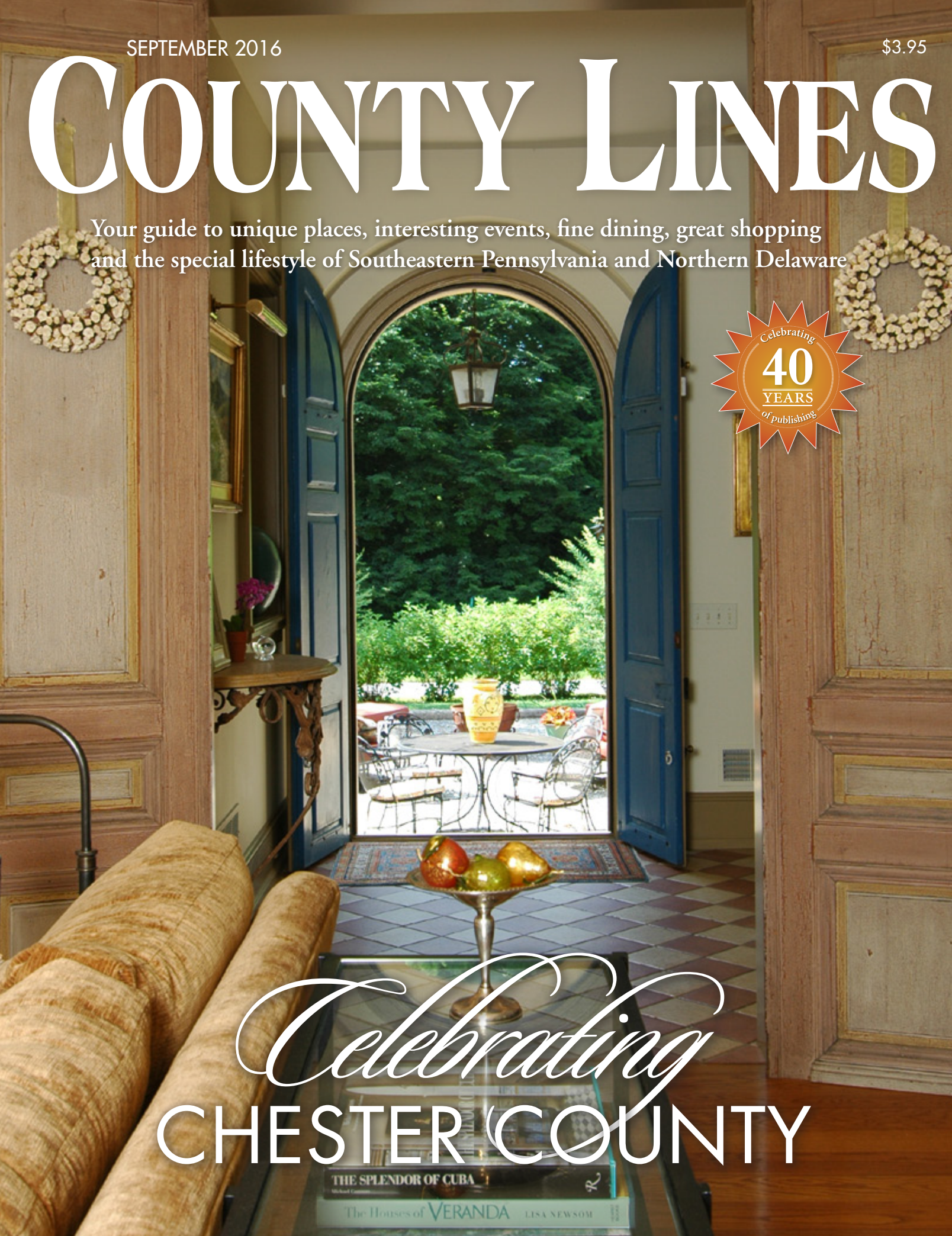
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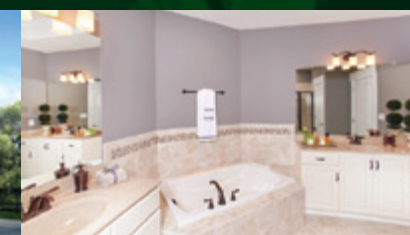
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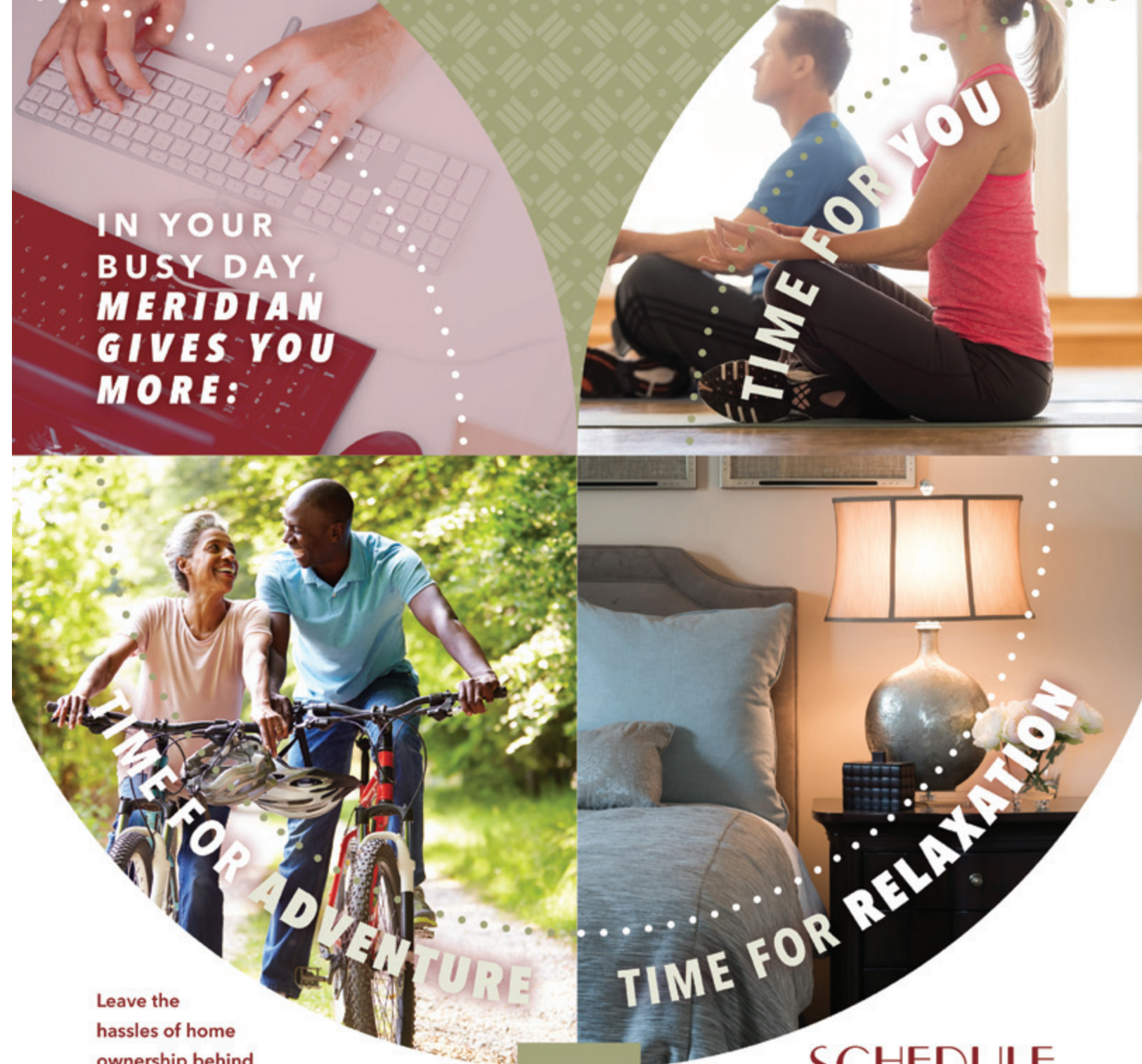
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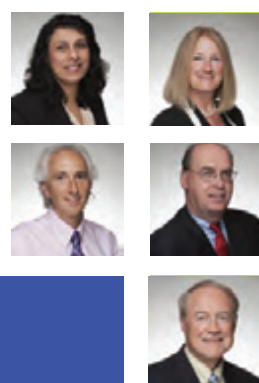
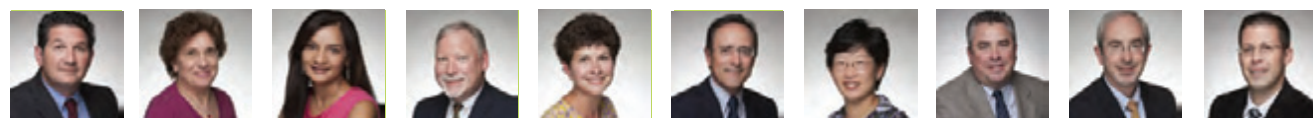


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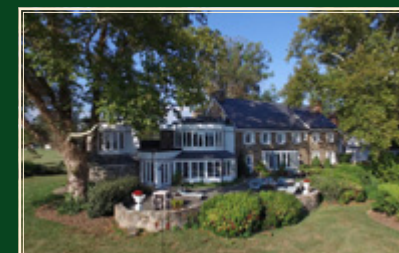


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EDITOR

September marks our 40th year of publication! Please join us as we continue to celebrate what's great about our area. This month it's houses, history and horses.

For starters, there's Matt Freeman's "76th Tour of Tours" featuring five special homes on the Chester County Day Tour, October 1. Enjoy an armchair preview of highlights from the south-western quadrant of the county. Laurel Anderson takes you to a French Country-style home in Chester Springs for the Home of the Month feature, where the beauty is in the details.

Blake Goll, of Willistown Conservation Trust, explains how to invite birds into your yard and your life in "Igniting Fascination Through Birdscaping." Make a home for birds.

We cover history in Laurel Anderson's "Local Treasure Trifecta: Warwick Furnace Farm." A 553-acre former Pew-family property is a showcase for R. Brognard Okie's work at the site where Pennsylvania's iron and steel industry started 300 years ago. Now it and the Exceptional Value French Creek are protected under a perpetual conservation easement.

For equestrian fans, September marks the fall season with four distinctly different events. Ginny Simon covers "World-Class Dressage," right in our backyard in Devon. And Hannah Baker previews the community favorite Ludwig's Corner Horse Show, the all-jumper excitement at the Devon Fall Classic, and Olympic-caliber thrills at Plantation Field Horse Trials.

And for horse-less carriages, Jack Smith covers the 20th anniversary of the Concours d'Elegance car show at Radnor Hunt.

Of course, we also cover food and drink, starting with Kayleigh Thompson's ode to rosé wine in "Extending the Rosé Season." It's not just for summer anymore. Plus Laura Brennan gets some help from Westtown School on making healthy and creative lunches for fall.

As always, we bring you the Best Local Events and tons of Family Fun, including a peek at "Get the Picture!" an exhibit at the Brandywine River Museum of Art on contemporary children's book illustrations.

Thank you for reading this issue.

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Rx for Summer Shoe Woes

Dr. Dana Dober

YOUR CHOICES FOR FALL SHOES CAN HELP RELIEVE A WORLD OF FOOT PAIN.

WOMEN'S FEET, IN PARTICULAR, TAKE A BEATING in the summer. Dressing up involves high heels, while choices for dressing down are sandals and flip flops. Pretty summer shoes can cause blisters, pain and increased risk of injury. Too-high heels affect your foot position, and flat sandals lack arch support and adequate cushioning for your feet.

Your seasonal shoe choices may cause or exacerbate a range of common foot problems, so don't be surprised if by fall you're noticing things like:

- Bunions – an enlargement or bony bump at the base of your big toe, that, as it grows, pushes the second toe over and can cause swelling and pain if shoes are tight.

- Hammertoes – toes contract up instead of lying flat, caused by toes gripping your shoes to keep them on; aggravated by tight shoes that cause rubbing and pressure, resulting in corns and callouses.

- Plantar fasciitis – inflammation of the tissue on the bottom of the foot, caused by shoes with inadequate support and resulting in heel pain.

- Metatarsalgia – pain in the ball of the foot from improper fitting shoes and high heels and leading to extreme discomfort. Also as we age, fat pads in our feet thin and we lose our natural cushioning.

- Achilles tendon pain – shrinkage happens to this tendon (running from the back of the heel to the calf) when high heels are worn too often, causing pain when going barefoot or in flat shoes.

You'll likely walk about 75,000 miles by age 50, so you might as well do some of that in good shoes.

I suggest you pamper your feet with better shoes for fall. Here are some tips for making better shoe choices:

- Re-measure the length and width of both feet to ensure proper fit because shoe sizes do not follow a universal standard. Fit for your longest toe.

- Check shoe construction for proper support. Shoes should bend in the toe box, not at mid-arch. The heel area shouldn't be easy to squeeze in new shoes.

- Check the toe box shape and depth. Choose a deeper shoe box for room for bunions, hammertoes, wide forefoot. Square and round shapes are better than pointed.

- Choose shoes that lace, buckle or have straps for better arch support.

- Opt for removable insoles to let you add orthotics or more cushioned insoles.

- Avoid spending too much time barefoot or in socks—time without arch support and cushioning.

A few words on heels. High heels themselves are not the enemy. Wear your Manolos, just not too often. And make wise choices the rest of the time—like wearing walking shoes to your destination, then changing into stylish shoes for your grand entrance.

A few more tips:

- Choose wider, lower heels and wedges. Heels higher than two inches shift body weight forward, increasing pressure on the ball of the foot and on toes, leading to hammer toes, metatarsalgia, corns and callouses. Lower heels give more support and reduce the risk of ankle rolls and falls.

- Peep toe shoes tempt women to show off pretty pedicures. But this style can cause toes to slip forward or overlap, and may push nail edges into skin, causing ingrown toenails.

A special note to those with diabetes. You should be hyper-vigilant about foot problems, checking daily for pressure areas, redness, blisters, sores and nail problems. Nerve damage and numbness in the feet of diabetics means you may not feel minor problems that can quickly become serious.

Finally, remember that your feet

shouldn't hurt all the time. Pain may indicate injury, irritation or illness, so persistent foot pain means you should see a podiatrist. That's a doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM) who diagnoses and treats conditions of the foot, ankle and related structures of the leg. The DPM designation means the doctor has completed years of rigorous foot and ankle training in podiatric medical school and hospital residency training, making them uniquely qualified

to care for this key part of your body.

