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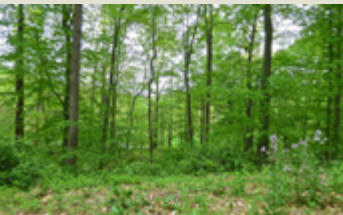
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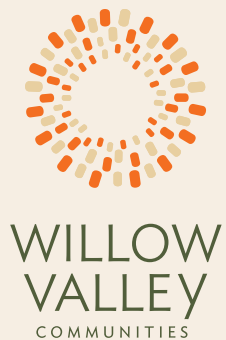


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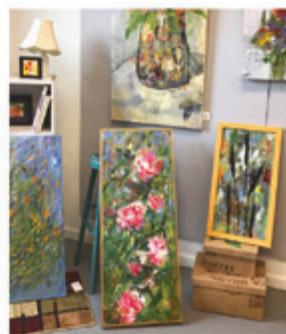
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Spring at last! Daffodils, robins, sunshine. It's April! Time for new beginnings—greening gardens, new homes and maybe a new life together.

This wedding issue is very personal, featuring a family wedding. And because it's my son's, we're taking a new perspective in "The Groom's Side." Yes, there's another person in the wedding story. From the proposal to mini-moon (read the article), the groom has a role, too. Asya Photography's gorgeous images capture the wedding, plus moments from both sides of the aisle.

Publisher Ed Malet continues our groom-oriented coverage by looking at pre-wedding services—haircut, shave, facial, manicure—in "Groom-Scaping." There's even more on weddings in our style spread, "Wedding Sparkle" and "Guide to Wedding Venues & Services," edited by Marci Tomassone. Plus some different wedding prep in Dr. Catherine Foote's "Orthodontics Treatment: It's Not Just for Kids" and Ashley Stitzer's "No Prenup? No Worries!"

On the home front, we tour 58+ acres in Cheshire Hunt country with a perfectly maintained 18th-century farmhouse, plus a 12-plus-stall barn, three-bedroom cottage, and more! For gardeners, the folks at Chanticleer share their "Spring Garden Checklist" to inspire you, along with tips on using photography to improve garden design.

Assistant Editor, Mercedes Thomas suggests we "Take A Trip To Lancaster County," where there are plenty of things to do: theaters, amusement parks, breweries, galleries and mud sales.

Our food coverage continues with Suburban Brewing Company's Corey Ross and Eric Yost advising, "This Spring, Try A Different Kind Of Beer." And Brandywine Table's Laura Muzzi Brennan chats with Steve Poses, of Frog Commissary Catering fame, in "Cooking for a Crowd."

Finally, read our update on school sports in "Sweet Success at Independent Schools," and the theater spotlight on "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at The Resident Theatre Company, plus plenty of ideas for Family Fun in the Best Local Events coverage anywhere.

Thank you for reading. I hope you enjoy this issue—and enjoy April.

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## Orthodontic Treatment: It's Not Just for Kids!

Dr. Catherine Foote

IN FACT, ONE IN FIVE ORTHODONTIC PATIENTS ARE ADULTS.

**W**HY WOULD AN ADULT CONSIDER BRACES? Whether it's for your dental health or cosmetic reasons, a long-postponed plan or for a special life event—like a wedding—adults are increasingly heading to the orthodontist for a straighter, more beautiful, healthier smile.

Orthodontics can help correct more than just crooked teeth. An improper bite can contribute to gum and bone loss, tooth decay, abnormal wear of the enamel, even headaches and jaw joint pain (TMJ). And orthodontic treatment can correct a wide range of alignment issues, including tooth crowding, extra spacing, underbites and deep bites, as well as issues such as tooth grinding and TMJ/facial pain.

New orthodontic techniques greatly reduce discomfort, decrease

frequency of visits to the orthodontists, and can even lessen treatment time. Plus you have options beyond the traditional metal braces you may remember to help achieve your perfect smile.

**What's the best age for treatment?** There's no "best" age. Benefits of alignment can be reaped at every age. For example, if you had braces as a teen, without proper retention, your teeth may have shifted over the years and now you need new correction.

Maybe your dentist or hygienist is encouraging you to consider orthodontics because crowded teeth are harder to clean, and gums and bones are better supported with properly aligned teeth. Or some patients honestly say "it's my turn," after finishing their children's orthodontic needs. Other adults find themselves dating again and want to put their best selves forward.

There's no perfect time or reason to begin treatment. Straight teeth are beneficial in many ways, both from a health and aesthetic standpoint. You're never too old to correct your smile!

**What options are available for adult orthodontics?** Most adults prefer more discreet options of Invisalign (clear plastic trays) or lingual braces (behind the teeth), over traditional metal or ceramic braces. Treatment time depends on the complexity of your bite and your overall goals.

**How does Invisalign treatment work?** Orthodontists are certified by Align Technology to use Invisalign to create customized clear plastic aligners. The Invisalign system uses 3D computer graphics technology to create your individual aligners, using a series of steps to progressively straighten your teeth.

Your dentist gets an exact image of your teeth and bite with a 3D scanner, rather than through dental impressions, so your aligners will fit precisely.

You wear each aligner for one week, removing it only to eat, brush and floss. As you replace each aligner, your teeth gradually move into place until you have the smile you've always wanted. Invisalign achieves the same results as traditional metal braces and may be around the same cost.

**What about lingual braces?** Lingual braces are brackets and wires bonded to the back of your teeth—similar to traditional braces but in a different location. Also called incognito or hidden braces, they are an aesthetic and discrete option that are virtually invisible.

The adjustment period for adults tends to be more difficult than with aligners. Feeling braces with your tongue takes some getting used to—usually a few weeks. Lingual braces often take longer than traditional braces and are generally more expensive because of the customization and special training required.

**And retainers?** Everything changes as we age—skin, hair, eyes—and our teeth are no different. Using a retainer is a long-term commitment if you want to maintain the look of your newly straightened teeth. The position and fit of teeth generally change throughout your life, with or without orthodontic treat-

ment, so a retainer is recommended to maintain your desired look.

Retainers can be removable or permanent and most orthodontists recommend both. A permanent, or lingual retainer, is a thin braided wire that's spot bonded to the back of the upper or lower front teeth. Removable retainers are most commonly clear plastic, similar to Invisalign aligners.

Whatever your motivation, you have options for getting a selfie-perfect smile! ♦


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## No PreNup? No Worries!

Ashley B. Stitzer, Esquire

### POSTNUPS ARE ANOTHER OPTION.

**W**ERE YOU CONSIDERING A PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENT but were too busy finding the perfect dress, ordering the food and flowers, and planning your perfect day to find the time? No worries! A postnuptial agreement is an option for those who didn't have time to do a prenup before the wedding or who decided against that kind of agreement but have had a change in circumstances.

Similar to a prenuptial agreement, a postnuptial agreement is a contract between spouses that addresses financial and other issues, such as property, liabilities and support. The primary difference is that a postnup is signed any time *during the marriage*—whether a month or even years after the wedding.

Here are some issues to consider to determine if a postnuptial agreement is right for you.

#### CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES

Your wedding is a time full of excitement and expectations for your lives together. At that happy time, it's difficult to predict the future and the unforeseen circumstances that will inevitably occur during your marriage. That's why a postnuptial agreement may be a preferable option.

For example, both spouses may have considered a prenup unnecessary because they had little in the way of assets at the time of the wedding. But if one or both later acquire substantial assets during the marriage, these changed circumstances may make a postnup worth discussing.

The recent divorce announcement by Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos highlights the importance of considering a postnup when significant assets are acquired during the marriage.

A postnuptial agreement can clarify how assets obtained during the marriage—such as a new house or a business—will be managed upon divorce or death of a spouse.

And it can address support and alimony if there's a career change or decision that one spouse will stop working to raise children. This type of agreement can be helpful to allay concerns about the impact on a spouse of reduced income, disruption to a career path, or lack of individual retirement savings.

#### PRESERVING ASSETS

Postnuptial agreements can also be used to address property rights and preserve assets. Most people are aware that an asset owned by a spouse before the wedding is non-marital property if it remains individually titled to that spouse.

However, marital property includes the increase in value during the marriage of non-marital property—such as any appreciation in value of a house or business owned before the marriage or of a separate inheritance.

A spouse may want to contribute non-marital assets toward the purchase of a home or other benefit for the family, but ensure that the asset itself remains that spouse's separate property upon divorce or death.

In addition, many spouses bring assets to a second marriage and want to ensure that those assets are preserved for that spouse's children from the prior marriage.

#### MINIMIZING MARITAL STRESS

A postnuptial agreement allows spouses to control on their own terms how their assets will be divided and the extent of support obligations. Proactively deciding financial matters such as assets, liabilities and support provides peace of mind and certainty during the marriage.

Determining property division and support during the marriage may also reduce the emotional stress and cost of litigation in the event of divorce or death of a spouse.

For example, Matt Lauer and Annette Roque reportedly entered into a postnuptial agreement that has been credited with

their ability to proceed relatively quickly in obtaining a divorce and to avoid protracted litigation rising from nasty circumstances.

Each marriage is unique and a postnuptial agreement can be a valuable tool for spouses when planning their financial future. If you're considering this option, meeting with a family law attorney will help you understand the law and the options available to address the issues specific to your marriage and family. ♦

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## [Good to Know]

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

**Page-turner.** Don't miss the talk, Q&A and book signing by Chester County resident **Lisa Scottoline** for her new novel, ***Someone Knows***. This emotional thriller tackles family, marriage and the nature



of justice as a disastrous childhood prank changes the lives of four friends. Scottoline, a *The New York Times* bestselling author and Edgar award-winner with 32 novels, is known for her deep emotion and down-to-earth characters, many with local connections. *Sponsored by Main Point Books at Radnor Memorial Library, April 17, 7 p.m., 114 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne.*

**Kiss and Tell.** Find love and romance on Lancaster's five driving tours of "**kissing bridges**"—another name for covered bridges—named for all the couples who have crossed them over the years. Explore scenic Amish countryside, parks, preserves and historic villages for a charming outing as you learn unique stories surrounding the 20-some bridges. Check *DiscoverLancaster.com* for PDF maps of the driving tours to explore with your sweetheart, along with ideas for other things to do along the way.



**Autism Awareness.** Pin on your puzzle-patterned ribbons for **Autism Awareness Month** and **World Autism Awareness Day** on April 2. Get involved in the autism community by attending Autism Awareness events hosted by local organizations. For example, the Brandywine River Museum of Art hosts "Sensory-Friendly Saturday: Adventures in Art" and People's Light puts on "Relaxed Performances" that allow visitors to "express themselves freely" all year long at the theater. For more, check out *AutismSpeaks.org*.

**Delicious Dandelions?** During Lawn and Garden Month in April, the sun isn't the only thing emerging from winter slumber. Dandelions are popping up across area lawns, prompting the age-old debate—to pluck or not to pluck? Some hate the pesky weeds while others love their bright color and versatility. Get creative this spring by harvesting the plants to make dandelion wine, tea, coffee and even jelly. Find recipes for dandelion greens, too—from pizza to pesto. More healthy ideas at *ThePrairieHomestead.com*.



**All Aboard!** Catch a ride with conductor Peter Cottontail through the beautiful Lancaster County farmland on **Strasburg Railroad's Easter Bunny Train**. Then, help your little ones search for yummy hidden treasures in the Easter tradition. Hop on down the bunny trail this Easter with this fun, family-friendly adventure, from April 19 to 21. *First-class tickets, \$28; coach, \$4-\$19. 301 Gap Rd., Ronks, StrasburgRailroad.com.*







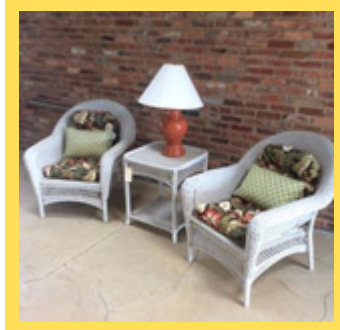
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## [April Picks]

Our Picks for top events this month

### 77th Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point

April 7

Be part of this family tradition of fun and exciting horse and pony  
steeplechase races, a parade of foxhounds and kid's activities. Dogs

on leashes are welcome.  
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for purchase. *Myrick Con-  
servation Center, Rt. 842  
between Unionville and  
West Chester. Gates open at  
11 a.m., first race at noon.  
\$20/carload. 610-793-1090;  
Brandywine-RedClay.org.*



### Media Theatre— Saturday Night Fever

April 17–June 9

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seat at this musical adap-  
tation of the '70s classic  
film that's been made  
family friendly. Enjoy all  
your favorites—"Stayin'  
Alive," "Boogie Shoes,"  
"Disco Inferno," "If I  
Can't Have You," "More Than A Woman" and so many more.  
*Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for show  
times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.*



### Bloom—Unite for HER Spring Fashion Show

April 28

Join a spring celebration of life, fashion and community,  
featuring Unite for HER participants and families. Discover  
incredible grand prize raffles, silent auctions and a pop-up  
boutique. Benefits those with breast cancer. *Merion Golf Club,  
450 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check website  
for ticket and sponsorship information. UniteForHer.org/Bloom.*



### Philadelphia Antiques & Art Show

April 25–28

Browse an impressive selection of decorative and fine art from the  
17th century to the present. Benefits Penn Medicine and Philadelphia

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Education and Public Programs.  
*The Navy Yard, Marine Parade  
Grounds, 11th St. & Kittyhawk  
Ave., Philadelphia. Gala Preview,  
Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., \$150–\$600.  
Show: Fri.–Sat., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.;  
Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$15–\$25.  
610-902-2109; Philadelphia-  
AntiquesAndArtShow.com.*



### 46th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show

April 26–May 12

Over 200 juried artists from the Delaware Valley and  
beyond present their work. *Apr. 26, Opening Gala features  
a silent auction of this year's poster competition winner, 6  
to 9 p.m., \$75. May 3, Wine & Cheese Happy Hour, 5 to  
8 p.m., \$5. 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Daily, 10  
a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free. 610-827-7414;  
YellowSprings.org.*





# best Local Events

## FAMILY FUN

### THROUGH APRIL, Tuesdays

**Story Time at Wellington Square Bookshop.** Ages 1–5 enjoy songs and cookies and listen to stories come alive in the bookshop. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 10 to 11 am. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

### THROUGH MAY 26, SUNDAYS

**Alice in Wonderland at The Media Theatre.** A humorous and musical adventure based on Lewis Carroll's classic tale. 104 E. State St., Media. Noon. \$12–\$15. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

### APRIL 2, 9, 23

**Rushton Farm Seedlings.** Children ages 2½–5 are invited for morning explorations of seedlings. Apr. 2, A Seed is Sleepy; Apr. 9, The Salamander Room; Apr. 23, A Bird Builds a Nest. Rushton Farm, 925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. 9:45 to 11. \$50/family. 610-353-2562; WCDTrust.org.



