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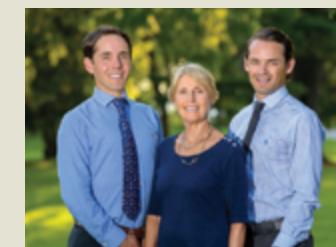
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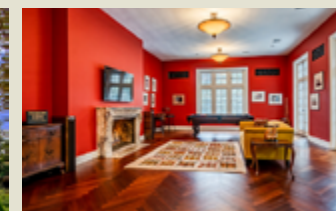
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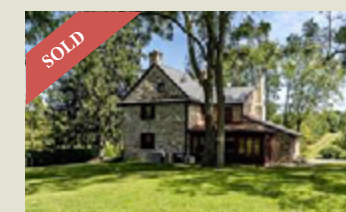
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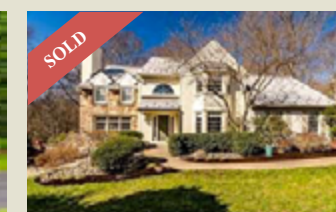
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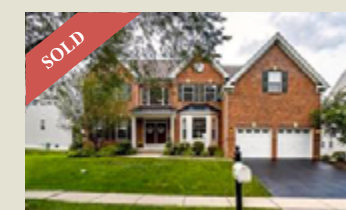
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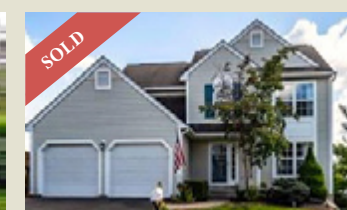
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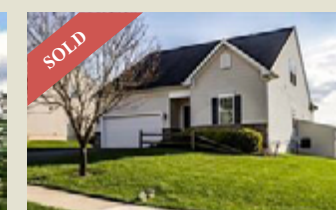
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from the EDITOR

At last it's truly spring. Time for hope, renewal and new beginnings!

And nothing says new beginnings like weddings. Carol Metzker finds the party doesn't have to be big to be fun in "Big Things in Small Packages." It takes more than a virus to stop weddings.

Pampering for the bride continues, too. Madison Meinel advises in "Major Relaxation for Your Micro-Wedding" a day at the spa may be just the thing. No matter the size of your guest list, Marci Tomassone rounds up memorable locations in "Guide to Wedding Venues & Services." And although nothing guarantees a happy marriage, Josh Hoffert of Unruh Insurance Agency suggests how to avoid the costs of a ruined wedding in "Should You Get Wedding Insurance?"

Want a fun car trip? In "Quintessential Lancaster," Ed Malet suggests amusement parks, museums, theaters, restaurants, breweries and wolves to visit.

On the home front, Laurel Anderson's Home of the Month is about "A 1920s French Norman Home" just a ten-minute walk from downtown West Chester. Updated throughout, with solar and geothermal HVAC, this award-winning beauty is ready for its next owners.

For gardeners, Chanticleer's Eric Hsu explores whether to perennialize or naturalize in "Planting Impressionist Dreams of Bulbs."

In this month's Brandywine Table Alyssa Thayer is "Serving Up Spring," with tips for finding freshness from Chef Josh Taggart of Mae's West Chester. And our beer coverage explores where new beer varieties come from. In "Creating New Beer Flavors," Dan Shaw of Wrong Crowd Beer shares his sources of inspiration.

We also find it's time to visit the dentist again. Drs. Theresa Smith and Carlos Vila of SV Dental explain what dental practices are doing to keep patients safe in "Dentistry During the Pandemic."

Finally, we've rounded up some Family Fun and pages of the Best Things To Do in our area.

Thank you for reading and enjoy April!

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Dentistry During the Pandemic

IT'S TIME TO SEE YOUR DENTIST. BE PREPARED FOR SOME CHANGES.

Theresa Smith & Carlos Vila, SV Dental

FOR OVER A YEAR THE WORLD HAS BEEN DEALING with COVID-19. Many industries have been profoundly affected by a pandemic that has changed us all.

Recent changes in healthcare generally and dental practices in particular have been far reaching. About 40 years ago, during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s, dentistry as a profession had to pivot, and it's now changing again for another virus, the coronavirus.

First and foremost, please know that it is safe to visit your dentist even for non-emergency care. In our area, most dentists and their staff members have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and have made necessary changes in their practices for the safety and well-being of their patients.

Fortunately, the Centers for Disease Control and the American Dental Association were proactive in the early stages of the pandemic

to provide extensive safety guidelines that have been implemented to make your dental visit as safe as possible.

Too many patients have delayed their routine care for too long. It's time to see your dentist again.

Your Appointment

Your first inkling of changes to your normal visit will be even before you come to the office. Dental offices confirm appointments a day or two before the scheduled date and ask you key screening questions: do you have a fever? are you feeling well? do you have any symptoms? have you been exposed to a COVID-positive patient?

Your appointment will be rescheduled if there's any possibility of an infection. You may also be asked to wear a mask and not bring additional people to your appointment.

Next, you may be asked to call the office when you arrive at the parking lot, before coming in. Many patients prefer to stay in their cars rather than in the waiting room. This minimizes crossing paths with other patients and spending time inside the office.

Upon entering the office, you'll be asked the same questions as in your confirmation call. Then your temperature will be checked before you're escorted directly to the dental chair.

These new procedures are part of proper social distancing and screening protocols.

Scheduling

Office staff have become masters at scheduling hygienist and doctor appointments so patients are not coming and going simultaneously. Careful scheduling also provides extra time for each appointment, which can take longer given the additional steps and safeguards required. Plus extra time is needed to make sure all surfaces of each dental room have the recommended proper disinfection and sterilization.

The Dental Office

To protect patients, dentists have invested extensively in new equipment and in the office itself. You may see hospital-grade filtration units to increase air circulation. Staff and doctors wear full hospital gowns, hair covers, N95 or level 3 surgical masks, along with full-face shields.

Most dentists are using high-speed suction that, when used properly, will remove 90% of aerosols created during procedures. You may see clear barriers installed throughout the office to prevent cross-contamination. And some offices post signs as reminders to wash hands, wear masks and social distance.

Each dental practice is undertaking steps like these to help you feel confident that your treatment is being done safely and with the highest infection control protocols possible. Regular visits to your dentist and hygienist will offset complex problems that can lead to tooth loss, pain and infection.

This past year has been filled with concern, anxiety and stress for all of us, but

a light is visible at the end of the tunnel. Please know that we in the dental community are working very hard to make sure your visits to our practices are safe, secure and comfortable. ♦

Dr. Smith and Dr. Vila received their D.D.S. degrees from Georgetown University, where they met. Dr. Smith completed her residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, while Dr. Vila completed his residency at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. They married, moved to Chester County and opened their practice in Paoli. They have three grown children—Benjamin, Daniel and Sophia. SVDental.com





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Should You Get Wedding Insurance?

HAVE ONE LESS THING TO WORRY ABOUT ON YOUR BIG DAY

Josh Hoffert, Unruh Insurance Agency

TYING THE KNOT IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL. LIKE ANY major event in life, weddings will inspire those closest to you to offer advice to help you make it an unforgettable day. One common piece of advice is to *take it all in because the day will fly by*.

Yet with all the planning that goes into a wedding, it's important to ask questions and be prepared. That lets you focus on the celebration of love.

So, have you thought about whether you need wedding insurance?

Wedding insurance may seem like an afterthought, but it's good practice to consider your options. Then you can enjoy your big day knowing you have protection in place just in case Uncle Jerry accidentally breaks more than a dance move at the reception. And although discussing insurance may not seem as much fun as taste-

testing the menu, having the right policy in place may mean a little less to worry about on your wedding day.

The first thing to know: when it comes to wedding insurance, there are two main types of policies—cancellation and liability.

Cancellation Insurance

Cancellation insurance will help you recoup deposits paid to your vendors if you're forced to cancel or postpone your wedding. Most policies include family illness, military deployment and extreme weather as acceptable reasons for making a cancellation claim.

So if you plan your wedding during peak hurricane season in the Florida Keys, you may want to consider cancellation insurance as an important option.

A popular question now is *what about cancelling because of COVID-19?* The simple answer is most insurance carriers won't cover cancellations due to the pandemic, because it's now categorized as a "known event." In the early days of 2020, some wedding cancellations due to COVID-19 were being honored because the pandemic was an unknown at the time. This is no longer the case.

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance, on the other hand, covers you in case of injuries to wedding guests and venue damages (up to a specified amount). And while liability insurance isn't necessarily a must, the venue for your wedding may ultimately be the deciding factor. For instance, a historic barn may require you to have liability insurance. This not only protects them, but it protects you too, making it a smart move.

If you're tying the knot at home, the homeowner's insurance policy may cover the event. Just be sure to confirm with the insurance company.

Host Liquor Liability Coverage is another type of policy to consider. It protects against alcohol-related accidents, which unfortunately can happen at weddings.

Additional Coverages and Exclusions

Many insurance carriers offer additional coverages for things like dresses and tuxedos, photos and videos, rain-date coverage, and even gifts (protecting against theft).

Keep in mind, though, that each insurance carrier is different when it comes to coverage, exclusions and limits. While one insurance company may include coverage for a post-wedding brunch, another may not cover those next-day mimosas and crepes. Just ask to be sure.

Be aware of a policy's exclusions, too. Pyrotechnics for Uncle Jerry's dance floor entrance likely won't be covered.

Ultimately when it comes time to decide whether you need wedding insurance, be sure to ask questions—you've likely asked other service providers plenty of questions. Not only can you ask your vendors about

their insurance policy (so you don't buy duplicative coverage), but you can trust that your local insurance agent or carrier will be happy to answer them. After all, this isn't *their* first wedding.

Your wedding will be full of memories that last a lifetime. And the day will, indeed, be gone in the blink of an eye. Taking the time to consider wedding insurance will put your mind at ease and allow you to focus just a little more on your big day. ♦

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Bridal Blueprints. Getting engaged is just the first step towards the big day. **The PA Bridal & Wedding Expo**, April 24–25, aims to make planning your nuptials easier. With over 100 exhibitors, the expo connects you to venues, photographers and more. And there's plenty of fun—the Glam Bar, live music and giveaways are sure to make the day exciting. Social distancing and masks required. Reserve free tickets in advance. **PA Convention Center, Philadelphia.** [BridalShowsPA-PC.com](https://www.bridalshowsPA-PC.com).



Healthy Kids. Break your kids' couch potato habits and join the **Healthy Kids Running Series!** Founded in 2009, the series combats child obesity with a "get up and go" attitude. The national nonprofit sponsors two five-week programs a year, including five races for kids from Pre-K to 8th grade. Events are outdoors with social distancing and masks. Registration is \$40/child. Find local races on the website, including in East Goshen Township Park in April and May. [HealthyKidsRunningSeries.org](https://www.healthykidsrunningseries.org).

Small Town Escape. With COVID-19 still nixing big travel plans, stay close and take a day trip to **Lititz**, America's "coolest small town." Founded in 1756, this historic town blends old and new with trendy eats, craft beers and America's first commercial pretzel bakery—Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery. Need more convincing? A sweet treat from the Wilbur Chocolate Store is sure to win you over. Visit Lititz for Second Fridays from 5–9 p.m. and support small businesses. [LititzPA.com](https://www.lititzpa.com).



Hubby Holiday. Mark your calendars because April 17th is **National Husband Appreciation Day**. Yes, that's right. Held on the 3rd Saturday of April, this relatively unknown holiday celebrates the husbands who go above and beyond. With less hype than Valentine's Day or Father's Day, this holiday offers the perfect excuse to spoil your hubby. Consider cooking his favorite meal or having a special date night. And don't worry, there's equality in holidays with National Wife Appreciation Day on September 19th.



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48th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show

April 24-May 23

This year, you can stroll or scroll your way through the galleries of Chester County's longest-running fine arts show. This hybrid event features over 180 artists from the Delaware Valley and beyond. Benefits the arts, education, preservation and environmental protection of Historic Yellow Springs. 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. YellowSprings.org.



The Philadelphia Online Show

April 22-30

Visitors shop from more than 50 antiques dealer rooms via a virtual platform. Dealer Talks run daily and, new this year, are editorial-style themed rooms, presenting cross-sections of dealer offerings representing the best in furniture, fine art, decorative arts and jewelry. Preview Apr. 22. Benefits the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Penn Medicine. ThePhiladelphiaShow.com.



Lancaster Symphony Orchestra Spring Virtual Performances

April 9 & 23, May 7



The Symphony offers accessible virtual performances for families to enjoy from the safety and comfort of home. **Apr. 9**, Vivace Strings; **Apr. 23**, Brass from the Past, music from Earth,

Wind & Fire, Chicago, Queen, Blood, Sweat & Tears; **May 7**, "Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings in C Major," Op. 48. Free performances available to stream from the new LSO at home platform. LancasterSymphony.org/LSOAtHome.

