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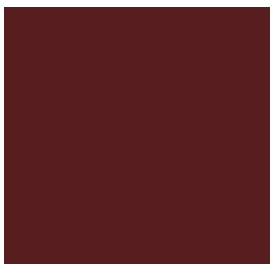
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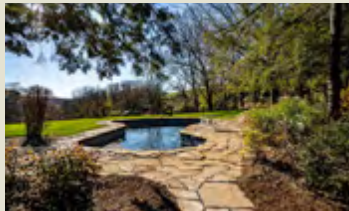
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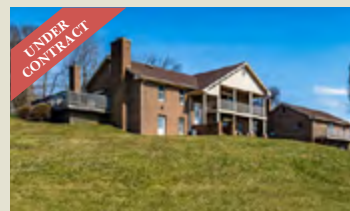
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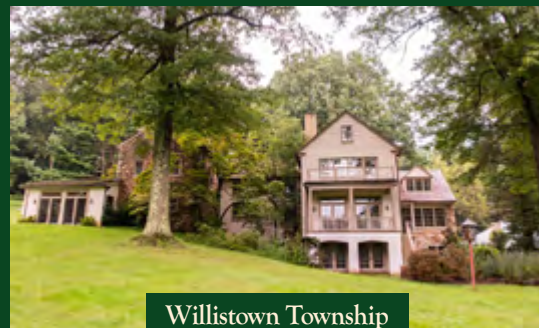
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from the EDITOR

It's May and things are getting back to normal. Or at least the new normal.

To start, "Steeplechase is Back!" After the 2020 hiatus, there's Willowdale Steeplechase, then the Radnor Races, ending with Winterthur's Point-to-Point on May 30. Madison Meinel covers the trio of equestrian events to help you prepare for a month of fun, even if only virtually.

Unfortunately the Devon Horse Show has been postponed for a second year, although there's a virtual art gallery, new book and beloved Carriage Marathon to enjoy. In "We Have an Announcement," I tell you more and summon Devon memories with Brenda Carpenter's fabulous photos, plus some old *County Lines* covers.

For more equestrian doings, we visit the Heartwood Horse Cemetery in "The Racehorses' Tale" and learn about the mission of TERF, the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation.

To discover new gems in our area, our Main Line coverage is a driving tour. In "Found Mansions of the Main Line," Ed Malet takes you to Ardrossan, Dolobran, Camelot and more. Stop at Di Bruno Bros.' new location in Wayne to cap it off.

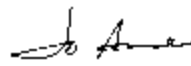
Art fans will enjoy Channimuth Miller's "Art Gallery Roundup," while birders will learn about new tech in Caitlyn Welsh's "Beyond Bird Banding."

Our home and garden coverage includes a tour of a "Chester County Family Farm" in the Home of the Month feature, plus a guide to local garden tours, plant sales and more in Marci Tomassone's "Home and Garden" calendar of events.

For foodies, Brandywine Table's Alyssa Thayer celebrates spring at Tasty Table Market and Catering in "Picnics and Perseverance." And brunch, the most important meal of the week, gets a shout out in "Best Brunch Spots" and "Signature Brunchtails" thanks to Madison Meinel and Channimuth Miller.

As always, our Family Fun and Best Things to Do coverage will keep you and your family busy for May and beyond.

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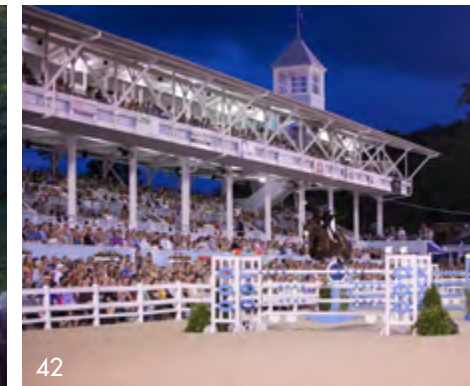


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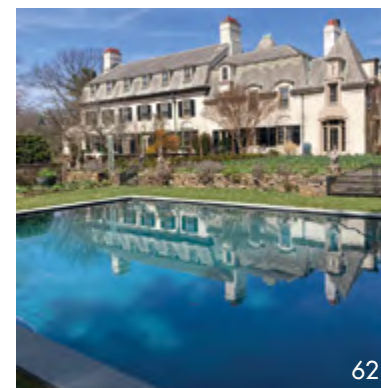
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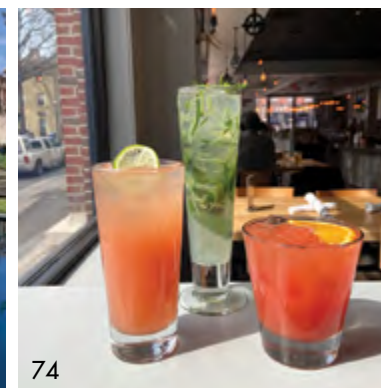
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New Garden Plans. You may have heard that **Longwood Gardens** is getting a major makeover, and there's plenty to look forward to. Renovations include beautiful new buildings, like a Crystal Palace floating on water and a new custom-built jewel house for the Brazilian-inspired Cascade Garden. Other features worth noting: the bonsai courtyard, new restaurant spaces and enhanced Waterlily Court. Pining to see the changes? The revitalized Orchid House opens this fall. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Longwood-Gardens.org.



River Winner. Spring is the perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Why not head over to the **Schuylkill River Trail**? It isn't just a local attraction. *USA Today's* 10 Best Awards named the trail a "Best Riverwalk" of 2021. Nominated by a panel of urban planning experts, the trail ranked third! Stretching 75 miles across historically rich Southeastern Pennsylvania, the trail offers plenty to explore. Notable stops include Valley Forge National Historic Park and Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk. SchuylkillRiver.org.



Historic Tracks. Ever wish you could take a train from West Chester into the city instead of sitting in traffic? Well, once upon a time that was a reality. In his new book, *West Chester Railroad*, Kennett C. Springhirth illustrates the importance of the West Chester & Philadelphia railroad. Steeped in history, this book is sure to teach you something new and have you wishing the railroad was here today. Get a copy at your local bookshop. ArcadiaPublishing.com.

Covid-Capsule. Pandemic life may seem normal to us now, but one day folks will read about it in history books. White Horse Village residents, including a retired professional archivist, are hoping to capture the essence of 2020 by collecting memorable items and photos in a **Covid-19 time capsule**. Think homemade masks, disinfectant and even toilet paper. The central theme? "Together, We Can." The capsule is set to be opened in 2030 and again in 2045. More at WhiteHorseVillage.org.



Kennett Blooms. Did you know that Southern Chester County was once called the Carnation Belt? Historic Kennett Square wants to bring back some of that beauty with their new project, **Kennett Blooms**. Plans include opening two new parklets, coordinating outdoor dining and adding lush plantings throughout Kennett. The outdoor initiative aims to encourage safe, fresh air activities to bring the community together while also supporting local business. Get outside today! KennettBlooms.com.



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Delaware Theatre Company 20/21 Season: Take 2!

Through July 31

The theater company has selected a variety of Hollywood, Broadway and regional performers to engage and entertain you, while continuing to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Coming up: **May 4-8**, *Smile*; **May 11-15**, *A Tribute to the King*; **May 18-22**, *Icarus, the Sun and the Limelight*; **June 1-5**, *Book of Moron*. Call or visit the website for schedule, tickets and times. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.



Bird Walk at John James Audubon Center

Through May, Saturdays

Birders of all levels are welcome at these kid-friendly events. No need to register and extra binoculars available. Following social distancing and mask guidelines. *John James Audubon Center, 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon. 8 to 10 a.m. 610-666-5593; PA.Audubon.org/Events.*



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May 6

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May 30-September 26

Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Lawn seating available, so bring chairs or blankets. Public matches held Fridays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. during the season. \$15-\$20. Weather updates posted on Brandywine Polo FB page. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.




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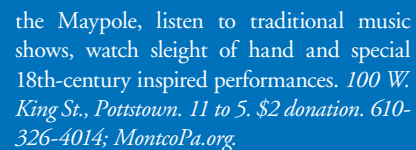
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MAY 2

Virtual First Sundays for Families at Brandywine River Museum of Art-Take Flight!
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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.



Mural Arts Philadelphia Spring Tour. Choose one of four walking tours. Participants must wear masks and there is a maximum of 10 guests per tour. Advanced tickets are required for the 90-minute tour that begins at 11 am. Sat–Sun. \$24. [MuralArts.org](https://www.muralarts.org).



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; PhilaFleaMarkets.org.

MAY 14, 16

Brandywine River Museum of Art-Kuerner Farm Plein Air Day. Artists working in all media are invited to explore the property where they can sketch, paint or photograph the iconic setting. Staff will be available to answer questions and provide insight into Wyeth's creative

process. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 2:30. \$20. Visit website to register. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org/Events.



CFHS Spring Art Show at Thornbury Farm.
Support the Chadds Ford Historical Society and enjoy live music, food and beverages while purchasing a piece of art. 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Noon to 8 pm. 610-793-2933; ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

MAY 15, JUNE 19, JULY 17

Mount Hope Estate & Winery Hosts Monthly Antique Faire & Flea. Vendors will showcase vintage curiosities, furniture, memorabilia and antiques. Safety guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC

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in effect. Held outside on the grounds of Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 8 to 2. Free. 717-665-7021; PAREN-Faire.com.

MAY 25-27

Brandywine River Museum of Art Virtual Antiques Show. This year the Museum is hosting a series of virtual lectures on antiques including “Tracing Chester County Furniture,” Antique Oriental rugs and a live roundtable discussion on the resiliency of the antiques business with perspectives from experts in the field. Brandywine.org/events.



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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. Sat, 9 to 1. Face masks req. FarmToCity.org.

Devon Yard Farmers Market, 25 S. Waterloo Rd., Devon. Wed, 11 to 2 from May 12. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park next to Veteran's Memorial, Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Market, Eagleview Town Crt., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. 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. Sat, 9 to noon. 610-836-1391; 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Daily 9 to 5; high risk customers, 8 to 9. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.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.

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Opening May 15 and running every other Saturday 9-1. 484-948-6061; PottstownFarm.org.

Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave. Sat, 9 to noon. 215-733-9599; SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.

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

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

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut & Church Sts. 9 to 1. 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; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5700; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.


Winterthur. Travel around the world to explore nature in its many forms and its influence on both objects and people. “Remarkable Creature,” Tracey Chevalier. 10 to noon. Winterthur.org.

MAY 4, 25
Main Point Books on Zoom. *May 4*, “The Ones We’re Meant to Find,” author Joan He in conversation with Hafsa Faizal for the book launch. *May 25*, “Unsettled Ground and Melanie Finn: the Hare in Conversation,” by Claire Fuller. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

MAY 5, 6, 19-20, JUNE 3
Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book Club in the Town Square. *May 5*, “A Tale of Two Cities,” by Charles Dickens. **NonFiction Book Club on Zoom:** *May 6*, “The Rise of Wolf 8: Witnessing the Triumph of Yellowstone’s Underdog,” by Rick McIntyre; *June 3*, “Janis: Her Life and Music,” by Holly George-Warren. **Fiction Book Club on Zoom:** *May 19-20*, “Disappearing Earth,” by Julia Phillips. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. See website for times. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

MAY 16
Virtual Conversations at Reads & Company Bookshop. “The Glitter in the Green: In Search of Hummingbirds,” Jon Dunn. 234 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 2 pm. 484-920-3695; ReadsAndCompany.com.

CAR SHOWS
MAY 16
Antique Car Show & Flea Market at Linvilla Orchards. Car enthusiasts will enjoy more than 250 spectacularly restored and maintained antique, classic, muscle cars and more. Masks required social distancing protocols in place. 137 West Knowlton Rd., Media. 9 to 3. Free. 610-876-7116; Linvilla.com.