### APRIL 3

**Movie in the Park—Space Jam.** Grab a blanket and chair to enjoy this movie at Melton Community Center, 501 E. Miner St., West Chester. 7:30. West-Chester.com.

### APRIL 6

**Join the Continental Army at Valley Forge National Historical Park.** Children are invited to join the Continental Army and experience a day in the life of a Continental soldier. Visitors Center, 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. 10 am. Free. 610-783-1099; NPS.gov.

### APRIL 7

**Brandywine River Museum of Art—First**

**Sundays for Families.** Internationally acclaimed storyteller Tahira will perform stories and songs of friendship. 1 Hoffman's Rd., Chadds Ford. 11 to 2. Free. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

### APRIL 11

**Books & Boots at Myrick Conservation Center.** Children 3–5 listen as Potter the Otter reads a book. Next, the story continues into a real-life, outdoor adventure. Adult participation optional; snack provided. Register by Wed. before class. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. 10 to 11:30. \$8. 610-793-1090; BrandywineRedClay.org.

### APRIL 13

**BTCC Kids Fishing Derby.** Brandywine Trout & Conservation Club hosts a fishing derby for kids. Kerr Park, Park Ln., Downingtown, near the Kid's Playground. 8 to 2. BrandywineTrout.net/Kids.html.

### APRIL 13

**Easter Egg Hunt at Everhart Park.** The hunt features two different age groups: children 2 to 5 and children 6 to 9. More than 5,000 eggs will be filled with candy and toys as well as raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes. 500 block of W. Union St., West Chester. 10 am. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### APRIL 20–21

**Chester Valley Sportsman Assoc. Youth Trout Derby.** Boys and girls ages 5 to 13 are invited. Free hot dogs and sodas plus trophies to those catching the 10 largest fish. Derby Creek at Saw Mill Park, 666 Earles Ln., Newtown Square. Fri, 4 to 7; Sat, 9 to noon and 4 to 7. Free. Must pre-register at Radnor.com.

### APRIL 26–28

**WCU Dept. of Theatre & Dance—"The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales."** You'll recognize the names and the stories will be familiar—sure to be enjoyed by audiences of all ages. This theatrical work of kooky chaos offers music, giants, laughter and cowpies. Main Stage Theatre, E. O. Bull Center, 2 E. Rosedale Ave., West Chester. Fri–Sat, 7:30; Sat–Sun, 2. \$13–\$16. WCUPA.edu/Oca/WCULive.

### APRIL 26–MAY 4

**Philadelphia Science Festival.** Get your nerd

on and jump in the fun with experiments, interactive activities, games and entertainment—a super fun celebration of science. Over 80 events are planned during the 9-day festival. Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. 10 to 4. Free. FL.edu/PSF/Programs.

### APRIL 27

**Sheep and Wool Day at Springton Manor Farm.** The sheep are losing their winter wool, and you're invited to the shearing. Enjoy live music, demonstrations and animals. 860 Springton Rd., Glenmoore. 11 to 3. Parking, \$5. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCPark



### APRIL 27

**All Parks Clean Up in West Chester.** Celebrate Earth Day by signing up for a particular park and pitch in to help keep the borough beautiful. 10 am at the park. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### APRIL 28

**Earth Day Celebration in Kerr Park.** Live music, games, food, vendors and kids activities. Kerr Park, Park Ln., Downingtown. Noon to 3. DowningtownMainStreet.com.

### MAY 5

**Wheels of Wayne.** Cruise on in to see the antique, classic and custom cars and motorcycles. Participate in the pulled pork and pizza contests to determine the best. N. Wayne and West Aves., Wayne. 1 to 4 pm. Free. Rain date, May 12. 610-688-5600; Radnor.org.

### MAY 5

**May Day Festival of the Arts in West Chester.** A celebration of the arts with live music and entertainment, art, crafts and kids' activities. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. 11 to 4. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

## ART, CRAFT & ANTIQUES

### APRIL 12–14

**The Artists Circle Annual Art Show & Sale.** Member artists showcase original works. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. Fri, 1 to 8, opening reception 5 to 8, live music and refreshments; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 12 to 4. Free. 484-514-2001; TheArtistsCircle.net.



### MAY 3

**Gallery Walk in Downtown West Chester.** The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce hosts its Spring Gallery Walk presented by Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Arts. Receptions and exhibits provide the perfect opportunity to experience downtown West Chester. 5 to 9. Free parking after 5. 610-696-4046; GreaterWestChester.com.



### MAY 4

**Spring City Mill Studios—Spring Fling Open Studios.** Professional artists, working in individual studios in a renovated 122-year-old knitting mill, open their doors for visitors to take a peek inside. Enjoy art, food and drink at 20 E. Bridge St., Spring City. 10 to 6. 610-283-9311; Facebook.com/SpringCityMillStudios.

### MAY 10–JUNE 1

**Media Arts Council Juried Painting Exhibition—"Arise."** Regional, professional artists display images of paintings relating to their interpretation of the theme "Arise" in this exhibition. The Media Arts Council, 609-B W. State St., Media. Reception May 11, 4 to 7. Fri–Sat, 4 to 7; Sun, noon to 3. MediaArtsCouncil.org.

## BOOKS

### APRIL 4, 17–18

**Wellington Square Book. Book Clubs: Non-fiction: Apr. 4, Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne, 7 to 9. Fiction: Apr. 17–18, The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn, Wed–Thurs, 2 to 4, Thurs, 7 to 9.** 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

## DESIGN HOMES

### APRIL 26–MAY 26

**Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.**

Designers show their creativity at Peppermint Farm, a 1860s six-bedroom farmhouse, once a peppermint farm. 2613 Hilltown Pk., Perkasee. Apr. 27, Preview Gala, 6 to 10, \$165 and up.



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## EQUESTRIAN.....

APRIL 25

**Radnor Hunt Races Pop-Up Shop.** Shop from boutiques and specialty stores for all you need to be Race Day ready. Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 4 to 8. Free. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

APRIL 28

**74th Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show.** This



is the first outdoor USEF "C" show of the season and considered an opportunity for area riders to "warm up" before The Devon Horse

Show. Food tents and vendors are always a great draw. Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, 5 Nantmeal Rd., Glenmoore. 8 to 6. Free. 610-469-0227; KimbertonHunt.org.

MAY 5

**41st Annual Point-to-Point at Winterthur.** Enjoy a day of elite horse racing, kids' activities, festive tailgating, carriage parade, Delaware State Police Pipe Band, pony races, beautiful hospitality tents with elegant luncheons and more. Gates open 11:30; first race at 2. \$25–\$60. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



## FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

APRIL 14

**Spring Super Sunday in Media.** State Street will be filled with vendors, arts and crafts, food purveyors and much more throughout the day. Downtown Media. 9 to 4. Rain date, Apr. 28. VisitMediaPA.com.

MAY 5

**Malvern Blooms Festival.** Celebrate Malvern at the festival that includes activities for the whole family—live music, kids activities, artists and crafters, a food court with food trucks and restaurants, and more. King St. & Warren Ave., Malvern. 11 to 4. Malvern-Festivals.com.

MAY 5

**6th Annual Haverford Spring Fest.** Music, food and fun with vendors, beer/wine gardens, children's activities. Benefits music education and local nonprofits. Brookline Blvd. at Darby Rd., Havertown. Noon to 7. \$3 donation requested. HaverfordSpringFest.com.

## FILM.....

APRIL 4–6

**The 2019 Media Film Festival.** Independent short films by regional, national and international filmmakers. Films will be shown at The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. For details visit MediaFilmFestival.org.

APRIL 26–28

**West Chester Film Festival.** The mission of this festival is to "Entertain, Enlighten and Educate" through global independent and innovative short

film. Fri, opening night party; Sun, closing night party. WestChesterFilmFestival.com.

## FOOD & BREWS.....

APRIL 2–7

**Media Restaurant Week.** Select restaurants offer fixed priced menus, \$25–\$45. Reservations suggested. Free street parking after 6. VisitMediaPA.com.

APRIL 6

**4th Annual Rails & Ales at the Railroad Museum of PA.** All aboard for a craft beer tasting event that includes food trucks, live music and historic trains. 300 Gap Rd. (Rt. 741), Strasburg. VIP hour: 6:30 to 7:30, \$50; 7:30 to 10:30 pm, \$40; designated driver, \$15. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPA.org.



APRIL 8–13

**City Restaurant Week in Wilmington.** With a menu of Wilmington's finest restaurants to select from, offering everything from Thai to Chilean to Italian, you can sample this creative cuisine with prices of \$15 for a two-course lunch and \$35 for a three-course dinner. CityRestaurantWeek.com.

APRIL 9, MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 9

**Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia.** A roving food truck event, featuring live music, giant yard games and multiple food trucks offering lunch items. Locations TBA. See website for details closer to event. VisitKOP.com.

MAY 1–SEPTEMBER 27, WEDNESDAYS

**12th Annual Dining Under the Stars in Media.** Stroll. Shop. Dine. Restaurants set up tables on State Street, which is closed from Jackson to Orange, for this summer-long outdoor dining event. Check VisitMediaPA.com for participating restaurants.



## FUNDRAISERS.....

APRIL 6

**Safe Harbor's Spring Celebration.** Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and auctions. Benefits Safe Harbor of Chester County, providing shelter and support to men and women experiencing homelessness in the county. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 W. Swedesford Rd., Malvern. 5:30 to 10 pm. Tickets, \$125. SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

APRIL 6

**Thorncroft's 34th Annual Victory Gallop.** Celebrate Thorncroft's 50th Anniversary at this

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**APRIL 6**  
**Baker Industries' 38th Annual Spring Gala.** Dinner and silent auction to celebrate the accomplishments of Baker Industries, a non-profit work program for adults who are on parole or probation, in recovery, homeless or have a diagnosed disability. Merion Cricket Club, Haverford. 6 pm. Tickets \$150 and up. 610-296-9795; BakerIndustries.org.

**APRIL 7**  
**Wine Women & Shoes: Sip, Savor and Shop to Benefit Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter.** Grab your girlfriends, slip on your sensational shoes and enjoy this benefit for the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter where you'll find a Marketplace, live and silent auctions and more. The Baldwin School, 701 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. 2 to 6. \$150-\$200. 551-208-0348; WineWomenAndShoes.com/Event/Philadelphia.

**APRIL 13**  
**Coaches vs. Cancer BasketBall.** Hosted by

Philadelphia's NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches and their wives, this black-tie evening features dinner, entertainment, auctions and dancing. Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. 6:30 pm. \$400 and up. PhiladelphiaBasketBallGala.org.

**APRIL 27**  
**American Helicopter Museum—13th Annual Fundraising Gala.** "A Night in Tuscany Celebrating Leonardo da Vinci," featuring cocktails, dinner, entertainment and dancing. Renaissance costumes are encouraged. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 5 to 10 pm. \$150. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum.



**APRIL 27**  
**Church Farm School Gala Fundraiser.** "America Sings: Berlin, Bernstein, Gershwin and Sondheim." The Church Farm School Choir presents a program of music by Jewish-American composers. Enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner, an auction then receive a free ticket to a future performance at People's Light. The Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 6 pm. \$250 and up. 610-363-5376; GoCFS.net/Gala.

**MAY 2**  
**"Taste of Spring" Fashion Show.** Enjoy a delicious lunch, raffles and a silent auction—items donated by local merchants round out the afternoon. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Free valet parking. The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 11 am. \$55. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org.



**MAY 3**  
**"Light a Spark: People's Light Annual Bash & Bid."** An annual fundraiser benefiting Arts

Discovery, People's Light's award-winning suite of programs for young people. The Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500p; PeoplesLight.org.

**MAY 4**  
**Chester County Hospital Gala—New Orleans Jazz Night.** Let the music transport you to The Big Easy. Enjoy A Tasting of Chester County Treasures at the pre-party at Galer Estate & Winery, 5:30, then on to Longwood for the gala at 7. Benefits Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. \$500. ChesterCountyHospital.org.

**MAY 4**  
**Canine Partners for Life: Unleashed & Uncorked.** You're invited to CPL's largest fundraising event of the year, celebrating their 30th anniversary with a theme of "Puppies & Pearls!" DuPont Country Club, 1001 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 7 to 10. K94Life.org.



**MAY 5**  
**Chester County Historic Preservation Network presents the film Wyeth.** Through unprecedented access to the Wyeth family, archival materials and his work, *Wyeth, the Director's Cut*, presents a portrait of the artist, depicting how the historical and natural settings of the Brandywine Valley inspired his art. Benefits CCHPN. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 1:30 pm. \$14. 610-431-3737; TheColonialTheatre.com/Programs/Wyeth.

**GARDENS.....**  
**APRIL 27**  
**DE Center for Horticulture 39th Annual Rare Plant Auction.** Rare or newly introduced plants are auctioned. Benefits communities and urban greening programs. Plant expert Andrew Bunting



of Atlanta Botanical Garden is guest speaker. Open bar, fine food and valet parking. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 6:30 to 10 pm. \$140 and up. 302-658-6262; TheDCH.org.