So please take these steps to help your feet last a lifetime. ♦

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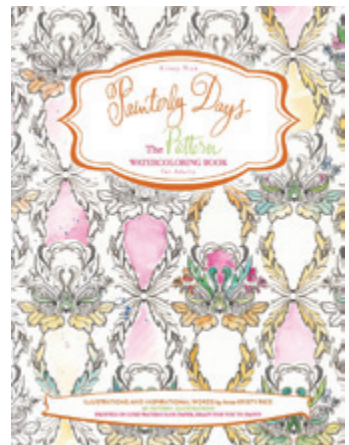
[Good to Know] *Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month*



Oh Snap. Birdwatchers on the prowl for a digital bird guide, look no further. The next time you spot a feathered friend, snap a photo with your phone and watch as **Birdsnap**, a free iPhone app, sifts through 500 species to identify your bird. Better than an old-fashioned field guide, the app even uses your location to produce a local bird guide. Say goodbye to flipping through paper books and hello to birding in the 21st century. More at BirdSnap.com.

Stroke of Genius.

Made popular a few years ago, adult coloring books are coloring outside the lines with a new trend—**adult water coloring books**. Spend an afternoon de-stressing with an activity touted by art therapists and meditation specialists alike. Encourage your creative side while freeing your mind with detailed patterns leading to personal reflection and mindful calmness. Start relaxing today with Kristy Rice's new line of water-coloring books, *Painterly Days*, featuring a collection of nature scenes. Find more at SchifferBooks.com.



Colonial Cultivation.

Treat your family to a historic good time at the **Paoli Battle Lecture Series** at Malvern's General Warren Inne, a tavern that was the nearest site to the Battle of Paoli. Costumed re-enactors will regale you on the origins of guns, Alexander Hamilton's transformation from orphan to Founding Father, and Ben Franklin's ingenious inventions. Travel back in time while enjoying an 18th-century American Fare Buffet. The series runs on second Mondays and benefits the Paoli Battlefield Historical Park. Reservations at GeneralWarren.com.



Oktoberfest ... in September?

When fall arrives, as thousands anticipate German-inspired Oktoberfests—the beer-inspired jubilee, dating back to 1810—many wonder: Why is Oktoberfest in September? Originally beginning on October 12, to celebrate Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage, the beer fest's date was pushed forward to September 17 when warmer evenings allowed fans to enjoy beer gardens and outdoor festivities through the night. Celebrate locally at **Malvern's Harvest Oktoberfest** (Sept. 25), **Boyertown's Oktoberfest** (Sept. 16) and more. Check our Events section for details.

Bazaar Bargains.

Attention thrifters and second-hand shoppers! Itching for the rush of a big sale? Set your gently used sights on local flea markets. Named in 1922 after resale markets—which sometimes included fleas with the goods—today's markets are more sanitary and even more popular! Browse a special memorabilia collection at the **Punk Rock Flea Market** in Callowhill, Philadelphia, or visit the **West Chester Vintage Garage Sale**, September 2. FleaMarkets.com lists markets near you. So get thrifting!





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September Picks

Our Picks for top events this month

Greener Partners "Remarkable Farms" Gala

September 24

Seated dinner featuring local, farm-fresh food and spirits, a Farmers' Square offering tastings from local purveyors and a live auction. Benefits Greener Partners' mission of healthy communities through food, farms and education. *Urban Outfitters at The Navy Yard, 5000 S. Broad St., Bldg. 543, Philadelphia. 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets start at \$150. Remarkable-FarmsGala.com.*



Gala participant on Greener Partners' signature blender bike.

The Bridges of Madison County

September 14–
October 23

Media Music Theatre opens the 2016–2017 season with the musical based on the best-selling novel by Jason Robert Brown. Winner of the 2014 Tony Award for Best Score and Orchestrations, this sweeping romance will leave you breathless. *104 E. State St., Media. Wed.–Sun., check website for show times. \$25–\$50. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.*



Pints in the Square

September 17

Newtown Square's inaugural brewfest is a celebration of local craft brewing, active lifestyles and the community. The day features a 5k walk/run followed by a craft beer festival with 20-some local and regional breweries, live music, great food and vendors. Benefits the Newtown Square Fire Company. *Ellis Preserve, 3801 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$25–\$65. PintsInTheSquare.com.*

7th Annual Phoenixville Blues Festival

September 9–10

Come out and enjoy a day of great music. Talented, local musicians gather at Reeves Park for a day of the blues, great food and activities. Hosted by Steel City Blues Society, the festival benefits local charities such as Give the Gift of Music Foundation, PACS, Phoenixville Library and Phoenixville Comm. Education Fdn. *Pre-party on Fri., Bistro on Bridge, 7:30 p.m. Concert on Sat., Reeves Park, Main St. & 2nd Ave. Begins at noon, last concert at 9 p.m. Free; donations accepted. Details on performers, PvilleBlues.org.*



37th Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival

September 18

Sample food from over 65 restaurants and food vendors, visit 120 crafters and enjoy seven bands on three stages. Relax at the beer and wine garden at Gay & Church Sts. Benefits the West Chester Dept. of Parks & Rec and the Send a Kid to Camp Fund. *Gay St. and Market St., West Chester. Noon to 5:30 p.m. Rain date Sept. 25. ChesterCountyRestaurantFestival.com.*



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway. Loops and tunnels with 15 different rail lines, two cable cars, nine bridges and model trains. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Mon–Fri, 10 to 4; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8. \$8–\$16. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

1st, 3rd THURSDAY
THROUGH NOVEMBER 3
Wee Ones at Winterthur Museum. Early childhood series, ages 3–5, incorporating active learning through music, movement and exploration. Themes relate to the museum and garden. 5105 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 10:30 am. \$5 per child; one adult, free. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



SEPTEMBER 10–11
Chadds Ford Days. The grounds of the Chadds Ford Historical Society come alive with live entertainment, Colonial demonstrations, over 60 vendors, local restaurants and more. 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

SEPTEMBER 11
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. \$12–\$40. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

SEPTEMBER 17
Westtown Day. Reenactments, tours of Oakbourne Mansion, children's games, a petting zoo, historical preservation awards and food. Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 10 to 2. Free. Rain date, Sept. 18. 610-692-1938; WesttownPA.org.

SEPTEMBER 17
6th Annual Pottstown Pet Fair. Chat with representatives from animal shelters, wildlife groups and vets. Vendors offer goods and services. Pottstown Memorial Park, 75 W. King St. 9 to 3. Free. 610-970-6507.

SEPTEMBER 17
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. 1 to 5 pm. Free. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.



SEPTEMBER 18
Radnor Fall Festival. Family activities including street performances, dancers from local dance studios, face painting and carnival rides. N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 1 to 5. Free. 610-687-7698; RadnorFallFestival.com.

SEPTEMBER 22
The Wiggles Rock & Roll Preschool Tour at The Grand. The wildly popular children's entertainment group returns with their incomparable brand of entertainment. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 6:30 pm. \$32–\$65. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrandWilmington.org.



SEPTEMBER 24
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 vendors' crafts and food. Monument & Wayne Aves., Malvern. Donation, \$8; children, \$5; family, \$20. 11 to 5. 484-320-7173; PBPFFInc.org.

SEPTEMBER 24
Community Day at Warwick County Park. A celebration of community highlighting 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 25
Malvern Harvest Oktoberfest and Bark in the Park. Featuring a beer garden, live music, shopping, kids activities, delicious food and so much more. Burke Park is home to Bark in the Park, an all-about-dogs event. Along King St. and in Burke Park, Malvern. 11 to 4. Free. Malvern-Festivals.com.

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 2
92nd Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, music, live animal exhibits, food and rodeo on Sat, 6 pm, \$10–\$15; auction on Sun. Landhope Farms, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Fri–Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 5:30. UCFairInc.org.

OCTOBER 1
Nottingham Country Fair & Color Run. Family-friendly activities, entertainment and contests. Benefits the W. Nottingham Twp. Emergency Services Relief Fund. Nottingham Co. Park, 150 Park Rd. 10 to 2. \$5/parking. 610-932-2589; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

OCTOBER 1–2
Delaware Nature Society Harvest Moon Festival. Children's activities and crafts, hayrides, music, food and wagon and pony rides. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. No dogs. Daily 10 to 5. \$7. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

OCTOBER 9
Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch. Tractor and pony rides, pumpkin patches and carving, a hay bale maze, an instrument petting zoo and music. The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 1 to 4. Free. Rain date, Oct. 16. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

ANTIQUES & VINTAGE.....

SEPTEMBER 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; DowntownWestChester.com.

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 2
Main Line Antiques Show. Forty distinguished dealers offer a wide selection of fine antiques. Cabrini Univ. Dixon Center, 610 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor. Fri, Opening Night, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a light buffet, 6 to 9, \$75–\$200. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 3. \$15. 484-580-9609; MainLineAntiquesShow.com.



ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER
Wrapped Up: Yarnbombing at Morris Arboretum. Fiber artist Melissa Maddonni Haims weaves her magic at the Morris Arboretum. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Daily 10 to 4, weekends until 5. \$9–\$17. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

SEPTEMBER 2–4
Long's Park Art Festival. 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. Rt. 30 & Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. Fri–Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$7–\$12. 717-735-8883; LongsPark.org.

SEPTEMBER 3–4
Heart of Lancaster County Arts & Crafts Show. Featuring 200 juried artists, food and live entertainment. Roots Market, 705 Graystone Rd., Manheim. Daily 10 to 4. Free. 717-898-6297; HLCShow.com.

SEPTEMBER 10
42nd 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; EBHPSPA.org.

SEPTEMBER 10–11
Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Artists exhibit in a wide range of styles, live music, children's activities and local food vendors. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5; under 12, free. 302-690-5555; BrandywineArts.com.

SEPTEMBER 17
Pennypacker Mills Craft Marketplace. Many craftspeople offer a wide variety of wares. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. 9:30 to 3. Free. 610-489-9732; FriendsPPM.org.

SEPTEMBER 24
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. Park Ave., Swarthmore. 10 to 5. Free. 610-566-1713; FineArtsAndCraftsFestival.org.

SEPTEMBER 24
Art on the Green in Historic New Castle. Delaware River in Battery Park, 3rd & South Sts., New Castle, DE. 10 to 4. Free. 302-328-5466; ArtOnTheGreenDE.net.

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 1
18th 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. 717-664-2359; MoravianManor.org.



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OCTOBER 1-2

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 2-9

Annual Berks County Art Show. Museum-quality paintings by the school of artists from Berks County, circa 1850-1950. Greshville Antiques & Fine Art, 1041 S. Reading Ave. (Rt. 562), Boyertown. **Oct. 2**, 12 to 5; **Oct. 3-8**, 10 to 5; **Oct. 9**, 12 to 5. Free. 610-367-0076; GreshvilleAntiques.com.

OCTOBER 7

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

OCTOBER 7-16

Daylesford Abbey Annual Art Show. Major and miniature works of art, as well as sculpture, pottery, jewelry and other handcrafted items. **Oct. 7**, Grand Opening, complimentary wine and cheese, 5 to 8. Show is open daily, noon to 4. 610-647-2530; DaylesfordAbbey.org.



AUTO SHOWS.....

SEPTEMBER 9-11

20th Annual Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance. **Sept. 9**, Welcome Barbecue, 6:30 pm, \$65. **Sept. 10**, Road Rally, 8 am, followed by luncheon, \$185; Cars and Coffee, 8 to 2, free; Black Tie Gala, auction and art show, 6 pm, \$175, after dinner party, \$125. **Sept. 10**, Concours d'Elegance, 9 am, \$40. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Ctr. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorConcours.org.

SEPTEMBER 18

Hagley Museum & Library's Annual Car Show. More than 500 antique and restored cars are on display. Special feature: "Barn Finds and Un-Restored Originals." Vehicle parades, vintage jukebox display, go-kart racing and a festival food court. 200 Hagley Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$5-\$14. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

Local Farm Markets

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

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Kerr Park, 1 Park La. **Sat, 9 to 1.** 610-836-1391; Growing-Roots-Partners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Eagleview Town Ctr., Wellington Sq., Exton. **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., E. State St., between Broad and Union Sts. **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; LancasterCounty-FarmersMarket.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.

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

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

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

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

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

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SEPTEMBER 9-11

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EQUESTRIAN.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER, FRIDAYS, SUNDAYS
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; polo at 3. \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

SEPTEMBER 3-5

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

SEPTEMBER 15-18

Devon Fall Classic. See article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER 15-18

Plantation Field International Horse Trials. See article in this issue.

SEPTEMBER 25

Brandywine Valley SPCA Benefit Horse Show. Over 300 participants—hunters and jumpers—a beer garden, adoptable pets, kid's activities and food. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, 5 Nantmeal Rd., Glenmoore. 8 to dusk. Free. 610-228-0952; BVSPCA.org.

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 7

Dressage at Devon. See article in this issue.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

See also: **FAMILY FUN & FUNDRAISERS**

THROUGH OCTOBER 30

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. 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 10

Odessa Brewfest. Sample some of the best regional and national craft beers, as well as locally produced wine and spirits, accompanied by great food and music. 201 Main St., Odessa, DE. Noon to 6. \$50-\$75. 302-378-4119; OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 10-11

31st Annual Mushroom Festival in Kennett Square. Enjoy tasty mushroom foods, mushroom exhibits, cooking demos, antique and classic car show and kids entertainment. Fri, community parade with dining and dancing in the streets, 6 to 10; Sat, 10 to 7:30; Sun, 10 to 5. \$2. 610-444-8188; MushroomFestival.org.

SEPTEMBER 11

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. 18. 9:30 to 5. 610-583-4432, ext. 102; MediaPA.com.

SEPTEMBER 16-17

Boyetown's Annual Oktoberfest. You'll find local food vendors, a beer garden, live music, raffle and craft vendors. Fri, 5 to 9; Sat, 11 to 9. Tapping of the keg ceremony on Sat, 11 am. BoyetownOktoberfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 17

6th Annual Dogfish Head Analog-a-Go-Go Festival. A celebration of all-things indie craft, with live bands, a cask beer festival and distillery garden, artisans and local food trucks. Bellevue State Park, 800 Carr Rd., Wilmington. 1 to 10 pm. \$85-\$115. 800-441-7223; AnalogAGoGo.com.

SEPTEMBER 25

Downingtown Fall Fest. Street festival featuring food and craft vendors, Victory Brewing Beer Garden and live entertainment. Green

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SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 23, NOV. 6
Clover Market. A seasonal open-air market featuring over 100 vendors with antiques and collectibles, vintage jewelry, clothing, handmade items and original art. 7 N. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 10 to 5. TheCloverMarket.com.

