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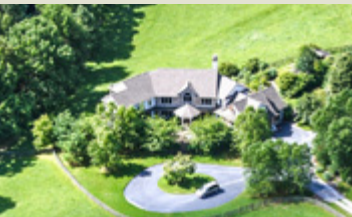
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Pond | Subdivision Possible
\$3,900,000



West Chester
7 BR, 4.2 BA | 28.5 Acres
Greenhouse | Pool | 4-Car Garage
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Unionville
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Private Pool | Amazing Barn
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Unionville
5 BR, 4.2 BA | 23+ Acres
Indoor Pool | Barn | Large Riding Ring
In-Law Suite | Unionville Schools
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Unionville
6 BR, 3.1 BA | 35 Acres
Indoor Arena Possible | Pond
24 Stall Barn | Unionville Schools
\$1,748,000



Chester Springs
4 BR, 2.1 BA | 39.6 Acres
Gorgeous Landscaping | Ponds
Serene & Private | Preserved Views
\$1,488,000



Chester Springs
4 BR, 4.1 BA | 20.1 Acres
In-Law Suite | 3 Car Garage
Gourmet Kitchen | Stunning Property
\$1,249,000



Unionville Area
5 BR, 5.2 BA | 31.6 Acres
Private | Separate Apt | Barn
Riding Ring | Cheshire Hunt
\$1,198,000



West Chester
6 BR, 3.0 BA | 0.23 Acres | 2 Fireplaces
3-Car Garage | Open Floor Plan
Original Details | Finished Lower Level
\$1,150,000



Unionville Schools
4 BR, 3.1 BA | 12.8 Acres
2 BR Cottage | Fabulous Views
6 Stall Stable | Unionville Schools
\$1,050,000



Downingtown Schools
4 BR, 5 BA | Barn Conversion
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Fabulous Master Suite | Barn & Pastures
\$950,000



West Chester
5 BR, 5.1 BA | On Cul-de-Sac
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Finished Lower Level | Unionville Schools
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Chadds Ford
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Unionville Schools | Commuter-friendly
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from the EDITOR

October at last! Here's hoping we get our well-earned quota of brilliant autumn days. To many, this month means Oktoberfest, and our pages are hopping with beer coverage. There's Cindy Walker's "Phoenixville is a Moveable Feast," in which she visits PA's top brewery town and offers a guide to beer there. Breweries in PA website co-founder Chadd Balbi explains the phenomenon of beer release lines in "To Queue, or Not To Queue?" And Laura Brennan's Brandywine Table column highlights "Beer-based Recipes," some from Eric Yost of Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden and one classic from me.

October is also for getting into the school groove. For parents thinking about a new school for their kids next year, check our Guide to School Open Houses. And our publisher, Ed Malet, looks at how schools and parents work together to keep kids safe in "Digital Danger."

For another kind of open house, Laurel Anderson's "Home Of The Month" features a state-of-the-art, smart, green home outside Marshallton designed with quality and luxury in mind.

If you're considering putting your own home on the market, read Mackenzie Jaros' "Getting Your Home Ready for Its Close-Up." These days it takes a team—realtor, photographer, stager—to get your home camera-ready for its online close-up.

Those staying put in their homes will enjoy Tess Kuracina's suggestions for fall gardening in "Working Late." Photos from Chanticleer Gardens will inspire you to keep cultivating.

October is also for getting out and about—in our area or heading to Kent County, Maryland. After reading Marci Tomassone's "Across County Lines," the question will be what to do first. For more options, see our Best Local Events—with a full page of Family Fun—and Gina Pisasale's preview of People's Light's new production, *Such Things As Vampires*.

Does our cover art look familiar? We've repurposed the chalk drawing aspiring artist Julie K. Smith did for us a few years ago. We were a tad early with that fad and love seeing it again.

Enjoy all October has to offer, and thank you for reading.

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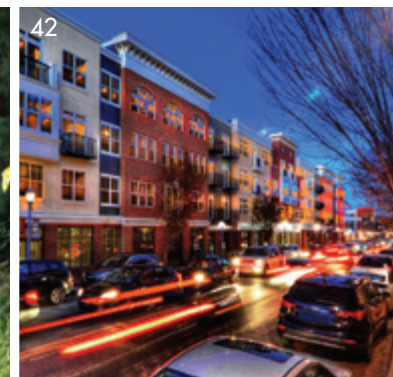
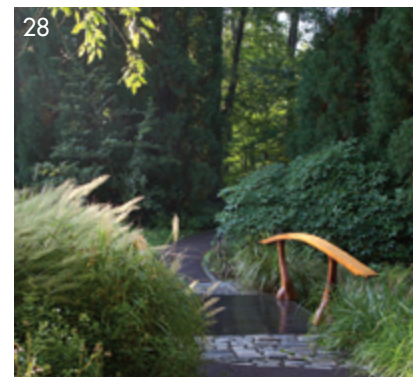
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[Good to Know]

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

Option A. Meet a bestselling author, podcast host and top-rated Wharton professor at an **Evening with Adam Grant**. Grant's #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Option B*, co-written with Sheryl Sandberg, explores facing adversity and building resilience. Grant's TED podcast, *WorkLife*, takes you inside unusual workplaces to discover the keys to better work. Get inspired and energized by the author of *Originals* and *Give and Take*. *Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College. Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m., \$35+, with options for a meet-and-greet. MainLineSchoolNight.org*



Eagle Etiquette. The eagles are making a comeback! No, not the football team—our national bird. The number of **bald eagle nests** in PA has skyrocketed from three in 1980 to over 300 in 2018. These majestic birds like to hang out around bodies of water and surrounding forests. So if you happen to spot one, watch with binoculars from at least 1000 feet away and be quiet. Remember the number one rule of eagle etiquette 101—respect the nest. More nest etiquette at PGC.pa.gov.



Got Sarcasm? Another ghost costume for Halloween? How original! **National Sarcastic Month** begins October 1, so get ready for a holiday that celebrates the art of irony and snark. Spread the word and sharpen your wit by joking with friends and family, then share your zingers on social media with #SarcasticAwarenessMonth. Who says that sarcasm is the lowest form of wit? Certainly not those who call it the bastard stepchild of irony or nature's defense against stupid.

Bring Your Ghosties. Like spooky stories? On a dark October night, join ghost expert and author **Charles J. Adams III** for his talk on local lore and legends. As a featured paranormal expert on the History Channel, A&E and The Learning Channel, Adams is famous for his terrifying tales and ghost tours of PA. Have a haunted night! *Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 881 Ridge Rd., Pottstown. Oct. 16, 7 p.m. \$29. ChesterCounty-NightSchool.org.*



Ghost Town Tours. Ever been to a ghost town? **Frick's Lock, PA** is open for business, just in time for Halloween. Whether you're a ghost hunter, thrill seeker or just a curious local, this abandoned village has plenty to offer. History buffs can check out restored buildings dating back to the early 1800s, including a family farm and houses for canal workers. Tours are on the second and fourth Saturdays, June through October. *Schedule yours at SchuylkillRiver.org.*



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[October Picks] Our Picks for top events this month

Lantern Ghost Tours at Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation
 October 13, 20, 27




One of the most haunted properties in Delaware County invites you to relive 300 years of mysterious, scary and true tales of terror. Discover the strange ways Colonists treated their dead, tour the barn and farmhouse to hear a story in each room and, for the first time, the Plantation's farmhouse attic will provide the backdrop for one particularly horrific story. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. 6 to 9:30 p.m. \$13, ages 10 and up only. 610-566-172; ColonialPlantation.org.

Main Line Animal Rescue Gran Fondo Cycling Event
 October 6

Join 500+ riders to bike the beautiful country roads. Well-stocked rest stops with cheering squads and a huge after-party with an awards ceremony, great food and beer, a live band, raffles, games and a meet-and-greet with adoptable dogs. Start and finish at Pickering Meade Farm, the 60-acre home of Main Line Animal Rescue, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Check in, 6:15 a.m.; first ride, 7:30 a.m.; after party begins at 11:30 a.m. \$95-\$105; after party only ticket, \$25. 610-933-0606; MLARGranFondo.org.



Haverford Guild of Craftsmen Fall Fine Art and Craft Show
 October 20-21



Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at The Haverford Guild of Craftsmen's Fine Art and Craft Show. Sixty juried artists will showcase works that include jewelry, leather, ceramics, glass, fiber, photography, painting, metal sculpture, wood, illustration and mixed media. Agnes Irwin School, Ithan Ave. & Conestoga Rd., Rosemont. Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$5. 610-517-6742; HaverfordGuild.org.

Plein Air Brandywine Valley
 October 28-November 4



A competition, show and sale featuring artists painting and photographing the most scenic properties of the Brandywine Valley. Special events: Oct. 30, Marshallton Quick Draw competition, all works displayed in and around the Marshallton Inn, 4 p.m. Nov. 1, "Nocturne," painting at night on East Gay St. in West Chester, 6:30 p.m. Benefits Children's Beach House, a nonprofit for children with special needs. Nov. 2, opening reception at The Visitor Center of Winterthur Museum, Rt. 52, Wilmington, Fri., 7 to 10 p.m., \$100. Display continues Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. PleinAirBrandywineValley.org.

Newlin Grist Mill Fall Harvest Festival
 October 6

Enjoy the perfect family-friendly festival featuring demonstrations, music, Colonial dancing, Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre, pumpkin painting and hayrides. Plus, there's a Colonial Market with handmade wares. Food trucks, traditionally made pretzels and, for adult guests, a Colonial Tavern from 1 to 3, with Twin Lakes Brewing Company beer. 219 Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. 10 to 4. Free, \$5 parking fee. 610-459-2359; NewlinGristMill.org.




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Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway. Track features loops and tunnels with 15 different rail lines and two cable cars, nine bridges and model trains. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Phila. Weekends only. \$9–\$17. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 28

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. A cast of hundreds fill the Shire with music, dancing and more. Mt. Hope Estate, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Sat–Sun, 11 to 8. \$12.95–\$31.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

OCTOBER 5–7

94th Annual Unionville Community Fair. Family activities, contests, music, live animal exhibits, food and rodeo on Sat, 6 pm, \$10–\$15; auction on Sun. Landhope Farms, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Fri–Sat, 9 to 9; Sun, 10 to 5:30. UCFairInc.org.

OCTOBER 6

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

OCTOBER 6

5th Annual Upper Main Line Rotary Oktoberfest. Games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, bouncy-houses, live music, dancing, German food and a great beer selection. Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. Noon to 8. Adults, \$10. UMLRotary.org.

OCTOBER 6

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

OCTOBER 7

Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch. Tractor and pony rides, pumpkin patches and painting, hayrides, moon bounces, music. The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 1 to 4. Free. Rain date, Oct. 8. 610-688-5600; Radnor.com.

OCTOBER 7

Westtown Day at Historic Oakbourne Mansion. Live bands, carnival games, mini pony rides and petting zoo, food trucks, Civil War reenactors, historic events and vendors. Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 11 to 3. Free. 610-692-1938; WesttownPA.org.

OCTOBER 13

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

OCTOBER 18–20

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OCTOBER 19–20

Sugartown at Sundown Lantern Tours. Bring the family for an evening of hair-raising fun with guides leading you through the village by lantern. Enjoy hot apple tea punch and treats. 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 6 to 8:30 pm. Advance purchase tickets, \$8–\$10. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.



OCTOBER 20

Willistown Conservation Trust—Run-a-Muck & Countryside Bash. Run or muck (walk)

along the 5K or 1+ mile trail. Enjoy live music, bonfire, wine, beer and country supper. Leashed dogs welcome. Kirkwood Preserve, 6114 Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. Gates open, 2:30 pm, race, 3:30. Register in adv., \$15–\$35. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

OCTOBER 20–21

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

OCTOBER 24

West Chester Halloween Parade. Begins on Market St. between Church & Darlington. Marching bands and cheerleading performances featured. 7 pm. Rain date, Oct. 25. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.



OCTOBER 26

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

NOVEMBER 3

Delaware Museum of Natural History—Night at the Museum & Star Party. An after-hours event featuring live bird encounters, experiments, games, crafts and activities, and a look at the Fall/Winter constellations. Snacks, beverages (and adult beverages) will be available for purchase. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. \$3–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.



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GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. Through Oct. 13, "Made in Cuba," Julio César Cepeda Duque created pieces of Cuban reality. 201 Washington St., Reading. Daily 9 to 9. Free. 610-374-4600; Goggleworks.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 21

Main Line Art Center—"Beyond the Screen." An exhibit that examines the complexity of the online social world and how it affects us. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon–Thurs, 9 to 9; Fri, 9 to 5. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

OCTOBER 5

West Chester Autumn Gallery Walk presented by Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Arts Gallery. Stroll through downtown West Chester for an evening of art, dining and shopping, 5 to 9. GreaterWestChester.com.

OCTOBER 5

Vintage Garage Sale. Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 4 to 8. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

OCTOBER 5–7

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

OCTOBER 6–7

Arts Festival Reading at GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. Handmade items from over 75 artists, demonstrations, make and take workshops, music, locally sourced food and beverages. 201 Washington St., Reading. Daily 9 to 9. \$8–\$10. 610-374-4600; Goggleworks.org.

OCTOBER 20–21

40th Annual Hagley Craft Fair. Fine arts, crafts and gourmet items. Hagley Museum & Library, 298 Buck Rd., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

OCTOBER 20–21

Delaware County Studio Tour. Art enthusiasts meet 39 outstanding artists at 13 studios in Delaware County. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. Map available on website, CountyStudio-Tour.com.

OCTOBER 20–JANUARY 27

Juried Craft Exhibition at Delaware Art Museum. Contemporary crafts by artists working locally and throughout the region. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, free, Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

OCTOBER 26–28

Flying Colors Annual Fine Artists Show.

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

OCTOBER 27–28

Elverson Antiques Show. In its 49th year, this is one of the region's premier antique shows with over 30 dealers offering folk art, furniture, stoneware, art and Americana. Twin Valley High School, 4897 N. Twin Valley Rd., Elverson. Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$7. 707-310-4488; ElversonAntiqueShow.com.

NOVEMBER 1–4

Phila. Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show. Show and sale of top contemporary crafts. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. Preview Thurs, 4 to 9 pm, tickets \$350 and up. Fri, 11 to 9; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5–\$20. 215-684-7930; PMA CraftShow.org.

NOVEMBER 2–4

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. High-quality arts, crafts and design. Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri–Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8–\$10. SugarloafCrafts.com.

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BOOKS.....

OCTOBER 17-18

Wellington Square Bookshop. *Sing Unburied Sing*, by Jesmyn Ward. Wed-Thurs, 2 to 4; Thurs, 7 to 9. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

CARS ... AND MORE CARS.....

OCTOBER 7

Kennett Symphony Presents The Classics at Brantwyn. Brunch, Blues & Hot Cars—open bar, brunch, music and cars.

Brantwyn Estate, 600 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 10:30 am. \$95. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

DANCE.....

OCTOBER 7

The Academy of International Ballet. Classical and contemporary works as well as excerpts from the *Nutcracker Ballet*. Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 11. Free. 866-908-5666; AcademyBalletRU.com.

OCTOBER 26-28

Brandywine Ballet—Balanchine, Barber, and

Brandywine. Featuring live music by The Brandywine Singers. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri, 10 am; Sat, 7 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$25-\$42. 610-696-2711; BrandywineBallet.org.

