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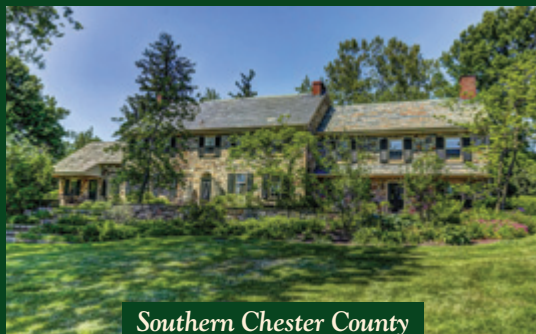
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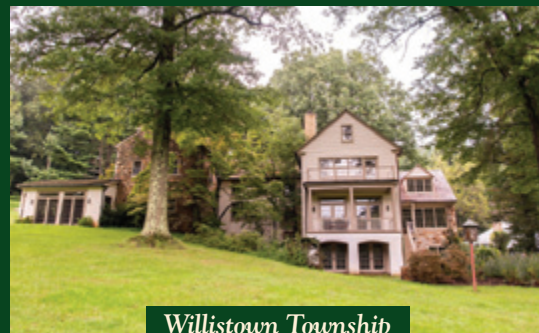
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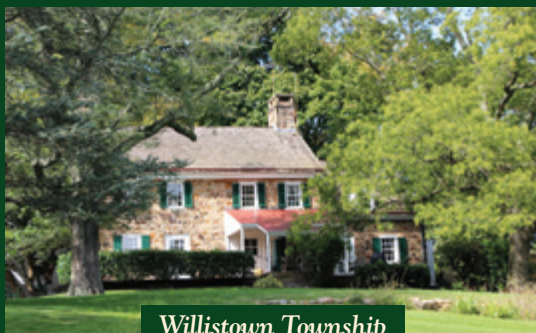
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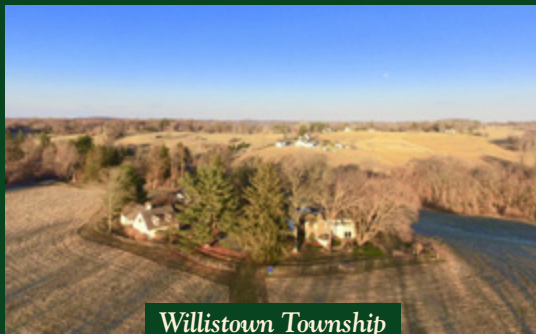
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Even 31 days are not enough for all that May holds—equestrian events, art gallery tours, gardens galore and so many things to do! Let us be your guide ...

Start with “Steeplechase Season,” where Madison Mienel shares what’s happening at the Winterthur, Willowdale, Radnor Hunt and Fair Hill races, each featuring different pleasures throughout May. Laurel Anderson offers a new perspective in “Visiting The Devon Horse Show,” where she describes the fun you can have without horses and *outside* the horse ring—dog contests, hat contests, picnic contests, shopping, midway rides and so much more.

If you need a break from the Devon Horse Show, you’re in luck because you’re in the heart of the Main Line. Ed Malet suggests things to do nearby in “Slipping Out: From Horses to Flowers, Beer, Music and Comedy.” You can return to the horse show refreshed!

Two treats await tailgate fans: Mercedes Thomas brings you “Signature Steeplechase Cocktails,” and Laura Muzzi Brennan finds “Tailgating Recipes” for equestrian events, sports events and more in her Brandywine Table column. And in our Be Fit column, the folks from Thorncroft Equestrian Center explain why riding is good for body, mind and spirit.

For the artistic spirit, check out “Gallery RoundUp” as Caroline Fritz previews seven local exhibits—from Spring City Mills to CRAFTED in Eagleview. Enjoy a brush with local art.

In our spotlight on Chester County, Bill Hartman, at Willistown Conservation Trust, explains how conservation easements work in “Running With the Land,” and Laurel Anderson visits Fair Meadow Farm, site of the opening shot of the Battle of Brandywine, and tours a historic home and property in our Home of the Month feature.

Garden fans should check out our Home & Garden guide, compiled by Marci Tomasone, along with the semifinalists in our “Chester County In Bloom” photo contest.

And as always, we have the Best Local Events coverage, including our Theater Spotlight on *Saturday Night Fever* at the Media Theatre. So much to do in May!

Thank you for reading.


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For the Love of Horses: Engaging Body, Mind and Soul

Carole Laulis & Maddie Iacobucci, Thorncroft Equestrian Center

THE BENEFITS OF RIDING RANGE FROM RECREATIONAL TO THERAPEUTIC.

CHESTER COUNTY IS A PRIME LOCATION FOR ALL things equestrian. From Malvern's historic Radnor Hunt, Unionville's rolling hills of Plantation Field, and Devon's blue-walled Horse Show grounds, you'd be hard pressed to find a better location for those interested in connecting with the equine world.

With its history rich in equestrian tradition and community, this area is broadly welcoming—from established Olympic equestrians to seasoned and beginner recreational riders. And beyond the simple pleasures of trail riding, horses have been found to be immensely useful for physical fitness and rehabilitation, as well as treatment in mental health programs. Here's a brief overview.

Exercise—Many people are unaware that horseback riding is actually excellent exercise—types of riding are, after all, in the Olympics. In fact, riding helps improve reflexes, balance, coordination and flexibility, along with low-to-moderate-intensity cardio benefits. Add to that core, leg, seat and arm muscle development from steering and controlling the horse.

Chores associated with riding—lifting saddles, grooming horses, mucking out stalls—add even more exercise points. Riders enjoy a variety of benefits from improved posture and increased endurance to overall improvement of physical fitness. And riding is an accessible activity for new riders of any age and all abilities.

Treatment—Horses are a key component in a range of therapeutic riding treatments. Equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) have grown in popularity due, in part, to their inclusiveness, welcoming nearly all individuals to benefit from interacting with a horse.

This approach can involve participants riding a horse, working on strength, balance and coordination, or a certified facilitator may use the horse as part of a mental health treatment while the participant is not on horseback. Treatment may also combine riding and unmounted work.

Physical benefits of horseback riding are numerous and similar to those for recreational riders. For example, horses walk in a way that resembles the human gait, causing riders to engage similar muscles that require core stability, balance and flexibility. Riding also reduces muscle spasticity as tight muscles are stretched by the horse's movement.

Lisa Hirsch, Advanced Level Therapeutic Riding Instructor at Thorncroft Equestrian Center in Malvern, finds the approach Thorncroft specializes in very beneficial to riders with limited mobility and muscle tone. "Therapeutic riding has many physical benefits in addition to helping riders gain confidence, build self-esteem and improve social skills. The most notable physical benefits are due to using large muscle groups where core and

overall strength and flexibility are improved. Riders also develop better posture, balance, coordination, fine and gross motor skills and manual dexterity," says Hirsch.

In addition to the physical benefits, other types of treatment—such as Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy (EFP) and Equine Assisted Learning (EAL)—have been shown to be important tools for mental health and personal growth. Meeting horses on the same footing provides rich opportunities for clients to see themselves and their relationships through a new lens.

And working as a team, a licensed mental health practitioner and a certified equine specialist work alongside clients and horses to reach individual treatment goals.

Kristen de Marco, Executive Director and Equine Specialist of Gateway HorseWorks in Malvern, uses horses for mental health treatment for her human clients.

"Talk therapy can fall short for some people who have experienced trauma, are recovering from addiction, or are struggling with mental health issues. Becoming present with these large animals invites clients to connect and engage while finding their own solutions to the challenges they're facing in their lives," says de Marco.

These types of treatments through therapeutic riding and interaction with horses have also been shown to help riders improve interpersonal and socialization skills as well.

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ditional couples may pop the question on little onesies. Whether store bought or DIY, godparent proposals are a sweet way to make this moment one these special people will remember. More on Pinterest.com.



The Best Medicine. Get ready to laugh out loud on the first Sunday of May—**World Laughter Day**. Created by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of a global exercise movement called Laughter Yoga, this event was first celebrated in 1998 in India. Today there are hundreds of laughter clubs around the world, including the Laughter Yoga Club of Delaware County. Join the free, family-friendly May 5th event to experience the joy, stress reduction and well-being from laughing. *Rose Tree Amphitheater, 1671 N. Providence Rd. Media. Register at EventBrite.com.*

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Literary Legend. Did you know author Louisa May Alcott was a local? Born in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia, she dazzled readers in 1868 with *Little Women*, which, along with her other works, was loosely based on her upbringing. Alcott was an abolitionist and feminist and also served as an army nurse in the Civil War. Mark your calendar for the eighth film adaptation of *Little Women* due out in December, starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson and Meryl Streep.



#trashtag. A new internet challenge has people making the world a better place. Completing the **#trashtagchallenge** requires taking before-and-after pictures of a cleaned-up, formerly trash-filled area. Unlike the duct tape or Tide Pod challenges, this viral fad actually encourages bored teens to do something productive! Boasting more than 30,000 posts so far on Instagram alone, this challenge recently went viral after a Facebook post. Anyone can participate—simply find an area that needs to be cleaned, clean it and, of course, post it!



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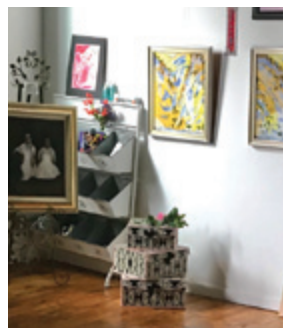
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[May Picks]

Our Picks for top events this month

"Costuming The Crown" at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Through January 5, 2020

From Queen Elizabeth's coronation robe to Princess Margaret's wedding dress, the exhibit features 40 iconic costumes from the award-winning Netflix drama. Take a behind-the-scenes look at how costume design is used to complement riveting drama, re-create history and define characters. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. Tues.–Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$6–\$20. 800-448-3883 Winterthur.org

Phoenixville Beer & Wine Festival

May 11

Sample more than 150 craft beers, wines, meads, ciders and spirits. Enjoy live music, browse local artisans' wares and food from regional restaurants and food trucks. Benefits local nonprofit organizations designated by Building Better Neighborhoods for the arts, abuse shelters, veterans groups, animal rescues and more. Kimberton Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. Noon to 4 p.m. Tickets sold in advance only, \$45; designated driver, \$10. PhoenixvilleBeerWineFestival.com.



12th Annual Wilmington Grand Prix & Gran Fondo

May 17–19

Action starts Friday with the Monkey Hill time trials in Brandywine Park at 5 p.m. with live music, BBQ and free admission. Saturday is the men's and women's Criterium Races over fast-paced courses, a bike parade, street festival, vendors and more. On Sunday, the Governor's Ride, Medio Fondo and Gran Fondo offer spectacular views of the rolling hills of chateau country, 8 a.m. \$35–\$55. Visit WilmGrandPrix.com.



Bow Ties, Big Hats & Bourbon— A Kentucky Derby Party at West Laurel Hill

May 4

Grab your finest hats and bow ties to get down and derby! Indulge in Derby-inspired food, mint juleps, music and live streaming of the Derby. Dress to the nines for the fashion contest and win prizes. Benefits Gateway HorseWorks, a nonprofit offering equine assisted psychotherapy services in a healing, farm-based environment. 225 Belmont Ave., Bala Cynwyd. 5 p.m. \$75, 5 p.m. entry; VIP tickets, \$100, 4 p.m. entry with special offerings. 610-668-9900; WestLaurelHill.com.



Brandywine River Museum of Art 48th Annual Antiques Show

May 24–27

Fine antiques from 26 distinguished dealers from the mid-Atlantic and beyond will be on sale. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser benefit the Volunteers' Purchase Fund and Art Education and Programming. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Preview Party, Fri., 6 to 9 p.m., \$150. Sat.–Mon., 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$20. Rt. 1 at the Museum, Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH MAY,
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 4

Philadelphia Science Festival. Get your nerd on and jump in the fun with experiments, interactive activities, games and entertainment. Over 80 events are planned. Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. 10 to 4. Free. FL.edu/PSF/Programs.

THROUGH MAY 12

Design Zone at Delaware Museum of Natural History. This is a highly interactive, hands-on exhibit explores the creative concepts used in various forms of design. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Tues–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$3–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

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.

MAY 2–4

Philadelphia Children's Festival. Music, dance, theater, circus performances, interactive activities and food trucks. Annenberg Ctr. for Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut St., Phila. For tickets and times, AnnenbergCenter.org/Events/ChildFest.php.

MAY 3–5

Broomall Fire Company Carnival. Midway rides, game booths, food and more. Benefits the fire company. 10 N. Malin Rd., Broomall. Fri, 6 to 11 pm; Sat, 3 to 11 pm; Sun, 1 to 6 pm. 610-353-5225; BroomallFireCompany.com.

