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### from the **EDITOR**

June is here, so summer can't be far behind. Time for enjoying the patio, summer reading, good wine and a copy of County Lines, full of summer fun.

As temperatures rise, the outdoors beckon, spurring us to consider updating what's outside our home. Local experts advise Mary Dolan on changes worth making in "Adding Outdoor Value." See "Outdoor Design" for photos that inspire.

Interested in upgrading your entire home? There's a charmer featured in "Home of the Month"-a classic Colonial with a modern side in protected Willistown Township. Laurel Anderson leads the tour.

June is also ripe for travel. In "Life Through the Prism Of A Book," Mike Wall of Wellington Square Bookshop proposed some armchair travel. Prefer to visit local destinations? Harrison James shares his observations of a burgeoning city poised to join its larger Northeastern metropolitan kin in "Wilmington's Big City Revival."

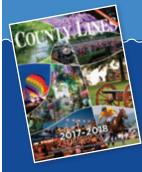
On a smaller scale, West Chester is another top destination, where dining options range from fine to fantastic to fun. Join Malcolm Johnstone, of West Chester BID, for what's new in "Embracing Change and Empowering Our Future."

For those looking to share a meal outdoors, we have suggestions aplenty in "Summer Dining Guide." Headed to a BYOB? Then check out Kayleigh Thompson's "Understanding Biodynamic Wines: Is It Mysticism or Meticulous Wine Making?" If you're searching for a distinctive drink, choose something from "Signature Summer Drinks" Our final foodie treat is Laura Brennan's visit in "Cookbook Club" for June's Brandywine Table. Want to join one?

And although school is winding down, we shine a light on some amazing students. They're engineering robots, improving detection of breast cancer, entertaining with angelic voices. They're "Ready To Take On The World." Meanwhile retired biology teacher Vince O'Donnell enlists students to collaborate on a Stroud Water Research Center project. In "Life Lessons In Three Dimensions," Diane Huskinson looks at this interdisciplinary work.

For more June fun, we have, as always, the Best Local Events. Thank you for reading.

Jo Anne Durako Editor



### **COMING IN JULY!**

### **2018-19 GUIDEBOOK**

To Southeastern PA & Northern DE Recent Discoveries: KOP & Baltimore Weekend Getaways Beer • School Sports • Local Wine Fall Guide to the Arts



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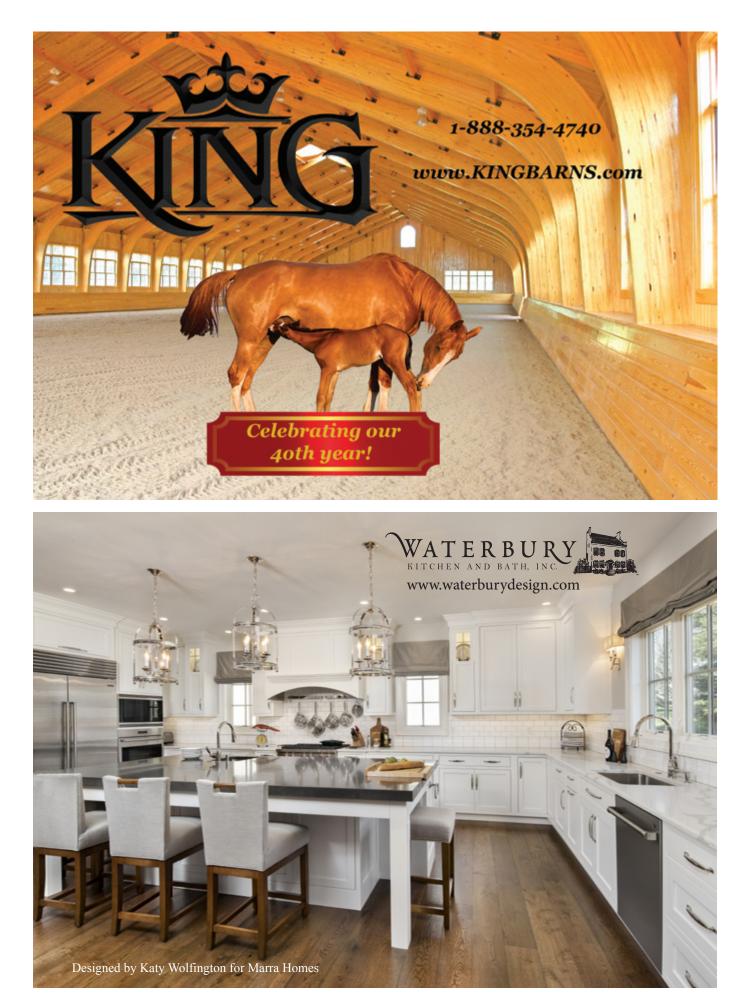






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### Good to Know Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month



Bee A Hero. Get out your garden tools because bees and butterflies need your help. The National Pollinator Garden Network is on a mission to register one million beefriendly gardens in time for National Pollinator Week, starting June 18th. These gardens provide essential habitats and food for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and bats-animals that fertilize our crops. Since 2015, over 700,000 new pollinator gardens have been planted and registered. Now it's your turn. Register your garden at *Pollinator.org*.

A Snappy App. Ever been intrigued by a flower you found? Or wondered about the name of the tree sprouting in your backyard? Now with PlantSnap, you can solve the puzzles with a single button. Using a database of over 316,000 species, the app lets you snap a picture of a mystery mushroom, wild flower, shrub or tree and identify it in seconds. A fun app for gardeners, hikers and junior horticulturalists. Buy your plant companion at PlantSnap.com.



On the Trail Again. Time to stretch those legs-June 2nd is National Trails Day. There's no better place to celebrate than Chester County, which maintains over 21 miles of beautiful trails, including the Struble and Schuylkill River trails. Plus, the well-kept and well-lit Chester Valley Trail is expanding to connect with "The Circuit," a developing 750-mile trail network throughout Greater Philadelphia. Grab your pets, family and friends and hit the trails to celebrate the great outdoors. More on Chester County's parks and trails at ChesCo.org/Parks.



### Seasons Are Changing. West

Chester's acclaimed Resident Theatre Company has announced its 2018-2019 line-up. The season launches in October with Evita-an ambitious musical pick with a soaring Latin-inspired score from Andrew Lloyd Weber, based on the life of Eva Peron. December brings a classic Ken Ludwig farce, Lend Me a Tenor, and the season wraps up in March with Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, a musical based on the 1988 film. Start planning your night out today! RTCWC.org.



All Aboard! June 17th is Father's Day and the West Chester Rail Road is offering a limited-time train trip for families and fathers on the Father's Day Express, a 90-minute round trip from West Chester to Glen Mills. The Glen Mills stop offers a chance to explore the historic train station and bring or buy a picnic lunch to eat

alongside the scenic Chester Creek. Start this Father's Day with a treat, and climb aboard! 12 to 2 p.m. Dads \$5, Other adults \$15. Tickets at WestChesterRR.net.

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### UNE Picks Our Picks for top events this month

### Up On The Roof lune 2

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Take in the sunset views from the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage at this fundraiser, hosted by the West Chester Downtown Foundation and the West Chester BID. Start with cocktails and appetizers, then a catered buffet dinner and a dessert selection from West Chester's best. Open bar features wine, beer and the always-popular Rooftop Martini. Enjoy live music and dancing under the stars. 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 7 p.m. Tickets





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### 16th Annual French Creek Iron Tour -Cycling for Open Space lune 10



Cycle through historic Iron Furnace country and have a blast! Routes take you to the Warwick Furnace, Hopewell Furnace and near the Hibernia Iron Works. Choose options from 11 to 100 miles for your bike ride. Benefits French & Pick-

ering Creeks Conservation Trust. Start and finish at Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Registration closes at 1600 riders or 5 p.m., June 7, whichever comes first—no day-of-event registration. Start times vary; check website. \$65. 610-933-7734; IronTour.org.

### 2018 Philadelphia Concours d'Elegance June 15-16

The nonprofit Cool Cars for Kids, Inc. presents a showcase of classic and historic automobiles and race cars at this fundraiser. Enjoy familyfriendly activities, celebrity guests, food, vendors and access to the Simeone Museum's collection of racing sports cars. Benefits the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for children with rare birth disorders. Simeone Automotive Foundation Museum, 6825 Norwitch

Dr., Philadelphia. Preview Gala Fri. includes cocktails, dinner, concours preview and silent auction, 6:30 p.m., \$150. Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$25, under 18, free. 215-365-7233; CoolCarsForKids.org.

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### Crafted-A Curated Arts & Crafts Festival

In addition to talented craftspeople, the festival also features a kids' crafting studio, music at the songwriter's stage, a great selection of food, local wine and craft beer tastings. This year's Focus Exhibit is from the Lancaster Modern Quilt Guild. Eagleview Town Center in Wellington Square, Eagleview, Exton. 10 to 3. Crafted-Eagleview.com.

### Soul Harmony: The Story of Deborah Chessler, Sonny Til and the Orioles June 20–July 1

In 1953 when a young Jewish singer/songwriter, Deborah Chessler, partnered with a dynamic black vocal group, The Orioles, their song

"Crying in the Chapel" quickly became a #1 hit. Next, "It's Too Soon to Know" was released and gave birth to Rhythm and Blues. Soul Harmony chronicles The Orioles' rise and reveals the role they played in challenging segregation and Jim Crow, bringing people together across America



through their music. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 2 p.m. \$40-\$55. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

# best Local Events

#### THROUGH JUNE 3

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### JUNE 2

munity celebration with vendors, games, an outdoor market, tours of historic sites and Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown

#### JUNE 2

### JUNE 2-3

June 2, Community Spaghetti



Dinner, 5 pm, \$8-\$12 (adv. tickets), then the Chester County Concert Band. June 3, 150th Malvern Memorial Dav Parade, 1:30

### JUNF 3

man's Hill Rd., Chadds Ford. 11 to 2. Free.



### JUNE 3

A huge street festival with children's crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands, an-St., from Matlack to Darlington Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.

#### JUNE 3

Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights. Racing into Summer: discover the history of automoat Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8–\$19.

### JUNE 4

er County Mac & Cheese Cook-Off Chester County." Organizer: Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown. Across from Kerr Park, 1 Park Ln., Downingtown. Noon to 4. \$5–\$10. MacNCheeseCookOff.com.

#### JUNE 8-9

tertainment, games and family fun. Benefits

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Food Closet and Water Missions. The Churc of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave.

### JUNE 15, JULY 20, AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21

ourne Park. Kick back and relax in & Gromit: the Curse of the Were-Rabbit; July 20, Elf; Aug. 17, Star Wars: A New Hope

### JUNE 16-17

Kennel Club All Breed Do Obedience Trial. Come out for a fun-filled day with one of the oldest

### JUNE 22-24

ester County Balloon Festival. Spectac ular hot air balloons and activities including balloon ascensions, helicopter and monster truck rides, music and evening balloon glows. Fireworks on Saturday. Benefits Chester County Hero Fund. New Garden Flying Field, 1235 Newark Rd., Toughkenamon. Fri, pm, Sun, opens at noon. \$10–\$15. 610-827-



### JUIY 7

### ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES THROUGH JUNE 30

Wayne Art Center Plein Air Art Festival. National juried exhibition enhancing the public's awareness of outdoor painting. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

### JUNE 1-3

Willowbrook Farm Summer Barn Sale. Browse through hand-picked vintage finds, home decor pieces and seasonal accents. Life's Patina at Willowbrook Farm, 1750 N. Valley Rd., Malvern. Benefits the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust. Fri, 10 to 5; Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. 610-952-2254; LifesPatina.com.

### JUNE 2-10

Art on the Hill-Pottstown Art Show & Sale.

The Pottstown Area Artists Guild along with the Hill School holds their open juried show at the school, 760 Beech St., Pottstown. June 2, reception, 4 to 7. Mon-Fri, 11 to 3; Sat-Sun, 1 to 5. PAAG.info.

### JUNE 9-10

Haverford Guild of Craftsmen Summer Fine Art & Craft Show. More than 50 artists display both functional home decor as well as wearable arts. Agnes Irwin School, 275 S. Ithan Ave., Rosemont. Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5 (\$2 off with

ad). 610-517-6742; HaverfordGuild.org.



### JUNE 10

Clover Market in Kennett Square. Seasonal open-air market features over 100 vendors with antiques, collectibles, vintage wares, crafts, architectural salvage, original art, food trucks, kids' crafts and music. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 10 to 4. TheCloverMarket.com.

### JUNE 10

52nd Media Art Exhibition & Craft Fair.

Nearly 100 artists and fine craftspeople exhibit and sell original works along State St. and Veterans Square, Media. Rain date, June 17. Starts at 10 am. 610-915-2253; VisitMediaPA.com.

### BOOKS

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### FESTIVALS, SALES & FAIRS... JUNE 2-3

Chester County PrideFest Weekend. June 2, a community day to celebrate inclusion of Chester County's LGBT+ community, Reeves Park, 2nd Ave. & Main St., Phoenixville, noon to 5. June 3, Pride Gala—buffet dinner, raffle, auction, entertainment, dancing at The Des-

mond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern, 4 to 9, \$80. 484-888-9705; LGBTeachesCo.org.

