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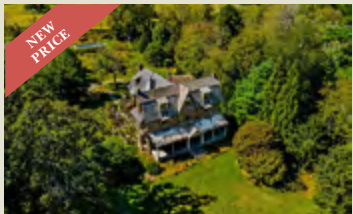
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Fox Hill Farm | East Marlborough Township

Fox Hill Farm is set on 80.2 bucolic acres complete with a fabulous house, pool, pond, tennis court, barn, indoor and outdoor arenas plus a dressage ring, and cross-country course. The Archer & Buchanan designed home of 10,000 square feet represents the epitome of gracious country living. The 7 bedroom, 5.4 bath stone home features rare details like Italian marble floors and 200 year old wood floors from a French chateau. The workmanship in this home is spectacular! The large Kitchen features high-end appliances and marble counters. The Master Suite is really special! The Lower Level has a large Wine Cellar, Exercise Room, Theater, and Game Room. The Barn and Indoor Arena offer 27 stalls. Great equestrian community and located in the nationally ranked Unionville-Chadds Ford School District!

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Chadds Ford

The Happy Hill estate is set on a long, private road and its location guarantees privacy. The stately home is a well constructed Manor House featuring spectacular walnut moldings, stained glass, and museum quality mantels. Gardeners will love the Pennsylvania champion trees like Yellow Buckeye and Cucumber Magnolia. The property is a "diamond in the rough" as work is required to return the property to its former grandeur but the home's stellar location and great bones make it an excellent investment!

\$1,350,000



Thornbury Township

Set on a near two acre lot in the sought-after Dilworthtown Woods community, sits this fabulous 4 Bedroom, 2.1 Bath brick home inspired by a Philadelphia Society Hill 18th century Georgian home. Blessed with an excellent floorplan, the Primary Suite's bathroom was featured at the Philadelphia Home Show prior to installation. Located in Ruston High School zone- considered the best in a great school district!

\$760,000



Bittersweet Drive | Pocopson Township

Set on 7.3 exceedingly private acres in Pocopson Township, sits this spectacular 18,000 square foot, tutor style home featuring a spectacular main level Master Suite with "His" and "Her" bathrooms, Walk-in Closets, a private Office, and a large Bedroom. The home boasts 5 Bedrooms, 8.3 Bathrooms plus a four room guest/in-law suite easily accessed by way of the home's three level elevator. The main level Living Room, Dining Room, incredible Kitchen, and stellar Family Room must be seen to be appreciated! All of the Bedrooms enjoy En-Suite Bathrooms. The Lower Level features an amazing Wine Cellar, Theater, Game Room and second Family Room. This fabulous property is located with easy access to Wilmington plus set in the nationally ranked Unionville-Chadds Ford School District!

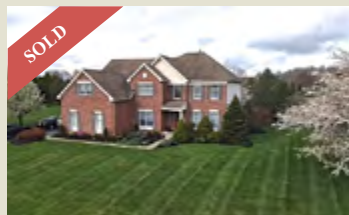
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East Bradford Township

You must see these 23.1 beautiful acres that are perfect for an investor or someone seeking to build their dream home or farm! The land is high, level, open ground close to the Borough of West Chester. The property could be divided into a possibility of seven attractive lots. West Chester School District and convenient to shopping and major commuting routes. Please call us for a additional details.

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County Lines is celebrating the spirit of giving in partnership with the Chester County Community Foundation. This is our 4th Charity Datebook.

Our Guest Editors, the Foundation's President and CEO, Karen Simmons, along with the Board Chair, Michael DeHaven, remind us what we've learned from the pandemic as they look forward to returning to in-person gatherings and live performances. In "Food for Thought," Timmy Nelson explains the vision of the Charity Datebook to be a philanthropic catalyst for positive change.

This year we highlight nine organizations focused on arts, culture and historic preservation—Historic Sugartown, Historic Yellow Springs, Kennett Symphony, Oxford Arts Alliance, People's Light, Revival Production, SALT Performing Arts, Uptown! Performing Arts Center and West Chester Dance Works—in "Faces of Philanthropy."

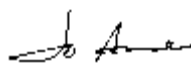
"Fun Fundraisers" spotlights many who supported good causes, while our "Datebook Calendar" gathers more fundraisers, offering opportunities to do good and have fun. Malcolm Johnstone writes about "The Lincoln Room: First Achievements" and notes several historic events at the current home of the Cultural Alliance of Chester County.