MAY 30
Annual Chester County Antique Car Club Show. Antique and classic cars, street rods, trucks, motorcycles, arts and crafts, a food court and more. Kimberton Fire Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 113, Kimberton. 9 to 3. Parking donation, \$2/car. ChescoACC.com.

EQUESTRIAN

See Steeplechase and Devon Horse Show articles in this issue.

MAY 2
Kimberton Hunt Club 78th Annual Horse Show. 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. 610-469-0227; KimbertonHunt.org.


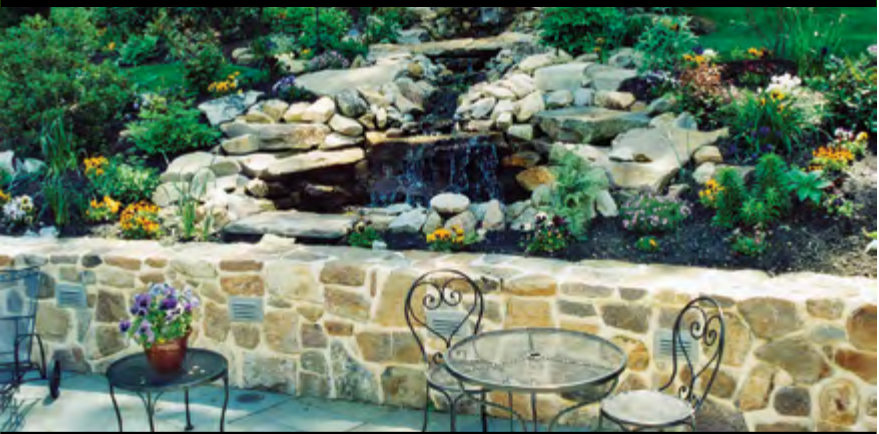
MAY 29-30
Thorncroft Equestrian Center’s Therapeutic Riders Division at The Devon Horse Show. This year the division will take place as a virtual show with riders submitting video entries for an online presentation to be streamed via YouTube May 29. The trophy presentations and championship class for qualifying riders will take place at the Devon Horse Show on May 30. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org/TRD-At-Devon.

JUNE 6
Chester County Hospital Polo Cup. Watch thundering horses and their riders play the Sport of Kings as you enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, beer garden, delicious food

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FESTIVALS.....

MAY 7
Chester County History Center Spring Festival. Celebrate all things fun and floral with live floral workshops, local vendors and educational programs for kids. You can build your own terrarium, take a Sip and Paint Tavern Sign Class, try candle dipping, explore CCHC's herbarium collection. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 10 to 4. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org/Event/Spring-Festival-CCHC.

MAY 8
The Philadelphia Fleadh. Annual Irish-American Festival with multiple stages featuring live Celtic rock, traditional Irish music and dance,

shopping, vendors, food, spirits, kids activities and more. The National Guard Armory, 2700 Southampton Rd., Philadelphia. 11 to 8. \$18. PhillyFleadh.com.



FILM.....

MAY 7
DelArt Cinema Drive-In Movie. Enjoy a classic film from the comfort of your car. This week, *The Cotton Club*. Concessions available. Check website for rain date. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Parking begins at 7:15, movie starts at dusk. \$19. DelArtCinema.com.

FOOD & BREWS.....
THROUGH 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.



MAY 29-30
FlavorFest at Mount Hope. Enjoy sampling from 20 wineries, along with diverse food options, artisan crafts and unique live entertainment. Safety initiatives designed to keep everyone safe are in place including limited capacity and face masks. Mt. Hope Estate &

Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 11 to 5. Advance tickets req., \$15.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.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.

MAY 3
Sacred Heart Academy Spring Classic. A golf and tennis event open to everyone, bene-

fitting the school. Llanerch Country Club, 950 West Chester Pk., Havertown. 10 to 7. Visit website for information on tickets and times for the classic and dinner. SHABrynMawr.org/Community/Parents/FA-Events.

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 8
Safe Harbor—Family Cornhole Fundraiser. A day of fun for the whole family with a silent auction, prizes, catered food and music. 315 N. Creek Rd., West Chester. 10 am. Tickets \$50 and up. SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

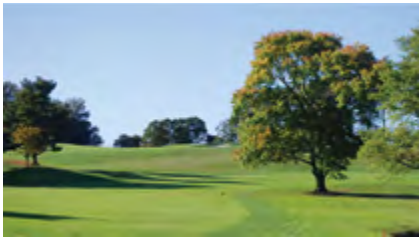
MAY 14
5K For Mother's Day. Join the hundreds of moms, daughters, grandmoms, aunts, sisters and friends in the women-only walk/run. Benefits Team CMMD. Check website for times and registration. 5KForMothersDay.com.

MAY 17
FORE Health Golf Invitational for Chester

County Hospital. A great day of golf to benefit Women's and Children's Health Services. Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. ChesterCountyHospital.org/Giving.



MAY 17
FORE Fresh Water Golf Invitational. Enjoy an opportunity to tee off with Stroud Water Research Center at this exclusive course.





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JUNE 1-30
Natural Lands Trek-a-Thon. Hike, walk or run at nature preserves, in your own neighborhood or on your treadmill. Log your miles and submit them each week. Set a fundraising goal and ask friends and family to sponsor your trek. Benefits Natural Lands. Natlands.org/TrekATHon.

JUNE 5-13
French Creek Iron Tour—Cycling for Open Space. In virtual form this year, you can forge your own adventure. If health guidelines allow, there will be a supported ride on June 13. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. IronTour.org.



JUNE 11
Good Samaritan Services 14th Annual Golf Outing. Good Samaritan Services provides a full spectrum of services to men, women and children who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness in Chester and Lancaster Counties. Crossgates Golf Club, 1 Crossland Pass, Millersville. 7 am to 1:30 pm. \$90. 717-492-2531; GoodSamaritanShelter.org.

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

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.

THROUGH OCTOBER
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Opens Meadowbrook Farm. A 25-acre garden offering beautiful plants and displays, this year highlighting a palette with contemporary plantings influenced by the history of Meadowbrook. 1633 Washington Ln., Jenkintown. Wed–Sat, 10 to 4. Free. 215-887-5900; PHSONline.org/Locations/PHS-Meadowbrook-Farm.

JUNE 5
Mt. Cuba Instant Pollinator Garden Online Program. Transform your garden into a diverse paradise for beetles, butterflies and other pollinators. This is a discussion on plants that provide pollen and nectar to our native insects, how to site the garden and the basic steps for creating suitable habitats. 3120 Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. 10:30 to noon. \$24. Register at MtCubaCenter.org.



MUSEUMS.....
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
Nat'l 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 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.

MAY 6, 15
Rooftop Series at Kennett Flash. *May 6*, Steven Kellogg; *May 15*, Patty Larkin with special guest Katie Barbato. Social distancing and masks required. Held rain or shine on the rooftop of the Kennett Square parking garage, 100 E. Linden St. BYO chair. 7 pm. \$24–\$35. KennettFlash.org.

MAY 6, 15, JUNE 6
The Colonial Theatre Presents. *May 6*, Science on Screen: “Why Freddy Haunts Your Nightmares,” a presentation on morbid curiosity with social psychologist Coltan Scrivner. *May 15*, “This Filthy World: An Evening with John Waters.” *June 6*, Steve Earle and The Dukes with special guests The Mastersons. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Visit website for times and tickets. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



MAY 13
The Grand Live 818 Concert Series. Singer/songwriter Jea Street, Jr. performs in a livestream event at The Grand, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$14.99 per device. 1-800-37-GRAND. TheGrandWilmington.org.

MAY 20-23
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MAY 22, JUNE 19

Full Moon Fest at Mount Hope. Grab your friends and share a chuckle at Comedy Night at Mount Hope. COVID protocols in place including limited capacity and face masks. Barn & Barrel, Mt. Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. 8 pm. Advance tickets, \$15. 717-665-7021; PAREnFaire.com.

JUNE 12

A Rock 'N' Doo Wop Dance Party at The Grand. Featuring The Chiclettes, The Tymes, Jay Siegels Tokens, Bobby Wilson, The Happenings and more. The Grand, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 7 pm. \$49-\$99. Check website for times and tickets. 302-652-5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

MAY 1

Walk MS—Greater Delaware Valley Chapter. Walk with friends and family around your neighborhood or gather your team for a socially distanced stroll through the park. Explore the new Walk MS Interactive Experience to connect, find resources and celebrate everyone's progress. To register online visit, WalkPaE.NationalMSSociety.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.



MAY 15-23

30th Annual Kennett Run. Participants are responsible for completing their 5 or 10-kilometer or 1-mile run/walk over a one-week period on the route of their choice starting Saturday, May 15 and ending midnight May 23rd. There will be a Kennett Run page online where you can report your run/walk results. A race shirt, bib, and swag will be mailed to registrants after the event. Participate with your neighbors, family, and pets. \$35. 610-388-1556; KennettRun.net.

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

THROUGH OCTOBER 9

Ryan & Friends: Comedy Calamity Show at Bird-in-Hand Stage. A comedy routine and song parodies in styles ranging from country to Broadway, all featuring popular comedian, ventriloquist, musician and funny guy, Ryan and, of course, his friends. 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. \$14-\$49. Check website for times. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.



MAY 10-23

The Catastrophist at People's Light. A streaming event that looks into the scientific exploration and realities of facing your own mortality. Based on the life and work of virologist Nathan Wolfe. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$25. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

THROUGH JUNE 5

Historic Sugartown Weekend Guided Tours. Enjoy a guided visit to the General Store and School Room exhibits, the Carriage Museum, c.1805 Garrett House, Book Bindery and c. 1835 Cheever Bank Barn. Parking at 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 11 to 12:30. \$7-\$9. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

THROUGH JULY 20

Food for Thought: Community Conversations. Chester County Community Foundation hosts meaningful conversations on Zoom about diversity, equity and inclusion in America. *May 18* and *June 15* 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. LancasterHistory.org.

MAY 7, 20, JUNE 4

First Fridays, Second Saturdays and Third Thursdays Are Back!

First Fridays: *May 7, Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Oxford*, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; DowntownWest-Chester.com. *Wilmington Art Loop*, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: *May 8*, Media, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org. **Third Thursday Malvern Stroll:** *May 20*, MalvernBusiness.com.

MAY 12

Chester County History Center Presents "Lost Mansions of the Main Line." Join Winterthur's Estate Historian, Jeff Groff, for a virtual exploration of the Main Line's lost mansions such as Penshurst, Timberline, Bloomfield, Happy Creek Farm and Chesterbrook Farm. Presentation will be held via Zoom; login info will be sent to registered guests prior to the event. 7 to 8. Donation req. ChesterCoHistorical.org/node/1052. ♦



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BEYOND BIRD BANDING

USING NEW TECHNOLOGY TO STUDY MIGRATORY BIRDS TO HELP REVERSE THEIR LOSS

Caitlin Welsh

IT'S SPRING! ACROSS THE GLOBE MILLIONS OF migratory birds are readying themselves for the transcontinental trip of a lifetime.

Every year around this time people fill their bird feeders and eagerly await the return of many beloved species to their backyards. Dog-eared copies of favorite field guides and digital tools, like *eBird* and *BirdCast*, can help folks anticipate the movements and arrival of these seasonal visitors.

Yet these tools don't tell the full story.

A sad chapter includes a study published in 2019 that revealed North American bird populations have declined by 29% across all species since 1970. That's close to 3 billion birds lost! While certain birds, like ducks and woodpeckers, have increased—thanks to targeted conservation efforts—others including Eastern meadowlarks, barn swallows and even many common songbirds like Baltimore orioles, are all declining.

Using newer technologies combined with traditional methods, researchers have been able to gain insight into these losses. Conservation organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic, led in part by teams based in Pennsylvania, are following a global model for research collaboration that can shed light on these losses and move more people to action to save habitat for wildlife and humankind alike.

STUDYING MIGRATORY BIRDS

One of the longest-lived tools researchers use to aid the study of birds is banding. Banding involves capturing wild birds, attaching uniquely numbered bands around the bird's leg, and then releasing the bird back into the environment.