### JUNE 6

Chester County 50plus EXPO. Free health screenings, door prizes, seminars, entertainment and fun. Church Farm School, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton. 9 to 2. Free, 717-285-1350; 50PlusEXPOPA.com.

### JUNE 8-9

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### JUNE 14

White Horse Village Health & Wellness Foir. Health professionals, service providers, screenings, homecare services and more. Enjoy complimentary healthy snacks and gifts, take a chance on a raffle and watch cooking demos. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 9:30 to 2. 610-558-5063; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

### JUNE 22-24

Celtic Fling and Highland Games. Musicians, dancers, craftsmen and athletes gather at Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Friday night concert, 4 pm. Sat-Sun, 11 am to 10 pm. \$11.95-\$29.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

### JUNE 23

It's A Green Thing Sustainability Fair at West Laurel Hill. Bike, walk, or scooter your way over to the Cynwyd Trail to support local sustainable vendors, food trucks, live music and a beer garden by a local brewing company. West Laurel Hill Cemetery, 225 Belmont Ave., Bala Cynwyd. 1 pm. Free. Rain date, June 24. 610-668-9900; WestLaurelHill.com.



### JUNE 30-JULY 8

69th Annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat-Sun, 10 to 8; Mon-Fri, 10 to 6. \$5-\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

### FOOD & DRINK

### IUNF 1-10

Philly Beer Week. More than 500 events at over 100 venues throughout the city and suburbs, highlighting the region's diverse beer scene, its world-class breweries, neighborhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information, PhillyLovesBeer.org. JUNE 3

Food Truck Festival in Kennett Square. Food trucks, Victory Beer Garden, children's activities, live music and more. 650 W. Cypress St. Noon to 5. 484-730-1870; Historic-KennettSquare.com.

### JUNE 14

8th Annual Twisted Vintner. Sample fare from local restaurants, wineries and breweries and enjoy music, dancing, auctions and a homemade wine competition. Benefits local organizations. Concordville Town Centre, Rts. 1 & 322, Glen Mills. 6 to 9:30. p.m. \$60-\$65. TwistedVintner.org.

### FUNDRAISERS.

### JUNE 5

Chester County Futures Golf Classic. A day of golf followed by cocktails and dinner, benefiting CCF, a program providing academic, mentoring and scholarship support for disadvantaged youth. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern, 11:30 to 8 pm. For more information 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.

### JUNE 8

Stardust! Natural Lands Trust's Annual Summer Celebration. The ever-amazing Saturn and a brightly shining Jupiter dazzle overhead as you enjoy cocktails and dinner at Binky Lee Preserve, 1445 Pikeland Rd., Chester Springs. 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets \$200 and up. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

### JUNE 9

Home of the Sparrow's 23rd Annual Gala-Enchanted Woodlands. Spend an evening with music, dance, dinner, open bar and silent and live auctions. Benefits women and children in the County to prevent and end homelessness. The Phelps School, 583 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 6 to 10:30 pm. \$75-\$150. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

### JUNE 9

Annual Great Chef's Event for Alex's Lem-

ongde Stand. Many culinary superstars as well as representatives from the best bars, wineries and craft breweries participate. Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. 12:30 to 4 pm. \$250. 866-333-1213; AlexsLemonade.org.

### JUNE 10

Stroud Water Research Center's Rally for Fresh Water. Enjoy a beautiful day driving throughout various watersheds in Chester County while answering clues about your route. Drivers and their navigators will end up at a beautiful preserve for their Finish Line Party. Reg., 1 pm; rally at 2; after party, 5. \$150. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org.



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### JUNE 11

Barclay Friends Golf Classic. Benefits the Caring Fund at Barclay Friends, a continuing care community. Whitford Country Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. Registration, 11 am; 12:30 tee off. \$180. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org.

### JUNE 23

### Oxford Arts Alliance 50s Dance Party Fund-

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### **GARDENS & GARDENING..** THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29

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### JUNE 9

Garden Day at White Horse Village Retirement Community. Self-guided tour of the Village's 96 acres of gardens, meadows and woodlands. Start at the Club House, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 11 to 3. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

### MUSEUMS.

### THROUGH JULY 8

Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through June 3, "The Way Back: The Paintings of George A. Weymouth," featuring Weymouth's best works of art. *Through July 8*, "Southwestern Son: The Lithographs of Peter Hurd." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

### **MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT...** JUNE 1-JULY 6

Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series. Through Oct., live music in the beer garden, 6

to 9; June 2, Wine & Jazz Festival; June 8-9, The Savoy Company, see Theater; June 10, Julie Zhu; June 13, Rhiannon Giddens; June 16-17, Delaware Shakespeare; June 17, Audra Mc-Donald; June 24, Julia Littleton; June 24, The Highland Travelers; June 29, Banda Magda; July 6, Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players. Concerts through Sept. 23. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. For details, 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



JUNE 2 Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley. TOSDV presents the 1925 silent movie The Eagle. Don Kinnear will accompany the film on the 3/24 Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ.

### Local Farm Markets

Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 2. ArtisanExchange.net.

Bryn Mowr Formers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station parking lot. Sat, 10 to noon. FarmToCity.org

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

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

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

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

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. *Tues, noon to 5 pm.* 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. Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 300 E. High St. Thurs–Fri, noon to 7 pm; Sat–Sun, 9 to 5. 610-323-5400; PottstownFarm.org. SIW Farmers Mkt., 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. *Daily, 8 to 6*. 610-388-7491; SIW-Vegetables.blogspot.com.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 432 Dartmouth Ave. Sat, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org. Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd. Fri, 9 to 5; Sat-Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com. Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat. 10 to 1. Facebook.com/

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#### Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. \$7-\$12. 610-917-1228; TOSDV.org.

JUNE 2-JULY 6

Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts. June 2, Dave Wilcox/Denise Moser; June 8, Cabin Dogs/Jonathan Doh & Band; June 9, Susan Werner/Joe Crookston; June 15, Merion Concert Band; June 16, Trevor Street Band/ Carolyn Cott; June 23, Lucy Kaplansky/Lisa-Beth Weber; June 30, Christine Havrilla & Gypsy Fuzz/Becca Fox & Chris Dixon; July 6, Brian Filone's David Bowie Tribute. Concerts through July 28. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S.



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### JUNE 8-AUGUST 31

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#### JUNE 9

Wayne Music Festival. WXPN welcomes The Wayne Music Festival, featuring many genres of music paired with delicious food, beer and cocktails from local restaurants. Fireworks in the evening. N. Wayne Ave. 2 to 10:30 p.m. Free. 610-687-7698; WayneMusicFestival.com. JUNE 10-JULY 8

### Miller Park Summer Concert Series. June 10,

Slippery Band; June 25, TBA; July 8, Chico's Vibe. Concerts through August 19. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton, 6:30. Free, Rain dates the following Sunday. 610-363-9525; WestWhiteland.org.

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### JUNE 21, 28, JULY 4

Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park. June 21, Chico's Vibe; June 28, River of Dreams; July 4, Chester County Concert Band (fireworks follow). Concerts through July 26. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES JUNE 2-8

20th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn. A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. Check website for times and pricing. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/ Sojourn.aspx.

### JUNE 10

Greater Philadelphia Congenital Heart Walk. All ages are invited to walk through the Philadelphia Zoo. Benefits the Adult Congenital Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation, 3400 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia. Registration, 8:30; opening ceremonies, 9:45; walk at 10 am. 855-CHD-WALK; Events.CongenitalHeartWalk.org.

### JUNE 10

Kennett Symphony's Beat Beethoven 5K Run/1K Walk. The objective is to finish the race before Beethoven's 5th Symphony endsapproximately 32 minutes. Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 9 am. \$30. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

### JUNE 16

Trail Blazer Run. A 5-mile trail run and 1.5-Mile Family Fun Hike. Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Rd., Downingtown. Registration, 2:30, race at 4 pm, rain or shine. \$20-\$25. 610-436-5108; RunTheDay.com.

### JUNE 22-24

27th Annual Pottstown Rumble, Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Vendors and music through the weekend. Manatawny Park, 61 W. King St., Pottstown. Visit website to register. PottstownRumble.com.

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### THEATER

THROUGH JUNE 10

Newsies: The Musical. A score by Alan Menken (Aladdin, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman, based on a book by Harvey Fierstein. Media Theater, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

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### POCKET ATLAS OF REMOTE

**ISLANDS** by Judith Schalansky Schalansky's conceit is that we're incurably curious and that within each of us prowls the explorer we might have become had not the routine of life ensnared us. This design-awardwinner and bestseller takes us to 50 islands we'll probably never visit. In fact, the subtitle is Fifty Islands I Have Not Visited and Never Will. But we get maps and the islands' stories-

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### I SHOULD BE EXTREMELY HAPPY IN YOUR COMPANY by Brian Hall

Hall's novel-which takes its title from Lewis's invitation to Clark to join him on the journey—shows us the lives of the famous explorers and others of the Corps of Discovery involved in the expedition to the Pacific Ocean. Hall keeps to historical accuracy but gives us the sense of wonder the

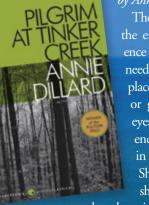
explorers felt encountering 2,000 miles of wild country. Meriwether Lewis anchors the book-only 29 at the start in 1804 (the trip concluded in 1806), supremely competent, a superb naturalist, brave in an utterly offhand way. Hall depicts Lewis at his end in 1809, terribly depressed and calling out Clark's name. Sadly, his dearest friend was now hundreds of miles away. But Hall also gives us Lewis's first view of the Rockies, which reads like every fever dream of discovery we wish we'd made-a vision of the purest exhilaration.

### ON TRAILS: AN EXPLORATION by Robert Moor

When you cut across the park to shorten your walk, you create a path. When you note where deer keep to the wood line to hide their silhouette from predators, you've detected a trail. Moor's journey on the Appalachian Trail caused him to think about the organizing principle of trails, how "each [trail] is building upon the next, becoming more complex and larger, down to highway systems and the internet."\*

A Best Book of the Year and National Outdoor Book award winner by an author who is compared to Jared Diamond and Annie Dillard, this book is about walking and meditation. What lines have you left behind in your passage through the world?

### PILGRIM AT TINKER CREEK by Annie Dillard

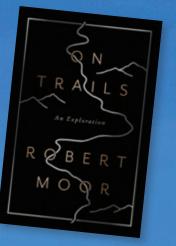


There's no need to journey to the ends of the earth to experi-

ence awe. Dillard tells us all we need to do is find some forgotten place where animals might travel or gather, and then open our eyes. She began tracking her encounters along Tinker Creek in Virginia when she was 25. She kept notebooks of what she witnessed during the day and read at night. From those experiences,

she described how the workings of nature could be found everywhere, anywhere. All you need to do is pay attention. Tinker Creek won the 1975 Pulitzer Prize, and has not merely aged but grown in stature and beauty.

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# LIFE LESSONS IN **THREE DIMENSIONS**

Diane Huskinson, Stroud Water Research Center

### UNIONVILLE STUDENTS, THE STROUD CENTER AND A RETIRED TEACHER COLLABORATE ON 3-D TEACHING TOOLS.

INCE O'DONNELL RETIRED FROM UNIONVILLE HIGH intersecting at angles the students haven't dealt with before," School five years ago, but he's still, and likely will always be, a teacher. After a 45-year career teaching biology and only a few years into retirement, O'Donnell got the itch to return this project has been a taste of what actual engineers do." to what he loved

And so O'Donnell joined Stroud Water Research Center as a part-time educator in 2016, just as Education Director Steve Kerlin began expanding the Stroud Center's environmental education programs for students and teachers.

### A REAL-LIFE PROJECT

Always looking for new ways to help students learn, O'Donnell had an idea: "We couldn't find any three-dimensional models of the critters that live in streams to use as a teaching tool, but a former colleague reminded me Unionville High School has 3-D printers." O'Donnell reached out to the school's tech ed department, and four of Steve Ortega's engineering students volunteered for the project.

Bryan Denmark, a junior in Ortega's computer integrated manufacturing class, said, "I wasn't sure what I was getting into at first, but I was up for the challenge." He soon realized it was a chance to apply skills he'd learned in class to a real-life project.

And a chance to learn new skills. "Most of the time, the parts we create in class are more along the lines of machine parts, brackets or fixtures, which tend to be more angular. The objects for this project have complex curves, layers and parts Ortega explained.

Denmark, who's modeling a mayfly nymph, added, "I feel like

O'Donnell continues to meet with the students to follow their progress, review mockups and provide feedback. At the start, he pointed them to resources such as Macroinvertebrates.org and the WaterQuality App, one of the six tools at WikiWatershed.org. Students did their own research to learn how the models should look, and each student accepted one macroinvertebrate to model in addition to a cravfish.

Junior Sebastian Graper said, "Working on the water penny larva, I spent what must have been hours on getting the back curved to mirror the actual bug."

It's a long process, and the project will likely continue into the next school year.

### INTEGRATING ART AND SCIENCE

Because it takes five to eight hours to print one model, the printers were set to run overnight, and the mockups are ready when the students arrive at school the next morning.