We also preview People's Light 2021-22 season, share recommendations of books by new authors in "Discover a Debut," consider options for bubbly for festive occasions in "Raise a Glass!" and learn more about a great source of omega-3s in Brandywine Table's "Bringing Home the Salmon."

Assistant Editor, Shannon Montgomery, suggests you "Support the Arts" by volunteering at local centers of arts, music, dance, theater, performing arts and museums. And in "Learning that Lasts a Lifetime," Shannon describes what's happening at Chester County Lifelong Learning. With 250 classes, surely there's one for you.

We also share where the kids can have fun and learn this summer in "Summer Camps." Plus our Best Local Events section is filled with things to do for you and your family.

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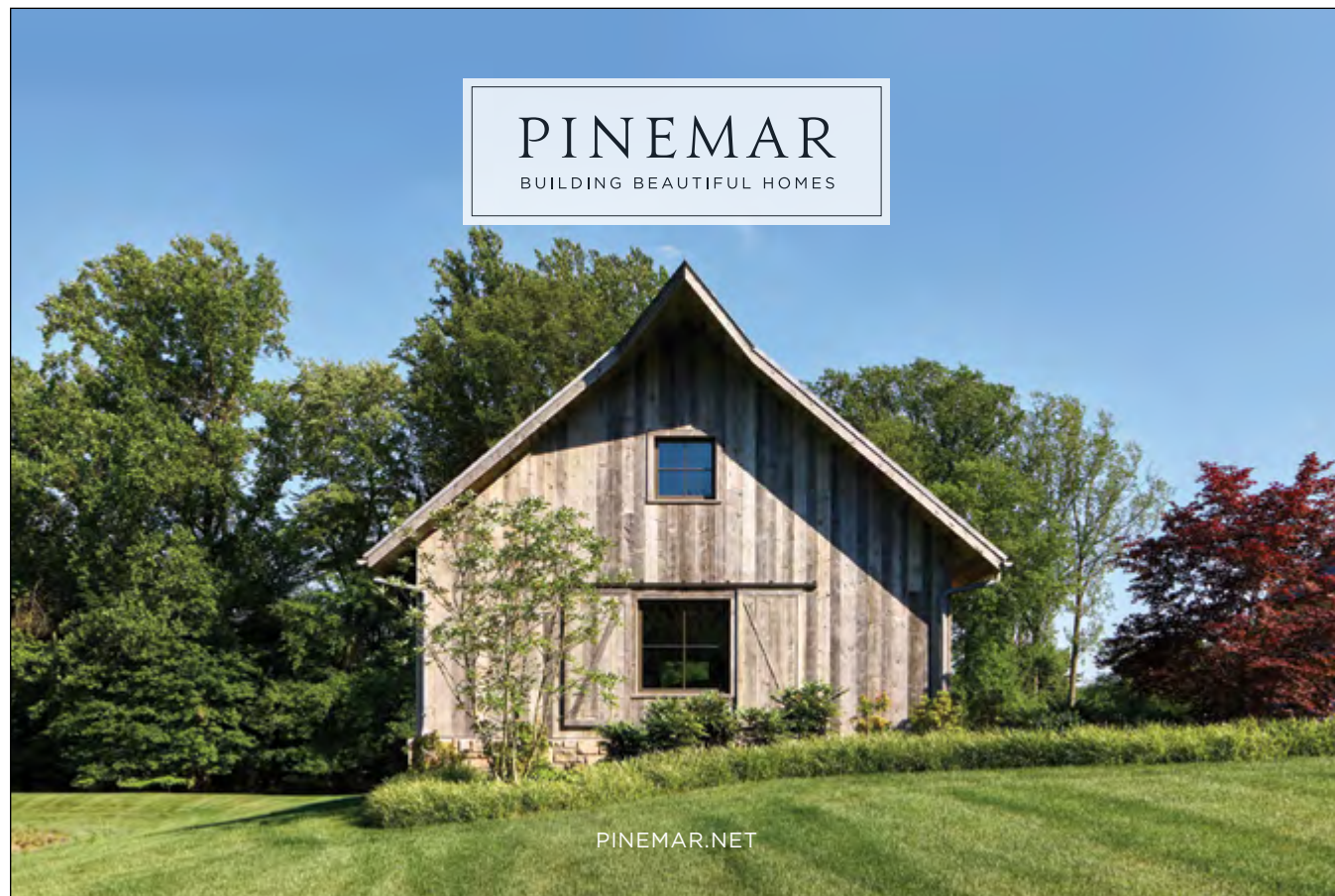
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[Good to Know]

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

Positive Passion. Since 2005, **Spring Brook Farm** has been a happy place for children with disabilities to come and enjoy animal life. Despite the passing of its late founder, Mary Beth Drobish, who was passionate about animals and children, the Barn will continue to carry out her dream. Animal-assisted programs at the farm serve children, 2 though 12, with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities through one-on-one programs, field trips and Camp Geronimo. Consider joining over 300 volunteers at the Barn. SpringBrook-Farm.org.