**MUSEUMS.....**  
**THROUGH MAY 27**  
**Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through May 12,** "Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration." **Through May 27,** "American Beauty: Selections from the Richard M. Scaife Bequest." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

**THROUGH AUGUST 4**  
**Delaware Art Museum. Through May 12,** "Fairy Tales to Nursery Rhymes: The Droller Collection of Picture Book Art." **Through Aug. 4,** "The Loper Tradition: Paintings by Edward Loper, Sr. and Edward Loper, Jr." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

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**Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.** “Costuming *The Crown*,” featuring 40 iconic costumes from the award-winning TV drama. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$15–\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

## MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.....

THROUGH APRIL 4

**The Keswick Theatre.** *Apr. 4*, Robin Trower;

*Apr. 5*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 6*, Real Diamond; *Apr. 8*, Mott the Hoople ‘74; *Apr. 11*, Kris Kristofferson and The Strangers; *Apr. 13*, The Heavy Hittas of Comedy; *Apr. 18–20*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*; *Apr. 23*, Tesla; *Apr. 26*, The New Stylistics, The Manhattans and the Delfonics; *Apr. 27*, Chick Corea and Bela Fleck Duet. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Check website for times and tickets. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.



THROUGH APRIL 28

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Mount Hope Estate & Winery.** An interactive, culinary “whodunit.” You’ll enjoy a four-course meal as you become the detective—interrogate the suspects, put the clues together and uncover the truth. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Check website for times. \$54.95. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

APRIL 5

**WCU—Live! Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute.** A recreation of the legendary band from 1975–1979, from period accurate equipment and costumes to characterizations and musical performances. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$15–\$27. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

APRIL 7

**Delaware County Symphony—A Chamber Ballet Concert.** The Chamber Symphony along with the Academy of International Ballet performs *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Neumann Drive, Aston. 3 pm. \$15. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

APRIL 7

**WCU—Live! Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming and Dance.** Nearly 30 drummers



and dancers make a return appearance for an athletic and graceful performance. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$12–\$17. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

APRIL 7

**Kennett Symphony Orchestra Concert.** “Classically Yours” featuring *Siegfried Idyll* by Wagner, Tchaikovsky’s *Variations on a Rococo Theme* and Mozart’s *Symphony No. 40*. Longwood Gardens Exhibition Hall, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 7:30. \$10–\$50. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

APRIL 12–14

**Wilmington Winter Bluegrass Festival.** Three days of great bluegrass music on two stages, workshops and jam sessions. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 630 Naamans Rd., Claymont, DE. \$10–\$65. Check website for line-up and times. WilmingtonWintergrass.org.

APRIL 13

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**WCU—Live! Mutts Gone Nuts.** A comedy dog thrill show that promotes the adoption of



rescue animals. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$15–\$27. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

APRIL 13

**Darlington Arts Center Coffee House Concerts.** Jean Therapy, rock fusion and classic jazz. 977 Shavertown Rd., Garnet Valley. 8 pm. \$15. 610-358-3632; DarlingtonArts.org.

APRIL 18–MAY 3

**Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center.** *Apr. 18*, Magical Mystery Doors, a tribute act that blends The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Doors, 7 pm; *Apr. 20*, World Cafe Live at Uptown! presents Over the Rhine, 8 pm; *Apr. 24*, Dueling Pianos, 7:30; *Apr. 25*, Jazz Cocktail Hour: Terrell Stafford with Rhenda Farrington, 7:30; *May 3*, Better Than Bacon Improv Comedy, 7:30. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for tickets. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

APRIL 27

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APRIL 27–MAY 4

**OperaDelaware's 2019 Festival.** *Apr. 27, May 4, Dead Man Walking; Apr. 28, May 3, Sciala/Ginsburg and Trial By Jury.* The Grand, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. *May 2, Leading Ladies Offstage,* OperaDelaware Studios, 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington. Check website for times and tickets. 302-442-7807; OperaDE.org/Tickets.

APRIL 28

**Kennett Symphony Presents David Kim: "From Prodigy to Professional: A Life in**



**Music."** Philadelphia Orchestra Concertmaster David Kim describes his experiences and struggles to reach the pinnacle of his career. The Gables at Chadds Ford, 423 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. Reception, 2 pm; concert at 3. \$100 includes the concert, first glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

APRIL 28

**High Tea with A Cappella Pops Fundraiser for Neumann University.** Spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying scones, tea sandwiches and special desserts while being entertained by A Cappella Pops at The Ballrooms of Boothwyn, 1405 Meetinghouse Rd., Upper Chichester. 2 pm. \$40. 610-558-5626.

MAY 5

**Delaware County Symphony Concert.** The program is called "Colorful." Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Newmann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$17–\$20. 610-879-7059; DCSMusic.org.

#### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

APRIL 6

**Tyler Arboretum 10K Trail Run.** A 10K course, known to be fast and challenging for the fittest trail runner and fun for novices, due

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APRIL 20

**The 2019 Schuylkill River 50K Relay & Ultra Marathon.** Race solo or in teams of 3 or 6 runners. Starts and ends at St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare, across the river from Phoenixville. Benefits the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. 9 am. \$93–\$269. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiverRelay.com.

APRIL 27

**15th Annual Family Lives On Race for Traditions.** The Race is more than just a 5K and 1 mile run, it's fun for the whole family with games, music, special guests, a Tot Trot and more. Family Lives On raises money, awareness and support for children who have experienced profound loss. Wellington Square, Exton. 8 to 10:30. To register, FamilyLivesOn.org.

MAY 5

**Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride.** Cyclists with and without disabilities come together to support the PA Center for Adapted Sports. 25- and 50-mile road routes for avid cyclists, plus up to 23 miles on the Chester Valley Trail for more recreational riders. Valley Creek Corp. Ctr., 220 Valley Creek Trail, Exton. Reg., 7:30 am. \$40. Post ride fiesta at noon. CincoDeMayoRide.org.



MAY 5

**Blue Cross Broad Street Run.** A 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Central High School Athletic Field, Broad St. and Somerville Ave.,

Phila. and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. 8 am. \$53. 215-683-3594; BroadStreetRun.com.

#### THEATER.....

THROUGH APRIL 14

**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels.** See article in this issue.

APRIL 10–MAY 12

**For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday.** Five middle-aged siblings mourn their recently deceased father over a bottle of Jameson while the oldest reminisces about her star turn as Peter Pan at the local children's theatre 50 years ago. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$30–\$53. Check website for times. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



APRIL 17–JUNE 9

**Saturday Night Fever.** A musical adaptation of the '70s classic film that has been made family friendly, and includes all the favorites including "Stayin' Alive," "Boogie Shoes," "Disco Inferno," "If I Can't Have You," "More Than A Woman" and more. Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.



#### TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

APRIL 5, 13, 18

**First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays.** *Apr. 5, First Fridays: Kennett Square Art Stroll,* 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. *Lancaster City,* 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Oxford,* 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. *West Chester,* 610-

738-3350; West-Chester.com. *Wilmington Art Loop,* 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com. *Apr. 13, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media,* 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. *Apr. 18, Third Thursday Malvern Sip & Stroll,* MalvernBusiness.com.

APRIL 30

**Chadds Ford Hist. Society—A Bite of History.** In conjunction with local restaurants, the Historical Society is presenting a new program highlighting a different restaurant every other month and encouraging all to enjoy a meal there and meet one of the Colonial reenactors for some lively conversation. In return, the establishment will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Society. For April: Chadds Ford Tavern. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org. ♦

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**B**ASED ON THE POPULAR 1988 FILM STARRING STEVE Martin, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* takes audiences to the French Riviera for hijinks and hilarity. Sophisticated, but with a good dash of mischief, this hysterical comedy features a Tony Award nominated score by David Yazbek (*The Full Monty*) and was nominated for a staggering eleven Tony Awards in all.

After meeting on a train, two con men attempt to work together, only to find that the small French town isn't big enough for both of them. They agree on a settlement: the first to extract \$50,000 from a young female target wins, and the other must leave town.

The suave scoundrel, Lawrence Jameson, is played by Mark Woodard and the part of Freddy Benson, who more humbly swindles women by exploiting their compassionate side, is played by Lukas Poost. The two first joined forces on RTC's inaugural hit Monty Python's *Spamalot!* and are excited to reignite their stage chemistry in this hysterical farce.

Additional RTC alums are back for more, including Bailey Seeker, who appeared in RTC's *Bullets Over Broadway* last spring. The cast is packed with talent including Lawrence's quirky French assistant, played by Jonathan Hadley, who appeared on Broadway in *Jersey Boys*. Murial Eubanks, an attractive American socialite and con-victim is played by Sarah Solie, whose Broadway credits include *Mary Poppins*, *Cats*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Annie*. Jolene Oakes, a third energetic heiress, is played by Australia native Philippa Lynas, whose credits include Carnegie Hall and the UK National Symphony.

Kristin McLaughlin Mitchell, who spent almost two decades as an actress and director in New York City before moving to West Chester, is The Resident Theatre Company's Producing Artistic Director and the award-winning Dann Dunn, last seen in West Chester creating the choreography for *Evita* last fall, will choreograph the show.

Make time for laughter and live theater this spring. ♦  
- Rachael Lutchner

**IF YOU GO**  
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# Spring Garden Checklist

Story and photos by Lisa Roper, Chanticleer

## ADVICE FROM THE PROS ON GETTING STARTED THIS SEASON, INCLUDING TAKING PHOTOS

**H**OW YOU PREPARE YOUR GARDEN IN SPRING SETS the tone for the rest of the season, so it's worth spending some time now planning for a lush and bountiful summer garden. Here are some ideas of how to tend your garden—from mulching to planting to dividing to planning—for the next year in the life of your home garden.

### BEGINNING

While many experienced gardeners took advantage of the days of dry weather in March to begin cutting back dead foliage on perennials and grasses and raking out garden beds, April is also a fine month to begin these spring garden chores.

April is a good time to dig up winter annual weeds, such as shotweed and chickweed. These irritating weeds germinate in the fall and persist over the winter, flowering as soon as the weather warms up. If these pests are left to flower, they'll produce another round of seed, and the whole cycle begins again.

A useful tool for eliminating weeds is a weeding knife, which is versatile enough to be used for the planting and dividing that are also on the spring prep schedule.

### MULCHING

If you plan to mulch your garden beds, early spring is also the right time to do this. Plants have not yet emerged from the ground



A digging knife is a versatile gardening tool for weeding, planting and dividing.

and your garden soil can be covered with mulch, being careful to avoid covering the crowns of emerging plants.

In Chanticleer's Gravel Garden—a south-facing, well drained garden—I use a fine gravel mulch that gives a clean look and helps keep water away from the crown of the plants. Other common mulches used at Chanticleer that you may want to consider are composted leaf mold and woodchips, used for topdressing garden beds 2 to 4 inches. This type of barrier will suppress weeds and improve the organic content of the soil as it breaks down.

### PLANTING

Success of a plant begins, to a great extent, at the time of planting. Timing and execution are important to keep in mind.

Begin planting your perennials and cool-season annuals in April. A key step is to water your plants well before you plant them. Then dig a hole twice as wide as the plant, add compost into the hole and mix it with the soil.

Examine the roots of your plant and tease them apart if they're pot-bound. Place your plant in the hole so the crown of the plant is at or slightly above soil level. Use your hands to tamp down the soil around the plant, and water generously again.

Planting early in the season allows you to take advantage of spring rains and cooler temperatures. For the first month after planting, water twice a week if rain is sparse, and keep your eye on new plants through hot mid-Atlantic summers.

### DIVIDING

Another spring gardening task is dividing your existing plants. For example, perennials and grasses that bloom in the summer and fall should be divided in early spring before the plants start actively growing.

There are a few reasons to divide your plants: you may want to increase the presence of a particular plant in your garden, the plant may have outgrown its original spot, or you may want to improve the health and vigor of a plant. And, when the center of a plant dies out, you know it's time for dividing.

Dividing your plants is simple. Lift the plants gently with a gardening fork. Shake off the excess soil. Small fibrous rooted plants, like heuchera, can be gently teased apart by hand. But large fibrous rooted plants, like daylilies, take more effort. These are best separated with two gardening forks inserted back



It's best to mulch in early spring before perennials emerge. In Chanticleer's Gravel Garden a gravel mulch is applied.





It may be necessary to bare-root perennials while dividing them. Take care to keep roots cool and moist while exposed to the air.

to back into the plant's crown and then used as levers to pry the clump into two pieces. Take care to remove any dead sections and to plant the new divisions as soon as possible. As with all new plantings, water them well to help them become established.

#### PLANNING WITH YOUR CAMERA

As bulbs and early-blooming perennials begin to flower, take notes of any changes you'd like to make for next year. Photography is a great tool for this.