"Once I saw the mockups, I thought-why not get the art department involved, too? Then you've got integration between the departments in the school, which is always encouraged," said O'Donnell. This approach mirrors how scientists and educators

at the Stroud Center work, across disciplines and inspired by the natural world as well as art. The Stroud Center's founders firmly believed in integrating art and science.

Three of Faith Dilworth's art students jumped at the chance to add real-life colors and textures to the 3-D models. "It's a perfect marriage of science, technology and fine art," Dilworth said. "The students were excited not only because their peers had actually created the models, but their painted surface application would help other students learn about the science of these organisms through the Stroud Center's education programs."

It's also an opportunity, Dilworth explained, for the students to see what it's like to create a product that meets the needs of a client, much like a professional artist does.

Sophomore Isabelle LeCloux, who's creating the cranefly larva model, said, "It's so cool to see the final product once the models have been painted. While the models do look like the creatures they are, the art students are able to breathe life into them."

Junior Sid Panchanadam, stonefly modeler, also enjoyed the interdisciplinary aspect: "Working with people from other departments is refreshing. When making models, I have to consider the needs and abilities of the art department. And it's nice to know they're going to take my model and make something neither of us could make on our own."

Scientists and educators know well that unexpected challenges are opportunities for creative problem-solving. One art student discovered that lesson when she caught her bracelet on a crayfish model's antenna, causing it to break off. "She was devastated," said O'Donnell, "so I told her, 'Don't worry about it. Sometimes when crayfish spar in the wild, an antenna will snap off. Now we can lay that antenna in the gravel by the crayfish so other students can learn more about crayfish behavior."

### LIFE LESSONS

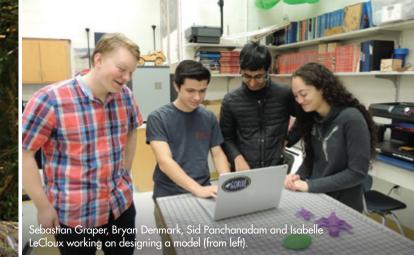
By creating these teaching tools about freshwater ecosystems, the Unionville students in this project developed their own curiosity about their outdoor environment. Senior art student Hannah Fioravanti said, "I've always liked animals, but this experience makes me want to see the animals in person."

"This project has caused me to be more mindful of the environment around me," added senior Margaret Clisham.

LeCloux and Panchanadam had similar insights. "Before joining this project, I knew there were a lot of little critters in streams, but I don't think I realized the variety that existed," said LeCloux. Panchanadam added, "While I've known about the important efforts of organizations like Stroud, working on this project exposed me to the complexity of life in the streams and the importance of educating people on the environment."

### Big life lessons.

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Water penny and crayfish prototypes printing (from top).

Crayfish, stonefly and water penny models after printing (from left).



# **READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD**

Edwin Malet

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH BIG AMBITIONS ... AND BIG TALENTS

NTIL THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, MOST students compete primarily *within* their schools. Athletics are an exception. But academically—in math, science, engineering, advocacy, the arts—most students don't reach out beyond their own institutions. They don't vie with others in the region, the state, the nation or the world.

Several area students, however, do compete and excel on a larger stage. Here's what they've been up to.

### HEALTH, COMPUTERS ... AND A TED TALK, TOO

As a sophomore, Chase Reid won the Delaware state championship as captain of **Totnoll School's** Science Olympiad team. As a junior, he won the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology. That's besides giving a TED talk—"Will They Replace Us or Enhance Us?"

This year as a senior, he won 1st Place in Computer Science at the New Castle County Science Fair and 2nd place in the Delaware Valley Science Fair. In brief, he found a better way to detect breast cancer using machine learning and data to assess whether a lesion is benign or malignant, earning a \$12,000 scholarship to the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. He's also developed software called Lyre that recommends songs based on facial recognition.

### FIGHTING SUPERBUGS

Charlotte Elizabeth Weisman of Episcopol Academy took 1st place in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science's regional competition, tackling the evolution of "Superbugs," which unfortunately are evolving faster than new antibiotics to counter them. Charlotte investigated countering ampicillin's resistance in E. coli by exposing it to another compound and found the combination was far more effective than ampicillin alone. She plans to continue her studies at either the University of Michigan or Georgetown.

### BEWARE OF THE METAL MOOSE

Anne Burns, Director of Communications and Marketing at Westtown School, describes Daelan Roosa as the "most extraordinary kid I've worked with in 36 years of teaching." Daelan leads

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the school's robotics team, called the "Metal Moose," which will compete in the Robotics World Championship in Detroit in late May. The competition features the top 10% from a field of 6,000 teams from around the world. To qualify, the Westtown team finished 4th in the Mid-Atlantic Championship, losing to the winning team in the semi-finals.

### SAFER SKIES

Michael Wiciak is only a junior at the Salesianum School, but his team placed 3rd out of 500 in the Diamond Challenge, a competition of high school entrepreneurs held at the University of Delaware and attracting entries from as far away as Moldova, Uganda and South Korea. Wiciak's prototype, a "safe" quadcopter—its rotors and blades were concealed, offering protection to those nearby—was a class science project, overseen by Creighton Anderson, a STEM teacher at Salesianum. The project earned Wiciak a \$3,500 prize.

### MULTI-TALENTS

Charles Hallinan won a variety of honors in his academic career at Devon Prep. He won Gold Medals on the National Spanish Exam, 6th Best Advocate Award at the Blue and Gold tournament at LaSalle University, and served as assistant captain of the Mock Trial team, which was a state finalist in 2016 and 2017. And Charles was recognized as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This fall, he'll attend the University of Notre Dame.



### TOP OF THE WORLD ... ALMOST

Haverford School's Robotics team placed 4th in the Math Division of the VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville. That's 4th in the *world*, in a competition with 549 teams from 35 countries. This team—juniors Intel Chen and Jared Hoefner, sophomores Alexander Greer and Bennett Twitmyer, and freshman Maxim Kreider—qualified for the world championships through a last chance qualifier, which required building a brand new robot in a week.

Also a finalist, this time in the Arts Division, was another Haverford team with juniors Scott Shaw and Will Clark and freshman Safa Obuz. Yet another Haverford team—junior Will Vauclain and sophomores Aditya Sardesai and Daniel Chow—won at the state level.



### PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

A trio of Tower Hill seniors—Isabelle Pilson, David Goodman, Rand Barton earned commendations in the National Scholarship Program and were among 4,000 candidates named in the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars program. Candidates are selected for superior academics, artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. Isabelle is going to Stanford, David is choosing between Dartmouth and Columbia, and Rand is still deciding.

Meanwhile, two of the school's juniors distinguished themselves in math. Olivia Lin scored in the top 5 percent on the American Mathematics Competition, qualifying her for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam, while Peter Zhong earned 3rd place in the region at the Invitational Math League state meet.

### DON'T MOCK THE TEAM

As a senior co-captain of Villa Maria Academy's Mock Trial team, Samantha DiBona was "truly exceptional," according to Director of Admission Mary Kay Napoli. Recognized as Best Advocate by her opponents, Samantha said it was a season "of never-ending curveballs, causing us to change our strategies constantly." But the court never saw the team flustered. DiBona, who envisions herself attending law school, will attend American University.





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### FROM SPELLING BEES TO THE STAGE

At the Sonford School, after winning the state spelling bee in 7th and 8th grade, Lily Allingham turned to theater—she was all-state in 9th and 10th grades and attended the Governor's School for Excellence in Theater ... and chorus. Lily made the Delaware All-State Chorus every year of high school and was one of three Delaware students selected to the All-National Choir.

### ENGINEERING, SINGING ... AND MAKING CHILI

Geno Go is "one of the most hardworking, successful and intellectual students in his class," says Eric Fulmer, Dean of Students at Church Form School. Geno "constantly seeks opportunities that will challenge him academically and intellectually." In November 2017, Geno received a \$1,000 scholarship from Delaware Valley Engineers Week, given to an Outstanding High School Senior. He will attend Johns Hopkins next year.

Choral Director Gary Gress called Nathan Antwi "a very engaging and charismatic singer." Nathan made the state chorus in 12th grade after achieving top 20 at district level, top 10 at the regional level, then, finally, top 6 at the state level. Fulmer called him "one of the best I've had in 28 years."

Plus, Nathan joined three other CFS students—Mel Mendez, Abednego Chase, Sebastian Lopez—to create the Best Chili in West Chester Rotary's Chili Cook-Off. For two years running! It's quite a feat. I know because, at *County Lines Magazine*, we entered that cook-off years ago and all we got were t-shirts.

From robots to biology to chili, these students have worked hard for their achievements. They're well on their way to putting in their 10,000 hours toward mastery. And they're already making their mark in the real world.

We wish them well and continuing success.  $\blacklozenge$ 

### Outdoor Living Additions Increase the Value of Your Home... And Your Happiness!

T'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. AS TEMPERATURES rise, the outdoors beckon us to venture out to enjoy the season. And it may also be that time you think about updating what actually is outside your home.

Whether you're thinking of selling your home soon or you're comfortably staying put, resale value is always something to keep in mind when planning any new home improvements—inside or outside. Luckily, many of the most popular upgrades aren't just valuable to you—they're also desirable to future owners of your home as well!

Local experts can help you choose what makes sense to do.

### SPACE TO LIVE

What if you don't have to leave your home to feel like you're on vacation? Your backyard has the potential to be a resort-like retreat that not only looks beautiful, but also serves as a functional gathering space.

"What people really want at their homes are family spaces," says Randell Spackman of Thornbury Services. "Things like fire pits, pools, water gardens, play areas and even putting greens and vegetable gardens are all memorable additions when potential buyers check out your home." Both practical and attractive, these spaces bring people together and are a great investment.

# Adding Dutdoor Value

Mary Irene Dolan

Plus many can easily be repurposed if desired—like a vegetable garden into flower beds, for example.

Patios, decks, terraces and pergolas are important foundations for designing your outdoor space. They provide a key focal point in your yard and are always pluses when selling. On the flipside, walls, fencing, pathways and outdoor lighting may not seem as exciting, but they all help bring the space together and frame it.

"Additions like fencing can be as pretty as they are practical," says Randell. "They can help add that finishing touch to a yard or garden." And if potential buyers are proud dog owners, a preexisting border around the backyard can be very attractive.

Other fun—but certainly not necessary—features like outdoor kitchens, tree houses, hot tubs or even she sheds can't hurt, though their design and appropriateness for the space are key. The yard's landscaping, previous additions and your lifestyle are important to take into consideration before adding extra features.

As Randell notes, "When designing a space our first question is always 'What will you use it for?'" If you won't get sufficient use out of it while you live in your home, the money for the improvement will be lost when it's time to sell. But, if you build a well-loved space that's right for you, the investment is more than worth it.





### GO GREEN

A well manicured lawn. Flowering bushes and welcoming trees. A stone path winding through the garden. These are the first things people notice when passing by or visiting your home. There's a reason they call it curb appeal-and it totally matters!

The more greenery surrounding your house, the better. Though it's important to consider the type of flowers, shrubs and trees to plant and their placement in your yard. For example, "Trees are a must, but there's such a thing as too much," says Holly Gross of Holly Gross Group/Berkshire Hathaway. "It's all about picking the correct species for our climate and considering the proximity to your house." Especially because our area suffers some snowy winters, like this past year's.

Another key consideration is upkeep. According to Holly, very large, high maintenance gardens may deter potential buyers who aren't gardeners themselves. A perennial garden that thrives with minimal care may be more attractive to buyers with black thumbs who still love the look-not the work-of a garden.

Likewise, a lush green lawn is generally a good thing. But again, and especially with smaller properties, using decorative stone and perennial gardens instead can be attractive to buyers who don't want to invest the time a lawn requires.

If you do choose to go all out and create a garden that needs consistent TLC, a well designed and cared for landscape adds enormous value to your everyday living experience. "To gardeners, these places are beloved and bring such great joy to our lives," notes Donald Pell of Donald Pell Gardens. "The garden needs to be beautiful so clients see great value in being stewards of these places, whether they're on a quarter acre or 1,500 acres."

When designing a landscape, Donald seeks to understand his clients' goals and often finds that slowing down the process helps uncover what the land itself reveals over time. This holistic approach to design allows for purposeful decisions about what works best for the space, making the property easier to maintain for current and future owners.

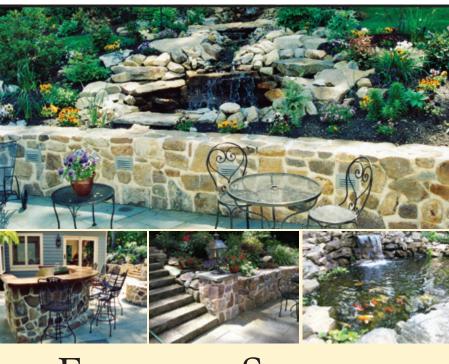
### BUILT TO LAST

There's always something to be said for timeless quality design. There's also a much higher chance that if you invest in quality in the building process, you'll have less work to do when it comes time to sell your home.

"Natural stone will not go away," says Mervin Esh of Fifth Park Stoneworks. "And it ages well ... like wine." Using 100% natural stone—like Pennsylvania bluestone and flagstone-ensures Mervin's clients' space will stand the test of time, adding to the home's value over the years.