The Saturday Club's Ladies Charity Bingo

April 24

A socially-distanced event held this year in the parking lot of the Clubhouse. Guests play 10 rounds of bingo in hopes of winning a designer bag and buy raffle tickets to win impressive prizes. Benefits the Club's 134-year tradition of improving the lives of women, children and families in the region. Visit website to purchase tickets, SaturdayClub.org/HandbagBingo.



best Things To Do

Many events are on hold for now, but there are still fun things to do in our area. Please be sure to check websites often for the latest updates. *TBD—to be determined.

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH JUNE 30

Storytelling with Jeff Hopkins: Pirate and Mermaid Adventures at Delaware Art Museum. Characters from the Museum's paintings come to life as storyteller Jeff Hopkins illustrates and narrates engaging tales for young children. Free. Days and times vary each month, so check the website regularly. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



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and enthusiasts. Mar. 18, Mountain Wagons. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 7 pm. \$5; \$30 for the year. 302-239-2385; Auburn-Heights.org.

APRIL 1, 15

Storytime in Enchanted Woods. Children, ages 3–6, enjoy nature-based stories among the Story Stones, surrounded by the beauty of the Winterthur Garden. In case of inclement weather, an update message will be left at 302-888-4864 by 10 am on the day of Story Time. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 11 am. \$6–\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

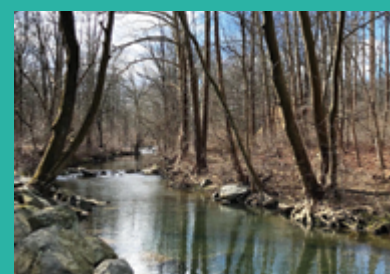


APRIL 3

Curiosity Carnival: Eggstravaganza! Delaware Museum of Nature History and Winterthur present experiments and activities along with other community partners. Crafts, story times and specimen show-and-tells. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10 to 3. \$6–\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

APRIL 3–24, Saturdays

Newlin Grist Mill's Earth Month. Instead of one day of projects, there are four. Each Saturday in April you can help plant trees, remove invasive plant species, repair trails and improve habitat for wetland wildlife. Groups will be scheduled for 3 hour shifts (9 am–noon and 1 to 4 pm). 219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. Pre-registration req. 610-459-2359; Newlin-GristMill.org.



APRIL 10

Family Fishing Derby at Linvilla Orchards. The annual family fishing derby gives children of all ages the chance to reel in their very first catch. Age groups include: seven and under, 8 to 11, 12 to 16, and 17 and over. Bring your own rod or rent one. Orchard Lake at Linvilla Orchards, 137 Knowlton Rd., Media. 9 to 3. \$19.99 per participant. 610-876-7116; Linvilla.com.



APRIL 10

Colonial PA Plantation Historic Timeline Event. Witness history throughout the ages from Europe to the Americas and from the 16th century to modern times. Rain date, June 12. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. Tickets sold on the half hour starting at 11 am through last entry at 3 pm. \$10; age 4–6, \$6. ColonialPlantation.org.



APRIL 24–25

Chester Valley Sportsman Assoc. 2021 Youth Trout Derby. Boys and girls ages 5 to 13 are invited. Trophies to those catching the 10 largest fish in each session. COVID health and safety protocols followed. Darby Creek at Saw Mill Park, 666 Earles Ln., Newtown Square. Sat, 8 to 11 and 4 to 7; Sun, 9 to noon. Free. Pre-register at Radnor.com.

ART, CRAFT & ANTIQUES

THROUGH APRIL 16

Community Art Center Exhibition. Faculty members in art departments at colleges and universities in Delaware County exhibit. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Mon–Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 10 to 2. Free. 610-566-1713; Community-ArtsCenter.org.

APRIL 14, 16–18, 23–25

Life's Patina Spring Barn Sale. Find vintage accents and furniture, European imports, architectural salvage and beautiful home decor. Willowbrook Farm, 1750 N. Valley Rd., Malvern. Supports local artisans, nonprofits and the community Visit website to register for a shopping appointment. Free. ShopLifesPatina.com.



APRIL 30–MAY 2

The Potters Guild Spring Sale. Annual sale offering handcrafted functional and decorative pottery. Indoors with COVID protocols in place including masks required and limited capacity with timed entry. Duke Gallery, Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Fri, 10 to 8, Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. Free. ThePottersGuild.com.



ONGOING

Berwyn Indoor/Outdoor Vintage Flea Market. Shop antiques, collectibles, vintage fashions, jewelry, textiles, art and more. 260 Swedesford Rd., Berwyn. Sat–Sun, 8 am to 4 pm. Masks and social distance required. 215-625-3532; PhilaFleaMarket.org.

BOOKS

APRIL 1

Wellington Square Bookshop. Non-Fiction Book Club: “Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder and One Man’s Fight for Justice,” by Bill Browder, 7 to 9 pm. Books groups available on Zoom. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

APRIL 6, MAY 4

History through Fiction Virtual Book Club at Winterthur. Travel around the world to explore nature in its many forms and its influence on both objects and people. Apr. 6, “My Family and Other Animals,” Gerald Durrell; May 4, “Remarkable Creature,” Tracey Chevalier. 10 to noon. Winterthur.org.

APRIL 7, 20, 29

Main Point Books on Zoom. Apr. 7, “The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine” a discussion by author Janice P. Nimura. Fiction Book Group: Apr. 20, “Shuggie Bain” by Douglas Stuart, 1 pm. Non-Fiction Book Group: Apr. 29, “Killers of the Flower Moon,” by David Grann, 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

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APRIL 20, 22, MAY 16

Virtual Conversations at Reads & Company Bookshop. *Apr. 20*, "Blood and Treasure: Daniel Boone and the Fight for America's First Frontier," Bob Drury and Tom Clavin. *Apr. 22*, "A Most



Remarkable Creature: The Hidden Life and Epic Journey of the World's Smartest Birds of Prey," Jonathan Meiburg. *May 16*, "The Glitter in the Green: In Search of Hummingbirds," Jon Dunn. 234 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 484-920-3695; ReadsAndCompany.com.

DESIGN HOMES

MAY 2-30

Bucks County Designer House & Gardens. Tour Mearns Mill Manor, a beautiful 1870s mansion owned by the Heritage Conservancy. Designers restore and transform the beautiful

Local Farm Markets



Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. Order online for delivery or pickup. ArtisanExchange.net.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sat, Face masks req. 10 to noon. FarmToCity.org.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park, Pennsylvania Ave. Jan-Apr, 2nd, 4th Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Market, Eagleview Town Crt., in the parking lot adjacent the community garden, Exton. Jan-Apr, 1st, 3rd Thurs, 11 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRoots-Partners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. Jan 8-Apr, every other Fri, 3 to 5. Seniors/high-risk, 3 to 3:30. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Market, 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. Check Facebook to phone for pickup. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

Malvern Farmers Market, Warren Ave. & Roberts Rd. Jan-Apr, 1st, 3rd Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 10 to noon; seniors, 9-9:30. Curbside pick-up, if req. by Fri, noon. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut & Church Sts. Jan-Apr, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sat, 10 to noon. Can pre-order. Contactless payment encouraged. Some vendors pre-package. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

Westtown Amish Market, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7:30; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5700; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.



1870s mansion and grounds to its former grace. Benefits Doylestown Hospital and the Village Improvement Association. BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.



EQUESTRIAN

APRIL 3-25, MAY 2

Kimberton Hunt Club Events. USEF COVID-19 and Ludwig's Corner guidelines are in place and limit the shows to allow only essential personnel—exhibitors, trainers, grooms and support staff. You can follow on Facebook, Instagram for info, winners and photos. *Apr. 3-25*, Above the Standard Show Series; *May 2*, 78th Annual Horse Show. 610-469-0227; KimbertonHunt.org.

MAY 8

Willowdale Steeplechase. Due to COVID-19, planning is being guided by public health guidelines. The number of spectators and volunteers will be limited. Private Party Paddocks are limited in number and are sold on a first-come basis. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, Penn. Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.



FILM

APRIL 9-18

Media Virtual Film Festival. The festival is back this year with a rich, virtual lineup of short films, a "Hometown Watch Party," virtual discussions, the Media Fringe Fest and two Drive-In Movie Nights taking place at Arasapha Farms. For more information, MediaFilmFestival.org.

APRIL 23-25

16th Annual West Chester Film Festival. Presenting over 60 short films from around the world at the West Chester Film Festival, Family

Film Festival and Young Filmmaker Film Festival. The main venue is Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. \$5-\$10. WestChesterFilmFestival.com.

FOOD & BREWS

APRIL 4, 25

Spring Hayrides & Tastings. Celebrate spring with a glass of sparkling wine and a hayride tour of the vineyard. Crow Vineyard & Winery, 12441 Vansants Corner Rd., Kennedyville. 302-304-0551; CrowVineyardAndWinery.com.

APRIL 11-15 & APRIL 18-22

King of Prussia Restaurant Week. Spotlights KOP's dining scene while raising money for Children's Hospital of Phila. Held the same week, KOP Shops for CHOP, shoppers can save big while supporting CHOP at their favorite retailers. Visit KOP.com/KOPRestaurantWeek.

APRIL 18-25

Annual Celebrity Chef's Brunch Going Hybrid. Celebrity Chefs team up with local chefs to provide recipes for local chefs to prepare. Dine-in or take out from a restaurant of your choice. A virtual program allows participants to chat with chefs while enjoying a meal. Benefits Meals on Wheels in Delaware. MealsOnWheelsDE.org.

APRIL 26-MAY 1

City Restaurant Week in Wilmington. Offering everything from Thai to Chilean to Italian, you can sample this creative cuisine with prices of \$15 for a two-course lunch and \$35 for a three-course dinner. CityRestaurantWeek.com.

MAY 8

Phoenixville Beer & Wine Festival 2021. This year, presenting "Custom Cases." Select two cases of beer, each with selected cans from 24 different breweries or two cases of wine, each with selected bottles from 6 different wineries. During pickup, stay in your vehicle and your custom case will be loaded for you. Kimberton Fairground, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. PhoenixvilleBeerWineFestival.com.

FUNDRAISERS

ONGOING

Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust Presents "As History Goes On." A non-event fundraiser, to meet construction costs of the Jones Log Barn and programming needs of the History Center. To donate, 610-644-6759 or visit TredyffrinHistory.org.

APRIL 10

Kent Agriculture Center Annual Auction. The auction begins at 10 am with a silent auction until 11 am. Benefits the Ag Center and Kent County Fair. 21349 Tolchester Beach Rd., Tolchester. 410-778-1661; KentCountyFair.org.

APRIL 11

The Saturday Club Hosting Outdoor 'Barre Bootcamp' Fundraiser. Local personal trainer Carrie Wightman leads in this auxiliary fundraisers' that benefits The Saturday Club's charitable grant program. Prizes and refreshment offered. 117 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 10 am. \$25. SaturdayClub.org/Bootcamp.

APRIL 18

Virtual Wine Tasting with Coach Dick Vermeil. Hall of Fame football coach Dick Vermeil hosts a virtual wine tasting event to support The Barn at Spring Brook Farm. He'll talk about Vermeil Wines, football and more with guests while raising awareness and funds to support The Barn's mission of enriching the lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted activities. Tickets at Springbrook-Farm.org/SpringFundraiser.



APRIL 22

17th Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball-A Virtual Event. Hosted by Philadelphia's NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches and their wives, this evening features entertainment, auctions and more. 7 pm. Free to register, PhiladelphiaBasketBallGala.org.

APRIL 22

Philadelphia Virtual Red Ball. Red Ball will look a little different in 2021. Instead of getting all dressed up and going out on a Saturday night, Red Ball will come to you—on your phone, laptop or tablet, the Virtual Red Ball is all-new for 2021. 7 pm. Details on the website. TheRedBall.org.

APRIL 23

"All That's Purple Affair" Unmasking Domestic Violence. Annual gala held virtually via Zoom, featuring entertainment and a silent auction. Registration includes Zoom access and catered dinner packages by Aneu Catering. Multi-ticket discounts available. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. 6-7:30 pm. DVCCCPa.org/Gala.

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BEST OF BUCKS 2020

APRIL 24
The Clinic in Phoenixville—Healing Through Food. Recovering health and discovering wellness through a whole foods plant-based diet with Ana M. Negrón, MD, volunteer physician at The Clinic. \$100 includes basket pickup, dinner preparation from provided ingredients, *Code Blue* documentary. 143 Church St., Phoenixville. Register TheClinicPA.org/food.