EQUESTRIAN.....

OCTOBER 11-20

Pennsylvania National Horse Show. One of the largest indoor horse shows in the country. **Oct. 11-14**, Junior Weekend; **Oct. 15-20**, Senior Week. Farm Show Complex, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg. \$7-\$50. 717-770-0222; PaNational.org.

OCTOBER 13

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

OCTOBER 18-21

The Dutta Corp. Fair Hill International 3-Day Event. Olympic-caliber athletes take on drops and fences at top speeds. The Festival in the Country features food, Kids' Corner and more. Benefits Union Hospital. Gallaher Rd. off Rt. 273, Fair Hill, MD. \$5-\$30. 410-398-2111; FairHillInternational.com.

OCTOBER 18

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

NOVEMBER 4

84th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Timber racing, food and shopping. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. Gates open, 10:30. \$50/car. Benefits the Chester Co. Food Bank, Work to Ride and Upland Country Day School. 484-888-6619; PaHuntCup.org.



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FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

OCTOBER 12-14

Boyertown's Pickfest. Music on multiple stages throughout Boyertown, alongside artisan galleries, shops, local craft beers and ciders and area wineries and distilleries. For a list of performances visit BoyertownsPickfest.com.

Local Farm Markets

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

Bryn Mawr Farmers 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.

Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Eagleview Town Crt., Wellington Sq., Exton. **Thurs, 2 to 6.** 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 101 E. State St. **Fri, 3 to 7.** 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

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.** 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; 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 to 1:30.** 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/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

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

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

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Friends Home in Kennett 120th Anniversary Community Picnic. A celebration with food vendors, entertainment, homemade dessert contest with local celebrity judges and more. 147 W. State St., Kennett Square. Noon to 4. Free. 610-444-2577.

FOOD & BREWS.....

OCTOBER 4, 6
King of Prussia Beerfest Royale. Over 50 craft and international brewers, 100+ beers and area restaurants in an outdoor beer garden and live music. Thurs, 5:30 to 9, \$70-\$75; Sat, noon to 3:30 and 6 to 9:30, \$45-\$50; VIP Early Entry: Saturday Session 2, \$70. Designated driver, \$15. KOPBeerfest.com.

OCTOBER 5
Blues and Brews at Tyler Arboretum. An evening of specialty beers and hors d'oeuvres. Virtuoso guitarist Fred Powell will provide bluesy jazz to set the tone. Tyler's Barn Loft, 515 Painter Rd., Media. 7 to 9. \$20-\$45. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

OCTOBER 7
38th Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival. Many restaurants and craftspeople display on State Street. Music stages with bands and children's activities. 9 to 5. Rain date, Oct. 14. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

OCTOBER 13
Kennett Brewfest. Sample beers from over 90 local, regional and craft breweries. Enjoy food, live music and vendors. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. Connoisseur Tasting, noon; regular fest, 1:30 pm. All taps close at 5:30. \$50-\$85. 610-444-8188; KennettBrewfest.com.

OCTOBER 13
Conshohocken Beer Festival. Over 50 local, regional and national craft beers, plus local food, tailgate games and live music. A.A. Garthwaite Stadium, E. 11th & Harry St., Conshohocken. 1 to 5 pm. \$50. ConshyBeerFest.Ticketleap.com.

OCTOBER 14
27th Annual Dilworthtown Inn Crush Cancer Wine Festival. Wine event featuring more than 100 wines, craft beers, sump-



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OCTOBER 4-7
Delaware Auto Show. The latest 2019 models, a kids Fun Zone and more. Benefits DE Breast Cancer Coalition. Preview Gala Thurs, 5:30, see website for tickets. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Daily 10 to 6, \$10. DelawareAutoShow.com.

OCTOBER 13
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Wilmington. Walk to raise awareness and funds to save lives from breast cancer. Wilmington Riverfront, Delmarva La., Wilmington. To register, 302-324-4227; MakingStrides.ACSEvents.org.

OCTOBER 13
Susan G. Komen 16th Annual Pink Tie Ball—A Night in Venice. Cocktails, silent auction, entertainment, dinner and dancing. Vie, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. 6 pm. \$100. 215-238-8900; KomenPhiladelphia.org.

OCTOBER 25
Unite for Her Chef and Wine Tasting Event, Harvest. Rustic chic farm-to-table chef tasting event featuring the region's best chefs, wines, brews and spirits, an auction and live music. Benefits local women affected by breast cancer. Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. 6:30 to 9:30. \$175-\$225. UniteForHer.org/Harvest.



OCTOBER 27
Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Annual Black-tie Gala—The Butterfly Ball. One of LBBC's most important events. Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. 6:30 to midnight. Tickets \$350 and up. 484-708-1804; LBBC.org.

NOVEMBER 3
Linda Creed Breast Cancer's Jazz Brunch. Fabulous music, raffles, silent and live auction and shopping. Hilton Philadelphia, 4200 City Line Ave., Philadelphia. 11 am to 2 pm. \$65. 215-564-3700; LindaCreed.org.

tuous fare, auctions, music and a car show. Benefits The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health Hospice. 1390 Old Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Noon to 4. \$45-\$50. VIP tickets, \$115. 610-431-5329; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

OCTOBER 14
Pints of Chester County Beer Garden. Sample beers from ten breweries and enjoy great fare from food trucks. 50 Three Tun Rd., Malvern. 1 to 4. No tickets required. LocustLaneCraftBrewery.com.

OCTOBER 14
Rotary Club of West Chester—16th Annual Chili Cookoff. Over 70 chili-cooking teams compete for prizes. Crafters, a kid's zone, food trucks, live music and more. Benefits local nonprofits. Gay St., West Chester. 10:30 to 3:30. Rain or shine. Wristbands, \$12. 484-467-3415; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.

NOVEMBER 1
Chester County Futures "Harvest Dinner and Wine Tasting." Dinner with wine pairings and items for auction benefitting Chester County Futures, providing academic, men-





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toring and scholarships for disadvantaged youth. The High Point, 2475 St. Peter's Road, Malvern. 6 pm. \$150. 610-314-3811; CCFutures.org.

FUNDRAISERS.....

OCTOBER 1

People's Light Golf Classic. "Swing for a Cause" at this friendly competition. Benefits theater education programs for youth at People's Light. White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Rd., Malvern. 11 am. To register visit PLGolf2018.Auction-Bid.org.

OCTOBER 6

The Blind Pig Speakeasy. The gala is a fundraiser for Oxford Mainstreet Inc. and features dinner, open bar, auction, music, dancing and an after party. The OMI Speakeasy, 370 Media Rd., Oxford. 6 to 11. Tickets \$150. DowntownOxfordPA.org/Gala.

OCTOBER 10

Green Valleys Watershed Celebration: "The View Below—Amazing Sights in our Everyday Streams." Cocktail hour with harvest table of local cheeses, signature drink, special guest speaker and farm-to-table dinner. Wel-

kinweir, 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. 5:30 to 8:30. \$95. 610-469-4900; GreenValleys.org.

OCTOBER 12

Ghost Tales & Shrimp Tails at Historic Waynesborough. Guided ghostly tours and gourmet food and drinks with open bar and valet parking at this benefit. 2049 Waynesborough Rd., Paoli. \$75. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. To reserve tickets, 610-647-1779; HistoricWaynesborough@PhilaLandmarks.org.

OCTOBER 13

The Kolbe Fund Rhythm & Brews Event. Food, craft beers, music and auction items. The Kolbe Fund is a nonprofit that provides lodging for families traveling to receive medical care for a sick child. Levering Mill Tribute House, 382 Bala Ave., Bala Cynwyd. 6 to 10. \$90. 215-850-4645; TheKolbeFund.org.

OCTOBER 14

Thorncroft Equestrian Center's 9th Annual "Lobstah Bake." Plenty of lobster, chicken, cases of wine and kegs of beer as well as lots of dancing to live music and kids entertainment. Rain or shine in the Jimmy Moran North Arena, 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 4 to 8. Tickets \$85 and up. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.



OCTOBER 14

National Dog Show Charity Walk. Celebrity appearances, games, prizes, music, entertainment and fun. Benefits Ronald McDonald House and many local canine-related charities. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne. 9 to noon. \$20. NationalDogShowCharities.org.

OCTOBER 15

Chester County Futures "Fall Scramble." Join in for golf, lunch and a post-round reception benefitting Chester County Futures. Broad Run Golfer's Club, 1520 Tattersall Way, West Chester. 11:30 to 7:30. \$100 and up. 610-314-3811; CCFutures.org.

OCTOBER 17-20

58th Annual Shipley Shops. Retailers and artists display and sell at this shopping event. The Shipley School, Yarnall Gymnasium, 814 Yarrow St., Bryn Mawr. Preview Wed, 6 to 9, \$75. Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 8:30 am to 4:30; Sat, 10 to 3 is the Fall Festival with activities

for all. \$5-\$10; free Sat. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org/ShipleyShops.

OCTOBER 25

Take A Bite Out of Autism. Join The Timothy School in honoring 50 years of service to children with autism—great food, drink and entertainment. The Barn at Liseter, 3710 Liseter Rd., Newtown Square. 6:30 to 10:30. \$75-\$150. 610-725-0755. TimothySchool.com.

OCTOBER 26

Wings for Success 20th Anniversary Gala. Dinner, cocktails, dancing and silent auction. Wings for Success helps women become self-sufficient. Aronimink Golf Club, 3600 St. Davids Rd., Newtown Square. 7 to 10. \$150-\$175. 610-644-6323; WingsForSuccess.org.

OCTOBER 27

Chester County Historical Society's 125th Anniversary Halloween Ball. Come in costume and enjoy a live auction, music, costume contest, food and more. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 6:30 to 10:30. \$125-\$175. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

OCTOBER 28

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

NOVEMBER 3

T&E Care Fall Fest 2018 – Blue Jeans Ball! Fundraiser featuring dinner, dancing and silent auction. T&E Care provides assistance to those in need in Tredyffrin and Easttown township. St. Davids Golf Club, 845 Radnor Street Rd., Wayne. 6:30 pm. \$125. TECare.org.

GARDENS.....

OCTOBER 18

Stoneleigh Mansion and Garden Tour. The Valley Forge Park Alliance hosts a two-hour tour of the magnificent 42-acre estate. Stoneleigh, 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10 to noon. \$30. Advance registration required, VFParkAlliance.org.



OCTOBER 21

Scott Arboretum—Gravetye Manor: A Menu from the Garden. Tom Coward, head gardener at the English manor, discusses the history of the garden. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 4 pm. Free. 610-328-8025; ScottArboretum.org.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH OCTOBER 28

Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through October 21, "Natural Wonders: The Sublime in Contemporary Art." *Through Oct.*

28, "The Serious and the Smirk: Portraits from the Collection." 1 Hoffmans Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER

Chester County Historical Society. "Many Nations/Chester County." 225 N. High St., West Chester. Tues-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$4-\$8. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2019

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Garden.” 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$15–\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 13

Delaware Art Museum. Gifts from the Hotel du Pont Collection. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, free, Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....

OCTOBER 6

10th Annual Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair. Premier blues musicians, dancing, vendors, a beer garden, KidZone and more. Paoli Presbyterian Church, S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Noon to 6. Parking available as well as shuttles. Donation of nonperishable food for the Food Bank. 610-296-7443; PaoliBluesFest.com.

OCTOBER 11, NOVEMBER 10

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. *Oct. 11*, Jazz Cocktail Hour: Trumpeter Josh Lawrence & Quartet present “Contrast;” *Nov. 10*, “50’s Come Alive Doo Wop Concert”. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

OCTOBER 13

Who Dunnit? A Murder Mystery Dinner at West Laurel Hill. “Murder at the Mardi Gras,” with cocktails, dinner and an interactive murder mystery. Some proceeds benefit the Wayne Art Center. Costumes welcome. 225 Belmont Ave., Bala Cynwyd. 5 pm. Tickets in advance, \$50. 610-668-9900; WestLaurelHill.com.

OCTOBER 27

Kennett Symphony Orchestra Opening Night Concert. “Emotional Landscapes.” Unionville High School, 750 Unionville Rd., Unionville. 7:30 pm. \$10–\$58. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

OCTOBER 28

Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley’s Concert. A showing of the silent movie *The Golem* with live theatre organ musical accompaniment by Wayne Zimmerman. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St. 2 pm. \$5–\$10. 610-917-1228; TOSDV.org.

OCTOBER 27–28

Chesco Pops Fall Concert Series—Magic, Movies, Music and More! Soundtracks to spooky movies to life on stage. *Oct. 27*, Downingtown High School West Campus, 445 Manor Ave., 7 pm; *Oct. 28*, Phoe-

nixville Area Middle School, 1330 S. Main St., 3 pm. \$15–\$20; children/students, free. Costumes encouraged. 610-594-9178; ChesCoPops.org.



NOVEMBER 2

WCU—Live! “ArtRAGEous—Interactive Art & Music Experience,” Family Fun Day. Artists, musicians, singers, dancers pay tribute to a variety of art forms ending in a gallery of paintings. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 8 pm. \$15–\$27. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

OCTOBER 6

Philadelphia International Dragon Boat Festival. More than 140 dragon boat teams compete. Teams gather on the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. 8 to 5:30. 610-642-2333; PhilaDragonBoatFestival.com.

OCTOBER 7

46th Annual Marshalton Triathlon. Bike, canoe and pace-walk at this family-friendly event with music, food and drink. Benefits West Bradford Fire Co. Rt. 162. Check-in, 7 am; race, 8. \$55. MarshaltonTriathlon.net.

OCTOBER 7

Pedal4Cam. For all ages and abilities—road bike and mountain bike options. Benefits the Cure4Cam Childhood Cancer Org. Eagleview Town Center, 540 Wellington Sq., Exton. Reg. 7:30 am, race at 8:30. \$45. Cure4Cam.org.

OCTOBER 14

2018 CCDSIG Buddy Walk and Family Run & Fun Day. The Chester County Down Syndrom Interest Group holds a 5K, Buddy Walk and Fun Run and Dash for kids. West Goshen Park, Five Points & Fern Hill Rds., West Chester. 8 to 2. \$10–\$30. CCDSIG.org/Buddy-Walk.

OCTOBER 20

Run4UrLife 5K at West Laurel Hill. Bring the family to walk, run or cheer to this benefit for MANNA. Costumes encouraged. 225 Belmont Ave., Bala Cynwyd. Check in at 8, run at 9. \$35. 610-668-9900; WestLaurelHill.com.

OCTOBER 20

Natural Lands’ ChesLen Chase for Open Space. Kick up your heels for nature at this 10K, 5K, and 2-mile Fun Run-Walk. The fun continues with a post-race party. ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Can-nery Rd., Coatesville. 10 to 1. \$40. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

OCTOBER 21

Living History Hike. Local architectural historian Jane Dorchester leads a tour of significant sites beginning at Chandler Mill Bridge. Chandler Mill Nature Preserve, 541 Chandler Mill Rd., Avondale. 2 to 4. \$25. 610-347-0347; TLCForSCC.org.



OCTOBER 27

2018 Philadelphia Heart Walk and Festival. A 5K walk that begins at Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia; festival follows. 8 am to noon. For info, 866-441-3686 or www2.Heart.org.