And because of the long-lasting nature of the stone patios, fireplaces and outdoor kitchens, he also recommends that clients take their time and think about what they want in the long term before committing to a design. "Some more modern styles are constantly changing," he notes, "but they might not stay in vogue as the years go by.'

Mervin finds the best way to curb buyer's remorse is to get to know his clients' personal wants and needs so he can design a space they'll love—both now and in the future.



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ell-designed landscape adds curb appeal and value her you're on a quarter acre or1,500. PHOTO COURTESY DONALD PELL GARDENS

Another way to bypass backyard regrets-yes, it's a thing-is not to delay designing the space of your dreams until

DON'T WAIT

planning to sell.

In fact, Holly Gross doesn't recommend any big additions before putting your home on the market—instead suggesting focusing on general sprucing up and repair. "You won't get extra money, or even all your money back in the price of the home if

you renovate last minute," she advises. "It's better to do those additions because you want them while you're still living there."

Randell Spackman agrees. "We've had clients absolutely love the additions we built and wish they'd done them sooner!" he says.

And why wait to renovate for someone else when you could be enjoying the upgrades yourself before handing over your home resort to the next owners?

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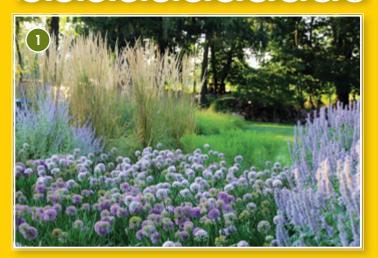
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Signature drinks stand out with unique flair. Crafting one requires creativity-combining different elements in a way that piques interest, looks inviting and still tastes delicious. In the spirit of the season, these signature cocktails draw inspiration from the colors, flavors and liquors that say summer. Follow along with our local cocktail specialists, add your own twist, or head out and sip them straight from the source!

### Dr. Jules & Bailey

/ / his drink from cocktail catering specialists 13th Street Cocktoils has a spa-like feel with cooling flavors of cucumber and mint-a perfect antidote for the summer heat! Dry vermouth adds herbal and floral complexity, while local gin from Elverson's Brandywine Branch Distillery serves as a healthy backbone.

1.75 oz. The Revivalist Gin Equinox Expression .25 oz. dry vermouth (preferably Art in the Age Lo-Fi) .75 oz. cucumber juice .5 oz. fresh lemon juice .5 oz. mint syrup\* Dash of grapefruit bitters Mint or shiso leaf for garnish

Hard shake all ingredients and double strain over fresh ice. Garnish with a mint or shiso leaf (as shown).

\*Low simmer peppermint herbal tea, 1:1, with simple syrup, 5 minutes



### Strawberry Shrub Down

ot summer days call for a big pitcher of daiquiris. Wilmington's Domaine Hudson gives an upscale twist to a classic Strawberry Daiquiri in this two-part recipe. *Tip:* Plan ahead so you have the shrub

recipe ready.

Strawberry/Black Pepper Shrub: 1 lb. strawberries, stems removed

- 1 lb. sugar
- 2 Tb. fresh black pepper
- 1 C. white balsamic vinegar

Combine strawberries, sugar and black pepper in a bowl. Leave for

### about a week until the strawberries are nearly completely dissolved.

Strain out the solids and combine the liquid with the vinegar.

To make the Cocktail: 1 oz. Bacardi Light Rum 1 oz. Bacardi Dark Rum .75 oz. Strawberry/Black Pepper Shrub .5 oz. lime juice .5 oz. Velvet Falernum

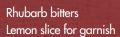
2 dashes Aztec Chocolate Bitters Strawberry for garnish

Mix all ingredients together in a glass. Garnish with a fresh strawberry.



easonal blackberries and refreshing lemon give this drink from Paramour of Wayne a summertime kick, while agave and rhubarb flavors offer something a little different. Perfect for patio or poolside sipping!

2 oz. Bulleit Bourbon 1 oz. fresh squeezed lemon juice 1 oz. agave nectar 4 blackberries



In a tin shaker, muddle two blackberries with agave nectar. Half fill the shaker with ice. Combine bourbon, lemon juice and two shakes of rhubarb bitters and shake well.

Pour mixture into a rocks glass filled with ice. Garnish with two blackberries and a slice of lemon.

Club Soda

choice.



### Bee's Knees

new take on an old classic, this version from Luburban Restaurant & Beer Garden of Exton includes local honey from Green Meadow Farms in Gap, vodka instead of gin, and homemade lavender bitters though you may have to go with store-bought. Pair this lemon-honey goodness with a warm summer night.

2 oz. vodka 1 oz. fresh squeezed lemon juice 1 oz. honey simple syrup\* 3 drops Scrappy's Lavender Bitters Crushed pink peppercorns

Shake together first four ingredients. Strain into a coupe or Martini class, and rim with crushed peppercorns.

\*Honey simple syrup is half honey, half hot water mixed together to make it more soluble.

### Summertide

// his concoction from General Warren of Malvern is seasonally and locally inspired—featuring Elversonbased Brandywine Branch Distillery's summer gin. As the weather gets warmer, the liquor gets clearer-with gin, tequila, vodka and a pop of blue—and even more refreshing!

1.5 oz. The Revivalist Gin Summertide Expression .5 oz. St. Germain Elderflower 1 tsp. Blue Curaco

Lemon juice from 1/2 a lemon\* Splash of simple syrup (or 1/2 tsp. sugar)\*

Lime, lemon, candied ginger slice or all three for garnish

Shake or stir first five ingredients with ice. Pour into a 10-oz. highball glass. Top off with club soda and add a garnish of your

\* Substitute lemonade for lemon juice and simple syrup as a short cut.









# EAT LOCAL SHOP SMALL in Downtown West Chester

The summer months are a great time to enjoy downtown West Chester.

Café dining and retail browsing will make your visit memorable.

Check out the East Gay Street dining and shopping scene.

Remember, during the the East Gay Street Improvement Project, shops and restaurants are open and welcome your visit. Sidewalks  $\star$  are open at all times and East Gay Street is open to traffic evenings and weekends. Plenty of convenient short-term and long-term parking is located nearby.



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architectural heritage, but under its downtown community leadership, it has grown into a haute-cuisine mecca, drawing not just locals but visitors from surrounding areas."

Even with the accolades and recognition West Chester receives, there's still a desire to keep making things better in the Borough. With that in mind, visitors may catch sight of an improvement project on East Gay Street later this summer to replace and update aging infrastructure.

Part of East Gay Street will be temporarily closed to traffic but only on weekdays—pedestrians will always have access on what may feel like a pedestrian mall. Throughout the weekends and every weekday after 4 p.m., the street reopens for more dining, shopping and strolling. Your best parking option is the Chestnut Street Garage at Walnut, just a half-block from East Gay Street and always open (it's even free on Sundays).

### MORE NEW DINING

New West Chester businesses also reflect the charm of the town's historic roots. Though some may think white tablecloths and fine art on the walls are things of the past, that's not so at Andiorio, a new eatery at 106 West Gay Street. Chef Anthony Andiario, along with partner Maria van Schaijik, have created an ambiance that's both chic and comfortable.

The contemporary feel complements a menu that includes such of-the-moment options as grilled Stoney Hill Farm heritage chicken with parsnip purée and onions roasted in live coals, or fresh fish seared to golden perfection, served in a mushroom and crab brodetto. Service in the dining room, situated by an open kitchen, provides what Maria describes as "a seamless link between guests and the kitchen, with an understanding of true hospitality creating an atmosphere that's warm and welcoming."

In too many cases, recipes of our grandparents have sadly been supplanted with processed ingredients. But not for Edie O'Neill, owner of Edie's Sweet & Savory Pastries, 136 East Market Street. Edie brings over 30 years of baking experience to her old-fashioned, hand-made pie crusts and seasonal ingredients along with a wide array of desserts. Don't miss her special occasion desserts including "Birthday Pies"—a hit at any party. And for something savory, try the pot pies—fresh, flaky and wholesome, the way Grandma would want them.

Dolce Zola, 134 East Gay Street, is the next generation of a restaurant opened by the Belfiore family to become a standard in an intimate setting. Here you'll find Northern Italian cuisine but with a

These artists, whose work you see above, have been selected by the West Chester Public Arts Commission to have a piece reproduced on a banner to be displayed along High Street, entering West Chester.



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Catch sight of the new banners that bedeck lampposts along High Street displaying snippets from local artists' favorite works. On the reverse side of each eye-catching banner, sponsored by

Elmark Signs, is a celebration of the Great American Main Street Award presented to West Chester's leaders by the National Main Street Center last year. Just more evidence that this 300-year-old town is happily embracing a contemporary style that exudes a renewed and energetic vibe.

The Great American Main Street Award was the first time in nearly 20 years that a Pennsylvania community has received that honor. "West Chester's transformation over the past 17 years has been truly remarkable," said Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center. "The town has always had great



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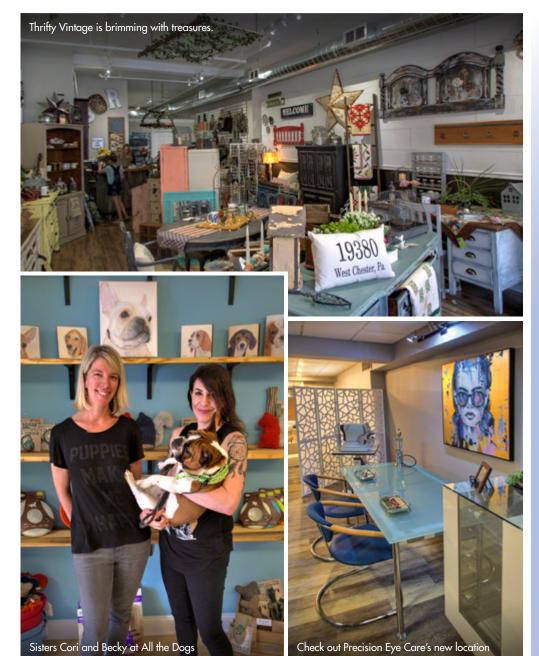
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Get a birthday pie at Edie's Sweet & Savory Pastries.



Try Dolce Zola's fresh-made pasta.



twist-an artisan approach showcasing the best qualities of locally sourced food. Expect to see a menu with fresh-made pastas served with sauces brimming with local farm produce. Remember it's BYOB, so bring your favorite Italian wine.

### AIWAYS MORE RETAIL

Home furniture and decor take a look back in time with the opening of Thrifty Vintage, 14 North Church Street. Owner Beth Stiles sells refurbished, refinished and recycled items, many of which have been upcycled by Beth herself. "My passion is for anything that requires imagination and originality," she says. "I love refinishing furniture, decorating homes, decoupaging and digital scrapbooking. It's about making memories."

disease. Stop by to find stylish ophthalmic frames and lenses, prescription and non-prescription sunwear, and contact lenses. You'll find the modern, full-service office and retail sections designed for exceptional patient care.

### PLUS GREAT SUMMER EVENTS

Summer in West Chester means festivals and all varieties of outdoor entertainment. Check out some of the offerings lined up to entice visitors and locals to come out and play. There's even more don't-miss fun in the Events section of this article.

The season kicks off on June 3rd with Super Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Gay Street in the heart of the downtown district. West Chester Parks & Recreation hosts this free family event filled with entertainment and eats. Kids can enjoy crafts, games and rides, while adults browse the four blocks of local food vendors and artisans as they listen to live bands.

July's highlight harkens back to a time before West Chester was called West Chester. In an earlier incarnation the town was known as Turk's Head, named after a tavern operated by Phineas Eachus in 1762 at the crossroads of what's now Gay and High Streets. The name stuck until 1788 when the Pennsylvania Assembly designated the village as a "county town" and renamed it West Chester.

Each year, with a nod to the early settlers and the colorful name, the Turk's Head Music Festival takes over Everhart Park, which comes alive on Sunday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The day-long line-up of popular regional bands joins a well rounded group of food vendors and artisan booths. The festival is free and fun for the whole family. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Rain date is July 23, just in case.

August has its own special event worth marking your calendar for. "We're excited to bring professional bike racing back to the streets of downtown West Chester for the 13th consecutive year," says Mark Yoder, President of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, organizer of the Benchmark Twilight Cycling Classic taking place on Saturday, August 11 (rain or shine). The event is free in downtown West Chester.

Top-notch professional bike racing fills the streets as the Iron Hill Pro Men's Criterium and the Brumbaugh Wealth Management Pro Women's Criterium compete at breathtaking speeds on the downtown circuit for a chance to stand on the podium and receive their awards. Top amateurs compete in The Rothmon Institute Amateur Criterium where top



local riders go wheel-to-wheel in a brutal contest of endurance and speed.

the West Chester Dental Arts Kids' Race, Tolsdorf Trike Challenge (for 18 and older), Kids' Zone, and the Community Festival on High Street between Market and Gay.