APRIL 25
Unite For HER At Home—Bloom Spring Fashion Show. Join in for brunch at home and a spring celebration of life, fashion and community, featuring Unite for HER Wellness Program participants. Tickets benefit local women affected by breast and ovarian cancers. UniteForHer.org.

APRIL 26–30
People's Light Annual Auction. Register and keep up to date on the happenings of the annual People's Light Auction. While most of this year's event will be celebrated through a virtual raffle, there is the opportunity to purchase sponsorships to enjoy a socially distant evening outdoors at The Farmhouse at People's Light. PeoplesLight.org.

APRIL 28
Chester County Hosp. Gala—Caribbean Night. The virtual event will celebrate the Hospital's Health Care Heroes from the COVID-19 pandemic and look ahead to advances in cancer treatment. Supports Community Outreach and charitable care at the hospital. ChesterCountyHospital.org.

APRIL 30
5th Annual KART Klassic Golf Tournament. An afternoon of golf, in scramble format, followed by a post party. Supports Kent Assoc. of Riding Therapy, providing therapeutic riding to children and adults with special needs. 1 pm. 410-870-5596; KentRidingTherapy.org/Klassic-Golf.

MAY 6
20th Annual Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner. The event brings a sigh of relief to families dealing with the financial hardships a cancer diagnosis can cause by offering financial assistance. Join the great guys (and gals) for dinner, cocktails, auctions and more. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. BringingHopeHome.org.

MAY 6
Canine Partners for Life Unleashed & Uncorked: Backyard Barbecue & Buds. Fire up the grill and join your favorite CPL pups for a fun-filled evening from the comfort and safety

of your home. This free event will be virtual this year. K94Life.org for more details.



MAY 8
Safe Harbor—Family Cornhole Fundraiser. A day of fun for the whole family with a silent auction, prizes, catered food and music. SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

MAY 8
The Saturday Club's Spring Children's Consignment Sale. Held in the parking lot of the historic Clubhouse focusing exclusively on excellent and gently-used children's clothing. COVID-19 safety protocols in place. 117 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 9 am. SaturdayClub.org.

GARDENS
THROUGH MAY
Winterthur Garden Tram Tours. Experience the beauty of the 60-acre naturalist garden aboard an open-air tram. This 30-minute narrated tour begins at the Visitor Center with stops at Enchanted Woods and the Museum. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$20; members, free. Winterthur.org.

APRIL 8
Willistown Conservation Trust—Nature at Night: Native Plants For Your Landscape. The Trust's Preserve Manager, Mike Cranney, talks about a variety of native plants you can add to your landscape this spring and help support biodiversity in your own backyard. 7 pm. Free. Register, WCTrust.org.

APRIL 15, 27
Jenkins Arboretum Virtual Lectures. *Apr. 15,* Rare Finds and Exceptional Specimens: Preserving America's Finest Native Rhododendrons. *Apr. 27,* "All the Presidents' Gardens: Madison's

Cabbages to Kennedy's Roses," How the White House Grounds Have Grown with America. 631 Berwyn-Baptist Rd., Devon. 7 to 8:30 pm. Free, reg. req. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.

APRIL 18, 26–MAY 1
The Philadelphia Unit of The Herb Society of America 82nd Virtual Annual Herb Sale. An online only event offering culinary and fragrant herbs, salvias and pelargoniums. View plant list beginning April 18. Order plants, April 26–May 1. Pick up, May 13 at Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. HSAPhiladelphia.org.



APRIL 24–SEPTEMBER 25
DE Center for Horticulture—Learning From Great Gardens Tours. Visit some of the region's most exclusive private home gardens with this series. Receive a tour from the homeowners and explore all aspects of their garden's design from personal inspiration to plant selection and beyond. Visit the website in April for more information. TheDCH.org/Events.



MAY 2
74th Annual Wilmington Garden Day. Homes and gardens are featured at this rain-or-shine event. Benefits St. Michael's School and Nursery and the Friendship House, both supporting children and families in Delaware. 10 to 4. \$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

MAY 2–3
DE Nature Society's Online Native Plant Sale. This season's theme is "Hope Blooms"

with a wide variety of rare native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns and aquatic plants for sale. Some from nearby Mt. Cuba Center and many species that attract wildlife. Plant pick-up, May 13–15. 302-239-2334; DelNature.org/NPS.



MAY 7–8
Arasapha's May Market in Historic New Castle. Flowering and herb plants, indoor yard sale, arts/crafts vendors and Mother's Day gifts. The market follows full compliance with Delaware COVID guidelines for outdoor events. Benefits Arasapha's programs. Market Square, 201 Delaware St., New Castle, DE. Fri, noon to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. Free. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org/May-Market.

MUSEUMS
THROUGH APRIL
Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library Curator's Gallery Walks. Join a curator for an informal discussion of the "Lady of the House, Ruth Wales du Pont" exhibit, featuring a look at a reproduction of her wedding dress and objects from the archives. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Tues–Sun, 10 to 5. \$15–\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12
Delaware Art Museum. "Collecting and Connecting: Recent Acquisitions, 2010-2020." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

ONGOING
Natl Iron & Steel Museum Digital Exhibits. The museum announces the launch of a new digital archive, an online collection of newsletters of the Lukens Steel Company produced between 1935 and 1989 and volumes of a separate publication called "The Specialist," produced for employees between 1969 and 1975. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. SteelMuseum.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
THROUGH APRIL 14
The Keswick Theatre Presents. *Apr. 7,* Colin Hay Solo; *Apr. 8,* An Intimate Evening of Songs & Stories with Graham Nash; *Apr. 14,* One Night of Queen. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Visit website for updates, times and tickets. 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.

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APRIL 1, 9, 17
West Chester University Presents ... Apr. 1, Distant Deceptions: An Interactive Virtual Mind-Reading & Illusion Show, an evening of impossible, reality bending mysteries. **Apr. 9,** "Drag Queen Bingo," a high-energy, hilarious hour of Bingo craziness that will keep you laughing. **Apr. 17,** An Evening with Henry Winkler, a virtual conversation where the guest will share his humorous anecdotes and inspirational life lessons. WCUFoundation.org/Events.

APRIL 1, 15
The Grand Live 818 Series-Livestream. Apr. 1, Lyric Drive, a local band that draws from influences ranging from The Beatles to Stevie Wonder and more. **Apr. 15,** Richard Raw and the Word Warrior Band, a unique blend of soul, spoken word, funk and African Centered Cultural hip-hop. Shows at 8 pm. \$14.99 per device. TheGrandWilmington.org.

APRIL 2-MAY 2
A Virtual Concert from Zonya Love at People's Light. Performing her collection of reimagined Negro Spirituals in a filmed concert event, the nationally acclaimed actor-musician leads a full band through evocative new renditions of old songs, illustrating the music's deep cultural and historical significance. Purchase streaming access for \$15. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

APRIL 9, 23
Friday Night Live at the Community Art Center. Apr. 9, live music by Luke Carlos O'Reilly (jazz), rain date Apr. 10. **Apr. 23,** live music by Gumbo Nouveau (calypso, reggae, R&B), rain date Apr. 24. Outdoors on CAC lawn with COVID protocols in place. 7 to 9:30. \$5-\$15. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Mon-Thurs, 10 to 6; Fri, 10 to 2. Free. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

APRIL 24
Point Entertainment Presents ... Two Funny Philly Guys, Joe Conklin and Big Daddy Graham perform at 8 pm. \$25-\$35. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

APRIL 14
For the Birds: Birding Walk. Visit Winterthur's natural areas including wetlands, meadows and the woodlands—a great habitat for a wide variety of birds year-round. Observe resident birds as well as migrating raptors, warblers and sparrows. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 8 to 10 am. \$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

APRIL 17-25
15th Annual Virtual Valley Forge Revolution

tionary 5-Mile Run. Runners and walkers of all kinds, and from any location, are invited to participate. Pick your course, receive materials then submit your results. Benefits Valley Forge National Historical Park. \$40. Register at ValleyForge.org/RevolutionaryRun.

APRIL 25
Delaware Marathon Running Festival. Travel across Brandywine Park, on the parkways, through historic neighborhoods and Rodney Square. Benefits the Cardiac Center, Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont Hosp. for Children. Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. DelawareMarathon.org.

MAY 2
Blue Cross Broad St. Run. Line up for a 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Central High School Athletic Field in Philly and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. BroadStreetRun.com.

THEATER

THROUGH MAY 2
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Mount Hope Estate & Winery. An interactive, culinary "who-done-it." You'll enjoy a four-course meal as you become the detective—interro-

gate the suspects, put the clues together and uncover the truth. 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. \$56.95. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS

THROUGH JULY 20
Food for Thought: Community Conversations. Chester County Community Foundation hosts meaningful conversations on Zoom about diversity, equity and inclusion in America on the third Tuesday of the month at noon. Register at ChescoCF.org/Explore/Food-For-Thought.

ONGOING
LancasterHistory Launches Access to Online Collections Database. Search all of LancasterHistory's historic collections using one search tool through the website as well as the James Buchanan Presidential Library, which provides online access to the papers of James Buchanan. LancasterHistory.org.

APRIL 8, 21
The Willows Park Preserve Speaker Series. Apr. 8, "Chanticleer" presented by Anne Sims; **Apr. 21,** "The Willows and its Neighbors" presented by Jeff Groff. Presentations from 7 to 8 pm. Register for Zoom meeting Eventbrite.com/e/143403113573. 610-955-9246; Willows-ParkPreserve.org.

APRIL 8-24
Lancaster County Best Kept Secrets Tour. A fun way to explore Lancaster County with local crafts, gifts, home décor, garden centers and more. Travel in your own vehicle and use your ticket as much as you like (during tour dates). Mon-Sat 9 to 5. (with some exceptions). BestKeptSecretsTour.com.

APRIL 12
2020 Results of the Paranormal Tour of the Paoli Battlefield. An online event where paranormal experts reveal the results from the tours of the Battlefield which took place in October, 2020. The tours show that there is paranormal activity around the battlefield from photos, recordings and personal experiences. 7 pm. Register online, PBPFFInc.org. ♦

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The Chanticleer Orchard in Spring

Planting *Impressionist Dreams* of Bulbs

Eric Hsu, Plant Information Coordinator at Chanticleer

ANYONE WHO HAS EVER MARVELED AT CARPETS of winter aconites, snowflakes and daffodils can appreciate the beautiful ease with which bulbs brighten our spring gardens. Their colors are a punch-drunk tonic for winter-weary souls. And it's our bulb spectacles in spring and in autumn that draw visitors to Chanticleer and other majestic public gardens. From the 'Actaea' and 'Ice Follies' daffodils under the Japanese flowering cherries and crabapples in the Orchard to the surprise lilies (*Lycoris x squamigera*) and colchicums in the Bulb Meadow, bulbs bookend the blooming seasons. Although bulb catalogs often use the terms naturalize and perennialize interchangeably, not understanding the distinction can affect your approach to planting bulbs. In addition, understanding these terms can shape your strategy in maintaining your bulbs' longevity in future years.

PERENNIALIZING
Perennialize means that bulbs are like perennial plants, returning year after year and increasing under ground. An easy way to understand the term is to look at your peonies or hostas and observe how the clump multiplies in size each year. After some time, you can lift up the clump and divide it into several pieces for replanting elsewhere in the garden. These pieces retain the same characteristics—like flower color or variegated leaves—that make the plant desirable. In fact, many plants like daffodils benefit from being divided when crowded. Overgrown clumps produce diminished flowering, even when in full sun. To rejuvenate such tired clumps, wait until the leaves begin to splay apart or start yellowing. Being clones, each bulb division will be alike.

Perennializing Bulbs	Naturalizing Bulbs
Colchicums (<i>Colchicum</i>) D	Glory-of-the-Snow (<i>Chionodoxa</i>) D
Surprise Lilies (<i>Lycoris x squamigera</i>) D	Grape Hyacinth (<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>) D
Ornamental Onions (<i>Allium hybrids</i>) D	Lebanon Squill (<i>Puschkinia</i>) D
Tulips (<i>Tulipa hybrids</i>)	Siberian Squill (<i>Scilla siberica</i>)* D
Daffodils (<i>Narcissus hybrids</i>) D	Snake's Head Fritillary (<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>) D
Hyacinths (<i>Hyacinthus</i>) D	Tommiess (<i>Crocus tommasinianus</i>)
Reticulata Irises (<i>Iris reticulata hybrids</i>)	Winter Aconites (<i>Eranthus hyemalis</i>) D

*Invasive in some states / D deer resistant.

But note if a perennializing bulb—like a named tulip or daffodil variety—produces seed, then its progeny will not be identical or true-to-type.

NATURALIZING
Naturalize means that bulbs will spread by seed as well as multiply underground. Like siblings in a family, these seedlings resemble their parents but with physical and genetic differences. Because naturalizing bulbs tend to produce diminutive flowers, they need large numbers to make an impact. Fortunately they are inexpensive to buy, so creating a statement is not costly.