OCTOBER 28

41st Annual Radnor Run. A 5-mile timed running race, 1-mile walk/fun run and a health fair after the run. Benefits the American Lung Association. Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Reg, 7 am, race, 8:30. \$30–\$40. 800-LUNG-USA; Lung.org/RadnorRun.

THEATER.....

THROUGH OCTOBER 27

Bird-in-Hand Stage—The Home Game, a son’s journey and a father’s hope. *Magic & Wonder: Dream—Nothing is Impossible*, all-new variety show. 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Mon–Sat, 1 & 7 pm. \$17–\$57. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.

OCTOBER 3–28

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler’s thriller. Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

OCTOBER 12–28

Evita. The Resident Theatre Company presents Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s Tony-Award winning musical. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. For times and tickets visit UptownWestChester.org.

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OCTOBER 6

2018 Chester County Day House Tour. Celebrate the architecture of the northeast quadrant of Chester County. Visit 16 homes and 6 public landmarks in West Chester, Exton, Frazer, Chester Springs, Kimberton and Phoenixville. 10 to 5. \$50. Boxed lunch, \$12, can be ordered online. \$100 VIP ticket. Benefits the Women's Auxiliary's upcoming pledge to Chester County Hospital. ChesterCountyDay.com.



OCTOBER 6-7

Berks County Wine Trail Artisan Cheese & Wine Pairing Weekend. Self-guided tour of 12 wineries offering tastings of over two dozen

cheeses. Noon to 5. \$15-\$20. For map and to register, BerksCountyWineTrail.com.



OCTOBER 11

Chadds Ford Historical Society Tavern Talks. "Fermented & Tormented." Barns Brinton House, 630 Baltimore Pk. 7 to 9. \$15-\$20. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.



OCTOBER 18

West Chester Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. Raises awareness of West Chester's historic architectural character. Winners are announced at the Chester County Histor-

ical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. Light buffet with wine and beer. 5:30 p.m. \$25. DowntownWestChester.com.

OCTOBER 20

WCU—Live! Resident's & Speaker Series. Steve Forbes, chairman and editor-in-chief of Forbes Media. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 8. \$22-\$27. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

NOVEMBER 8

TEDxWest Chester—Crossroads. This year's speakers are Dr. Priya Mammen, Virginia Marcille-Kerslake and Shea Rhodes. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. Attendee networking, 5 pm; TEDxWestChester, 6 pm. \$55. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org. ♦

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THEATER SPOTLIGHT

Such Things as Vampires

AT PEOPLE'S LIGHT
THROUGH OCTOBER 31



WITH A HIGH-OCTANE DRUMBEAT, PEOPLE'S Light opens its 44th season with *Such Things as Vampires*, a folk-punk retelling of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. This highly theatrical world premiere is part rock concert, part play and part vampire thriller. Filled with lilting ballads and rock anthems, the show puts a new spin on the blood-sucking beings we think we know all about.

What could be more frighteningly fun and fitting for Fall?

This concert-theater event is framed by The Preventers, an enigmatic, roving band of musicians who've been drawn to Malvern by a mysterious threat. They draw audiences into their rite of protection through music, ritual and a story of the love between two women—Mina and Lucy—pivotal characters in Bram Stoker's Gothic masterpiece.

Such Things as Vampires is one of the first projects to emerge from People's Light's Harmony Lab, a new play-commissioning program pairing musicians with playwrights to create pieces with music as a major component of their storytelling.

The team creating this spine-tingling polyphony includes musician-performer Jessie Fisher (from Broadway's *Once* and currently starring in *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*), multifaceted and award-winning Philadelphia theater artist Mary Tuomanen, playwright and People's Light's Producing Director Zak Berkman, and Chicago-based deviser-director Stuart Carden.

Carden is known for his highly imaginative style of storytelling that breaks down barriers between audience and performers in

exhilarating ways, often in moments of stunning simplicity. In this kind of artistic playground, seemingly disparate elements get to play with each other, creating something unique in a fantastical brew of theatrical alchemy.

"*Such Things as Vampires* aspires to take modern storytelling modes and bardic traditions to a place that feels both ancient and cutting-edge," explains Berkman. "It's a fusion of sounds for a fusion of audiences—fans of Gothic literature, those who seek out new and surprising theater, or anyone whose music collections include PJ Harvey, Fleetwood Mac and The Savages."

This thrilling synthesis of diverse art forms, genres and musical styles offers a wide welcome for all who thirst for new-fangled—wait, that's new-fangled discoveries. Don't be scared. Yet ... ♦

—Gina Pisasale

IF YOU GO:

Where: People's Light's Steinbright Stage, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern

When: September 20–October 31

Tickets: \$40-\$50; Community Nights are \$30; other discounts available

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Working Late

Tess Kuracina, Chanticleer Garden

Great autumn plants for the garden and arranging

ONE OF THE MANY REWARDS OF HAVING A garden is bringing that beauty into your home by cutting a lush bouquet. Luckily, many plants that are statement makers in a complex fall landscape are also spectacular cut flowers.

In spring and summer, flower arrangements from the garden are usually filled with colorful blooms. But in the fall, the palette for arrangements becomes more diverse and rich—using fall flowers but also relying heavily on grasses, seed heads, fruit and branches of changing autumnal color.

Here are suggestions for additions to your garden to grow what's needed to create a fabulous fall bouquet.

START WITH PERENNIALS

One of the fall floral staples in most gardens, including Chanticleer Garden, are chrysanthemums. These flowers can be much more diverse than the mums you buy at your local grocery store.

For example, Korean Chrysanthemums are perennials that come in a wide variety of colors—from dusky reds, to yellows, to soft peachy pinks, to white. Although the stems can be fragile, the late-season blooms (often in November in our area) are a welcome, cheery and vibrant addition to the garden and your bouquets.

Other great fall-blooming perennials to consider adding to your garden are Tatarian Aster, Japanese Anemone and Rattlesnake-master—all offer late-season flowers—as well as Bluestar for its mottled fall color.

ADD LOW-MAINTENANCE SELF-SOWING ANNUALS AND BIENNIALS

Self-sowing annuals and biennials can fill in visual gaps and add spontaneity to your garden. Their name tells their added low-maintenance benefit.

Clary Sage has classic sage-like soft purple flowers that bloom in June, but the showiest part of these flowers are the bracts

that remain all summer and into the fall, long after the flowers have disappeared. The long life of the bracts allows this plant to have a persistent and impactful role in the garden and to make a real statement in arrangements.

Also look for Kiss Me Over The Garden Gate, which is also late to flower in the garden.

TRY ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Grass seed heads add beautiful soft texture and movement to the garden, and the tawny brown of these seed heads makes for a surprisingly pleasant background for other colors to pair with. Most grasses need to be used en masse to make an effect in floral arranging. Try placing them in bouquets a handful at a time.

An exception to this rule is the Feather Reed Grass. This grass has large fluffy seed heads that develop in September and have a significant mass, so you don't have to use as many stems to make an impact.

Other favorite grasses are Little Bluestem and Oriental Fountain Grass.



The orange-yellow fall color of Fothergilla pairs well with the polka-dotted berries of Heavenly Bamboo.

REMEMBER SHRUBS

Many hydrangeas have a long-lasting presence in the garden, in addition to having a beautiful early summer floral display. The part of the hydrangea that's typically thought of as the flower is actually a sepal, which is why the flower head can persist so long into the fall and winter.

The Panicle Hydrangea is a white hydrangea with massive heads that create drama in the garden and in flower arrangements. By autumn the flower turns a subtle tan, often with a rosy pink blush that plays beautifully with the colors of fall.

Other notable shrubs are Large Fothergilla and Willow Leaf Spicebush for their outstanding fall color, Sea Myrtle for its soft, fuzzy flowers, and Heavenly Bamboo for its bountiful fruit.

CONSIDER SMALL TREES

One of the plants that visitors to Chanticleer ask about year round is the Trifoliate Orange. This small tree has beautiful white flowers in the spring that will develop into fragrant, bright orange, clementine-sized fruits. These fruits are edible, although full of seeds. They're also high in pectin, and are best used to make sweet jams and jellies.

The fruit makes a showy display in arrangements and in the garden. Fair warning: this tree has very sharp thorns that are beautiful, but can hurt if you get



A bouquet of Korean Chrysanthemums make a sweet, colorful arrangement.



Large plumes of reed grass in flower.



Flower heads of this "Phantom" hydrangea stand up to the first frost.

poked. Cut branches are used best after the leaves drop in the fall to show off the architecture of the thorns and because the leaves shrivel after being cut from the tree.

Also consider Japanese maples that are bred for attractive, colorful bark—'Sango kaku' and 'Bi Hoo' both have vibrant stems and are well worth considering. ♦

Tess Kuracina has worked at many gardens in the Philadelphia area and is currently a

seasonal assistant horticulturist at Chanticleer.

Images courtesy Chanticleer Garden, taken by Lisa Roper.

Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative and exciting public garden in America. It's a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. The garden is open through November 4th, Wednesday–Sunday, from 10 to 5, closes for the winter and reopens March 27, 2019. Chanticleer is located at 786 Church Rd., Wayne. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.



A flower arrangement with fall asters, dahlias and Hubricht's bluestar is displayed beneath a portrait.



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Getting Your Home Ready for Its Close-Up

Mackenzie Jaros

Putting your home on the market means putting it on display—to as many people as possible. And a lot more goes into the process than you'd think.

SO, YOU'VE DECIDED TO TAKE THAT GIANT LEAP AND put your home on the market. What next? Declutter? Call a realtor? These days there's more to do than that.

You'll need more than a good realtor on your team if you want to make the most of the sale of your home. Just as celebrities hire separate professionals for hair and makeup for their big moment, realtors often have a team in place to do the job right—often professional photographers and stagers to help their clients. Veteran realtor Holly Gross, of the Holly Gross Group, says "An amateur may not know how best to highlight a home."

Why are these professionals necessary? Here's what the experts have to say.

DO I NEED PHOTOS?

With everyone spending so much time looking at all kinds of photos on the web, potential buyers will have searched many—likely too many—photos of houses online *before* they even contact a realtor.

Suzanne Norris, a Phoenixville-area realtor for 35 years, says, "If potential buyers don't see photos of a home or if they click on pictures and don't like what they see, they won't make an appointment. Someone selling their house in today's market doesn't just need pictures—they need *stunning* pictures."

Not having photos will definitely *not* help get buyers in the door for a big reveal. Save the sense of mystery for that unusual closet/room/alcove you have.

WHY NOT DIY?

When selling what's likely your biggest asset, don't take the bargain route. It's unlikely your skills and the finished products from your smartphone are on par with professional work.

Professional photographers have some tricks, as well as some special equipment, up their sleeve. When photographing a home, experienced photographer Tim Vaughan from Timlyn Vaughan Photography, uses everything from tripods to wide-angle lenses to Photoshop to drones. Yes, even drones.

Drone photography captures the entire landscape of a property and gives photographs a unique perspective. But drones aren't just for bird's-eye-view shots of a large property. For example, Vaughan sometimes uses drones to get a picture that's looking directly at a house rather than looking up—something your smartphone can't do for your three-story Victorian.

Not only do photographers have the right (often expensive) gadgets to get that perfect shot, but they know how to get the right lighting better than amateurs.

For exterior shots Vaughan shoots late in the day as the sun is setting or early in the morning when shadows are long and dramatic. That's the money shot.

Mid-day on a sunny day is best when shooting the interior of a home because as much natural light as possible works best to showcase the rooms. And you do want to get your house's good side.

Although flash photography can help with lighting, the flash itself can be difficult to hide. If you thought blinking was the only downside of a camera flash, I have news for you. Those pesky flashes show up on your windows, mirrors, TVs and even in shiny surfaces, like silver pieces or ceramic vases.

Most DIY photographers don't know how to hide the flash in their shots—another reason a pro comes in handy. Not only can they use different exposures to hide a flash, but they use other techniques, like tripods where no flash is needed.

Then there are all the tricks the pros know about Photoshop—editing out new stains on your carpet, editing in more green

in your currently parched lawn, touching up the paint on your walls before you get to that project. A little help from Photoshop can give your house a subtle facelift without costly renovations.

WHAT ABOUT MORE THAN PHOTOS?

If your home has unique qualities simple photos don't adequately capture, you may want a video. Professional videos are hot in today's home sales market and add an extra cachet to your online posting. Videos give viewers a 360-degree virtual experience of your home, demonstrating the flow and showing more detail than photos can.

Realtor Cindy Orr believes walk-through videos are great for marketing a home. Even with a published floor plan, it's hard for most potential buyers to see, feel and understand the flow of the house. Videos can show what a photograph can't. And watching a video puts the viewer inside the home, so they can imagine living there. Again, resist the urge to DIY on the video.

Photos and videos of homes are key to a buyer's decision to tour a house. Bad pictures can make buyers move on to the next property with better images and marketing. For something as important as selling your home, it's best to invest in the process and use professionals.

WHO ELSE CAN HELP?

Beyond helping with professional photos and videos, many realtors can also connect you with professional stagers as well. According to realtor Suzanne Norris, "We've all had to step up our game a little bit."

A home stager can help clients present their home in the best way possible to potential buyers. And stagers offer a range of services, depending on what the homeowner wants and needs. Some call stagers masters of illusion.

For minimal help, there's the Walk Through, where a stager gives tips and suggestions on what should be changed in the home. Next level, there's Decorative Finishing, where a stager works with the homeowner's current furniture, arranging it more attractively to prospective buyers. Properties that need more help may opt

for a Large Scale Staging. For this, a stager makes dramatic changes, including changing wall colors and supplying new furniture and décor pieces to update the interior.

Professional stager Sue Alivio says she usually starts by decluttering the house of excess furniture, wall décor and personal items. Even though we all love our homes, when its time to move, our home should be styled for broad appeal—so it could be anyone's home.

That doesn't mean you have to toss everything. Realtor Margot Teeter says having a minimal amount of furniture is best. While you don't want an overstuffed house crammed with belongings, vacant houses can make it difficult for potential buyers to picture themselves living there. Buyers don't always have vision. Sometimes they need a little help imagining where their sofa and bed would go.

Stagers may suggest painting the walls a new color. Realtor Holly Gross suggests steering clear of dark colors that absorb the light. Banish that lime green and turquoise and choose a trendy light gray—the "it" color in interior design. Stagers might even recommend using the neutral color everywhere because painting the whole house the same color creates a sense of flow.

Once again, it's worth using a pro for staging. One of the biggest DIY mistakes homeowners make is to stage according to their own taste, which may be too narrow.

To successfully market a home, sellers need to change their mindset—their (beloved) home is now less a home and more a house they're marketing to new owners.

Alivio says, "It's a change in psychology and perspective that you're marketing a product and not displaying your home." It can be hard to put that emotional barrier between yourself and a home filled with memories. So, consider a professional.

When it's time to put your house on the market professional help can make all the difference. Do yourself a favor and make sure your home gets a hair and makeup team. Ask if your realtor provides a photographer and stager and if not, consider hiring them yourself. Your home deserves it! ♦

Across County Lines

Marci Tomassone

WEST CHESTER

West Chester has much to offer in October—as it does in most months! First up, stroll through the Borough for an evening of art, dining and shopping during the October 5th **West Chester Autumn Gallery Walk**, presented by Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Arts Gallery. GreaterWest-Chester.com.