"This is an exciting, family-friendly event in the heart of our community," says David LaSala, Benchmark Federal Credit Union President and CEO.

summer, take a leisurely bicycle ride through and around West Chester. Stop by the full-service bike shop at Hybrid

West Chester has gone to the dogs, but the dogs love it. No surprise there's a new doggy niche for pooches and their loyal owners at All the Dogs, 13 South Church Street, soon to be known as doggy heavenon-earth by canines of all (furry) stripes. Owners and sisters Becky and Cori dogtested each product with sniffs and wags. Start by browsing the selection of collars, harnesses, leashes, beds and blankets along with plenty of toys for playtime. This will also be your destination for taste-tested healthcare products and skincare needs.

Another new business, headed by Dr. Jessica Yannelli, is Precision Eye Core, 113 West Gay Street, with a mission to provide comprehensive optometric services-diagnosis, treatment and management of eye



Mark your calendar for Benchmark Twilight Cycling Classic, August 11.

There's also plenty of family fun with

Cycles, 126 East Gay Street, for a large selection of electric hybrid cycles as well as some of the finest in regular bikes. You can rent an e-bike, daily or weekly, to get a feel for how it performs. Already have a favorite bike? Hybrid Cycles can convert most brands to electric, if you're ready for a change of pace.

It's clear that this 300-year-old town is happily embracing a contemporary style that exudes a renewed and ener-For outdoor fun any month this getic vibe. With so much to do with dining, shopping and festival events, it's easy to take a day to relax and enjoy a great American downtown. 🔶



### **THROUGH DECEMBER** Chester County Historical Society

Through June, "World War I Commemorated." Through Dec. 31, "Many Nations/Chester County." 225 N. High St. Tues-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$4-\$8. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

#### JUNE 1 **Resident Theatre Company Season Preview Gala**

An evening of live performances featuring a preview of next season. Chester County Art Association, 100 N. Bradford Ave. 6:30 pm. \$100. RTCWC.org.

### FRIDAYS, JUNE 1, JULY 6, AUGUST 3 First Fridays

Extended hours at galleries and boutiques, restaurant specials, entertainment and more. 610-738-3350: DowntownWestChester.com.

#### JUNE 2 16th Annual "Up On the Roof"

See June Picks in this issue.

### JUNE 2

West Chester Spring Flea Market & Bike Sale

Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St.. 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### JUNE 3

Super Sunday See West Chester article.

### JUNE 3-JULY 13

Uptown! at Knauer Performing Arts Center June 3, The Mainliners Mens Acappella Chorus; June 8, July 19, Aug. 24, Dueling Pianos; June 9, Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra and Flamenco sensation Liliana Ruiz in *Carmen; June* 12, U.S. Air Force Heritage Winds Quintet; June 20–24, June 27–July 1, Soul Harmony: The Story of Deborah Chessler, Sonny Til and the Orioles; June 23, Extreme Doo Wop Acappella Concert; July 10, Opera Tutti! "That's Still Italian;" July 13, Better Than Bacon: Interactive Improv Comedy. 226 N. High St. UptownWestChester.org.



### **THURSDAYS, JUNE 7–SEPTEMBER 6** Swingin' Summer Thursdays

Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers and more. Gay St. between High & Darlington Sts. or High & Matlack Sts. 6:30 to 9. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

#### JUNE 10 Chester County Hospital Polo Cup

Enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, beer garden, food and kids activities. Benefits the Prenatal Clinic and Chester County Hospital. Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. 1:30 p.m., with the match at 3 p.m. Tickets, \$30-\$35; VIP (includes open bar and food), \$100. 610-268-8692; ChesterCountyHospital.org.



### JUNE 14-AUGUST 30

Town Tours & Village Walks

June 14, From Farmhouses & Meetinghouses to Mansions, tour kick-off in West Chester; June 21, Age of Steel Tour, Coatesville; June 28, An Industrial Giant, Isabella Furnace; July 12, The Birth, Growth and Future of the Mushroom Industry, Kennett Square. Tours continue through Aug. 30,

5:30 pm. Free. Some require registration. 610-344-6923; ChesCo.org/Planning/TownTours. **JUNE 16** 

### West Chester Craft Beer Festival

Enjoy an amazing line up of breweries and beers, food trucks, artisan vendors and live music. Benefits Charles A Melton Arts & Ed Center, 501 E. Miner St. \$5-\$50. WCBeerFest.com.

### **JUNE 17** FatherFest at

### American Helicopter Museum Treat Dad to a special day of antique cars, motor-

cycles, food trucks, a beer garden and maybe even a helicopter ride. 1220 American Blvd. 10 am to 3 pm., \$10; helicopter rides, \$60. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum.



### JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUGUST 16 **Music at Marshall Square Park**

Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. Visit the website for performers. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; MarshallSquarePark.org.

#### JUNE 24 20th Annual BVHAC Challenge For Cancer Ride

Premiere bike ride in Chester County. 30-, 50and 65-mile rides, 10- and 5-mile family rides benefit The Cancer Center of Chester County and the Neighborhood Hospice. Begin at Fern Hill Med. Campus, 915 Old Fern Hill Rd. Reg. 7:30 am. \$45-\$70. 610-431-5329; CCCRide.com.

#### JUNE 28, AUGUST 9 Movie Night at Charles A. Melton Center

Movies announced later. 501 E. Miner St. Dusk. Free, West-Chester.com.

### JULY 15

36th Annual Turk's Head Music Festival See West Chester article.

### **AUGUST 7**

### 6th Annual National Night **Out Against Crime**

The Borough Police Dept. invites families to enjoy live entertainment, refreshments, kids' activities, police, fire and EMS vehicles and a meet-and-greet with local responders. Henderson High School, 400 Montgomery Ave. 6 to 9. 610-696-2700.

### AUGUST 11

Benchmark Twilight Cycling Classic See West Chester article.

#### AUGUST 12 Touch A Truck Day

Kids love to see and touch different models of cars and trucks. Chester County Government Services Complex, 601 Westtown Rd. Noon to 4 pm. Pkg. \$2, 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### **SEPTEMBER 8**

Secret Gardens of West Chester Garden tour featuring 12 private gardens. Tour, 10 to 3; plant sale begins at 10. Benefits the Horticultural Therapy Program. Barclay Friends, 700 N. Franklin St. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org/Events.

#### SEPTEMBER 16 39th Chester County Restaurant Festival

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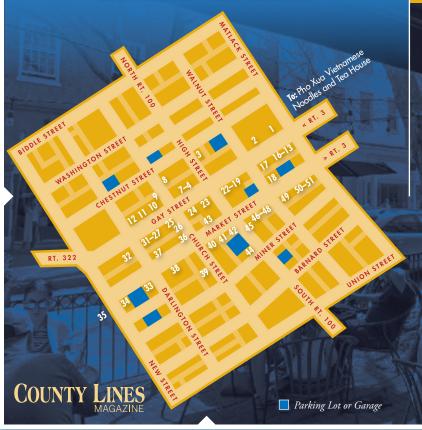
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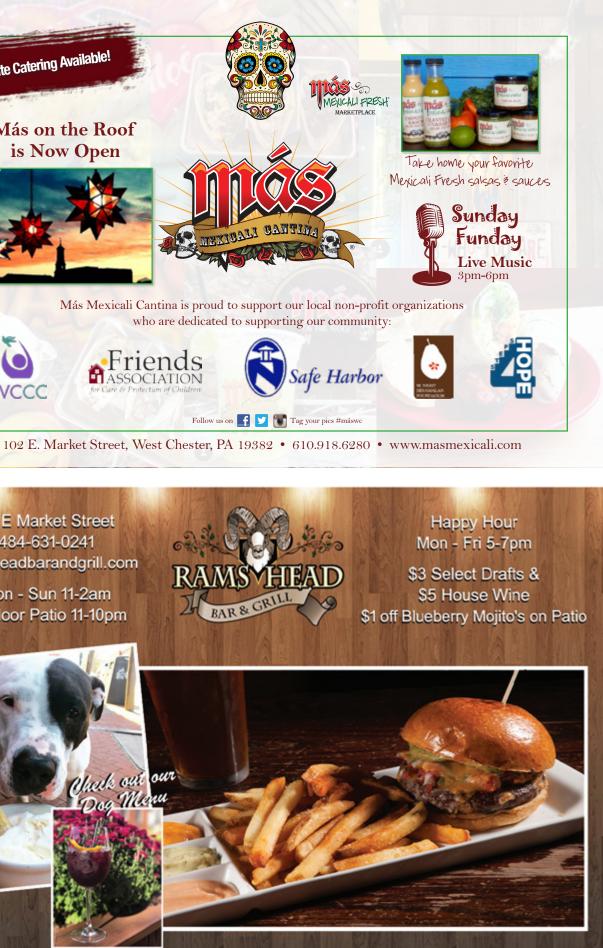
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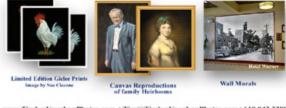
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The city is growing and evolving at a rate not seen in decades.

HERE'S A NEW VIBRATION IN THE AIR IN DOWNtown Wilmington-subtle, but as palpable as the first breeze of a coming season. Restaurants, music venues, taprooms and upscale residences are popping up, evolving and growing at a rate not seen for decades.

No longer a backwater town by-passed on the way to Philadelphia or Baltimore, Wilmington is now a destination with a unique story and a new flavor. This burgeoning city is poised to join the family of its larger Northeastern metropolitan kin.

On Wilmington's transformation, Chris Buccini of the Buccini/Pollin Group said in a "Technically Delaware" article "I think Wilmington is a part of a global trend towards urban transformation. The hardest parts of it are behind us. Walk up Market Street and it's different from five years ago. The transformation is well underway. Like Philadelphia, the change is exponential."

### TRANSFORMATION IN THE MAKING

At downtown events, like the 43rd annual St. Patrick's Day parade, the spirit of the city is on sharp display. As Irish dancers twirl and bag pipers march, all ages-each with differing connections to the city-are well represented along the parade route. In the background, there's ample evidence that developers are investing in the growing metro economy, while local politicians and businesses are focused on improving the city's future.

In his 2019 fiscal year state-of-the-city address in early March, Wilmington's Mayor Purzycki gave further support for plans for growth, as he detailed budgeted improvements to beautify and enhance the city and boasted that more than half of all Fortune 500 companies call this city their corporate home. Wilmington is indeed the corporate, financial and governmental hub of the Delaware region.







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menu, opened on March 22nd in the wake of one of our several rogue snowstorms.

One of the owners, Mike Day observed, "So far, we've opened the doors and they showed up. They loved the food, they loved the atmosphere, they loved the renovations, and they loved the beer and bourbon selections." He continues, "There's a lot of business getting ready to open here. ... The more business you have open, the more restaurants and bars and places you have to bring people downtown. It gives everybody more business."

Another anticipated development is the new 2.3-acre Wilmington Brew Works, opening later this year in northwest Wilmington. Craig Wensell, an owner/brewer formerly with Bellefonte Brewing, described the current plans, "The brews will be on draft at the brewery, and the beers will eventually be available at liquor stores and restaurants." Expect fresh beer in the tasting room, live music and perhaps a restaurant on the site. Look for the building, which will retain the iconic Spanish colonial-style look and red tile roof.

"We're proud to be a part of the continued revival of the city and bring new life to Wilmington. We're going to make history. We're the first production brewery to package and deliver off-site in Wilmington in 64 years," says Craig. "Our products will be unique and will embody our attitude of 'Playfully Pretentious and Easily Enjoyed.'"

### FAMILY FUN

Playful is also an apt description for the Riverfront Walk, Rockford Park and Brandywine Park, all providing natural beauty along the walking trails that double as bike trails. There's more space to play at the Brondywine Zoo, dating back to 1905.

The Riverfront has special attractions for warm weather family fun. You'll spot the bright yellow Delaware Children's Museum next to the Riverside Walk miniature golf course. And Constitution Yards' beer garden includes backyard games like corn hole, bocce and badminton.

Ride the Riverboat Queen or tour on the River Taxi. There's big boating fun when the tall ship, the Kalmar Nyckle, is in port. Art lovers of all ages will enjoy the eclectic displays at the Delaware Contemporary, just a short jog from the Riverfront Riverwalk.

### DINING AROUND THE CITY

If you work up an appetite, you'll find dining options at every turn. The Riverfront restaurants—like Chef Dave Banks of Banks' Seafood Kitchen (formerly Harry's Seafood), Big Fish Grill and the Farmer's Market offer a fitting fresh catch menu.

Veteran fine dining restaurants—like the Columbus Inn, Domaine Hudson, Walter's Steakhouse, and Tonic Bar and Grill-are known for extensive menus and old-school ambiance.

More casual options-like Ernest and Scott, The Taproom, Kelly's Logan House and Chelsea Tavern-also offer a side of music, inspiration and distinctive character. Meanwhile, the Trolley Square area mixes a bit of art and entertainment with its dining choices. You'll find sustenance for the soul at the Delaware Art Museum and handcrafted art and gifts at the Blue Streak Gollery. Nearby are old guard restauran

like Gallucio's, The Oyster Bar, the Tap Room, Kid Shelleen's and more-all producing a buzz in the neighborhood.

Of course, the crown jewel of Wilmington dining is the historic Hotel DuPont's Green Room with its world-class dining and Old World traditions. You may just spot a wedding party posing for photos outside the iconic hotel façade.