OCTOBER 1
Kennett Brewfest. Sample beers from over 90 local, regional and craft breweries, enjoy food, live music and vendors. Downtown Kennett Square, 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square.

Connoisseur Tasting, noon; regular fest begins at 1:30 pm. All taps close at 5:30 pm. \$15–\$75. 610-444-8188; KennettBrewfest.com.

OCTOBER 6, 8
King of Prussia Beerfest Royale. Over 50 craft and international brewers, 100+ beers and area restaurants in an outdoor beer garden and live music on two stages. Donnerstag Happy Hour, Thurs, 5:30 to 9, \$60–\$75; Sat, noon to 3:30 and 6 to 9:30, \$40–\$45. Designated driver, \$15. KOPBeerfest.com.

OCTOBER 8
Newtown Square Railroad Museum Com-

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



OCTOBER 8
White Horse Village Annual Octofair. Take part in the silent auction, shop for crafts and artwork, sample delicious food and let the kids enjoy the Children's Corner. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 9 to 2:30. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

FOOD & BEVERAGE.....
THROUGH SEPT. 30, WEDNESDAYS
Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State St., from Jackson to Orange Sts. Entertainment, activities on each block. 5 to 11. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

SEPTEMBER 12–17
Brandywine Valley Restaurant Week. Upscale dining with prix fixe menus at premier restaurants in N. Delaware and S. Chester Co. \$15 lunch and \$35 dinner. BrandywineTaste.com.

SEPTEMBER 16
Food Truck Festival at Chester County Library. From surf and turf to waffles, empanadas to cupcakes, let your tastebuds be your guide. Benefits the Chester County Library System. 450 Exton Square Pkwy., Exton. 3 to 6 pm. ChesCoLibraries.org.

SEPTEMBER 22
Annual “Taste of the Town” Event. Restaurants offer tastings of their signature dishes to win “Best of the Fest.” Benefits and is held at the Community Arts Ctr., 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 6:30 pm. Adv. tickets, \$75. 610-566-1713; FineArtsAndCraftsFestival.org.

SEPTEMBER 25
DE Museum of Natural History’s “Wine & Dinosaurs”—Wine, Beer & Food Tasting. Sample the fare while bidding on the silent auction and enjoying live entertainment. Benefits museum programs. Must be over 21. 4840 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Wilmington. Noon to 4. \$45–\$55. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.



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Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 5 pm. Tickets start at \$100. 610-933-0606; MLAR.org.

SEPTEMBER 25
Auburn Heights Preserve Invitational—Annual Fundraiser at Marshall Steam Museum. Historic autos from the classic era, with a spotlight display on Roadsters and Runabouts. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. 12:30 to 4:30. \$14–\$24. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

OCTOBER 2
Delaware Humane Assoc. Rubber Duck Race. “Adopt” a rubber duck for a chance to win prizes. Benefits DHA’s mission of

helping homeless companion animals. Brandywine Town Ctr., 3300 Brandywine Pkwy., Wilmington. 1 to 4. 302-571-8171; DEHumane.org.

OCTOBER 2
Kennett Symphony Presents The Classics at Brantwyn. Annual vintage and super car tour and show at Brantwyn Mansion, featuring a Grand Parade, champagne brunch and live blues. 600 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 11 am. \$95. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

OCTOBER 3
14th Annual People’s Light Golf Classic.

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 5. Free. VisitWilmingtonDE.com.

OCTOBER 1
Phoenixville Food Festival 2016. Enjoy gourmet foods from over 35 food trucks, with food both sweet and savory, and a variety of vendors. Main St. and Bridge St. (100 and 200 blocks). Free parking and a free shuttle service. Noon to 6 pm. PhoenixvilleFoodFestival.com.

OCTOBER 2
36th Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. Music stages with bands and children’s activities. 9 to 5. Rain date, Oct. 9. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

FUNDRAISERS.....
SEPTEMBER 10
26th Annual Wings N’ Wheels. Aircraft, cars, sightseeing flights, food, music and kids activities. Benefits Angel Flight East, providing free air transport for ill patients. Wings Field, 1501 Narciss Rd., Blue Bell. 11 to 4. \$5–\$10. 215-358-1900; AngelFlightEast.org.

SEPTEMBER 18
Taste of Berwyn. Restaurants, vendors, games and play area for children, a photo booth, live music and a variety of beer and wine. Benefits Daemion Counseling Center. Hilltop House Estate, 570 Beaumont Rd., Devon. Noon to 5. \$5 for age 21 and over. TasteOfBerwyn.com.



SEPTEMBER 24
The Gathering—Fundraiser for Home of the Sparrow. Great wine, food trucks, live music and beautiful scenery at Penns Woods Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. Home of the Sparrow secures housing, education and support for homeless and low-income women. 6:30 to 9. \$55. 610-647-4940; Home-OfTheSparrow.org.

SEPTEMBER 24
Main Line Animal Rescue—HUMAIN STREET USA. A night of small town celebration with great food, live music, classic cars, an auction and special guests. Benefits Main Line Animal Rescue. Pickering Meade Farm, 1149

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OCTOBER 8

Thorncroft Equestrian Center's 7th Annual "Lobstah Bake." Old-fashioned fun at this annual fundraiser. Plenty of lobster, chicken, cases of wine and kegs of beer as well as lots of dancing to live music and kids entertainment. Jimmy Moran North Arena, 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 5 to 9. Tickets start at \$85. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.



GARDENS & PLANTS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Longwood Gardens—Nightscape. Color,

light and sound emerge from the Gardens to create an evening you'll never forget—with a few new surprises this year. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9 am to 11 pm. \$17–\$27. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 31, FRI & SAT

Individual House Tours at Chanticleer Garden. Take a tour and learn about the Rosengarten family, Chanticleer's history and life on the Main Line. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Fri, Sat, 11 am. \$15 incl. general admission. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Mt. Cuba Center's New Garden. The new planting design uses native perennials to demonstrate the beauty and utility of native plants in a formal setting. 3120 Barley Mill Rd., Hockessin. Wed–Sun, 10 to 4. \$5–\$10. 302-239-8883; MtCubaCenter.org.

SEPTEMBER 10

12th Annual Secret Gardens of West Chester Tour & Plant Sale. A walking tour of 10+ private gardens in the S. Walnut St. neighborhood. 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 27, OCTOBER 5

Events at The Delaware Center for Horticulture. *Sept. 27*, Open House & Garden Party—tour and refreshments, wine tasting, 5:30 pm, free. *Oct. 5*, Brews for Bulbs Pub Crawl—join the staff at one of seven locations, where a special brew is on tap. Benefits The DCH. 4:30 to 7. Locations, 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

Brandywine River Museum of Art. *Through Oct. 9*, "Get the Picture! Contemporary Children's Book Illustrations." *Through Nov. 6*, "New Terrains: American Landscape Paintings from the Bequest of Richard M. Scaife." 1 Hoffman's Hill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9:30 to 4:30. \$6–\$15. First Sun of month, free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

The Christian C. Sanderson Museum. "Simply Sanderson" is never-before-seen photos and artifacts from the collection. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs–Sun, noon to 4. \$5–\$8; under 5, free. 610-388-6545; Sander-sonMuseum.org.

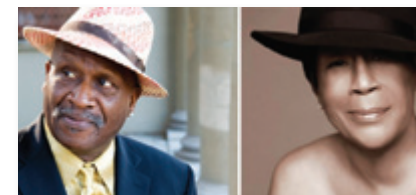
THROUGH DECEMBER 31

The Delaware Art Museum Exhibits. *Through Sept. 18*, Edward Koren: The Capricious Line; *through Dec. 31*, Howard Pyle Murals. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4 pm; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4, free on Sun. \$6–\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT.....

THROUGH OCTOBER

Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series. *Thurs, through Oct.*, live music in the Beer Garden, 6 to 9 pm; *Sept. 11*, Taj Mahal Trio and Bettye LaVette, 7:30, \$35–\$59. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



SEPTEMBER 1, 15, 29

Uptown! Entertainment Presents ... First Thursdays, Sept. 1, local bands perform, 8 to 11, \$10. *Sept. 15*, Jazz Cocktail Hour with Sara Michaels, 6:30 to 8, \$15. *Sept. 29*, Better than Bacon Improv, 8 to 11, \$10. Sprout Music Collective, 130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester. UptownWestChester.org.

SEPTEMBER 3–OCTOBER 1

Paradoxx Vineyard Summer Concert Series. *Sept. 3*, The Blue Route Band; *Sept. 17*, Knowlton Point; *Oct. 1*, Sara Spicer Band. 1833 Flint Hill Rd., Landenberg. 5 to 9 pm. \$10 includes concert and 1 glass of wine; under 20, free. 610-255-5684; Paradoxx.com.

SEPTEMBER 11

Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley. Jelani Eddington performs on the TOSDV 3/24 Wurlitzer at The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. \$15; 12 and under, \$5. Benefits the TOSDV Restoration Fund. 215-780-0831; TOSDV.org.

SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 5

The Grand Wilmington. *Sept. 16*, Jenny Lewis—Rabbit Fur Coat Tour with The Watson Twins; *Sept. 21*, Old Crow Medicine Show; *Sept. 23*, DE Symphony Orchestra; *Oct. 5*, Jonny Lang and special guest K. Phillips. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$46–\$49. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrandWilmington.org.



SEPTEMBER 18

Vox Ama Deus—Camarata Ama Deus Chamber Orchestra. "Best of Bach" Valentin Radu, piano, director and conductor. Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 6:30 pm. \$10–\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.



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SEPTEMBER 23

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OCTOBER 1

Paoli Blues Fest. Premier blues musicians perform on the main stage. Food vendors, street fair, beer and wine garden and kid's activities make this a fun, family event. Main stage, Paoli Village Shoppes. Noon to 6. 610-206-7743 or 610-644-6759; PaoliBluesFest.com.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

SEPTEMBER 9–11

Chester County's Red, White and Brew Run.

It's a festival weekend with three days of running different distances, great food, beer, wine and entertainment. Activities take place and runs begin on Main St., Phoenixville. 800-620-4522; Visit RedWhiteAndBrewRun.com.

SEPTEMBER 17

Bike the Brandywine. A 40- or 80-mi. loop highlighting the Brandywine Creek Greenway. Begin and end at Chadds Ford Historical Society, 1736 N. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 7:30 to 4:30. \$45. Brandywine.org/Conservancy.

SEPTEMBER 22

Fall Equinox Labyrinth Walk at DE Art Museum. Take a walk in the labyrinth in the Anthony N. Fusco Reservoir. 2401 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 to 7 pm. Free, donations accepted. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

SEPTEMBER 24

18th Annual Kimberton Run. A 5K run/walk and Kids Fun Run through East Pikeland. Benefits Kimberton Lions' projects. Kimberton Fire Co., Rt. 113, Phoenixville. Reg., 8 am; run, 9 am; Kids Fun Run, 10. \$13–\$19. 610-935-2346; KimbertonRun.com.

SEPTEMBER 30

Stroud Water Research Center—Stroud Uncorked. Spend an evening on the Center's campus to celebrate freshwater. Wine, beer, live

music and hors d'oeuvres. 970 Spencer Rd., Avondale. 7 to 9:30. \$50. StroudCenter.org.

OCTOBER 1

Main Line Animal Rescue Gran Fondo Cycling Event. Beginner to advanced trails with rest-stops, an after party with beer, food and a live band. Pickering Meade Farm, Pike Springs Rd., Chester Springs. 7:30 am. \$75–\$85. 610-933-0606; MLAR.org.

OCTOBER 2

43rd Annual Marshalton Triathlon. Bike, canoe and pace-walk at this family-friendly event with music, food and drink. Benefits West Bradford Fire Co. Rt. 162. Check-in, 6:30 am; race, 8. \$50. MarshaltonTriathlon.net.

THEATERS.....

SEPTEMBER 14–OCTOBER 2

Delaware Theatre Company—War of the Roses. 200 Water St., Wilmington. Check website for show times, Wed–Sun. \$20–\$55. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

SEPTEMBER 28–OCTOBER 30

The Mountaintop. Katori Hall's Olivier Award-winning drama about a hotel maid who inspires Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$28–\$63. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER 29, SATURDAYS

Bird/Nature Walks at John James Audubon Center. Bring your binoculars (they can be provided if you forget) and look for birds in the meadow and on trails. 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon. 8 to 10 am. Free. 443-315-3941; JJACEducation@Audubon.org.

SEPTEMBER 2, 10, 15

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. Sept. 2, First Fridays: Kennett Square. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. **Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3070; PHX-FirstFriday.com. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; **Wilmington,** 302-576-2489; WilmingtonDE.gov. **Sept. 10, Second Saturday: Media,** 484-445-4161; Media-ArtsCouncil.com. **Sept. 15, Malvern Stroll,** MalvernBusiness.com; **Third Thursday on State Street, Kennett Square,** HistoricKennettSquare.com.

SEPTEMBER 11

Coatesville Remembers: 15th Annual World Trade Center Commemoration. Guests are invited for quiet reflection among the World Trade Center Steel Tridents. Lukens Executive

Office Building, 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. Free. Bell ringing from 8:30 to 10:30 am. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

SEPTEMBER 13

CCHS History on Tap—Jailing The Johnston Gang: Bringing Serial Murderers To Justice. Author Bruce E. Mowday discusses his book and talks about the gang responsible for at least 10 murders in Chester County. The Whip Tavern, 1383 N. Chatham Rd., Coatesville. 6:30 pm. Free, res. req. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

SEPTEMBER 15

Chadds Ford Hist. Society—Tavern Talks. A new series for adults, focusing on early American history and culture with activities, food and drinks. This month, "Creating the Perfect (Colonial) Selfie." Barns Brinton House, 6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$10. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

SEPTEMBER 20, 27, OCTOBER 4

Greystone Hall—A Chester County Architectural Gem. Greystone Hall and the Chester Co. Hist. Soc. present a series of lectures on architect Charles Barton Keen, his designs and the history of the Sharples Separator Co. 1034 Phoenixville Pk., West Chester. 6:30 pm. \$30. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org/Events.

SEPTEMBER 24–25

An American Life & Times History Tour in Western Delaware County. More than ten sites are scheduled to be on the tour on Sat, from 10 to 3. Tours of Brandywine Battlefield on Sun. Take the bus for the historic tour, \$10; free if you drive yourself. 610-459-9507.