MAY 5

May Day Festival of the Arts in West Chester. A celebration of the arts with live music and entertainment. Everhart Park, 100

S. Brandywine St., West Chester. 11 to 4. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo Festival in Kennett Square. A family-oriented street festival, highlighting the arts, music and food. State St., Kennett Square. 11 to 5. Free. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.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.

MAY 5

Brandywine River Museum of Art—First Sundays for Families. Explore Brandywine inside and out through nature crafts, interactive discovery walks and lively musical performances from the award-winning duo, Two of a Kind. 1 Hoffman's Rd., Chadds Ford. 11 to 2. Free. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

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 13–18

Phoenixville Dogwood Festival. A community festival and parade with lots of activities for the whole family. Reeves Park, 2nd & Main Sts., Phoenixville. Mon–Fri, 6 to 10; Sat, noon to 10. 484-928-0052; Phoenixville-DogwoodFestival.org.

MAY 27

Memorial Day Parade in Media. State St., Media. 10. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPa.com.

MAY 27

Memorial Day Parade in Downingtown. Starts at Beaver Creek Elementary, 601 W. Pennsylvania Ave. and continues to Kerr Park, Downingtown. 10 am. Downingtown.org.

MAY 27

Memorial Day Parade in Kennett Square. The parade starts at Kennett High School, 100 E. South St. and ends at Union Hill Cemetery. 10 am. HistoricKennettSquare.com.

MAY 30–JUNE 2

Brandywine Health Foundation Strawberry Festival. Rides, entertainment, monster trucks, craft fair, fireworks on Friday night and more. Benefits the greater Coatesville community and Thorndale Volunteer Fire Co. Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to 11; Sat, noon to 11; Sun, noon to 6. 610-380-9080; BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.



JUNE 1

Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with historic craft demonstrators, Revolutionary War and Native American re-enactors, art, tours of historic sites in Newtown Square. Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. Free. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

JUNE 2

151st Malvern Memorial Day Parade. One of the oldest commemorations in the country, the Parade begins on King St. at the fire station and ends at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. Visit MalvernMemorialParade.com for details.

JUNE 2

Bark in the Park in West Chester. Vendors, entertainment and lots of pets at Hoopes Park, 700 Hoopes Park La., West Chester.

ART, CRAFT & ANTIQUES.....

See Gallery Round Up in this issue.

MAY 3–5

Community Arts Center Potter's Guild Spring Sale. Held in the Duke Gallery, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Fri, 10 to 8; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. Free. 610-566-1713; CommunityArts-Center.org.

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.

MAY 24–27

Brandywine River Museum of Art 48th Annual Antiques Show. See May Picks.

BOOKS.....

MAY 2, 15–16

Wellington Square Book. Book Clubs: Nonfiction: May 2, *Mad Enchantment* by Ross King, 7 to 9. **Fiction:** May 15–16, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, Wed–Thurs, 2 to 4, Thurs, 7 to 9. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

CAR SHOWS.....

MAY 26

40th Annual Chester County Car Show. Antique and classic cars, street rods, trucks, motorcycles, arts and crafts, a food court and more. Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 113, Kimberton. 9 to 3. Parking donation, \$2/car. ChescoACC.com.



JUNE 1

Ales & Petals—Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show. You'll find 200 classic and modern British autos and motorcycles displayed on the grounds of Historic Hope Lodge, 553 Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Washington. Live music, food and craft beers complement the cars throughout the day. 10 to 4. \$5–\$10. HistoricHopeLodge.org/Ales-Petals-Car-Show.

DANCE.....

MAY 5

Pennsylvania Ballet Performs at West Laurel Hill. In celebration of the cemetery's 150th anniversary, the PA Ballet company will perform *Giselle* at 12:30 pm, tickets \$100. The evening performance features a scene from *Romeo & Juliet* at 5 pm, \$125. WestLaurelHill.com/events.

MAY 17–19

Brandywine Ballet's Cinderella. Featuring original choreography by Nancy Page, new costumes, sets and music selections of Sergei Prokofiev and other artists. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall,

700 S. High St., West Chester. Fri, 10 am; Sat, noon and 4; Sun, 2 pm. \$25–\$42. 610-692-6402; BrandywineBallet.org.



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See Steeplechase and Devon Horse Show articles in this issue.

MAY 4

Bow Ties, Big Hats & Bourbon—A Kentucky Derby Party—West Laurel Hill. See May Picks.

MAY 4

Downtown Oxford's 3rd Annual Kentucky Derby Party. Come out to the “friend-raising” party to learn more about Oxford Mainstreet, enjoy music, carriage rides, full bar, betting and more. 3 to 7 pm. \$100. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.com.

MAY 26

Thorncroft Equestrian Center's Therapeutic Riders Division at The Devon Horse Show.

Equestrians compete in equitation on the flat and over fences, dressage and trail at Thorncroft, then the competition continues at The Devon Horse Show on Sunday. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 8 am. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

JUNE 2–SEPTEMBER 29

Fridays & Sundays

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match

at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10–\$15. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS.....

MAY 1–JUNE 30

Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival. Franklin Square is aglow with lantern sculptures, performances, art by Chinese folk artists, the Dragon Beer Garden and more. 6th & Race Sts., Philadelphia. Daily 6 to 11 pm. \$12–\$20. 215-629-4026; HistoricPhiladelphia.org.



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 17–18

A Day in Old New Castle Events. May 17, Dance on the Pier with hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer tastings, music and deck tours of the tall ship A.J. Meerwald, 6 pm, \$30. May 18, visit the coastal town and enjoy re-enactments, music, artisan demonstrations, deck tours, the home and garden tour, and more. 10 to 5. \$25–\$30. HistoricNewCastle.com.

MAY 26–SEPTEMBER 28

Fireworks & Fountains at Longwood Gardens. Fireworks fly, fountains dance and music sets the tone during these captivating evenings. May 26, “To Philly with Love” features songs inspired by and performed by artists with ties to Philadelphia. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9:15 pm. \$45. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

MAY 31

Backyard Bash at Delaware Art Museum. Features local musicians, food trucks, family-



Local Farm Markets

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

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

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

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

Jennersville Mkt., 352 N. Jennersville Rd. Wed, 3 to 7. 610-345-1763.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 113 E. State St. Fri, 3 to 7. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

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

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

Media Farmers Mkt., N. Edgemont St. Sun, 10 to 2. 215-733-9599; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

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

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, noon to 5; Sat, 9 to 1. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

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

Phoenixville Farmers Mkt., 200 Mill St. Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 300 E. High St. Thurs–Fri, noon to 7; Sat–Sun, 9 to 5. 610-326-0900; PottstownFarmersMarket.com.

SIW Farmers Mkt., 4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9 to 6. 610-388-7491; SIW-Vegetables.blogspot.com.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 121 Park Ave. Sat, 9:30 to 1:30. 215-733-9599; SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.

Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd. Fri, 9 to 5; Sat–Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 10 to 1. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

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

Westtown Amish Mkt. 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5700; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

friendly art activities, face painting, arts vendors, lawn games and bar service. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 to 9:30. \$5–\$15. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

JUNE 1–2

Chester Co. PrideFest Weekend. June 1, a community day to celebrate inclusion of Chester County's LGBT+ community, Reeves Park, 2nd Ave. & Main St., Phoenixville, noon to 5. June 2, Pride Gala—buffet dinner, raffle, auction, entertainment, dancing at The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern, 4 to 9, \$50–\$85. 484-888-9705; LGBTeachesCo.org.

FOOD & BREWS.....

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MAY 4

Brandywine Valley Craft Brewers Festival 2019. Live music, great food and handcrafted beers. Benefits the Media Youth Center. Iron Hill Brewery, 30 E. State St., Media. 1 to 5 pm. \$45; designated drivers, \$5, receive a free food voucher. IronHillBrewery.com.

MAY 5

Phoenixville Food Truck Festival. Food trucks

line Bridge St. offering a wide variety of fare, and vendors will be selling their wares. Free shuttle service from Schuylkill Elementary School. Bridge St., Phoenixville. Noon to 6 pm. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleFirst.org/FoodTruckFestival.

MAY 11

Phoenixville Beer & Wine Festival. See May Picks.

MAY 11

BrewFest at Mount Hope. Music, food and all that is ale. Two sessions: 11 am to 3 pm and 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Benefits Central PA Food Bank. Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775

Lebanon Rd., Manheim. \$50 in advance; \$55 at the gate. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 9

Food Truck Tuesdays in King of Prussia. A carriage rides through Nottingham Park 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 30, JUNE 27, AUGUST 22

Pop-Up Biergarten at Historic Sugartown. Explore the historic buildings while enjoying a refreshments from Locust Lane Craft Brewery, Chaddsford Winery and Nick's Roast Beef. 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. 5 to 8. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

MAY 31-JUNE 9

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

FUNDRAISERS.....

MAY 2

"Taste of Spring" Fashion Show. Enjoy 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 programs for young people. The Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 6 to 10. \$250 and up. 610-644-3500; 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 fundraiser 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. Wyeth, the

Golf Outings

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MAY 13

Stroud Water Research Center's Fore Fresh Water Golf Outing. Spend a fabulous day dedicated to protecting and restoring our waterways. Bidermann Golf Course, 601 Adams Dam Rd., Wilmington. Reg. and lunch at 11. Check website for participation packages. 610-268-2153, ext. 288; StroudCenter.org.

MAY 14

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Pennsylvania Golf Classic. Generating critical funds to support some of the region's most vulnerable—those with social, cognitive and behavioral differences. Philadelphia Cricket Club and Sunnybrook Golf Course, 398 Stenton Ave., Plymouth Meeting. \$100 and up.

MAY 20

Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament. Play a round then attend the cocktail reception with an open bar, auction, raffle and dinner at 5:30 pm. Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli. Start, 11 am. \$600; cocktail reception only, \$100. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org/Golf.

MAY 20

Chester County Hospital Foundation's FORE Health Golf Invitational. Dinner-only participation includes cocktail hour and dinner. Benefits health services for women and children and the Women's Auxiliary Heart to Heart pledge. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 W. Swedesford Rd., Malvern. 11 am reg., 12:30 start. Dinner only, \$100; golf and dinner, \$300. 610-431-5054; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

MAY 31

Neighborhood Services Center's 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Striving to end poverty, hunger and homelessness in the Oxford community. Tanglewood Golf Club, 653 Scotland Rd., Quarryville. 8:30 am shotgun start. \$125 per golfer. OxfordNSC.org/Golf.

JUNE 4

Chester County Futures Golf Classic. Swing into summer with a day at Applebrook Golf Club enjoying golf, cocktails and dinner. Chester County Futures provides comprehensive academic support, mentoring and scholarships for motivated economically disadvantaged youth. 100 Line Rd., Malvern. 11:30 to 8. \$100 and up. 610-458-2003; CCFutures.org.

Director's Cut, presents a portrait of the artist and 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.

MAY 11

Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. Tour five of Willistown area's beautiful barns and farms, followed by a bountiful barbecue supper. Tour begins at 3; cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, barbecue and live auction follow. Res. req. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.



MAY 11

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tails, dinner, auctions and live entertainment. Live auction items include vacation homes and a Bryce Harper signed Jersey with four, 100 level tickets to the Phillies. Philadelphia Country Club, 1601 Spring Mill Rd., Gladwyne. 6 pm. \$175 and up. 610-647-9774; SurreyServices.org.

MAY 14

17th Annual "A Play With a Purpose." Citizen Advocacy, a nonprofit providing support for those with disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves, invites you to enjoy dinner, auctions and a preview performance of Caryl Churchill's *A Number*. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 5 pm. \$85. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

MAY 19

Chester County Community Foundation Spring Silver Celebration. This will be a lively reception celebrating the Foundation's 25th anniversary. Abbott Barn, 315 N. Creek Rd., West Chester. 3 to 5. Tickets \$125.25 and up. 610-696-8211; ChesCoCF.org.

MAY 22

Brandywine Health Foundation's Annual Garden Party—"A Glimmer of Greece." Music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a light supper and decadent desserts are the fare as premier restaurants and chefs compete in the "Battle of the Berries at Brandywine." Benefits the Brandywine Health Foundation. Springbank Farm, 301 Five Point Rd., Coatesville. \$150 and up. 610-380-9080; BrandywineFoundation.org.

JUNE 1

Jenkins Arboretum Spring Blooms Event. Celebrate spring with delicious food and drink surrounded by vibrant blooms. Benefits the arboretum's mission to preserve natural tranquil woodlands for community enjoyment. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. 6 to 9. \$150. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.



JUNE 1

17th Annual Up On The Roof. Help beautify West Chester and join the West Chester Downtown Foundation. and the West Chester BID for an evening under the stars. Enjoy a buffet dinner, music, dancing and open bar on the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage. 14 E. Chestnut St. 7 pm. Tickets \$105 in advance. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.