Snow Last Season. Celebrate the end of winter with **Snowman Burning Day** on March 20 this year. This wacky informal holiday, marking the change from winter to spring, was started in 1971 at the very frigid Lake Superior



State University by the Unicorn Hunters Club. Snowmen are created from wood, paper, straw and wire, and then painted for an artistic touch. Ignite and watch the smoke clear away winter weather. Is this really any stranger than Groundhog Day? Watch videos at LSSU.edu.

Comedy's Coming. Need a laugh? Find one at Santander Arena and Performing Arts Center in Reading where **Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias** will perform on March 12. Known for his jokes about the struggles of being Fluffy, Iglesias will lighten your mood. See more of his act on Netflix's stand-up specials and the sitcom "Mr. Iglesias." Tickets for "Beyond the Fluffy World Tour, Go Big or Go Home" are available on Ticketmaster, starting at \$35.50. Santander-Arena.com.

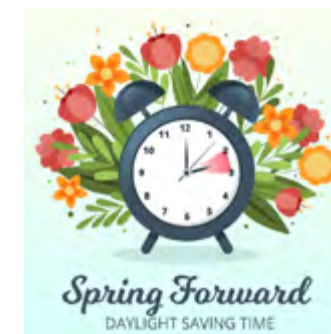
Sober St. Patty's. Before you drink that green beer, there's a wee bit of history you should know. Originally a religious event, **St. Patrick's Day** was a dry holiday in Ireland until the 1970s. Irish pubs were closed—



hardly the party we celebrate today. We suggest you mark the day at a local pub—Kildare's in West Chester or Molly Maguire's in Phoenixville—for Irish food, drink and camaraderie. And to be historically accurate, that green beer should've been blue.

NationalToday.com.

Snooze DST? Dread losing an hour of sleep and confronting the early darkness of daylight saving time, starting March 13? You're not alone. An **anti-DST** movement in Pennsylvania is fighting legislation to permanently adopt DST instead of our current schedule or switching to permanent standard time. DST was started to allow more work during sunlight, rather than candlelight hours. But maybe its creator, Ben Franklin, didn't intend it to last forever, or after the invention of the electric light. *Almanac.com.*



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March Picks

Our Picks for top events this month

West Chester's Restaurant Week

Through March 6

A fun-filled week and the perfect opportunity to support your favorite restaurants or explore some place new. West Chester's culinary masters will create special multi-course prix



fixe menus featured for one week only. Dine-in and takeout options available. For a list of participating restaurants, visit DowntownWest-Chester.com/Event/West-Chesters-Restaurant-Week.

"Put a Bird On It" Exhibit at The Art Trust

March 2-April 22

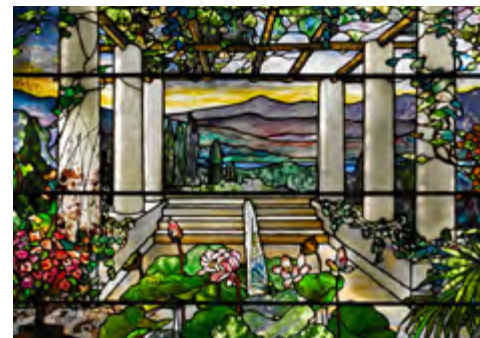
The exhibit features three contemporary artists whose work represents, incorporates or is inspired by birds. Exhibiting artists—Jeremy McGirl, Rinal Parikh and Annie Patrizi—display a wide variety of styles from painting and mixed media collage to work incorporating found objects. *Mar. 4, Opening Event, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; Mar. 31, Artists' Talk, 7 to 8 p.m.; Apr. 21, Closing Event, 5 to 8:30 p.m.* The Art Trust at Meridian Bank, 16 W. Market St., West Chester. TheArtTrust.org.



Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection at Delaware Art Museum

March 12-June 5

The exhibition showcases Tiffany's innovative work in leaded and blown glass, including stellar examples of his famous windows, lamps and vases. His love of the natural world inspired floral-themed vases and lamps, delicate vegetal candlesticks and dramatic landscape windows. *2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$6-\$14. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.*



John Oates with Guthrie Trapp: An Evening of Songs & Stories

March 16



Sit back and experience a once-in-a-lifetime, intimate musical performance by John Oates and Nashville super guitarist Guthrie Trapp. The two will share an eclectic blend of blues-folk and mega-hits enhanced by glimpses behind-the-scenes from their fascinating

musical lives. *The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7:30 p.m. \$39.50-\$75. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.*

Chester County Community Foundation Food for Thought: Sweet Charity Edition

March 21

Fun, food and philanthropy—Chester County's finest dessert chefs showcase their delectable creations at this annual fundraiser. Guests get to judge their favorites. Benefits the Foundation's work with legacy philanthropy. *Whitford Country Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ChesCoCF.org.*



best Things To Do

Many events are coming back, so take out your calendar and fill it in with fun. Please be sure to check websites often for the latest updates and for COVID protocols.

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH MARCH 13
SALT Performing Arts
Presents *Frozen Jr.*
Featuring all of the memorable songs from the animated film and a cast of beloved characters. 1645 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 610-488-2585; SALTPA.com.



THROUGH MARCH
Harry Potter: The Exhibition at The Franklin Institute. Celebrate the iconic moments, characters, settings and beasts as seen in the films and stories of "Harry Potter" and the "Wizarding World" through immersive design and technology. Visitors will get an up-close look at authentic props and original costumes from the "Harry Potter" and "Fantastic Beasts" films as they engage with magical environments and installations. 222 N. 20th St., Phila. 9:30 to 5 pm; evenings Thurs.-Sun., 5 to 8 pm. \$30-\$59. Adv. timed tickets req. FI.edu.



ONGOING
Behind the Steam: A Collection Exploration Speaker Series at Marshall Steam Museum. Join this virtual event every month

for the next year as they take a close look at a special item in the collection and then Zoom out for a larger discussion with experts and enthusiasts. **Mar. 18,** Mountain Wagons. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 7 pm. \$5; \$30 for the year. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

MARCH 4
WCU-Live! Presents Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix. This is a slapstick comedy dog show like no other. Johnny leads over a dozen rescue dogs through challenging and hilarious tricks as he plays the straight man role in this wonderful family show. *Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester.* 7 pm. \$10-\$22. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.edu/Live.



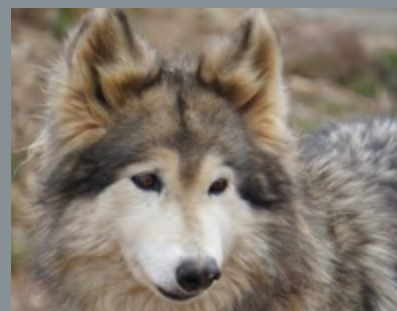
MARCH 5-6
58th Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show. Featuring educational exhibits of mineral, lapidary and fossil specimens, displays from regional and university museums, fine dealers of minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry and lapidary supplies and demonstrations of gem cutting and polishing. *DoubleTree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pk., (Rt-202), Wilmington.* Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$4-\$6. 302-478-6000; DMSRocks.org.



MARCH 12
Colonial PA Plantation Presents Kids Colo-

nial Toys. Bring the kids, ages 4 and up and accompanied by an adult, to Chester County Library to explore a make-and-take event with toys children would have played with in the 18th century. 10 to 12:30. Family, \$35. 450 Exton Square Pkwy., Exton. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

MARCH 19
Wolf Sanctuary of PA Full Moon Fund-raiser. Bring a blanket, a flashlight, a chair and a sense of adventure as you sit by a roaring bonfire (weather permitting), enjoy live entertainment and guided tours providing information on the wolves at the sanctuary as well as wolf conservation and biology. 465 Speedwell Forge Rd., Lititz. 7:30 pm. \$35. 717-626-4617; WolfSanctuaryPA.org.



APRIL 1
Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt. Radnor Recreation invites teens, age 12 and up, to participate in a flashlight egg hunt along a portion of The Radnor Trail. Event hub and parking at Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Win special prizes, play games and enjoy snacks and goodies. Pre-registration req. 8 pm. Rain date, April 2. Visit Radnor-Recreation.com.