OCTOBER 1

76th Annual Chester County Day Tour. Visit 21 homes and 14 public structures in the southwest quadrant of the county. Tickets, \$40, are available at Chester Co. Hospital and other locations, (see website). VIP ticket, \$100, includes a tour of the home of Judge Robert Gawthrop III, a preview party at Vickers Restaurant, a chance to tour for the day in a Mini from Otto's Mini of Exton, and a gourmet boxed. Benefits Chester County Hospital. 610-431-5329; CCHosp.com. ♦

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The artists represent an exciting diversity in subject matter, reflecting the increasing inclusiveness in today's field, and a remarkable range of working methods, styles, and mediums that serve the artists' creativity.

While you're there, you may also enjoy visiting the permanent collection, which includes works by N. C. Wyeth (1882-1945), one of America's foremost 20th-century illustrators. His renowned images of swashbuckling pirates, armor-clad knights and hard-riding cowboys fired the imaginations of readers for generations.



SOPHIE BLACKALL

Blackall creates marvelous books for the very young and for more advanced readers. Among her many awards, Blackall received the 2016 Caldecott Medal for *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*, about Winnie-the-Pooh.

Image from: *Finding Winnie: The True Story of The World's Most Famous Bear*, written by Lindsay Mattick.



MARLA FRAZEE

Fraze understands the mind of the child and imbues her characters—a farmer and a clown, or a bossy baby—with a wonderful blend of whimsy, wit and touching tenderness. In *The Boss Baby*, with its playful

use of humorous text and watercolor illustrations, Fraze describes a young couple's newest arrival. Image from: *The Boss Baby* by Marla Frazee.

MELISSA SWEET

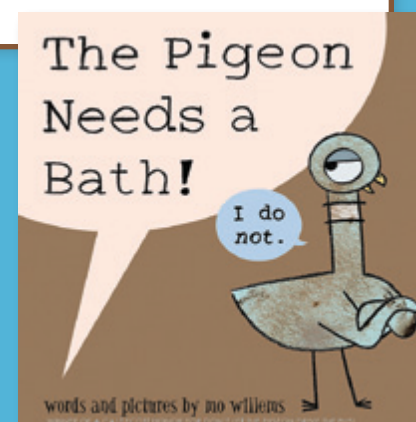
Often working with historical subjects, Sweet constructs her collages with a vast assortment of visual and cultural references that enrich and enliven her images. Her recent book, *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*, tells the story of the West Chester artist, many of whose works are on view at the Brandywine River Museum of Art.

Image from: *A Splash of Red: The Art and Life of Horace Pippin*, written by Jen Bryant.



MO WILLEMS

Willems, who comes out of animating and writing for *Sesame Street*, knows how to tickle funny bones of all ages. His drawings depicting the trials and tribulations of an irascible pigeon and the comedic duo Elephant and Piggie, deftly convey his grasp of juvenile humor. Image from: *The Pigeon Needs a Bath!* by Mo Willems.



RAÚL COLÓN

A master of jewel-like color and organic form, Colón brings important Latino/Hispanic stories to the page, celebrating influential role models such as Leontyne Price and Sonia Sotomayor. *Draw!*, based on Colón's childhood, is an imaginative and wordless book that takes the reader on an exciting adventure through a young boy's mind.

Image from: *Draw!* by Raúl Colón. Image courtesy R. Michelson Galleries.



BRYAN COLLIER

Collier works in a collage style evocative of Romare Bearden, and his books often chronicle important figures of the African American experience, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Booker T. Washington and Trombone Shorty, for which Collier won a Coretta Scott King Award.

Image from: *Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington*, written by Jabari Asim.



DAVID WIESNER

Wiesner's meticulous paintings show the artist's unparalleled ability to conceive the twists and turns of a story, seeding a child's imagination. He's won three Caldecott Medals

and Caldecott Honor Awards, including one for *Mr. Wuffles!* (2013). The book tells the almost wordless story of a cat who ignores new, expensive toys and plays with one that turns out to be a space ship full of tiny aliens.

Image from: *Mr. Wuffles!* by David Wiesner.



IF YOU GO

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September 21, 2 p.m.

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In the wildflower meadow full of wild bergamot, I watched a hummingbird clearwing moth—one of the fastest flying insects in the world, clocking speeds of 33 miles per hour. Overhead, an American goldfinch as bright as a Meyer lemon flushed from the dew-cradling leaves of the Virginia cup plant. Two newly fledged gray catbirds—round balls of fluff with charmingly stubby tails—sat in a nearby rhododendron making high pitched calls to their parents in the hopes of getting a third or fourth breakfast.

My bird feeders had turned into a nursery: baby downy woodpeckers with telltale red foreheads clambering around the suet, two baby cardinals now fending for themselves after learning about the buffet from their parents, and even a few juvenile eastern bluebirds with fresh plumage showcasing a constellation of starry white speckles. My backyard hosted a stunning show.

NURTURE NATURE

These and other marvels can be yours when you consciously invite birds and other creatures into your yard. Note that we're talking real animals, not Pokémon Go fantasy creatures. Perhaps the lure of the new augmented reality Pokémon craze is the child-like joy of igniting our fascination in a world that has grown austere. But isn't finding a luna moth resting on a black walnut tree just as fantastic as finding Pikachu?

Managing our backyards for wildlife is more important than ever. Biodiversity levels are plummeting below "safe levels" while mental health issues are on the rise. We need nature and nature needs us.

There are personal benefits as well. Studies show that just 30 minutes of nature a week can reduce your risk of depression and high blood pressure. The root of this benefit may be the simple fact that when we're out in nature our involuntary attention (read: fascination) is ignited. In other words, our eyes catch the fluttering butterfly wing and our mind follows, in stark contrast to the voluntary attention our desk jobs demand of our minds all day.

Nature has the healing power to fascinate, yet the U.S. is losing 1.5 million acres of land to development each year. Lawns alone cover 40 million acres but absorb about 80 million pounds of pesticides each year.



Pileated Woodpecker, note red head, searching for food
PHOTO: MIKE ROSENGARTEN



Hummingbird Clearwing Moth can fly 33 mph.



Young Eastern Bluebird grows to be colorful.
See photo at right.



Eastern Towhees nesting in a low shrub



Birds, like these male Eastern Bluebirds, need water year-round.



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BIRDSCAPING & NATIVE PLANTS

What if we all took to birdscaping on those 40 million acres?

Birdscaping, or managing your yard to attract birds, really starts with plants. A native oak tree supports 530 native butterfly and moth species that use it as a host for caterpillars, while a non-native species, like ginkgo, support only about five species. Caterpillars and other insects are a hugely important food source for birds especially during breeding and migration periods. So by selecting native trees, shrubs and perennials you're creating a large virtual bird feeder in your yard.

It's a good idea to select trees and shrubs of different heights—like tall cherry trees, understory dogwoods and evergreen holly—to promote diversity. A variety of plants gives birds a variety of insects, berries that ripen at different times of the year, and plentiful levels of habitat for different nesting preferences.

If you have a sunny spot in your yard, planting native wildflowers among the lawn grass is a beautiful way to support beneficial insects and birds. Plus, it cuts down on mowing, as meadows should be mown only once in the spring and left alone in fall and winter months to provide shelter and seed sources. Choose flowers that bloom at different times across the seasons to provide nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies.

My meadow's florescence begins with beardtongue in June, followed by the native sunflowers, Joe-Pye weed and wild bergamot in July, then the goldenrod and asters from late summer into fall. The more native plants you have in your yard, the less need you'll have for pesticides because natives promote a healthy balance of predator and prey insects.

MORE BIRDSCAPING IDEAS

In addition to providing food for birds, consider other desirable habitat features to add to your yard. Birds need fresh water all year long, even in winter, to maintain their metabolism, so a water feature or simple birdbath (with a heater in winter) would be welcomed, especially near bird feeders.

Leaving dead trees standing or fallen is also helpful as they provide nesting cavities and food sources for woodpeckers.

I'd recommend going to Yardmap.org for articles on birdscaping with native plants, making "messy" look good and other habitat features and ideas.

Now please excuse me while I run out to catch that eight-spotted forester in my birdscape of fascination. ♦

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



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In this one project you have a site of historic significance going all the way back to the Revolutionary War, the striking architecture of the buildings, the impact of restoring the forest to help improve the water quality of French Creek and the truly amazing and stunning scenic value of this landscape nestled in the narrow valley.

— Ole Amundsen, The Conservation Fund

CHESTER COUNTY IS SO CHOCK-FULL OF HISTORIC sites that you may be hard pressed to get excited about saving an old iron furnace and 553 acres of land. But the Warwick Furnace Farm property, situated at the 11 o'clock spot at the northern tip of Chester County, checks the architectural and environmental treasure boxes, too, making it a preservation trifecta.

When the Pew family, of Sun Oil and Pew Charitable Trusts, decided to sell this large tract of undeveloped land that had been theirs for three generations, we should be thankful the Pews chose French & Pickering Creek Conservation Trust to establish a perpetual conservation easement rather than cashing in on 80-some building lots.

"It's hard to overstate the value of this property and its preservation," said Cary Leptuck, French and Pickering board president.

ONE PROPERTY, MANY PARTIES

And for a year-long project this big and bold, we're grateful the stars aligned to smooth the workings in this multi-party deal. Two townships—Warwick and East Nantmeal—the Chester County Commissioners, through the Department of Open Space Preservation, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Open Space Institute using funds from the William Penn Foundation under the Delaware River Watershed Initiative worked together to fund the \$14.5-million purchase, with the help of a loan from The Conservation Fund in Arlington, VA.

"This is French & Pickering's largest conservation project in its 48-year history," said Executive Director Andy Pitz. Some participants admitted to a few sleepless nights waiting for the pieces to come together and the money to be in place.



If the run of good luck continues, by early 2017 the public will be exploring a 108-acre nature preserve along French Creek on trails highlighting the land's historic and natural features. Plus an important source of drinking water will be preserved and a new family can make a stunning architectural showpiece its home, perhaps for another three generations.

A LITTLE HISTORY

As Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' Charles Jacob put it, "Three hundred years ago, the iron and steel industry started in Pennsylvania, right here." No small claim to fame.

Established in 1737 by Anna Nutt, at her late husband's request, Warwick Furnace has more than a few other claims to fame, including being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During 130 years of the furnace's operation and 250 years of the property's history, ownership rested primarily with the Nutt, Savage, Rutter and Potts families—names that run throughout Chester County's past and present.





In 1742 the furnace made the first Franklin stove, an iconic product based on a design by Benjamin Franklin. George Taylor, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and member of the Second Continental Congress, operated the furnace in its early years. During the Revolutionary War, the furnace was an important source of supplies for the Continental Army—providing cannons, cannon balls and shot.

And it was at this property that General Washington rested his troops and repaired their weapons after the devastating loss at the Battle of Brandywine in September 1777.

The Potts family shut down the furnace shortly after the Civil War, in part because of the increased use of hard coal for domestic heating rather than the kind of stoves manufactured at Warwick. But before it closed, the furnace made a final contribution—it forged the iron used for The Monitor, the first iron-clad warship, used against The Merrimack in the most important naval battle of the Civil War.

Now in ruins, the remains of the once mighty furnace will be preserved—though not restored—as part of planned interpretive and educational exhibits.

AND SOME ARCHITECTURE

Set in a narrow valley with viewscapes virtually unchanged since the early 1700s, the 1733 fieldstone ironmaster's manor house is considered the crown jewel of the property. Larger and grander than other residences built at the time, it measures 36 by 76 feet and boasts high ceilings, two wings and gabled roofs.

The house, outbuildings and 50 acres of land are being offered for sale by French & Pickering Creek Trust for \$3.45 million—the first time the property has become available since 1927 when Joseph N. Pew, Jr. purchased the larger parcel.

In the early 1920s famed Chester County architect R. Brognard Okie renovated the manor house and planned the surrounding buildings—where even some outbuildings include Okie's distinctive touches. Having restored such landmarks as the Betsy Ross House and Pennsbury manor (William Penn's home), Okie was the foremost proponent of the Colonial Revival Style, specializing in the restoration and reconstruction of Pennsylvania Colonial and vernacular residences.

With exquisite carved woodwork, the finest hand-wrought hardware, beautiful original wood floors, and elegant entertaining and living spaces—a cigar room, grand dining room, master suite with a “romance door”—the manor house is considered a rare architectural showcase for Okie's finest work. His signature details grace every room.

This exemplar of American design and architecture had the good fortune to be lightly used as a weekend hunting lodge

and lovingly preserved by the Pew family for nearly a hundred years.

BIG ENVIRONMENTAL SAVE

How can you find the Warwick Furnace Farm property? “You look for the dark spot on Google maps—where there's no development,” said Warwick Township's Charles Jacob. And remarkably, the borders of the protected property for this pristine valley in the Pennsylvania Highlands watershed correspond roughly with the original tract held by Samuel Nutt some 300 years ago.

“Some of the cleanest water in the entire French Creek watershed flows through the property and is now protected forever as a major source of drinking water,” said the F&P Trust's Leptuck of this Exceptional Value creek—the highest quality designation for streams.

The conserved 108 acres of sensitive habitat that will be open to the public is within walking distance of a 675-acre parcel transferred to F&P Trust from The Nature Con-

servancy in December 2015—the Edward Woolman Preserve at Great Marsh. Add to that the 50 acres being sold and 381 acres recently purchased by a conservation-minded, long-time Chester County resident, and that's over 1200 acres under conservation easement.

“In a region where increasing development threatens to impair water quality, this project makes a bold statement about the importance of land protection for watershed health,” said Peter Howell, of Open Space Institute.

And a bold statement to protect the historic, architectural and environmental treasures that contribute to our pride of place in Chester County. ♦

For more information about the mission and plans of French & Pickering Creek Conservation Trust, visit FrenchAndPickering.org.

For information about the sale of the ironmaster's mansion, contact Holly Gross at HollyGrossGroup.com. or Mark Willcox at TheCountryProperties.com.



46th *Tour of Tours*

Story and photos
by Matt Freeman



Chester County Day, the longest-running house tour in the country, takes place for the 76th time. And as always, it offers visitors what may be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit unique and historic homes and buildings, lovingly preserved and added to over the decades and centuries.

Following tradition, the event is held on the first Saturday in October—this year October 1st. Thousands of visitors from different states and countries will get a chance to appreciate the historic appeal, interest and charm of this region's architecture and its surroundings.

Organized from the beginning by the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, Chester County Day directly benefits the hospital. Tour tickets and VIP passes, available on the hospital website and local shops, help

support the hospital's cardiac program. More details are in the Events section of this issue.