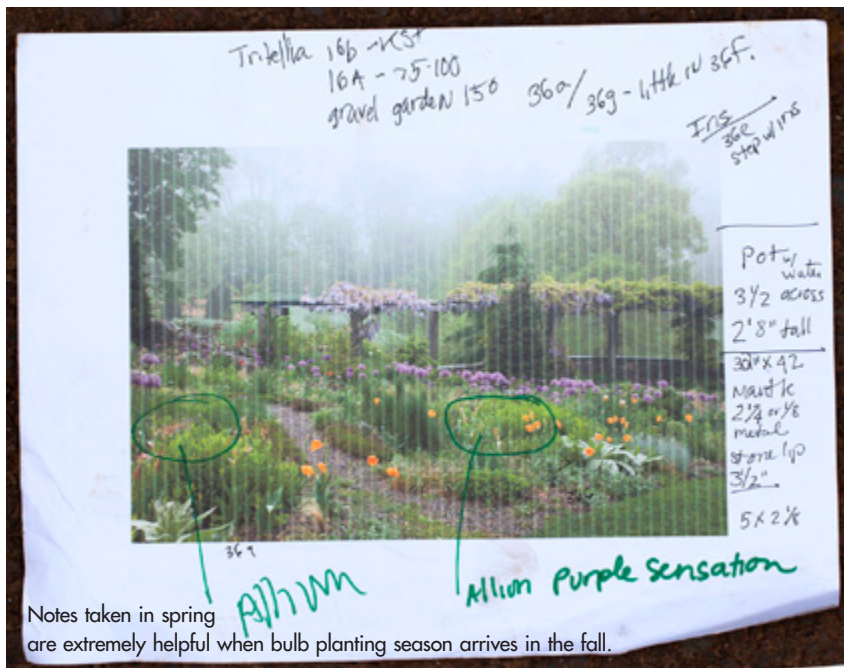
Grab your camera and photograph the garden areas you want to adjust later. Print the images and mark up the page with notes on planting additions and changes. Having photos will be especially helpful in the fall—the time to plant new bulbs—because the garden looks totally different then and you may well have forgotten your ideas from the spring.

Taking notes—whether visual or written—through the entire season is the best way to improve your garden from year to year. Keeping

can analyze your garden's overall design. By converting color images to black and white, you'll more easily see the contrast of form and texture in your garden.

Form and texture are critical to strong garden design because when flowers have finished blooming, contrast of these design elements adds visual vitality to your garden. Viewing the garden in black and white allows you to see more clearly what's missing and what needs changing.

For example, you may notice from your photos that there are no vertical elements



details such as rainfall amounts can also be useful in understanding why the garden performed the way it did.

(tall plants) to contrast with low-growing, mounding shapes. Or your black and white photos may reveal that there's plenty of fine textured foliage but not enough bold textures in your garden design as it currently exists.

By nature a garden is ever evolving, but by striving to refine the design, over time the garden can be transformed into a more successful space. ♦

*Chanticleer is a dynamic garden that's ever changing. The staff welcomes guests to visit often, observe the garden through each season, and ask questions. To learn about classes and more, visit ChanticleerGarden.org. Chanticleer opened March 27th and remains open until November 3rd, Wed.–Sun., 10 to 5, and until 8 p.m. on Fri. from May through Labor Day. 786 Church Rd., Wayne.*

Winter annuals, shotweed (left) and chickweed (right), both flower and go to seed as soon as it warms up in the spring. It's important to weed these out in early spring to get the best result.



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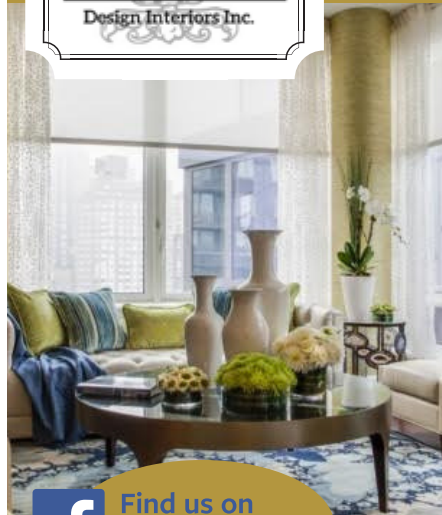
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Or, head back east to the **Bird-in-Hand Stage** to savor a Pennsylvania Dutch lunch or dinner with a magic show or the live musical whodunit, *Stolen*.

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such as the Chocolate Tasting Experience or Creating Your Own Candy Bar, where you can choose your ingredients and personalize your own wrapper with your photo. Open year-round.

Then on to **Hershey Park**, to zoom along the park's oldest roller coaster, the Comet, admire the view of the town of Hershey from the Kissing Tower (and don't forget to kiss at the top), and float over the park with your kiddos on Sky-view, an aerial gondola ride.

Your ticket also lets you see more than 200 animals at ZooAmerica and soak up the sun at Hershey's water park, The Boardwalk. Opening weekend, May 3–5.

## AMUSE YOURSELF

You'll find plenty of family fun in Lancaster. And as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, the opening weekends of amusement parks get closer.

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Another popular destination is Hershey, nicknamed "The Sweetest Place on Earth," and located in Lancaster's next-door neighbor, Dauphin County. Try the free tour at **Hershey's Chocolate World**—a delicious journey that takes you through the chocolate-making process. Then check out the other attractions,

## GRAB A DRINK

Another interesting Lancaster fact—the county has a tradition of great beer.

Before the era of prohibition, German immigrants brought lager beer with them to Lancaster County. As they started making their own brews, Lancaster's brewing reputation grew, earning it the nickname, "The Little Munich of America." Though prohibition set back brewing everywhere for a time, the brewery scene has gained new life recently, and is overflowing with choices.



Hershey's Chocolate World

YES, I'M FROM LANCASTER COUNTY. NO, I'M NOT Amish. And my family did not get around in a horse and buggy.

It may surprise you just how often I'm asked those questions—in that order.

And equally surprising to many is just how diverse Lancaster County actually is—from rolling country hills where I grew up, to busy shopping outlets my family frequented on weekends, and a sophisticated city at the county's center that I still enjoy visiting.

Life in Lancaster ranges from broad vistas marked by farmlands and quiet Amish communities, to a bustling county seat with a burgeoning arts, dining and culture scene, to small towns with quirky names filled with history, to the lush, green open space along the Susquehanna River.

Yes, it's true that life here seems simpler, slower. Perhaps that's

one reason tourism is a leading industry in Lancaster County, as people travel to capture that feeling.

And for this Lancaster gal, it's a joy to share some of the highlights from my home.

## RAISE THE CURTAIN

Did you know that Lancaster County is home to theaters of all sizes and types, offering one-of-a-kind shows and headline acts?

Heading west into Lancaster, **Sight & Sound Theatre** is just minutes away from the Strasburg Railroad, and another reason to visit. It's the biggest stage in the region—a 2,000-seat auditorium with a 40-foot-high, 300-foot-wide panoramic stage that surrounds audiences on three sides, with state-of-the-art technology and live animals. See musical productions of Bible stories brought to life, including *Jesus* and *Miracle of Christmas*.





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Tröeg's Independent Brewing

If you're in Hershey for the amusement parks, make sure to stop by **Tröegs Independent Brewing** to take a tour or sample their tasting room or snack bar. Travel south to Mount Joy to experience a murder mystery dinner at the 19th-century **Bube's Brewery** or go to Manheim to **Mount Hope Estate**, home to a winery, brewery and cidery.

**Stoudt's Brewing Company, Restaurant & Pub** in Adamstown is another top destination for beer fans. Founded by Carol Stoudt, the first female brewmaster since prohibition, Stoudt's offers dining in their restaurant and pub, shopping in their market, and browsing around their indoor antiques mall.

Lancaster City is also a destination for a unique brew. Over at the **Lancaster Brewing Company** you can grab a beer and tour the brewery inside the historic Edward McGovern Tobacco Warehouse. Just a few blocks away, play arcade games and sit down for a meal and a beer at the **Spring House Brewing Company**.

Not a beer drinker? No problem—tour **Thistle Finch Distillery**, and enjoy a classic rye whiskey cocktail in their tasting room before you leave with a bottle of black pepper rye to take home.

### MUD SALES

As spring arrives in Lancaster, a new spark of activity ignites the community. Among the fun events on the agenda are the annual mud sales—which gained their name from the condition of the thawing ground in the early spring. Thousands are drawn to these seasonal gatherings in Lancaster's Amish communities.

Often, these sales are major fundraisers for local volunteer fire companies, and also attract those looking for bargains on a wide selection of goods—anything from Amish quilts, lumber, buggies, lawn equipment, to furniture, antiques and more.

Mud sales have more than just great deals. Make sure to sample the delicious regional food while you're there. Enjoy Pennsylvania Dutch chicken corn soup, sticky buns and funnel cakes, and make sure to take some whoopie pies, apple dumplings or shoofly pie home with you for dessert.

*See the sidebar for upcoming mud sales.*

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## CITY LIFE

Lancaster City is the biggest—and only—city in the county. And, while it has the soul of the charming country surrounding it, its future is lively and modern.

With so much to do and see, Lancaster City deserves its own article. But until I write that piece, here's a small taste of what you can expect.

Start with a sample of what Lancaster's active arts scene has to offer—like theaters, museums galleries and music. Seasonal ArtWalks and First Fridays are perfect times to stroll along **Gallery Row** to find special activities and live music all around downtown.

Perfect for a day trip, Lancaster City also offers shopping at over 200 distinctive shops and 90+ dining options. Grab some souvenirs and a bite to eat at **Central Market**, the oldest, continu-

ously running public farmers' market in the country.

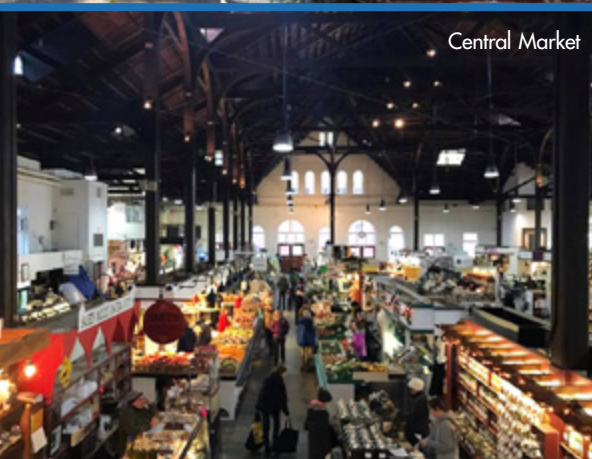
Or browse goods from over 70 vendors—artisans, antiques and collectibles dealers—spread through three warehouses at **Building Character**. And find one-of-a-kind items at a variety of boutiques on the **300 Block of North Queen Street**. Find more to do at *Visit-LancasterCity.com*.

I hope you'll plan your next spring getaway to Lancaster County to experience the charm of the countryside and the diversity of Lancaster's communities.

For more information to plan your visit, go to *DiscoverLancaster.com*. ♦



Building Character



Central Market



## Lancaster County Events

### THEATERS

#### Prima

Apr. 5–20, Godspell; Apr. 11–14, 70s Smash Hits. 941 Wheatland Ave., Ste. A, Lancaster. PrimaLancaster.org.

#### Fulton Theatre

Through Apr. 13, Pinocchio; Through Apr. 14, Once; Apr. 2–28, I Am My Own Wife; Apr. 30–May 25, Sophisticated Ladies. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. TheFulton.org.

#### Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Through May 4, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; May 9–June 22, Camelot. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. DutchApple.com.

#### American Music Theatre

Apr. 7, Engelbert Humperdinck; Apr. 10, Doo-bie Brothers; Apr. 12, Kris Kristofferson & The Strangers; Apr. 14, STOMP; May 3, Resurrection—A Journey Tribute; May 4, Straight No Chaser; May 5, Herman's Hermits; May 10, Foreigner. 2425 Lincoln Hwy., E.Lancaster. AmtShows.com.

#### Sight & Sound Theatres

Through Oct. 5, Jesus. 300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks. Sight-Sound.com.

#### Bird-in-Hand Stage

Apr. 17–Oct. 26, Magic & Wonder: IMAGINE; May 1–Oct. 23, Stolen. 2760 #A Old Phila. Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Bird-In-Hand.com

#### MUD SALES benefit fire companies

More at *DiscoverLancaster.com*.

Apr. 6—Robert Fulton Mud Sale. 2271 Robert Fulton Hwy. Peach Bottom. Rffc89.com.

Apr. 13—Rawlinsville Mud Sale. 22 Martic Heights Dr., Hollywood. 717-284-3023.

Apr. 20—Schoneck Fire Co. Mud Sale. 125 N. King St., Denver. 717-336-6767; SchoneckFire.com.

### MORE LANCASTER EVENTS

Apr. 6—**Rails and Ales**. Craft breweries, food at the Railroad Museum of PA. \$15–\$160. 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg. RailsAndAles.org.

Apr. 13—**1st Annual Clockwork Festival**. \$5–\$23, National Watch & Clock Museum, 514 Poplar St., Columbia. Nawcc.org.

Apr. 13, 19–20—**Easter Bunny Breakfast**. Kitchen Kettle Village. \$10–\$15; 3529 Old Phila. Pk., Intercourse. KitchenKettle.com.

Apr. 27—**Race Against Racism**. Annual 5k run/walk through historic Lancaster. 135 N. Lime St., Lancaster. YwcaLancaster.org.

May 4—**Pretzel Fest**. Pretzel tastings highlight Lititz's pretzel history. Beer tastings and music \$15–\$20. LititzPretzelFest.com.

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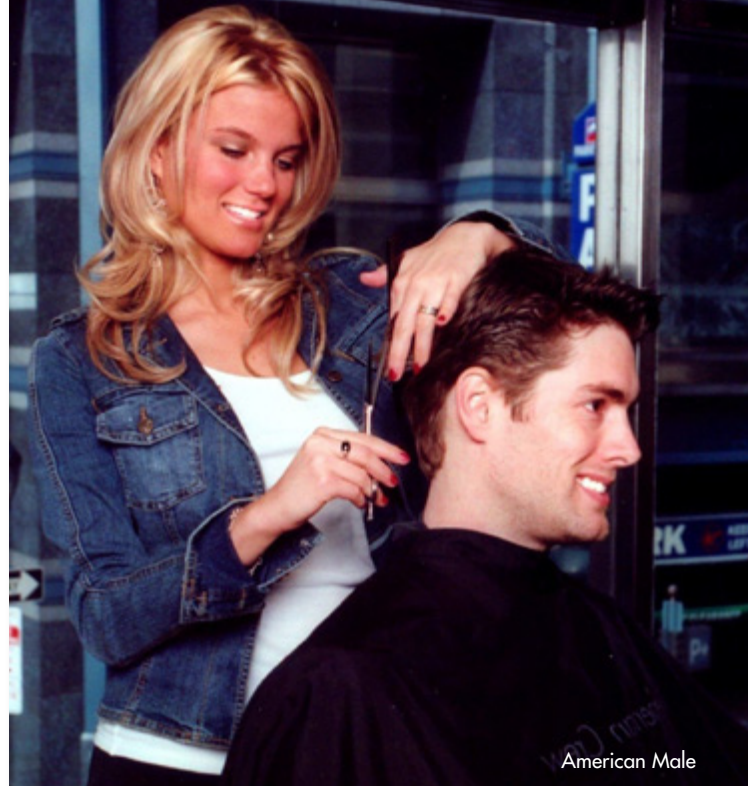
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# GROOM-SCAPING

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## SOME ADVICE ON GROOMING THE GROOM



American Male



Ultimate Shave

### START AT THE TOP

The first issue is the hair on your head. And face. If you have any. Maybe elsewhere, too.