APRIL 2, MAY 7
We Planted a Tree: Kids Read and Explore at Hildacy Preserve. Kids bring their favorite adults to hear the feature book, "We Planted a Tree" by Diane Muldrow, in which young families in two very different parts of the world plant a tree and as the trees flourish, so do the families. Enjoy hands-on activities, the story time, a tree planting and a stroll through the woods. 1031 Palmers Mill Rd., Media. 10 am. \$5. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

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MARCH 3, 16 & 17, APRIL 6
Wellington Square Bookshop. NonFiction Book Club: Mar. 3, "Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth" by Sarah Smarsh, 7 pm. **Fiction Book Club: Mar. 16 & 17,** "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" by Neil Gaiman, 2 & 7

pm; **Classics Book Club: Apr. 6,** "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte, 2 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquare-Books.com.

MARCH 5, 15, 31
Main Point Book Club. Book Launch: Mar. 5, "A Brush With Love" by Mazey Eddings, 6 pm. **Fiction Book Club: Mar. 15,** "Beheld" by Tarashea Nesbit, 1 pm. **NonFiction Book Club: Mar. 31,** "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach, 7 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; MainPointBooks.com.

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MARCH 31
DelArt Readers Book Club. A virtual event on Zoom. This month, “The Hare with the Amber Eyes: A Family’s Century of Art and Loss” by Edmund de Waal. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 to 8 pm. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

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MUSEUMS
THROUGH MARCH 20
Delaware Art Museum. “Delaware Women’s Hall of Fame: Celebrating 40 Years.” Delaware artist Theresa Walton created 158 portraits representing every woman inducted to the Delaware Women’s Hall of Fame. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$14. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.



THROUGH MAY 8
Brandywine River Museum of Art. “Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints and Drawings.” 1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed–Mon, 10 to 4. \$6–\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

THROUGH MAY 15
The Barnes Foundation Presents “Water, Wind, Breath: Southwest Native Art in Community.” A major exhibition of historic and contemporary Southwest Native art, including Pueblo and Navajo pottery, textiles and jewelry. Roberts Gallery, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Philadelphia. Thurs–Mon, 11 to 5. \$5–\$25. 215-278-7000; BarnesFoundation.org.

THROUGH JULY
Tour the Marshall Mansion at Auburn Heights. Explore one of the best examples of a Queen Anne style Victorian mansion at the former home of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd, Yorklyn, DE. Thurs & Fri, 1 pm. \$7–\$14. 302-729-4280; DEStateParks.com.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
MARCH 2–APRIL 1
The Keswick Theatre Presents. *Mar. 2,* Big Band of Brothers: A Jazz Celebration of The Allman Brothers Band; *Mar. 3,* Al Jardine Family & Friends w/ Carnie & Wendy Wilson (of Wilson Phillips) & Matt Jardine; *Mar. 4,* An Intimate Evening of Songs & Stories with Graham Nash; *Mar. 5,* Vic DiBitto; *Mar. 6,* Celtic Thunder Ireland; *Mar. 12,* Al Franken; *Mar. 13,* Tower of Power; *Mar. 17,* Scott Bradlee’s Postmodern Jukebox; *Mar. 19,* Bruce in the U.S.A.; *Mar. 20,* John Crist; *Mar. 26,* Tom Papa; *Mar. 27,* Henry Rollins; *Mar. 31,* The English Beat; *Apr. 1,* An Evening with David Sedaris. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Times and tickets, 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.



MARCH 4–APRIL 2
The Grand Wilmington. *Mar. 4,* Red Hot Chili Pipers; *Mar. 5,* The Honey Dewdrops;



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Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.

Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. Jan. 15–Mar., 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat, 10 to noon. FarmToCity.org.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park next to Veteran’s Memorial, Pennsylvania Ave. Jan. 8–Apr., 2nd & 4th Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Eagleview Farmers Market, Eagleview Town Center, Exton. Jan. 6–Apr., 1st & 3rd Thurs, 11 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Market, The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 5. 610-444-8188; KSQFarmersMarket.com.

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

Malvern Farmers Market, Warren Ave. & Roberts Rd. Jan., 3rd & 5th Sat; Feb.–Apr., 1st & 3rd Sat., 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 10 to noon; seniors, 9–9:30. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd. Fri, noon to 6; Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11–4:30. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

West Chester Growers Market, Chestnut & Church Sts. Jan. 15–Apr., 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat: 10 to noon . 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.



Mar. 6, Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy; *Mar. 13,* Tom Rush; *Mar. 19,* Deadgrass; *Mar. 25,* Tannahill Weavers; *Apr. 1,* Straight No Chaser—Back in the Highlife Tour; *Apr. 2,* Damien Escobar in Copeland Hall; Hari Kondabolu in The Baby Grand. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. For times and tickets, 302-652.5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.