These bands help identify the birds so they can be tracked by researchers throughout the animal's lifespan.

Many species return to the same breeding grounds year after year. However, migratory birds rarely return to the exact site and

less than 1% of banded birds are captured again, making banding less effective.

So what happens when birds fly the coop? That's where newer technologies like radio telemetry can greatly increase understanding of what's happening to our birds and other animals while they are abroad.

USING RADIO TELEMETRY

Radio telemetry works by outfitting a bird or other animal with a small radio transmitter mounted on a removable harness. When the animal moves through areas with antennae and receivers on the appropriate frequency, it can be tracked by its transmitter's signal.

Researchers studying animals in designated locations like preserves can use handheld antennas and locate their specimens while on foot. This can be limiting when working with migratory wildlife that spend parts of their life in completely different areas of the world.

Enter the [Motus Wildlife Tracking System](#), an international network designed to track flying migratory wildlife throughout the world.

USING MOTUS

The Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus) is an international collaborative research network established by Birds Canada. The network uses automated radio telemetry to track migratory animals as they move seasonally across the globe.

Instead of tracking animals on foot, researchers let strategically placed stationary receivers do the work. Using Motus, a researcher can see where a bird goes after it's left the breeding grounds and track it across hundreds or even thousands of miles!

Seeing Motus' potential to help improve the efforts of individual researchers, Willistown Conservation Trust's Bird Conservation Program teamed up with collaborators from Project OwlNet, the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, and the Carnegie Museum of

Natural History, then developed a plan to set up receiving stations throughout Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic.

This team of field technicians, researchers, educators and project managers—known as the Northeast Motus Collaboration—have installed 85 receiving stations to date in the Mid-Atlantic alone. Increased participation in the network across the Americas, Europe and Australia has helped increase Motus' overall "listenership" from 350 stations in 2017 to just over 1,000 today.

LEARNING FROM MOTUS

More than 230 species of birds have been tagged and more than 120 publications have been made possible from this data since the Motus network was established. Researchers are discovering many things from the data—from the effects of commercial insecticides on migratory songbirds and monarch butterflies, to how body condition affects the speed of migration, to the secret nightlife of birds!

While working with Willistown Conservation Trust's Bird Conservation Program in 2020, I began working with educational materials created by educators from Birds Canada to develop lessons around species of greatest conservation need in Pennsylvania. One such species is the wood thrush, which breeds in forests and wood lots throughout the Eastern U.S. and Southeastern Canada.

The Motus network has also allowed me to host workshops to connect educators who are eager to use real-world research in their programs and to help the public connect to birds on a more personal level.

By sharing Motus' database and educational resources and exploring how to integrate existing programming from organizations like Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada, educators can create valuable learning experiences for youth and adults alike. Programs like Project FeederWatch encourage observation of both resident and migratory birds right at home, which can be the spark to ignite further learning around migration and species of interest to the Motus network.

DOING MORE TO HELP

Collaborating with the Motus network is one way to help promote conservation, but there are many things each of us can do at home and in our communities to educate ourselves and others about the challenges facing birds worldwide. See the sidebar. ♦

Willistown Conservation Trust's conserved land includes three nature preserves open to the public year round, free of charge. These preserves have scenic walking trails and abundant wildlife. Visit [WCTrust.org/birds](#) for information about the Bird Conservation Program's work and [NortheastMotus.com](#) to learn more about the Mid-Atlantic Motus network.



A wood thrush tagged at Rushton Woods Preserve in 2018 as part of a project to study the difference between adult and juvenile wood thrush habitat preferences.



A Lotek nanotag, one type of small lightweight transmitters used to tag migratory birds.



A field technician adjusts the antennae at the Mauch Chunk fire tower's receiving station in Jim Thorpe, PA.



The viewshed of a Motus receiving station at Bears Head fire tower in Delano, PA.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Resources from the 3 Billion Birds campaign ([3BillionBirds.org](#)) offer concrete ideas to help slow the decline of the bird population. Some things that can help stem critical losses of wildlife include simple steps like:

- keeping domestic cats indoors,
- monitoring and helping reduce window collisions,
- planting native plants,
- decreasing pesticide use,
- drinking bird-friendly coffee,
- reducing reliance on plastics, and
- watching and recording observations of wild birds.

You may also want to explore migration data at [Motus.org/Explore-data](#).

Or check out Cornell Lab of Ornithology's "Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds" at [Birds.Cornell.edu](#).

For even more, read "A World on the Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds," a new book by PA-based naturalist Scott Weidendaul.

Learn more at [NortheastMotus.org](#).

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The Racehorses' Tale

PRESERVING THE HEARTWOOD HORSE CEMETERY

Leigh Oblack

Flag Ceremony

WALKING UP A SLIGHT RISE ON BEAUTIFUL Heartwood Farm in Malvern, you'll come across an unusually landscaped hilltop. The rough squares of deer-eaten yew bushes and overgrown pachysandra cover decades-old gravesite markers for the farm's beloved racehorses of the past.

This unique horse cemetery in Chester County is the object of a joint project of the Legacy Marker Program and the Radnor Hunt Pony Club's Junior Board, which have partnered together to honor, document and preserve the site. Established by Heartwood Farm's prior owners, the Wetherill family, the Heartwood Horse Cemetery's restoration has been a long-time goal of Radnor Hunt foxhunter Eugene Hough, a military veteran and founder of the Legacy Marker Program.

Preserving this horse cemetery brings together the goals of the Legacy Marker Program—to share American history through restoring historical markers, monuments and plaques as a means to strengthen the connections between people and the history of the places where they live—with the mission of the Radnor Hunt Pony Club.

Also located in Malvern, just up the road from Heartwood Farm, the Pony Club is a founding member and part of the United States Pony Clubs, the largest equestrian educational organization in the world. Founded on the principles of

sportsmanship, stewardship and leadership through horsemanship, the Pony Club quite naturally includes land stewardship as part of its mission. Engaging the Pony Club's Junior Board to partner in this unique project was a natural choice given its focus on land conservation and stewardship, and horses of course!

With support from Heartwood Farm's current owners, Esther and Paul Gansky, the project team visited the site several times to attempt to locate each gravesite marker, document the information, and restore and beautify the cemetery. Locating and uncovering the markers, some more than 50 years old, involves a unique kind of hands-on learning with archaeological-style digging, probing and excavating.

So far seven of the estimated eight markers have been successfully found. Next steps include researching the horses buried there as well as maintaining the cemetery site. Preliminary research indicates that several horses are of historical importance for both their racing achievements and contributions to American thoroughbred bloodlines.

Says Pony Club member Annalise Scott, "I felt like an archaeologist when we were digging and uncovering all the horses' headstones. What was really cool about this project was that the names of some of the horses were royal ... Kingmaker and Queens Full, and there was a Prince, too ... like they were all family or related in some way."



PHOTOS COURTESY: BRIDGETT WOODY SCOTT



As part of the broader goal of the project, during one of their visits to the Heartwood Horse Cemetery, Pony Club members participated in a flag ceremony conducted by Hough. This ceremony, experienced by over 5,000 people in 11 states, encourages dignity, respect for our country and each other, and civic responsibility.

The Legacy Marker Project and Radnor Hunt Pony Club hope this project will inspire other organizations and individuals to get involved with preservation of local history hidden in their communities to foster a deeper understanding of our past and an ongoing commitment to stewardship.

"I feel lucky because it was so interesting and not something I would learn about in school or anywhere else. Learning about the history of the horses and being able to uncover their names so other kids, and maybe even their kids, can see when they lived and who they were made it a once in a lifetime project," says Scott. ♦

To learn more about the Radnor Hunt Pony Club, established in 1954, visit RadnorHuntPC.org. Pony Club members range in age from 6 to 19 and need not own a horse. For more about the Legacy Marker Program, dedicated to preserving and sharing our communities' unique historical narratives, contact Eugene Hough at LegacyMarkerProgram.org.

STEEPLECHASE SEASON *is Back!*

THE RACES
ARE HERE,
WITH CHANGES
TO KEEP US SAFE
WHILE STILL
DELIVERING
HIGH INTENSITY
EXCITEMENT.

Madison Meinel

FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING, SKIES ARE CLEAR AND WARM WEATHER IS HERE to stay. We're welcoming spring in the Brandywine Valley, which means steeplechase season has finally arrived!

After a year's hiatus, our fondness for steeplechase races has only grown stronger.

While this year will look a little different, race organizers have been busy making sure fans can celebrate these springtime traditions safely. From in-person spectating and live-streamed races to fantasy steeplechase stables and virtual events, planners are jumping over hurdles to make sure everyone's included in the action.

Here's what you need to know for this year's race season. So, pull out your race-day best, find your Pimm's cup recipe and read on to learn what to expect this year!

START WITH A LITTLE HISTORY

Before racing back into the action, how about a very brief steeplechase refresher?

Claiming a rich history dating back to the 18th century, the sport is believed to have its origins in Ireland, where riders tested their horses’ athleticism by racing across the country’s rolling hills, over stone walls and wood fences. Races would go from one point or landmark, such as a church steeple, to the next—hence the names steeplechase and point-to-point races.

During the late 19th century, steeplechase jumped across the pond, landing on the East Coast. Thomas Hitchcock, father of the American Steeplechase, built the first training center in Aiken S.C, sparking the beginning of the much-loved tradition. It grew from there, arriving in the Brandywine Valley almost a hundred years ago.

There’s also plenty of lingo to learn—maiden, furlong, purse, timber fence and more—plus a rainbow of bright fashions and tasty tailgating as part of the tradition.

Now, each year the Brandywine Valley steeplechase season highlights this well-respected sport, combining charitable fundraising with a community celebration of this equestrian tradition.

28th WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Start the season and join the fun (in-person and virtually) at the annual Willowdale Steeplechase, once again held on Mother’s Day weekend. After 28 years, Willowdale has built a reputation for family fun and world-class racing while benefitting local nonprofits, Stroud Water Research Center and UPenn’s New Bolton Veterinary Center.

In past years, you’d find patrons browsing through upscale boutiques, snacking on tasty treats from local vendors, and enjoying adorable Jack Russell Terrier races.

This year, plans abound for equestrian fun, but with some changes. Ticket sales are limited and on a first-come-first-serve basis. For those attending in-person, expect to stay in your party pod with Willowdale’s Private Party Paddocks, with space for up to ten people, parking for two cars, plus a 10’ x 10’ tent with a table.



Willowdale Steeplechase

WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE PHOTOS BY JIM GRAHAM



Willowdale Steeplechase

Can’t come in-person? No worries! The races will be live-streamed on Willowdale’s Facebook page for fans to enjoy at home, plus a live-stream show later that night recapping the day’s highlights.

And if you’re itching for more action, join the National Steeplechase Association’s Racing Club. New this year is a Pick Six Fantasy Stable. Similar to Fantasy Football, this allows equestrian fans to pick six jumpers to follow throughout the spring season (through June 26) and have a stake in the races. Enjoy the thrill of the chase with chances to win prizes including Willowdale memorabilia or cash. Don’t wait! The sooner you pick your jumpers the greater chance to win!

IF YOU GO: Sunday, May 8. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. No General Admission or day-of ticket sales. 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

FUN FACT: Carved out of a former 160-acre dairy farm, the Willowdale site is a natural amphitheater, allowing for 80% to 95% viewing from any location, including those Private Party Paddocks.

90th RADNOR HUNT RACES

It’s a big year for this beloved Main Line tradition. The Radnor Hunt Races are celebrating 90 years this season, with a few twists.

Founded in 1883, Radnor Hunt is the oldest foxhunt in the United States, with its first races being held in 1928. And for the past 40 years, this Race for Open Space has benefitted the Brandywine Conservancy, with over \$5 million raised to help protect open space in our region.

Today the event attracts the country’s finest steeplechase horses, owners, trainers and riders for a chance to win purses totaling \$170,000.