JUNE 1

Home of the Sparrow's 25th Anniversary Gala. Spend an evening with music, dance, dinner, open bar and silent and live auctions. Benefits women and children in the County to prevent and end homelessness. The Phelps School, Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

JUNE 2

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

JUNE 6

12th Annual Jasper Crane Rose Garden Party. Live it up with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, beer, music, auction, children's activities and horse and carriage rides. Benefits Delaware State Parks family friendly programming. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 5 to 8. \$65-\$90. 302-656-3665; FriendsOfWilmingtonPark.org.

JUNE 8

Annual Great Chef's Event for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Many culinary superstars as well as representatives from the best bars, wineries and craft breweries participate. Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. 1 to 4 pm. \$195. 866-333-1213; AlexsLemonade.org.

GARDENS.....
See Home & Garden article in this issue.

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.

THROUGH DECEMBER 30

Wharton Esherick Museum. The home/studio of Wharton Esherick, preserved much as it was when the artist lived and worked

there. **Wine & Cheese Tours, May 4, 18,** take a tour then enjoy local wine, cheese and light fare on the deck. Res. required. 4 to 6 pm. \$25-\$30. 1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. Tues-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. \$8-\$15. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2020

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.....

MAY 2-4

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

MAY 3-23

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. May 3, Better Than Bacon Improv Comedy; **May 12,** Mother's Day Jazz Brunch with Divas & Terry Klinefelter Trio, 11 to 2, \$65 includes cocktails and brunch; **May 23,** Dueling

Pianos. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Check website for tickets and times. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

MAY 2, JUNE 6

Delaware Art Museum Performance Series Concert. May 2, Pyxis Piano Quartet: Masterpieces of Color and Sound, 7:30; **June 6,** Miyamoto is Black Enough, 8 pm. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. \$25-\$35. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MAY 4

Thornbury Farm's Irish Music Festival. Come out for great Irish music on historic 1709 Thornbury Farm. Avon Faire and Seven Rings are performing. Enjoy craft beers, local food, games and vendors. Bring a blanket and enjoy the music from the lawn. 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. 4 to 9. \$10, under 16 are free. 610-793-2933; ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

MAY 5

Delaware County Symphony Concert. Enjoy the program called "Colorful." Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Newmann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$17-\$20. 610-879-7059; DCSDMusic.org.

MAY 18

The Mads are Back at The Colonial Theatre. *Mystery Science Theater 3000* alumni Frank

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Conniff and Trace Beaulieu return to screen some of the worst movies and poke fun at them live in their unique, funny style. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 8 pm. \$25–\$30. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

MAY 18–19
Chesco Pops Spring Concert. Music director Joseph Gehring leads the orchestra in their spring performance titled “Pops Goes to the Movies.” *May, 18*, Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis Ln., West Chester, 7 pm. *May, 19*, Phoenixville Area Middle School, 1330 Main St., Phoenixville. 3 pm. \$15–\$20. 610-594-9178; ChescoPops.org.

MAY 18–19
Chadds Ford Historical Society’s Valley Jam-boree . Enjoy live bands, kids activities petting zoo and more. Vendors will offer food, beer and wine. Barn Visitors Center, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Sat, 11 to 7; Sun, 11 to 5. \$5–\$15. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.

MAY 31
City Rhythm Orchestra. Enjoy an evening of great music and dancing as the band salutes “The Sound of Philadelphia.” Colonial Theatre’s White Rabbit Cabaret, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7:30 pm. \$25–\$35. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

MAY 31, JUNE 1
Longwood Gardens Wine & Jazz All Stars and Festival. *May 31*, an all star performance in the Open Air Theatre, 7:30, \$49. *June 1*, the festival offers exceptional jazz from Grammy Award-winning musicians then a jazz-inspired evening fountain show. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 2 to 10 pm. \$29–\$59. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JUNE 2
Jazz at the Springs. Grab your chairs and blankets and settle in for an afternoon of great jazz on the old tennis courts behind the Chester Springs Studio. 1668 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 3 to 5:30. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....
MAY 4
Walk MS—Greater Delaware Valley Chapter. Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia. Site opens at 7:30 am; walk begins at 8:30. 1- and 3-mile routes available. To register online visit, WalkPaE.NationalMSSociety.org.

MAY 5
Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride. Cyclists with and without disabilities support the PA Center for Adapted Sports. Chester Valley Trail. Valley Creek Corp. Ctr., 220 Valley Creek Trail,

Exton. Reg., 7:30. \$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.

MAY 11
30th Annual Kennett Run. Events for all ages, including a 10K and 5K run and a 1-mile Fun Walk and FundRun. Post-race party follows. Benefits local charities. Union & Sickle Sts., Kennett Square. Registration 6:30 am, race at 9. \$30–\$45. 610-388-1556; KennettRun.net.

MAY 11
Run by the River 5K. Enjoy a beautiful spring morning on the Schuylkill River Trail at this benefit for the Good Samaritan Shelter. Food and beverages after the race at Riverworks, 45 N. Main St., Phoenixville. Registration 8 am, race at 9. \$15–\$30. 610-933-9305; GoodSamaritanShelter.org.

MAY 12
5K For Mother’s Day. Join the hundreds of moms, daughters, grandmoms, aunts, sisters and friends in the women-only walk/run. Benefits Team CMMD. Reg. on Courthouse steps,

High & Market Sts., West Chester. Noon to 1:50. Race, 2. \$25. 5KForMothersDay.com.

MAY 17–19
12th Annual Wilmington Grand Prix and Gran Fondo. See *May Picks*.

MAY 18–19
Tough Mudder Philadelphia. Choose a fun 5K, a 5-mile half-mudder or a 10-mile full mudder. For kids, a Mini Mudder, a 1-mile obstacle course mud run. Plantation Field, 329 Apple Grove Rd., Coatesville. \$75–\$179. ToughMudder.com/Events/2018-Philly.



JUNE 1–7
21st Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn. A 112-mile guided paddle from Schuylkill Haven to Boathouse Row in Philadelphia. Enjoy rapids, songs at the campsites and celebrations. Check website for times and pricing. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

THEATER.....
THROUGH MAY 12
For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday. Five middle-aged siblings mourn their recently deceased father over a bottle of Jameson. People’s Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$30–\$53. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH MAY 12
Honk. A musical re-imagining of Hans Christian Anderson’s “The Ugly Duckling.” Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. \$20–\$42. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

THROUGH JUNE 9
Saturday Night Fever. See *Theater Spotlight* in this issue.

MAY 1–OCTOBER 23
Stolen: The Musical. A light-hearted whodunit at Bird-In-Hand Stage, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. \$17–\$38. Check website for times. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.

MAY 17–18, JUNE 7–8
The Savoy Company Presents Gilbert & Sullivan’s The Yeoman of the Guard, or The Merryman and His Maid. *May 17–18*, Suzanne Roberts Theatre, 480 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, Fri, 8 pm; Sat, 2 and 8 pm. *June*

7–8, Longwood Gardens Open Air Theatre, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, 8:30 pm. Savoy.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....
MAY 3, 11, 16
First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. *May 3*, 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. *May 11*, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: **Media**, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. *May 16*, Third Thursday Malvern Sip & Stroll, MalvernBusiness.com. ♦

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Backyard BASH

Friday, May 31, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Tickets available at delart.org

The Museum's annual outdoor event returns with more sounds, food, art, and fun! In partnership with People's Festival organizers, this event features local musicians, food trucks, family-friendly art activities, face painting, arts vendors, lawn games, and bar service. Get your tickets in advance to avoid entrance lines. Visit delart.org for details and updates.

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THEATER SPOTLIGHT



GET READY TO DANCE AND JIVE ALONG WITH the Media Theatre's production of the hit Broadway musical, *Saturday Night Fever*. Based on the 1977 film starring John Travolta—nominated for an Academy Award and four Golden Globes—*Saturday Night Fever* follows Tony Manero, a streetwise Brooklyn kid with a gift for dancing.

Tony spends his weekends at the local discotheque, trying to escape his dead-end life by chasing his ambition—to be the disco king. In his quest he teams up with another dancer, Stephanie, as they train for a dance competition that changes their lives forever.

To be more family-friendly, some of the movie's subplots were eliminated and the focus is now on Tony and the crowd-pleasing disco hits from the Bee Gees, including "Stayin' Alive," "Jive Talkin'," "You Should Be Dancing" and "Night Fever."

Starring as Tony in his first Media Theatre appearance, Jesse Corbin has previous credits including St. Luke's Theatre and The Apollo Theatre. Melissa Rapelje makes her Media debut as Stephanie, a role she's played at the Ari-

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

DISCO-KING DREAMS
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WITH BEE GEES' HITS!

zona Broadway Theatre and the Riverside Center Theatre. Media Theatre alums Ronnie Keller, Carl Smith and Luke Bradt play Tony's friends.

Media Theatre's Artistic Director, Jesse Cline, directs this electrifying musical with choreography by Christian Ryan and music direction by Ben Kapilow. The jazzy score is performed by a live band.

Celebrating 25 years of live theater, the Media Theatre is the only professional theater in Delaware County, the second largest employer in Media, and an important community resource, offering educational programs for kids.

Experience the magic of live theater in this groovin' musical production of *Saturday Night Fever*. ♦

—Mercedes Thomas

IF YOU GO:

Where: The Media Theatre
104 E. State St., Media

When: April 13–June 9

Tickets: 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

Slipping Out: From Horses to Flowers, Beer, Music and Comedy



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But, odds are, you'll want a break. After all, some events start at 8 a.m. and most nights there's still action in the ring until 10 p.m.!

Where can you go for a change of pace? For a few hours? Just a short drive away?

PASSING THE AFTERNOON

Luckily, you're smack dab in the middle of the Main Line: perfect for slipping away. In the afternoon, you may want to just drive around, take in the scenery and relax.

Just north of Route 30, aka Lancaster Avenue, heading east or west on Old Gulph Road, you can drive along winding roads among lush mansions, passing homes of immense proportions and exquisite landscaping.

Devon, Wayne, Villanova, or Berwyn, Paoli, Malvern Great gardens with flowering shrubs and trees—azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias—will be in bloom. You can easily get lost on roads that curve and change their name without giving notice.

GARDENS AND ART

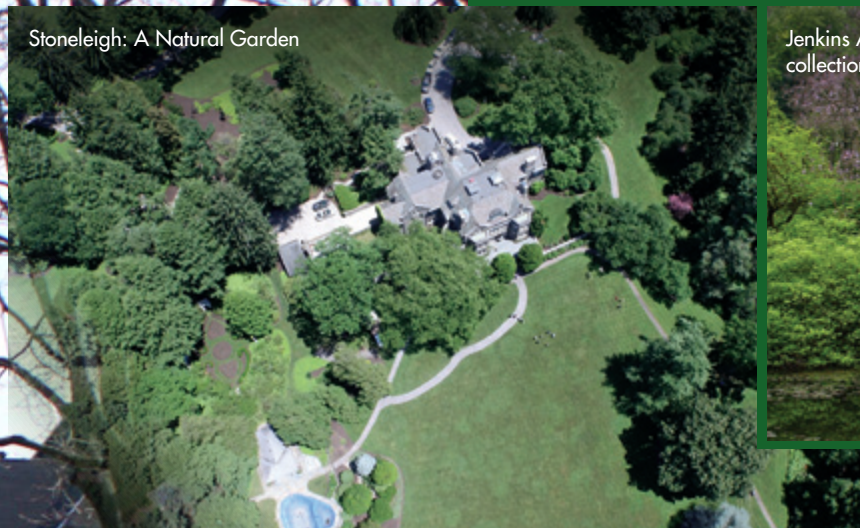
In Villanova, several miles to the east of Devon, stop to visit **Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden**—it's free. Stroll the 42-acre grounds of the former Haas estate (from Rohm & Haas), with landscape designed in the early 20th century by the Olmstead Brothers, sons of Frederick Law Olmstead, the father of American landscape architecture. Now managed by Natural Lands, the property has become a native, bio-diverse garden.

On June 8, at 10 a.m.—alas, after the Horse Show ends—there's a tour of the garden and the 1877 mansion, which is generally closed to visitors. You'll just have to plan to return.

Afterwards, walk or take a short drive to **Villanova University's** campus. Fewer faculty and students are around after graduation in mid-May, but you can explore the 260-acre campus on your own. Visit the iconic 1880s St. Thomas of Villanova Church, the Connelly Center housing the art gallery and more, the Augustinian Cemetery, and the Athletic Complex, home to the champion basketball team.

And if you're a fan of college campuses and don't mind a 15-minute drive, the **Haverford College** campus has a lovely duck

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden



Jenkins Arboretum has an extensive collection of native plants.



Visit Villanova University's 260-acre campus.