Small, niche businesses are also thriving and contributing to the city's revival. Trolley Square is also home to the crunchy Delaware Food Exchange and Honey Bee Seasonal Kitchen and Market, both dedicated to locally sourced food that even vegans can love. For something with a French sensibility and plenty of butter, head for De La Coeur Café, a pastry shop where a husband and wife team recently expanded to a second location and are working to make a regional brand come alive.

### LONG LIVE THE QUEEN ... AND MUSIC

Excitement surrounds the new chapter for The Queen Theatre, as the entertainment venue will be part of Live Nation House of Blues division, but will operate under its own royal name. For those who don't know, House of Blues was started in 1992 by Hard Rock Cafe founder Isaac Tigrett, actor Dan Aykroyd and Judy Belushi, wife of the late comedian John and was later purchased by Live Nation in 2006. According to Chris Buccini, "That's big city stuff. We're pumped!"

The Queen's new reign is just part of the rich musical heritage in Wilmington. Renown Wilmington native Cab Calloway, a 1930s musician and orchestra leader, is the namesake of a school focusing on the arts and music. George Thorogood, a blues and rock musician and songwriter famous for songs like "Bad to the Bone," also hails from Wilmington.

As does David Bromberg, a singer and songwriter of bluegrass, blues, folk, jazz, country and western, and rock and roll. Multi-instrumentalist Bromberg occasionally performs at Wilmington's Grand Opera House and is a major donor to the local New World Café Live.

There's plenty more music to be found around Wilmington at the Baby Grand, Candlelight Theatre, The Delaware Theatre Company, We Kids Rock, Accent Music, The Music School of Delaware and The Playhouse on Rodney Square.

### **BIG CITY/SMALL TOWN COMMUNITY**

The consensus is that Wilmington's future looks promising. The city government and residents have developed a citywide, citizen-driven comprehensive plan-Wilmington 2028-that will orchestrate growth for the next decade, covering infrastructure, safety, education, training and employment. Developers have approximately 1000 new housing units planned or under construction in the Downtown District.

Wilmington's revitalization has caught the eye of national investors in both residential and commercial growth. More apartment buildings are opening each year.

The future is also bright for Rodney Square, the city's main public park, with a public/private partnership planning renovations to improve the attractiveness of this urban oasis for visitors and residents to enjoy.

The growing demand for urban living also augers well for Wilmington. According to Robert Hererra, founder of The Mill, a successful co-working center in Downtown Wilmington, there's a demographic shift happening as more millennials arrive, helping local businesses as renters, consumers and employees.

Although it's difficult to fully predict the amount of change underway, there are clear signs of growth in all directions.

And for those seeking harder data: if home and rental prices are an indication, the families attracted to Wilmington are betting on a good return on investment and a strong cultural environment to call home.

The excitement is indeed palpable.

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ormer VP Joe Biden enjoys the New e Cream Festival at <u>Rockwood Park</u>









## Wilmington

### THROUGH JUNE

Delaware Children's Museum Speedway. Experience the thrill of physics in the "DCM Speedway," where moving the handlebars from side to side propels kids around the track. 550 Justison St. Tues-Thurs, 10 to 3; Fri, 10 to 8; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. \$8.75. 302-654-2340; DelawareChildrensMuseum.org.

### **THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2**

The Delaware Art Museum. Through Sept. 2, "African American Art: Migration and Modernism." lune 30-Sept. 9. "Danny Lyon: Memories of the Southern Civil Rights Movement;" "The Montgomery Bus Boycott: Drawings by Harvey Dinnerstein and Burton Silverman." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4, \$6-\$12, free on Sun, 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### THROUGH 2019

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Through 2019, "Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden," garden structures. Through Aug. 5, "Truths of the Trade: Slavery and the Winterthur Collection." 5105 Kennett Pk. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$6-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

### ONGOING

Delaware Park. A multi-faceted gaming facility offering live seasonal thoroughbred racing, table games, over 2,300 slot machines, Keno, casual and elegant dining options and an 18-hole championship public golf course. 777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington. 800-417-5687; DelawarePark.com.



#### JUNE & AUGUST, FIRST FRIDAYS

Art Loop in Wilmington. Monthly, self-guided art exhibits at galleries, studios, museums and alternative art spaces in and around Wilmington. 5:30 to 9 pm. Free. 302-576-2100; ArtLoopWilmington.org.

### JUNE 1

Backyard Bash at Delaware Art Museum. Food trucks, art activities, arts vendors, lawn games and



bar service. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. 6 to 10. \$5-\$10. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### **IUNE 5-9**

Annual Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. It's a bit of Greece as you enjoy food, dancing, music and culture at this popular festival. 808 N. Broom St. Daily 11 to 11. 302-654-4446; GreekFestDE.com.

### JUNE 6-AUGUST 29, Wednesdays

Bike & Hike & Brews at Hagley Museum & Library. Stroll, jog or cycle the three-mile loop then, on selected evenings, enjoy Dogfish Head craft beers. Bring a picnic or dine at the Belin House Organic Cafe. Rt. 141. 5 to 8 pm. \$3. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

### JUNE 8-9

Bromberg's Big Noise Festival. Enjoy a Mid-Atlantic Americana festival with the feel of a private party. Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. Fri, 7 to 10 pm; Sat, 12 to 10 pm. \$28-\$125. BigNoiseFestival.com.

### JUNE 9, 23

DE Museum of Natural History. June 9, World Ocean Day Celebration, 9:30 to 2; June 23, Family Fun Day in the great outdoors with handson activities, live animals, trail hikes, 9:30 to 2. Through Aug., \$3 Thursdays. Mon-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. 4840 Kennett Pk. \$7-\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

### JUNE 10-17

St. Anthony's Italian Festival. Rides, food, entertainment. 9th & DuPont St. Check website for times. \$5. Benefits the elementary school. 302-421-2790; StAnthonysFestival.com.

#### JUNE 20-23

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival. The largest, free, outdoor jazz festival on the East Coast celebrates the legacy of Wilmington's own trumpeter, Clifford Brown. Rodney Square, 10th & Market Sts. 302-576-2139; CliffordBrownJazzFest.com.

#### JUNE 23-24

New Castle County Ice Cream Festival. Enjoy sunshine in the park with vendors, music, food, crafts and delicious ice creams. Rockwood Museum & Park, 4651 Washington St. Extension. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5; children, free. 302-690-5555; RockwoodIceCream.com.

### JULY 7, AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 2

Kalmar Nyckel. July 7, Wilmington Pirate Festival. pirate and maritime-themed activities, 10 to 4; Aug. 25-Sept. 2, Kalmar Nyckel sails out of Historic New Castle and anchors at the New Castle Pier. 1124 E. 7th St. 302-429-7447; KalmarNyckel.org.

#### JULY 13-29

Delaware Shakespeare Festival at Rockwood Museum & Park. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy Much Ado About Nothing. 4651 Washington St. Ext. Wed-Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, at 4:45. \$13-\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

### JULY 20-21

Ladybug Music Festival. All-day block party with lots of entertainment and great fun at 2nd & Loma. Free. TheLadyBugFestival.com.

### **JULY 28**

23rd People's Festival-Tribute to Bob Marley. A celebration of music and arts to honor Bob Marley's legacy. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 12 to 10 pm. PeoplesFestival.com.

### JULY 28-29

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair. 200 crafts people participate. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; PACrafts.org.

### AUGUST 3-5

Riverfront Blues Festival. The blues are back! An outdoor music festival at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. Check website for info. 302-576-2139; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.

#### AUGUST 25

Delaware Burger Battle 2018. Delaware's top chefs put their best burgers forward. Benefits Ministry of Caring's Emmanuel Dining Room. Cauffiel House, 1016 Phiadelphia Pk. Noon to 3. Tickets good for all restaurant booths. DE-BurgerBattle.com.



#### AUGUST 26

The August Quarterly Festival Celebration 2018. The nation's oldest African-American festival celebrating freedom of religion and speech and the right of assembly. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 302-655-5231; AugustQuarterly.org.

### SEPTEMBER 8–9

Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Arts and crafts from all over the country. 1001 North Park Dr. \$5. 302-419-6648; BrandywineArts.com. ♦







### lome of the Month

# 228 Spring Road Malvern

### A CLASSIC COLONIAL WITH A MODERN SIDE IN PROTECTED WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

### Laurel Anderson

EAD SOUTH FROM THE BOROUGH OF MALVERNhome to charming boutiques and tempting eateries and you'll glimpse the rolling farmlands and protected properties that fostered the pride of place giving rise to "Slow Down in Willistown" bumper stickers on residents' cars. Along back roads in this eastern corner of Chester County you'll spot signs for magical sounding places—Maple Leaf Farm, Sea Horse Farm, Summerbank Farm-along with the preserved 19th-century crossroads village of Historic Sugartown and the farm-fresh farmstand at Sugartown Strawberries.

Yes, the protected viewsheds along these roads are part of the reason to live in Radnor Hunt. And you'll definitely want to slow down because around the bend there just may be people walking or horseback riding, or a pack of hounds on the scent of a fox. It's that kind of neighborhood.

### THE HOME

Very much in keeping with the feel of the area is this month's featured home-a property that impresses as well as surprises. Set back on a two-plus-acre parcel across from many acres

of protected land, is a classic stone-front Colonial with five bedrooms, three full baths and three-car garage. Along the cobblestone-lined circular drive, you'll find flowering trees, perennials and manicured landscaping nurtured for 25 years by the owners.

But behind a somewhat predictable façade is unexpected open living space, complete with cathedral ceilings, skylights and a great room that truly merits its name. This updated space flows THE TOUR from the foyer, past the kitchen and sunny breakfast room into the back of the house, drawing you to the spacious sunroom, then leading to the patio, pool, spa, waterfall and large fenced portion of the backyard. It's this bright, inviting space at the back of the house where family and friends will gather.

### THE DETAILS

The 30-some-year-old home has had just two owners-the current owners, who updated it, and builder Jay Reis, who added customized features. Old paver brick in the floor of



the foyer is repeated in the sunroom-a practical feature for a poolside room—and adds texture to a wall in the dining room.

Detailed millwork enhances every room, from the beadboard wainscoting in the foyer to the chair rail up the hardwood staircase to the many built-in bookshelves, storage units and window seats. Hardwood floors flow throughout the first floor's main rooms.

The formal living and dining rooms are right-sized-large enough for fire-side entertaining in the living room and concerts on the piano in the dining room. A comfortable, private library with double French doors boasts another fireplace and useful built-in shelves and window seat.

The large light-filled two-story great room, with cathedral ceiling and skylights, opens to a second-floor gallery. This bright space is anchored by a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and accented with built-in shelves, window seat and entertainment center cabinet.





The flow continues to the sunniest breakfast room overlooking the pool and opening into the kitchen and steps down to the sunroom. The gleaming white updated kitchen has crown molding, marble perimeter counters, and a woodtopped center island—with the feel of a well-loved farm table. The view from the farm sink—through the sunroom extends to the pool and patio.

Yet another gathering space, the large sunroom has an L-shaped wet bar with wine cooler, sink, tile counters and storage. More skylights in the sunroom's cathedral ceiling, plus walls of windows including a palladium window above sliding glass doors, let in light so the room earns its name.

Rounding out the first floor are a foyer powder room, walk-in kitchen pantry, well-equipped laundry room, poolside powder room, and back hall with a door to the walk-out lower level, which though unfinished has great potential as a man cave, nanny suite or home gym.

### THE UPPER LEVEL

A bright open second-floor landing with hardwood floors overlooks the foyer and great room. To the right, in its own wing, is the master suite, with sitting area, two walk-in closets, and shining white en suite bath. The updated bath sports beadboard wainscoting, a soaking tub and two pedestal sinks. Pocket doors separate the marble shower and private toilet.

Down the hallway are four bedrooms, all with plenty of storage, plus two bathrooms with easy hallway access. At the end of the hallway, situated above the oversize three-car garage, is the fifth and largest bedroom—a perfect spacious in-law suite.

### PRIVATE OASIS

Choose from several spaces to enjoy outdoor living at this comfortable home. The flagstone patio is both a peaceful retreat and well-designed entertaining area, perfect for grilling and with easy kitchen access. A separate deck off the sunroom demands rocking chairs from which to enjoy the scenery. Or head toward the red roses that frame the pool and spa, with a small waterfall providing the soundtrack.

Look out over the large level yard, with woods, slow down and take in this private oasis.