When choosing a planting location, consider that trees help keep the soil drier and weaken aggressive turf, making it thinner. Planting naturalizing bulbs under and along trees can help them spread through seeds. Naturalizing bulbs tend to reward gardeners who have a laissez-faire attitude about their gardens. Time is the essential ingredient here. Left untended in ideal conditions, these bulbs increase more and more to create those stupendous displays that garden designers and home gardeners dream of.

PLANTED TO IMPRESS
Differentiating naturalizing and perennializing bulbs is not important when you're planting in containers or en masse for a temporary display. But when the bulbs are used long-term to blend in with the existing planting or landscape, the difference may matter.

A simple solution to bridge both types of bulbs is to pay attention to scale. Naturalizing bulbs and their primary hybrids that perennialize have a wilder look than the more overbred perennializing bulbs. As an example, a large trumpet daffodil looks awkward among woodland spring wildflowers, compared with a miniature daffodil. The Gravel Garden at Chanticleer demonstrates how choosing bulbs of similar size and height can harmonize a planting vignette. To create visual appeal, Chanticleer's gardeners deliberately restrict colors and make discrete groupings that



The Chanticleer Gravel Garden in Spring



A reliable perennializing bulb, 'Ice Follies' daffodils are usually the first to bloom in time with Chanticleer's March 31 opening.



Tulips like "Prinses Irene" will generally perennialize for three to five years before dwindling.



Colchicums splay like sea anemones in the Bulb Meadow.



Caerulean carpets of Siberian Squills and Glory-of-the-Snow are the result of self-seeding over the years.



Bright and early, winter aconites relish the cool woodland soils to self-sow and proliferate.



Rodent-resistant, Tommies (*Crocus tommasinianus*) are an early salve for color-hungry eyes when they fling open their lilac purple flowers.



In the Chanticleer Gravel Garden, hybrid 'Hawera' daffodils and 'Shogun' tulips are perennializing bulbs, but they resemble their species parents enough to be compatible with the naturalizing bulbs grape hyacinth (*Muscari armeniacum*) and giant grape hyacinth (*Bellevalia pycnantha*).

mimic nature. The bulbs are planted closely in the center and are feathered out at the edges of the grouping, like smoke curlicues or cirrus clouds.

The general advice for planting depth of bulbs is two to three times the height of the bulb. Note to novice gardeners: if you're not sure which side is top or bottom, best to plant at an angle.

TO MOW OR NOT TO MOW ...

While companion plantings are designed to hide bulbs that are entering dormancy, the situation changes when perennializing and naturalizing bulbs are planted in turf.

Because bulbs refuel from their foliage for their next flowering cycle, mowing your lawn before leaves are either close to yellowing or completely withered risks sacrificing the floral display next year. Delaying mowing allows naturalizing bulbs to ripen and disperse their seeds.

Although gardening references often suggest mowing about 5 to 6 weeks after flowering, it's better to observe and take notes. Every site is different! At Chanticleer, mowing in the Orchard takes place in early to mid-June.

The grass may look rather unkempt for a short time, but it's a small price to pay.

STAND BACK AND EVALUATE

The advantage of perennializing and naturalizing bulbs is that over time the planting becomes more full. It may feel like slow progress, but as with many gardening projects, it's best to relax and let the years take their course.

If the legwork for success is done, the bulbs will settle into their new places, eventually filling into a spectacle equal to an Impressionist painting. ♦

Chanticleer is a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. Visit in April through June to see spectacular bulb displays and to learn from the gardeners. The garden is open March 31 through October 31, Wednesday–Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Visit ChanticleerGarden.org to plan your visit.

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Inn at Osprey Point

Have the *Perfect* Destination Wedding in Kent County, Maryland

When you say “I do,” you want the event to be unforgettable—not only for you and your future spouse but also for your guests. One way to make it memorable is to take the ceremony somewhere extraordinary. And because international travel is still uncertain, [Kent County, Maryland](#) offers the perfect alternative. Nestled along the Chesapeake, Kent County is convenient and yet remote enough to offer an idyllic destination wedding experience that will forever shine in your mind.

Idyllic Venues

Imagine a sun-dappled gathering in the gardens of a quaint bed-and-breakfast. The charm of a country ceremony in the shadows of an old red barn. Or light glistening like diamonds over rippled water as the sun sets on your newlywed kiss. With a variety of venues—from traditional church ceremonies to nuptials aboard a boat—the communities in Kent County offer the perfect setting for all your wedding events.

The Crystal Barn at The [Inn at Huntingfield Creek](#) offers a country chic reception venue featuring three Swarovski crystal chandeliers, charming carriage doors, and wide ceiling-to-floor sliding panels. If you've fancied having your nuptials amid glistening waves, the crew of the [River Packet](#) can handle the half hitch as you tie the knot aboard this historic 1920s classic yacht as it cruises

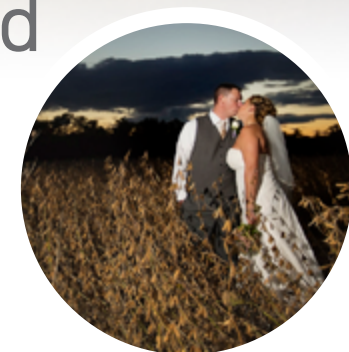
along the scenic Chester River. But, if a waterfront ceremony is your dream, experience the enchantment of exchanging vows at the [Inn at Osprey Point's](#) waterfront gazebo. Located in Rock Hall with stunning views from the dock, this venue makes capturing the perfect images of your special day a breeze for your photographer.

Memorable Moments

As this sacred event unfolds, you and your spouse will honor the special bond

of your marriage as you're taken away to a place that only your love and Kent County can create.

For more inspiration browse www.KentCounty.com/Weddings to find resources to help you plan your unforgettable destination event.



Chester River Packet



Quintessential Lancaster

AFTER YOU'VE MET THE AMISH ...

Edwin Malet

TRAVEL WEST ON LINCOLN HIGHWAY ... UNTIL YOU PASS a black, horse-drawn buggy. Then you'll know you're in Lancaster County, aka Amish Country. As you pass a bit of living history, just be respectful, don't stare, don't take photos. They're just living their lives. Simply.

Lancaster County has evolved beyond being a place where time stopped to offering entertainment, specialty stores, museums and crafts—a place where the old seamlessly meets the new.

We'll take you on a tour of Lancaster County, citing quintessential experiences your family can enjoy on a trip that's not far from home. (Note: we checked that safety protocols are in place.)

PLAN FAMILY FUN

First, you probably want to plan some fun for the kids. Luckily, there's [Dutch Wonderland](#), a fun-filled amusement park in Lancaster City. Unluckily, May 15 is opening day and then it's only open a few days each week, with registration in advance required. Likely kids will need masks and have to follow other CDC guidelines.

But, it's worth the wait and protocols. Enjoy over 35 rides, attractions and shows, from roller coasters, bumper cars to a water park. That should make everyone happy.

BUY A QUILT

Many visit Lancaster for the quilts, perhaps stopping at [Hannah's Quilts & Crafts](#) in Gordonville or [C. Jean Horst](#) in Bird-in-Hand. The best are all handmade, often in a quilter's own home. You'll also find quilts available at many farmer's markets. They're literally everywhere.

[Amish Country Lane Quilts](#) offers a website where you can track down a quilt-maker whose style matches your preferences. Also worth a stop: [The Old Country Store](#) in Intercourse. It's in the oldest building in Intercourse and has a wide selection.

BROWSE ANTIQUES AND MUD

There are countless places to buy antiques in Lancaster County: over 5000 dealers, by one count. You can spend weeks, maybe months, searching.



A. Spend a day of family fun at Dutch Wonderland B. Pick up a handmade quilt during your trip C. Stop by the Old Country Store



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D. Strasburg Railroad is the oldest charter in America

E. Dance with wolves at Wolf Sanctuary

F. Enjoy a show at Bird-In-Hand Theater



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A recommended starting place is Adamstown, home to the “Antique Mile.” There you’ll find Renningers, Stoudts and the Adamstown Antiques Mall. There are more shops, in town and beyond.

Frankly, if you’re game, one of the many “Mud Sales” may be your best bet for finding something vintage. These are quintessentially Lancaster County events, outdoor auctions run by the local fire companies. For 2021, though, most have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID.

EXPLORE THE ROMANCE OF RAILROADS

It’s not the only train museum in the United States. And it doesn’t have the first or oldest locomotive, though it does have a replica. What the [Pennsylvania Railroad Museum](#) in Strasburg does have is the original Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive, built in 1888. In all, you can see over 100 locomotives and railroad cars there.

Down the road in Ronks is the [National Toy Train Museum](#). The smaller-scale collection is huge, spanning O, G, S and HO gauges and including antique and modern trains. You can even operate the trains. In fact, you can “get on board” (with the help of cameras).

And, if that’s not enough, you can buy tickets and board the [Strasburg Railroad](#), the oldest charter in America. With views of the hills and countryside, the train departs several times a day.

DANCE WITH WOLVES

Once almost the entire continental U.S. was inhabited by gray wolves. Some put the estimates as high as two million. Though never much of a threat to humans, the wolves were sadly hunted to near extinction and until last year listed as an endangered species.

In the [Wolf Sanctuary](#) by Lititz, though, about 50 on 80 acres provide a refuge for the Wolves of Speedwell. Make a reservation and see these magnificent creatures.

LEARN ABOUT THE 15TH PRESIDENT

First, who is it? Hint: He’s the only President from Pennsylvania. Still don’t know? He lived at Wheatland. Still nothing? It’s James Buchanan, a one-term president who, in the last administration before Lincoln, presided over a country that was coming apart over slavery. Notably, his response in the waning days of his administration was ineffectual. Dejected, he retired to Wheatland.

Buchanan’s mansion, however, on ten bucolic acres, today tended by the [Lancaster History Museum](#), is spectacular. For now, you can only visit it online.

CELEBRATE THE THEATER

In the 19th century, [Fulton Hall](#) flourished. Mark Twain and Horace Greeley lectured there. Theatrical performances included Harriett Beecher Stowe’s “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” It did very well.



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Though the theater remained open, audiences dwindled in the 1900s, siphoned off by Lancaster’s movie houses. But, in 1969, the theater was designated a National Landmark and began being used by community groups, the [Lancaster Symphony Orchestra](#) and [Opera Lancaster](#).

In 1995, renamed the [Fulton Opera House](#), it was again renovated. About 14 plays were performed there each season. Though currently shuttered due to the pandemic, it plans to reopen in May.

Meanwhile, several other theaters are hosting performances around the county. [The Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre](#) is open, in the last performances of “Happy Days” and starting up mid-month with “On Your Feet.” The [Bird-in-Hand Stage](#) features “Ryan and Friends,” a comic ventriloquist act. And the [Sight & Sound Theatre](#) brings the Bible to life with “Esther.”

ESSEN, ESSEN, ESSEN!

It all began as a roadside stand, between two maple trees in East Earl, managed by a couple, the Martins. Today, operated by their son-in-law, [Shady Maple](#) brings in as many as 1.4 million visitors most years, and includes a grocery, bakery, smorgasbord restaurant, banquet and conference center, plus catering division and gift shop. The complex employs over 750 people! Yet Marvin Weaver—he married the Martin daughter and is CEO today—still regards Shady Maple as a family business.

Shady Maple isn’t the only smorgasbord in Lancaster County. Since 1929, hungry diners could visit [Miller’s Smorgasbord](#) in Ronks, plus [Hershey Farm Restaurant](#), also in Ronks and [Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord](#). There’s a smorgasbord of others.

Make sure to sample some scrapple, pot pie, buttered noodles, chow-chow and shoefly pie. Top it off with a bag of doughnuts to go, and avoid your scale for a few days.

DINE WELL

Once you’ve snacked on pretzels—[Julius Sturgis Pretzels](#) come from a 19th-century bakery in Lititz—you’ll probably be ready for some fine dining.

With roots dating back to the 1750s, [the Stockyard Inn](#) is probably the best steakhouse in Lancaster and maybe in all of Pennsylvania.



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Jimmee Fournaris bought the Stockyard Inn in 1952 and his family continues to operate it.

Just above Zook’s Mill Covered Bridge, built in 1929 and operated as a speakeasy, there’s the superb [Log Cabin Restaurant](#). Chef Steven Painter, who apprenticed at the Greenbrier Resort and served under a former White House chef, plans to take the restaurant to a “whole new level of excellence.” Not that it needs it.

TASTE THE CHOCOLATE

Though Hershey’s Kisses may be better known, in fact, that chocolate morsel, dating from 1907, was virtually copied from the Wilbur Bud. Lawrence Wilbur, grandson of H.O. Wilbur, developed the Bud, which came to market in 1894, some 13 years earlier. Take that Milton!