Along Lancaster Avenue, the main street of the Main Line

Haverford College campus has a duck pond and jogging path.



pond and well-used jogging path through its pinetum (arboretum of pine trees and conifers).

For still more greenery, **Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens** is just a mile or two from Devon's Horse Show grounds. This is the place for plants native to our area, with outstanding collections of rhododendrons, azaleas, striped maples, pawpaws, several Franklin trees, and a grand white oak. On Friday, June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m., Jenkins will host a garden party, titled Spring Blooms and dubbed “a lavish and leafy celebration.”

Another not-to-be-missed garden is **Chanticleer**—called a pleasure garden—south of Devon by a couple of miles: 47 acres, with over 5000 plants and regarded as one of the most imaginative gardens in America. Enjoy the Asian Woods, with plants from Korea, Japan and China; Bell's Woodlands, with azaleas, ferns and foam flowers; Bell's Run Creek, with blue-flowered quamash (aka camas, does that help?) and water wheel; the Chanticleer Home Gardens, with small fountains, Japanese grasses and other colorful plants. It's a lovely place to spend the afternoon. Open Wednesday through Sunday.

For a little art, head to the **Wayne Art Center**, also nearby, or



Chanticleer is known as a pleasure garden.

the **Main Line Art Center**, a bit farther east in Haverford. Read more in “Art Gallery Round Up,” in this issue.

IF YOU'RE HUNGRY

The Main Line is overflowing with great dining spots. We highlighted many in our annual “Best of the Best” restaurant roundup in our January issue, still available on our website.

Terrain Café at Devon and **Amis Trattoria** are both on our list and just a block away from the horse show grounds. But both will likely be crowded—they attract a following on an average Tuesday.



Terrain Café



Amis Trattoria

At Terrain, you can order brunch or dinner, amidst the ferns of the greenhouse. But don't miss their cocktails. A Maple Mamba Terrain, with apple brandy, rye and maple syrup will make the afternoon better. For a visit to Amis Trattoria, try a classic Italian meal—pasta, a pizzette, a meatball parm sandwich—if you're hungry. And maybe share a bottle of prosecco with a friend.

FOR HAPPY HOUR AND MORE

Another of our Best of the Best winners, 273-year-old **Black Powder Tavern**, in Wayne, is the spot where George Washington and his officers plotted revolution. Now it's the place to grab a beer—Tröeg's Nugget Nectar will slake your thirst—or sip one of the Tavern's signature cocktails. At Happy Hour try the Cheesy Devils—dates stuffed with gorgonzola and wrapped in bacon.

Downtown Wayne, a few miles east from the Show Grounds, is another excellent place to enjoy a beer. **Teresa's Next Door**, for example, has won many *County Lines* Best of the Best awards, and was a James Beard semifinalist for its outstanding bar program. It has countless beers, wines, ciders and spirits of all varieties.

In Berwyn, you'll find one of our favorites, **La Cabra Brewing**, with a great selection of beers, from Hipster Catnip to some serious sours. Head farther west—and find **Locust Lane Craft Brewery**, yet

another Best of the Best winner, in Malvern, with ten taps of their beer, including a delicious imperial stout on nitro, in its summer beer garden. It's open until 11 on most nights, and has live music.

Next door to Locust Lane and on our Best of the Best list is **The Pennsylvania Distilling Co.**, where you can take a tour and a tasting (best to book in advance). Sample whiskey, vodka, rum and gin, made according to a "grain-to-glass" principle. "Terroir," the distillers believe, is "every bit as important in the spirits world as it is with wines." Find out for yourself.

If you're out and about on Thursday, May 30, Locust Lane Brewery, along with Chaddsford Winery and local food trucks, will join together for a relaxing summer evening happy hour in the village of Historic Sugartown. A portion of the beverage and food proceeds will help to support Historic Sugartown.



Teresa's Next Door



La Cabra Brewing



Black Powder Tavern

AH, THE NIGHTLIFE

Perhaps later you'll be in the mood for a round of serious music or comedy.

One club that opened recently at 118 North Wayne Avenue, is called, not surprisingly, **118 North**. On May 24, it will feature the Englishtown Project, named after the renowned concert from 1977 with a lineup that included the Grateful Dead, the New Riders of the Purple Sage and the Marshall Tucker Band. The following week, the club hosts alt country bands The Miners and Red Means Run.



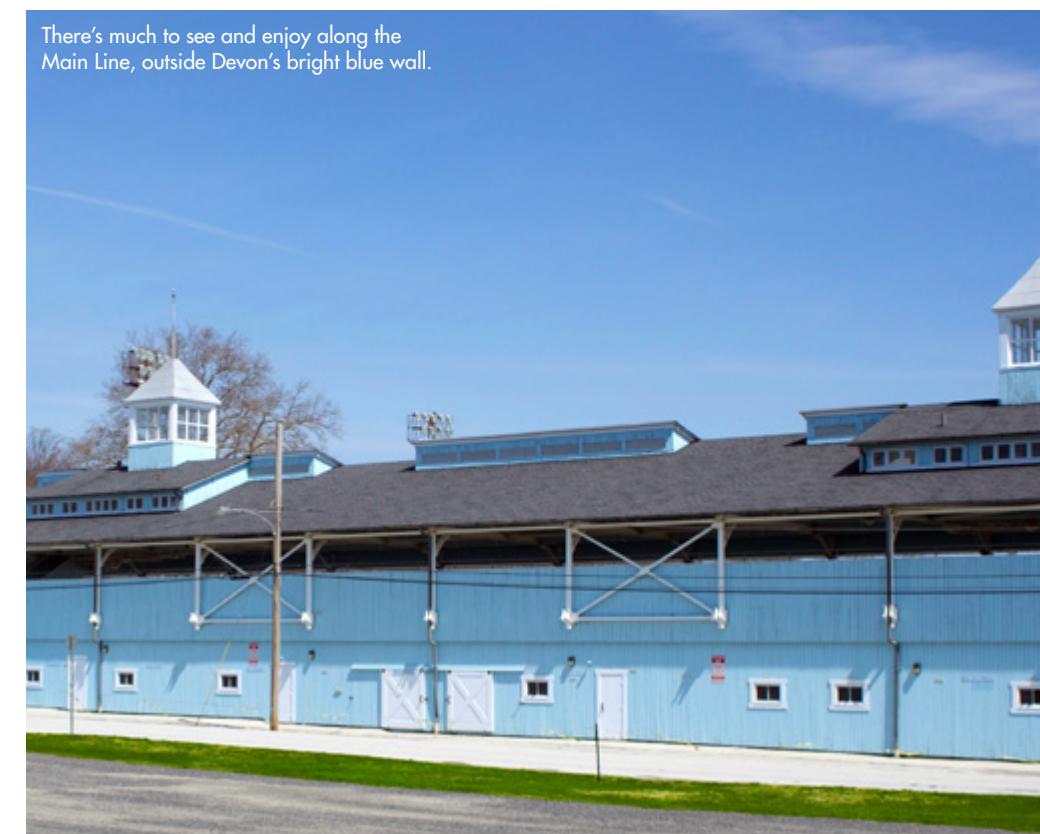
Pennsylvania Distilling Co.

Or try Soul Joel's Comedy Club at the **Vault at Valley Forge Casino Resort** in King of Prussia. On May 24 at 8 p.m., Angelo Lozado and Jenny Saldana appear. May 31, it's Kevin Lee, also at 8.

At Devon, there will be hours of fun you don't want to miss. At other times, your equine fervor may sag. Hopefully, no one will notice as you slip out of Devon's stands to enjoy a taste of the Main Line beyond the blue walls. You'll return relaxed, refreshed and ready for all the Devon Horse Show has to offer. ♦



The Wayne Train Station is just one stop along SEPTA's convenient regional rail line, with a stop in Devon.



There's much to see and enjoy along the Main Line, outside Devon's bright blue wall.



Steeplechase Season

Madison Meinel

CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S STEEPLECHASE SEASON WITH THESE LOCAL EVENTS, FILLED WITH ADRENALINE PUMPING RACES AND FAMILY FUN. WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, STEEPLECHASE RACES ARE MUST-DO CALENDAR EVENTS.

And they're off at Radnor Hunt Races
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Spring in the Brandywine Valley is more than May flowers and Easter candy. It's also the season for some of our favorite equestrian events. Steeplechase season is rounding the corner, and we've got the scoop for planning May fun. From carriage parades and upscale boutiques to delicious food and competitive races, there's plenty of excitement to be had.

Round up the whole family, including well-behaved dogs, and spring into steeplechase season for a firsthand experience of this brand of distinctive local fun.

STUDY UP ON STEEPLECHASE

Dating back to the 18th century, steeplechase racing is a tradition connecting fans from across the Atlantic. This style of equestrian racing found its first starting line in Ireland as a cross-country horse race. Horses galloped across the lush Irish landscape from church steeple to church steeple, creating the name we celebrate every May.

Today's races evolved from riders who relied on the strength, speed and athleticism of their horses to carry them across rolling hills and over fences and jumps, turning the races from a necessary skill to a well-respected sport.



Winterthur Point-to-Point's carriage parade is one of the largest and grandest. Arrive before the races to catch it and other fun.
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bines fun with philanthropy. Pack a tailgate lunch, don your finest hat and prepare for a day guaranteed to create memories to last a lifetime.

IF YOU GO: May 5. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Admission: \$15–\$250. 800-448-3883. Winterthur.org.

TIPS: Purchase your entry wristbands at the Visitor Center or at a satellite location for access to all the race day festivities!

27TH WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Gather up the family and head to the Willowdale Steeplechase Races this Mother's Day. Celebrate mom on a day filled with high fashion and world-class racing. Treat her to upscale boutique shopping and delicious food from an assortment of local vendors at this community gathering raising funds for Stroud Water Research Center, UPenn's New Bolton Veterinary Center and Quest Therapeutic Services.

Entertain the little ones with kids' activities and events like the Jack Russell Terrier races, sure to keep a smile on their faces.

New this year, all races will be live streamed, attracting a world-wide audience and introducing the sport to new fans.

In the spirit of new challenges, Willowdale is introducing an amateur race over hurdles, standing at a whopping 52 inches, giving more opportunities to amateur racers. Plus the sidesaddle race over fences is back for another year. More races, more fun!



BOTTOM PHOTO BY BEN FOURNIER

Held on Mother's Day, Willowdale Steeplechase is a family event.

Enjoy the views in the natural amphitheater of Willowdale's grounds, as it transports guests from Chester County into the beautiful British Isles' countryside that inspired the design. This unique venue gives everyone an incredible view of the races.

Join all the fun Willowdale's tailgating has to offer. With panoramic views of the course, you won't be missing any action from your tailgate spot. Dress for this year's theme of "Game of Thrones," as you rep your favorite house or character and a chance to claim the grand prize.

Check out crowd favorites like the U.S. Pony Racing and the Antique car display for the full Willowdale experience!

IF YOU GO: May 12. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Admission: \$40. 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

TIP: Check out pre-race events like the May 9th course walk and May 10th Willowdale in White dinner for even more fun! Can't make the races? Watch the livestream.

89TH RADNOR HUNT RACES

The Radnor Hunt Races are a celebrated Main Line tradition dating back to the 1930s. Rooted in the spirit of philanthropy, the races benefit the Brandywine Conservancy and protect the open space that makes our region such a beautiful place to call home. So, dress up in your race-day best at this year's Race for Open Space and enjoy a day in the countryside.

For the first time, the Radnor Hunt races will also be live streamed, allowing racing fans from around the world to share the action, plus there's racecourse-wide WiFi encouraging guests to live post all the fun. Gather alongside 25,000 spectators—and one wedding being celebrated on the grounds—and experience the excitement firsthand as the day's events include six races with prizes totaling \$170,000, an antique carriage parade and the much-loved foxhound parade.



Radnor Hunt Race Day is a showcase for almost 90 years of tradition.
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Join in the competition as the Picnic Patron tailgates offer not only bragging rights but also top prizes for the best tailgates for costumes and cuisine. Or wear your most fashionable hat or snappiest ties to receive an award as well. Celebrity judges will be strolling the grounds.

If tailgating isn't your style, grab tickets to the all-inclusive rail-side Fox's Den. Cheer alongside the finish line as you enjoy gourmet food and a full beverage service. Fox's Den guests can mingle with owners, trainers and riders, plus have access to the post-race Preakness Stakes party making these the best seats in the house!

IF YOU GO: May 18. Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Admission: \$100 and up. 610-388-8383. Brandywine.org.

TIPS: Kick-off the races the night before with a festive cocktail reception and live music at the Radnor Hunt Wildflower Bash!

85TH ANNUAL FAIR HILL STEEPLCHASE

Rounding the finish line for the season is the historic Fair Hill Steeplechase on May 25, giving fans one last hurrah. Add extra excitement to the races by placing a bet on your lucky horse (pari-mutuel betting is allowed here) or use your betting money at the vendor village where shops offer something for every style.