The 2016 celebration of Chester County Day focuses on the southwest quadrant of Chester County—sites in the West Chester, Kennett Square, Marshallton and nearby areas. This preview looks at five properties on the tour—four preserved and improved over the years by a series of caring owners, one a newly created interpretation of Tuscan architecture that lends a Mediterranean note to an area known more for its roots in the English Isles.

From views of formal gardens to contemporary art, the preview is just a taste of the ongoing traditions and surprising variety Chester County Day reveals about the region it's named for. Enjoy this armchair preview!



SOUTHDOWN IN EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

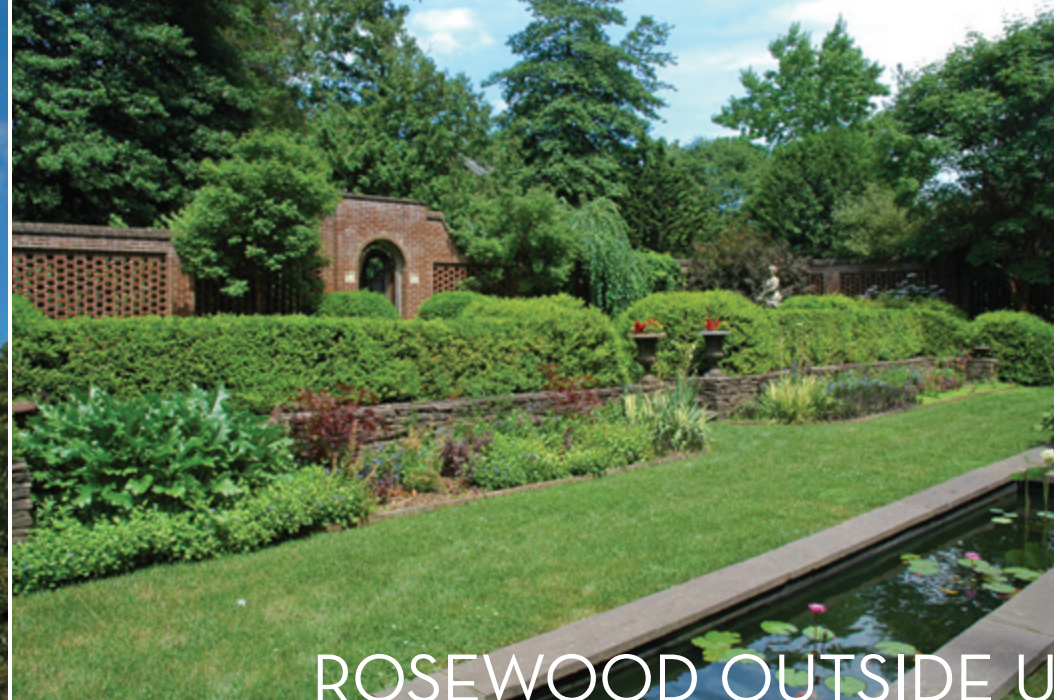
Anne Watkins says she and her husband Peter were looking for a horse farm in the area three years ago when they heard about Southdown. They sent their daughter to visit first, she pronounced it “enchanted,” and that was that.

The charm is evident enough from the moment you enter a long tree-lined drive that leads upward past a large pond where a swan and her cygnet calmly glide. The main building is a stone mansion, with six bedrooms and six bathrooms, with an unusual mansard roof that brings a bit of France’s Second Empire architecture to this East Bradford Township site. See photo on prior page.

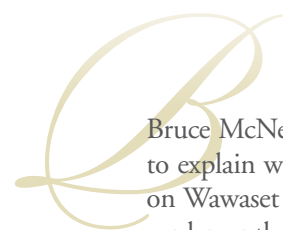
Dating to the early 18th century, the home was originally in the Cope family and was the birthplace of local historian Gilbert Cope. In the 20th century, it was restored by Eugene Gagliardi, the Steak-umm inventor, who owned it before the Watkins.

Now the property features a paved courtyard ringed by out-buildings, some of which now serve as a poolside socializing space. The whole 42-acre site has a relaxed, welcoming beauty for which the word “enchanted” is, in fact, as good a one-word description as a visitor could imagine.





ROSEWOOD OUTSIDE UNIONVILLE



Bruce McNew was looking for “land and character,” he says, to explain what led him to Rosewood, a mansion built in 1861 on Wawaset Road outside Unionville. The original owner was a garden enthusiast who planted specimen trees on the site, some of which still grow there.

The character of the mansion both outside and in is mainly one of formal elegance, leavened with Asian and contemporary art—beautiful vases grace the dining-room table, and a striking European advertising poster is a main feature of the foyer. The family living areas are more relaxed and comfortable, but offer plenty of art to please the eye as well.

McNew renovated the mansion in 1993, but since then has focused on the 34-acre grounds, where the formal elegance deepens with an East Garden and Secret Garden that would look perfectly at home at a certain well-known horticultural site a bit southeast of the McNew residence.

The house is hard to see from the road even in the winter, and of course the walled Secret Garden is out of the question. So Chester County Day is your best bet for seeing this remarkable example of loving attention to a landscape.





A TUSCAN VILLA NEAR UNIONVILLE



Chester County may be mostly an area of British-related history and homes, but if you go down the driveway of Wayne and Colleen Simpson's home near Unionville, you'll find yourself looking at a vision of Italian architecture that seems to have been put there by some Prospero-like conjurer.

But the explanation is simple enough: Wayne Simpson took a year off in college to travel in Europe and fell under the influence of Italian architecture. The Italians have greatly influenced British and American designers over the centuries—a Renaissance Italian named Andrea Palladio has been called “the father of American architecture”—but Simpson's work is a more direct celebration of the sorts of historic homes you'd see in a Tuscan countryside.

Built about 15 years ago, it's designed with courtyards and porches meant to connect inside and outside, also captured in this issue's cover photo. Add Colleen Simpson's talents as an interior designer and the inside of the home combines modern comfort and flow among the rooms with a mix of traditional and contemporary art the Simpsons collected or created themselves.

And as much as the surroundings recall the Mediterranean, much of the materials are locally sourced and furnishings locally built. Besides its visual appeal, the Simpsons say the home is a comfortable place to live, work and entertain.



ROBINHURST IN KENNETT SQUARE



Back in 2007, the owners of the John S. Gilmore house on North Union Street in Kennett Square called real estate agent Matt Fetick to help sell the historic home, built in 1866. Fetick already knew about the house, and he told the owners he'd be right over.

But he didn't want to *sell* the house—he wanted to *buy* it. Within 15 minutes they had an agreement; within an hour Fetick had gone back to the office and written up a contract.

The large mansion is often called “Robinhurst,” and was once the home of banker and ornithologist Charles Pennock. It has a number of features derived from various architectural styles, but “graceful dignity” might be as good a general description as any. Fetick says its design shows a turning away from the more profusely decorative Victorian styles.

Although Fetick (the Borough's mayor) and his partner David Williams recently undertook a renovation of the first floor, the house has needed only the usual minor attentions since he bought it, Fetick says. The front features a wide lawn, large overarching trees and attractive landscaping. The back has a pool, a carriage house with an open porch for socializing and ornamental gardens.



JUDGE GAWTHROP'S HOME: VIP STOP

John and Polly Robbins were relocating to the area from Connecticut three years ago when they heard about the availability of a classic center-hall Colonial home built in 1917 on Sconnelltown Road, just outside West Chester. Polly says her husband was in the area, took a look, and that was that. Entirely by chance, they'd learned of the house close to the instant it was listed and were able to act on it quickly.

Since then, the Robbinses have heard from more than one annoyed neighbor who had been waiting patiently for the home to come on the market. It's known in the neighborhood, in part because it was owned for a time by well-known judge and singer Robert Gawthrop III.

And VIP ticket holders are invited to tour this special property on The Day. Soon it will be open for other events—dinners and small weddings.

The Home: The home has a certain old-world dignity about it, but inside it also has an expan-

sive, open feel. Some renovation work was done by Period Architecture, enclosing open areas and adding a mudroom and spectacular kitchen.

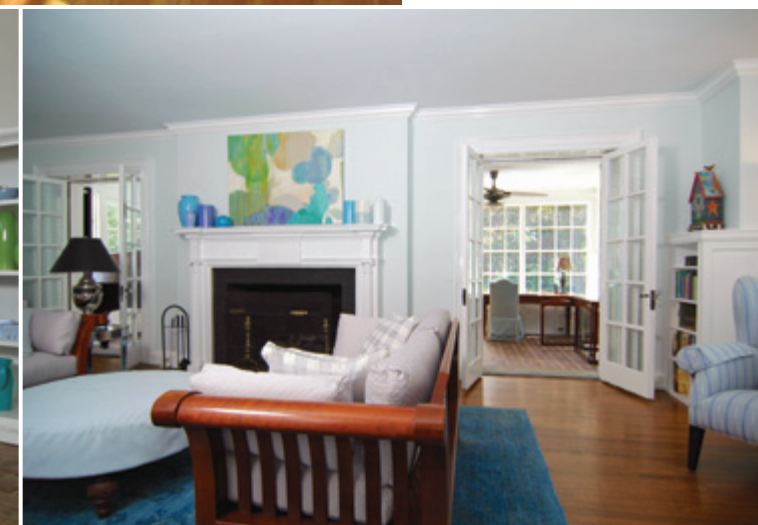
The ground it occupies is level, open and surrounded by trees that screen it from the road.

There are musicians and artists among the Robbins family members, and the furnishings reflect that influence.

And as in many traditional homes, the more modern elements complement and add interest—it's the best of both worlds.

VIP Tickets: VIP ticket holders also enjoy a special Preview Party with the Tour's homeowners at Vickers Restaurant, a chance to tour for the day in a Mini from Otto's Mini of Exton (while they last!), and a gourmet boxed lunch prepared by Montesano Brothers Italian Market and Catering.

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SEPTEMBER! IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE OF SEASONS and a month full of fun. At *Country Lines Magazine*, we couldn't be more excited by the lineup of horse shows this month: Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair, the Devon Fall Classic, and Plantation Field International Horse Trials. Find out how to join in the celebration of three exciting equestrian events—each with its own distinctive pleasures.

Plus, who doesn't love a golden afternoon outdoors with family and friends?

IF IT'S LABOR DAY, HEAD FOR LUDWIG'S CORNER

As Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer, the 73rd Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair launches into full fall fun. Celebrate the holiday weekend at the 33-acre show grounds just off the intersection of Routes 100 and 401, amid the sounds of hoof beats and good times.

Watch as local riders of all ages compete in hunter, jumper, equitation, costume and pony contests in a community horse show chock-full of history and tradition. Not to mention the Country Fair's selection of fun-filled rides, tasty fair fare and games for the whole family.

Popular events in the ring include the Hunter Classic, Hunter Derby and Carriage Exhibition—all leading up to the Jumper Classic Mini Prix competition. Hold your horses as riders show off their skills, maneuvering through obstacles at lightening speed. Then, the cuteness factor amps up for the Lead Line Competition, complete with adorable youngsters.

Whether you're a tenderfoot or expert, there's fun for everyone at Ludwig's. On Saturday watch the 11-member team of 11-to-15-year-olds, known as the Thorncraft Mainstreamers, demonstrate their skills, working and riding together. Spend Sunday enjoying the tradition of the Classic Carriages event for a trip back in time.

Don't forget about the Country Fair! The Midway features attractions for kids of all ages—Pioneer Games, a Creepy Crawler and exotic animal presentation, plus plenty of rides including a mechanical bull, 25-foot rock climb and bungee jumping.

You can even enter your furry friend in the Pet Parade and compete in creative categories or browse a large selection of shops offering tempting wares—everything from antiques to handcrafted jewelry. More favorites? Monday features an Antique Car show and flea market.

Finally, what's a Country Fair without country fare? Yellow Springs Inn will dish up BBQ, burgers, fries, funnel cake, ice cream and the much-loved stuffed mushrooms. Treat your family to finger-lickin' fun.

DON'T MISS DEVON

Bookended by the ever-popular Big Devon Horse Show in May and the internationally acclaimed Dressage at Devon at the end of September is the [Devon Fall Classic](#), aka Little Devon, September 15–18. But don't let the nickname deceive you. There's nothing little about it. You'll be on the edge of your seat watching riders from five to adulthood weave and glide through obstacles during the all-jumper show.

Join the fun in the Dixon Oval Saturday evening for the Grand Prix event, where riders compete for the \$25,000 prize. Or, watch the action in style from a Devon Box in the Main Grandstand, where you can BYOB (bring your own basket) full of your favorites, or buy a bottle of wine and a cheese platter in the Picnic Grove.

Enjoy autumn festivities—classic carnival rides and games, kid-friendly food, boutique shopping—every day. Then, for Happy Hour, head for the beer garden and listen to live music by local bands!

PLAN FOR PLANTATION FIELD

Spend a long weekend enjoying 350 acres of Unionville's rolling countryside, teeming with 250 riders eager to compete in the art of Three-Day Eventing. This September 15–18 join [Plantation Field](#) in their [9th International Horse Trials and Septemberfest](#). If you love competitive equestrian events or the German-inspired, beer-infused holiday, this is the place for you!

If you don't know eventing, it's the ultimate horse-and-rider triathlon, taking place over three days. Diehard fans will jump at a chance to see the elegance of dressage, heart pounding excitement of cross country and theatrics of show jumping.

Even fans new to equestrian competition can get excited at the prospect of seeing Canadian and American Olympic team members, fresh from Rio in their first stateside competition.

World-class equestrian competition isn't enough? How about a fairwide tailgate competition? Judges will visit the tailgates, sipping and sampling their way through the sites.

Need a break from the equestrian action? Children can enjoy the Kid's Corner, complete with free face painting, rides, petting zoo, carnival



Ludwig's Corner Horse Show brings out the community for Labor Day weekend.



Devon Fall Classic is an exciting all-jumper show.



Catch the thrills of cross country competition at Plantation Field Horse Trials.

Clockwise from top-left: Ludwig's Corner Horse Show, Plantation Field Horse Trials, Devon Fall Classic



Last year's pet contest winner at Devon Fall Classic



Enjoy midway fun at the fall horse shows



A close-up view at Plantation Field

games and more. Or visit the Vendor Village, a shopper's paradise, featuring over 50 businesses from boutiques to tack shops.

For those over 21, enjoy Victory Brewing Company's Biergarten in celebration of Oktoberfestivities, which as you know from the Good To Know column in this issue can be in September. Spend your afternoon absorbed in beer tastings, live music and German-inspired food and decorations.