The iconic [Wilbur Chocolate Factory](#) has since closed, but Wilbur Buds are still produced by Cargill at several locations, one of them in Lititz. You can, and should, buy Wilbur Buds at the [Wilbur Chocolate Candy Store & Museum](#) in Lititz.

FINALLY, DRINK THE BEER

Brewing in Lancaster County dates back to before the Revolutionary War. Owing to its German influence, Lancaster became well-known as the “Munich of America.”

Then came World War I, Prohibition and mass production: read Budweiser. In 1956, the last batch of beer was brewed in the county.

Until 1987. Then [Stoudts Beer](#) was launched in Adamstown. Headed by Carol Stoudt, the only female brewer in the U.S. since Prohibition, the brewery was a pioneer in the burgeoning craft beer movement. Alas, last year Carol retired and closed the brewery. Today, Stoudts survives, as a beer garden with a long list of beers served, both local and foreign.

For your quintessential Lancaster experience, head for [Lancaster Brewing Company](#), established in 1995 as the second post-prohibition brewery in the county. You can end your tour with a toast to Lancaster City. ♦



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G. Make sure to grab some desserts to go at Shady Maple H. Pick up delicious chocolates from Wilbur Chocolate I. End your trip with a cold beer at Stoudts Beer Garden



Big Things

in Small Packages

BACKYARD AND MICRO-WEDDINGS
FOR THE BIG DAY

Story by Carol Metzker

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IN EARLY MARCH 2020, ANDREW AND RIMA WERE anticipating their wedding with 200 loved ones in attendance. Her dress was perfect. RSVPs were in. Vendors were paid.

Then COVID-19 hit. Shutdown followed on March 13th. As a physician, Rima was especially aware of the virus's potential impact on a large event.

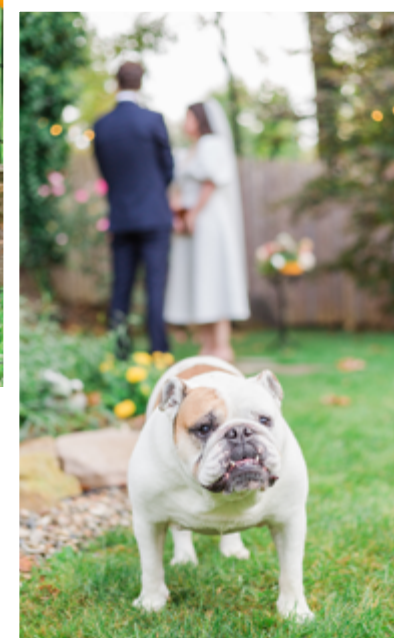
But the couple seized the moment. A re-imagined March 21st ceremony continued with their small gathering of immediate families and siblings as their wedding party. Bouquets and boutonnieres arrived at their homes. Cell phone cameras captured their vows. Their one-year-old niece viewed the nuptials from her mother's arms.

The result was a peaceful, intimate day. "It was all I needed and more," said Rima.

LOVE STILL BLOOMS

It takes more than a virus to stop weddings. Vendors have reworked logistics and created new packages and protocols. Glorious, memorable weddings endure as new marriages begin.

Faunbrook helps couples arrange micro-weddings and elopements that are beautiful, intimate and affordable. Brides and their intendeds



make choices by phone or appointment, then simply show up for unforgettable moments and forever photographs at the Victorian Bed and Breakfast.

This past February, a bride contacted Faunbrook. Five days later, details had been perfectly orchestrated. On Valentine's Day, the bride descended Faunbrook's three-story chandelier-lit staircase, escorted by her brother, and entered the parlor where her groom, his parents and the officiant waited. The white marble fireplace and bouquet of white lilies, hydrangeas and roses by Topiary 219 showcased her exquisite red dress.

Other couples are also booking small summer receptions on the wrap-around porch. Newlyweds take portraits near stained glass windows or the outdoor fountain, enjoy music from the baby grand piano and, at least one sip, champagne in a clawfoot tub.

Special Touches



Wedding planning stops for no one! Weddings in 2021, though, are still going to be different from what we're used to. And with virtual planning, it can be hard to conceptualize how you'll keep the event special for your guests. Luckily, we've gathered some ideas to add special (contactless) touches to your big day.

Customize Your PPE: Make protecting yourself and guests better with customized PPE. Order customized masks with your wedding date, have the wedding party wear masks coordinated with their outfits and personalize sanitizer labels to add a personal touch.

Celebration Care Packages: Have loved ones who can't attend the big day? Sending a care package filled with wedding goodies—chocolate, champagne, party poppers—will help them celebrate from home.

Zoom Room: Video chatting has been a great addition to 2021 weddings, allowing high risk loved ones to feel included while remaining safe. Make your ceremony fun for Zoom guests by using custom made backgrounds! Think photos of your venue or images combining your wedding theme and date.

Pod Seating: With social distancing still recommended, seat groups by pods instead of playing matchmaker between friends. Also, tables are generally smaller this year—think groups of two, four or six instead of 10 or long farm tables. If you're a fan of the sweetheart table, now's the time to embrace it.

Dinner Plates: For cocktail hours and seated dinners, caterers are offering a more individualized serving style. This lets you get creative with your menu and make each guest feel valued. And you can add a handwritten note on every plate.

Tiny Cakes: Make each guest feel unique while being extra safe with single-serve wedding cakes. You can personalize these desserts to fit the theme of your wedding and display them as their own bit of decor. Cakes decorated like succulents or flowers add another floral touch to your food display!



SMALL GROUPS, GREAT FUN

With less money spent on elaborate wedding receptions, couples reallocate budgets to upgrades and extras. They continue to experience cherished moments but often make longer lasting investments: jewelry and dresses that become heirlooms, photographs that last a lifetime and savings that get redirected to new homes.

For 75 years, the Cook family has assisted other families as they enter Walter J. Cook Jeweler for engagement and wedding rings. Fairy tale occasions—trying on gems to see how they light up a hand—are possible with shields, sanitizing and private appointments. Owner Michael Cook said since extensive honeymoon travel has dwindled, some couples invest in engagement jewelry: sparkling three-diamond rings, dazzling yellow solitaires and bands of mixed platinum and gold.

Long-dreamed-of wedding gowns at ceremonies for two, 20 or a future 200 are still in the picture. According to Rachel





Miller, general manager of Sabrina Ann Couture, brides pick dresses they love, feel beautiful wearing and are comfortable for walking, dancing or hiking a mountain. Some purchase two outfits—one for a simple ceremony now and another for next year’s party. Others opt for a dress with a removable, floaty tulle overskirt. They accessorize with winter fur wraps or, in any season, the necklace of a grandmother unable to attend the wedding.

Sales of veils haven’t slowed, Miller added. A veil blowing in the wind or skimming the floor makes photos to share for generations.

Selecting dresses remains a highlight. Sabrina Ann Couture limits an entourage to two people, or up to five with a scheduled appointment. There’s more focus on the bride’s opinions and, without crowds, more time at the mirror.

Weddings today are also more highly personalized. Paper Moon’s handmade flower-seeded paper invitations are affordable for shorter guest lists. Designs matching original invitations or in new styles soften the sadness of postponement announcements or brighten later vow renewal invitations.

Flowers fit the bride’s style: florists’ choice arrangements, buckets brimming with local blooms from the Farm at Oxford or tropical blossoms flown in from regions where more than snow drops are in season.

Instead of rushing table to table to greet hundreds of guests, at restaurants or small catered dinner parties, newlyweds savor special multi-course farm-to-table meals. Popular guest favors include local honey and handmade soaps.

LESS STRESS

Fewer participants can mean reduced tension—not reduced fun, festivities or the day’s significance.

Event planners and packages can also “ease stress at a time when there’s already plenty to go around,” says wedding planner Tara Thistlethwaite. Wedding planners shoulder the load for couples helping children with online schoolwork and other responsibilities. Venue packages are invaluable for couples who want cozy

weddings from a place other than the home where they already juggle work and life.

Limiting guests in bridal gown fitting rooms also eliminates tension. There’s less pressure to please a large entourage and brides appreciate privacy—especially if body image suffers from lack of exercise during the pandemic.

Livestreaming ceremonies can share the occasion with extended family and friends, but some couples forego the headaches of technology and attempts to create a flawless performance for viewers.

SOMETHING NEW

Hosting a small wedding during the lingering pandemic comes with new protocols. Pay attention to language in contracts about cancellation fees, health screening questions, taking temperatures and providing guests’ contact information for potential tracing.

Make adhering to rules more palatable with lacy or monogrammed masks and hand sanitizer labelled “Spread love, not germs.”

JUST THE TWO OF US

Aprille and Hunter’s upcoming storybook wedding is an elopement by an officiant. Her stunning white dress, chosen with help from her mother, goes perfectly from the mansion ceremony site to the restaurant where the pair will dine without plans, place cards or pressure.

Will there be a cake for two, hair jewels or other embellishments? The smile in Aprille’s voice was evident as she said she might consider them. “I just have to show up on time,” she said. “The day is just about us—intimate and loving.”

Celebrating their first anniversary, Rima and Andrew say their marriage is different because of the circumstances. Instead of a honeymoon, they vacationed for two weeks at home—where they also worked over the past year. They experienced a year of growth and happiness as they’ve met the challenges of a new world together.

Weddings may be smaller, but colossal love is here to stay. ♦

Wedding Cakes

From mega-gatherings to micro-weddings there’s always cake! Check out some local bakeries looking to make your sweet dreams a reality.



Chef Scrappy’s Midnight Bakery
Exton
ChefScrappy.com



Sweet Magnolia Bakery
Landenburg
SweetMagnoliaBakeryPa.com



Dia Doce
West Chester
DiaDoce.com



Aux Petits Delices
Wayne
AuxPetits.com



Clay’s Bakery
Berwyn
ClaysBakery.net



The Master’s Baker
West Chester
TheMastersBaker.com

Wedding Style



Walter J. Cook

For 75 years, Walter J. Cook Jeweler has worked with couples creating wedding jewelry for their special day and life thereafter. Schedule your, in-person appointment with Michael Cook to complete the search for that perfect ring!

Mostardi Nursery

Love is in the air this spring season! Delicate air plants floating in handcrafted birch-bark covered hearts add a beautiful touch to an outdoor or rustic wedding.



Christopher Chocolates

Personalize your wedding guest favors with Christopher Chocolates' decadent chocolates. Or pick from trays of chocolates, truffles and chocolate covered pretzels to add that sweet touch to your special day!

Guide to WEDDING VENUES & SERVICES

From B&Bs to Museums and Historic Sites, you're covered for ideas for any size wedding you're planning. Here are some of our favorites, plus additional services.

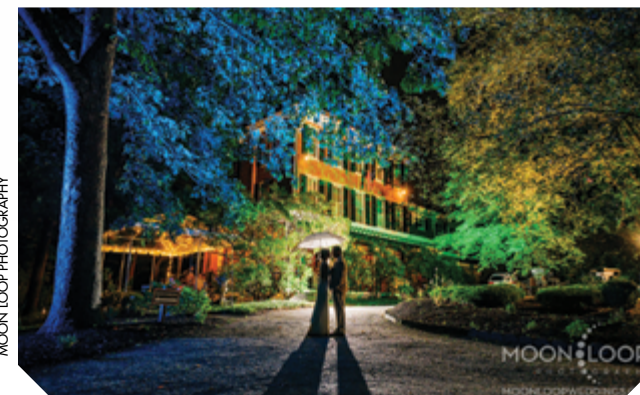
WEDDING VENUES & GETAWAYS

BED & BREAKFAST / HOTELS, INNS AND RESORTS

FAUNBROOK BED & BREAKFAST

699 West Rosedale Ave., West Chester
610-436-5788; Faunbrook.com

Faunbrook B&B is a perfect location for intimate weddings and events for 2 to 100 guests, offering afternoon, one-night and wedding weekend options. Overnight guests stay in seven beautifully appointed rooms with a farm-to-table breakfast each morning. The 1860s Victorian mansion offers picturesque views on two acres of wooded land on the south side of West Chester and is ideal for weddings, showers, rehearsal dinners, business meetings or quiet getaways.



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THE INN AT WHITEWING

370 Valley Rd., West Chester
610-388-2013; InnAtWhitewingFarm.com

The Inn at Whitewing Farm is nestled in the historic Brandywine Valley adjacent to world-renowned Longwood Gardens. Settled on 13 bucolic acres, Whitewing is home to a fishing pond, spring-fed pool and Har-Tru tennis court. Ten romantic guest rooms and suites with seasonal fireplaces, private entrances and plush amenities make Whitewing Farm a perfect escape. Planning a family reunion or special occasion? They can accommodate everyone's needs so your family can enjoy all that Whitewing Farm has to offer.