Visitors can enjoy the course from many spots on the grounds, with options like the grandstands, reserved seating, tailgating, lawn boxes and tents. Everyone has a place at the Fair Hill Steeplechase and plenty of dining options from food vendors will satisfy your taste buds.

Take a short trip to Maryland for the last celebration of our region's 2019 steeplechase season!

IF YOU GO: May 25. 402 Fair Hill Dr., Elkton, MD. 410-398-2578.

FairHillRaces.com.

TIPS: No pet allowed. Discounted tickets available before race day! ♦



Fair Hill Steeplechase offers plenty of fun!

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Your Schedule for Steeplechase Fun!

41ST WINTERHUR POINT-TO-POINT – SUNDAY, MAY 5

11:30 am - Gates Open; Gates Close at 4 pm
 11:45 am - Delaware State Police Pipe Band
 Noon - Alison Hershbell Pony Races & Parade of River Hills Foxhounds
 1:00 pm - George A. "Frolic" Weymouth Antique Carriage Parade
 1:30 pm - Tailgate Picnic Competition Award;
 Stick Horse Races begin
 1:50 pm - National Anthem
 2:00 pm - Races begin. 1st Race: Isabella du Pont Sharp Memorial
 2:30 pm - 2nd Race – Winterthur Bowl
 3:00 pm - 3rd Race – Vicmead Plate
 3:30 pm - 4th Race – Middletown Cup
 3:45 pm - Greta Brown Layton Trophy awarded to best trainer

27TH WILLOWDALE STEEPLCHASE – SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

10:00 am - Gates Open; Gates Close at 6 pm
 10:30 am - Jack Russell Terrier Races
 11:30 am - The Whip Tavern Tailgate Competition; Pony Races
 12:30 pm - National Anthem
 1:00 pm - Miss Nancy Nicholas Memorial Side Saddle
 Field Master's Chase
 1:30 pm - 1st Race – The Liam Magee SOTA Apprentice Rider Race
 2:00 pm - 2nd Race – The Folly
 2:30 pm - 3rd Race – The Rose Tree Cup
 2:45 pm - Tailgate Competition Winner; Side Saddle Winner Announced
 3:00 pm - 4th Race – The Willowdale Steeplechase Stakes
 3:30 pm - 5th Race – The Landhope Cup
 4:00 pm - 6th Race – The Marshall W. Jenney Foxhunter's Chase

89TH ANNUAL RADNOR HUNT RACES – SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

9 am - Gates Open; Gates close after Preakness Stakes
 Noon to 2 - Tailgate Competition begins
 1:00 pm - National Anthem with Mounted Color Guard
 1:30 pm - 1st Race – The Milfern Cup
 2:05 pm - 2nd Race – The Thompson Memorial Steeplechase
 2:20 pm - Carriage Parade
 3:05 pm - 3rd Race – Radnor Hunt Cup
 3:15 pm - Parade of the Radnor Foxhounds
 3:55 pm - 4th Race – National Hunt Cup
 4:30 pm - 5th Race – James M. Moran Jr. Steeplechase
 5:05 pm - 6th Race – Henry Collins Steeplechase
 5:30 pm - Preakness Stakes Coverage begins

85TH ANNUAL FAIR HILL RACES – SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

10:00 am - Gates Open; Gates close at 5 pm
 11:00 am - VIP Tent Open; Pony Rides
 11:30 am - Stick Pony Races
 11:45 am - Welcome
 Noon - National Anthem and Tailgate Competition Judging begins
 1:00 pm - 1st Race – Training flat 7 furlong turf
 1:30 pm - 2nd Race – Training flat 1.25 miles on the turf
 2:00 pm - 3rd Race – 2.25 miles over National Fences;
 Hat Judging Contest
 2:30 pm - 4th Race – 2.25 miles over National Fences
 3:00 pm - 5th Race – Filly and Mare 2.25 miles over National Fences
 3:30 pm - 6th Race – The Valentine Memorial;
 Tailgate and Hat Contest Winners announced
 4:00 pm - 7th Race – Timber Race three miles and one furlong over Timber
 4:30 pm - 8th Race – The SOTA Apprentice Rider Race 2.25 miles

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Story by Laurel Anderson
Photos by Brenda Carpenter

IF YOU'VE LIVED IN THIS AREA FOR MORE THAN A YEAR or so, you're likely familiar with the excitement that happens behind the long blue wall along Lancaster Avenue every year in late May. The Devon Horse Show is approaching 125 years of world-class equestrian excellence, and it's not to be missed! (The big anniversary is in 2021.)

In fact, this year Devon was recognized as Horse Show of the Year by both the National Show Hunters Hall of Fame and the United Professional Horsemen's Association. It's no wonder equestrian fans—from tenderfoot to Olympic rider—are drawn to the action in the Dixon Oval and Wheeler Ring.

After covering the Horse Show for over 40 years, we're taking a different perspective for 2019. Let's look at the fun you can have without horses and outside the ring. Because there's plenty!





FAMILY FOCUS

Riders in the ring range from munchkins in Lead Line events to experienced hands on the reins for carriage driving, and spectators at the Devon Horse Show reflect that same broad span of ages.

Babes in arms and in strollers join gaggles of teens and pairs of parents relaxing in the stands and roaming the Country Fair grounds during the 11 days of the show, with bigger crowds on designated Family Days. That focus on families is clear throughout the schedule (see the handy 1-page, tear-out schedule at the end of this article).

The Horse Show starts and ends with families. May 23, the first full day of the show, is called Community Day, with family-favorite specials on midway rides, souvenirs and food. That evening, with free admission after 5 p.m., brings area high school booster clubs and the popular Devon Dog Contest. Featuring four canine classes, this doggie-oriented contest highlights our four-legged friends. New this year are Halo awards for service dogs.

Even more family fun ensues on May 25 at another new event, the Children's Tea Party, and on two Family Days, May 28 and June 2 (the last day of the Show), with loads of family-friendly specials.

The final Sunday of the show offers special activities just for kids, including decorating cupcakes, planting flowers in tea cups, and joining the Itty Bitty Hat party and parade—all as adorable as they sound.

The old-school midway, with its beautiful carousel, mighty Ferris wheel (lit at night) and games of chance and skill, holds hours of fun and a chance to stretch your legs. It's open every day and night during the show.



COUNTRY FAIR FOOD



Food stands offer kid-friendly options—burgers, fries, pizza, ice cream—along Food Alley, along with funnel cake and fried Oreos at the midway, and a candy booth with Devon fudge, plus roaming volunteers selling traditional lemon sticks.

And yes, there are salads and wraps available somewhere, plus a new option of quiche, along with soups, sandwiches and entrees at the Garden Café.

Parents find plenty to love, too, while taking a break from preparing meals. Tea sandwiches and lobster rolls always appeal, and adult beverages are available. Sip wine under the sycamores or back in the spectators' stands and private boxes. For music and beer, try Clydesdales Corner Pub by Anniversary Square, next to the practice ring. There's always a lively crowd.



PICNICS & LADIES DAY



Private boxes are where families have entertained for generations, with an elevated style befitting a horse show with over a hundred years of tradition. Back this year is the “Grandest of the Grandstands” contest on May 31, when boxholders bring their finest food, flowers, props (often sterling silver) and attire to vie for Devon blue ribbons awarded for Best Food and Best Theme. No horses required!

There’s more tailgating competition outside the ring, but this one is near horses—carriage horses. On Sunday May 26, before the carriage pleasure drive heads out through the streets of Devon, carriage owners and spectators assemble once again to picnic in the historic St. David’s Church grounds near the cemetery. (After a hiatus, this location is again the starting point.) Judges choose the winners, who will be announced in the Dixon Oval.

It’s not quite the scene at Royal Ascot or the Kentucky Derby, yet Ladies Hat Day at Devon turns out a bevy of beautiful hats to give those races a run for their money. Another well-loved tradition on the first Wednesday of the Horse Show, Ladies Day dates from the early 1900s and is held on the day of the Ladies Side Saddle competition in the ring.

There’s free admission for ladies wearing elegant hats and a ticket for the Enchanted Garden-themed reception gets you some bubbly, nibbles, gift bags and a chance to compete in many categories—Best in Show, Best Hat to Toe, Best Group—before celebrity and local judges.

So pop on your most fascinating fascinator (yes, that’s a category, too) to win prizes from local boutiques and join the fun. Check the website for news of a lunch and VIP opportunities.

ART GALLERIES & BOUTIQUE VENDORS



Scattered throughout the grounds are charming clapboard cottages housing an array of shops and services. Some serve food to ravenous riders who have completed their turn in the ring and to hungry families circling to find the right choice for each member.

One cottage under the sycamores is home to the Art Gallery at Devon, selling equestrian art, the official Devon poster and more as it raises funds for Bryn Mawr Hospital, the horse show’s beneficiary. Read more about this oasis of calm in “Gallery RoundUp” in this issue.

Other shops range from long-time exhibitor B&D Builders to newcomer Valley Forge Flowers. You’ll find the latest fashions from Polka Dots and Tish boutiques plus equestrian supplies from Malvern Saddlery and Dubarry of Ireland.

The Souvenir Booth is worth visiting each year to check out the new merch and buy your annual Devon pin.

Feeling lucky? Then buy a ticket for the Devon Derby to support a great cause and take a chance to win a prize, including a lease on a new 2019 Buick Encore SUV, Phillies tickets or gift certificate from Walter J. Cook Jeweler!

And when the action in the ring is over, the Devon Plant Sale takes place inside the main gate, where plants from the grounds are available at amazing prices. A perfect souvenir.

As you leave, you may notice some of the 2000 volunteers who make this event happen. Give them a “thank you!” ♦



IF YOU GO

WHAT: The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair
WHERE: Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon
WHEN: May 23–June 2 ; 8 a.m. to around 10 p.m.
INFORMATION: DevonHorseShow.org & Facebook
BENEFICIARY: Bryn Mawr Hospital

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ALTHOUGH THERE'S PLENTY TO DO OUTSIDE THE RING, REMEMBER TO CATCH THE EQUESTRIAN EXCITEMENT!



Your Guide to 11 Days of Fun at the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

May 23
June 3

Wednesday—May 22

First Night at Devon

See Gallery Round Up in this issue.

Thursday—May 23

Junior Weekend –
Thursday through Sunday
Community Day

Specials on Midway rides, souvenirs and food.
Country Fair open 'til 9 p.m. Get your ringside
seats for the Dog Show presented by What A
Good Dog. Free admission after 5.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- WIHS Equitation Jumper
- USEF Talent Search

Wheeler Ring

- Pony Hunter Breeding
- USEF Hunter Seat Medal

7 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- The Dog Show at the
Horse Show, 7 p.m.

Friday—May 24

Visit the official Souvenir booth for all new
2019 merchandise and get an early start at
the 60+ vendors.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- ASPCA MacLay & R.W.
Mutch Equitation Champ.
- Junior Hunters

Wheeler Ring

- Pony Hunters

7 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Demonstration: Collies
herding sheep and ducks
- Junior Jumpers, 8 p.m.

Saturday—May 25

It's all about kids today. New this year: A
Children's Tea Party in the Pavilion.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Junior Hunters
- Pony Jumpers
- Lead Line, 1 p.m.

Wheeler Ring

- Pony Hunters
- Costume Pony Hunt
Teams, 4:30 p.m.

7 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Junior Jumper Classic
- Parade—Radnor Hunt Hounds
- Horse Hunt Teams
- Parent & Child &
Family Class

Sunday—May 26

Be sure to check the kids souvenir booth for
new items from plush to apparel.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Handicapped Riders' Division
- Carriage Pleasure Drive
- Pony Jumpers
- Adult Amateur Jumpers

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- FEI \$50,000 Devon Arena
Eventing

Memorial Day Monday—May 27

Free admission for all military personnel,
first responders and their families. Visit the
Tea Cart for a special blend of iced tea, tea
sandwiches and pastries. Stop by the Derby
Booth for a chance to win the raffle, a lease
on a 2019 Buick Encore SUV.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Hunter Classes
- Scurry Driving
- Exhibition: Shelland
Pony races
- Adult Jumpers
- Carriage Driving

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Tribute to Heroes at 6:30
- NAL Adult Amateur
Jumper Classic
- Pony Races
- Coaching
- Single/Pair Pony Driving

Tuesday—May 28

Family Day

Specials on souvenirs, food and Midway rides.
Guided Back-Barn Tours, 3 to 6 p.m., for a
behind-the-scenes look at the stables.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Hunter Classes

7 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Exhibition
- Open Jumpers—FEI \$50,000
Welcome Stake
- Single Horse Driving
- Coaching

Wednesday—May 29

Ladies Day

Ladies Day at Devon! Ladies Side Saddle
Classes and the Ladies Hat Contest. Free
admission until 1 p.m. for ladies wearing
elegant hats. "An Enchanted Garden" is this
year's theme.