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889 E. Lancaster Ave. 610.269.9600; BanglesIndianCuisine.com

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**Grain Kennett Square** 108 W. State St. 610.444.7232; MeetAtGrain.com

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### \* Fattoush Restaurant 182 Lancaster Ave.; 484.568.4465

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### **\* Malvern Buttery**

233 E. King St. 610.296.2534; MalvernButtery.com

### Restaurant Alba

7 W. King St. 610.644.4009; RestaurantAlba.com

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610.848.4100; PlsPub.com Teca

191 S. Newtown Street Rd. 484,420,4010: TecaRestaurants.com

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\* Majolica 258 Bridge St. 610.917.0962; MajolicaRestaurant.com

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Harvest Seasonal Grill 555 E. Lancaster Ave. 484,584,4975: HarvestSeasonalGrill.com

### Springfield

\* Tavola Restaurant + Bar 400 W. Sproul Rd. 610.543.2100: Tavolas.com

### SWARTHMORE

\* Broad Table Tavern 12 S. Chester Rd. 610.543.7500; TheInnAtSwat.com



### WAYNE

\* At The Table BYOB 11 Louella Ct. 610.964.9700; AtTheTableBYOB.com

### **Autograph Brasserie** 503 W. Lancaster Ave. 610.964.2588; AutographBrasserie.com

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\* DanDan 214 Sugartown Rd. 484.580.8558; DanDanRestaurant.com

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Paramour 139 E. Lancaster Ave. 610.977.0600; ParamourWayne.com

### White Dog Café 503 W. Lancaster Ave.

610.688.7646; SilverspoonWayne.com \* The Silverspoon

1383 N. Chatham Rd. 610.383.0600 TheWhipTavern.com

### West Chester

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### Here are local breweries that brew their own beer. Most serve food, some have food trucks or you can bring your own food.

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Ardmore Tired Hands Brewing Co. TiredHands.com

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Aston 2SP Brewing Co. 2SPBrewing.com

Berwyn \* La Cabra Brewing LaCabraBrewing.com

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Locust Lane Craft Brewery LocustLaneCraftBrewery.com

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Sterling Pig Brewing SterlingPig.com

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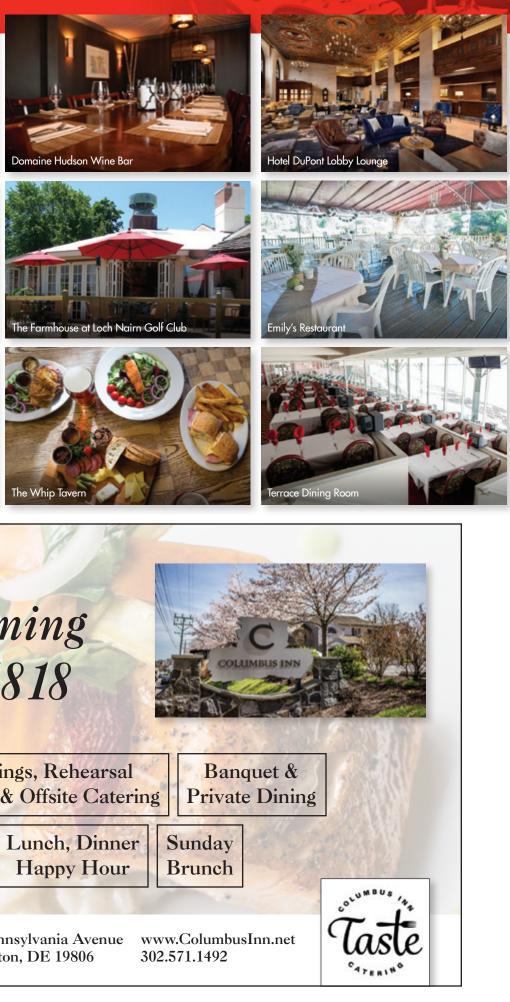
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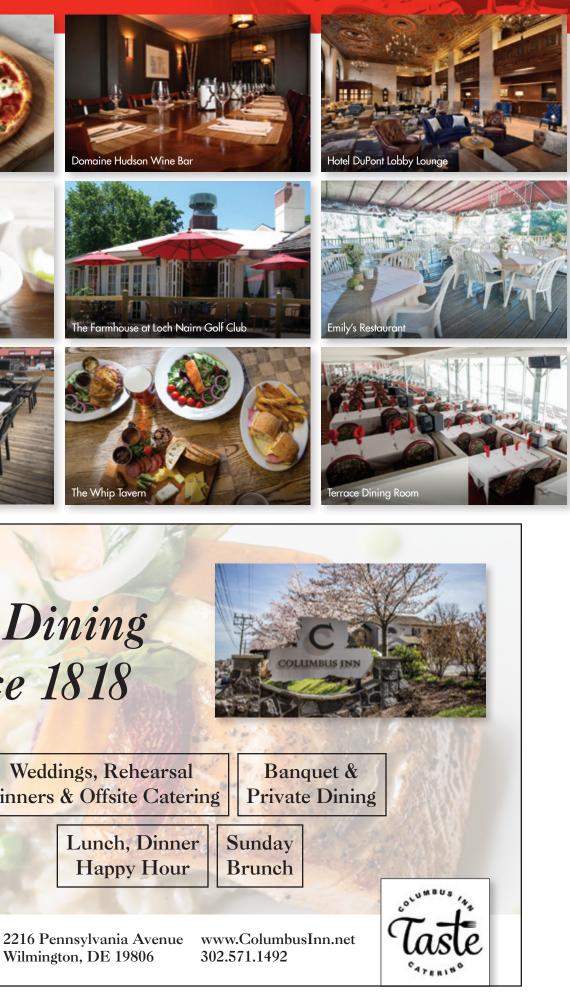
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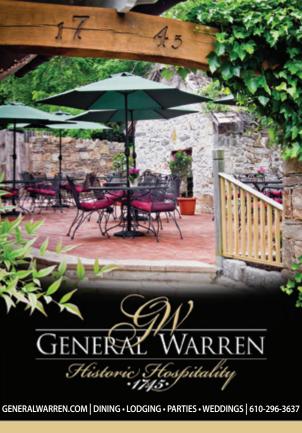
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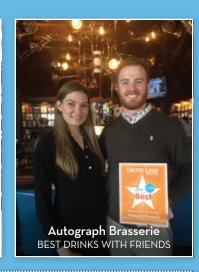




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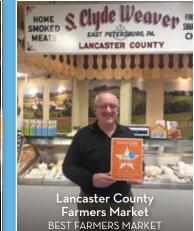
Back in January, we named 100+ outstanding restaurants Best of the Best winners. In the following months we got to meet some of the faces behind the food-presenting them with their welldeserved awards and thanking them for offering fantastic food.

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### MYSTICISM OR METICULOUS WINE MAKING? SIP AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.

UST LIKE THE DESIRE FOR PURITY IN THE FOOD industry, the biodynamic wine trend grows bigger every day. Wait, biodynamic? What exactly does that mean?

The short version: Biodynamic agriculture is a holistic approach to farming that joins organic practices with ethical and spiritual principles. Dating back to 1924, Austrian philosopher and scientist Rudolf Steiner warned farmers about the dangers of chemical fertilizers and agricultural industrialization, which he believed caused soil degradation. Biodynamic farming is the oldest, anti-chemical farming movement, pre-dating organic agriculture by 20 years. (Organic wines are a topic for another column.)

Biodynamic ideology is rooted in the ideas that the earth—and each vineyard—is a living organism that we must care for and protect, and that everything in the universe is interconnected by energies we must seek to keep in balance.

This type of farming avoids the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers, and minimizes the use of sulfites. Typically, grazing animals are used in the fields to reduce pests and to create compost to fertilize the land. Flowers, trees and other ground cover is planted or retained to increase biodiversity and supply nutrients to the soil. If organic agriculture seeks to maintain the natural life of the soil, biodynamic agriculture seeks to enhance it and aims for the vineyard to be a self-sustaining ecosystem.

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In addition, biodynamic wine producers don't use manufactured yeasts during the wine-making process, relying instead on the wild yeasts present on the grapes to cause spontaneous fermentation. Rather than using GMOs, these producers have a stock of self-bred seeds, plants and animals. Dyes, enzymes and powdered tannins are also avoided.

Some biodynamic practices are considered controversial. For example, biodynamic farmers use soil supplements—developed by Rudolf Steiner and intended to increase soil vitality and balance its energy—including preparations of dandelion, yarrow, chamomile, oak bark, valerian and stinging nettle to compost. Or, manure or silica may be buried in cows' horns for half a year and dug up later to use the resulting rich, decomposed soil in the vineyard. Like I said, controversial.

Biodynamic farmers may also plant, water, prune and harvest according to an astrological calendar to harmonize terrestrial and celestial energies. This is a farming method that has been practiced for much of history and is evident in the *Farmer's Almanac* as well. Despite this historical basis, these practices contribute to perceptions of the biodynamic movement as mere mysticism.

> Winegrowers can join a biodynamic association like Demeter and Biodyvin—to gain certification for their vineyards and wines. Today, over 700 vineyards are biodynamic certified around the world, including an increasing number of top estates, but no Pennsylvania wineries ... yet.

Proponents of the practices cite their successes. Wine-makers from the prestigious estate Domaine Leflaive in Burgundy have claimed that biodynamic practices saved a severely diseased estate vineyard that now produces some of their top wines.

Other biodynamic producers have reported that since employing these practices,

they have better sugar/acid balance in their grapes, as well as more vibrant, floral flavors, greater expression of terroir and longer aging potential in their wines. The wines are described as

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"natural in character" and "alive in the glass." The good news is that whether you

believe in biodynamics or not, the wines tend to be quite delicious! When you think about it, any winemaker who puts that much time and effort into their vineyards will likely put the same exacting care into their wines. Biodynamic wines have, in fact, consistently scored better in blind

tastings by wine critics compared to conventionally farmed wines.

Here are some of my favorites for you to sample and begin exploring this exciting wine category.

Matthias Hager converted his vineyards in Kamptal, Austria to biodynamic cultivation in 2005 and is one of the youngest members of Demeter. Hager's wines include a unique kind of sparkling wine called a Pétillant Naturel, commonly shortened to Pét-Nat. This style is made by bottling the juice in the middle of fermentation, so some of the carbon dioxide is trapped in the bottle, producing a natural sparkling wine with light bubbles and no additives. **Motthics Hager Zweigelt Österreich 2016** (\$24.99) is a delicious pale pink bubbly with strawberry, green apple and citrus notes and a full and creamy mouthfeel. Try it by itself, with bagels and lox, or summer salads.

Domaine Bott-Geyl, a respected producer in Alsace, France, is a member of Biodyvin. Domaine Bott-Geyl Points Cardinaux Métiss Alsace 2014 (91 points—*Wine Enthusiast*, \$16.99), a blend of 40% pinot blanc, 40% pinot auxerrois, 10% pinot gris and 10% pinot noir, is vinified as a white wine with spontaneous fermentation lasting eight months. With lovely bright citrus and orange blossom notes, this wine should be enjoyed within the next five years. Pair it with shellfish, turkey or eggs benedict.

The winegrowers at Beaux Frères in the Willamette Valley have been practicing biodynamic cultivation for the last 15 years. The Beaux Frères Vineyard Pinot Noir 2014 (95 points and #3 of Top 100 of 2016—Wine Spectator, \$89.99) is sourced entirely from fruit grown in the winery's original estate vineyard. Complex and brooding, this medium-bodied wine is bursting with plum, black cherry, spice and violet flavors that are well integrated with a touch of oak. Drink this



over the next ten years with roast pork, duck and grilled salmon.

Emiliana, the largest organic wine producer in Chile, practices biodynamic farming as well. Emiliana Coyam Red Blend Colchagua Valley 2013 (93 points—*James Suckling*, \$34.99) is a blend of 48% syrah, 24% carménère, 11% merlot, 10% cabernet sauvignon, 3% mourvèdre, 3% malbec, and 1% petit verdot. Bold, rich and spicy, Coyam exudes aromas and flavors of ripe red fruits, walnuts, earth, minerality and vanilla. Enjoyed over the next 10 years, this wine pairs well with herb-crusted lamb, eggplant and empanadas.

I hope you enjoy these delicious biodynamic wines and are inspired to seek out others. With the biodynamic wine category growing every day, there will be more to explore!

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### Brandywine Table

### Guest Brewers. New at Bryn Mawr's Tin Lizard Brewing Company—guest brewing! With a dedication to the home-brewing community, this brewpub opens up its brewing system to those who



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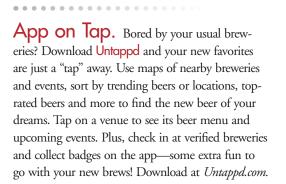
want to brew on a larger scale. Bring your best sample, and if you get the nod, Tin Lizard will scale up your recipe for their system. Work with brewers at Tin Lizard and your name and beer description will appear on the menu. 1000 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. TinLizardBrewingCo.com.

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

**Too Early for Corn?** June 11th is National Corn on the Cob Day, but around here we don't think about juicy ears of gold until Independence

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Day. Local farmers harvest corn much later than other regions. Take it from the folks at West Chester's **Pete's Produce Form**—they pick their sweet corn from early July through September. If the start of summer makes you crave corn, go ahead—but for fresh, locally grown options, mark your calendar for mid-summer! *1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester, PetesProduceFarm.com.* 



**Insta-Great Food Pics.** Are your food photos half-baked? Try these tips when you frame your plate. Lighting is key—aim for natural light and adjust exposure



in post-processing apps like Snapseed or Afterlight. Don't wait too long to snap food goes from fresh to funky-looking fast. Experiment with angles for the delicious details of your dish, like the inside

of a cake or textured bread. Always crop and filter, but remember—keep it natural! *More options on the app stores.* 



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Amazing Grains. What can we do with grains? On June 23rd, join the Newlin Grist Mill for a multicourse meal made with common and uncommon grains from around the world. Your \$50 ticket to the Grains of the World Dinner supports rebuilding the Mill's waterwheel as you enjoy a multi-course meal and sample breads, desserts and beverages based around barley, spelt, amaranth and more. A healthy history lesson and a tasty meal! *For reservations, 610-459-2359. 219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills.* 



# Cookbook Club

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work wonders for Kerala fried chicken, Southern-style greens, cabbage-apple slaw and cardamom-spiced carrot cupcakes.