GENERAL WARREN
9 Old Lancaster Rd., Malvern
610-296-3637; GeneralWarren.com

Historic 1745 country inn with on-site lawn and gardens for outdoor ceremonies and receptions, along with 8 charming guest suites. Perfect for intimate COVID weddings and receptions for 15–30 guests in a private room, 50 guests in a tent, or a buy-out of the restaurant for over 100 in 4 dining rooms. Rehearsal dinners for 50+ guests. Honeymoon/guests suites. Award-winning American cuisine with attentive, professional service. Specializing in formal, traditional weddings or more casual celebrations.



COUNTRY CLUBS

PHOENIXVILLE COUNTRY CLUB
355 Country Club Rd., Phoenixville
610-933-3727; PhoenixvilleCC.com

Located in Chester County, next to the Valley Forge National Historic Park, this beautiful location with its century-old farmhouse and panoramic course views is an ideal venue for your memorable event. They tailor your special day to make your dreams a reality, down to the last detail. Personalized service, culinary delights and warm ambiance combine to make your day perfect.



SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB
400 West Sproul Rd., Springfield
610-690-7600; SpringfieldCC.net

Springfield Country Club is an award-winning venue, open to the public, with impressive ballrooms, indoor and outdoor ceremony and event spaces, delectable cuisine and talented event staff. The incredible venue offers impressive on-site amenities including a Courtyard Marriott hotel with luxury guest suites, full service restaurant and bar with al fresco dining, 18-hole public golf course and full service spa and salon.



GALLERY & MUSEUM SPACES

DELAWARE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington
302-658-9111; DelMNH.org

Currently closed for a metamorphosis in its galleries and public spaces, reopening as the Delaware Museum of Nature and Science in 2022. Rent the Museum for an evening wedding and your guests will stroll through diverse ecosystems in Delaware and around the world, and travel back to the time of the Cretaceous period. Outdoor spaces also available. All public gallery space is easily accessible on one level. 100 guests: limited availability for up to 200.



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Farmhouse
AT PEOPLE'S LIGHT

The Farmhouse is the premier wedding venue in Chester County, nestled among English perennial gardens and the spacious landscaped surroundings of People's Light. The restored 18th-century farmhouse boasts a beautifully appointed ballroom and indoor pavilion, featuring a new handcrafted bar made from reclaimed wood. The Farmhouse comfortably accommodates up to 175 guests.



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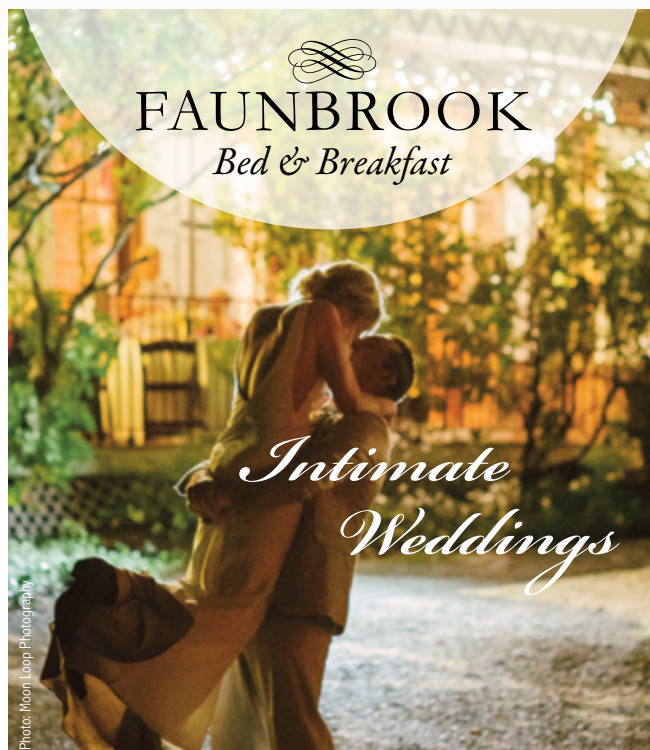
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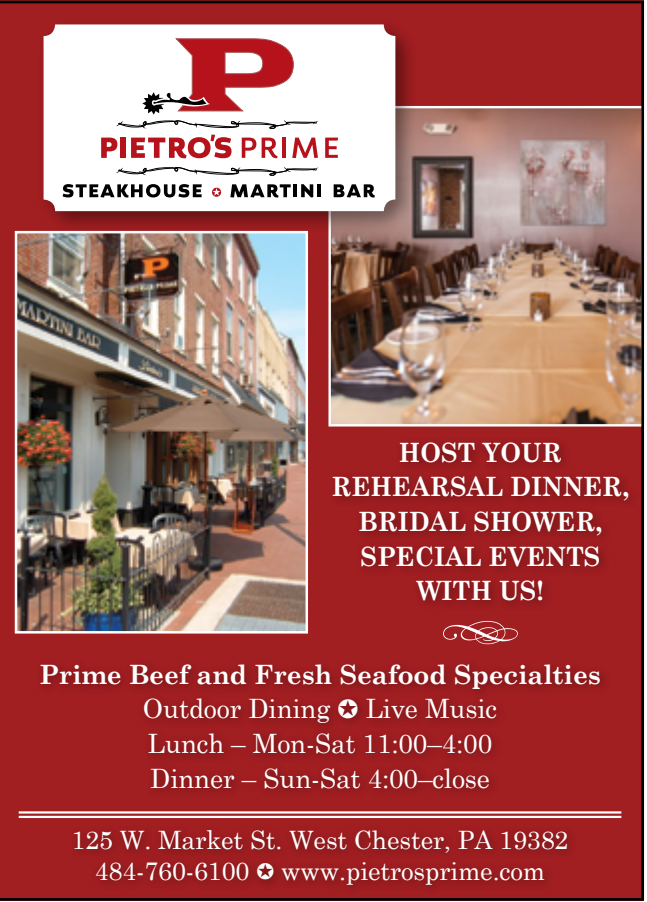
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YES, WEDDINGS LOOK DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. We've traded in mega-gatherings of distant relatives and far-flung friends for more intimate celebrations with a smaller circle. Backyards and childhood homes have become the preferred wedding venues for many.

For this smaller scale celebration, the details are more important than ever. But one thing that doesn't need to be scaled back is the bride's preparation for the wedding.

Regardless of the size of the event, brides (and their bridal parties) will still want to relax, de-stress and be pampered. Options range from luxuriating in a soothing massage or facial, getting professional hair and makeup prep, to enjoying a weekend getaway with your bridal bubble.

Luckily our local salons and spas are prepared to safely pamper and beautify you to prep for your big day.

BRIDAL PREP

Keep your bridal glow turned up at a 10 by treating yourself to a personalized selection of beauty treatments during the weeks leading up to the wedding day. You'll want to be ready for your photo, video and Zoom close ups.

Plan ahead using the bridal timeline from [Jillian Grace Salon](#) in West Grove—a perfect tool for staying organized. The convenient bridal blueprint helps schedule all your necessary beauty appointments. Starting the month before your wedding, book your hair and makeup trials and facials, plus your manicure and pedicure with a team of estheticians, hair stylists and makeup artists.

If the wedding planning is turning up the stress dial, turn it down by spending an afternoon of relaxation at [Joseph Anthony Salon](#) in Glen Mills. Enjoy a variety of facial and massage options, like an invigorating HydraFacial treatment, a customizable facial to improve



any skin concerns, or a micro-dermabrasion facial to leave your skin looking youthful and bright.

Share the pampering with your groom with a couples massage for some stress-free pre-wedding bonding.

You can also make a day of it—a spa day—by booking your bridal bubble for treatments at [Kindred Spa](#) in Chadds Ford. Tuesdays at Kindred allow private parties to reserve the space all to themselves. A great option for a bride and her bridesmaids to enjoy a self-care day in an extra safe way.

This option lets up to four people rotate through the space for facials, while others can enjoy a hand and foot treatment in the relaxation room. Need more pampering? Try a Maskne express facial, cocoa and orange lip scrub and an eye express treatment. Plus you can snack on a tempting lunch spread from Talula's Table, decadent chocolates from Neuchatel, and refreshing kombucha from Baba's Brew.

HAIR AND MAKEUP

If you've been dreaming about your wedding ever since you were little, you must have a Pinterest board filled with hair and makeup inspiration. And your wedding is the time to get the pros to help you achieve your perfect look.

Thankfully plenty of local salons offer beauty consultations and teams of professionals ready to help up your glam quotient. Check out [Currie Hair Skin & Nails](#) and [Avante Salon & Spa](#) for private appointments with one of their make-up masters and hair stylist stars. Best to book a consultation and make-up and hair trial run to ensure you love your special look for the big day!

If you want to DIY, Currie Hair Skin & Nails also offers makeup instructions to teach professional tips and tricks to help you feel more confident in your glam-abilities.

More options: get a lash lift or brow tint to replace some steps in your makeup routine with the bonus of longer-lasting beauty benefits. Head to [Luxe Salon & Spa](#) for specialty eyelash treatments to make your eyes pop—even with a mask on! Go dramatic with full volume eyelash sets or keep your look natural with a light eyelash lift and brow tint. Plan ahead to

Plan ahead using Jillian Grace Salon's bridal timeline



Try different facial treatments at Joseph Anthony Salon



Enjoy a spa day at Kindred Spa with your bridal bubble



Book a make-up and hair trial to perfect your look





Have your eyes pop with a lash lift



Relax and unwind with a manicure and hand massage at Serenity Day Spa

avoid trying to apply those finicking false lashes as your guests are gathering outside for the big day.

WEEKEND GETAWAY

Although many destination bachelor and bachelorette parties were ditched or postponed to keep everyone safe, you can have a scaled down local pre-celebration. Book a relaxing weekend away with your bridal bubble at **The Inn & Spa at Intercourse Village**, filled with local shopping, delicious take-out and a full spa day.

Have an entire floor to yourself, compete with safety procedures like contactless self-check in and self-check-out. Staff will not enter your room during your stay but will make sure everything is readily available for a relaxing bridal getaway.

While the onsite spa is closed for now, they're partnering with neighboring **Serenity Day Spa** for services like therapeutic massages, bride-to-be treatments and signature serenity manicure and pedicure, complete with relaxing hand and foot massages.

Or consider an "Earlymoon" with you and your significant other. Add in a weekend trip before other pre-wedding festivities for a chance to de-stress and reconnect before tying the knot. Head to **Wild Wisteria Bed & Breakfast** (previously the Pennsbury Inn) for a romantic getaway in their Rose Suite, complete with picturesque views of the garden and grounds.

AT-HOME SELF-CARE

Decided to go DIY? Keep your skin and hair prepped and ready for your big day by investing in quality products for your at-home pampering.

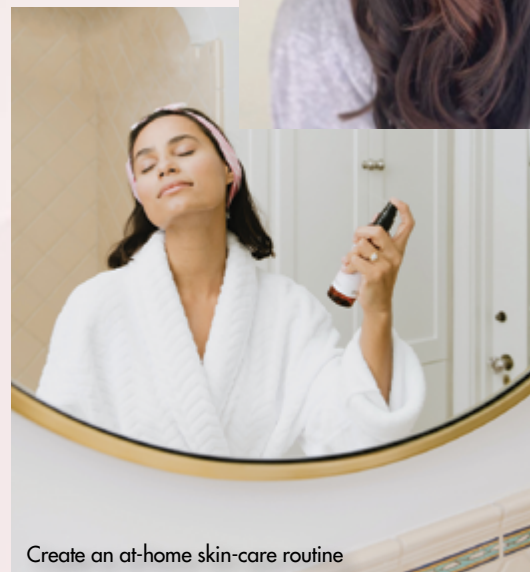
Try **Carrello by Currie Natural Beauty Line** available at Currie Hair Skin & Nails locations. Pick up an eye contour serum to minimize puffiness and reduce dark circles, a nourishing hair mask to add volume and shine and a lip serum to prepare your pout for that first kiss. You'll have the perfect bridal routine set up while supporting a local salon.

And don't forget about your hair care! Keep that fresh-out-of-the-salon look going by purchasing the same high-quality products used by the pros at the salon.

Ask your stylist which products will keep your hair its shiniest, fullest and healthiest as you plan for a perfect hair day. Not only will your hair look its best leading up to the wedding date, but you'll also be shopping small by purchasing products directly from your favorite businesses.