On October 7, head over to Oakbourne Mansion for **West-town Day**, where the historic mansion and grounds will host live bands, carnival games, mini pony rides, petting zoo, food trucks, Civil War re-enactors, historical demonstrations, and an assortment of local schools, vendors and organizations. WesttownPA.org.

Looking for a challenge? Try **TreeHouse World** where you can explore the newest and coolest treehouses around. Take the Aerial Zipline Adventure Course with three ziplines and eight bridge crossings that take you high above the headwaters of Valley Creek. TreeHouseWorld.com.

If you haven't experienced one, Escape Rooms are a big hit. And West Chester offers two options: **Escape West Chester** at 116 S. High St. and **Escape the Room West Chester** at 323 E. Gay St. These are team-building experiences, so bring your friends for a “1 Hour, 1 Room, 1 Exit” adventure.

This year marks the **27th Annual Dilworthtown Inn Crush**

Things are certainly jumping in **County Lines Country** this fall. Looking for art, music and cultural events? We've got them all. In the mood for hair-raising excursions, escapes and adventures? Once again, you're covered. Like beer? October is overflowing with local beer festivals, fairs and tastings. Plus, there's Halloween! So, look over the events we've put together for you here and in our Best Local Events Section in this issue and mark your calendar. And enjoy all that October offers!

Cancer Wine Festival, featuring more than 100 wines, craft beers, great food, a car show and plenty of fun, all benefiting The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. More about this October 14th event at ChesterCountyHospital.org.

Get your tickets early for top-notch entertainment! The **Resident Theatre Company** performs *Evita* from October 12–28 at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, UptownWestChester.org. On October 26–28, you'll be charmed by **Brandywine Ballet's** presentation of *Balanchine, Barber and Brandywine*. BrandywineBallet.org.

SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY

Everyone's #1 pick for their fall checklist is **Longwood Gardens' Autumn's Colors**. Celebrate the harvest season with pumpkins and thousands of chrysanthemums both indoors and out. Of course, the fountain shows continue daily through October 28. Go back for the Chrysanthemum Festival, October 25–November 18, and see more than 20,000 blooming mums take over Longwood's four-acre conservatory. LongwoodGardens.com.

An annual Chadds Ford tradition is the three-day **Great Pumpkin Carve**, October 18–20, with over 60 local artists carving giant pumpkins. Intricately carved pumpkins will be lit in all their glory after the carving is done and displayed all three nights. Treat yourself to great food and fall's best offered by area eateries, enjoy live music, hayrides, a haunted trail and more. At the Historical Society, 1736 Creek Rd. GreatPumpkinCarve.com.

“21 Years of Beers.” That's what the new poster for the **Kennett Brewfest** says, and experience shows they certainly know how to do it right. Sample selections from over 100 breweries, enjoy live music, food trucks, vendors and more. Come on October 13 for the Connoisseur Session (before the Regular Session) for special pourings from select brewers showcasing different, rare, exclusive, limited and seasonal beers. KennettBrewfest.com.

Head farther south to Nottingham and visit the **Herr's Snack Factory for Halloween Happenings** on October 29. If you haven't experienced trick-or-treating during one of the tours here, you don't know what you're missing. Herrs.com.



ALONG THE MAIN LINE

Thorncroft Equestrian Center is holding their 9th Annual “Lobstah” Bake on October 14 at the Jimmy Moran North Arena at their headquarters in Malvern. Bring the kids and enjoy live music, dancing and a great time at this fundraiser for Thorncroft, whose mission is to develop the physical and emotional well-being of all people, including those with special needs. Thorncroft.org.

There's more fun in Malvern at **Historic Sugartown's Sundown Lantern Tours**, October 19–20. You'll get goosebumps as guides lead visitors through the historic village by lantern light. Details at HistoricSugartown.org.

Heading a bit east on Rt. 30 brings

you to Wayne, where the **Radnor Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch** event puts a smile to everyone's face. Held on October 7 at The Willows, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd. in Radnor, it's great fun for the whole family. Radnor.com.

To enjoy the glory of a Mid-Atlantic fall, visit **Stoneleigh Mansion and Gardens**, 1829 E. County Line Rd. in Villanova. Mark your calendar for the October 13th Home and Garden Tour, which includes a tour of the mansion, generally closed to visitors. If you miss that, the Valley Forge Park Alliance hosts another tour on October 18. StoneleighGarden.org.

We also recommend a visit to **The Wharton Esherick Museum** almost

anytime. If you go on October 6, you can catch “Artistry Personified,” a program from **Chanticleer** and Wharton Esherick staff teaming up to show how the garden and museum showcase wood-working, craftsmanship and inspiration gained from observing nature. WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

Craft beer lovers should support the inaugural **Pints of Chester County Beer Garden** on October 14. Locust Lane Craft Brewery and Chester County's Brandywine Valley bring together a sampling of craft breweries for this new event. No tickets required—just show up thirsty at 50 Three Tun Rd. in Malvern. BrandywineValley.com or [Facebook.com/LocustLaneCB](https://www.facebook.com/LocustLaneCB).





DOWNINGTOWN

There's more beer in October! Downingtown Library will host the **1st Annual D-Town Brew Down** fundraiser on October 27 in Kerr Park, where you can taste and vote for your favorite, delicious home-brewed beers, learn about beer making, listen to live music, enjoy tasty food from food trucks and have fun. DowningtownLibrary.org.

And you'll find even more fun in Kerr Park near the gazebo on October 27. The Downingtown Parks and Recreation Commission is calling all ghosts and spooky critters for **Boo Bash 2018!** The festivities include a costume contest, food and vendors, as well as a Halloween themed double feature. [On Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DowningtownParksandRecreation).



WILMINGTON

The Delaware Art Museum always has lots going on. Their juried Craft Exhibition, October 20–January 27, features contemporary crafts and the current exhibition, “Gifts from the Hotel duPont Collection” runs through January 13. These gifts are a collection of 13 artworks previously displayed in the Hotel du Pont and include watercolors by Andrew Wyeth and oil paintings by N.C. Wyeth, Frank Schoonover and Edward Loper. DelArt.org.

Meals on Wheels Delaware has come up with a great idea for their October 18 fundraiser. Some of the best area restaurants get together for the **Ultimate Tailgate Fundraiser**, serving unique interpretations of tailgate food. Delaware Park Racetrack & Slots, 777 Delaware Park Blvd. MealsOnWheelsDE.org.

For a scary good time, visit **Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library** October 27th for a one-man show with actor David Keltz portraying Edgar Allan Poe, then take a spooky tram ride with ghost sights, and enjoy adult crafts and beverages. Winterthur.org.

How about a family-friendly Saturday evening at the **Delaware Museum of Natural History's Night at the Museum & Star Party** on November 3? The Delaware Astronomical Society will discuss why we need the dark. Then head outdoors to view the Fall/Winter constellations, including the great square of Pegasus and take a final look at the summer triangle or navigation triangle. DelMNH.org.

And, of course, there's **Theater Row** downtown for more fun.



PAOLI

The blues rule the day on October 6 at the **10th Annual Paoli Blues Fest & Street Fair** held at Paoli Presbyterian Church on S. Valley Rd. You'll be dancing in the streets and enjoying a beer garden, vendors, KidZone and more. PaoliBluesFest.com.

Also on October 6, the Upper Main Line Rotary will celebrate **Oktoberfest** at the Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave. If you like German food and a great beer selection, this is the place for you. Lots of family-friendly activities, like pumpkin decorating, bouncy houses and more. UMLRotary.org.

An evening at **Historic Waynesborough** promises ghostly tours plus gourmet food and drinks as **Ghost Tales & Shrimp Tails** takes over the mansion on October 12. The fun and fright begin at 6:30 with open bar and continue until 9:30 (maybe later). For tickets, email HistoricWaynesborough@PhilaLandmarks.org.

DELAWARE COUNTY & BEYOND

The Newlin Grist Mill, 219 Cheyney Rd. in Glen Mills, has some don't-miss events in October. The **Fall Harvest Festival** on October 6 features artisans demonstrating a variety of Colonial trades, hayrides, pumpkin painting and games. On October 11, stop by after hours for **Sip Behind the Scenes: Mills & Stills** to sample local beverages and chat with staff at the mill. NewlinGristMill.org.

On October 13, 20 and 27, one of the most haunted properties in Delaware County holds popular **Lantern Ghost Tours**. You'll discover the strange ways Colonists treated their dead, tour the barn and, for the first time, Colonial Plantation's farmhouse attic will provide the backdrop for one particularly horrific story. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., New-

town Square. ColonialPlantation.org.

Want to start a new fall family tradition? Visit **Arasapha Farms**, 1835 Middletown Rd. in Glen Mills, for the Harvest Hayride. Then head over to the Pumpkin Garden and Petting Zoo, have a blast with the corn cannon, take a train ride and much more. HarvestHayride.com.

At the same location, there's a different kind of hayride. Perhaps for an older crowd. **The Haunted Hayride at Arasapha Farm** has been scaring visitors for 27 years with amazing props, digital FX, great actors and unbelievable makeup. It's been featured on the Travel Channel and rated the #1 Haunted Attraction by several news outlets. Check it out through October 31. TheBatesMotel.com.

For one final bit of fall fun, head for **West Laurel Hill**, 225 Belmont Ave. in

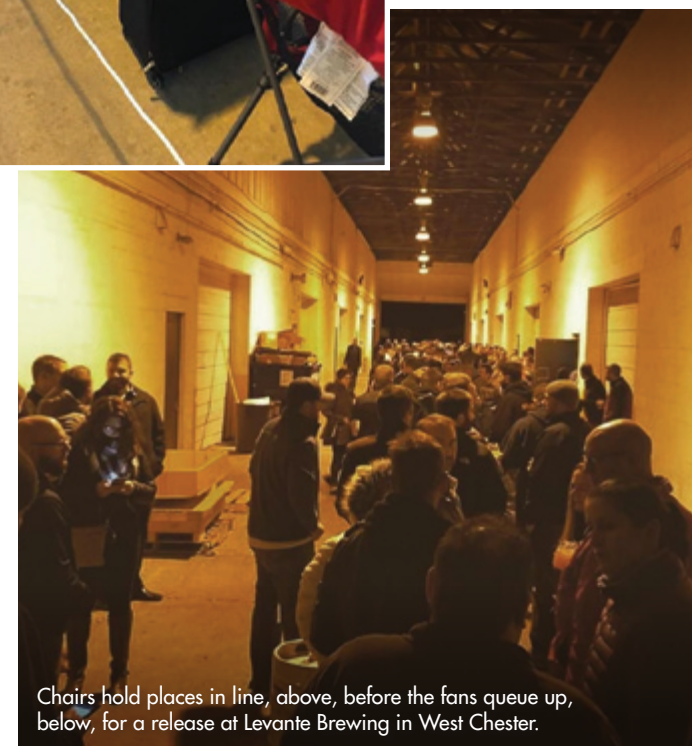
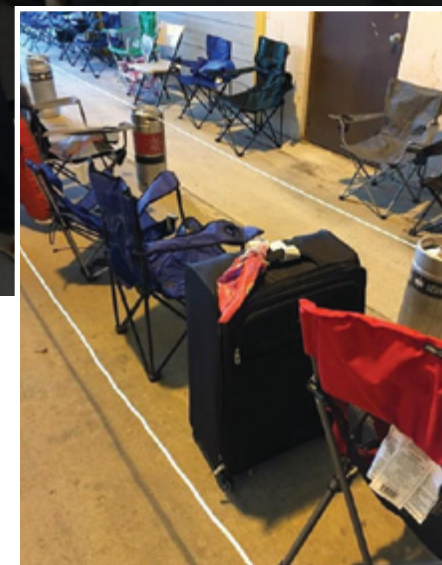
Bala Cynwyd, for an interactive murder mystery evening. Without A Cue Productions entertains guests with **Murder at the Mardi Gras** on October 13. Back by popular demand, the evening offers cocktails, dinner and the performance. WestLaurelHill.com. ♦





Chadd Balbi
Breweries in Pennsylvania

Every month thousands of craft beer drinkers spend hours in line waiting for the newest beer release. But why?



MY NAME IS CHADD, AND I'M A CRAFT BEER FAN. And yes, I've spent countless hours in line waiting for a new beer release. It's something I admit with a bit of shame. Not because I think waiting in line for beer is wrong—if you're a line veteran, more power to you. No judgment.

Instead it's because if I looked at craft beer a few years ago the way I do now, I'd have all those hours back—better used for drinking more great beer.

So, what is it about craft beer that inspires fans to stand in the long lines? And why exactly do so many fans queue up?

Well, it's complicated. So, let's explore how and why the craft beer line culture came to be.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ONLINE PRESENCE

A while back I spent time with Dennis Hock, owner of Strange Roots Experimental Ales in Pittsburgh (formerly known as Draai Laag Brewing). While sampling vats of his delicious wild ales, he told me something that's stuck with me—*beer is no longer made in the tank; it's made on the keyboard.*

What does that mean, exactly? In short, it means it doesn't matter how good a beer is if it's marketed properly and builds hype online.

Do that, and plenty of people will come flocking.

Perhaps the most notable local example of this theory is Tired Hands Brewing in Ardmore, PA. Show up to any of their can releases and you'll see hundreds of craft beer lovers lining the street around their Fermentaria. In fact, it's gotten so intense that the beer brotherhood show up hours before the release with lawn chairs in hand to reserve their spot. About 800 lined up during their popular Milkshake IPA frenzy.

Tired Hands beers are talked about so often over social media that it doesn't matter what that week's release is—the chairs will be holding spots long before release time. Long lines will even form for a beer that's never been released before—meaning those in line haven't even tasted the beer before, yet there they are, waiting.

The lines look like a new iPhone release. Or a beer flash mob.

BEER IS NOT JUST FOR ENJOYMENT. IT'S A CURRENCY.

If you read a social media post of some beer releases, you'll find the letters ISO/FT throughout the comments section. In the craft beer world, that translates to "In Search Of" and "For Trade," meaning the commenters are in search of that beer and have another beer they'd like to trade for it.



People queuing up for a bottle release at The Alchemist, a popular brewery in Vermont.
PHOTO COURTESY THE ALCHEMIST

Some believe that's where craft beer is headed—beer used as a currency meant for trading rather than for enjoyment. The craft beer trading world and fan base have gotten so big there's a page on Reddit called "beer trade" where tens of thousands of active users log on to trade beer.

When consumers get their hands on one of the coveted beer releases, they can name their price for what they want in trades. Sadly (at least to true beer lovers), too many customers spend hours in lines with the intention of off-loading the beer shortly after getting it rather than enjoying it.

DOES A LINE MEAN GOOD BEER?

The short answer is no. As a craft beer veteran, I can confidently say not all beer that folks line up for is the best version of that style. And sometimes the beer just isn't good at all.

I'm sad to admit I've waited in my share of lines where the beer has been brewed poorly but released anyway. And then there are beers that aren't even the best version of their styles but still generate long release lines. The good news is this is rare, but it still happens.

Now when I'm asked about beer release lines, my response is always the same. There

Consider heading to a different brewery and grabbing some beer rather than waiting in line. Sickman Brews in Royersford keeps its coolers well stocked.