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Hunter Classes
- Ladies Side Saddle
- Hackneys
- Saddlebreds
- 7-Year-Old Jumpers

Wheeler Ring, morning only

- 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

7 to 10:15 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Exhibition
- Open Jumpers—FEI, \$35,000
International Speed Stake
- Hackneys
- Saddlebreds
- Coaching
- Friesians

Thursday—May 30

From elegant jewelry to beautiful works of
art—see it all before the evening's big crowd.

8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers
(morning only)
- USHJA Hunter Derby
- Hackneys
- Saddlebreds
- Coaching

Sapphire Grand Prix of Devon

There's nothing more thrilling than the
Sapphire Grand Prix. Grab a bottle of wine,
some cheese and sit back and enjoy!

7:15 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Open Jumpers—FEI \$250,000
Sapphire Grand Prix

Friday—May 31

Don't let the week end without tea sandwiches
and iced tea from the Tea Cart.

8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Amateur Owner Jumpers
& Hunters
- Hackneys & Saddlebreds

Wheeler Ring

- Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters
- Local Hunters

7 to 10 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Exhibition
- Open Jumpers—\$35,000
Devon Speed Challenge
- Coaching Championship
& Coach Horn
- Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- Friesians

Saturday—June 1

Another night of spectacular jumping. Win a
lease on a 2019 Buick Encore SUV, Phillies
tickets, a gift certificate to Walter J. Cook
Jeweler, Maui Jim sunglasses and a silk rug.

8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Amateur Owner Hunters
- Saddlebreds & Hackneys
- Amateur Owner Jumper
SJHOF Classic

Wheeler Ring

- Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters
- Local Hunters

7 to 10:30 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Devon Derby Drawing
- Exhibition
- Open Jumpers—FEI \$70,000
Idle Dice Jumper Stake
- Saddlebreds
- Hackneys & Roadsters

Sunday—June 2

Children's Day

Lots of activities for the kids—pony rides, Itty
Bitty Hat Parade. Free admission. The Devon
Plant Sale takes place at the end of the show.

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dixon Oval

- Hunter Breeding Division
- Young Hunter Under Saddle ♦

Updates at DevonHorseShow.org.

89th

Radnor Hunt Races

May 18, 2019



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Celebrate 89 years of horseracing on the Main Line. With everything
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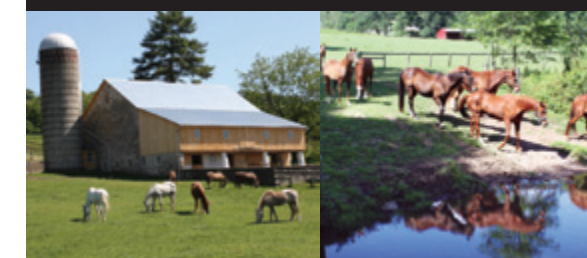
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2019 Events Calendar

FAMILY FUN DAY
 June 15, noon-4pm,
 rain date: June 16

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 Oct 13th, Noon-3pm

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PERMANENTLY CONSERVED LAND IS AN IMPORTANT part of what makes Chester County so special. Not only is our local scenery some of the most beautiful in Pennsylvania, protected land provides vital habitat for plants and animals and boosts the health of our waterways. And that's in addition to recreational uses for hiking and enjoying nature on some conserved land.

Over more than 20 years, the Willistown Conservation Trust, along with other area organizations with a similar mission—including Brandywine Conservancy, French & Pickering Creek Conservation Trust, Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County and Natural Lands—has permanently protected thousands of acres in the Brandywine Valley from potential development.

This work also encompasses constantly striving to preserve vulnerable land from the pressures of developers and suburban sprawl. And in the case of Willistown Conservation Trust, this locally protected land allows us to make a broader impact beyond our region in such areas as bird conservation, sustainable agriculture, watershed protection, research and education.

WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

The process of protecting land most commonly starts when a landowner decides to donate what's known as a conservation ease-

ment to a land trust (or in some cases, to a government agency). A conservation easement is a legal agreement between the landowner and land trust by which the landowner retains private ownership of their land and typically enjoys certain tax benefits, while the natural and scenic resources of their land are protected and the land's development rights restricted in perpetuity.

A conservation easement can be tailored to protect the unique conservation values of each property and meet the financial and personal needs of the landowner. For example, an easement on land containing high value wildlife habitat might focus on restricting the extent and location of development that's permitted to protect woodland and stream corridors. Or, an easement on a working farm may be structured to facilitate farming and building structures to support farming.

HOW LONG DOES AN EASEMENT LAST?

Conservation easements typically include language designed to preserve the natural, cultural and scenic resources of a property and to restrict the land's future development. Because this type of easement exists in perpetuity (typically expressed in the agreement as "running with the land in perpetuity"), the trust's and the landowner's commitment to the protections afforded by the easement never ends.

In fact, this long-term nature of conservation easements is one of their greatest intrinsic strengths, ensuring the permanent protection of our precious open spaces while reinforcing the bond between the land trust and its easement community.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

When a landowner places a conservation easement on a piece of property or purchases a property with an existing easement, both the land trust and the landowner assume responsibility for upholding the agreement's terms. This is done with the understanding that the land trust's role—whether as landowner or as trustee—is simply one chapter of a perpetual commitment that will extend long term.

The stewardship staff at a land trust specifically assumes responsibility for the long-term enforcement of the conservation easement as well as developing mutual respect, trust and an open channel of communication with the easement landowners.

To this end, at Willistown Conservation Trust, our priorities are to:

- Visit every easement property at least once a year to perform a physical inspection of the conserved land;
- Work closely with easement landowners who wish to make permitted improvements to their property (e.g., residential and agricultural structures, pools, run-in sheds);
- Help new landowners who have purchased an easement property understand the conservation easement's terms, restrictions and benefits; and
- Invite and answer questions about a landowner's specific conservation easement.

Because easements vary in scope and the degree of development restrictions, we tailor our approach for each property and welcome requests for clarification. Other land trusts have their own approaches to working with their landowners.

These relationships with easement landowners—whom we frequently refer to as "our heroes of the Willistown countryside"—are some of the most enduring and important partnerships we hold as an orga-

nization, and we work tirelessly to honor and strengthen them.

Over time as easement properties change hands and new landowners and families come into our community, Willistown Conservation Trust will be here to welcome them and ensure the permanent protection of the land that makes our community so special.

So the next time you're driving through the preserved lands of Willistown or other

areas in Chester County (which has made open space a priority for 50 years) and enjoying the scenery and respite from our busy world, remember the quiet power of this land and the effort required to achieve it. ♦

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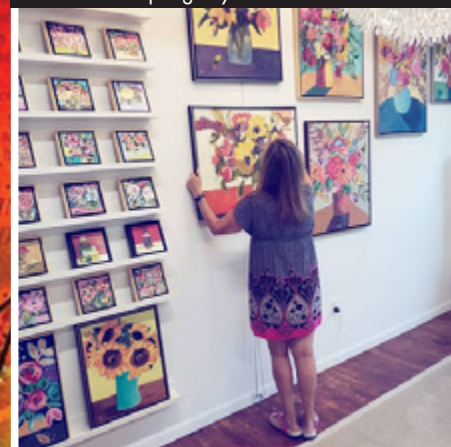
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Celebrate spring at aptly named Spring City Mills Studios' Spring Fling Open Artist Studios event on May 4th. Explore three floors of art for a behind-the-scenes look at the creative process.

Meet the artists, visit their studios and take something home—a great opportunity to find the perfect Mother's Day gift! Featuring painters, sculptors, photographers, weavers, printmakers and more, this show encourages art appreciation in all media.

A community of 20 artists, Spring City Mills Studios opened a year ago in the renovated 122-year-old knitting mill. The building also houses the Creative Light Factory, which includes a hub for writers along with offering writing workshops, classes, coaching and community.

Enjoy readings, demos and workshops, plus wine and cheese, as you see where artists do their magic.

May 4, 10 to 6. [Facebook.com/SpringCityMillStudios](https://www.facebook.com/SpringCityMillStudios)

WEST CHESTER GALLERY WALK

First Fridays in West Chester are always fun for the whole family, and the First Friday in May has something extra to enjoy. Presented by Sunset Hill Jewelers and Fine Arts Gallery, the West Chester Gallery Walk will take place on May 3rd.

Wander through charming downtown West Chester for an evening of art, dining and shopping, with free parking beginning at 5 p.m. Peruse six art galleries along with "one-night-only" show venues. One must-see stop is Sunset Hill's father-daughter exhibit by the Schallers, titled "Agape," in the second-floor gallery.

Not sure how to begin? Pick up a walking map showing the participating galleries and other venues at the Chamber of Commerce office on North High Street. Enjoy this brush with local art!

May 3, 5 to 9 p.m. GreaterWestChester.com



West Chester Gallery Walk



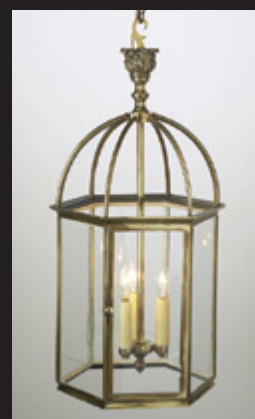
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Yellow Springs Art Show



YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

Art lovers young and old are invited to the 46th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show held in the historic Lincoln Galleries at Yellow Springs. From April 27 to May 12, visitors can experience the gallery's works from over 200 artists—including recurring favorites, Brad Earl and Joe Jacobs, plus dynamic newcomers. Very young art enthusiasts can search for hidden prizes in the treasure hunt organized by the studio.

On Friday, May 3, adults are invited to unwind at the Wine and Cheese Happy Hour from 5:30 to 8, sponsored by Cedar Hollow Restaurant and Inn. This entirely volunteer-driven event has a little something for everyone to celebrate art.

April 27–May 12; Sat.–Thurs., 10 to 4; Fri., 10 to 8.

CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

Ever wonder about the creators behind the creations? The Chester County Studio Tour presents a chance to meet artists in their studios. On May 18th and 19th, 144 artists in 63 studios exhibit their works in a variety of mediums, such as painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, jewelry and glass. Plan your driving tour online for a stress-free experience.

Visitors can vote for their favorite piece for a chance to earn the winning artist a \$500 prize, plus a chance to bring the artwork home. Check the tour's website to learn more about the artists and design your own itinerary.

Mark your calendar for another studio tour this fall—the Delaware County Studio Tour on September 28–29.

May 18, 10 to 6; May 19, 11 to 5. ChesterCountyStudioTour.com

WAYNE ART CENTER'S 13TH ANNUAL PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

Get ready for another celebration of the Wayne Art Center's Plein Air Festival! Enjoy more than 250 works fresh off the easel at the Collectors' Sale and Soirée on May 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. for an evening of fine art, hors d'oeuvres, live music and open bar.

The festival has been dedicated to increasing awareness of painting *en plein air*—French for outdoors—since 2007. Artists gather from near and far on May 18 to capture on canvas the ambiance of spring in the Delaware Valley.

Paintings are on display from May 20 to June 29.

May 18–June 29. Gallery hours: Mon.–Fri., 9 to 5.; Sat., 9 to 4. WaynePleinAir.org



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ART GALLERY AT DEVON

In a quaint cottage in the midst of the Devon Horse Show grounds, the Art Gallery at Devon is a peaceful oasis in the bustling County Fair. It's where you'll find art covering virtually every surface!

Kick off the celebration on May 22 at the "First Night" party from 6 to 9 p.m., hosted by the Art Gallery. On the evening before the official opening day of the Devon Horse Show, First Night presents a popular fundraiser featuring an open bar and gourmet fare. Some 200 guests, including exhibiting artists and art lovers, are among the lucky first to see the artists' creations.

The Art Gallery features over 500 paintings by 60 local and national artists. From the pastoral and equestrian to more contemporary subjects, these works represent a variety of subjects.

Since 1999, the Art Gallery's work has raised over \$250,000 in sales for Bryn Mawr Hospital. May 22–June 2. ArtGalleryDevon.org

CRAFTED AT EAGLEVIEW

Get your craft on at CRAFTED Crafts and Arts Festival on June 9 at Eagleview Town Center in Exton. The festival features over 50 artists, live music, exhibitions, children's crafting table and a songwriter providing plenty of fun. With chefs from Eagleview's Restaurant Row and other vendors offering specials all day, treat yourself to food, local spirits and craft beer tastings at Suburban Restaurant and Beer Garden.