Some of our favorite events have been postponed, like tailgate competitions for best costume and cuisine. But you can still enjoy a day full of adrenaline-pumping races during this year’s modified plan.

Current plans include limited attendance, social distancing, mask-wearing and staying within designated party pods. Ticket options will



Radnor Races



RADNOR RACES PHOTOS BY BOB PLANT

Radnor Races



open in phases, with those who donated or rolled over their 2020 purchases getting first picks.

If you can't attend in person, livestream the races on Radnor Hunt's Facebook page. Consider creating your own virtual tailgate at home with local take-out and family members dressing in their equestrian best. Don't forget the mint juleps!

IF YOU GO: *Saturday, May 15. Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. No General Admission or day-of ticket sales. 610-388-8383. Brandywine.org.*

FUN FACT: *The first Radnor Hunt race was held in Chesterbrook at the estate of A.J. Cassatt, a horse enthusiast and foxhunter who helped found the National Steeplechase Association.*

43rd WINTERTHUR POINT-TO-POINT

The final local race, moved later than its usual early May date, is Winterthur's Point-to-Point.

Since its start in 1979, Point-to-Point has grown from a small gathering of riders and picnickers into a much-anticipated spring social event filled with racing, fashion and high-spirited fun.

This year, it's back to the basics reminiscent of the first Winterthur races and picnicking alongside the rails. A limited number of tailgate parking tents will be sold, including a parking space, four wristbands and limited additional wristbands available.

RADNOR RACES PHOTOS BY CARLOS ALEJANDRO

WINTERTHUR PHOTOS BY SUCHAI PEDERSON COURTESY OF WINTERTHUR



Yes, guests must adhere to social distancing and mask-wearing, but all are encouraged to get creative with face coverings for a chance to win the MASKerade contest!

Even if you're not attending in-person, there are many ways to get involved. Try gathering with your party pod and watching the races over the National Steeplechase Association's livestream with signature steeplechase cocktails (featured in our May 2019 issue).

Plus race raffles will be completely online giving everyone the chance to bet on their favorite horse. Winners will be placed in a raffle for a chance to win yet another fun prize!

IF YOU GO: *Sunday, May 30. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. To purchase tickets, call or email. No General Admission or day-of ticket sales. 10 people per parking spot. 800-448-3883. Winterthur.org.*

YOUR SCHEDULE FOR STEEPLECHASE FUN!

28th RUNNING OF THE WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE SUNDAY, MAY 8

- 10:00 am – Gates Open, Welcome Announcements
- 12:15 pm – National Anthem
- 1:00 pm – 1st Race: Allowance Hurdle – Liam Magee SOTA Apprentice Rider Race
- 1:30 pm – 2nd Race: Maiden Claiming Hurdle – The Folly
- 2:00 pm – 3rd Race: Conditioned Claiming Hurdle – The Rose Tree Cup
- 2:30 pm – 4th Race: Amateur Timber Stakes – The Button wood/Sycamore Farms Willowdale Steeplechase Stakes
- 3:00 pm – 5th Race: Maiden Timber – The Landhope Cup
- 3:30 pm – 6th Race: Amateur Apprentice Timber – The Marshall W. Jenney Memorial Foxhunter's Chase
- 5:30 pm – Gates close

90th ANNUAL RADNOR HUNT RACES SATURDAY, MAY 15

- Noon – National Anthem with Orpheus Club of Phila. and Mounted Color Guard of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry
- 12:30 pm – Inaugural Katherine W. Illoy Invitational Sidesaddle Race
- 1:30 pm – 1st Race: The Milfern Cup
- 2:05 pm – 2nd Race: The Thompson Memorial Steeplechase
- 2:20 pm – Carriage Parade
- 2:45 pm – 3rd Race: Radnor Hunt Cup
- 3:00 pm – Parade of the Radnor Foxhounds
- 3:15 pm – 4th Race: National Hunt Cup
- 3:50 pm – 5th Race: James M. Moran Jr. Steeplechase
- 4:20 pm – 6th Race: Henry Collins Steeplechase
- 5:00 pm – Gates close

43rd POINT-TO-POINT AT WINTERTHUR SUNDAY, MAY 30

- 10:30 am – Gates Open
- 1:50 pm – National Anthem
- 2:00 pm – 1st Race: Isabella du Pont Sharp Memorial Maiden Timber Race
- 2:30 pm – 2nd Race: Winterthur Bowl Open Timber Stakes
- 3:00 pm – 3rd Race: Vicmead Plate Amateur Apprentice Timber
- 3:30 pm – 4th Race: Middletown Cup Amateur Training Flat Race
- 3:45 pm – Greta Brown Layton Trophy awarded to best trainer
- 4:00 pm – Gates close

FUN FACT: *Originally riders won silver trophies that were inspired by the silver in the Winterthur Collection. Today, the races offer cash prizes making Point-to-Point officially sanctioned by the NSA.*

86th FAIR HILL STEEPLECHASE

Sadly this race is cancelled for 2021, according to the National Steeplechase Association. ♦

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That's where the **Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA)** and the **Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF)** come in.

Back in 1990, some Mid-Atlantic thoroughbred owners—headed by Herb and Ellen Moelis and the late Allaire DuPont—wanted to provide an after-care program for horses at the end of their racing careers. This sparked the concept of “horses helping horses” through a Stallion Season Auction, selling breeding rights of successful stallions and using the proceeds to help less fortunate thoroughbreds.

The first auction, held at the Moelis' Candyland Farm in Middletown, Delaware, raised \$15,000 from 20 horse lovers, with the proceeds going to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. Each year the event grew, and after hitting the \$1 million mark in 1997, the group created the umbrella organization, Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), to make grants to nonprofit organizations caring for ex-racehorses.

Over the next 20 years TCA distributed nearly \$20 million to over 200 horse-related charities. Then in 2012, the Moelises founded the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation

to focus on a related mission—education and research to better address equine safety and welfare and support the professionals who care for horses.

TERF provides over \$100,000 annually in grants to nonprofits that address causes like equine research and education, veterinary medicine scholarships, and the proper care of horses. Scholarships for veterinary medicine are a key focus due to the rising cost of educating the next generation of equine caretakers.

In almost a decade, TERF has had a significant impact primarily through its 80 grants totaling over \$700,000, but also through material support to local, regional and national organizations that promote education and research to benefit thoroughbred horses.

TERF continues to make an impact by supporting thoroughbred health and welfare through scholarships, education and equine research, with a priority of making racing safer. ♦

For more about TERF and to become involved, visit TERFUSA.org.

TERF is a fund of the Chester Co. Community Foundation (CCCForg).



Herb and Ellen Moelis, Founders TERF



We Have an Announcement

THE DEVON HORSE SHOW WILL BE BACK ... IN 2022.

Jo Anne Durako
Photos by Brenda Carpenter

Many Devon Horse Show fans may remember where they were on that sad Saturday in April when they learned the deeply disappointing news that the 125th Anniversary would be postponed and, for the second year in a row, this cherished rite of spring was cancelled. It was quite an announcement.

Yes, we could understand that this grand tradition, mixing equestrian excellence with family fun, requires substantial lead time to produce a world-class event. In fairness to the competitors, supporters, spectators, volunteers, vendors and others—plus the health and well-being of the entire community—the cancellation decision was determined to be the best option.

So, for 2021, we'll keep calm and carry on with a virtual art show, a great new book and the beloved carriage marathon.





TOP: First Night was known for its festive kick-off to 11 days of the Horse Show, lubricated with help from 13th Street Cocktails.
BELOW: The walls of the Art Gallery at Devon are packed with beauty.

DEVON (VIRTUAL) ART GALLERY

There won't be the excitement of the usual First Night party, marking the beginning of another year of the Devon Horse Show and giving guests an in-person first look at the many works at the Art Gallery. The charming white cottage and temporary home of the Devon Art Gallery is usually a magnet for art lovers and those looking to take a break from the action in the ring.

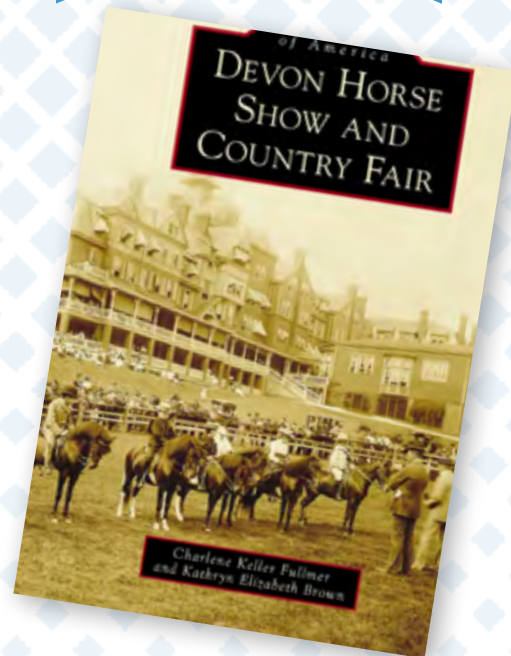
Instead, a virtual Art Gallery will offer works of over 50 juried new and returning artists working in an array of styles. Expect art with horses and bucolic landscapes to figure prominently.

Tour the virtual gallery from May 27 through June 3. Early access is available during the traditional First Night time slot, May 26th at 6 p.m., for anyone wishing to become a sponsor (starting at \$100).

Learn more at DevonHorseShow.net.



Devon in 2021: Virtual Art Gallery, New Book, Carriage Marathon



IMAGES OF AMERICA

A new book was launched as part of the Horse Show's 125th anniversary. The *Images of America* series published the *Devon Horse Show and Country Fair* volume by Charlene Keller Fullmer and Kathryn Elizabeth Brown. Fittingly dedicated to the generations of volunteers who supported the event for over a century, the book depicts the history of this iconic community event.

Recapping the show's growth from its humble beginnings in 1896, through the World Wars, to its rise as a premier international equestrian competition, the book captures the major milestones and highlights them with wonderful historic photos.

From the Lead Line to the Grand Prix, with tiny tots and famous Olympians, the sheer scale of the Devon Horse Show is something to behold.

Copies of the book are available for order at DevonHorseShow.net and at your favorite local independent bookstore. A great present for fans and supporters.

CARRIAGE MARATHON

There will be a bit of Devon magic this year as the classic Carriage Marathon delights fans as it rolls through the usual Devon neighborhoods on Sunday, May 30th.

Spectators can enjoy the pageantry of horse-drawn carts and carriages making their way through 21st-century streets and be whisked back to another time.

You have time to make friends with someone lucky enough to live on the route. And maybe you'll get invited to the picnic!

FINAL WORDS

One thing we've learned again during the past year is that things change. So check the Devon Horse Show website and social media for updates, developments and news. Here's hoping it's all good!

Visit DevonHorseShow.net. ♦



Fans along the Carriage Marathon route come out to watch the pleasure drive—everything from small pony carts to grand four-in-hand carriages with drivers and passengers in their finery.



Returning in 2022: At the Country Fair

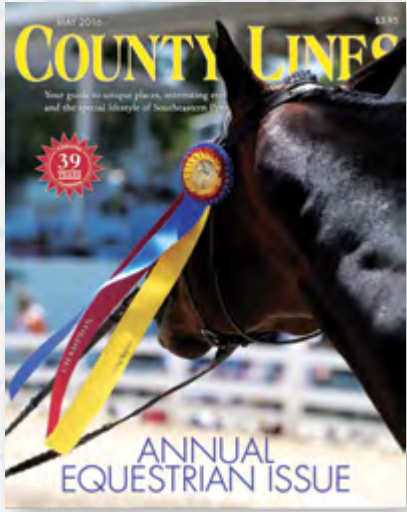
Returning in 2022: Inside the Horse Show Rings



1. More lemon sticks and Devon fudge
2. Plenty of family fun
3. Dogs get their day
4. Great volunteers, like the late Betty Moran
5. Ladies Hat Day is a highlight
6. Elegance in the boxes
7. Brushes with celebrities




8. Watch the munchkins in the Lead Line
9. See the smile on a winner's face
10. Admire the skill of sidesaddle riders
11. Enjoy the friendships of the Juniors
12. Be in awe of Grand Prix performances
13. Thrill to the speed in the ring where champions meet
14. Wait another year to see champions, like McLain Ward and Sapphire





We're all waiting for 2022 ...