With all this pampering, you'll be ready for your big day! ♦

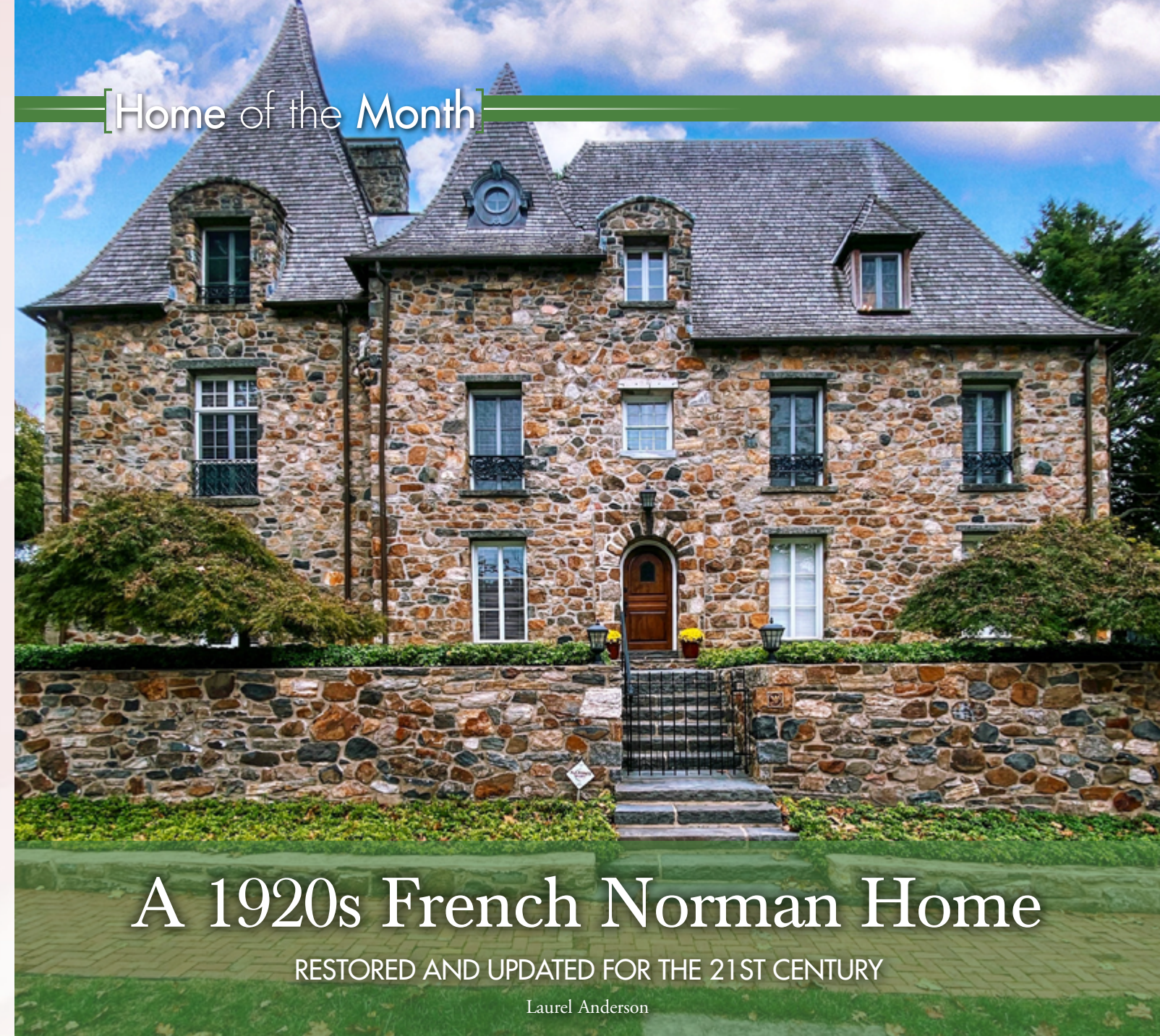
Go for a simple down-do with an elegant accessory.



Create an at-home skin-care routine



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A 1920s French Norman Home

RESTORED AND UPDATED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Laurel Anderson

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FINDING A LARGE FAMILY HOME WITHIN THE borough of West Chester is no easy task. So to discover an impressive historic home on an acre of land atop a hill, just a 10-minute walk from the center of town, was quite a find.

The home lingered on the market ten years ago, in part, because its state of disrepair—cracked plaster, damaged floors and beams as well as no air conditioning or economical heating—made most potential buyers see it as too daunting a project.

Yet the striking home on a tree-lined street had great bones and great potential. Plus there were golden, unobstructed sunset views from the front of the house.

The current owners spent eight months working with contractors to restore and update both interior and exterior as well as to install geothermal and solar power systems to bring the home into the 21st century in an environmentally conscious way.

So complete and successful was the transformation that the home won a Bricks and Mortar Award from the West Chester Historic Preservation Board in 2016. As we reported in *County Lines*, the rehabilitation "accomplished a complete restoration of the exterior and interior, while successfully addressing the need for modern conveniences, including state-of-the-art, energy-efficient mechanical and electrical systems. The project ... demonstrates



how a historic building can be reinvigorated while respecting historic character.”

A LITTLE HISTORY

The striking home in the northeast quadrant of the borough was built in the 1920s by a French woman, Berthe Moffett, to resemble her ancestral home and designed in the Norman style—note the distinctively steep roof. Although the style is French, local fieldstone on the exterior was repurposed from old Chester County mills, including two millstones placed on the grounds.

Interior details of the home—main staircase, marble mantels, and flooring for the second-floor great room—were shipped from France and England. High ceilings and dozens of French doors and windows throughout create spacious, sunny rooms in the style of grand homes.

Moffett's daughter, Renee, who was married there, also resided in the home with her husband, Frank Keen, a Chester County

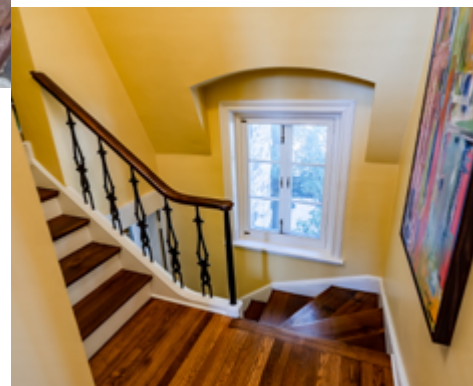
gentleman farmer who owned Blue Rock Farm in East Bradford. Keen lived in the house until his death in 1970.

Only four owners have called this home in almost a hundred years. It's time now for a fifth.

TRANSFORMATION

The elegant three-story home shows no telltale signs of the extensive work done during its rehabilitation. Relying on E.C. Trethewey Building Contractors to oversee construction inside and out, the owners' goal was to keep the historic character and architectural features of the home intact, while upgrading its systems and appearance.

New floors, paint and lighting fixtures, plus new basement beams and repointed stone were just some of the projects in this five-bedroom, five-bath, 6500-square-foot, L-shaped home. Lovingly updated, it now boasts many special rooms—huge great room, music room, home office, reading area—in addition to the expected rooms.



A prime example of the transformation is the new kitchen. Sandblasting and repointing the stonework was needed to save the walk-in fireplace and other stone walls in the space that includes two massive reclaimed beams for thresholds to the dining room. New cabinets were installed, along with state-of-the-art appliances and a unique Tasmanian blackwood breakfast bar. Soapstone counters with distressed edges simulate a century of wear (using a Franklin edge technique).

Other major changes included converting a study that was adjacent to the kitchen into a more convenient dining room, adding a second-floor laundry room and new closets using doors discovered in the home's basement, plus renovating two bathrooms.

And yes, cracked plaster was repaired, but while leaving decorative wrought iron radiator wall grates intact, as homage to the home's past.

21ST CENTURY

Perhaps the most unique aspect of the renovation is the seamless integration of the new HVAC system into a historic home. The extent of the complex and monumental project of installing a geothermal system and a solar array for use in a 1920s residence has been written about in several magazines, including the online Old House Journal.

Suffice it to say that old boilers, hundreds of copper pipes, and 20 radiators were recycled and replaced by a three-unit, 15-ton geothermal heating and cooling system for green energy. Even more magic happened with the installation of virtually invisible ductwork in custom soffits throughout the three floors of the house, respecting the historic character of the interior.

THE GROUNDS

The park-like setting on the acre lot includes towering evergreens and 80-year-old native rhododendrons accenting fieldstone terraces surrounded by iconic stone walls. A koi pond, two fountains and three gargoyles dot the multi-level grounds connected by stone stairs.

Both a secret garden and a large, level lawn—perfect for croquet, badminton or a party tent—enhance the grounds designed years ago by an accomplished gardener.

An award-winning West Chester original is ready for its next owners. ♦

For more about this 5-bedroom, 5-bath, historic home set on an acre in the West Chester borough, contact Stephen Gross of The Holly Gross Group, Berkshire Hathaway, Fox & Roach, 610-430-3030 (office), 484-883-0681 (cell); HollyGrossGroup.com. StephenGross@FoxRoach.com. Price upon request.

CREATING NEW BEER FLAVORS ...

BEYOND THE SIMPLE IPA

Dan Shaw, Wrong Crowd Beer

IF YOU'VE FOLLOWED THE CRAFT BEER scene during the past 15 years, you've likely noticed seismic changes. The sheer number of breweries has altered the landscape of tap handles in bars and options in coolers wherever alcohol is sold. The range of national and local brands available has grown by an order of magnitude, and the beers produced by these brands vary even more widely.

Just where do all the varieties of beers come from?

You may have noticed when a brewery releases a stout, the bourbon barrel-aged version is sure to follow six months later. Their new IPA? The double dry-hopped version will be coming out later that year. And if you liked the blueberry kettle sour, be sure to sample a pour of their version with lactose, vanilla and ... marshmallows.

Who comes up with this stuff? Sometimes, I do.

Here's some insight into how the magic happens.



BREWERY AS LABORATORY

Folks open breweries for any number of reasons. And many watch as their carefully laid business plans get covered with circles from overflowing beer mugs and the breweries evolve in unexpected directions.

At Wrong Crowd Beer, we started operating as a nano-brewery, along with pop-ups, plus offering kegs of draft beer to local bars and beer stores. Brewing was initially done on a very small scale, in two barrel batches (62 gallon) using what was essentially homebrewing equipment.

While not exactly a sustainable business model, there were advantages to the nano-operation. Being able to sell an entire batch to a handful of bars definitely allowed us to experiment.

So until we upped our game in 2020 and started producing 30-barrel batches at a new production facility in West Chester, we never had to ask ourselves tough questions like—"How much of this can we expect to sell in a crowded market?" or "Can we afford to dump this batch if the idea was a bad one?"

It's not surprising that one goal that guided our recipe creations was never to brew something craft beer fans could already find. We simply couldn't compete for tap handles at bars and shelf space in beer shops against breweries with professional equipment and economies of scale.

For us, the question was simple: why spend all that time and effort brewing, if not to be original?

This journey resulted in some weird beer flavors. And, truth be told, those early experiments didn't always take us to the end of the rainbow, even when the execution was perfect. A Bloody Mary New England-style IPA is just a bad idea, no matter how close the end product came to hitting the intended mark.

WAYS TO INNOVATE

Today in the craft beer scene, very rarely is a new idea entirely original. If brewers are not riffing on an idea from another beer brand, inspiration may come from popular culture, like a favorite food or dessert from the local restaurant scene.

Talented chefs and bakers are sources of ideas as they also explore flavors. And most are acutely aware that, when we're chatting, I'm picking their brains for concepts for beer recipes.

A common way to create a new beer recipe is to brew with an unusual ingredient. Or take it to the next level and use that novel ingredient along with a flavor that harmonizes but isn't obvious. For example, Wrong Crowd recently released a sour ale pairing Italian plums and fresh rosemary. Savor that for a moment ...

Another way brewers innovate is to create a recipe inspired by one or two recipes they know but want to take in a new direction. Our flagship pilsner, The Borough, for example was a mix of a traditional German-style pilsner, but with a lower alcohol content.

Yet perhaps the most brilliant innovations in brewing lie in creating new techniques or using old techniques in new ways. For example, using Norwegian *kveik* yeast allows brewers to produce a range of styles faster and without costly temperature control unleashing creativity.

And then there's the veritable flavor of the month.

FAD OR TREND?

Every year or so, the beer scene sees a new hot variation on the IPA style. One by one, breweries take their crack at it. Think of the stream of these variations—Belgian IPA, Black IPA, Brut IPA, India Pale Lager, White IPA and Lactose IPA.

These experiments, or style variations, are brewed once, customers order one or two out of curiosity, but then the recipe is promptly discarded, never to be brewed again.

Yet a few versions transcend mere fads and become bona fide trends. Think of beers like Double IPA, Session IPA and New England-style IPA. Each provided something craft beer drinkers actually desired, whether they knew it or not.

The first Double IPAs provided more hops, more alcohol, more intensity of flavor than anything beer drinkers had encountered before. This big brew was welcomed by the emerging hopheads searching for more flavor.

The Session IPA, pioneered by Founders Brewing with their All Day IPA, gave hopheads the intentionally unbalanced hop character they craved from an IPA, but in a low-alcohol, low-body beer they could enjoy without immediate intoxication.