June 9, 10 to 3. Crafted-Eagleview.com ♦



Art Gallery at Devon



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Wayne Art Center



CHESTER COUNTY *in Bloom*

Spring is in full bloom this month in *County Lines Country*! We asked our Facebook followers to send us their favorite spring pics, and we were overwhelmed with gorgeous entries. During May, we'll showcase each beautiful semifinalist photo on Facebook. To vote, just *like* us, then *like* your favorite. The entrant with the most *likes** will win a 5-person family membership to **Longwood Gardens**. We'll announce our winner on Facebook in May.

* Check the rules on our website.



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Bee on a Rose of Sharon



Renée Ezokas DePietro
Longwood Gardens



Robert Schock
Blue Poppy, Longwood Gardens



Robert Willems
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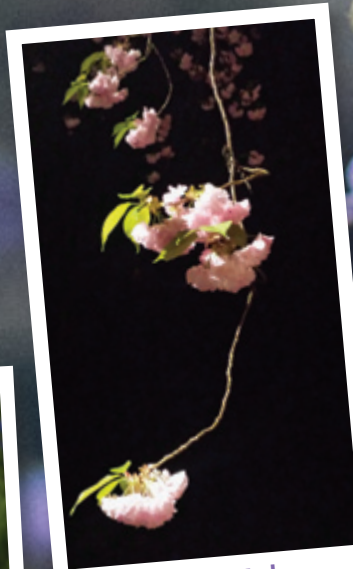
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Azaleas at Welkinweir



Wilmington Garden Day



Tyler Arboretum Plant Sale



Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Plant Sale

THROUGH MAY 26

Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.

Designers show their creativity at Peppermint Farm (parking at Hilltown Baptist Church), 26 Upper Church Rd., Chalfont. Mon–Wed, Fri–Sat, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Sun, noon to 4. \$35. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

MAY 3–4

Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market in Historic New Castle.

Unique, flowering plants and herbs, shrubs and artisan crafts. Market Square, 201 Delaware St., New Castle, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat, 9 to 4. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org.

MAY 3–4

DE Nature Society Native Plant Sale.

More than 300 rare varieties of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns and aquatic plants are for sale. Some from nearby Mt. Cuba Center and many species that attract wildlife. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 3 to 7; Sat, 9 to 3. 302-239-2334; DelNature.org/NPS.

MAY 4

Wilmington Garden Day.

Homes and gardens are featured at this rain-or-shine event. Benefits Delaware's children in need. 10 to 4. \$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

MAY 4–5

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Annual Plant Sale.

A large sale sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd.,

Devon. Sat, 9 to 3; Sun, 11 to 3. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

MAY 4–5

Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum.

Hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs—an inspiration for the whole garden. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

MAY 5

Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival.

Explore plants, crafts and artwork from over 150 vendors as home and garden design and supplies take the spotlight. Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill. 11 to 5. Raindate May 19. 215-247-6696; ChestnutHillPa.com.

MAY 9

80th Annual Phila. Herb Society of America Herb Sale.

Herbs, vegetable seedlings, rare and unusual geraniums and salvias for sale. Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Herbal brunch, \$15, res. only. 10 to 1. 610-970-5264; HSA-Philadelphia.org.

MAY 9–11

Wilmington Flower Market.

Benefits dozens of nonprofit Delaware children's agencies. Carnival rides, art, gifts, entertainment, flowers and plants of all kinds are available. Rockford Park, Wilmington. Thurs–Fri, 10 to 8; Sat, 10 to 7. Free. 302-995-5699; WilmingtonFlowerMarket.org.

MAY 10–11

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MAY 11

Azaleas, Bluebells & Follies at Winterthur Museum & Gardens. The day's events include tours of the azaleas and Follies garden exhibition as well as a specialty sale of azalea plants propagated from specimens at Winterthur. Incl. with admission. Rt. 52, Winterthur. 10 to 3. \$5-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

MAY 11

Scott Arboretum Selections: The Spring Sale. Find superior plant performers not found at big box stores that thrive in area gardens. Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Wister Center, Swarthmore. Noon to 3, free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

MAY 11

Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. Tour five of Willistown area's beautiful barns and farms, followed by a bountiful barbecue supper. Tour begins at 3; cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, barbecue and live auction follow. \$300. Res. req. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

MAY 11-12


Brandywine River Museum of Art Wildflower, Native Plant & Seed Sale. Hundreds of varieties for sale to benefit Brandywine Conservancy's native plant gardens. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 5. Free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

MAY 12

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MAY 15

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden—Spectacular Spring. Bring the family to celebrate the season in the garden. Read a seasonally inspired book, create kids' art projects and enjoy a springtime snack. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10 to 11:30. \$5 for children. 610-353-5587; StoneleighGarden.org.

MAY 15

45th Shipley School Secret Gardens Tour. Explore magnificent properties located in Main Line neighborhoods with a luncheon at St. Davids Golf Club. Tour and seated lunch, \$80; tour only, \$45. 8:30 to 4:30. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org/SecretGardens.

MAY 18

A Day In Old New Castle. Take a rare and exclusive look into the private homes and gardens, historic landmarks and museums. 10 to 5. \$5–\$30. 302-322-5774; HistoricNewCastle.com.

MAY 23, 30

Scott Arboretum Rose Garden Tour. Learn more about the organic rose garden from the staff who maintain this stunning collection. Geared for gardeners from beginners to experts. Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Wister Center, Swarthmore. Noon to 1, free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

JUNE 1

Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Tour. “Strolling the Square” features 15 remarkable properties all in the Kennett borough. Hidden gardens, unparalleled art and historic charm. Benefit's Kennett Library's Children's Programs and Adult Literacy. 10 to 4. \$40, 610-444-2702; KennettLibrary.org.

JUNE 7–9

35th Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party. Exclusive residences, creative gardens and distinctive architecture. Fri, Demuth Garden Party, 6 pm at Conestoga House & Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$18–\$20. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

JUNE 8

Home and Garden Day at Stoneleigh: A

Natural Garden. Historic architecture, towering trees and evolving native plant landscapes are highlighted. Tour includes grounds and the Main House, usually closed to visitors. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10 to 11:30 am. \$15. 610-353-5587; StoneleighGarden.org/Garden/Events.

JUNE 8

Garden Day at White Horse Village Retirement Community & 30th Anniversary Events. Recognized as an arboretum by Swarthmore College, the Village's 96 acres of gardens,

meadows and woodlands are open for a self-guided tour. The Club House, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 11 to 3. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

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NOTHING IN THIS BUCOLIC REGION OF EASTERN Chester County hints at its connection to the largest and longest single-day battle of the Revolutionary War. Yet on September 11, 1777, the opening shot of the fateful Battle of Brandywine was fired on what's now Fair Meadow Farm, as General Washington suffered a crushing defeat by General Howe.

Tracing its roots back to a 1683 purchase of 500 acres from William Penn and serving as home for 150 years of Davis family members, in addition to some Mathers and Strouds, Fair Meadow Farm was fittingly listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1959.

THE FARM

But it was the farm that attracted the current owners to these 28.5 acres on Birmingham Road. "My wife always wanted to live on a farm," says the husband, "although we're not farmers." So the couple abandoned their search for a Lancaster County farm, choosing instead to settle in an area that's rural, yet close to towns and their former life in Swarthmore.

Reflecting on what inspired them to take on this project 24 years ago—the 1740 serpentine house and bank barn were

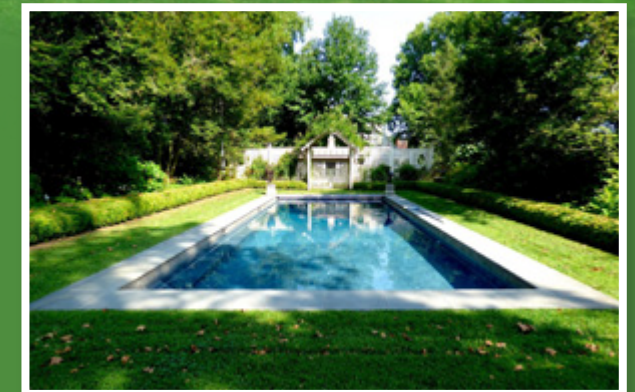
sorely in need of work—the couple agreed that "if you buy an old home it's a romantic purchase." You have to love the patina that comes only with age and the dreams that are part of owning a historic property—like cooking a meal in an authentic walk-in fireplace.

"We admit we looked at the place through rose-colored glasses," the husband continues, "seeing its fabulous potential." And there was also the quality of the workmanship in a home now well over 250 years old.

"Our plan was to fix, but not replace, to make improvements but in the correct style," adds the wife. "We did things like use rag painting finishes on the walls—things authentic to the period." They chose historically accurate paint colors, buried power lines to preserve the look of the property, and shored up the massive bank barn that was seriously sagging in its center, with the help of Wesley Sessa of 18th Century Restorations.

MAIN HOUSE

Today the farm features a seven-bedroom, four-full-two-half-bath serpentine home, stone bank barn, four-car garage, greenhouse, several outbuildings, pool, pond, magnificent mature trees along with lovingly designed and cared-for gardens.



The main farmhouse—with the oldest section marked by a 1740 datestone, plus 1802 and 1937 additions—has been reconfigured over the years. It's evolved into a bright, functional home with many windows and higher-than-expected ceilings, making it a comfortable home.

Once two rooms in the 1802 section, the spacious living room boasts two fireplaces, one a deep, cooking fireplace with the original cooking crane. The adjacent paneled library in the 1937 addition, with exposed beams and built-ins, is a cozy space with corner fireplace, convenient wet bar and staircase to the master bedroom. A paneled office, with powder room, has many built-ins and a lovely pond view.

On the other side of the elegant foyer with original staircase (check out the newel post's mortgage button and secret passage to the kitchen and basement with root cellar) is the formal dining room. The adjacent butler's pantry has two walls of custom cherry storage cabinets by Waterbury Designs (now Waterbury Kitchen and Bath). More cherry cabinets by Waterbury encircle the well-designed chef's kitchen with gas fireplace.

A sunny breakfast room with a deck, well-equipped laundry room with abundant storage, second powder room, and convenient mudroom with stone floors, skylight and wall of windows,



round out the L-shaped first floor, accented with beautiful hardwood floors.

The second floor is anchored by a large master suite with sitting room (easily convertible to a bedroom or nursery), dressing area with four closets, and master bedroom and bath, another Waterbury design.

Three additional bedrooms (one with ensuite bath, another with a fireplace) plus a hall bath are on the second level. Three more bedrooms—with unique eyebrow windows and wide-board floors—a play area (or future yoga room), full bath, plus storage room and cedar closet, add more living space on the third level.

THE GROUNDS

A local landmark visible from the road, the iconic 1803 serpentine bank barn (60'x40') houses numerous stalls, a huge heated/air-conditioned workshop (20'x40') and bath. Other amenities include a

greenhouse with automatic venting and cooling, multipurpose playhouse/pool-house with seasonal bathroom and kitchenette, four-car garage in the original carriage house, plus corncrib and smokehouse used for storage.

A lovely heated swimming pool flanked by fountains and picturesque half-acre spring-fed pond provide space for recreation and reflection.

The property is also home to magnificent specimen trees, including a 300-year-old sycamore and regal London planetree near the pond. An orchard and well-established garden (including asparagus patch) protected by deer fencing are evidence of a serious gardener.

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Cool down with a twist on the traditional margarita. Blended orange liqueur and fresh lime juice give the TitoRita a sweet and sour punch.

- 1.5 oz. Tito's Handmade Vodka
- .5 oz. orange liqueur
- 1.5 oz. fresh lemon juice
- 1.5 oz. fresh lime juice
- .5 oz. simple syrup
- 1 lime slice, for garnish

Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a double rocks glass over ice or into a martini glass. For a spicy kick, add three jalapeño slices to the shaker. Garnish with a lime slice.

Pro-Tip: If you like it salty, use a glass with a salt rim.

The Radnor Finish Line

This refreshing cocktail is best served on a sunny day while cheering on thoroughbreds racing to the finish line.

- 1.5 oz. vodka or gin
- .5 oz. fennel bulb syrup
- .5 oz. celery juice
- .5 oz. Granny Smith apple juice
- .5 oz. lemon juice
- Fennel salt, for garnish

Combine vodka or gin with fennel bulb syrup and the celery, lemon and Granny Smith apple juices in a cocktail shaker with ice.

Shake vigorously.

Serve in a rocks glass rimmed with fennel salt. Enjoy!



The Willowdale Folly

Named after one of Willowdale's steeplechase races, The Folly (folly means a lack of good sense, or an ornamental building with no purpose), is about being frivolous and fun while tailgating on race day.

- 2 shots tequila blanco
- Pink grapefruit juice, generous pour

- Squeeze of fresh lime juice
- Splash of club soda
- 1 lime wedge, for garnish

Fill a tall glass with ice cubes. Add two shots of tequila blanco. Add a generous pour of freshly squeezed pink grapefruit juice.