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Wayne Art Center



Oxford Art Alliance

MAY IS BURSTING WITH NEW flowers and a bounty of new art! From studio tours to local galleries, the Brandywine Valley has plenty to see. Explore all the local art scene has to offer this spring and add a new piece or two to your collection.

Mark your calendar for May and beyond with the best art events in this year's roundup.



WAYNE'S SPRING OFF THE WALL

Jump start your art collecting at **Wayne Art Center's** "Spring Off the Wall 2021: Welcome Back" fundraiser on May 2nd. This one-day-only event benefits the Art Center through the \$150 admission charge, entitling guests to any piece from over 150 works by local artists.

But, you'll have to choose quickly! You get only eight minutes to browse the collection before making a selection. WayneArt.com.

OXFORD'S BETWEEN NIGHT AND DAY

Next on your art calendar, head down to the **Oxford Arts Alliance** to see Francine Renée Schneider's show, "Between Night and Day," May 14th to 28th. Despite Schneider's MS diagnosis while in her 20s, her return to art later in life shows how an artist can make a triumphant comeback. See how her art has evolved in this new show.

And virtually visit the Arts Alliance's online exhibitions, available at OxfordArt.com.

11th CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

Curious about where artists create their work? On May 15th and 16th, take a driving tour and

join some of the 148 artists as they talk about their methods, media and workspace during this year's **Chester County Studio Tour**.

With all types of art, ranging from painting to photography to jewelry, you can find a new style to enjoy. New this year, watch live artists demonstrations at participating studios.

All you need for this free event is a car and a passion for art. Plan your driving tour using maps on the website. Short on time? The new "Find 5!" feature locates five studios closest to you. CountyStudioTour.com.

DELAWARE ART MUSEUM'S BRUNCH, BRUSHES AND BLOOMS

Springtime is perfect for a garden party, so why not join the **Delaware Art Museum** on May 16th for "Brunch, Brushes and Blooms." Watch eight artists work in the Museum's Sculpture Garden among fresh floral displays. Enjoy brunch bites and favorite cocktails provided by Jamestown Catering, plus live performances by the Wilmington Ballet.

Bidding on art during the event is encouraged. Tickets, \$95-\$110. DelArt.org.

48TH ANNUAL YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

Art lovers rejoice! **The Annual Yellow Springs Art Show** is back, running through May 23rd. While the pandemic postponed festivities in 2020, this year's hybrid show is at full force with over 180 artists' works on display. The hybrid format allows art lovers to stroll or scroll through the show to discover amazing local art.

Plus, exciting events during the show include "Art Around the Village" on May 2nd with plein air painting demonstrations, live music, a Mother's Day Basket Silent Auction, and box lunches available for pre-order from Life's Patina Mercantile & Cafe. YellowSprings.org.

ART GALLERY AT DEVON

Always a highlight of the art season, the **Art Gallery at Devon** is back, though virtual. Learn more in the Devon Horse Show article in this issue.

ART IN WEST CHESTER

West Chester's annual spring **Gallery Walk** may not be happening this year, but you can create your own art tour. Here are some local galleries in and around the downtown district, perfect for an art-filled stroll. Check gallery hours before you go.



Chester County Studio Tours



Delaware Art Museum



Yellow Springs Art Show



SMALLER GALLERIES

Start by visiting **Church Street Gallery** to see the works of local Phoenixville artist Teresa Haag. Her paintings incorporate rundown urban settings, finding “beauty in grit.” The show opens May 7th, so head there soon. ChurchStreetGalleryWC.com.

Also opening May 7th, see “New Paintings by **David Katz**” in his gallery. Katz’s paintings incorporate the beauty of the sky with everyday life in Chester County. You may find familiar buildings, and even occasional faces, highlighted in his work. DavidKatzGallery.com.

On the second floor of **Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Art Gallery** is a unique gallery with a different kind of gem. Featuring works of several artists, the gallery displays a distinctive collection of works by the late Harry Dunn. SunsetHillJewelers.com.

MULTI-ARTIST GALLERIES

Just inside the Meridian Bank branch on Market Street, **The Art Trust** showcases work by local contemporary artists. Check out “Bridges, Barns & Cows, OH MY!” featuring paintings of local WCU professors Kate Stewart and Kristopher Benedict, on view until June 11th. Interested in the inspiration behind the art? Stop by the May 7th artists’ reception and June 10th artists’ talk. TheArtTrust.org.

A full-service gallery specializing in local art, **Visual Expansion Gallery** regularly displays art ranging from realistic paintings to mosaic murals. Have paintings in storage that you want to display? The gallery also offers both framing and restoration services. VisualExpansionGallery.com.

Connecting the community through art for over 90 years, the **Chester County Art Association** is located just outside of town. Visit May 6th for a sneak peek at the Chester County Studio Tour to preview the works of participating artists and decide which studios to visit. ChesterCountyArts.org.

Finally, what better way to support the arts than supporting young artists? Through May 14th, explore the creative works of the class of 2021 at the West Chester University Senior BFA Exhibition. Located just off High Street, the **Knauer and John H. Baker Galleries** host this multi-disciplinary student show. See more art from the University via digital tours available online. WCU.ArtDesign.com. ♦



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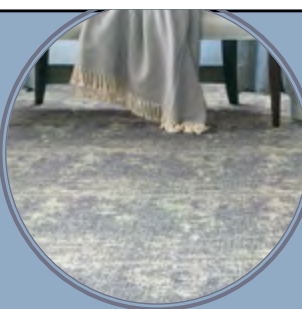
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Time to get outside. We're lucky to have so many outstanding public gardens right in our backyard—Welkinweir, Jenkins Arboretum, Longwood Gardens, Stoneleigh, Tyler Arboretum, Morris Arboretum, Chanticleer Garden and many more. Make a note to visit one during National Public Gardens Week, May 7–16, even if it's a virtual visit this year.

Edited by Marci Tomassone

Winterthur Gardens Azalea and Bluebells
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Chanticleer – A Pleasure Garden



Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ

Through October

Chanticleer. Known for its creativity, artistry in the garden, and cutting edge horticulture, Chanticleer is ripe for a visit this spring. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Wed–Sun, 10 to 5. Early morning walk the first Saturday of each month, 8 am. Open until 8 pm on Friday through Labor Day weekend. Parking reservations are required. ChanticleerGarden.org.

Through Mid-October

The Garden Shop at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens. The Garden Shop at Jenkins offers a variety of azaleas, trees, shrubs, houseplants and perennials in addition to nature-inspired gifts such as books, notecards, jewelry, small toys and garden adornments. Daily 9 to 3. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org/Gardens/Shop.

Through October 9

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 for more information. TheDCH.org/Events.

Through May 1

82nd Annual Phila. Herb Society of America Herb Sale. An online-only event offering culinary and fragrant herbs, salvias and pelargoniums. View plant list on the website and order by May 1. Pick up, May 13 at Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. HSAPhiladelphia.org.

May 1–2

Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum. Hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs—an inspiration for the whole garden. Masks and social distancing required. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 8 to 2. Rain or shine. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

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

Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival. Home and garden goods, heirloom vegetable plants, flowers, flowering baskets, terrariums and more. The Festival also features live music, furniture and collectibles. This year's festival has been re-imagined to ensure guests can stay socially distanced and shop safely. 8000-8600 blocks of Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia.

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



Tyler Arboretum Plant Sale



Scott Arboretum Virtual Spring Blooms Tour

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The Philadelphia Flower Show

June 5-13

This year's show has moved to a later date and outdoors, creating a history-making, once-in-a-lifetime experience that will incorporate the beautiful, unique landscape of FDR Park in Philadelphia. The 2021 Flower Show invites you to a spectacular presentation of all-new displays, plus activities for gardeners, plant enthusiasts and design aficionados. Take an Early Morning Tour, enjoy a Park Picnic with pre-ordered picnic totes or attend Blooming Outdoors at FDR Park, a catered event with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and small plates. All are in accordance with safety precautions. Benefits



the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. FDR Park, 1500 Pattison Ave. & S. Broad St., Philadelphia. Check website for times and special events throughout the show. \$20-\$45. 215-988-8800; TheFlowerShow.com.



Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum



DE Center for Horticulture Great Gardens Tours

plants. Visit the website for offerings. Plant pick-up, May 13-15. 302-239-2334; DelNature.org/NPS.

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 mansion and grounds to their former glory. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Sun, noon to 4. \$31.50. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

May 4

Scott Arboretum Virtual Spring Blooms Tour. Take your lunch break virtually by exploring spring blooms. Log on to the virtual tour on the Facebook page or watch the recording on YouTube. Noon. Free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

May 7-8

Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market in Historic New Castle. Flowering and herb plants, indoor yard sale, arts/crafts vendors. 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.

May 7-16

American Public Gardens Association's Go Public Gardens Days. The American Public Gardens Assoc. organizes Go Public Gardens Days to celebrate botanical and educational gardens, arboreta, conservatories and historical landscapes. Visit their website for gardens in our area. Free. PublicGardens.org.

May 8

Azaleas and Bluebells at Winterthur Museum & Gardens. Enjoy thousands of azalea blossoms and acres of wildflowers! The day's events will include photo opportunities, plant sales, brunch (reservations req.) and tours of the azaleas. Members free. Included with admission. Rt. 52, Winterthur, DE. 10 to 3. \$6-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

May 9

Mother's Day at Welkinweir. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic to enjoy on the grounds. This is peak bloom time for the azaleas and other spring blooms, so be

sure to bring your camera. 1 to 3. Donations are gratefully accepted. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. 610-469-7543; Welkinweir.org.

May 12

47th Annual Shipley School Secret Gardens Tour. Explore magnificent properties located in Main Line neighborhoods. \$45. 8:30 to 4:30. 610-525-4544; ShipleySchool.org/SecretGardens.

June 4

40th Anniversary of Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum. Join Morris Arboretum



Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival

from the comfort of your home for a virtual celebration of the event. Guests will receive a curated gift bag to enjoy that evening. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit MorrisArboretumGala.org.

June 5


Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ. Tour several of Willistown area's barns and farms, followed by a barbecue supper. More details available on the website closer to event. Reservations req. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org. ♦



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Found Mansions on the Main Line

TAKE A DRIVING TOUR OF HISTORIC ESTATES LOST AND FOUND

Edwin Malet

A FAVORITE PASTIME OF MANY LOCALS IS TO ogle grand old estates, especially those situated in leafy neighborhoods. I was able to enjoy just such a driving tour after Winterthur Museum's estate historian, Jeff Groff, was kind enough to share his very particular expertise with me about Main Line mansions. Jeff grew up on the Main Line and, for 40 years, he's been studying the history and significant architecture of the area.

To get a more complete look at area mansions, join Jeff's virtual tour on May 12, titled "Lost Mansions of the Main Line," featuring 20 or so fabulous old estates. (Register for this Chester County History Center-sponsored illustrated talk at Eventbrite.com.) For even more, there's a second lecture on July 22nd, called "Back of the House and Beyond: The Millionaire's Household, 1900–1942."

I hope you'll join a more circumscribed driving tour focusing on what we're calling "found" mansions: mansions that still exist and can be seen. Our tour begins near Devon. From there, we head east, visiting Wayne, Villanova, Bryn Mawr and Haverford.

GREY CRAIG

First stop is Grey Craig (680 Wetherby Drive, Devon)—with Romanesque, Gothic and Tudor elements and set on the crest of a hill on 76 acres. Designed in 1902 by noted architect William Price, it was a hunting lodge for James Patterson, whose family founded the Patterson Whiting Paper Company. James' son William and his wife were known to entertain there in a grand fashion befitting the mansion.