And New England-style IPA provided craft beer drinkers with more hop-derived citrus and tropical fruit aromas, without the



accompanying bitterness or caramel malt flavor typically found in West Coast-style IPAs. The massive spike in popularity of New England-style IPAs in the last five years showed this was what many really wanted in their glass all along.

NEW BEER VARIETIES

The process of creating new brewing recipes could begin in many ways, but eventually each new beer goes through some version of recipe formulation, recipe testing and brand development. Recipe formulation requires a set of skills that can take years to develop. The brewer needs to decide things like the selection, proportion and timing of ingredients. This is the art part of the process. For recipe testing in an entirely new arena—producing hard seltzer, for example—we use our smaller pilot system to get feedback for next steps and refinements. Further testing happens on-site at the taproom, where visitors are often treated to samples of our experiments. Usually though, a new recipe has enough in common with a previous brew that we'll produce a full-size batch.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Finally, there's the brand development step, the fun part of names and label designs. The right name can happen on brew day, while tasting samples during production, or even close to the release date. Like many brewers, we lean heavily on puns, like our chocolate stout Robert Brownie Jr., or our kettle-soured ale Big Dogs Guava Eat. Inside jokes are fair game, too, if they're easy to explain so everyone is in on it. Labels are also fun to create and fortunately we've found a graphic designer who gets our style and our humor. Anyone at Wrong Crowd might come up with the concept for a recipe, name or can label. The acid test is whether we'll have fun talking about it to our customers. And the best new beer concepts express why we started brewing—for the love of craft beer and beer fans. ♦

Wrong Crowd Beer was founded as a nano-brewery in 2017 by Dan Shaw and Bob Bagonis. They partnered with industry veterans Kara Dougherty and Kelly McGonagle in 2020 to bring a production brewery and taproom to downtown West Chester. Visit at 342 Hannum Ave., West Chester and taste what's new. WrongCrowdBeer.com.



Head Brewer Dan Shaw mashes in the grain in Wrong Crowd's 15-barrel brewhouse.



Head Brewer Dan Shaw

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

Superfoods. Eagerly awaited **Good Life Organic Kitchen** is now open for business in Eagleview Town Center. The Lancaster-based business expanded into Exton, creating a healthy and organic menu using ingredients from local vendors like Malvern Buttery and Green Lion Breads. Enjoy breakfast and lunch dishes like their Glo Grain Power Bowl or Greeña Colada Smoothie Bowl paired with cold-pressed juices and superfood specialty drinks like Spicy Turmeric Lemonade. 559 Wellington Square, Exton. GoodLifeOrganicKitchen.com.



Sweet Peeps. Easter's arrival means **PEEPS** season is here! The candy company is celebrating this holiday by releasing two new flavors—Hot Tamale Cinnamon and Froot Loops. Other returning favorites include cotton candy, sour watermelon and root beer. If you want more than the usual marshmallow chicks and bunnies, Peeps cereal will be making a comeback alongside Peeps flavored Lofthouse cookies, those soft cake-like treats. So many options to help you enjoy the holiday. PeepsBrand.com.



Fresh Fun. For **Earth Day** on April 22nd, why not celebrate by eating a plant-based meal? According to the International Food Information Council, 28% of people are upping their plant intake in 2021 and incorporating things like vegan meats, which are an easy substitute because of their availability and environmental benefits. So on Earth Day 2021, dive into a vegan pepperoni pizza complete with cauliflower crust! Make sure you're getting enough plants in your diet while taking care of our planet. EarthDay.org.

Eco Easter. Need a more sustainable way to celebrate Easter? Consider using natural ingredients for **dyeing Easter eggs**. Find any color of the rainbow right at home, with pantry items like turmeric, blueberries, beets and onions. Take it a step further by pickling eggs with brine to create a satisfying tie-dye pattern while giving your eggs a pop of flavor. Embrace the tradition in an eco-way and create a tasty snack to add to a sandwich or salad the next day. AllRecipes.com.



Brand New. Spring is here and that means it's time to switch from those heavy dark beers to lighter and fruitier brews. Luckily, Yuengling is launching a new flavor, **Yuengling Raging Eagle Mango Beer**—a pilsner made with natural mango flavor perfect for warmer weather. The popular PA brewer is also planning a westward expansion with a rollout of beers in Texas. New flavor profiles and expansion plans are sure to keep this local brewery earning new fans. Yuengling.com.



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Serving Up Spring

TIPS FOR FINDING FRESHNESS FROM WEST CHESTER'S NEWEST FARM-TO-TABLE EATERY.

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EVERYTHING SEEMS TO COME ALIVE IN SPRING, the moist earthy air and warmer temperatures give us a pep in our step, and leave our taste buds yearning for brightness. “That’s what spring is all about,” says Chef Josh Taggart, chef and owner of **Mae’s West Chester**, a new farm-to-table BYOB in the heart of the borough that’s “waking up your palate and getting your first taste of freshness.”

To Chef Taggart, “farm-to-table” is more than a marketing gimmick—it’s the origin of his culinary inspiration. He came to his love of fresh ingredients at a young age, growing up in South Jersey, surrounded by farmer’s markets and roadside stands, as well as an abundance of backyard bounty from his grandparents’ garden.

During culinary school, however, Chef Taggart found himself working for a string of uninspired restaurants that seemed to have all the food delivered frozen and to take little pride in the final product.

It all changed in 1997 when he was brought aboard Tony Clark’s newly opened namesake restaurant. “I was blown away,” he remembers. “We were using produce straight out of the dirt and making



Chef Josh Taggart

dishes using every part of the ingredient—even carrot tops were turned into something.”

Once Chef Taggart got a taste of this fresher approach to food, there was no going back. He began developing relationships with farmers and looking forward to local deliveries. “A guy just shows up to the back door with baby turnips and fresh peas that were picked that morning,” he says with excitement.

After working in top kitchens all around Philadelphia (Lacroix, Buddakan and Rae), Chef Taggart brought his talents and passion for seasonal sourcing to Chester County. In 2020 he finally realized his dream of opening his own restaurant. And despite the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, his new eatery, Mae’s (named for his grandmother and daughter’s middle names), opened its doors just in time for Mother’s Day weekend.

It was quite a year! But just as a flower bud must emerge with the threat of frost still lingering in the air, Chef Taggart remained steadfast and committed to his dream. He hopes to continue to showcase the restaurant to the community this spring noting, “Some people come in and say they didn’t even know we were here.” Who can blame them? We’ve all been stuck at home!

As we emerge from our winter and quarantine cocoons, may we find some much-deserved freshness, either in the form of a new restaurant, a new recipe, or perhaps the addition of a few new ingredients to help our dishes pop!



Chef Taggart’s daughter and grandmother share the same middle name: Mae

Recipes

For Chef Taggart, the idea of spring conjures images of radishes, chervil, lemon and herbs—all ingredients you’ll find below in the recipes. Use this recipe trope to help plan the perfect springtide celebration.

Early Spring Greens with Green Goddess Dressing

This seasonal salad combines many favorite spring ingredients. Best of all, you can make the dressing with whatever leafy herbs you can get your hands on!

Greens Salad:

- 2 C. early spring greens (baby spinach, kale, etc.)
 - 1 orange, peeled and segmented
 - 1 avocado, sliced
 - 1 small cooked red beet, sliced (best to whole-roast in an aluminum foil pouch)
 - 2 radishes, sliced
 - 2 Tb. raw almonds, slivered or chopped
- Salad serves 2.

Green Goddess Dressing:

Can be stored in the fridge for up to one week.

- 1 C. Seven Stars Farm plain yogurt
- 1 C. flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 C. mixed leafy herbs (dill, basil, tarragon)
- 2 Tb. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. capers
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- Salt and pepper to taste



Puree all dressing ingredients in a blender.

Assemble the salad by tossing all ingredients together with 3–4 tablespoons of dressing per cup of greens.

Serves 3–4.

Note: Since the recipe uses delicate baby greens, be sure to dress and toss just before serving.

Brighten Your Palate

After a long winter, we’re all ready to throw open the windows and head out to farmers’ markets. But for us Pennsylvanians, it’s still early in the growing season. Have no fear, we’ve compiled a list of fresh ingredients to help you dial up the flavor and make way for the coming of spring.

Lemon Lift – Whether it’s swirled into a sauce or zested on top, lemon (or any citrus) is the perfect way to help brighten things up.

Touch of Tang – A splash of vinegar can bring a recipe to life and sharpen its flavor. Word to the wise, a little goes a long way. Try a few drops at a time to let it be a supporting cast member.

Go Green – With so many local growers enjoying the longer seasons of high-tunnel greenhouses, you can actually find local baby and micro greens, even in April. These greens are delicate in taste and texture and bring life to any plate.

Say Cheese – Swap the gooey melted cheese of winter for a crumble of fresh or brined cheese (like feta or chevre) to Spring-ify your salad, flatbread or pasta.

Admire Alliums – While early spring offers less in the form of vegetables, it more than makes up for it in the allium department—bringing garlic scapes and ramps (aka wild leeks) to the table. Garlic scapes are curly green offshoots of garlic plants, which make divine pestos or hummus additions. Ramps, which look similar to scallions, are foraged. They’re best enjoyed grilled or sautéed alongside brunch eggs or a charred protein.

Herbal Infusion – Whether it’s ribbons of mint or a sprinkle of chopped parsley, fresh herbs provide a pop of color and flavor that is guaranteed to take your dish to the next level.

Marinated Goat Cheese

- 1 piece Cloud 9 Yellow Springs Farm goat cheese, split in half horizontally
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced



2 Tb. fennel fronds, chopped
1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
Fresh cracked pepper and sea salt to taste
Marinate cheese with rest of the ingredients and let sit at room temp for 30 min.
Serve with grilled bread or your favorite crackers.
Serves 2.

Sauteed NJ Black Sea Bass with Potato Gnocchi, Baby Carrots, Spinach and Chervil Potage

Black Bass is a mild white fish that stays beautifully moist and flaky when sauteed. Chervil (aka French parsley) adds fresh, herbal notes without overpowering the dish.

Chervil potage:
4 Tb. butter (½ stick)
2 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
¼ C. fennel bulb, chopped
1 large Yukon gold potato, peeled and diced
½ C. white wine
3 C. water
1 C. chervil sprigs
Salt and pepper to taste



Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic, fennel and potatoes and sauté/sweat until tender.
Deglaze pan with white wine. Add water and bring back up to a simmer for a few minutes.
Puree in blender with chervil until smooth.

Black Bass and Vegetable Preparation:

2 pieces of sea bass, 6 oz.
2 Tb. olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 Tb. butter
½ C. potato gnocchi
½ C. baby carrots, blanched

1 C. baby spinach
Chervil sprigs for garnish
Season fish with salt and pepper. Carefully place fish, skin-side-down, in a hot saute pan with 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Lower heat to medium and cook for two minutes. Flip fish and cook for another 2–3 minutes, until cooked through.
In another saute pan, brown gnocchi in butter. Add carrots and spinach until warm and wilted.
Drain off any extra butter and begin to plate. Place vegetables and gnocchi in the bottom of bowls, top with fish and pour chervil potage around. Serve immediately.
Makes 2 servings.

Buttermilk Biscuits with Citrus Curd and Local Honey

*Is there anything more luxurious than fresh-baked biscuits on a weekend morning? Pair with your favorite tea or coffee and a good book.
Pro Tip: You can make your lemon curd in advance and keep in the fridge for up to 10 days. Use with scones, biscuits, cake or by the spoonful!*

Buttermilk Biscuits:
4 C. all purpose flour
2 Tb. sugar
2 tsp. salt



3 Tb. baking powder
14-oz. of butter, grated, frozen (3½ sticks)
2 C. buttermilk
Preheat oven to 400°. Mix dry ingredients—flour, sugar, salt, baking powder—and mix. Add butter, then buttermilk and knead together gently just until the dough comes together.
Roll out dough on a floured surface to 1-inch thickness. Cut into desired shape.
Bake on an oiled cookie sheet at 400° for 18–20 minutes until golden. Let biscuits rest for 5 minutes before serving.
Serves 6.



Citrus Curd:
1 each lemon, lime, orange, all juiced and zested, approximately 10-oz. (1¼ C.) juice total
8 oz. butter (1 stick)
2 C. sugar
4 large eggs, beaten
Place zest, juice, sugar and butter in a heatproof bowl. Place on top of a simmering pot of water to create double boiler. Heat until butter is melted and sugar is dissolved.
Remove from heat and whisk in eggs. Place back over low heat and stir constantly until curd thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon. Remove from heat and let it cool completely.
Serve as shown with biscuits and local honey.
Serves 4.
(Mae's likes Nick's Honey from Unionville). ♦

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