Got a trusted barber who's cut your hair for years? Are you happy with your look? Or have you been passive about your hair: longer or shorter, basically.

It's time to be proactive and definitive about what you want. A week or two in advance, make an appointment. Insist on your preferences. Go for neatness. And no major changes.

If someone else has been cutting your hair—a girlfriend, mother or whoever is around—it's time to choose a professional. In fact, give your new barber a test run, months before the wedding. If you've got a photo of the look you want, show it.

Discuss the use of product. Kristin Blume of the Ultimate Shave in Glen Mills says there are now products "you can run your hands through." Who knew there were some you couldn't? But try any new ones in advance.



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### MORE ON HAIR

Your moustache and beard, if any, require the same consideration as your hair for the big day. A specialist—The American Male in Berwyn, Shaving Grace in Exton, Ultimate Shave in Glen Mills, Blue Label in Phoenixville are some examples—will trim, shape and remove extraneous hair from your cheeks or neck.

Strive for an open look, but neatness above all. This is not the time to do a full James Hardin.

Ideally, your shave, whether full or partial, should be done as close to your wedding day as possible. You can do it yourself. Or you can treat yourself.

A professional shave will take around 40 minutes, so factor time into your last-minute prep. In any case, a straight-edge shave, by a pro, will give you the closest shave possible.

When you arrive, you'll settle into a bib and comfortable chair, then lean back. To soften your whiskers and skin, an essential oil—perhaps lavender or eucalyptus—will gently be rubbed in, and your face wrapped in a moist, hot towel. A cleanser may be applied to open your pores. Then another towel.

Warm shaving cream is next, applied and allowed to soak in, before a razor—a sharp, straight-edge razor—is taken to your face. Carefully, the blade will be drawn across your

beard. Wielded deftly and properly, the blade will not pull or scratch as hairs are smoothly removed.

Next, more shaving cream and a second pass. Then another towel, this time cool to close your pores.

Finally, a balm or after-shave is applied, primarily to moisturize. Dry after your shave? Irritated? Consult your barber. But, ultimately, your face should feel smooth, like a baby's behind.

### FACE THE FACIAL

Your face—the skin on it—requires special attention. Without care, it develops wrinkles, age spots or dullness. Nearly everyone has pores that clog, causing all kinds of unpleasantness.

The best results, according to Dan Cosgrove of La Difference, require a lifelong regimen, with attention at least every quarter. Kristy Cole of Cole Wellness in Wayne agrees. Not many of us are so meticulous.

Yet, noticeable improvement can be made if you get a facial about two weeks before the wedding—two weeks because your skin may react, causing redness.

Yes, a facial. For women, this has long been de rigeur. For men it's fairly new, but trending, particularly among under-50s, says Cosgrove.

At La Difference, a facial begins in a quiet, darkened room with relaxing background music as you lay on your back, knees supported, with a heating pad beneath. The emphasis is on comfort.

Towels and steam are gently applied. Your pores are examined in a bright light. Clogged pores are gently extracted with a specialized instrument. How long this takes varies, and it's slightly uncomfortable. But only slightly. Olga at La Difference was very gentle.

After extractions, your face is washed and exfoliated, cleaning the pores. Kristy Cole emphasizes that natural ingredients—jojoba to exfoliate and clean the pores, papaya to dissolve the dead skin—are used in her spa.

Then a moisturizer, cotton pads around the eyes, and a mask are applied. The idea

is to tighten, lift and calm down the skin, leaving you looking healthy and well rested.

### ON THE TIPS OF YOUR FINGERS

Now your nails. Clearly they need to be clean and clipped, more or less regularly and symmetrically, and filed. Again, your bride will definitely have this done by a pro. You should too. Think of it as a man-icure.

Men may not think about it, but their hands are highly visible. And, on the Big Day, your hands will be on display and photographed with a new ring on your finger.

At Currie Hair, Skin & Nails in Glen Mills, nail technician Diana Bearardy explains the process as she works. The manicure generally begins with a hand massage and ends with the application of polish or clear, as she calls it.

In between, fingernails are clipped, filed and shaped. Your hands are soaked in a special hydrate solution, meant to moisturize. Cuticles—dead skin around the nailbed—are removed. In the end, your fingernails—in fact, your whole hand—feels refreshed.

### WHAT ELSE

It's like cleaning your home. There's always something more to do. There's hair in a lot of usually unnoticed places like on your back, chest and between your eyebrows. There may be gray at the temples. Maybe a pedicure, to complement that manicure? Self-tanning and teeth whitening? Or a relaxing full body massage?

One thing is clear. Your appearance is important. Your bride and guests, not to mention the photos, will capture it all. And don't think of your evening as over after the last dance. You'll want to attend to your image and well-being long after the late-night after-party. ♦



Currie Hair, Skin & Nails

**T**HE BIG DAY IS COMING. MONTHS IN THE PLANNING, but now only weeks to prepare. You and your bride have selected everything from the venue to the favors.

As the day approaches, you take a look—a good, long look—in the mirror. Your bride looks at you, too. And, the verdict is you need some work. You'll need at the least a haircut and a shave for all those photos.

But what else? And where will you go for help? For professional help to get wedding ready?

Be reassured that men are no longer treated like second-class citizens in salons, says Jessica Hammel of Berwyn's The American Male. Barbering is expanding as more men do manscaping, and not just for the wedding day.



# The Groom's Side

YES, THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON IN THE WEDDING STORY.

Story by Jo Anne Durako  
Photos by Asya Photography

**D**o I have to ask her dad for her hand in marriage?" My son's voice cracked over a bad connection. Just when I thought I'd taught him all his life lessons—be kind, brave, happy; handwrite thank you notes, buy lemonade from kids, and call your mother regularly—there was more.

We hadn't talked about proposing in the 21st century. Asking for a woman's hand in marriage seemed to me to be necessary only for a character in an 18th-century novel. And what about asking her mother? I imagined how I'd feel if left out of that conversation—if I had a daughter.

So we discussed whether her parents had a sense this proposal might happen and if they'd approve, plus whether he was comfortable asking his future wife first. Letting her be the decider. Expecting a yes, he concluded there'd be time to ask for her parents' blessing.

## The Proposal

My son proposed by the light of a rented pick-up truck, using a placeholder ring. Let me back up. Actually it was more romantic than that sounds. After all, in an era of over-the-top prom-posals—invitations to high school proms—a future groom has to invest some effort.

Using an app—yes, there's one for that—they chased the Northern Lights, which eluded them on an Icelandic vacation when they fell in love, and saw them on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Plus a shooting star. Hence the roadside proposal.\*

And the placeholder ring? That's a new thing and one the groom has shared with friends—to allow a 21st-century woman with very particular tastes to design the ring she'd wear, one hoped, forever. And that's also Instagram-worthy.

\* The groom gave the bride an oil painting capturing the proposal, we think. It's difficult to interpret his unschooled style, yet it's hanging prominently in the couple's home.





### Groom's Family

Although most grooms may not have specked out their weddings to the extent of many brides, there's still thought, effort and prep required. As well as roles for their family.

For me, I'd paraphrase W.C. Fields, "On the whole, I'd rather be mother of the groom." Beyond the traditional advice—"Show up, shut up, and wear beige"—the MOG role is not demanding. For a person who married in a courthouse, weddings hold little fascination for me—beyond editing wedding issues for this magazine ...

And since the bride had her vision, the process ran apace, thanks to help from an all-star MOB. I happily stayed on the sidelines, as did my husband (the FOG, if that's a thing)—suggesting local venues, checking out vendors, tasting wedding cake. No decision-making responsibilities, just fun.

The groom agreed. So long as there'd be a great party with family and friends, he'd be happy. His goal was to ensure his future wife got the wedding she wanted. We were unified.

### Groomsmen

After securing his perfect bride, the groom's attention turned to his contribution to the wedding party. As an only child with a long list of friends, he needed diplomacy and toughness. Brothers of the bride? Close circle of friends or track teammates? That's over 30. Maybe have a 5K race with top finishers earning a spot?

In the end, only one twin bestie but both future brothers-in-law made the cut. The best man was a track teammate since ninth grade, reliable and up to the job.

And although simpler than choosing bridesmaid styles, colors and fabrics, deciding on the groomsmen's attire is not without peril. Having rented an assortment of tuxedos for other weddings, the groom had a plan for his own. His gift to his groomsmen would be their custom wedding suits.

Working with a college friend at the e-commerce company Bonobos, the groom coordinated measurements for the guys around the country and ordered their dark navy suits. At Christmas, he delivered his surprise gifts. The groomsmen's task was to stay the same size for the next six months—no bigger, no smaller—to fit into their trimly tailored suits.

The groom later followed up with equestrian designed bow ties and cufflinks to fit the theme of the wedding, held at Radnor Hunt on the day of the Triple Crown race at the Belmont Stakes. (Note: Justify conveniently won the Triple Crown, broadcast between the wedding ceremony and reception.)

### Mini-Moons and More

This story breezes over events on the much busier bride's side—the subject of many more articles, movies and blogs. Yet, the groom had a few more tasks—organizing hotels blocks, arranging gifts for the bride's extended family (excellent in-law investment), preparing remarks, not to mention writing his vows, toasts and the wedding-day letter to his future wife.

Free from details like choosing the chair style for the reception, the groom could plan the mini-moon—a shorter getaway for those with







demanding careers and limited vacation leave. Four days on the pink sands of Bermuda, less than a three-hour flight away. Done.

And also plan the pre- and post-wedding parties.

Then it was just a matter of showing up to scheduled events—rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, wedding, reception, after-party, farewell brunch—on time, properly attired, accompanied by all eight groomsmen and one wedding ring.

## The Rehearsal Dinner

The rehearsal dinner is a major item on the groom's To-Do list. Or his parents'. The groom happily delegated the details after turning over carefully negotiated guest lists.

The groom's one request: a convenient and informal gathering where both families and all friends could freely mingle to start off the weekend. A favorite brewery had a private second floor, so La Cabra in Berwyn filled the bill. A delicious Southwestern-inflected buffet and plenty of great craft beer (and wine for those who must) lubricated the meeting and greeting of seldom-seen family, family-to-be, out-of-towners, along with the wedding party.

The absence of photos from this event—but for an iPhone shot of the track-shoe-shaped groom's cake—demonstrates that the bride's side was much better with the details.

## Pre-Wedding

Rather than a salon day, the guys opted for a five-mile run on the groom's favorite course at Haverford College. Next, a quick lunch from Wawa, another groom favorite, then showers.

Luckily all suits and ties fit and the custom French-cuff shirts arrived on time.

Was there primping? The groom submitted to having his hair brushed into something resembling a style. Others were more meticulous, requesting hair spray for the humid afternoon. Rather than risking amateur skills, a bow tie specialist was enlisted (she later confessed to recently prepping from the Internet).

After the groomsmen headed for the ceremony, plastic shirt bags, wooden suit hangers, faux-leather cufflink boxes and random drinks dotted all surfaces. Wet towels and smelly running shoes dropped on floors around the house were a glimpse of what life with nine sons might be like.

## Wedding and After-Parties

This is the bride's day. The groom merely avoids seeing the bride pre-ceremony, remembers his vows and toasts, checks on the ring, and has a few words with his future father-in-law.

A few more groom's duties: the first dance to a favorite song, in this case Thomas Rhett's "Happy Man," mentioning the Northern Lights. Then a dance with his mother, to which other mothers attending were invited to join—after all, the bride's mother, who had two sons among the groomsmen, had arranged this party. She should get to dance!

Even with a great reception band and dancing until all jackets, most ties and many shoes were cast off, the after-party extended the celebration. Returning to Wayne, near the guests' hotels, the after-party was enough fun to attract two wedding crashers, who unfortunately weren't as smooth as Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughan.

Celebration #4 was a late Sunday brunch at the groom's parents' home. So technically the groom is involved in this, too, and, he sincerely wanted to man the grill for a BBQ. Since this would be the morning after the after-party, caterers made for an easier Sunday.

A happy crowd turned out to fill the house for a warm farewell, oblivious to the tent that collapsed on the lawn from yet another summer downpour.

## Finale

Through it all, the groom managed to keep his rather large gift to his new wife hidden until the end—a Ford truck, suitable for trailering her horse and hauling their wedding gifts. The couple headed for JFK airport, for the Bermuda mini-moon, which became a many-moon (now also a thing) as the couple continued to plan more trips over the next months.

At the couple's request, leftover food and wedding flowers were shared with a local senior community and West Chester shelter, including gluten-free goodies from the cookie table.

And yes, the couple's thank you notes, which included wedding photos of each guest, were all handwritten.