After William died, the mansion was to be sold to a junior college in 1968, but the sale fell through. Although the land was taken over by a developer, the main house still stands and is a private residence. No longer commanding 76 acres, Grey Craig is now surrounded by modern homes, like too many of the mansions in the area.

HILLTOP HOUSE

Hilltop House (570 Beaumont Road, Devon) is located on 23 sunny south-sloping acres. Initially called Idlewild Farm, the mansion

was built for chocolatier William Nelson Wilbur, son of the developer of those tasty Wilbur Buds. Sold in 1919, the estate later went into foreclosure during the Depression.

During its next chapter, Hilltop House was owned by a Drexel University professor, whose wife was an heir to the Heublein Distillery fortune. The mansion was left to Easttown Township and since 2005, it's been restored and is currently used as an event space. The southern view, with walkways, benches, lawn and trees, remains spectacular.

CHANTICLEER

It's a short hop to Chanticleer (786 Church Road, Wayne), a gem known primarily for its spectacular gardens. When COVID restrictions end, you can arrange a tour of the house. For now, view the interior online at the website.

The gardens are a must-see and are open. In all, there are seven gardens, each with its own theme and horticulturist. In May irises, salvia, rhododendrons, peonies and clematis are just some of the flowers in bloom. If you don't tour on this visit, make plans to return.

Chanticleer's European-style mansion was built in 1913 and expanded in 1924 by owner Adolph Rosengarten, Sr., who made his fortune in pharmaceuticals and eventually became part of Merck & Company. Several estate buildings were given as gifts to his children, who, in 1990, bequeathed the entire estate for public use.

THE WILLOWS

This 47.5-acre estate, now known as The Willows (490 Darby-Paoli Road, Villanova), was built in 1910 by renowned architect Charles Barton Keen, a contemporary of Horace Trumbauer, William Price and Brognard Okie.

Originally called Rose Garland, the mansion—with Spanish Revival, Georgian Palladian and Arts and Crafts motifs—was built for John Sinnott, a wealthy distillery owner who grew up at Rathalla, now part of Rosemont College.

It was later purchased by Clarence Geist for his daughter Mary and her husband, Alfred Zantzing, Vice-President of his father-in-law's Suburban Water Company, who named it Maral Brook and lived there for over 30 years. Geist's large mansion, Launfal, was nearby on Sproul Road and is now the Academy of Notre Dame.

After their deaths, the Zantzingers gave the property to Radnor Township in 1973 to use as a park and event space. Sadly the main house fell into disrepair. In 2019, restoration was begun by Archer & Buchanan Architects, and is still under way. It's scheduled to become a community center with a large terrace for outdoor events.

ARDROSSAN

Perhaps the best-known Main Line mansion is Ardrossan (807 Newtown Road, Villanova), because of its connection to Helen Hope Scott, née Montgomery, who lived there and inspired the 1940 film "The Philadelphia Story." A captivating socialite and equestrian, Hope Scott entertained notables of society, government and the arts, and was a principle organizer of the Devon Horse Show as well as director of the U.S. Equestrian Team. She was considered the epitome of the Main Line high society.

The 50-room Georgian Revival mansion was designed by famed architect Horace Trumbauer in 1911, and its 750 acres were assembled by Col. Robert Montgomery, founder of the investment firm Janney Montgomery Scott. Hope's husband, Edgar Scott, was heir to a Pennsylvania Railroad fortune. Currently, the land is being subdivided by Edgar Scott III, but the house has been preserved.

STONELEIGH

Across from Villanova University's law school is Stoneleigh (1829 East County Line Road, Villanova), a name dating back at least to 1878. The former estate of Samuel Bodine and then John Haas, of the chemical company Rohm & Haas, the 42-acre property was in the Haas family for more than 80 years. In 2016, the heirs donated it to Natural Lands, which added "A Natural Garden" to its name.



Grey Craig



Hilltop House



Chanticleer House



Willows Rendering



Ardrossan

At the heart of the property is a Tudor Revival mansion, probably the work of Everett & Mead, a Boston-based firm. Today it serves as an event space and headquarters for the Organ Historical Society, an organization that celebrates the pipe organ (there's one at the mansion).

Outside, the gardens were designed by the Olmsted brothers, sons of Fredrick Law Olmsted, the celebrated landscape architect of New York's Central Park. Many of the over 10,000 plants and 350 trees are native to the area. The grounds have been open to the public since 2018 and are worth a visit.

IN BRYN MAWR AND HAVERFORD

As you go east on Montgomery Avenue towards Bryn Mawr and Haverford, you'll pass several notable mansions. There's the Renaissance-styled Rathalla, built in 1891, now part of Rosemont College (1400 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr). Farther east you'll see The Baldwin School (701 Montgomery Ave.), originally the grand Bryn Mawr Hotel, built in 1890 also in a Renaissance, French Chateau style, and designed by Frank Furness.

A few miles east at Grays Lane, another Furness design, the Merion Cricket Club (325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford), is located on land adjacent to Cheswold, the estate of Alexander Cassatt, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad and brother of Impressionist artist Mary Cassatt.

Heading north on Grays Lane, find Laurel Lane. It's worth a detour to look at Dolobran (231 Laurel Lane), yet another Furness-designed mansion, built in 1880. Currently a private residence, the Shingle-style mansion is easily viewed and set close to the street. The property and all that surrounds the house, once 150 acres in all, belonged to shipping magnate Clement Griscom, President of the American Steamship Company and later the International Mercantile Marine Company that owned the Titanic.



Stoneleigh

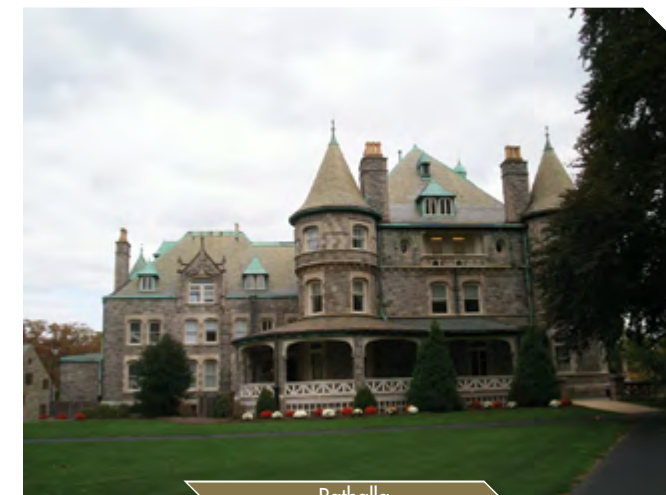
CAMELOT

Back on Grays Lane, heading down the hill, on the left you'll pass the high gates of Knollbrook, now renamed Camelot. Still a private residence, the mansion is set atop a hill overlooking Mill Creek at the intersection of Grays Lane and Mill Creek Road, on 13 acres in Haverford.

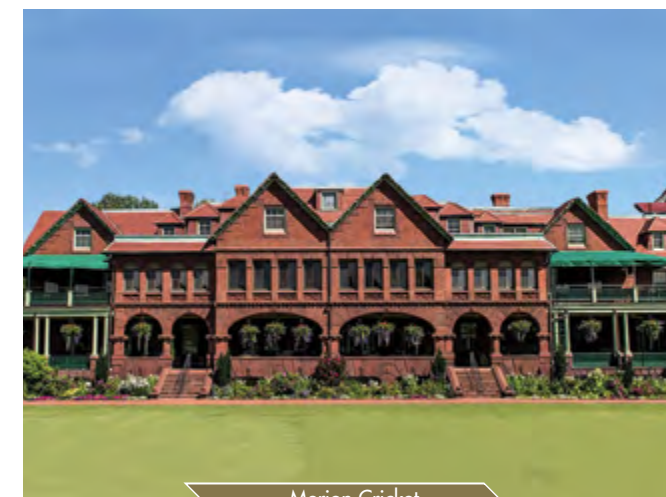
Knollbrook was an earlier house remodeled by architect William Woodburn Potter for J. Howard Pew, President of Sun Oil and son of founder Joseph N. Pew. It was enlarged gradually to include neighboring estates—once reaching 65 acres. Pew also developed the grounds with a pool, putting green, rock garden, fountain, bridges and greenhouse. Note the Greek statues, almost lost in a storm several years ago, lining Mill Creek.

Pew died in 1971, but the Main Line is still dotted with former mansions of his family, including Rocky Crest and Skylands in Gladwyne, and Glenmede in Bryn Mawr. But we'll end with Camelot, a most congenial spot.

That finishes the tour. Before heading home, we suggest you stop for a drink. Review the day. And be glad that you won't have 50 rooms to care for. ♦



Rathalla



Merion Cricket



Dolobran



Camelot

Final Stop on the Main Line

Make a point to visit **Di Bruno Bros.** in the Strafford Shopping Center in Wayne. Started in 1939 in the heart of Philadelphia's Italian Market, DiBruno's added shops in the city and suburbs before opening its long-awaited newest spot in March.

Di Bruno's built its reputation on cheeses, largely imported. From Italy, France, Switzerland, California, almost everywhere—about 150 in all. An attendant offers samples and will slice and wrap your choices.

Around the corner are the smoked and cured meats, again shaved to order. The perimeter walls are lined with packages: nuts, cheeses, salamis, prosciuttos, sodas ... At the back of the store, soups, sandwiches, pastas and pizzas are prepared. Wander and find dried pastas, breads and desserts, plus fresh fruit at the front.

The store is not huge, but feels remarkably complete.

Next door is Di Bruno's Alimentari, "a casual dining experience of small plates, cheese & charcuterie, and Pizza alla Roma." You'll find they're serving spirits, creative cocktails, local beers and exclusive wines. More reasons to visit.

A Chester County Family Farm

AFTER 60 YEARS, A FAMILY FARM COMES ON THE MARKET

Laurel Anderson

“I MAY NEVER LIVE IN A HOUSE THIS BEAUTIFUL again,” says the owner, relaxed in his favorite spot for morning coffee in his childhood home. Looking through the open French doors at a long and stunning view of a good chunk of the 79-acre family farm in West Marlborough, it’s easy to understand the sentiment.

“It was a fantastic place to grow up. As a kid, I had treehouses, forts, critters and ponies,” he continues. “I’d come home from school to all this, plus a big pond for fishing and swimming.”

After being the family home for 60 years, this classic Chester County farm is ready for its next owners. Set on 79 gently rolling acres, the property includes a three-story main house, two-story guest house, eight-stall stone barn, plus paddocks, pastures and majestic pines.

Surrounded by other large parcels of land—most also under easement with Chester County and in a township limiting

development to a minimum lot size of 20-acre—the farm is clearly an oasis of peace and privacy.

FOXHUNTING COUNTY ROOTS

The expansive views that remain today at the family farm off Clonmell-Upland Road in southern Chester County are what drew Plunkett Stewart to establish the Unionville area as the heart of foxhunting country over a hundred years ago. This is the land of Mr. Stewart’s Cheshire foxhounds, the Cheshire Hunt, and Nancy Penn Smith Hannum.

The many area farms once owned by Mr. Stewart still provide perfect galloping and jumping country. These prime conditions drew other foxhunting enthusiasts and resulted in foxhunting easements being granted by the new owners on much of the surrounding land.

Among those attracted to this prime hunting territory was a Mrs. Bodine, who bought the farm off Clonmell-Upland Road to

build her weekend hunting box. A New Yorker looking for more than the small rooms of the modest 1760s farmhouse, Mrs. Bodine expanded the cottage in the 1920s.

The substantial early 20th-century expansion added a grand formal living room (30’ x 20’) with 12.5-foot beamed ceilings, a wall of French windows, plus additional bedrooms and space needed for weekend entertaining.

Surrounding farms were similarly bought for weekend hunting and used more for horses than farming. After World War II the area saw an exodus of families moving from Philadelphia and the Main Line to Chester County.