Whether you prefer the family-fun country fair feel of Ludwig's Corner, the excitement of the all-jumper Devon Fall Classic, or the Olympic-caliber intensity of Plantation Field, one thing is for sure—there's no better place to be in September than *County Lines* Country. ♦

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PLANTATION FIELD PHOTOS BY AMY DRAGOO

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Ludwig's Corner Horse Show
Sept. 3-5, 8 am to dusk; \$3-\$7
1325 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore
LudwigsHorseShow.com

Devon Fall Classic
Sept. 15-18, 8 am; \$2-\$5
23 Dorset Rd., Devon
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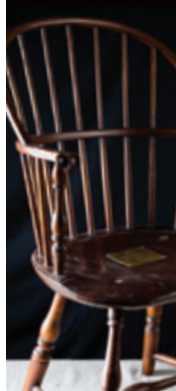


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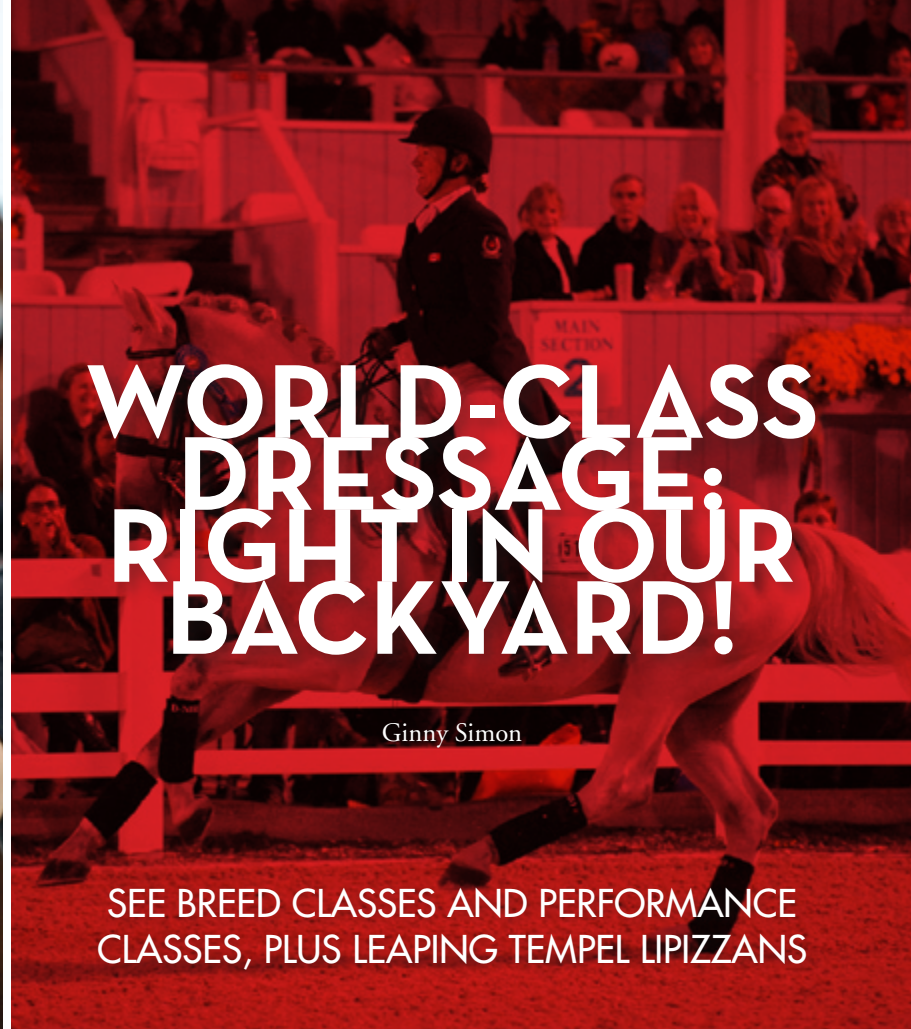


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MOST LOCAL FOLKS KNOW that in May, the Devon Fairgrounds is host to one of the biggest horse shows in the world. The traffic on Lancaster Avenue is a reminder that the Devon Horse Show is in town.

But did you know that in late September another of the biggest, most prestigious international horse shows with Olympic-level riders also takes place at Devon? And has since 1975.

Dressage at Devon, fondly known as DAD, is one of the premier dressage shows in the world. Hundreds of horses and riders come from around the country and Canada to compete against the best of the best.

Mark your calendars for September 27 through October 2 for DAD this year.

TWO SHOWS

Dressage at Devon is actually two, two, two horse shows in one. This six-day event includes both Breed Classes and Performance Classes, plus lots of fun outside the ring at the International Fall Festival Shops.

The Performance Division—running from Thursday through Sunday—features some of the best dressage horse-and-rider partnerships in the world. And “partnership” is the key word. Horses and riders spend years working together to create what appears to be a seamless effort.

What you’ll see in this partnership is a kind of ballet of the equestrian world, where graceful, difficult moves are made to look effortless. Communication between horse and rider is virtually invisible as the duos “dance” in the ring—sometimes to music.

But everyone has to start somewhere, and horses are no different. Well-bred babies often get their start at Dressage at Devon. So the early days of DAD are devoted to a parade of well-bred horses in the Breed Classes. Knowing more about this first part of DAD will enhance your enjoyment of the final days and events.

THE BREED SHOW

DAD is proud to be one of the few dressage shows in the county that also offers a complete Breed Show. Beginning in 1975 with only a few handlers showing horses

in the ring, the Breed Show has grown to three days of competition, with hundreds of young horses, ranging from three months (mom comes too) to six years old.

Today DAD is the largest open breed show in the world—meaning it’s open to all different breeds of horses so you’ll see great variety. And it’s right here in our own backyard.

You should also know that some of the nation’s biggest and best breeders in the country are based nearby. In Pennsylvania, there are Iron Spring Farm in Coatesville and Rolling Stone Farm in Slatington, plus Hilltop Farm close by in Colora, MD. Other breeders also have a strong presence at DAD and bring mares, stallions and foals to show in Devon.

Besides watching the babies run with their mothers—and not always behaving—one of the most interesting days is Thursday, when the individual breeds are shown. From the spotted Appaloosas, to the adorable Hallingers, to the feathered Friesian, and the amazing Lipizzan stallions, there are more than 20 individual breed classes demonstrating how the word “horse” can have so many different interpretations.

Are all these breeds suited to dressage? Melanie Sloyer, DAD Board Member and Chair of the breed show, says yes. But it does depend, of course, on the individual horse. And some breeds are just better suited for being jumpers or hunters. See them in May.

Yet some horses may show from an early age that dressage is in their future. And the DAD Breed Show is a great place to spot this talent early.

JUDGING THE BREEDS

Judges must study for years to learn the fine points of assessing the breed classes. Terms like “long in the back,” “low set neck,” “correct legs,” “regularity and freedom of gaits” are just some of the characteristics a judge must be expert at evaluating. And these terms are just a start in demonstrating the complexity of breed judging.

But Jeanne McDonald, a highly respected international judge based in Downingtown who’s been involved in

BREED GLOSSARY

Want to know a bit more about the Breed Show? Here are a few key terms.

- **Birthdays** – for showing purposes, a horse’s birthday is always January of the year it was born
- **Colt** – a male foal
- **Filly** – a female foal
- **Foal** – a baby horse up to a year old
- **In-hand** – showing a horse as a handler leads it around the ring
- **Mare** – a female horse
- **Sporhorse** – a type of horse, rather than a particular breed. Usually applied to horses bred for the traditional Olympic equestrian sporting events of dressage, eventing, show jumping and combined driving.
- **Stallion** – a male horse that hasn’t been gelded (castrated)
- **Stud** – a stallion used for breeding
- **Under Saddle** – showing a horse being ridden
- **Yearling** – a horse that’s one to two years old



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A horse being shown for the Breed Show

DAD for 33 years, breaks it down so even tenderfoots can begin to understand. “It’s a little like a dog show,” says Jeanne, who also, as it happens, judged dog shows. “Each breed has its own conformation standards.” Conformation refers to correctness of bone, musculature and proportion.

Continuing the comparison to dog shows, Jeanne says, “And when comparing all the breeds for the Best in Show award, judges look for balance and the horses’ ability to carry themselves. This, of course, can vary by age. A foal at three months can look very different than it will at two years. A score at a breed show is like a snapshot in time.”

In the Sport Horse Prospect classes, judges identify young horses that are correctly built and capable of superior movement—essentially looking for prospective champions or good prospects. And in the Breeding Stock classes, as the name suggests, adult mares and stallions are judged on their probability of passing on superior conformation and performance traits to offsprings. You’ll see buyers and sellers at these classes.

BORN IN THE USA BREEDER’S AWARD

Although dressage has European roots that date back hundreds of years, today the United States is breeding top quality horses that can successfully compete with those

born anywhere. In recognition of this progress, Born in the USA awards have been established, starting at DAD in 2003.

The Born in the USA award is one of the things Chair Melanie Sloyer and the DAD Committee are most proud of developing. This special award recognizes and rewards the achievement of American Breeders of Sport Horses. Come on Wednesday evening, September 28, to see this year’s winner.

To be eligible, horses must be conceived and foaled in the USA. With more than \$80,000 in prize money distributed over the years, breeders from as far away as California come to show and view the future of the sport. And recently, other breed shows from New York to Kentucky have added Born in the USA Breeders Awards to their shows as well.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to the artistry of the Performance Classes and the glimpse into the future at the Breed Show, DAD delights crowds with entertainment and activities.

Back by popular demand, the Tempel Lipizzan Stallions—with their stylized, gravity-defying “airs above the ground” moves of classical dressage—will hold special exhibitions Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Check the website for details.

Dressage at Devon is unique among dressage shows for offering lots of fun outside the ring, too. Visit the more than 85 vendors at the Fall Festival shops with jewelry, clothing, artwork and more for equestrians and non-equestrians alike. Plus you’ll find food for any palate—from burgers to donuts to wine and cheese at The Pub.

And don’t forget Ladies Hat Day, when ladies with hats (no baseball caps, please) are admitted free on Friday, September 30. Judging takes place in the afternoon.

Sunday is Family Day, featuring junior riders and the Dressage Explorers program that lets kids participate in a selfie scavenger hunt (take your photo with the found item), plus stick horse contest. Don’t miss the meet-and-greet with the Tempel Lipizzans!

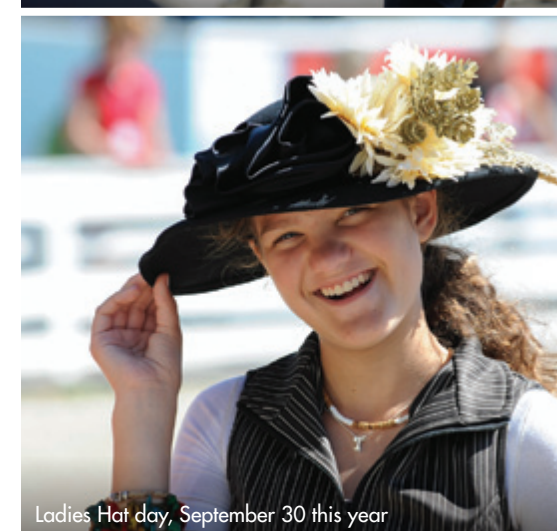
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Ladies Hat day, September 30 this year

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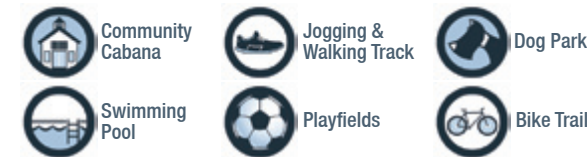
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THE DETAILS

The singular character of this home is revealed in the details—from priceless millwork added by a Winterthur curator, a wood railing designed and built by a protégé of Wharton Esherick, custom cabinets crafted by a woodworker on loan from the Smithsonian Museum, to a \$12,000 Lacanche stove, a 300-year-old mantle from Provence, hand-painted floors in the laundry room and much more.

Surrounded on three sides by rebuilt stone walls, the landscape design displays the same attention to detail. See garden paths using original four-to-six-inch-thick flagstones, original mill-

stones incorporated into the newer terraces, a stone courtyard with fountain, and rare cucumber magnolia and stunning copper beech trees. Over \$400,000 was invested in enhancing the exterior since 2009.

THE EVOLUTION

The original 1769 core of the home remains, expanded in the early 1800s, then enlarged again in the 1940s, and again by architect Helena van Vliet and totally

updated in 2000. Each stage in its evolution added to the unique feel of this extraordinary home.

Brimming with charm and period details, the original parts of the home—housing the entry, formal living and dining rooms, library, and some bedrooms—boast such features as beamed ceilings made by incorporating wood from an 18th-century French ship, random-width wood floors, deep-set windows, antique hardware, rare

tombstone built-in cabinets, and antique slate and marble slab floors.

Later additions to this stuccoed fieldstone home were designed to preserve the centrality of the original home, keeping it as the main event of the composition.

Not surprisingly, this distinctive home was once owned by one of Winterthur's curators, Arthur Sussell, who added priceless millwork—moldings, wainscoting, paneling and other details. Sussell built a fitting stage





for his priceless antiques collection, later auctioned by Sotheby's. Hardwood floors—chestnut, oak, hardwood pine, walnut—plaster walls, antique hardware and more details integral to the home make it a kind of antique itself. And all on display as the home is currently unoccupied.

THE FINAL ADDITION

Although adding significant space in 2000 to what is now a four-bedroom home with three full and two partial baths and six fireplaces, the final addition was designed to appear small so as not to outshine the original structure—matching the original in height, width and roof pitch. The construction used local and green materials and techniques (recycled wood and stone, low VOC paints, high efficiency heating, etc.).

Following a design philosophy that buildings should reconnect with the natural world, architect van Vliet added a large,



gourmet country kitchen (while retaining the original as a prep kitchen), sunny family room with eating area overlooking the property, lower-level media room with French doors to the grounds, gentleman's study, and a second-floor master bedroom suite with dressing rooms and baths to provide modern amenities.

The existing interior space was also updated and reorganized, adding a wine cellar (expanded in 2012 to store 500 bottles), laundry room and pantry. Meanwhile the exterior got new terraces and balconies, added to take advantage of the private viewscapes and providing more areas for sitting, eating and entertaining.

Practical details were not overlooked. Electrical and heating systems, water treatment systems, central air, radiant heat, a security system, driveway alarm and sound system were added or updated. Exterior work included a cedar shake roof, copper gutters and downspouts, new doors and windows, and in 2012, repainting and stuccoing.