## THE LIST

### WEDDING

**Venue & Reception:** Radnor Hunt

**Catering:** Sage Catering

**Cake:** Bredenbeck's Bakery

**Groom's Cake:** Cakes & Candies  
by Maryellen

**Photography & Videography:**  
Asya Photography

**Wedding Planner:** Lisa Marie  
at Kaleidoscope Weddings

**Flowers:** Fresh Designs Florist

**Band:** Pop Philly through EBE Talent

**Favors:** Cookie Table by  
Friends & Family

**Belmont Stakes Raffle Prizes:**  
Themed Whiskeys and Wines

### GROOM

**Groom's & Groomsmen's Suits:**  
Bonobos

**Shirts:** Charles Tyrwhitt

**Groom's Cufflinks:** Art Deco vintage,  
A Brandt + Son Antique & Estate  
Jewelry

**Groom's Watch:** Movado, Gift from  
the Bride

**Bow Ties & Groomsmen's Cufflinks:**  
Custom Equestrian Design

**Bow Ties Tied:** Mallory

**Hair Cut:** Dibonaventura Barber &  
Styling, by Al, Jr.

### BRIDE

**Gown:** Sottero and Midgley

**Jewelry:** Grandmother's Jewelry

**Ring:** Kevin Edward Jewelers custom  
design with family stones

**Veil:** Mother's veil from  
Priscilla of Boston

**Shoes:** Badgley Mischka

**Hair & Makeup:** Wink Lash Studio  
& Blowout Bar

**Bridesmaids' Dresses:**  
Weddington Way

At left, the one photo taken by the  
groom's side, of the groom's cake



*"Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."*

*—Emily Brontë, Wuthering Heights*



# Wedding Sparkle



## BHLDN

A floral-embroidered bodice features a plunging neckline and sheer back for a stunning finish, but our favorite part of this showstopping ballgown is its voluminous tiered skirt. The Valera Gown is available for try-on at BHLDN's Devon boutique.

Whether it's the ring on her finger or bejeweled halo headband in her hair, all brides sparkle! To find more options for dressing for the wedding, we talked with Faymi Winters, from the BHLDN boutique in Anthropologie at Devon Yards. This new addition to the bridal scene fills a niche in Anthropologie's customer life cycle, adding curated gowns and special occasion dresses plus accessories for the modern woman.

With a variety of aesthetics—from boho to modern to sophisticated—BHLDN offers approachable style at a comfortable price point. Trends for spring, says Winters—sleeves, plunging necklines, lace gowns, and tulle ballgowns (see below). Bridal separates are also big for customizing size and versatility. And veils of all lengths add drama and shine.

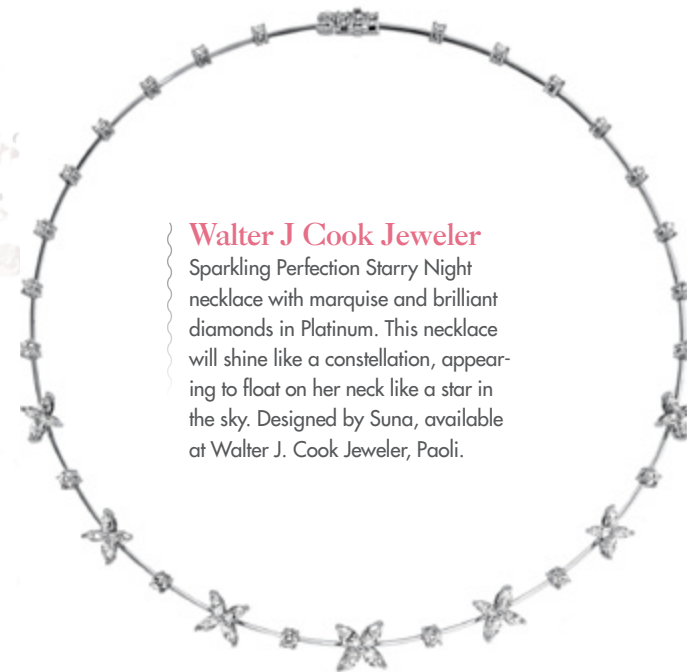
Other area style-makers added their take on trending wedding style. What's on your list?



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## Matlack Florist

One of Matlack Florist's August brides was ahead of the coral trend. Pantone's 2019 color of the year, 'Living Coral' is beautifully showcased in this gorgeous bridal bouquet with its vibrant roses and peonies.



## Walter J Cook Jeweler

Sparkling Perfection Starry Night necklace with marquise and brilliant diamonds in Platinum. This necklace will shine like a constellation, appearing to float on her neck like a star in the sky. Designed by Suna, available at Walter J. Cook Jeweler, Paoli.



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1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford

610-388-8112; [BrandywineMuseum.org](http://BrandywineMuseum.org)

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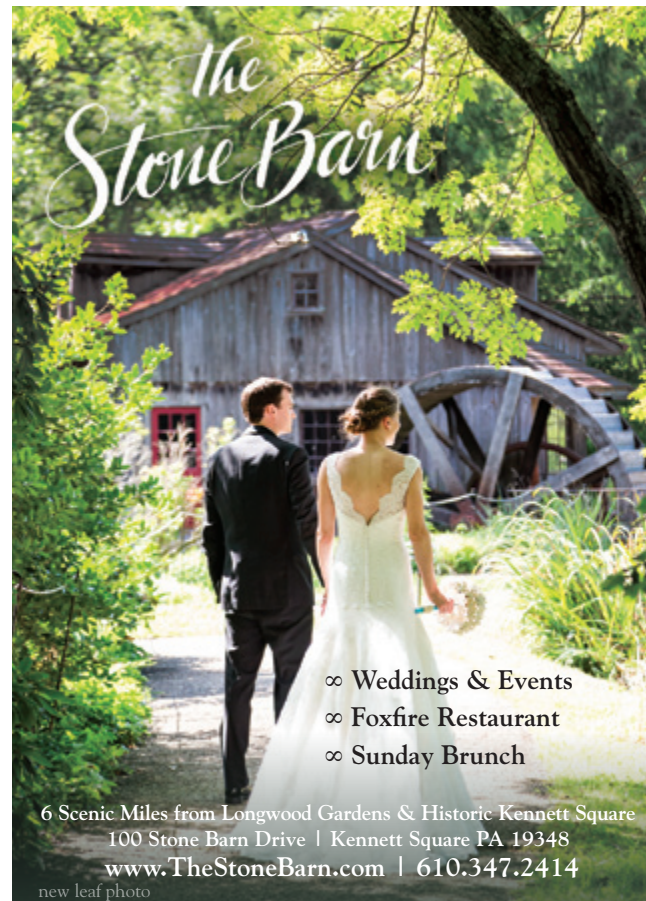
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## other venues

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62 Bowman Rd., Lancaster  
855-687-8920; [TheBarnAtSilverstone.com](http://TheBarnAtSilverstone.com)

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### GALLERY & MUSEUM SPACES

#### Community Arts Ctr., Wallingford

414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford  
610-566-1713; [CommunityArtsCenter.org](http://CommunityArtsCenter.org)

#### Chester County Historical Society

225 N. High St., West Chester  
610-692-4800; [ChesterCoHistorical.org](http://ChesterCoHistorical.org)

#### The Delaware Contemporary

200 S. Madison St., Wilmington  
302-656-6466; [DEContemporary.org](http://DEContemporary.org)

#### Hagley Museum & Library

298 Buck Rd., Wilmington  
302-658-2400; [Hagley.org](http://Hagley.org)

#### Rockwood Museum

610 Shipley Rd., Wilmington  
#02-761-4340; [Rockwood.org](http://Rockwood.org)

#### Wayne Art Center

413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne  
610-688-3553; [WayneArt.org](http://WayneArt.org)

#### Winterthur Museum & Gardens

5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur  
800-448-3883; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org)

### GARDENS & ARBORETUMS

#### Tyler Arboretum

515 Painter Rd., Media  
610-213-3097; [TylerArboretum.org](http://TylerArboretum.org)

#### Welkinweir Estate

1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown  
610-469-7543; [Welkinweir.org](http://Welkinweir.org)

### HISTORIC BUILDINGS

#### Anthony Wayne House at Historic Waynesborough

2049 Waynesborough Rd., Paoli  
610-647-1779; [PhilaLandmarks.org](http://PhilaLandmarks.org)

#### Historic Rock Ford Plantation

881 Rockford Rd., Lancaster  
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#### Merion Tribute House

625 Hazelhurst Ave., Merion Station  
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#### Pennsbury Inn

883 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford  
610-388-1435; [PennsburyInn.com](http://PennsburyInn.com)

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151 Liberty Ln., Malvern  
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860 Springton Rd., Glenmoore  
610-733-2516; SpringtonManorFarm.com

**Radnor Hunt**  
826 Providence Rd., Malvern  
610-644-4439; RadnorHunt.org

**University & Whist Club**  
805 N. Broom St., Wilmington  
302-658-5125; UniversityAndWhistClub.com

**Wheatland**  
1120 Marietta Ave., Lancaster  
717-392-4633; Wheatland.org

### SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES

**Ballroom at the Baldwin School**  
701 W. Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr  
484-988-2973; BaldwinEvents.com

**Great Hall at Immaculata University**  
1145 King Rd., Immaculata  
610-647-4400; Immaculata.edu

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1001 Eagle Rd., Wayne  
610-989-1509; VFMAC.edu

**Villanova Univ. Conference Center**  
601 County Line Rd., Radnor  
610-519-7580  
VillanovaConferenceCenter.com

### TRANSPORTATION VENUES

**American Helicopter Museum**  
1220 American Blvd., West Chester  
610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum

### OTHER VENUES & REHEARSAL DINNERS

**Ballroom at the Westside**  
430 Hannum Ave., West Chester  
610-431-9378; BallroomAtTheWestside.com

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## Centreville-Layton School

6201 Kennett Pk., Centreville, DE  
302-571-0230; [CentrevilleLayton.org](http://CentrevilleLayton.org)

June 24-July 26

Their PreK-8th grade program is designed to reinforce academics, with an optional afternoon program focused on recreational activities, including swimming. The 9th-12th grade program offers a choice of small group support or a program designed to broaden students' reading and social comprehension. Visit their website for more.

## Delaware Art Museum

2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington  
302-351-8551; [DelArt.org](http://DelArt.org)

June 10-August 16

The Delaware Art Museum's summer program for children ages 6-16 provides a creative experience with professional instruction in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Contact Rebecca Howell at 302-351-8551 or visit [DelArt.org](http://DelArt.org).

## Delaware Museum of Natural History

4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington  
302-658-9111; [Delmnh.org](http://Delmnh.org)

Museum Peeps (ages 4-6):

June 10-14,  
4 half-hour mini camps

Animals Up Close camp for 7th-9th grade: June 10-14, Campers get to work with live animals from the Museum as well as birds from a partner organization, Animal Behavior & Conservation Connections.

Full Day Camps for K-6th grade: June 17-August 23, Hands-on, interactive learning and play, with time outside in the meadow, garden, wooded hiking trails and wildlife blind, plus inside the Museum's galleries.

Museum Babies: Tues. and Wed. in August  
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## Kimberton Waldorf Summer Nature and Farm Camp

410 W. Seven Stars Rd., Phoenixville  
610-933-3635; [Kimberton.org](http://Kimberton.org)

June 10-August 23

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## Malvern Prep

418 S. Warren Ave., Malvern  
484-595-1173; [MalvernPrep.org](http://MalvernPrep.org)

June 17-August 2

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208 Woodlawn Rd., Wilmington  
302-478-1740; [PilotSchool.org](http://PilotSchool.org)

June 17-July 26

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IT WAS AN EXCITING SEASON FOR BASKETBALL, BOTH FOR boys and girls teams at area independent schools. Swimming, hockey, wrestling and indoor track had their moments, too, treating parents, friends and fans to victories, and tempting colleges with potential recruits.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The Haverford School finished their remarkable unbeaten season—24 wins in all—by downing Westtown School in overtime in the finals of the PAISAA (Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association) championship.

Christian Ray, the Fords' 6'6" shooting forward and Haverford's all-time leading scorer, will play for LaSalle College next year. Point guard Jameer Nelson has committed to play for St. Joseph's University, so the two are likely to faceoff in future games.

Meanwhile, Westtown School's boys team finished second at PAISAA. Its 6'11" center John Bol Ajak is headed to Syracuse University next year. Also graduating is Jalen Gaffney, the team's point guard. A leading recruit nationwide, he sorted through 14 offers before choosing University of Connecticut.

The boys of Sanford School won the championship in Delaware and finished the season 16-4. Led by its juniors, 6'7" Jyare Davis scored 16 points and 6 rebounds per game, while guards Hasan Perkins and Corey Perkins averaged 12 points each.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Villa Maria Hurricanes blew out their competition, with a record of 23-3 overall ... and, at press time, they are not finished! Having trounced Elizabethtown, the team is headed for the quarter-finals of states! Abby Walheim, 6'0", who passed 1000 career points in basketball in January and averaged 17 points and 6 rebounds, will play lacrosse for Villanova next year.

In Delaware, Sanford's girls were 10-0 among Independent Schools, 17-4 overall, and ranked 1st in the state. Samantha Pollich, its 6'0" forward, averaged 12 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists. She's attracted significant interest from colleges but hasn't yet committed. Lauren Park-Lane, who scored 9 points per game, signed with Seton Hall. And Olivia Tucker, who averaged 16 points, is going to St. Bonaventure College.

The girls' team at Westtown School had a 17-6 record this year. Jo Lacey, its 6'1" guard, averaged 12 points and 7 rebounds. At forward and 6'0", Amaya Douglas averaged 12 points and 5 rebounds. Both are juniors.



Villa Maria

Haverford School  
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Episcopal Academy

The **Shipley School's** girls team was 22–4 and undefeated in the Friends League. Its all-time scoring leader, 6'2" Anna Camden, averaged 15 points and 8 rebounds. Next year, she'll attend Penn State. Lauren Ross, the team's guard, who averaged 15 points and 5 rebounds, will attend St. Joseph's University.

**Sacred Heart Academy** clinched a District 1 Class 2A tournament spot in the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association) for the third year in a row. Shining at center, Kyra Quigley at 6'0", averaged a double-double for the season: 12 points and 12 rebounds per game.