In the 1960s, the current owner’s family bought the property and added another addition, this one of brick and including a

kitchen, family room and more bedrooms and baths. The final addition to the home in 2004 was a first-floor primary bedroom suite, bringing it into the 21st century.

THE FAMILY HOME

A mix of old-fashioned craftsmanship and updated features, this comfortable family home has six bedrooms (including one on the first floor), five full and one half-baths, plus den, pub/dining room, family room with open kitchen, home office, laundry room, pantry and mudroom to the barn. Original flooring remains in parts of the home, some protected by cork tiles and carpeting.

In the 1760s section of the house, entered through the original front door flanked by two towering magnolias, are a chestnut-pan-



eled den with fireplace and built-ins, along with a charming brick-floored pub room, used as a cozy dining room. On the second floor are an office plus bedroom suite with bath.

The 1920s stone addition includes a spacious formal living room, perfect for entertaining, and with space along the French doors overlooking the stone terrace for a long farm table for large family gatherings.

Two bedrooms and two baths (one en suite) are located on the second floor, while an additional two bedrooms, sharing a bath, are on the third floor.

The current heart of the home is in the 1960s wing. Here, the open kitchen, with updated Viking appliances plus a wine fridge, is anchored by a huge marble island cut from a single slab.

The adjacent family room, with beamed ceiling and fireplace, boasts a wall of windows and French doors capturing the signature views of the property—the protected views of the rolling hills and pond.

THE PROPERTY

A few steps from the main house, a former two-story carriage house is now a charming guest house. There's a surprisingly open feel to this one-bedroom cottage with living room, kitchen and sunroom overlooking the pond.

An eight-stall barn on the other side of the main house includes an office, tack room, wash stall and storage. Five pastures with turnout sheds add to the amenities.

And on any given morning during the season, you just might spot the Cheshire Hunt riding across the farm as you sip your coffee. ♦

For more about this unique 79-acre property, under agricultural easement with Chester County and convenient to Wilmington and Philadelphia, contact Margot Mohr Teetor, RE/MAX Preferred, 610-476-4910 (cell). Visit MargotMohr-Teetor.com to watch the video on the website. Price upon request.

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Here are some of our favorite brunch spots, starting with local dining hub West Chester then on to the western Main Line, around Chester and Delaware Counties and ending in Wilmington.

West Chester

Bar Avalon

Mimosas and Bloody Marys are brunch-time staples, made even better by Bar Avalon's new cocktail boards. Try the sweet option (Mimosa) complete with fresh fruit, French toast bites and yogurt parfaits or the savory option (Bloody Mary) featuring classic add-ons like cheese, shrimp, bacon and olives. Don't forget to order some food! 116 E. Gay St. AvalonRestaurant.net.



Mae's West Chester

Check out Sunday brunch at Mae's with their ever-changing seasonal menus. Enjoy brioche French toast with vanilla whiskey syrup, chorizo and green onion pancakes, Mae's fried egg sandwich and more. 39 W. Gay St. MaesWC.com.



Roots Cafe

Feel good about your brunch with ingredients from local, sustainable farms. Even Roots' compostable to-go cups are good for the environment. Celebrate May with a Brown Sugar Jalapeño Margarita or one of their rotating weekly cocktails like Apple Cider Mimosas. 133 E. Gay St. RootsCafeWC.com.

Side Bar

Brunch at Side Bar means new twists on old classics, like savory French toast with smoked mozzarella and fig jam, breakfast tacos or avo toast with chickpeas and harissa sauce. Add a spring cocktail, like the Bubble-Jito or Persephone Mule and enjoy! 10 E. Gay St. SideBarAndRestaurant.com.

Slow Hand

Choose from classic brunch plates including a breakfast sandwich on buttermilk biscuits, pancakes with PA maple syrup and whipped butter, or biscuits and gravy with sage sausage and sunny eggs. Add a mimosa, Bloody Mary or Irish coffee for the perfect brunch combo. 30 N. Church St. SlowHand-WC.com.



Stove & Tap

Try out Sunday brunch at this new location with shareables like fried Brussels sprouts, crispy scrapple bao buns and smoked chicken cobb. Why not add their bottomless mimosas or Bloody Marys while you're there? 158 W. Gay St. StoveAndTap.com. (Also in Malvern)



Two Birds Cafe

This local-ingredient, scratch kitchen has a cozy atmosphere perfect for intimate brunch meet-ups. Popular eats include buttermilk pancakes, hen's egg platter filled with country potatoes and Southern eggs Benedict with pimento cheese, Tasso ham and biscuits. 653 Downingtown Pk. TwoBirdsCafeWC.com.

Malvern

The Classic Diner

For classic brunch dishes, this is just the spot. With a menu full of buttermilk pancakes, brioche French toast, egg platters and plenty of eggs Benedict variations, you'll find exactly what you're craving. 827 Lincoln Ave. TheClassicDinerPA.com.



Malvern Buttery

For busy weekends, stop by Malvern Buttery for take-out brunch options. Snack on freshly baked croissants, sticky buns, chicken potpies and much more. Add delicious drinks like their bottled cold brew, cafe au lait or a macchiato. 233 E. King St. MalvernButtery.com.

Devon

Terrain Cafe

Embrace spring at your weekend brunch with greenhouse seating. Savor smoked salmon toast, a harvest bowl or fried cauliflower sandwich. Paired with unique brunch cocktails like The Real Dill Bloody Mary and Strawberry Rhubarb Mimosa. 138 Lancaster Ave. ShopTerrain.com. (Also in Glen Mills)

Chester Springs



Bloom Southern Kitchen

Head over for a Southern brunch experience at Bloom. Popular eats include fried chicken and rosemary waffles, stuffed brown sugar pumpkin French toast and fried green tomato BLT. Explore cocktails named after famous Southern cities—Savannah with rosemary infused vodka and Augusta with house-made sweet tea and lemonade. 123 Pottstown Pk. BloomSouthernKitchen.com.

Epicurean Garage

Get your comfort food fix at Epicurean Garage. Take your wild mushroom, bacon and brie omelet out on the patio and enjoy the spring air. It's BYOB, so don't forget your brunch champagne. 570 Simpson Dr. EpicureanGarage.com.

Kennett Square & Chadds Ford



The Gables

Brunch al fresco on the picturesque patio. Enjoy entrees including vanilla bean French toast, shrimp and grits, or The Gables chicken sandwich. Add a cocktail like their peach and berry sangria and prepare for a perfect Sunday. 423 Baltimore Pk. TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com.

Talula's Table

Nothing beats sweets and at Talula's Table you can pick up freshly baked pastries including chocolate croissants, mixed berry

scones or lemon and lavender polenta cakes. Or those with savory cravings can tuck into croissant breakfast sandwiches, egg frittatas and breakfast burritos. 102 W. State St. TalulasTable.com.

Wayne

Autograph Brasserie

Brunch with your favorite celebrities (in photos) on entrees like cinnamon donuts, breakfast BLTs and the classic, eggs Benedict. Plus delicious cocktails—Pear Necessities, Bacon Mary and multiple variations of Bellinis. 503 W. Lancaster Ave. AutographBrasserie.com.



Black Powder Tavern

Give me liberty or give me brunch! Travel back in time at this brunch spot with tempting entrees including smoked whitefish dip or poached egg croque madame. Pair with a Bloody Mary or mimosa for a historic brunch. 1164 Valley Forge Rd. BlackPowderTavern.com.



Rosalie

Enjoy Italian specialties on Rosalie's spacious veranda. Try Lioni Mozzarella with charred broccolini, blood orange mostarda and focaccia or a Lioni burrata with citrus, watercress and pistachio vinaigrette. 139 E. Lancaster Ave. RosalieWayne.com.

White Dog Cafe

Plan brunch on their outdoor patio and share dishes like fried chicken Benedict or avocado BLT on toasted brioche. Take a

moment to toast the spring weather with a fresh Basil Bloody Mary using Revivalists Spirits spicy gin. 200 W. Lancaster Ave. WhiteDog.com. (Also in Haverford and Glen Mills)

Downingtoun

Green Street Grill

This is the spot for great specialty omelets, ranging from Greek with feta cheese and olives to Southwestern with bell peppers and salsa. Or settle in for crowd favorite, “The Mainline Benny,” with poached eggs, avocado and hollandaise on cornbread. 150 E. Pennsylvania Ave. GreenStGrill.com.



Station Taproom

With so many cocktails to try, start with a spicy house-made Bloody Mary or Spiced Whiskey Sangria. Pair it with something fun, like corned beef eggrolls with honey mustard dipping sauce. 207 W. Lancaster Ave. StationTaproom.com.

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Bittersweet Kitchen

Feel good knowing the freshest ingredients are in your brunch. Try Bittersweet’s crème brûlée pancakes, challah stuffed French toast or the classic Bittersweet breakfast with eggs, biscuits and potatoes. Afterwards, take the goodness home from their bakeshop. 18 S. Orange St. EatAtBittersweet.com.

House Restaurant

Stop in for classic omelets, sizzling skillets and unique specials. Expand your typical brunch fare with something new like the Shakshuka, a Middle Eastern-inspired dish with poached eggs, spicy tomato broth and goat cheese. 110 S. Jackson St. EatAtHouse.com.

Phoenixville

Sedona Taphouse

Dig into delicious Nutella French toast, a crab Benedict or a margherita omelet. While you’re there, try craft cocktails, like the Sedona White Sangria with fresh juices or Xique-Xique with cucumber vodka. 131 Bridge St. SedonaTaphouse.com. (Also new in West Chester)

Wilmington



Columbus Inn

Plan a family-style Sunday brunch. Order the shellfish and avocado toast with lobster, shrimp and crab on sourdough, or a sweet apple cobbler French toast made with thick cut brioche and cinnamon cream cheese icing. Yum! 2216 Pennsylvania Ave. ColumbusInn.net.

Le Cavalier

Settle in for a full brunch or keep it light with smaller plates like avocado tartine or shrimp cocktail. Make it a brunch date and order Marys for Two or Bubbles for Two with unique drink varieties like orange/rosemary and peach/mint. 42 W. 11th St. LeCavalierDE.com. ♦

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Classic Bloody Mary

Jump-start even your groggiest mornings with this brunch staple at **Black Powder Tavern**.

1½ C. ice
1 C. vegetable tomato juice
1 Tb. fresh lemon juice
¾ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. horseradish minced
2 oz. vodka
Old Bay Seasoning for garnish

Fill a shaker three-fourths full of ice. Pour any remaining ice into a tall glass rimmed with Old Bay Seasoning. Add juices, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish and vodka to the shaker. Cover and shake for 10–15 seconds.

Strain into prepared glass and garnish with your favorite Bloody Mary fixings.



Mimosa and Bloody Mary Boards

These brunch charcuterie boards at **Bar Avalon** pair delicious morning snacks with your favorite brunch drinks.

For the Mimosa Boards

Pancake poppers
French toast bites
Fresh fruit
Yogurt parfaits

For Bloody Mary Board

Cheese stuffed olives
Shrimp
Bacon strips
Hot sauce
Old Bay Seasoning

Arrange your favorite mimosa or Bloody Mary pairings on your nicest cheese board for easy snacking. Don't forget to whip up some drinks, too!

Mimosa

Nothing screams brunch like a Southern sunrise mimosa from **Bloom Southern Kitchen**.

1 oz. Pama pomegranate liqueur
Prosecco
1.5 oz. pulp-free orange juice
Cut strawberries for garnish

Pour Pama liqueur into a champagne flute. Fill flute with Prosecco leaving room at the top to add orange juice to create the illusion of a Southern sunrise. Garnish rim with halved strawberry and enjoy!



Lavender Greyhound

Add a squeeze of lime and a touch of lavender syrup for a fresh twist on this brunch classic from **Stove & Tap**.

.25 oz. Monin lavender syrup
4 oz. freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
2 oz. vodka or gin
1 lime wedge, for garnish

Fill a tall glass with ice cubes. Add lavender syrup, freshly squeezed grapefruit juice and vodka (or gin).