I know this because one snowy night this past March, I witnessed Coverdele Form Preserve's cookbook club in action. As they tackled recipes from Asha Gomez's *My Two Souths: Blending the Flavors of India into a Southern Kitchen,* they swapped cooking tips, shared wine (it's BYOW) and chopped, shredded and breaded with aplomb.

Cookbook club is the brainchild of Hockessin Book Shelf owner Rebecca Dowling and Coverdale Farm manager Michele Wales (Coverdale is part of Delaware Nature Society). The two met five



years ago when DNS was looking for ways to join forces with local businesses. The collaboration has been trending delicious ever since.

Here's how the club works: Wales and Dowling pick a book and set a date (club usually meets once a season). Then people reserve a spot on the DNS website or by calling the registrar. Cost, which includes the book and dinner, is \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members. The club is capped at 15 people, and spots fill fast.

The night I visited, the group consisted of veteran cookbook clubbers—including two neighbors, a mother and daughter, a husband and wife—and some first timers like me who felt right at home in this welcoming group.

Meetings begin around the long table in Coverdale's rustic farm classroom. Rebecca passes out the books—some people pick them up in



advance at her book shop—and Michele introduces the recipes she's chosen. Then the group heads downstairs to the kitchen, aprons in hand, and settles in at the cooking station of their choice, while Michele explains what dish will be made at each station.

Michele acts as what I call "conductor de cuisine." Her experience teaching CSA cooking classes and previous role as farm educator are obvious as she demonstrates the chiffonade technique, answers questions and orchestrates what she fondly calls "controlled chaos." Rebecca plays the role of jack-of-all-stations, sailing from group to group, chatting and pinch hitting.

Both Michele and Rebecca are self-professed "cookbook snobs." For the club, they select contemporary books with aesthetic appeal (beautiful photographs and good binding are important!), approachable recipes and a certain ethic. As Michele puts it: "We like books that truly honor the food on their pages, that show a sense of reverence for food because it's so hard to grow."

Not surprisingly, most book choices are vegetable-forward, ideal for showcasing ingredients grown at Coverdale. The club's first book was Deborah Madison's *Vegetable Literacy*. Since then, they've cooked their way through three to four books every year.

Popular titles include Joshua McFadden's Six Seasons, Canal

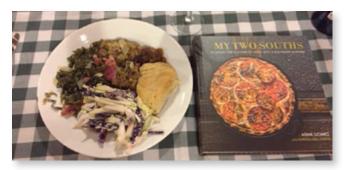
House Cooks Everyday by Christopher Hirsheimer and Melissa Hamilton, and Vegan, Vegetarian, Omnivore by Anna Thomas. The Food 52 cookbooks are other favorites. This June, they'll dive into Dinner: Changing the Game, the latest from New York Times writer Melissa Clark.

After cooking for two-plus hours, we're back at the long table, feasting, toasting and marveling at the fact that many hands do indeed make light work.



### Coverdale's take on Mess O'Greens with Ham Hocks and Jalapenos

Asha Gomez's original recipe calls for simmering the greens for 2 hours, but to save time, Michele Wales instructed the cookbook chefs to chiffonade (cut into ribbons) the greens and instead of cooking them all in one huge pot, she used two smaller pots. She also added kale to the original ingredient list.



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1<sup>1</sup>/2-2 lbs. turnip greens
1<sup>1</sup>/2-2 lbs. kale
6 jalapenos
6 Tb. butter
6 Tb. olive oil
3 large onions, chopped
6 garlic cloves, finely chopped
3 lbs. smoked ham hocks
4<sup>1</sup>/2 tsp. kosher salt
3 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
9 Tb. cane syrup
1<sup>1</sup>/2 C. rice vinegar
Water to cover greens

Remove tough ribs from the leafy greens by folding leaves in half and pulling out or cutting out ribs. Then, to chiffonade the greens, stack leaves on top of each other, roll into a cigar shape and slice crosswise into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.

Cut jalapenos in half and scrape out seeds with a knife, being careful not to touch seeds. Chop finely.

Add butter and oil to pots and heat over medium heat. Add jalapenos, onions and garlic and cook until onions begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients and just enough water to cover. Stir and bring to a rolling boil.

Cover and cook for about 30 minutes, stirring frequently and replenishing liquid level as needed. After 30 minutes, taste a few ribbons. They're done when they're tender but still have a little snap. Makes 18 servings.

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### Note on the next two recipes:

After much anticipation by her adoring public (including me!), Deb Perelman released her second cookbook, *Smitten Kitchen Every Day,* in 2017, and her approachable recipes—and entertaining writing style—make it an ideal choice for cookbook clubs. The tortellini recipe is labor-intensive so it's fun to do with a group. Here are

### Secrets to Cookbook Club Success

ant to start a cookbook club with 5 or 10 of your closest friends? Here are Michele Wales' secrets for getting great food on the table while creating camaraderie in e kitchen.

**1.** Choose books with approachable recipes. Lots of do-ahead steps, sub-recipes and hyper-particular instructions dampen the easygoing vibe and take too much time.

**2.** Give everyone a job. Since most of us learn better by doing, pick recipes from the perspective of how many people can be involved and for how long.

**3.** Time it right. Unless you have three ovens and a professional range with 8 burners (lucky for you if you do!), draw up a menu and plan of action that takes into account each dish's cooking time and temperature ... and how many people can stand at your stove at one time! And feel free to tweak the recipe—adapt a cake recipe to cupcakes, for example—to suit your equipment and timeline.

**4.** Set up stations the smart way. Lay out all the ingredients, bowls and utensils needed to make the recipe. And if two recipes share similar ingredients, place those stations next to each other. If you've got only 1 set of measuring cups or spoons, buy a few more or ask friends to bring their own.

**5.** Keep the drinks flowing. Cooking is thirsty work, so set out a few pitchers of water or your drink of choice. At Coverdale's club, cooks BYOWine but are always willing to share!

two I've adapted by giving more directions (a la Coverdale's Michele Wales) and a few tweaks to suit my family's taste.

### Pea Tortellini

Deb Perelman makes a Parmesan broth to float the tortellini in, but they are just as terrific tossed with butter and sprinkled with Parmesan and mint.



1 C. frozen or fresh peas (I used petite frozen)  $^{1\!\!/}_2$  C. whole milk ricotta

 $^{1\!\!/_2}$  C. finely grated Parmesan, plus  $^{1\!\!/_2}$  C. or more for serving

 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste

1 Tb. lemon juice

Finely grated lemon zest from 1 small lemon or to taste

65–70 wonton wrappers

12–16 small mint leaves, optional\*

- 2–4 Tb. butter
- Freshly ground black pepper

Pulse peas, ricotta, ½ C. Parmesan, salt, lemon juice and zest until mixed well but not so mixed that you cannot see little pea pieces. You can also add the mint now into the filling, which I like because it puts me in mind of minted pea soup, a springtime favorite. Or save the mint for sprinkling on the finished dish.

Taste and add more lemon, salt and mint if using.

Wonton wrappers usually measure  $3-3\frac{1}{2}$ " in size, so cut them down into  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Dampen a paper towel and place over the wontons to prevent them from drying out as you work. Fill a small bowl with water.



Place a wonton wrapper on your work space. Dip a finger in the water and wet the edges of the wonton. Put a generous ½ tsp. filling in the center. This will look like a paltry amount, and you'll feel tempted to add more. Don't! I promise, every tortellini will be satisfying with this small amount.

Fold the wonton in half to form a triangle. Press down to fuse the edges together, pushing out air as you go. Dab all three corners with water. Put the flat side of the filled triangle against your little finger. Wrap the two bottom corners around your finger and fold the top corner down. See photos above.

Place wontons on a parchment-lined baking sheet and put in the freezer for 10 minutes. To save them for later, leave them in the freezer until they're frozen through, and then place them in a plastic bag or container. They'll last for a few months, but the freezer might dull their delicate flavors.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add tortellini, a few at a time. Cook for 2–3 minutes, until they float to the top.

At this point, you can either finish the dish the easy way or the super easy way.

*Easy Way:* Working in batches, melt butter in a large skillet, and using a slotted spoon, scoop tortellini right from the boiling water into the skillet with pasta water clinging to the tortellini. Cook for about 30 seconds until tortellini is coated with butter.

*Super easy way:* Drain the tortellini and put it in a bowl with a little butter in the bottom and toss.

Whether you choose the easy way or the super easy way, finish tortellini with a generous sprinkling of Parmesan and, if you prefer, a few grinds of black pepper and slivers of mint.

Makes 6-8 servings.

### Fennel, Pear, Celery and Hazelnut Salad

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I played with the flavor and look of Deb Perelman's simple winter salad by adding Dijon to the dressing and pomegranate seeds for a tart garnish—and because they're just so darn pretty. I also like to replace the Parmesan with little nubbins of Manchego, a Spanish aged sheep's milk cheese.

 $\frac{1}{2}$  C. hazelnuts

 $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. fennel bulbs

2 large or 3 small stalks celery

1 pear (I used red D'Anjou as Deb does for a nice pop of color.)

3 Tb. lemon juice plus more for squeezing on right before serving

3 Tb. extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1/2 oz. chunk of Parmesan or Manchego, shaved or cut into nubbins

1/4 C. pomegranate seeds



Preheat the oven to 350°. Spread hazelnuts on a baking sheet and roast for 10–15 minutes until skins start to blister and crack. Place hazelnuts in a dishtowel and let steam for a minute or two. Then roll them around in the dishtowel to release the skins. (It's like a warm hand massage.)

Once most of the skins are off, let the hazelnuts cool. Then, place them in a resealable plastic bag and gently pound them with a mallet until they're in small pieces.

Cut off the fennel fronds and discard or save for another use. Slice bulbs thinly, about an  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". Slice celery into  $\frac{1}{4}$ " pieces. Remove core and slice pear thinly.

Make the dressing by whisking together 3 Tb. lemon juice, olive oil, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper to taste.

Toss dressing with fennel and celery and let sit for 5–10 minutes. Add pear, cheese, hazelnuts and toss again. Taste and add a few more squeezes of lemon if you like. Garnish with pomegranate seeds.

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Makes 4-6 servings.

### Three Spice Carrot Cupcakes

Asha Gomez's original recipe makes a two-layer cake, but in the interest of time, Michele changed the recipe to cupcakes. Right before the club met, she ground the spices in a spice grinder, and their freshness elevated the entire recipe. For the green cardamom, she ground the whole pods into a fine loose powder. For the Tellicherry peppercorns, she ground them on the coarse side but not so coarse that someone would bite down on a firey chunk of pepper!



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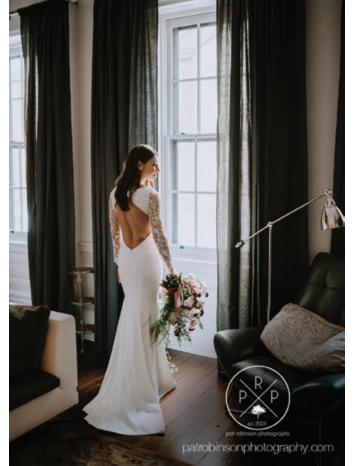
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### For the cupcakes:

### 6-8 carrots, peeled (enough for 3 C.) Butter for greasing muffin tins

- 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. all-purpose flour
- 1 Tb. baking powder
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tb. fresh coarsely ground Tellicherry black peppercorns (see headnote)
- 2 tsp. ground cloves
- 2 Tb. fresh ground green cardamom (see headnote)
- 2 C. granulated sugar
- 9 large eggs, at room temperature 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C. canola or vegetable oil

### For the icing:

- $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. cream cheese, at room temperature 16 Tb. (1 C.) butter, at room temperature
- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> C. confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tb. fresh coarsely ground Tellicherry black peppercorns (see headnote)
- 1 Tb. ground green cardamom
- 1 tsp. ground cloves

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two 12-well muffin tins with butter.

Use the smallest holes on a box grater to grate carrots.

Mix flour, baking powder and baking soda together. Stir in pepper, cloves and cardamom.

Using a mixer, whip the sugar and eggs together until light and fluffy. With mixer running, add oil in a steady stream.

Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients and mix for 3 minutes. Add carrots and mix until incorporated.

Fill cupcake wells a very generous half full. Bake for 25 minutes or until a toothpick poked in the center of the cupcake comes out clean.

Allow to cool for 15 minutes in the pan. Then, release from the pan and allow to cool completely.

To make the icing, beat cream cheese and butter together on medium speed until smooth, 3-5 minutes. Add confectioner's sugar, pepper, cardamom and clove a little at a time until blended, 3-4 minutes.

When cupcakes are completely cool, spread with icing.

Note: we ate the cupcakes within a half hour of when they were iced, but if you are not

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