Some breweries, like Tree House Brewing Co. in Monson, MA, are looking for ways to reduce these lines.

are so many great breweries around that you can visit another place instead—Stickman Brews in Royersford, Root Down Brewing in Phoenixville, Levante Brewing in West Chester or Conshohocken Brewing in Phoenixville, are good options. Walk up to their cooler and get a beer that's just as good, if not better, almost anytime you want. No line, no wait (disclaimer: Levante may have lines for some releases). The entire transaction can take just five minutes, not hours.

Lines don't always equal quality. Remember it's the hype that draws the attention and the lines.

SO, WHY DO PEOPLE SHOW UP?

In a word, or an acronym, *FOMO*—“Anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may currently be happening elsewhere, often aroused by posts seen on social media.” From the *Oxford Dictionary*, added in 2013.

FOMO, or fear of missing out, causes too many beer drinkers to flock to beer release lines. Not because the beer is the greatest version of that style of beer, but because beer drinkers don't want to miss out.

From the definition, the phrase “often aroused by posts seen on social media” is probably the most telling part. Craft beer is no longer merely for personal enjoyment. It's a race to have the best or the newest, with bragging rights on Instagram.

In an Instagram society, where everyone is chasing likes, the craft beer industry is not immune. Value is determined by having the latest release for everyone to admire. Or raising the number of Untappd check-ins (a beer app), like a hot stock.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In the end, it's hard to blame the brewers for this culture. The idea of starting a business is to be profitable, and lines equal sales. Yet some breweries are stepping in to squelch the lines, using online presales and pick-up windows or selling a limited number of advance line tickets. Or others, even uber-popular Tree House Brewing Company in Monson, MA, known for some epic release lines, give short notice for certain releases to stymie the long lines.

So what's next? I think the lines will continue. Certainly as long as the trading community is strong, fans will show up.

But I have a request for the craft beer industry—drop the FOMO. Help the beer brotherhood reclaim the time spent waiting for beer to invest instead in enjoying beer.

I feel lucky to have been able to do that. Mostly because of the work I do with the Breweries in PA website, I'm visiting so many new breweries I don't have time to wait in line. But starting a beer website isn't the best answer for most beer fans.



I suggest you use your time to sample a variety of great craft beers.

Instead, I ask craft beer drinkers to expand their horizons. Resist getting sucked into the FOMO. Break the cycle. Trust me, you'll be well rewarded by hopping out of line and using that time to explore the many offerings at quality breweries near you. New ones are opening all the time. Check them out. You'll be glad you did. Cheers! ♦

Chadd Balbi, co-owner of Breweries in Pennsylvania, the largest digital media site dedicated to PA craft beer, started his journey to craft beer like many others. Younger years consumed with mass produced beer at cheap prices, slowly opening up to lagers and amber ales, and eventually jumping head first into the craft beer scene. He combined his passions for writing and documenting the craft beer industry into BreweriesInPa.com.



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PHOENIXVILLE *Is a Moveable Feast*

Story by Cindy Walker

A t-shirt in the window of the Chamber of Commerce reads:
Paris, London, New York, Tokyo, Phoenixville.
Though it may not be Paris, Phoenixville changes enough over
time to merit the Hemingway book title.

WE'VE VISITED AND REVISTED PHOENIXVILLE over the years, each time surprised and charmed by the changes. Once known as the home of substantial iron works and Majolica pottery, the town survived tough times to become today a revitalized community that's both burgeoning bedroom suburb and brewery capital of Pennsylvania.

Walk along Bridge Street and find a new chef-driven BYOB, trendy boutiques, art studios, cycle shops, co-working spaces and new apartment buildings for commuting professionals and empty nesters. Slow down and you'll spot banners announcing new businesses "coming soon," along with the latest additions to Phoenixville's restaurant row and brewpub options.

We'll tour a few of our new finds, with passing references to old faves. And given the ever-expanding ranks of breweries, taprooms, bottleshops and spots to sip wine and spirits, we've included a Guide to Beer in Phoenixville for your next visit.

DINING AND MORE

Yes, Majolica, a top choice for destination dining, still anchors the west end of Bridge Street. And there are plenty of other popular choices in town, like Thai L'Elephant, Black Lab Bistro, Franco Ristorante, the Great American Pub and more.

But if you have an appetite for something new, read on.

New on the scene is *Louette's BYO*, at the east end of Bridge Street in Marly's former space. Chef/owner Steve Howells, with stints around the country including some Michelin-starred spots and Blackfish in Conshy, is cooking up imaginative, eclectic, seasonal fare. With tasting menu categories—Simple, Noodles, Conversation Starters, More Like Mains—he creates small plates (*not* tapas) for spirited grazing. Try harissa noodles with poached egg and crispy potato skins or Spanish mackerel crudo with horseradish crème fraîche, lemon, chives, radish and crispy shallots. In short: an upscale option with quality ingredients, carefully prepared and artistically presented at a comfortable price point.

Louette's BYO

Now some options for different tastes.

If it's a truth universally acknowledged that everything tastes better with bacon, then you must visit Bacon Me Crazy, where the pork products are farm raised and fed a veggie diet. Check out treats like bacon wrapped mozzarella sticks, jalapeño and bacon mac & cheese, bacon and blue cheese fries, bacon burgers, BLTs and a bacon sampler—a flight of bacon with three varieties for tasting. Serving breakfast and lunch, with a market and some late-night hours.

Since jerky goes well with craft beer, the official drink of Phoenixville, how lucky there's a *House of Jerky* on Main Street. Choose jerky made from beef, buffalo,

Bacon Me Crazy



venison, kangaroo, pork, turkey, fish and more, made the old-fashioned way—not ground, chopped, processed or formed into strips and without preservatives, MSG or artificial color. Stop in and chew the ... jerky, or order online. Make sure to get your jerky points for frequent buyers. It's meat candy of the gods.

House of Jerky

OPENING PHOTO BY MIKE IRBY



Sedona Taproom - coming soon



Rec Room from Conshohocken Brewing Co.



Our next point of interest spans eating and drinking. **Sedona Taphouse** is a national chain with over ten locations that plans to open its first PA spot in Phoenixville in the next few months. Bringing its impressive craft beer list (a “World Class” rating by Beer Advocate), along with extensive wine list and creative cocktails, this upscale comfort food taphouse serves brunch, lunch and dinner. There’s a community-focused philosophy offering discounts to firefighters, police officers, military members, teachers and nurses.

BEER AND MORE, BUT MOSTLY BEER

A newish addition to the many places to quaff a brew, **The Rec Room** serves up Conshohocken Brewing Company’s beer—brewed in small batches of uniquely crafted, innovative, fresh, quality beers. Try a Type A IPA, East Elm Street Pumpkin Ale along with bites from their classic bar menu or bottomless beer-mosas at brunch. Situated directly across from the Colonial Theatre on Bridge Street and conceived as a hang-out place, the aptly titled Rec Room touts “great beer, great food and a great time,”



Bistro on Bridge’s new Analog Room

which explains the ping pong tables, shuffleboard tables and a foosball table. Conshohocken Brewing has a taproom, brewpub and town tap at other locations.

On the outskirts of Phoenixville, **Rebel Hill Brewing Company** focuses on beer—you can BYOF (bring your own food)—at this seven-barrel brewery specializing in IPAs, pale ales, saisons and stouts yet offering more choices, including cider and wines from other sources. The husband-and-wife team opened Rebel Hill in March, with the intent to offer “something a bit rebellious.” They’re also inventive, like aging some Cutting Teeth milk stout in a Dad’s Hat rye whiskey barrel. Proximity to Uncle B’s BBQ Shack is a plus!

Bistro on Bridge has been a destination drinking spot in Phoenixville since 2009. But this year it reinvented itself. Downstairs is a new 32-foot bar with 30+ beers on tap, along with wine and cocktails. You’ll find a welcoming space with communal tables and an eye-catching beer-tap-handle chandelier (you need to see it). But upstairs is the real magic. The second-floor Analog Room, a rooftop open-air beer garden, features retro arcade games, fireplace, refurbished shuffle board table, vintage cocktails and live music. It’s impossible to miss the iconic VW Beer Bus/converted bar, serving brews from Ballast Point Brewing Company.

For wine fans, a “coming soon” banner in the street-level space of Phoenix Village announces **Vintner’s Table** by Folino Estate Winery of Kutztown, promising a gift shop, tasting room and salumeria. Stay tuned.

SHOPS AND SERVICES

New retail and services!

For fashion mavens, there’s **Refinery**, where you can “refine your style to become the trend.” Owners Kelly Miller and Lisa O’Neill curate clothing brands for their ideal clients—“fun, creative, motivated and independent women who demand and command style.” Best line on their hip website: “When a Refinery Woman walks into a room, records scratch, heads turn and jaws drop.” A fashion show fundraiser for The House, a local women’s outreach center, is planned for November 2.

For the DIYers out there, **3 Painted Pugs** is a “proud stockiest” of chalk paint by Annie Sloan, along with General Finishes and The Real Milk Paint Co. paints and accessories. They also host workshops, group sessions and individual tutorials with their paints. Stop in the shop to see repurposed and upcycled furniture and hear more about custom refinishing services.

In the “coming soon” category, add **Threads**, with a banner announcing that they’re a marketplace for clothing, shoes, accessories, gifts and home décor items, along with **Iron Space Designs**, which promises it will be “redefining renovation in Phoenixville, PA.” ♦

Keep current with ever-changing Phoenixville by following Phoenixville First, PXXVFirst.



GUIDE TO BEER IN PHOENIXVILLE

Six breweries currently call Phoenixville their home—from old timers like Iron Hill, Sly Fox and Stable 12, to newcomers Crowded Castle, Root Down and Rebel Hill Brewing Companies—along with even more places in nearby towns. In addition to breweries, you'll find bottleshops and taprooms like Bistro on Bridge and the Rec Room. Plus Bluebird Distillery and wine bars in town.

Here's a quick guide to finding craft beer on your next visit.

BREWERIES

Appalachian Brewing Company Hand-crafted ales and lagers in a friendly brewpub in Collegeville. 50 West 3rd Ave. & Chestnut St. ABCBrew.com/team/Collegeville.

Crowded Castle Brewing Company Crafting unique beers, their specialties include IPAs, ales, porters and stouts. While they do offer a tasty small-bites menu, you can bring your own food (BYOF) or have it delivered from a local restaurant. 240-242 Bridge St. CrowdedCastle.com.

Iron Hill Brewery For over 20 years, their craft beers and handcrafted foods inspire one another in unexpected ways. Try one of their signature beers, beers on tap or bottled reserves. 130 Bridge St. IronHillBrewery.com.

Rebel Hill Brewing Company Recently opened outside downtown, this 7-barrel brewhouse specializes in craft beer styles such as IPA, pale ale, saison and stout. It's BYOF with plenty of local options. 420 Schuylkill Rd. RebelHillBrewing.com.

Root Down Brewing Company Vaulted ceilings with wood beams in a huge space formerly used for brewing ... root beer. Great beer and food menus, including some wine and ciders. 1 N. Main St. RootDownBrewing.com.

Sly Fox Brewhouse & Eatery Founded in 1995, it's one of the oldest brew-

pubs operating in the Delaware Valley. They have a national reputation in the world of craft brewing. 520 Kimberton Rd. SlyFoxBeer.com.

Stable 12 Brewery A collaboration of three beer-loving best friends with a new hobby, focusing on what they love ... beer. Try a Farmer's Tan, Sugar Coated Pony Kisses IPA or Razzle Dazzle Witbier. 368 Bridge St. Stable12.com.

Stickman Brews Located in Royersford and focusing on American twists of Belgian-inspired beers with something new offered all the time. 326 N. Lewis Rd. #240 (back of the strip mall), Royersford. StickmanBrews.com.

Tuned Up Brewing Company Find them in Spring City, serving up treats such as Raspberry Acid Freakout Fruit Beer, Scorned Woman IPA and Big Booty Stout. Music and food trucks are an added bonus. 135 N. Main St., Spring City. [On Facebook](http://OnFacebook).

TAPROOMS & BOTTLESHOPS

Bistro on Bridge Newly renovated taproom has a creative layout and inventive food. Serving beer out of a vintage VW bus-styled bar alongside a retro arcade in the roof-top Analog Lounge. 208-212 Bridge St. BistroOnBridge.com.

The Foodery Beers from around the world in the cooler plus more beers, wines and kombucha on tap. Deli menu. 325 Bridge St. FooderyBeer.com.

Rec Room Great beer, games and pub grub. One of the locations for Conshohocken Brewing Co., this taproom has 4 shuffleboard tables, 5 ping pong tables and a foosball table. 230 Bridge St. ConshohockenBrewing.com/RecRoomMain.

Sedona Taproom Coming soon. Extensive craft beer line up, plus wine, spirits, food. 131 Bridge St. SedonaTaphouse.com.



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Phoenixville Kiwanis KidsFest October 6
Entertainment, food, family selfie booth, scarecrow contest and prizes. Reeves Park, 2nd Ave., 9 to 3. KidsfestPhoenixville.blogspot.com.

The Colonial Theatre October 12-Dec 13
Point Entertainment Presents: *Oct. 12*, Los Lobos; *Oct. 14*, Al Stewart and The Empty Pockets; *Oct. 25*, Gaelic Storm; *Nov. 9*, Found Footage Festival hosts Joe Pickert and Nick Prueher. 227 Bridge St. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

Phoenixville Oktoberfest 2018 October 13
Fun for all ages, Oompah music, great food, Bavarian pretzels, lots of beer. 400 Jacobs St., Mont Clare. PhoenixvilleOktoberfest.com.

Phoenixville Pumpkinfest & Halloween Parade October 20 & 24
Oct. 20, Pumpkinfest—derby races, “best” pumpkin dish. Main St. 10:30 to 4. 484-928-0562; PhoenixvillePumpkinFest.com. *Oct. 24*, Halloween Parade begins at 300 Block of Bridge St. & Taylor Alley, 7 pm. Rain date, Oct 26. 610-933-8801; Phoenixville.org.

Theatre Organ Society of DE Valley Concerts October 28, November 18, December 9
Oct. 28, Halloween Silent Movie, “The Golem” with Wayne Zimmerman; *Nov. 18*, concert with David Wickerham; *Dec. 9*, Holiday Concert. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St. 2 pm. \$5–\$10. 610-917-1228; TOSDV.org.

Phoenixville Harvest Festival November 1–4
Fun all weekend long; night market on Thursday, then a craft carnival, movie in Reeves Park, beer garden, pet parade and pet day, pop-up garden and more. Held throughout town. Info at PhoenixvilleHarvestFestival.com.

12th Annual “Empty Bowls” Event November 2
Buy a simple meal of soup and bread served in a bowl handcrafted by an area artist and help fight hunger. Benefits PACS. Technical College High School, Pickering Campus, Charlestown Rd. 5 to 8. \$25. 610-933-1105; PACSPhx.org.

Phoenixville Bed Races 2018 November 3
Part of the Harvest Festival, this super fun, family-friendly event benefits groups providing shelter for the homeless. PXVBed-Races.org.

Phoenixville's Wine, Wit & Wisdom November 8
The annual library benefit. Wine tasting, dinner, silent auction and guest speakers Lisa Scottoline & Francesca Serritella. Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Golf Club Dr. 5:45 to 9. \$90–\$125. 610-933-3013; PhoenixvilleLibrary.org.

Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce 2018 Charity Gala, “A Season of Giving” November 17
Dinner, dancing and silent auction with great

items. Benefits the Senior Center. Phoenixville Country Club, 355 Country Club Rd. 5:30. \$90. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

Annual Candlelight Holiday Tour December 1
Decorated homes and churches, crafts, music, refreshments. Benefits Ann's Heart Code Blue Shelter and Firebird Theatre. \$25. 3 to 7. Details 610-933-9181; PhxHolidayTour.weebly.com.

Phoenixville Christmas Parade December 7
Parade starts at 7 from the 300 block of Bridge St.,

then on to tree lighting at Bridge & Main Sts. 8 pm. 610-933-3070; Phoenixville.org.

15th Annual Firebird Festival December 8
Burning of the Firebird at Veteran's Park, 192 Mowere Rd. Starts at 3, burning of the Phoenix at 8:15. 610-933-9199; FirebirdFestival.com.

“A Taste of Phoenixville” January 17, 2019
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Strangers, privacy, theft, bullying The list of on-line perils is lengthy.

As adults, we know how to avoid problems. Our kids, however, are inexperienced and exposed. Meanwhile, our schools struggle to find the right balance of protecting security, openness and youthful curiosity, acting as our partners in this process.

SETTING BOUNDARIES

We expect our schools to help our children learn to handle this new part of life. And they do.

But as parents, we have the primary responsibility for teaching our kids to make good choices. We recognize some online activities require our personal involvement. We should talk with our kids about rules and limits for all technology—online chats, shopping, games and other places that are off limits or require parent guid-

ance. Gradually, we can give our maturing children greater latitude before we set them free.

Start by making exploring the web a joint parent-child activity. Use of their phones should initially be only for emergencies or calls to parents. Later, use can expand to known friends. Websites and email can be treated similarly. Again, ease up on the rules gradually.

Some families have contracts with agreed terms for using the web and social media. That may work for your family.

You may want to check your kids’ logs and history. Monitoring may be a useful step in responsible use of technology, and several software packages may be helpful. For instance, *Mobile Spy* is a useful monitor on kids’ online chats and texts. *Quostodio* offers a suite of parental controls. *FamilyShield* is free for PCs, blocking pornography and other tasteless websites.

SafeStudentsOnline, used by Sacred Heart Academy, Archmere Academy, Delaware Valley Friends and several other area schools, monitors students on-line behavior “without spying” on them. There are other tools that also help provide feedback.

Ideally, you can ease the limits as both you and your kids become experienced with what’s out there.

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PERSONAL SAFETY

You can only restrict your kids' access to the internet and social media for so long, however. Ultimately, you must deal squarely with the dangers.

Certainly the greatest risk is their personal safety, since kids can communicate with people they and we don't know—some of whom are bad actors.

The first lesson: our kids must know the person on the other end of a conversation. If not, stop all communication.

Second, our kids shouldn't send or post private information. Private information—name, address, current location if away from home, and the like—should be just that: private.

Many schools start early teaching kids to navigate online. Sacred Heart Academy, for example, uses *Common Sense* lessons, available on the web, featuring lessons such as “Going Places Safely” and “Staying Safe Online.” The Haverford School adds to *Common Sense* with Google's *Be Internet Awesome* and *iKeepSafe*.

The *Common Sense* lessons are complemented by guest speakers, often from the local police. At The Baldwin School, students heard from the Lower Merion Police department. Sacred Heart Academy students heard from the Radnor Police department, Delaware County District Attorney and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

FINANCIAL SAFETY

After personal safety, a more common threat is theft. Hackers want numbers for credit cards, bank accounts and the like. To get this information, hackers may assume your child's on-line identity: name, address, phone number, email and other information.

Your child may have his identity stolen in several ways. For example, by “phishing,” the hacker, posing as someone trusted, may send an email, often with some urgency and a link. Your child clicks the link, and ...

That's it! Invisibly, instantaneously, malware is installed. Your child may be sent to a legitimate-looking website and asked for personal and private information. Preventing malware requires vigilance!

Another form of cyber-attack involves pirating a session-ID: the unique string of code established each time a website is accessed. That website might belong to a friendly classmate or to an online store. Or to anyone, trusted or not. The information transferred on the website, which was supposed to remain confidential, can be intercepted and captured by a hacker, who can use it at will.

Preventing such attacks involves teaching some simple habits for your child to follow. For example, passwords and pin numbers must be complex, regularly changed and kept securely. They must not be disclosed online, by phone, or to an unknown person.

Similarly, the student's identification numbers, such as for social security, accounts and credit cards must be maintained in a secret place and not shared. Every school we interviewed teaches this.

KEEPING PRIVATE INFORMATION PRIVATE

The common denominator of online safety is privacy. For a student, an internal alarm should go off whenever she's asked for private information online. Passwords have been discussed, but privacy of information demands more.

First, ask who's getting the information and why. Unless it's a trustworthy website, private information shouldn't be requested. When interacting with a known retailer or a large well-known organization, you can make a limited exception. But even then, be alert. Check the online contact for spelling: “Amazon” is not “Amizon.” Basically, is the information going to where it is intended to go?

Second, look for “https” (not “http”) on the webpage URL before entering any private information. The “s” is for secure. Don't send private information except through a secure https website.

Third, only operate a computer behind a firewall. A firewall monitors your network and prevents some on-line traffic from accessing the computer. Your internet service provider probably has a firewall. Most schools have installed firewalls. The computer you use probably has a firewall. Check that it's turned on.

Fourth, make sure your family has up-to-date anti-spyware. (Anti-virus software includes anti-spyware.) And remind your kids of the basics: Don't click on unsolicited links and pop-up ads. Don't download unknown files. And check on your browser's security settings.

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nasty comments. Now there have been thousands of hits.

Social media magnifies our adventures and misadventures, for better or worse. An indiscretion becomes a scandal. Everyone can be a broadcaster. What was once a confidence to a friend is now available worldwide.

Laura Blankenship, Dean of Academic Affairs at The Baldwin School, says: "It's often about helping students understand the impact online interactions have and that they feel the same as they would in person. You're not shielded from the consequences of your words or hurt feelings just because you're behind a screen... It's our job as educators to help them through that."

In truth, there's little that can be done once information is "out there." Once online, messages and photos can be copied and re-transmitted over and over again. The solution is to not put those things online. Have the talk about sexting now, too.

Here education about the openness of the internet can help, as can discussions of "digital citizenship." In some cases, website

operators can take down offensive transmissions to prevent further spreading from that source, though not from others. Sadly, some things can't be put back in the bottle.

RECONCILING PHILOSOPHY AND OPENNESS

While the dangers of technology are complex, it's a growing part of life today. As parents, we weigh the dangers. And, in part, we cross our fingers.

Mike Letts, Episcopal Academy's Head of Upper School, says it's "crucial" to help students protect themselves and avoid "unhealthy behavior when it comes to online social interaction." His school's approach is "constantly evolving."

The Haverford School's Director of Information & Instructional Technology, Andrea Drinkwine, says, "We believe education and open dialog, not blanket restrictions, help the Haverford community members understand their role in risk mitigation. We prefer students, teachers and administrators together give careful thought to what is let inside the

school walls and what is kept out, what is deemed valuable and what is harmful."

At Westtown School, Megan McConolly, formerly Chief Technology Officer, wrestled with the issues for years, recognizing the benefit of computers and phones were in large part due to their openness. A school's overriding purpose is to teach, and its students to learn. She decided the educational goal had to become its "ethical use."

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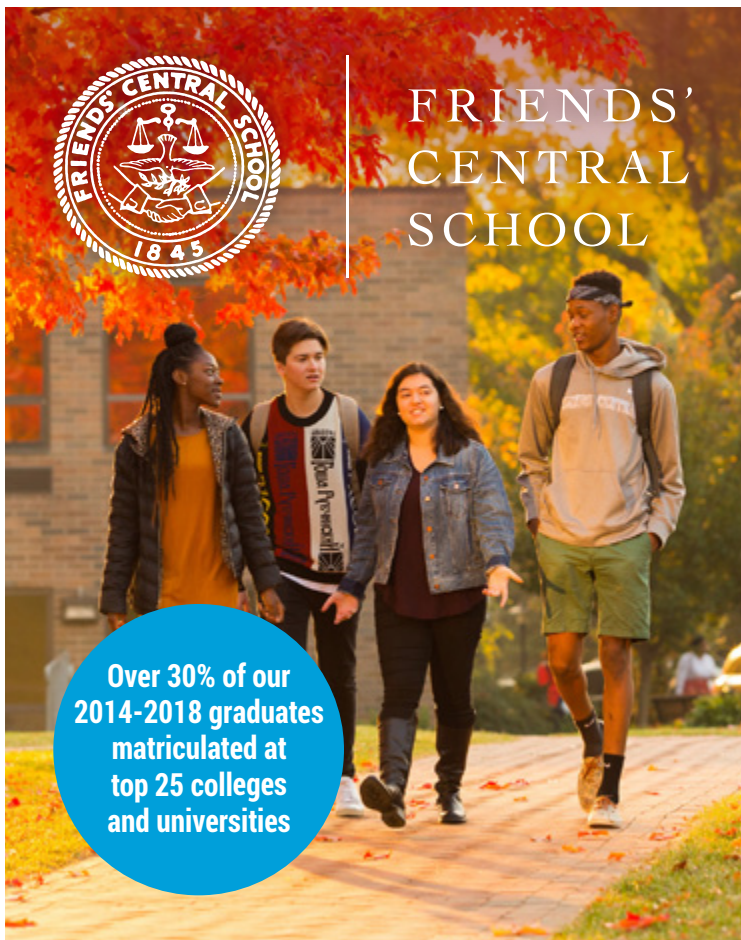
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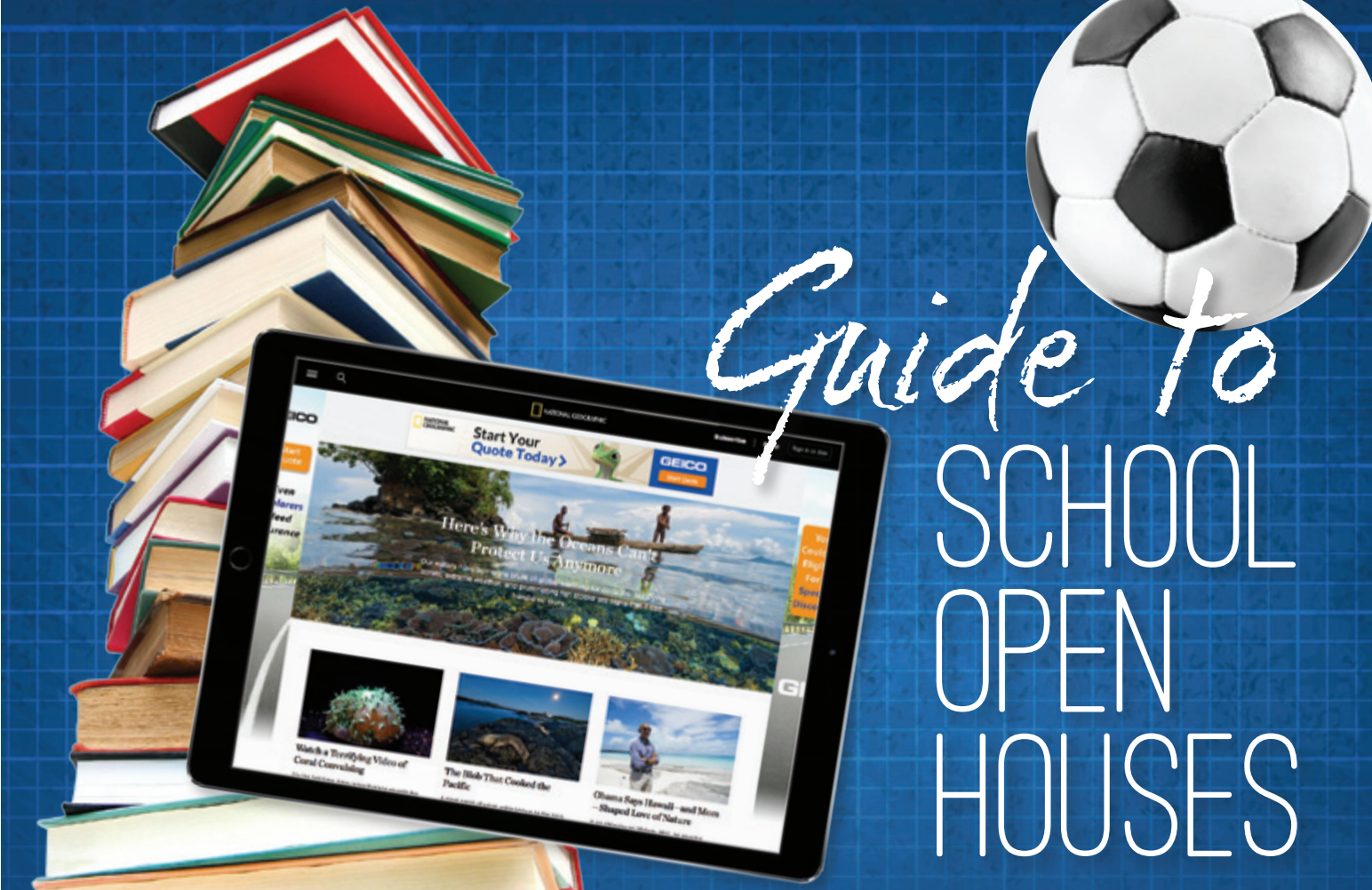
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Open House: (Upper School): Oct. 20, 12:30 to 3
(All School K-12): Oct. 23, 9 to 11
(All School K-12): Feb. 2*, 11 to 1
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Scholarship/Entrance Exam:
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MontgomerySchool.org

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Open House: Oct. 3, Oct. 20, Nov. 7,
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Friends School Haverford



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420 West Street Rd.
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MalvernPrep.org

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Open House: Oct. 28, 8:30 am

Preview Mornings: Oct. 11, Nov. 7,
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Entrance Exams: Oct. 28, Nov. 17, Dec. 8,
8:30 am

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370 Central Ave.