## SWIMMING

In a historic first, the **Episcopal Academy** swim team won the 119th Eastern Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championship. Ivan Puskovitch broke school records for the 200-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle, and has committed to the University of Southern California.

Junior Cole Whitsett won the 100-yard freestyle, the 100-yard breaststroke, and 100-yard butterfly, again setting school records in each. He's going to the University of Tennessee.

Brian Brennan, a junior at **The Haverford School**, swam the 50- and 100-yard freestyle in the Inter-Ac Championship, winning both, then finished 3rd and 2nd at Eastern Championships. He's headed for the University of Virginia for 2020.

Going to Ohio State next year is **Malvern Prep's** Matt Magness. He won the National Catholic Swimming & Diving Championship for the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events.

In Delaware, **Tower Hill's** boys and girls swim teams both won the Delaware Independent School Conference (DISC) championship. Lainey Mullin, an 8th grader, won the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, and contributed to Tower Hill's first place finishes in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays. Freshman Sydney DeBaecke finished first in the 100-yard backstroke.

Swimming for the girls at **Academy of Notre Dame**, Madison Kolessar won the 500-yard freestyle at the Eastern Championships. She's committed to the University of Florida. Teammate Mia Abruzzo, a sophomore, finished first at Eastern Championships in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley events.

## WRESTLING

Once again, **Malvern Prep** dominated the mats in wrestling, finishing 20–4 and placing second in the state among independent schools. Individually, juniors Dalton Harkins and Dayton DeViscio each had 40-plus wins, as did freshman Nick Feldman. Two seniors, Nick Florschutz and Henry Hague, were 36–12 and 26–13, respectively.

For the second year straight, **Tower Hill** won wrestling's DISC championship, led by senior Ted Hughes and junior Ky Jacobs. Hughes had a 25–9 record for the season and will play football at Bucknell University next year. Jacobs, who won the championship last year, was 32–6. Team captain Brian Brown had a 20–6 record but didn't compete at DISC due to an injury.

## BOYS HOCKEY

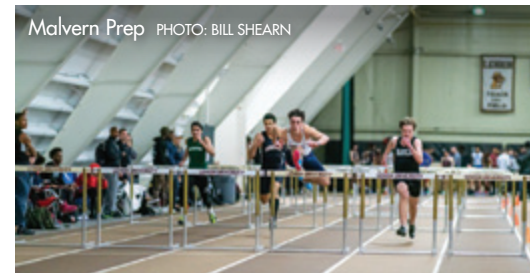
In an upset, **The Hill School** claimed its third championship in four seasons in the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League. Their record overall was 18-9-1. Christian Duvall, who had two goals and an assist in the final, plans to play a year of junior hockey before attending college.

## BOYS TRACK

Several schools shared the spotlight this winter in Pennsylvania track. Julian Klenner of **Westtown School** ran the PAISAA 400-

meter in 48.16 seconds, finishing first. The hurdles belonged to **Malvern Prep's** Sebastian Costantini, winning in the 60-meters at the PAISAA championship meet. He's committed as a kicker to Penn State for football.

At the **Tatnall School**, Napoleon Hernandez ran the 400-meters in 50.25, the 500-meters in 1:06 and the 800-meters in 1:56. They were the best times in Delaware this year.



Malvern Prep PHOTO: BILL SHEARN

## GIRLS TRACK

**Friends' Central School's** girls track team had another good year. Junior Lydia Russell turned in a top performance in the 3000-meters at PAISAA, just beating a time of 10 minutes. In the 800-meter at the PAISAA championship, Micah Trusty, a freshman, ran the 800-meter in 2:10 to finish in second place.

With their several championships, the leading athletes of the independent schools of *County Lines* country are enjoying continuing success in their chosen sports. The schools' seniors are graduating and moving on to top college programs. And, from the looks of their underclassmen, the future promises that victories will continue. ♦

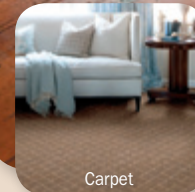


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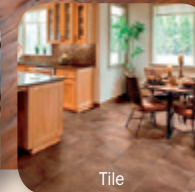
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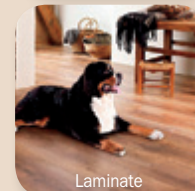


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# Fairyhouse

A CROWN JEWEL IN CHESHIRE HUNT COUNTRY

Laurel Anderson

AFTER 42 YEARS OF ENJOYING LIFE IN THIS COUNTRY retreat, the owners have mixed emotions about leaving the home they've made immensely livable. "Now we have it just the way we want it," one owner says, looking out from the custom-designed great room to the towering Linden tree. The other owner agrees, calling their casually elegant home "well used" in the best sense, where every room is comfortable and has a purpose.

Having moved to Unionville from Chester Springs many years ago, this couple clearly enjoys the Chester County lifestyle—heritage and horses, family and fox hunting, conserved space and country life—pick your favorite pairing of attributes.

And Fairyhouse, named after a famous racecourse in Ireland by former owner James Ryan, embodies all that makes life here so enviable. Ryan was a legendary horseman with a rich history, including serving as Huntsman of the Cheshire Hunt in the 1920s. Ryan lent his name to a local road.

The next owners may well add to the farm's fabled equestrian history. The barn has been home base to Hall of Fame trainers along with steeplechase winners, including two-time Radnor Hunt winner, Bomb, and Saratoga winner, Peñascal. Yet despite this legacy, the perfectly maintained, pastoral property affords the option simply to enjoy a country lifestyle, with or without involvement with horses.

## THE HOME

Set on 58+ acres of lush Cheshire Hunt Country farmland, surrounded by open space and connected by riding trails criss-crossing neighboring farms, what appears at first to be a classic Chester County farmhouse holds many surprises. One of the first is that the wildlife seen on the trip up the curving driveway don't move as you approach. They're sculptures.

The next surprise is inside the understated-appearing home, which presents as a simple 1780s farmhouse with central hall flanked by two charming sets of rooms. The unassuming first impression is soon displaced after entering the spacious, sun-filled interior.

## NEW SPACE

Building on a 1924 expansion, two modern renovations to the original home were designed in 1988 and 2017 by famed restoration architect John Milner, known for his meticulous work honoring our region's vernacular architectural style. The owners said of Milner, "He walked in, looked around and figured out the space." It was up to Griffiths Construction to execute the design. And what a space it is!

A spectacular solarium runs along the full length of the original structure, adding abundant sunlight to the 18th-century rooms and new space, warmed by radiant heat, from which to enjoy the

views out to the heated pool surrounded by established gardens and a picturesque pond beyond.

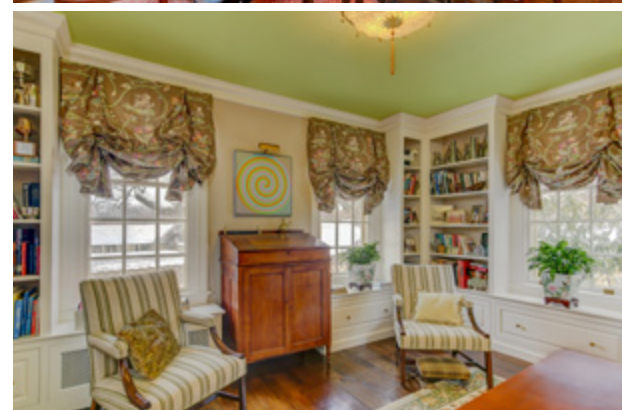
At the end of this glass-enclosed, plant-filled oasis is another surprise—a two-story great room with modern, open kitchen. A space more likely seen in *Architectural Digest* than *Colonial Homes* magazine.

This space, anchored by a large fireplace, is a natural magnet for groups of all sizes—from cozy fireside suppers to Christmas dinner for 30-some or a wedding for 200. And the Milner touches are seen in the quality of every detail—in custom period cabinetry, decorative columns, well-placed windows.

Separated by a substantial island, the adjacent chef's kitchen includes top-of-the-line appliances—six-burner Vulcan range, two Sub-Zero fridge/freezers and more. A walk-in pantry, the size of a small room, makes entertaining a pleasure.







## ORIGINAL HOME, PLUS

The charm of the original farmhouse has been carefully preserved yet thoughtfully modernized. The formal living and dining rooms boast fireplaces along with custom woodwork and cabinetry, while the sunny home office has been equipped with hidden storage and updated for modern technology.

Beyond the trophy room displaying both equestrian and auto racing awards, is the bar area with original kitchen cabinets, tiles and sink—a tangible link to the past. A powder room, convenient mudroom and back stairway complete this level. And below, there's a farmhouse basement that could be finished for additional space.

On the second level are three bedroom suites, with sitting rooms, dressing rooms and en suite bathrooms. One bedroom's surprise is a large interior half-moon window looking into the great room below. The third floor includes two additional bedrooms, bath and laundry area.

The most recent renovation encompassed upgrades to virtually all systems and installation of low-maintenance materials inside and out.

## OTHER BUILDINGS

The large 12+-stall barn, where champions have been stabled, includes a paneled tack and feed room, plus powder room and washer and dryer. The classic barn features an efficiency apartment, three-car garage plus an expansive loft, suitable for endless possibilities—equip-

ment storage, displaying a car collection, entertainment space (aka party barn). Five pastures and paddocks with turnout sheds are nearby.

Also on the property are a charming stone springhouse, and a nicely situated three-bedroom cottage with Quaker shed, accessed by a separate entrance.

In short, Fairyhouse is a grand, historic horse farm to be treasured. ♦

*For more information about this 58+acre property (2 tax parcels under Act 319), including the recently renovated country house, 12+-stall barn, 3-bedroom cottage, 3-car garage, located in award-winning Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, contact Amy McKenna at Country Properties, Berkshire Hathaway, Fox & Roach, 610-470-7138 (cell) or 610-347-2065 (office); TheCountryProperties.com.*

# THIS SPRING, TRY A DIFFERENT KIND OF BEER

Eric Yost and Corey Ross  
Suburban Brewing Co.

WARM WEATHER, THE TASTES OF BBQ AND GRILLING CALL FOR A SPECIFIC KIND OF BEER.

THERE'S NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THE BACKYARD rite of spring—dusting off the grill and doing some early season outdoor cooking while enjoying a nice light refreshing beer. As the sun sets later and the temps move higher, many beer fans find their tastes shift to lighter beers. The beers of spring are a refreshing change of pace from the big winter beer styles we craved as true winter warmers.

We believe there's a beer for every occasion and a beer for every season. That's especially true as the seasons move to warmer weather when a cool brew is much appreciated. Here are some favorites.

## SPRING STANDARDS

Beers that immediately come to mind for spring sipping are pilsners, helles lagers, kolschs, German wheats, American wheats, cream ales, gooses, Belgian witbiers and saisons, to name a few. They all fit the bill for those springtime endeavors on the back deck or patio.

These beers tend to be on the lower end of the alcohol range, usually around 4.5% to 5.5% ABV (alcohol by volume) and are light in body with a nice balance between malt and hops. This allows these lighter colored beers to drink extremely easily. Plus their usual golden and straw color are not at all intimidating. In fact, they're downright welcoming to newbie beer fans.

One reason these beers are perfect for the season is that they tend to be very sessionable and extremely thirst quenching. When we say sessionable, that means the lower alcohol content

leaves the drinker able to operate a charcoal or propane grill while enjoying two ... or three.







As the seasons change, so does taste in beer.

Another reason these beers are particularly popular in spring is how well they pair with grilled food and side dishes that go with those main courses. While you may find your own preferred pairing—and we urge you to experiment widely and often—here are a few of ours to sip.

Try, for example, saisons. Saisons originated in Belgium and were brewed during the farming season with ingredients right from the farm. As a style, saisons can be very diverse in terms of alcohol percentage, flavor, aroma and color, which makes them the Swiss Army beer to pair with food.

Flavor characteristics for saisons can range from peppery to fruity and from sour to dry. This wide range in tastes comes from the strain of yeast used to brew the beer. Pairing a peppery saison with a grilled chicken dish or even with grilled veggies, like asparagus, is a surefire hit at any backyard BBQ or Sunday night dinner on the deck.

While saisons may be a bit more complex in terms of flavor profile, lagers are a tried-and-true beer style for any outdoor cooking session. A nice clean tasting helles lager—from the German word *hell*, meaning bright, light, pale and for a beer that's less hoppy than pilsner—will pair perfectly with a grilled pork tenderloin or even grilled seafood. You can also substitute a kolsch or any other type of light, malty and slightly sweet lager or German ale.

A few more words about kolsch. This

beer is fermented with ale yeast, then finished with lagering. Some call it the best of both worlds (of the major division in the beer world between ales and lagers). This light, easy drinking option has a clean, crisp finish, for a satisfying taste.

Another beer style that fits well with almost anything grilled is wheat beers. We're going to lump German and American wheat beers together even though they are fairly different in style and only share the same "wheat" name.

German wheat beer is a classic style that has a banana and clove flavor profile. The German wheat also has a lighter mouthfeel and is the original style for the hazy looking ale from the yeast that's still in suspension. German wheats complement grilled seafood and salmon as well as side salads that contain goat cheeses or other soft cheeses—perfect warm weather menu choices.

The American wheat beer style more closely resembles the American pale ale style that's hoppier and has less emphasis on yeast character, compared to its German counterpart. American wheat beers pair nicely with BBQ chicken and even big juicy hamburgers, but they'll also work well with any dish that has BBQ sauce or some spice and heat.

Earlier in this article, we mentioned cream ales (no cream, but one of the best beers you're not drinking), goes (sour wheat beers) and Belgian witbiers (literally, white

American wheat beers pair well with juicy hamburgers.



Pair a peppery saison with grilled chicken or grilled asparagus.



Try Suburban's Double Dog Dare You with their Copy Cat kolsch.



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beer, an unfiltered, cloudy pale ale spiced, generally with coriander, and orange peel), but we'll leave them for you to create your favorite pairings.