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In 2015 rosé sales grew 31.8%, and sales of rosés over \$11 a bottle went up almost 60%! More diverse styles of rosés are being sold, too—light, heavy and everything in between, in a range of colors from melon, peach, red currant and grapefruit to mango and Mandarin orange—plus rosés from lesser-known winemaking countries like Lebanon and Turkey. While you'll find Provence remains a source for quality rosés—sold in the characteristic corset-shaped bottles—do try rosados from Spain and Portugal and rosatos from Italy.

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And with good reason! No other wines are as versatile as rosés, which can be made from virtually any grape. Food pairings are almost unlimited. And because they are best drunk young and are under-appreciated in the U.S., rosés are definitely a bargain to be had.

With the approach of cooler weather in mind, I've selected a variety of rosés to try, ranging from lighter- to darker-hued wines. You'll see there's a match here for every palate. Another surprise? These wines are interesting enough to be enjoyed by themselves.

So grab a bottle, chill it (like white wine), and savor these great rosés now and well after summer is a warm memory.

LIGHTER-HUED ROSÉ

Although darker-hued rosés go well with heavy autumn and winter foods, sometimes you want something a little lighter.

Commanderie de la Bargemone Rosé Coteaux d'Aix en Provence 2015 (\$14.99; 91 points from *Wine Enthusiast*), is a fantastic example of the classic light, dry, mineral rosés of Provence, a wine region on the southwest coast of France, along the Mediterranean. Bargemone, one of the foremost estates of the Coteaux d'Aix sub-region of Provence, was created by the Knights Templar in the 13th century and now boasts over 160 acres of vines. This highly rated salmon-colored wine, made from a blend of sustainably grown cabernet sauvignon, grenache rouge, syrah and cinsault from 25+ year-old vines, is brisk and structured with zesty acidity, flavors of watermelon rind, orange blossom, white peach, wildflowers and wet stone. Enjoy this year-round with roasted turkey, hard cheeses and dishes with fresh herbs.

MEDIUM-HUED ROSÉ

Pink Pégaù Rosé France 2015 (\$15.99) is a delicious dark pink rosé crafted from 70% cinsault, 20% grenache rouge and 10% clairette grapes, by Laurence Féraud of Domaine du Pegau, an estate less than four miles from the famed Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. The vines, averaging 35–60 years in age, are planted in stony clay soils with the signature round river rocks that characterize Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Bone-dry on the palate, the wine offers aromas of

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DARKER-HUED ROSÉ

A translucent cherry-colored rosé of pinot noir from Oregon, **Adelshiem Rosé Willamette Valley 2015** (\$19.99) exhibits aromas of raspberries, rose petals and apricot, which lead to ripe red fruit flavors. Its richly textured palate results from 16% of the wine fermenting in old neutral French oak barrels. Try it with ham, bouillabaisse, goat cheese and grilled shrimp.

For a great dark rosé, try **Yorkville Vin D'Une Nuit Rosé Mendocino 2015** (\$15.99). D'une nuit translates loosely to "one night stand," so named because the dark Malbec grape skins remained soaking with the pre-fermented juice for just a few hours, giving the wine a translucent purple-red color. Made with organic grapes from the estate's Rennie Vineyard in the Yorkville Highlands sub-region of Mendocino, this wine's darker color corresponds with its

deeper flavors of plum, tea and rhubarb with aromas of roses, rosemary and strawberry. Enjoy this juicy, medium-bodied wine with spaghetti carbonara, Greek salad, falafel, aged Gouda, enchiladas with chilis and creamy cheeses.

SWEET PINK WINE

For the wine drinkers with a sweet tooth out there, I'll share my favorite sweet pink wine. **Alasia Brachetto d'Acqui 2014** (\$11.99) is a delightfully spritzy, strawberry-colored wine with aromas of raspberry sorbet and fresh roses and flavors of strawberry, raspberry and a hint of white pepper. The brachetto grape, with its fizziness and sweet honeysuckle and fruit flavors, is comparable in taste to Moscato d'Asti wines but richer and with more berry notes. This unique dessert wine pairs excellently with decadent chocolate and berry-centric desserts, especially chocolate-covered strawberries. Or for something unexpected, try it with a spicy Chinese dish.

No matter the season, raise a glass of rosé—or rosé Champagne, but that's another story. Happy sipping! ♦

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Super Snack Sundays.

With the good times of football Sundays come the less welcome high-calorie, high-fat and high-sodium

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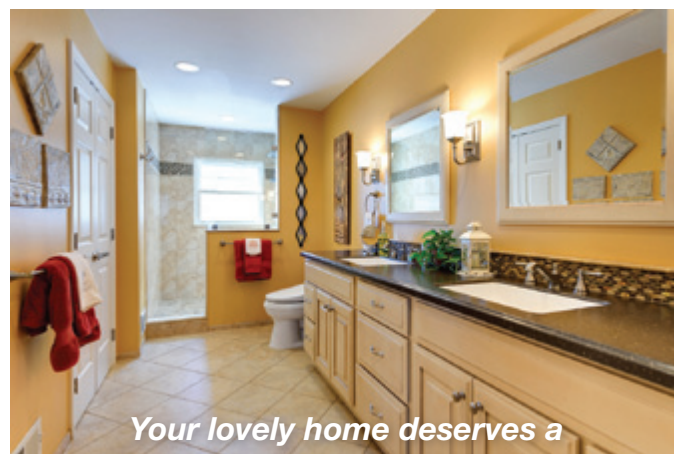


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GETTING CREATIVE WITH THE LUNCH MENU.

YOU CAN'T SWING A SOBA NOODLE THESE DAYS without hitting an article touting the benefits of breakfast or the importance of family dinners. Sadly, lunch gets short shrift. Yet this unassuming midday meal sustains kids' energy and provides much-needed downtime. As the school year—aka brown-bagging season—begins, why not learn a few lessons from folks who make lunch everyone's favorite subject?

"Food and nutrition are central to everything—central to learning and central to community," says Beth Pellegrino, Westtown School's Director of Food Services. Every week, Pellegrino and her staff, half of whom are students, cook and serve 700 lunches.

Dishes are creative yet familiar. There's Taco Tuesdays featuring grass-fed beef, and yes, there are chicken fingers but they're all-natural ones. Each day, the menu features a do-it-yourself panini station, two entrées (one is always vegetarian) and a salad bar loaded with seasonal offerings and the hummus du jour. In the kitchen bake shop, many hands produce toothsome focaccia, cookies and other baked goods from scratch.

Westtown School's dining room sources over a third of its ingredients locally, much of it grown on Westtown land by Pete's Produce. What's even more impressive is that Westtown students farm as well, coaxing 7,000 pounds of produce per year from their on-campus plot. (Working the land is in Westtown's DNA: years ago, the school boasted dairy cows, an apple orchard and working farm.)

Under the guidance of farmer Tim Mountz, students save seeds, plant and harvest. As they weed and pick potato

bugs, they come to understand cycles of nature as well as issues of equity and justice in our food system. "Living with the landscape" as Mountz puts it, yields simple pleasures. What kid—or grown-up for that matter—doesn't love the feeling of sipping water from a hose or seeing the breakfast radishes she grew on the salad bar? Mountz smiles as he recalls the day students dashed from the rows of vegetables to the outdoor pizza oven, throwing anything they picked on top of the pies.

While most of us don't grow the ingredients for our lunches, we can still take a few pages from Westtown's book. Chapter 1: Be patient. Since it's unlikely your kids will trade potato chips for kale chips overnight, live by Pellegrino's mantra: make small, incremental changes over time. Chapter 2: Cook from scratch and whenever possible, leave food in its natural state. Chapter 3 (this is required reading): Get your kids involved. Ask them to decide on menus, shop for ingredients and then let them dice, slice, bake and whisk to their hearts' content.

From left: Students and faculty dining at Westtown; Beth Pellegrino, Dir. of Food Svcs.; sign in Westtown dining room; students at DIY crepe station



Westtown Focaccia Bread

Christine Foster, baker at Westtown School, shared this recipe. She owned the farm that became Wyebrook.

- 2 C. hot water
- ¼ C. oatmeal (old-fashioned or quick-cook)
- ⅓ C. whole wheat flour
- 1 Tb. active dry yeast
- ¼ tsp. molasses
- 1 Tb. olive oil
- 3¾-4 C. bread or all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. salt

For the topping:

- 3 Tb. extra virgin olive oil plus more for greasing pan
- 1 Tb. dried oregano
- 1 Tb. dried basil
- 1 tsp. (or to taste) coarse salt

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine hot water with oatmeal, whole wheat flour, yeast, molasses and olive oil in the bowl of a mixer. Let sit for about 10 minutes, until mixture is foamy on top.

Stir in the bread flour and salt and knead on low until dough pulls away from sides of the bowl. If mixture is wet, add more flour. Overall, mixer should knead dough for about 10 minutes.

Remove the dough and form into a smooth ball. Place in a bowl and cover with a towel. Allow to rise for 15 minutes.

Generously oil a jelly roll pan (about 10.5"x15.5"x1") and stretch dough to fit into pan evenly. Make indentations all over the top of the dough with your fingers. Drizzle 3 Tb. oil all over dough and sprinkle all the seasonings on top.

Bake for about 24 minutes. Once done, remove from pan and allow to cool on a bread rack.

Makes 6 servings.

Oven Baked Kale Chips

Recipe courtesy of Westtown School.

- 1 bunch kale
- 1 Tb. olive oil
- Salt to taste
- Parchment paper

tips for healthy lunches

Even before the USDA came out with its standards for school meals, parents and dining room directors ran up against this hard truth: you can give a child a healthy lunch, but you can't make him eat. You can, however, increase the odds.

1. Pack for success. Salads crammed into a small container or layered in a cute Mason jar are hard to eat. Match the food with the serving piece and include the right utensils. Keep hot foods hot (over 140°) and cold foods cold (below 40°).

2. Say no to soggy. Toast bread to keep it crisp. Dry lettuce and raw vegetables for dipping. Put salad dressing in the bottom of the container and layer salad ingredients on top. Better yet, pack dressing separately.

3. Love your leftovers. If your child ate seconds of the healthy dinner you cooked last night, chances are she'll be happy to see it in her lunchbox.

4. Give kids what they want—within reason! There are a whole range of healthy foods, so serve ones your kids like, not just ones you wish they would. That said, introduce new foods at least 3 or 4 times before giving up on them.

5. Talk. Ask your child about what she ate and what she didn't. Sometimes the reason a child skips parts of her lunch has nothing to do with food. If her lunch time is early—some schools start serving lunch at 10 am!—she may not be hungry. If her lunch period is short, she may feel rushed.

Preheat oven to 350°. Strip, rinse and tear kale into bite-size pieces, place in a large bowl, and massage olive oil into kale.

Place parchment paper on top of a baking sheet. Spread with kale pieces. Sprinkle with salt. Bake for about 10 minutes, until nice and crispy.

Makes 5 side dish servings.

Spelt Salad with Maple Vinaigrette

An ancient grain that's been gaining in popularity, spelt is high in protein and fiber. Since spelt is a species of wheat, it contains gluten. To go gluten-free, Westtown nutritionist, Elle Clark, suggests replacing the spelt with lentils.

For the salad:



- 4 C. spelt
- 1 C. chopped butternut squash, peeled and cut into ½"-1" cubes
- 1 Tb. olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

- ½ red onion, cut into small dice
- 4 C. arugula, packed
- ½ C. crumbled goat cheese plus extra for garnish
- ½ C. roasted walnuts, chopped
- ½ C. figs, chopped

For the maple vinaigrette:

- ¼ C. olive oil
- ¼ C. balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tb. lemon juice
- 1 Tb. Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 Tb. maple syrup

Preheat oven to 450°.

Cook spelt according to package directions. (Many cooks recommend soaking spelt overnight.)

Toss butternut squash with olive oil, salt and pepper and roast until soft, about 20 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine onion, arugula, goat cheese, walnuts and figs. Add spelt and squash once they've cooled. In a separate bowl, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients.

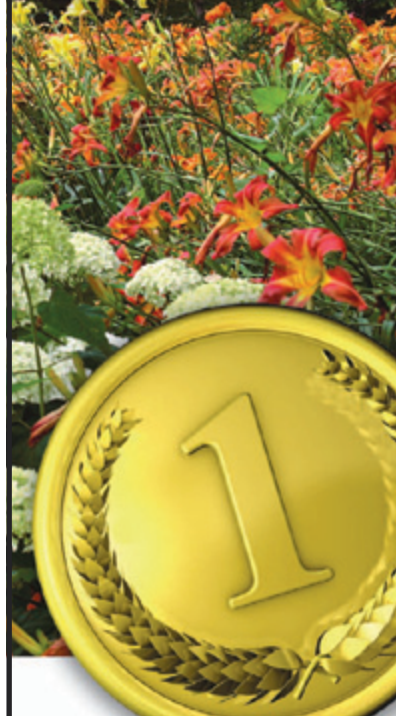
Pour vinaigrette over spelt salad, mix well and top with extra goat cheese for a garnish.

Makes 8-10 side dish servings.

Curry Stew

Sous chef James Gaynor created this recipe.

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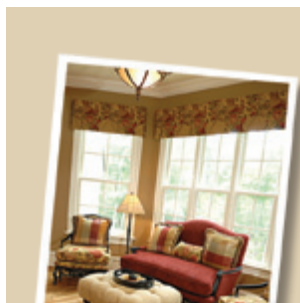
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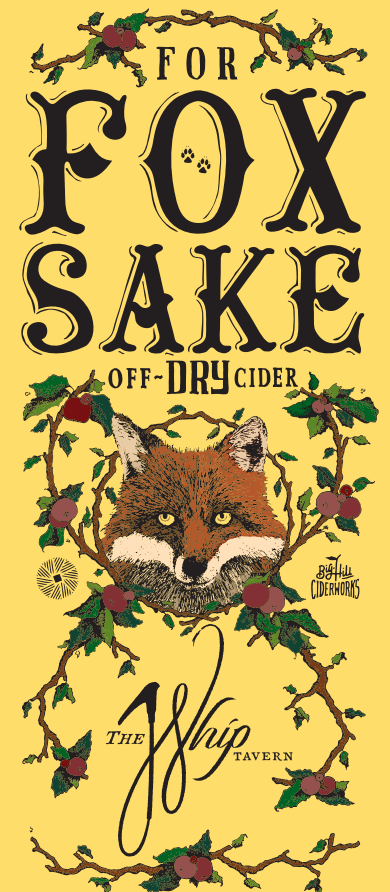
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You can adjust the level of spiciness and “soupiness,” and you can substitute with vegetables you have on hand.