Stir to combine. Garnish with a fresh lime wedge.



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

Drink Up. Equestrian season isn't complete without specialty cocktails, and not coincidentally May 30th marks **National Mint Julep Day**. This timely holiday is the perfect excuse to toast our



local equestrian roots. Support small and choose whiskey from local distilleries like Manatawny Still Works, Brandywine Branch Distillery or Pennsylvania Distilling Company for some Chester County flavor. Then grab your fanciest hat or most colorful bow tie, mix up a couple of juleps and enjoy a themed happy hour. KentuckyDerby.com/Mint-Julep.

Grab a Slice. Weekends call for pizza and Chester County has plenty of options including a new addition, **Revival Pizza Pub**, coming to Chester Springs. From the owners of Stove & Tap, this new pie place will serve specialty pizzas and artisan flatbreads, plus live music and plenty of outdoor seating. Until you can add a new source to your Friday night pizza rotation, check out Stove & Tap's new West Chester location on Gay Street. 701 Juniper Ave., Chester Springs. RevivalPizzaPub.com.



New in Town. There's plenty to look forward to this spring including West Chester's expanding dining scene. The much-anticipated **Greystone Oyster Bar** is now open with fresh seafood and handcrafted cocktails. And keep an eye out for new spots like **Peter Clark Kitchen** for locally sourced sandwiches, soups and salads, and a new location for **Sedona Taphouse's** hand-cut steaks and rich pastas. So many new options! Check social media for updates on openings. DowntownWestChester.org.

Chip-Chip-Hooray! Get ready to snack. **Herr's**, headquartered in southern Chester County, recently celebrated their **75th anniversary** by releasing a limited-edition Homestyle potato chip and launching 75 days of celebrations. With a mission of philanthropy,



Herr's is giving back to local communities and fans. To get involved, join their #ChipInChallenge by buying lunch (including a bag of chips) for a stranger and sharing on social media to encourage other small acts of kindness. Feel good while enjoying one of PA's favorite snacks. Herrs.com.

Welcome Back. **Artillery Brewing Company** is reloaded and reopened in West Chester at their new brewhouse and taproom. The spot features a two-story revolutionary mess tent kitchen and a rustic wood bar for a welcoming Colonial atmosphere. Stop by "The Barracks" and try classic brews like The Musket (Belgian-style ale), The Patriot (Mid-Atlantic IPA) or The Black Powder (black IPA). Plus appetizers and plenty of pizzas to enjoy. 333 Granite Alley, West Chester. ArtilleryBrewing.com.



Picnics and Perseverance

ONE LOCAL BUSINESS FINDS NEW TASTY POSSIBILITIES AMID THE CHALLENGES OF THE PANDEMIC.

Alyssa Thayer

SPRING IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE MAKING IT through yet another daunting Pennsylvania winter, as well as the growth and ingenuity we've found along the way. The past year has been an especially ruthless game of evolution and adaptation and nowhere is this more apparent than in the restaurant industry.

"I knew it was never coming back," says George McLoughlin, founder, and owner of **Tasty Table Market and Catering** in Berwyn. "I would have closed my doors if I hadn't had this passion and dream."

On any given (pre-pandemic) day, Tasty Table puts out 600–800 meals, 93% of which are for corporate catering partnerships. This time of year they would also be layering on weekend weddings and graduations.

When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Corporate America emptied their offices, some going completely remote, others lowering their office capacity significantly. Overnight, Tasty Table saw their business drop 70–80%.

Many business owners would have been paralyzed in fear, but George's M.O. is "always keep moving" and that's exactly what he did. After seeing the writing on the wall, he made the bold decision to pivot his business model, and turn his expansive kitchen



Tasty owner George McLoughlin says one of the best parts of this new business model is getting to try something exciting.

warehouse into a boutique retail market and cafe. In June of 2020, he took a Sawzall to one of the walls to start making space for the new plan.

After extensive renovations inside and out, they rebranded to add "market" to their name and opened their doors to the community. Their new space includes an open kitchen, deli and grab-and-go cases for prepared foods, and indoor and outdoor seating.

The silver lining of the whole transition for George has been getting to wake up every day excited. "We are doing something new, something we haven't been doing for the last 20 years," he says.

Now that the weather has turned the corner, it's finally time for picnics and dining al fresco. George and his team are ready with all their warm-weather favorites, including Asian noodle salad and fried chicken and pickle sandwiches. They are even doing mountain and shore bags—an insulated cooler bag filled with an assortment of sweet and savory goodies to take on the road.

Though this certainly wouldn't have been how we drew it up, just like Tasty Table, we've all had to grow and adapt to accommodate the demands of our new normal. Here's to finding fun and, of course, delicious ways to get outside and celebrate our strength and perseverance. Who's up for a picnic?



Tasty Table turned their large industrial kitchen space into a customer-facing market and cafe.



After months of renovations inside and out, Tasty Table held a grand reopening in March 2021.

Roasted Beet Salad

Although commonly used on menus in cooler months, roasted beets can be the perfect addition to any spring and summer menu when served chilled and tossed with a bright citrus zest.



2 lb. beets, washed and stems cut off (any variety will work, but we recommend a combination of red and golden)
 ¼ C. olive oil
 2 shallots, sliced thinly
 2 lemons, zested
 Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lay whole beets onto a parchment paper-covered cookie sheet and roast for 90 minutes or until fork-tender.

While beets are roasting, prepare shallots. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to a sauté pan over medium heat. Add shallots. Stir every few minutes, until shallots are soft and starting to brown.

Pull cooked beets from oven and cool. Once cool enough to handle, slice beets into wedges. Add beets, sautéed shallots, olive oil, citrus zest, and salt and pepper into a large bowl and toss to mix.

Served at room temperature or chilled.

Serves 4–6.

Heirloom Tomato Salad

Fresh pops of color and flavor make this the most refreshing side to any outdoor dining experience. Plus, the added brininess of the olives tips this dish in a Mediterranean direction, which is always welcomed.

4 C. heirloom grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
 ½ C. Kalamata olives
 ¼ C. fresh basil, chopped
 ¼ C. extra virgin olive oil
 Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and toss until well mixed. Can be made up to 24 hours in advance.

Picnics Perfected

In our opinion, picnics are one of the best ways to enjoy a little al fresco time! The key is to keep them simple and delicious—that means effortless to transport, temperature tolerant, and easy to consume. That may sound limiting, but we assure you it's not. Here are a few tips and tricks to get you started:

- 1. Hand-held** – Anything you can pick up and devour is picnic approved. That includes wraps, calzones, hand pies and more. And don't forget dessert—cookies, brownies and pastries all fall into this category.
- 2. Smaller Subs** – Instead of trying to manage a huge hoagie, pack a selection of petite sliders. They are fun to eat and easy to share!
- 3. Temp. Tolerant** – The whole point of a picnic is to relax and unwind, so having to worry about food temperature is not ideal. Find foods that are OK to enjoy at room temperature and won't spoil easily on a warm day.
- 4. Somethin' on a Stick** – Kabobs are fun to make and eat. Cook your food right on a skewer satay style, or prepare and then skewer up. The latter works great for any cold salad: antipasto kabob anyone?
- 5. Be Chill** – Many dishes are just as good (or better) cold as they are warm. Tasty Table suggests trying dishes such as Asian noodle salad or sesame chicken tenders when you want to eat heat-free.
- 6. Nothing Like Noshing** – Sometimes the best dinners are the kind you can graze your way through. Pack an assortment of chips and dips (like the tzatziki recipe in this article) and a small charcuterie selection, and presto it's a picnic!



Serve with a hunk of fresh crusty bread to soak up all those extra juices—because is it even a picnic without a baguette?

Serves 6.

*Upgrade the dish to a Caprese with the addition of small fresh mozzarella balls.

Pineapple Shrimp Kebobs

Bold jerk spices dance playfully with the sweetness of pineapple and the freshness of peppers to bring out the best flavors in this portable entrée. Assemble into kabobs to make them picnic-perfect, or leave them off and toss over fresh green leaf lettuce as a salad.



- 4 Tb. olive oil
- 1 red pepper, cut into 1" squares
- 1 green pepper, cut into 1" squares
- 1 lb., 16–20 count shrimp, cooked and peeled (thawed if purchased frozen)
- 1 pineapple, sliced into 1" thick triangle wedges
- 2 Tb. jerk seasoning (see homemade version below)

Saute peppers and shrimp in cast iron skillet on medium-high heat with 2 tablespoons oil. Cook for 10 minutes until seared on all sides. Add pineapple, jerk seasoning, salt and pepper and stir for another 3–5 minutes until pineapple is lightly brown.

Let mixture cool and assemble onto skewers. Refrigerate until ready to eat.

*Will last 2 hours without refrigeration.

Serves 4–6.

Homemade Jerk Seasoning

- 1 Tb. onion powder
- 1 Tb. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 tsp. dried thyme
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. dry parsley
- 1 tsp. paprika

- 1 tsp. hot pepper flakes
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground clove

Mix all ingredients and store in an air-tight container.

Makes ½ cup. Adapted from *ChiliPepperMadness.com*.

Sliced Turkey Slider

This simple, yet universally loved sammie holds up to travel and heat. It's the red pepper aioli that ties the whole thing together, so we made sure to snag the recipe for you!



- 9 brioche slider buns (Tasty Table recommends Le Bus Bakery)
- 9, 1-oz. slices of Havarti cheese
- 9, 2-oz. slices of oven-roasted turkey
- 3 medium-size ripe tomatoes
- ½ cup red pepper aioli, recipe below

Slather aioli onto bread and layer on one slice each of cheese, turkey and tomato.

Serves 6.

Serving Calculator: Suggest 1.5 per person, the below recipe is for 6 guests.

Homemade Red Pepper Aioli

- 2 whole roasted red peppers
- ⅔ C. fresh basil leaves
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1½ C. mayo
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground pepper

Blend all ingredients in food processor until smooth and creamy.

TIP: Leave the Greens—although a little lettuce on a club or slider is delicious, we like to leave that off for picnics—it tends to wilt fairly quickly.

Makes 2½ cups. Adapted from *Allrecipes.com*.

Homemade Tzatziki

Cool, herbaceous and light, this yogurt-based dip is the perfect pick for any warm-weather meal. Although traditionally served as an accompaniment to gyros or roast lamb, it is perfectly delicious on its own!



- ½ C. cucumber, finely grated
- 1 C. whole milk Greek yogurt
- 1 lemon, juiced
- ½ T. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 1 Tb. fresh dill (mint works well too)
- Salt to taste
- Olives and parsley to garnish

Gently squeeze grated cucumber between cloth or paper towels to get the extra moisture out. Add cucumber to a mixing bowl with yogurt, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, dill and mix well.

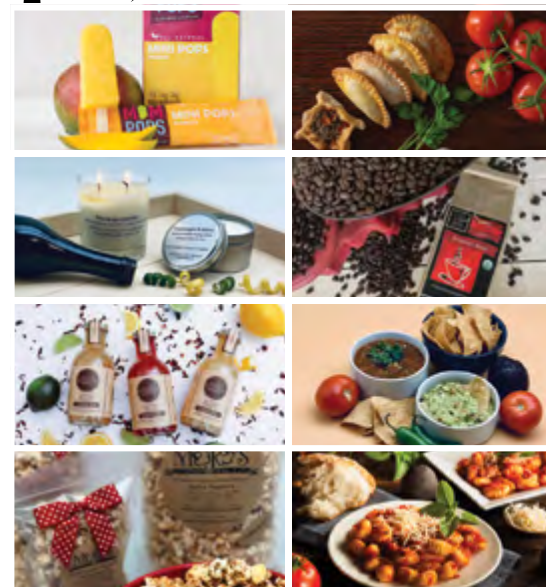
Transfer to a serving dish or container and top with olives and parsley. Serve with grilled pita triangles.

Makes 1½ cups. ♦

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