Add a squeeze of fresh lime juice and a splash of club soda. Stir.

Garnish with a fresh lime wedge.



Kentucky Derby Classic Mint Julep

Even if you miss the Kentucky Derby on May 4, you can still be there in spirit as you sip this mint julep cocktail, the original recipe straight from the South.

- For the Mint Simple Syrup*
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 6-8 sprigs fresh mint

Boil water and sugar together for 5 minutes. Place in a covered container with fresh mint. Refrigerate overnight.

For the Cocktail

- 1 Tbsp. mint simple syrup
- 2 oz. whiskey
- Sprig of fresh mint, for garnish

Fill a cup with crushed ice. Add in mint simple syrup and whiskey. Stir. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint.

Pro-Tip: Served best in a silver julep cup!



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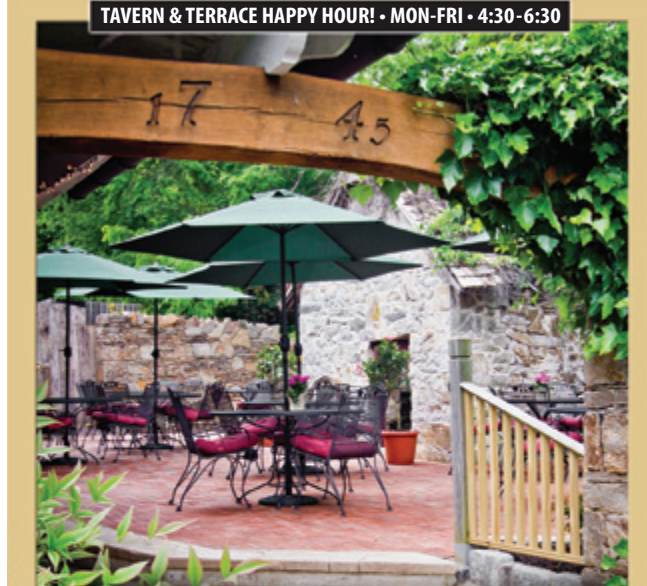
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Tailgating

FROM TEA SANDWICHES TO S'MORES TO COCKTAILS, LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AT YOUR NEXT TAILGATE GATHERING

Laura Muzzi Brennan

WHERE THERE'S A PARKING LOT AND A SPORTING event, there's a tailgate. As we head into late spring and summer—the season of steeplechases, the Triple Crown, track invitationals and baseball tournaments—there are plenty of opportunities to stake out a parking space or patch of field and throw a party.

Tailgating in America dates back at least to 1869 and the first college football game, a matchup between Rutgers and Princeton (Rutgers 6, Princeton 4). But some food historians claim it goes back even further—to 1861's Battle of Bull Run when Union supporters rooted for their soldiers as they picnicked on the sidelines.

Modern-day tailgates still have that sense of occasion and camaraderie, but the beauty of today's party is that there are more ways than ever to put on a great spread—ranging from silver-platter formal to aluminum-foil casual.

When you don't have the time or desire to cook, enlist the help of a local caterer. Places like Wayne's A Taste of Britain provides tea sandwiches that are so popular at formal tailgates. Every year, warehouse stores (think Costco) as well as large grocery stores offer more and more variety when it comes to party platters of apps, sandwiches and desserts.



Another option is to take the hybrid approach: mix store bought and homemade for dishes tastier than the sum of their ingredients. Go ahead and jazz up your homemade guacamole with a few spoonfuls of lobster salad from a gourmet fish market. See that tomato pie in the grocery store? Cut it into bite-sized pieces, top with homemade olive tapenade and call it an appetizer.

Of course, if you're entering a tailgate competition, you'll want to do your own cooking so you can wow the judges with your interpretation of the tailgate theme. "Game of Thrones" is Willowdale Steeplechase's theme this year. At Radnor Hunt Races, it's "Old McDonald had a ... (Phil in the blank)" in honor of Phil McDonald, who chaired the tailgates for many years. Prediction: these themes are sure to get creative juices flowing and yield some terrific dishes.

If you simply want to serve food that appeals to nearly everyone, bring your grill. Hamburgers and hotdogs have long been the bread and butter of tailgate chefs. Just remember to check the rules of the tailgate site for location of your grill and the types of fires permitted. And always think about positioning the grill so smoke blows away from your guests. For other tips on happy tailgating, see the sidebar.

No matter who wins the race or the game, cheers to the beginning of tailgating season!



Tailgating at Winterthur Point-to-Point



Don't want to DIY? Pick up goodies at Taste of Britain

Chicken Shawarma

Similar to a gyro, shawarma is a popular Middle Eastern street food. It's made from meat marinated in a spice blend that usually includes cumin, paprika, turmeric, cinnamon and red pepper. The meat is grilled on a rotisserie, then sliced and served in a pita with garlicky white sauce. Not too long ago, you had to make your own spice mix or go to a Middle Eastern grocery, but now the mix is going mainstream with spice manufacturer McCormick offering an organic version in its gourmet line.

Note: Chicken and onions can also be cooked on separate sheet pans in a 350° oven. You won't get the grilled flavor, but the taste is still really good!



- 2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tsp. kosher salt plus more to toss with onion
- Pepper to taste
- 2 Tb. lemon juice (juice from 1 medium lemon)
- 5 Tb. olive oil, divided
- 1–2 Tb. shawarma seasoning (Check directions on your spice jar or packet for ratio of seasoning/#of chicken thighs)
- 4 medium onions, peeled and sliced into ¼–½" discs
- Lemon wedges
- Serving options:*
- 3 whole pitas or 6 C. rice
- Labneh (a tangy, thick strained yogurt) or hummus, optional

Trim fat or extra skin from chicken thighs and sprinkle with 1 tsp. salt and pepper to taste. In a large bowl, mix lemon juice, 3 Tb. olive oil and shawarma seasoning. Place chicken in bowl and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight.

When ready to grill, toss onions with salt, pepper and 2 Tb. olive oil. Place onions in grill basket.

Sear chicken on both sides over high heat to get those lovely grill marks. Then, move chicken to medium heat and close cover. Cook for approximately 3 minutes on each side. Remove from grill when internal temperature of thickest part of thigh reaches 165°. Place on a platter, squeeze lemon over, and tent loosely with aluminum foil.

Cook onions over medium-high heat until tender and a bit charred. You can cook them with the cover on or off the grill. Make sure to stir them frequently. The size of your grill basket will determine cooking time of onions.

Tips for Happy Tailgating

- Tailgating is every bit as competitive a sport as horse racing. If you want to become a champion of the parking lot, follow these 10 tips from our favorite tailgaters and tailgating cookbooks.
1. Know the basics of food safety. Most foods can sit out for 2 hours, but when the temperature hits 90 or above, put food away after 1 hour.
 2. Pack clear recycling bags as well as trash bags. It's no fun to separate trash and recycling after a party.
 3. Use large pieces of ice so drinks don't get diluted quickly.
 4. Play games like cornhole and washer toss. They require little set up and are great for all ages.
 5. Make it easy for guests to find you. Tie a bunch of balloons to your cooler handle or tent post and keep your cell phone handy.
 6. Travel with the cooler in the back seat, if possible, and bring plenty of reusable ice packs or bags of ice.
 7. Keep easy-to-forget items in a tailgate box. A bottle opener, toilet paper, wipes and hand sanitizer are essential.
 8. Bring a few extra gallons of water to pour over coals.
 9. Pack some extra food. You never know who's going to wander over.
 10. Make your mother proud: leave your tailgate site cleaner than you found it.

If you're making pita sandwiches, cut each pita in half and heat over the grill. Fill with chicken and onions. Top with labneh, hummus or both. You can also serve chicken and onions over rice.

Makes 4–6 servings. Recipe can easily be doubled or tripled.

A Yankee's Take on Pimento Cheese

It seems that every Southern cook has a pimento cheese recipe in their arsenal. Even though I'm a mid-Atlantic native, once I took my first bite of this versatile spread, I knew I had to add it to my culinary repertoire. It can be stuffed into celery or tomatoes for a quick appetizer, dolloped



on a hamburger, served with crackers or spread on white bread for a tea sandwich with zing. Recipe adapted from Queenreyney.

- 3 C. shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 6 Tb. mayonnaise
- ¼ tsp. onion salt
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- 4-oz. jar chopped pimentos, drained
- Hot sauce to taste

Either with a mixer or by hand, mix cheddar cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise, onion salt and garlic powder until combined. Stir in pimentos. Add a few drops of hot sauce to start. Taste and then add more if desired.

Refrigerate for a few hours to let flavors develop. Taste again and adjust seasonings.

Makes approximately 3½ cups.

S'mores Cake

When you don't want to haul a grill to your tailgate but still want to satisfy your s'mores craving, this recipe is your ace in the hole. And don't worry—it's plenty gooey. To give it a grown-up twist, top with a scoop of coffee or caramel ice cream. Adapted from Debra Moxham and Carla Finn's Nantucket Beach Picnics cookbook.



- 1 C. all-purpose flour
- 1½ C. graham cracker crumbs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ heaping tsp. kosher salt
- 1 C. firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ C. butter, softened
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 1 C. whole milk

Cookbooks for Getting Your Tailgate On

In the March and April columns, I highlighted two local cookbooks—Radnor Hunt's *The Fox's Kitchen* and Steve Poses' *At Home*—and both have recipes that would be great for tailgating. Here are more titles to inspire your pre-race/game celebrations.

Appetizers at Devon

Fan Fare: A Playbook of Great Recipes for Tailgating or Watching the Game at Home, Debbie Moose

Guy on Fire: Grilling, Tailgating, Camping and More! Guy Fieri

The Official SEC Tailgating Cookbook, Southern Living

John Madden's Ultimate Tailgating

The Deen Brothers Get Fired Up: Grilling, Tailgating, Picnicking and More

Spread Formation: Tailgating and Home Recipes from College Football Greats, Loran Smith

- 1½–2 C. milk or dark chocolate chips
- 1½ C. mini marshmallows

Preheat oven to 350°.

Line the bottom and sides a 13" x 9" baking pan with parchment paper. (The cake will be easier to lift out if you line one sheet lengthwise and one sheet width-wise and use sheets that are big enough so they fold over the sides of the pan. This also saves you from washing the pan!)

In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, graham cracker crumbs, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In a large bowl, beat the brown sugar, butter and eggs together until well combined. Add the milk and the flour mixture and beat until well combined. Fold in ¾ C. or more chocolate chips (depending on your love of chocolate) and spread in pan.

Place on center rack of oven and bake for 25 minutes until a knife comes out clean.

Distribute the mini marshmallows over the top of cake and return to the oven for 2 minutes until marshmallows soften. Using a knife or spatula, gently spread the softened marshmallows to "frost" the cake. You might tear up little bits of cake, but don't worry about it. S'mores are messy by nature.

Scatter remaining chocolate chips (¾ C. or more depending on your taste) over frosting. Allow to cool completely in pan.

When ready to serve, lift parchment paper out of pan and cut into 12–16 bars. Drink with lots of milk.

Makes 12–16 servings.

Cucumber Tea Sandwiches

You can tweak these sandwiches in many ways. Try mixing a few tablespoons of minced or shredded carrots into the cream cheese. You can also add snipped dill or parsley to the mix or make triple deckers by using a slice of wheat in addition to the two slices of white. For a round tea sandwich, use a biscuit cutter.

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8 oz. softened cream cheese
¼ C. minced scallions (white, light and
dark green parts are fine)
Scant ½ tsp. garlic salt (more to taste)
2 tsp. mayonnaise
1 large English cucumber or any cucumber
variety with small seeds
Pinch of salt
12 slices sturdy white or wheat sandwich
bread*

*Pepperidge Farms or Whole Foods 365
Brand works well.

With a fork or hand mixer, mix the
cream cheese, scallions, garlic salt and may-
onnaise together. (A food processor makes
a smoother spread.) Refrigerate for an hour
or more to let the flavors bloom.

Thinly slice the cucumber (about ⅛")
and toss with a pinch of salt. Place in a col-
ander and let sit for 10 minutes. Pat with a
paper towel to remove moisture.

Spread each slice of bread with a thin
layer of the cream cheese mixture.

Arrange cucumbers overlapping slightly
on one slice of bread and top with another
to make six whole sandwiches.

Place uncut sandwiches in an airtight
container. Cover with wax paper. Moisten
a paper towel (it should not be wet, just
damp) and place over the wax paper.
Cover with lid.

Refrigerate for a few hours. Chilling the
sandwiches makes it easier to cut them.

Using a serrated knife, remove crusts and
cut into quarters—either squares or trian-
gles. Before serving, take the chill off sand-
wiches by letting them sit for a few minutes
at room temperature under a moistened
paper towel.

Makes 24 tea sandwiches. ♦

*Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the
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Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies
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