- 1 Tb. vegetable oil
- 1 C., 1” diced onions
- 1 thumb-sized chunk fresh ginger, peeled and minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tb. red curry paste (less or more depending on desired spice level)
- 1 Tb. lime juice
- 2–3, 13.5-oz. cans coconut milk (depending on how “soupy” you like your stew)
- 2 Tb. brown sugar
- 1 Tb. gluten-free soy sauce
- 2 C., ½” sliced carrots
- 1 C., 1” diced red pepper
- 1 C., 1” diced green peppers
- 1 C. fresh basil, shredded
- 1 C. drained diced pineapple
- 1 block extra firm tofu, patted dry and cut into ½” cubes
- Salt, pepper and curry powder to taste
- Sliced scallions and chopped fresh cilantro for garnish

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onions, ginger and garlic. Cook until onions release their liquid, about 5 minutes. Stir in curry paste and lime juice until well blended.

Add all the coconut milk, brown sugar and soy sauce and stir over medium heat. Add carrots and continue cooking over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add red and green peppers, basil, pineapple and tofu. Reduce heat to low and stew for another 15 minutes. Taste and season with salt, pepper and curry powder. Start with 1 Tb. curry powder.

Simmer until the mixture reaches a stew-like consistency. Garnish with scallions and cilantro.

Makes 6–8 servings.

Easy Gazpacho

- 1 piece of white bread, crusts removed
- Salt, to taste

- 2 large or 3 small garlic cloves
- 1 Tb. red wine vinegar plus more to taste
- 3 med. carrots, finely chopped (about 1 C.)
- 1 zucchini, finely chopped
- 2 red peppers or mix of red, yellow and orange, finely chopped
- 5 scallions, white parts finely chopped (about ¼ C.) or more to taste
- 1 cucumber, peeled and cut into small dice
- Balsamic vinegar, to taste
- 2–3 Tb. extra virgin olive oil
- 4–5 C. tomato juice (I prefer spicy V-8 or Mrs. T’s Bloody Mary Mix. Low sodium versions are fine.)
- Sour cream or full-fat plain Greek yogurt, optional
- Basil, cut into thin ribbons, optional



Remove crusts from bread and tear into a few pieces. Place bread in a blender with a pinch of salt, garlic cloves and 1 Tb. red wine vinegar. Let sit for a few minutes so bread has time to absorb vinegar.

Add half of the following vegetables: carrots, zucchini, peppers and scallions. Pour in 1 C. tomato juice and blend until almost smooth. Pour into a large bowl and add the remaining vegetables including cucumbers. Stir in the rest of the tomato juice.

Season with additional red wine vinegar, balsamic vinegar and salt. Stir in olive oil. Chill for at least 2 hours. Taste and adjust seasonings.

When ready to serve, top with sour cream or yogurt and basil.
Makes 8–10 servings.

Granola Bars

This recipe is my friend Doreen’s adaptation of a popular, five-star Ina Garten recipe. I love it because it tastes like dessert but does not send me hurtling toward a sugar crash. Cooking tip: use a pair of scissors to cut apricots into small pieces.



- 2 C. old-fashioned oatmeal
- 1 C. sliced almonds
- 1 C. organic unsweetened shredded coconut, loosely packed
- ½ C. chopped raw cashews
- 3 Tb. unsalted butter
- ⅔ C. honey
- ¼ C. brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1 ½ tsp. vanilla
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ C. chopped dried bing cherries
- ½ C. chopped dried apricots
- ½ C. dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter the bottom and halfway up sides of a 9 x 13” baking dish and line bottom and sides with parchment paper.

Mix oatmeal, almonds, coconut and cashews together. Spread on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, stirring once after 5 minutes, until lightly browned. Place in a large bowl.

Reduce oven temperature to 300°.

Bring butter, honey, brown sugar, vanilla and salt to a boil and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Pour over oatmeal mixture and mix well to moisten. Stir in cherries, apricots and cranberries.

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Spoon into baking dish. Place a piece of parchment paper on top and using your hands, press down on the mixture so that it is tightly packed. Discard top parchment paper. Bake for 20 minutes until edges turn golden.

Cool for 2–3 hours in dish. When completely cool, use a pizza cutter or sharp edged spatula to cut into squares.

Makes 12–16 bars.

Turkey-Mango Rollups

Quick and easy. Make sure to dry the spinach leaves well.

¼ C. mayonnaise

1 tsp. sweet curry powder or more to taste

4, 8" whole wheat flour tortillas

12 slices smoked turkey

1½–2 C. baby spinach leaves

1 mango, cut into thin slices or small dice

Mix mayonnaise and curry powder together. Let sit for a few minutes to



allow flavors to develop. Spread 1 Tb. curry mayonnaise on each tortilla. Layer 3 slices turkey, ½ C. spinach and mango onto each. Roll tightly and slice in half.

Makes 4 wraps.

Chicken, Rice and Edamame "Stoup"

Since Kathy Brennan (no relation) and Caroline Campion released their cookbook Keepers in 2013, I've given it to many

friends, and everyone loves their chicken and rice with ginger scallion sauce. Here's my simplified, edamame-enhanced version.

For the chicken and rice:



6 C. water

1 Tb. kosher salt

4 scallions, divided into white parts (cut into 1–2" pieces) and green parts (sliced into ¼" pieces)

1 lb. chicken breast tenders

2" piece ginger, unpeeled, cut into large chunks and smashed

2 C. rice

1½–2 C. frozen edamame, thawed

and drained

Chicken broth, optional

For the sauce:

2 bunches scallions (white and green parts), finely chopped

1 C. peeled minced ginger*

1 tsp. salt

⅔ C. olive oil

**I keep Penzey's dried minced ginger in my pantry in case I run out of fresh—or get too lazy to chop.*

To make the chicken and rice:

Place water, salt, chicken, ginger and white parts of scallions in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce to a simmer. Cook until chicken is just cooked through, 8–10 minutes. Remove chicken and use two forks to shred it. Set aside.

Bring broth to a boil. Add rice. Reduce to a simmer and cook uncovered for 10 minutes. (Rice won't be fully cooked at this point.) Remove ginger. You can leave white parts of scallions in if you wish.

Add chicken, edamame and green parts of scallion. Cook until rice is tender, 5–10 more minutes. If you think you would prefer a soupier consistency, add chicken broth 1 C. at a time.

To make the sauce:

Combine scallions, ginger, salt and olive oil. Allow to sit for at least a half hour at room temperature.

To serve:

Scoop chicken and rice into bowls and stir in a spoonful or two of sauce. Offer extra sauce on the side.

Makes 8–10 generous 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 would reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.



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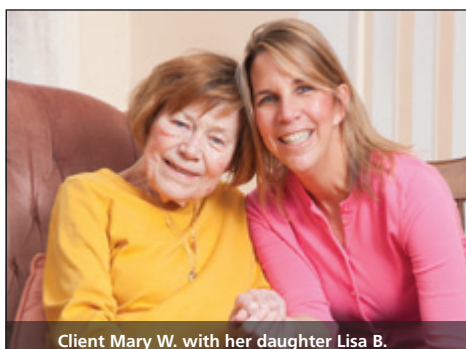
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SET AMID SOME 6,000 ACRES OF PROTECTED OPEN space and woodlands, the grounds of Malvern's Radnor Hunt Club bespeak a rustic gentility. There's a handsome red brick clubhouse that looks out over a broad swath of lawn to a stand of trees in the distance. From the stables, the whinnying of horses commingles with the baying of fox hounds in the nearby kennel. The scene is serene and understated, full of the promise of tradition and exclusivity.

But for one weekend in September, it will all change. The venerable old club will take on the bustling, kaleidoscopic hubbub of a country fair. There will be food tents. Auctions. Champagne tastings. Ancient motorcycles. An art show. Children on ponies and men in top hats driving antique horse-drawn carriages. Souvenir stands laden with wine glasses, cheese boards, beach towels, embossed leather goods, and jars of gourmet olive oil. There's something for everyone, it seems, at the 20th Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance.

But it's the cars that make the Concours. For those of us who slept through French class, the name means "competition of elegance"—a world-class vintage show.

Past events have highlighted such familiar marques as Ferrari and Maserati. Rolls Royce and Bentley. Mercedes and Porsche.

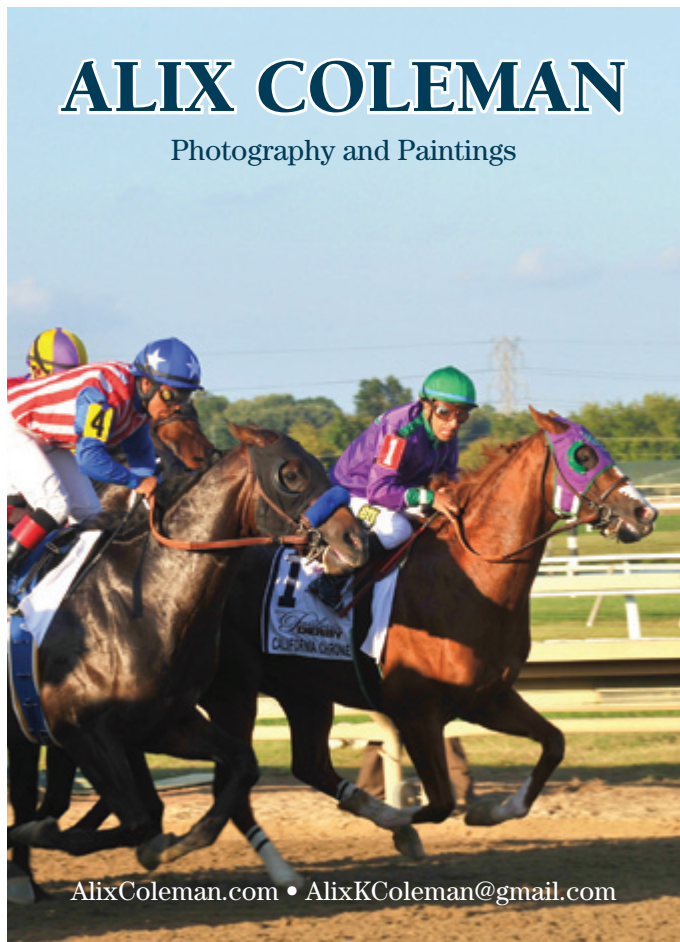
Even Oldsmobile and Studebaker. Muscle cars from the 1960s and woodies from the 1950s. Grand Prix racers and muscular little Saabs and Subarus built for the world rally circuit.

Then there are the more esoteric brands bearing such badges as Biddle. Panoz. Facel Vega. Intermeccanica. Delage. Delahaye. Isotta Fraschini. For 2016 the featured marque will be a name popular in Italy but hardly a household name in the States—Lancia.

"This will be the twentieth anniversary of the Concours," says Michael Tillson, Radnor's Master of Fox Hounds and the man with whom it all began. "When I proposed a car show, the club wasn't sure what to make of the idea. But we wanted to do something for the club and for the community that wasn't directly related to horses."

The way Tillson saw it that meant one thing—a vintage car show. "To me, it was obvious. People enjoy coming out to Radnor Hunt, and the field beyond the clubhouse has plenty of room for showing cars. It also gave us the opportunity to benefit a local charity."

No less important, in Tillson they had the perfect man for the challenge of putting together a show that could draw some of the country's most charismatic vehicles and owners. He wasn't just a Master of the Hunt, he was also a car guy's car guy, a one-time service manager



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In the '60s he shifted gears, so to speak, and began a racing career that took him to SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) and IMSA (International Motor Sports Association) tracks from Canada to Mexico, co-driving with such famed drivers as Innes Ireland and three-time Le Mans winner Al Holbert. By 1997 he was operating Tillson Motor Cars, restoring vintage cars and acquiring a personal fleet that has numbered as many as 25 cars.

On a recent afternoon, several weeks before the show, Tillson stands next to his ripe-lime-colored Ferrari Spider and tells how the show has evolved. "Our first Concours took place in 1997," he says. "It was small, we only had 35 entrants. But there was lots of energy to it and people enjoyed it so you could tell we were on the right track."

By the fifth year, however, the show was growing too fast. "That year we showed over 200 cars. We decided to limit the entrants to 100 cars to become as selective as possible while offering a broad array of cars."

The Concours' rules also limit owners to showing a given car only once every five years, to avoid showing the same cars over and over and to keep the show fresh. It was no less important to benefit the right cause.

"We went through several of the big-name clients but they were laden with too much structure," says Tillson. "We currently benefit the Thorncroft Equestrian Center. It was the right size, it was associ-

ated with horses, and it was local, so it was a natural."

Size is another advantage of the Radnor Hunt show, compared to the colossal shows at Pebble Beach or Amelia Island. "Those Concours are huge. They show hundreds of cars. You can walk two miles and still not see everything. It's exhausting."

By contrast, the Radnor show is self-contained. "You can see all the cars. Buy a hamburger or a souvenir. See old friends. Talk to the owners. It's fun for the whole family."

The Concours community wants it to be even more of a family affair. "We're recruiting more and more female judges for the Radnor Hunt Concours," says Tillson's wife, Susan, who has been judging vintage cars for 12 years and has just returned from judging in Lake Geneva, Switzerland.

"It's like with any hobby, you want people to know what it's about. The easiest way to do that is to open it to women as well as men. It takes a while, but it's fun. You have to learn the difference between normal wear and tear and dents. Between what is acceptable and what is not," says Susan. There's also a junior judging program for teens, 12 to 14.

But how, we wonder, did the Concours in Lake Geneva go? "I was the only woman judge there," she says. "It was a little unnerving."

As her husband explains, the cars are generally judged according to one of two systems. "The French style awards points based on how a car looks. Is it truly elegant?

How is the paint job? If anything has been replaced, does it look original?"

The point system, on the other hand, awards points based on authenticity. "Almost all cars from the United States used to have nickel-plated engine parts. Chrome is shinier but not right. Oil filters have to be right, too; they may be replacement parts but they have to come from an officially certified dealer."

If this sounds like a lot of fussing over details most people would never notice, it can be worth it. "This particular Ferrari sold for \$9,000 when new in 1959," Tillson says, indicating his Ferrari. "Another Ferrari just like it recently sold for \$2 million." ♦

Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, Radnor Hunt Grounds, Providence Rd., Malvern, Sept. 9-11. For more information, visit RadnorConcours.org.

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