610-644-2551; VMAHS.org



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Open House: Oct. 14

Visit Villa Days: Oct. 4, 5; Nov. 8, 9; Dec. 13
(7th Gr.): May 13, 14

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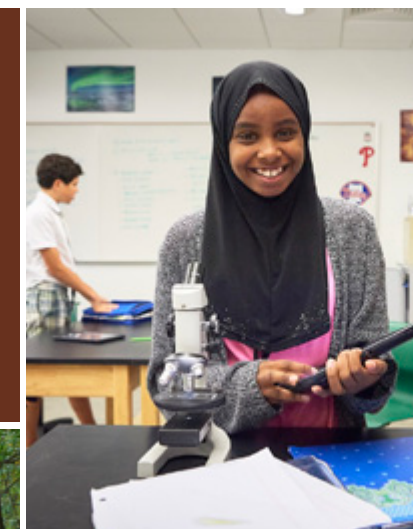
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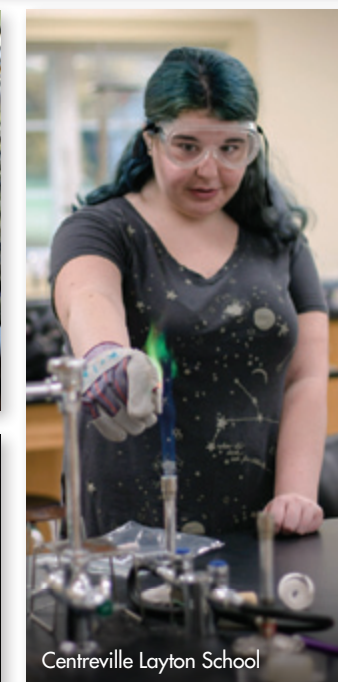
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Gr. 3–5: Oct. 6, 9:30

Columbus Day Open House Oct. 8, 9:30

Adm. Parent Info Sessions: (Lower School):

Oct. 2, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, Mar. 6,

Apr. 3, May 1, 9 am

(Middle & Upper School): 8:30

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Open House: Nov. 6, 9 to 11

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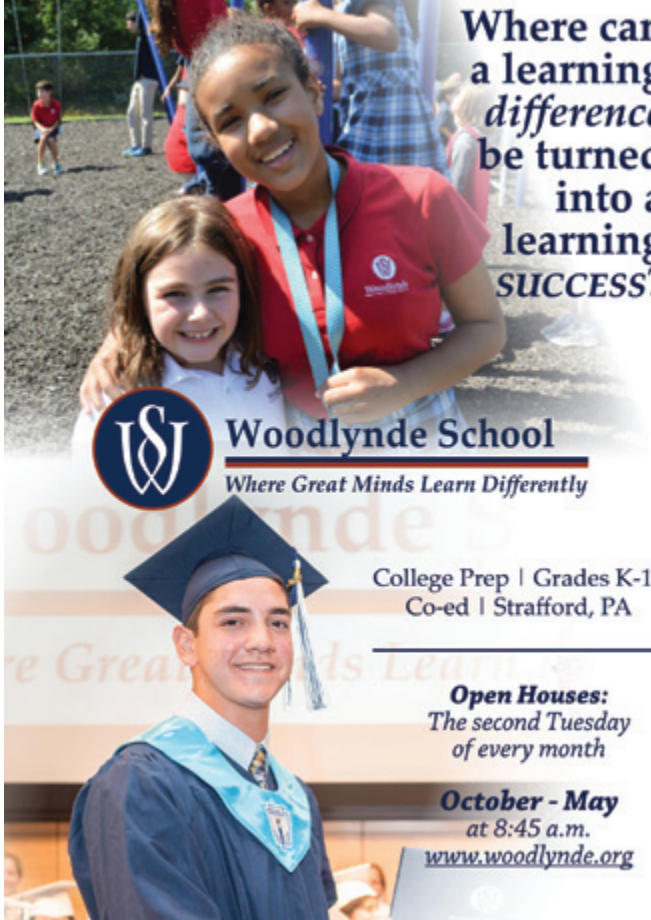
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610-640-4150; DVFS.org
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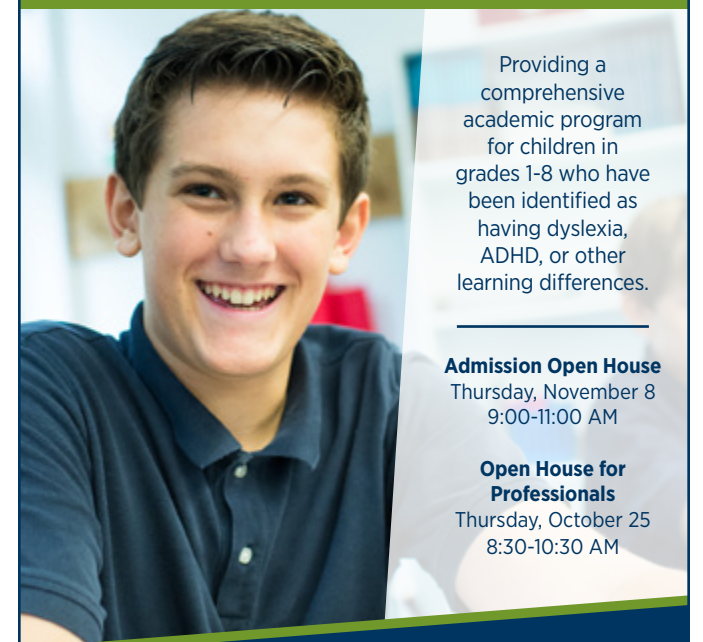


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WHEN MICHAEL AND DIANE ARRIVED at a party in the Topels' award-winning LEED home on Sills Mill Road

in Kennett Square, they had no idea the visit would change their lives. As they toured this unique "green" home on that summer night in 2009—admiring the distinctive architecture and timber framing—a plan began to form.

During the drive home to their admittedly cookie-cutter home, Michael said "Let's build our own house." And so the adventure began.

Even amid the economic downturn then, when many homes were on the market for bargain prices, the



couple was committed to the dream. "We wanted a home that reflected the way we actually lived," Michael and Diane said. And one that was green, too, using less energy and providing a healthier and more comfortable environment.

Inspired by the Topels' home, the couple contacted the architect, Matthew Moger of Moger Mehrhof Architects in Wayne, and the builder, Hugh Lofting Timber Framing of Kennett Square, with whom Michael had worked before. Michael and Diane shared their vision for a special home, not another plain-vanilla McMansion. This would be a dream home, customized in every way and reflecting the couple's world travels.

Although they needed just one visit to the inspiration house, the search for the right property took the couple to over 30 lots before finding the ideal hilltop location outside historic Marshallton. Set among conserved properties along Broad Run and between Stroud Preserve and ChesLen Preserve, the almost four-acre lot affords views of Longwood Garden's fireworks from the balconies and outdoor spaces. This was the spot!

MAIN HOUSE

You arrive at the impressive Mediterranean-style home named "Casa Conchetta" in honor of Michael's mother—with stucco walls, wrought iron details and what looks to be a classic tile roof that's actually long-lasting concrete—set at the end of a tree-lined drive on professionally landscaped grounds. A nine-camera security system and driveway chime alert the owners when you enter the property and pull into the courtyard by the entrance and four-car garage.



The grand foyer—large enough for a baby grand piano—sets the tone for this stunning home with fabulous flow. Soaring timber-framed ceilings—as beautiful as they are functional—broad expanses of gleaming hardwood floors, banks of large windows and French doors, and a custom double-sided towering stone wall housing one of six fireplaces are just a few carefully chosen details in this sun-filled foyer and living room.

Down the hall, at the base of this U-shaped home, is the large, open family gathering space, with reclaimed wood ceiling beams above and radiant heat stone floors below. The gourmet kitchen, with top-end Thermador appliances and every amenity, allows the cook to join those gathered around the large granite-topped island or in the adjacent great room.

Flanked by oversized windows and French doors to the courtyard and anchored by a striking limestone fireplace, the great room includes a third gathering space: a family eating area boasting a



custom-crafted farm table echoing the design of the fireplace mantel.

Yet another fireplace and an elegant coffered ceiling accent the formal dining room, accessed through a butler's pantry. More French doors here allow access to the covered stone terrace for overflow entertaining or stretching your legs.

Rounding out the first floor is an en suite bedroom with private terrace—perfect for guests or an in-law suite—a powder room with river-pebble sink, and a large mudroom with abundant built-in storage.

SECOND FLOOR

A curved staircase inspired by one at Winterthur leads to the second level and the luxurious master suite with trey ceiling, fireplace, built-ins and more windows and French doors to a balcony with views over the countryside. A large custom dressing room (24 x 14) with built-in storage and granite-topped center island connects the bedroom with the palatial master bath (18 x 18). There's a Jacuzzi tub set in an alcove and a gigantic shower you can walk around in, if you choose, plus more radiant heat floors and a balcony.

Another lovely en suite bedroom—with built-ins, window seat, French doors to a balcony—shares this floor.

LOWER LEVEL

This is the fun level. There's a spa

room with infrared sauna, temperature-controlled wine cellar and tasting room, plus a walk-in cedar closet, full bath and a large room that could be bedroom number four, now used as a home gym, with a hot-tub outside the French doors. And more: there's a sound-proof music room with recording booth and a family room/billiards room with fireplace.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING

Repeating the timber-framed design inside, the covered wood-and-stone outdoor entertainment area displays the same quality craftsmanship by Hugh Lofting. An outdoor kitchen—Wolf grill, sink, fridge—with massive stone fireplace and more stonework evokes the feel of a Mediterranean ruins in a dramatic yet comfortable space.

Inside the U-shape of the home is a formal garden with fountain overlooking the beautifully landscaped yard with LED lighting and sprinkler system—more evidence of the attention to detail and design throughout this very special home. ♦

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Fall for Kent County, Maryland

Food, fun, fall foliage and plenty of events to make a great getaway!

GET AWAY THIS FALL AND CAPTIVATE your senses. See the spectacular fall settings in the historic towns of Chestertown, Rock Hall, Galena, Millington and Betterton.

Visit Kent County on Maryland's Eastern Shore for autumn foliage bursts of fiery reds, burnt oranges and vivid golds. Hear the migratory waterfowl chatter as they make their way to the open fields and waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries that run through and around the county.

Savor fresh seafood, locally grown produce and grass-fed beef—all of which many local chefs feature in specialty dishes. Stop in for a tasting at a local winery or distillery.

Breathe fresh country air as you bicycle the Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway or paddle the Eastern Neck Island water trail. Feel the water's mist, as you charter a cruise on the Chester River or sail the Bay.

See a show at the Garfield Center for the Arts on High Street in Chestertown or at the Mainstay on Main Street in Rock Hall.

So much to enjoy during the fall season! The peaceful vistas and beautiful landscape

of rolling hills, farms, vineyards and open space remind us of a time past, when life was simpler. Enjoy the peace and beauty, but be ready to have fun, for this quaint countryside is host to hundreds of events.

In fact, Kent County has become notably recognized for its many popular festivals and seasonal events. Fans agree that some old-time favorites keep getting better! Try Chestertown's award-winning Farmers and Artisans Market every Saturday morning in Fountain Park, where you'll find only made-in or grown-in Kent County merchandise.

A very busy month for this historic County, October in Chestertown kicks off with year-round First Friday celebrations. You'll find shops, galleries and restaurants open late, with lots of art and music in this nationally designated Arts & Entertainment District.

There are too many events to list, but check out a sampling on the next page of what's happening in October.

And be sure to check the County's website event calendar for a complete list at *Kent-County.com*. ♦



► OCT 5–6. **Chestertown HP Festival Weekend**

Grab your wand, and hop on your broom. This Harry Potter-inspired festival celebrates the Potter spirit and theme while promoting the local community and its arts. A fun-filled weekend features a wide array of free and ticketed events sure to delight wizards and muggles alike. *210 High St. ChestertownHPFest.org.*

► SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER. **Ghost Walks of Historic Chestertown**

Costumed guides lead ticket holders through centuries of stories, each tour ending with a visit to a purportedly haunted historic house. Tours begin at 6:30 and run every half-hour until 8:30. *Reservations suggested.* 410-778-3499; *KentCountyHistory.org*.

► OCT 6. **48th Annual Chestertown Historic House Tour**

A dozen private homes in this National Landmark Historic District will open their doors. 1 to 5. \$25–\$35. *KentCountyHistory.org*.

► OCTOBER 13. **21st Annual Rock Hall FallFest**

Come hungry to “Celebrate the Oyster,” prepared every which way for every taste bud. Main Street closes to become a street-fest of delicious oysters, music all day long, food and craft vendors, kids court and more. 10 to 4. *MainstayRockHall.org*.

► APRIL–OCTOBER, 3RD FRIDAYS. **Rock Hall Cruise Night**

Drive that classic or just come to see the cars, hear the music and relive the '60s. 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Main Street.
RockHallCruiseNightsBySmilinJakes.blogspot.com.

► OCTOBER 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, NOVEMBER 3
Six Scary Nights: 301 Devil's Playground

Maryland's newest haunted attraction serves up terrifying haunts including "The House of Hell" and "The Barn of Torture." Shoot live zombies on the Zombie Paintball Ride. Gate opens at 7 pm.
13335 Alexander Rd., Galena. 301DevilsPlayground.com.

► OCTOBER 20–21, 27–28. **19th Annual RiverArts Studio Tour**

A free self-guided adventure throughout Kent County. More than 60 artists, many nationally known, open their studios and invite visitors in to see and discuss their work and offer studio prices for these one-of-a-kind creations. 10 to 5. ChestertownRiverArts.org.

► OCTOBER 26–28. 18th Annual Sultana's Downrigging Weekend Tall Ship and Wooden Boat Festival

One of the largest annual Tall Ship gatherings on the East Coast, the waterfront is packed with ships, schooners and wooden boats. Enjoy world-class musicians, lectures by nationally recognized authors and filmmakers, and opportunities to go sailing as part of a fleet of Tall Ships. Reservations at SultanaEducation.org.

And a Special Sneak Peek ...

► NOV. 10. **Goosebump Jump at Betterton Beach and Fire Hall**

1st Saturdays of Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March:
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Reserve Winter Birding Walks

► DEC. 1: **Santa Arrives by Boat in Rock Hall Harbor**

► **DEC. 7: Dickens of a Christmas in Downtown Chestertown**

at Rock Hall Fall Fest



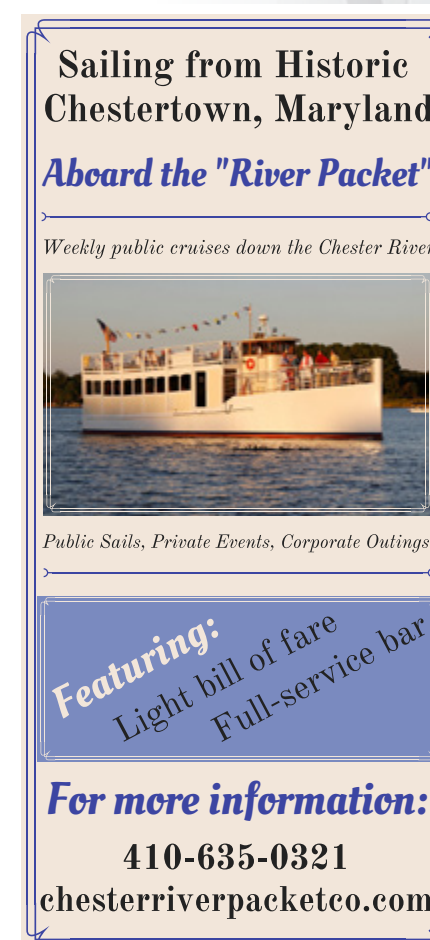
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Dickens of a Christmas Carriage Rides



Chestertown Harry Potter Festival









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Food News

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

Pharm Fresh. Bring farm to city with **Philly Farm & Food Festival** on October 28. Join nearly 200 farmers and producers and eat the best of locally grown and crafted foods. Satisfy your craving with vendors like Weckerly's Ice Cream and Epic Pickles. Whet your whistle in the Beer Garden or get educated about Pennsylvanian agriculture at PF3 Kitchen's exhibits. And kids will love hayrides, pumpkin picking and alpacas from local farms. *11–4 p.m. 4500 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. PhillyFarmFest.org.*



A Taste! of Fame. Ever wanted to dine with the stars? Now you can with **TASTE! Philadelphia Festival**, October 19–21 at Valley Forge Casino Resorts. Sample the finest in wine, spirits and gourmet foods along with the talents of local chefs and culinary personalities. Book VIP seats for celebrity cooking demos. And eat lobster fritters with Chefs Kev D and Eddie G of *The Great Food Truck Race*, drink wine with *Top Chef's* Fabio Viviani and more. *Tickets at GourmetShows.com.*

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In High Spirits. Looking for a new spot that boasts all-natural booze? Tour Pennsylvania Distilling Company for old-fashioned, handcrafted spirits made with locally sourced ingredients and where the brother-in-law owners follow authentic “grain-to-glass” principles. Sip specialty cocktails like the Main Line Express in the tasting room or at the hand-built bar, made of repurposed local barn wood. Or sample their homemade spirits, including artisan dry gin, gold rum and white rye whiskey. *Visit at 50 Three Tun Rd., Malvern. PennDistilling.com.*



Well Read, Well Fed. Philadelphia's culinary scene is finally getting its just desserts. Local author Irene Levy Baker spent over 25 years eating her way through Philly's restaurants to write *Unique Eats and Eateries of Philadelphia*. Discover sweet and spicy stories of 90 eateries, including a secret restaurant that began in a backyard tent and the love story of two chocolatiers. Get the inside scoop on snagging reservations at trendy restaurants, where to spot celebs and more. At independent bookstores and *UniqueEatsPhilly.com.*



Beer-based Recipes

LOCAL BREWS AND LOCAL FOOD—A PERFECT MARRIAGE

Laura Muzzi Brennan

IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE CRAFT BEER MOVEMENT IS A movement with a capital M. It's also not news that beer's been a cooking ingredient ever since the first cook spilled the first brew into the first stew pot.