#### EXPLORE CRAFT BEER

A great thing about the current state of craft beer is there are so many beers, especially locally, that don't fit a classic style by definition but are perfect in terms of drinkability as a springtime beer. So we urge you to explore the wide world of local craft beer.

But with that said, there's also something about getting back to basics with

classic styles and pairing them with delicious food. There's a reason some styles have been around a long time and are considered classics. Sometimes keeping things simple just works.

We suggest you talk to local brewers and ask for recommendations for pairing their beers with their menu. You know the dishes were chosen with pairing in mind. Some menus make it easy for you and print a suggested pairing.

If you visit Suburban Brewing, we'd recommend you combine our Double Dog Dare You—a hot dog with pulled pork, hop cheddar cheese, bacon jam and pickled jalapenos (see photo on the prior page)—with our Copy Cat kolsch. The DDDY might not be simple, but, boy, it really works with the classic style of the kolsch!

So whether you choose to keep it simple or go all out with your exploration of food and beer pairings, finding that perfect match is well worth some of your time this spring. Cheers! ♦

Corey Ross is co-owner of Suburban Brewing in Honey Brook and owner of Fancy Camper Home Brew Supply in Malvern. He started his brewing journey in the mid '90s working at a brew-on-premise microbrewery and has continued home brewing ever since, now combined with his new venture at a small batch brewery with Eric Yost.

A native of Chester County, Eric Yost developed a respect for using fresh locally sourced ingredients while honing his skills around the country and at local restaurants, including White Dog Café and Wyebrook Farm. Now chef and owner of Suburban Restaurant and Beer Garden in Exton, he co-owns and operates Suburban Brewing with Corey Ross.



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## [Food News] *A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink*

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**Dough-licious.** As the **Pillsbury Bake-Off** crowned this year's winner—for Dublin Cheeseboard Stuffed Appetizer Bread—let's dig into the history of this iconic American contest. Its impact is widespread, with winners and finalists coming from every state. Pennsylvania's winner, from Devon, entered a pumpkin ravioli and salted caramel whipped cream recipe. Kitchen staples like sesame seeds, Bundt pans and peanut butter blossoms became widely accepted because of past winners. It's never too early to think of new recipes to try out next year! [Pillsbury.com/BakeOff](http://Pillsbury.com/BakeOff).

**Cookies are Coming.** Mark the much-anticipated final season of the HBO series *Game of Thrones* by snacking on **GOT-themed cookies** from Oreo during the season premiere. Stirring up almost as much mystery as the plot-twisting show, Oreo has kept the cookie design under wraps, leaving many fans speculating. Could there be fire and ice icing? Will the cookies be stamped with the direwolves and dragons of Westeros? One more reason to get excited about the April 14th premiere! [TheDailyMeal.com](http://TheDailyMeal.com).



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# Cooking for a Crowd

A CATERER'S GUIDE

Laura Muzzi Brennan



Steve Poses

WHEN IT COMES TO FEEDING A CROWD, STEVE Poses wrote the book. Literally. *At Home: A Caterer's Guide to Cooking and Entertaining* celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Its insights and humor—not to mention the clever illustrations by Poses' friend Pascal Lemaitre—are indispensable to anyone committed to throwing a party without losing their mind.

Poses' catering chops are familiar to anyone who's followed the Philadelphia and national restaurant scenes in the past five decades. His Frog and Commissary restaurants played a major role in Philly's restaurant renaissance during the 1970s.

Poses was named Restaurateur of the Decade by the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association as well as a member of the first 50 *Who's Who of Cooking in America*. His Frog Commissary Catering has thrown parties all over the tri-state area and been an industry leader as the in-house caterer at The Franklin Institute since the mid-1980s.

When Poses and I chatted, I asked about *At Home's* semi-tongue-in-cheek mission: "to increase national home entertaining by 10%." While he laughed about his lack of metrics, he sincerely believes that when entertaining feels more natural and relaxed, people do it more.

The secret to party Zen: "Planning is more important than any recipe," Poses says. Then he walks me through questions he asks every client. How many people? What are the occasion and season? Where do your guests fall on the "food adventurer" scale? What's your budget? How much space and help do you have? Which adjectives describe your party?



Once you've got answers, it's time to settle on the menu and devise a shopping/cooking schedule. Poses loves "do ahead" dishes—a last minute reheat or garnish is okay—and says "room-temperature food is an entertainer's best friend." His perfect food for a crowd: braised short ribs. As for sauteed foods, they're best saved for Tuesday night dinner for two.

When managing tasks and time, reposition-able labels are an entertainer's second best friend. Poses writes a label for each shopping, cooking and tabletop task. Next he arranges labels on a scheduling template—for him, a large poster board, but home cooks can substitute Post-Its on a kitchen cabinet.

The template includes time slots for two weeks pre-party up through every hour of Party Day. When labels jockey for space in the "day of" section," Poses recommends tweaking both menu and schedule to give yourself more "do-aheads."

Once you've conquered time, it's time to conquer space. Start the party with an empty dishwasher, empty trashcan and organized refrigerator. Create additional space by storing anything you can outdoors—a cold garage or porch easily doubles as a walk-in refrigerator. And keep your counters clear. Poses finds the humble dough scraper to be a life-saving tool for picking up prepped ingredients and cleaning off work space.

Cooking for a crowd can be daunting, but take Poses' wisdom to heart and you'll have fun at your own parties—and maybe even increase the 2019 National Home Entertaining Index to 11%!



## Slow-Roasted Pork Shoulder Infused with Lime, Garlic and Thyme

*Cooking this inexpensive cut low and slow with just a little liquid is similar to braising, but it produces a more concentrated flavor. It also fills your home for hours with fragrance and anticipation, and the roast ends up with a crispy layer of skin on the outside and fall-apart tender meat on the inside. Most of the time here is inactive, but the roast benefits from occasional basting. Serve with Spanish rice or in tortillas with chopped fresh cilantro, grilled pineapple and salsa verde.*



PORK ROASTING VERY SLOWLY...

**Do ahead:** Pork can be roasted up to three days in advance and stored, covered, in the refrigerator. Reheat, covered in foil, in a 200° oven or serve at room temperature.

- 5-7 lbs. boneless pork butt or shoulder
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped plus 1 head garlic, broken into cloves and peeled
- 2-3 Tb. kosher salt
- 1 Tb. coarsely ground pepper
- 2 medium onions, peeled and quartered
- 6-8 generous fresh thyme sprigs
- 4 limes, halved and seeded

Preheat oven to 200°.

Place pork in a shallow roasting pan. In a small bowl, combine chopped garlic, salt and pepper to form a paste. Rub mixture all over the roast, working it into some of the natural crevasses in the meat. Place onions and whole garlic cloves in roasting pan and lay pork over them. Tuck some thyme sprigs into the crevasses in the meat as well and place some under and around the roast. Squeeze limes over the roast and add lime halves to the pan, cut side down.

Cover loosely with aluminum foil and poke some holes into the foil. Roast until meat collapses in on itself, about 10-12 hours. After several hours, occasionally check roast to make sure there is some moisture left in the pan. If not, add a little water. Baste occasionally with the juices.

Makes 8-12 servings.

## Grilled Herb-Marinaded Turkey Flank Steak

*Grilled turkey breast is a simple and ideal addition to your backyard*

## It Takes (at least 2) for a Party!

Steve Poses has spent his career thinking and writing about how to host a crowd. Since it takes at least 2 to party, he's also come up with guidelines for how to be a good guest. Check out Poses' tips and quips for entertaining and being entertained!

### FOR HOSTS

**Dream ... and then plan like crazy.** Excellent entertaining is more a matter of aspiration and organization than it is of skill.

**Time it right.** If you leave everything to the last minute, you'll have only a minute to do everything. Aim to have an hour of calm before the party.

**Do the dishes.** Once the sink is full of dirty dishes, you're sunk, so start your party with an empty dish washer, empty dish rack and empty sink.

**Start with a sip.** Offering a "house" cocktail kicks the party off with a level of intentionality and excitement. You can plan and often mix it in advance. One recent favorite: hibiscus-infused bourbon mixed with Lillet and topped with sparkling rosé.

**Don't worry about perfect.** The impressive part is that you are throwing a party at all!

### FOR GUESTS

**Don't arrive early.** The early guest is the unwelcome guest. In arriving early, you disturb the host's hour of pre-party peace and essentially demand that the host put down their oven mitts and pay attention to you.

**Stay out of the kitchen.** Unless you're explicitly invited into the cook's lair to help, find another place to hang out.

**Don't do things halfway.** If you're bringing something for the host, bring all the components. For example, if you're bringing flowers, bring them arranged in a vase. Bring food on the platter on which it will be served, if room temperature, or in the casserole in which it will be heated.

*barbecue repertoire. A whole boneless turkey breast is too thick to grill because the outside would become dry and charred before the interior is cooked through. But by simply slicing a breast into "flank steaks" and giving it a good marinade, the turkey breast becomes both grill-worthy and grill-friendly.*

*There are several variables in grilling your turkey "flank steak." These include how hot the grill is and the variable thickness of the breast. It's very helpful to use an instant-read thermometer. You can cook the turkey in either of two ways: 1. over medium high heat the whole time (as explained below) or 2. start on medium high just until the outside chars. Then lower the heat and cook on the grill or in a 350° oven. In either case, cook until the internal temperature reaches 155°.*

**Do ahead:** You can marinate up to two days in advance. As with most things grilled, it's best to eat shortly after removing from the grill or within 2 hours. Do not refrigerate before serving.

4 lb. boneless turkey breast

4 Tb. chopped garlic

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup tarragon leaves, chopped (about 3 Tb. for marinade and 2 Tb. to add after slicing)



5 Tb. olive oil  
1 lemon plus 6–8 lemon wedges, trimmed  
1–2 tsp. kosher salt  
1/8 tsp. fresh ground black pepper



With a sharp knife, cut turkey breast in half, cutting parallel to cutting surface. Rinse and pat dry.

In a dish large enough to hold breast, combine garlic, 3 Tb. tarragon and olive oil. Add pieces of breast, one at a time and coat well with marinade. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours, but ideally 6–8 hours.

Preheat grill or grill pan to medium high.

Remove breasts from marinade, lightly scraping away some of the garlic and tarragon. The breast will take some time to cook and the chopped garlic will burn. Having a bit is fine, but you don’t want your breast covered with charred garlic.

Place breast on grill or in grill pan and cook first side for about 8–10 minutes. Turn and cook until thermometer reads about 155° in the thickest part of breast, about another 8–10 minutes.

Allow to rest for at least 10 minutes before slicing. Cut into about 1/4-inch thick slices against the natural grain of breast.

Squeeze lemon over sliced turkey. Add salt and pepper. Sprinkle with 2 Tb. tarragon. Serve with lemon wedges.

Makes 6–8 servings.

Dressed-up Quinoa

Quinoa makes a wonderful blank canvas for all sorts of mix-ins, so feel free to experiment with this easy side dish. It can be made 2 days in advance and kept in the refrigerator. Bring to room temperature before serving and you are good to go!

2 C. white quinoa  
3 1/2 C. chicken broth  
1 tsp. salt, optional  
12-oz. jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained, roughly chopped  
12-oz. jar roasted red or yellow peppers, drained and roughly chopped if peppers come whole  
4 large garlic cloves

6 Tb. lemon juice  
8 Tb. olive oil  
Generous 1/2 C. chopped fresh mint  
1/3 C. snipped fresh chives  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Pinches of allspice and cayenne, to taste  
1/2 C. raisins, more to taste  
1 C. crumbled feta, more or less to taste  
1/2 C. pistachio pieces



Using a fine mesh strainer, rinse quinoa under running water. This gets rid of the grain’s outer coating which can impart a bitter or soapy taste.

In a large saucepan, combine quinoa and broth. If broth is too bland for your taste, add 1 tsp. salt or to taste. Bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 10–12 minutes until liquid is absorbed. Stir the grains and allow to cool to room temperature.

While quinoa cooks, combine artichokes and peppers in one bowl. If garlic has any green shoots in the middle, remove and discard them. (Otherwise, they will add a bitter taste to the dressing.) Mince garlic. Combine garlic, lemon juice, olive oil, mint, chives and salt and pepper to taste. The mixture looks similar to salsa verde.

Mix quinoa with artichoke mixture. Mix in dressing. Season with allspice and cayenne.

Right before serving, mix in raisins, feta and pistachio pieces.

Makes 10–12 servings.

Lemon Bars

My friend Courtney gave me this recipe over 20 years ago, and I’ve made it many times since. You can make bars 2–3 days in advance. Just cover loosely and store at room temperature. Cutting them with a dough scraper will give cleaner edges than using a knife.

1 C. butter, softened  
1/2 C. confectioners’ sugar plus more for dusting  
2 C. plus 1 Tb. flour, divided  
4 extra large eggs, room temperature

2 C. sugar  
6 Tb. lemon juice (or 7 Tb. for extra tartness)  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 C. chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°.

Line a 10 x 14 bar pan baking pan (9 x 13 works, too) with parchment paper. The paper should be long enough to come over the sides so that when bars are ready to be cut, you can simply grab onto the parchment paper and lift them out.

In a large bowl or stand mixer, combine butter, 1/2 C. confectioners’ sugar and 2 C. flour just until dough forms. Press dough into pan and smooth with your hand or a dough roller until dough is an even thickness. Bake 15 minutes until dough just starts to take on color.

While crust cooks, beat eggs slightly in a large bowl. Add sugar, lemon juice, baking powder, remaining 1 Tb. flour and pecans. Pour over pastry. Bake for 40–50 minutes until the top is set. Cool in pan and dust with confectioners’ sugar.

Grab hold of parchment paper and lift straight up so bars stay in one whole piece. Place on cutting board and cut into 12–16 pieces. If you’re using a regular knife, wipe it clean between cuts.

Makes 12–16 servings. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother’s Betty Crocker’s Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 700+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.



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