But what might surprise you is the sheer variety of local brews available and one chef-turned-beer-geek's dedication to getting them into your glass and onto your plate.

"The beauty of Pennsylvania is that we have some of the best breweries around. Why not use them?" says chef Eric Yost as we sit opposite a wall of photos featuring brewers and farmers whose products are at the heart of his **Suburban Restaurant and Beer Garden** menu.

Yost's love for local beer and food runs deep. He's a Chester County native who, before opening this Exton chic-casual in spring 2017, worked as executive chef at both White Dog Café and Wye-brook Farm, where local is a religion.

The rotating draft list of 24 beers (plus an equal number in bottles and cans) is a Who's Who of both well-known and up-and-coming breweries. On the draft list are German pilsner from West Chester's Levante Brewing, pale and blonde ales from Ephrata's St. Boniface and Downingtown's Victory Brewing, boysenberry gose from Phoenixville's Stable 12, blood orange IPA from Conshohocken Brewery, rye IPA from Malvern's Locust Lane and grapefruit pale ale from West Grove's Evil Genius Beer Company. The names alone—Mad King's Weiss, Date with Jake, Turtle Power—evoke the Triple Crown and signal you're in for a rollicking time.



Chef Eric Yost

This same spirit of fun and adventure infuses Yost's own brewing. After meeting so many brewers, he caught the brewing bug or as he puts it, he started to "geek out," which led to opening **Suburban Brewing** in Honey Brook with partner Corey Ross, who owns Malvern's Fancy Camper Home Brew Supply.

The pair names many brews after Grateful Dead Songs—try China Cat Kolsch or Stella Blue, a West Coast IPA. They also collaborate with other brewers—Copy Cat, a German-style kolsch, is a joint venture with Fegley's Allentown Brew Works.

Right now, Suburban Brewing is a small-batch, all-grain, one-barrel system, so their beer is in limited supply and available only at the brewery and the restaurant. But Yost dreams of ramping up production.

In the meantime, he continues to use beer throughout his menu. He makes an IPA mustard to accompany the Bavarian pretzel, PA Cuban sandwich and housemade bratwurst. PEI mussels come steamed in a pilsner broth. Hops cheddar sauce takes the Breakaway Farm burger to a new level, while stout BBQ sauce opens up new possibilities for chicken wings.

Yost even turns the leftover grains from the brewing process (oats, barley, malt, rye) into a flatbread that accompanies oven-roasted tomato hummus. His spent grains saute (grains, wilted greens, roasted cauliflower) makes for a hearty vegetarian main dish.

During the winter, Yost hosts pop-up prix fixe dinners where he incorporates beer in all five courses, and then pairs each course with—you guessed it—a different beer. The desserts alone—stout-infused chocolate pots de crème or dulce de leche sauce for donut-dunking—will expand your beer brain. To find out about upcoming dinners, follow Suburban on Facebook and Twitter or sign up for their email list.

On draft, in bottles, on your plate, local beer makes the local food scene a heady place indeed.



Local brewers and farmers decorate the wall

IPA Mustard

At **Suburban Restaurant and Beer Garden**, this mustard accompanies many dishes including the Bavarian pretzel, housemade bratwurst and cheese and charcuterie board. If you like to give homemade gifts from your kitchen, this mustard is a good choice!



- 1 C. dry yellow mustard seeds
- 1 qt. Suburban Brewery IPA (or Conshohocken Brewing Type A IPA or cook's choice), plus more to thin*
- 2 C. white wine vinegar, divided
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/3 C. salt
- 1/2 C. garlic powder
- 1/2 C. onion powder
- 1/4 C. turmeric
- 1 C. blended oil (any combination of olive, canola and other vegetable oils), plus more to thicken

**You can substitute a porter or stout, which makes a darker mustard.*

Soak the mustard seeds overnight in IPA beer and 1 C. vinegar. After 24 hours, add remaining 1 C. vinegar and all other ingredients—except for the oil—to a blender.

Blend on high, adding oil slowly until emulsified. To achieve desired consistency, add additional oil to thicken or beer to thin. Adjust seasoning, if necessary.

Mustard will last in the refrigerator indefinitely.

Makes 6 cups.

Suburban Stout Pot De Creme

- 6 oz. Subby Stout or other favorite stout
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 C. whole milk
- 5 oz. bittersweet chocolate chips
- 6 large egg yolks

Preheat oven to 325°. In a small heavy saucepan, combine Subby Stout and sugar over medium heat. Reduce to 3 oz., about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cool.

Pours & Pairs

Want beer to tease out a food's nuances or put a twist on a favorite dish? Want to sip the right beer with the right food? Want to understand why Ben Franklin quipped, "Beer is proof God loves us and wants us to be happy"? Then check out Chef Yost's suggestions for selecting the ideal beer to add to the pot or pour in the glass.

~ Poach hot dogs, bratwurst and other sausages in beer broth. It's fine to use low-end or flat beer.

~ Choose light beers for steaming shellfish, poaching fish and drinking alongside all seafood. Think ales, kolches, pilsners and saisons.

~ Combine stout with ginger ice cream for a grown-up float or mix it with vanilla vodka and pour over ice for a beer cocktail.

~ Incorporate sweeter beers, which have more alcohol, into desserts or serve them as after-dinner drinks. Stout and other dark beers go especially well with chocolate.

~ Pair Mexican food with gose-style (sour and salty) beer.

~ Serve double IPAs with lasagna and ravioli. "Double" means twice the alcohol, so these brews hold their own with heavy tomato sauce.

~ Drink what you like! There are no rules.

Thirsty and hungry for more? Check out *Beer and Food* by beer blogger and judge, Mark Dredge.

In a separate pan, simmer whipping cream and milk over medium heat. Remove from heat and add chocolate chips. Whisk until smooth.

Beat egg yolks into the cooled stout mixture. Slowly whisk in the hot chocolate mixture. Strain the combined ingredients into another bowl through a fine mesh strainer, and allow the mixture to cool (about 10 minutes), skimming any foam. Discard solids.

Pour mixture into six 3/4-C. ramekins. Cover each with foil and place on a large high-sided baking pan. Add hot water to the pan until it reaches the middle of the ramekins.

Bake until all are set, about 1 hour. Remove from hot water. Remove foil and chill for at least 3 hours.

Makes 6 servings.

Belgian Carbonnade

This beef and onion stew was one of three party dishes, along with chicken paprikash and spaghetti carbonara, that my editor Jo Anne Durako, perfected as a beginning cook. Says Jo Anne: "The carbonnade, I thought, was more sophisticated than then-popular Beef Stroganoff. And I never questioned why a Belgian dish used Guinness stout. Now a Belgian abbey-style beer might be a better choice and perfect to serve with the meal."

- 2 lbs. chuck roast, cut into small, 1" cubes
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 C. flour
- 4 Tb. butter, divided
- 4 slices bacon, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped

3 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced
1 bottle Guinness stout (or Belgian-style ale)
1 C. beef stock
2 Tb. dark brown sugar
2 Tb. apple cider vinegar
3 sprigs parsley or thyme, more for garnish
1 bay leaf
Buttered noodles for serving



In a bowl, season beef with salt and pepper. Add the flour and toss to coat thoroughly.

In a Dutch oven, heat 2 Tb. butter over medium-high heat. Cook the beef in three batches. Cook, turning, until browned. Set cooked beef aside.

Add the bacon to the pot. Cook until the fat is rendered, about 8 minutes. Add remaining 2 Tb. butter, garlic and onions. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently until caramelized, about 30 minutes. Add half the beer. Stir, constantly scraping bottom of pot, for about 4 minutes. Return the beef to pot. Add remaining beer, stock, brown sugar, vinegar and herbs.

Bring to a boil, and then reduce to medium-low heat. Cover and cook until beef is fork-tender, about 2 hours.

Before serving, discard the cooked herbs. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve over buttered noodles.

Makes 4 servings.

Beer-Steamed Mussels

There are hundreds of recipes for mussels cooked with beer, so I took what I liked from two of my favorites (Melissa Clark's version on The New York Times Cooking website and Kathy Brennan and Caroline Campion's recipe from their first cookbook, Keepers). Then, I added my own twists. If you're serving the mussels as the main dish, allow for 1 pound per person. As an appetizer, I'd go with a half pound.

4 lbs. mussels, scrubbed and beards removed
2 Tb. butter
Splash of olive oil
¼ C. chopped white onion
2 celery stalks, minced
3 large garlic cloves, minced
Salt
1, 12-oz. bottle pale lager
½ C. heavy cream
1 tsp. (or more to taste) spicy brown mustard (or Dijon mustard)
Chopped parsley



Throw out any mussels that are cracked or gaping open. (A small opening is fine.) Rinse well under cold water and remove any little bits of beard still attached to the shell. (I use my fingers but tweezers work well, too.)

In a large pot over medium-low heat, melt the butter and add a splash of olive oil. Add the onion, celery, garlic and a pinch or two of salt. Cook until vegetables start to soften, about 5 minutes.

Add the mussels. Take a sip or two of the beer—just for good measure—then pour it over the mussels. Cover the pot and turn heat up to medium-high. Cook for 2 minutes. Shake the pot a few times to redistribute the mussels. Cook for 2 more minutes.

Open lid to see if most of mussels are open. If they are, stir cream and mustard together and add to pot. Put the lid back on and shake again so the mixture gets distributed evenly. (If most are not open, cook for another minute or 2, then proceed with mustard and cream.) Discard any mussels that don't open.

Using a slotted spoon, divide mussels into individual bowls or scoop into one large bowl. Pour broth over and top with parsley.

Serve with baguette slices for dipping.

Makes 4 main dish or 8 appetizer servings.

Welsh Rarebit with Tomatoes

This humble dish—basically cheese sauce on toast—just begs to be eaten when the temperature plummets and the wind blows. As for the curious name, John Ayto, author of The Diner's Dictionary, offers this explanation: in the 17th and 18th centuries, Welsh referred to something inferior or counterfeit. A Welsh pearl was a pearl of inferior quality, maybe even a

fake, and to use a Welsh comb meant to comb your hair with your fingers. Welsh rabbit, then, was probably a dish people ate when they had no rabbit or other meat. "Rabbit" somehow became "rarebit" in the late 18th century, maybe in an attempt to fancy up the dish. Recipe adapted from Alton Brown.



2 Tb. unsalted butter
2 Tb. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
½ C. Guinness stout or other dark beer
½ C. whole milk

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1½ C. shredded sharp cheddar
3 English muffins, split and toasted
1 large tomato

Melt butter over low heat and whisk in flour. Cook, whisking constantly to prevent browning until flour is fully incorporated and mixture looks like a paste, about 2 minutes. Whisk in mustard, Worcestershire, salt and pepper. Pour in beer and whisk to combine. Pour in milk and whisk until smooth.

Add cheese, a handful at a time, and whisk constantly until cheese is melted and sauce has thickened, about 5–6 minutes.

Ladle over English muffins, top each with a tomato slice and a few grinds of pepper.

Makes 3 servings. ♦

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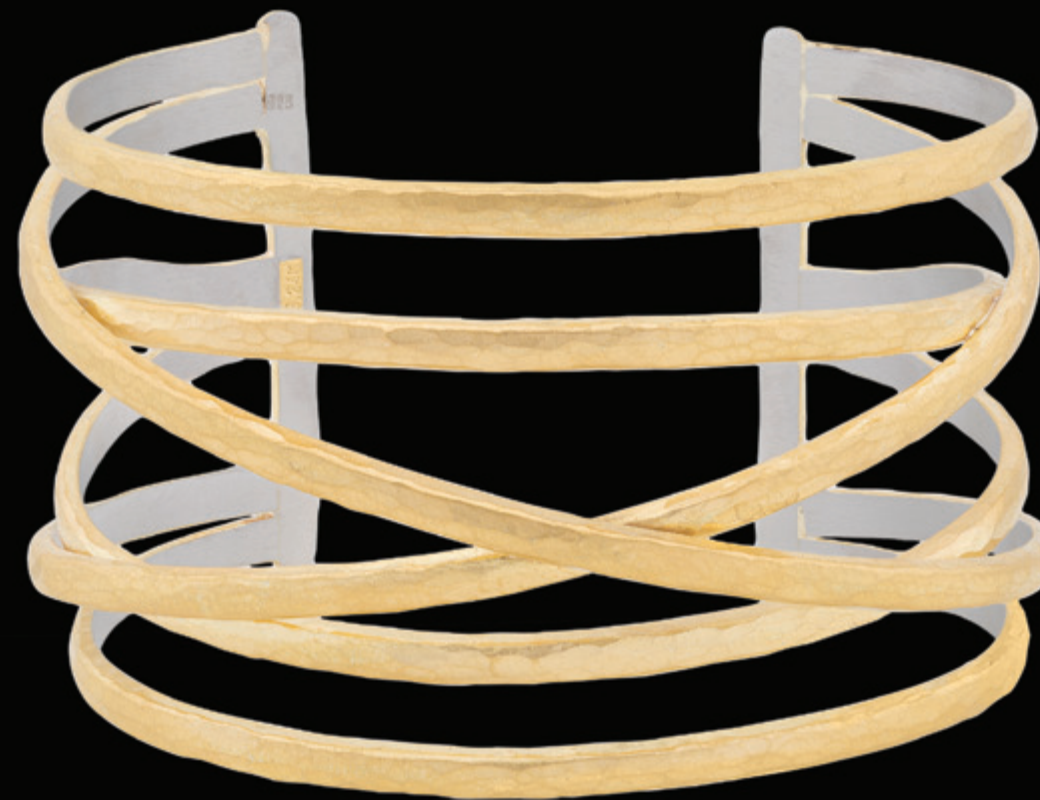
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