MARCH 4–27
Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre. *Mar. 4,* Marty Stuart And His Fabulous Superlatives; *Mar. 13,* The High Kings; *Mar. 20,* The Irish Comedy Tour; *Mar. 16,* John Oates with Guthrie Trapp: An Evening of Songs & Stories; *Mar. 25,* Joe Conklin and The City Rhythm Orchestra; *Mar. 27,* Psychedelic Furs—Made of Rain Tour. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. For times and tickets, 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

MARCH 5–APRIL 1
Kennett Flash. *Mar. 5,* Poor Man’s Gambit, 8 pm, \$25; *Mar. 11,* Dan May, 8 pm, \$25; *Mar. 12,* Beyond The Pale, 5 & 8:30 pm, \$25; *Mar. 19,* Suzzy Roche and Lucy Wainwright Roche – A Mother / Daughter Duo, 8 pm, \$30; *Mar. 25,* Western Centuries, 8 pm, \$20; *Mar. 26,* Beatlemania Again – A Tribute to The Beatles, 8pm, \$34; *Apr. 1,* David Grier, 8 pm, \$33. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

MARCH 12
WCU–Live! Presents Artrageous. A troupe of multi-talented live performance artists bring their high energy performance, a combination of all arts on one stage combined with humor and interaction in a frenzy of movement and color. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 4 pm. \$10–\$22. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.edu/Live.



MARCH 13–25
World Cafe Live Presents *Mar. 13,* Rickie Lee Jones; *Mar. 17,* Whiskey Rovers; *Mar. 18,* Boston Comedy Festival presents Saint Patrick’s

Comedy Spectacular; *Mar. 24,* Dueling Pianos; *Mar. 25,* David Liebman & The Dalí String Quartet with WCU Criterions Jazz Ensemble. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

MARCH 20
Kennett Symphony Orchestra Masterworks Concert. With lush scores and dance-inspired pieces, this concert is a perfect way to spend an evening. Longwood Gardens Exhibition Hall, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$10–\$55. 7:30 pm. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

THEATER
THROUGH MARCH 20
Other World at Delaware Theatre Company. A world premiere musical exploring the connections people make on- and off-line, while celebrating the families and friendships they need to thrive in any world. 200 Water St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.
THROUGH MARCH 27
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MARCH 2-27

Personality: The Lloyd Price Musical at People's Light. The first musical to celebrate the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend Lloyd Price with a cast of 12 singers and dancers performing iconic hits. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

MARCH 2-27

Baby The Musical at Media Theatre. Three couples on a university campus deal with the consequences of pregnancy and upcoming parenthood. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

MARCH 12-26

Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Crown Jewel at The Fulton Theatre. Sherlock Holmes and his friend Doctor Watson are given a case by Queen Victoria. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

MARCH 19-APRIL 24

Candlelight Theatre Presents Big Fish. A musical that reminds us why we love going to the theater—for an experience that's richer, funnier and bigger than life. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. \$33-\$67.50. 302-475-2313; Candlelight-TheatreDelaware.com.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS

MARCH 4, 12, 17

1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays.
First Fridays: Mar. 4, Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWest-Chester.com. **Wilmington Art Loop,** 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: Mar. 12, Media, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: Mar. 17, MalvernBusiness.com.

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People's Light 2021-22 Season Highlights

Alix Rosenfeld



A Christmas Carol

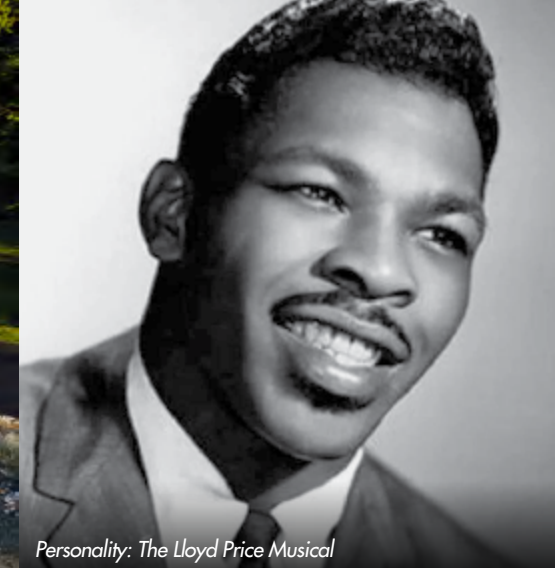
PEOPLE'S LIGHT IS THRILLED TO WELCOME AUDIENCES back to the theater for the 2021–22 Season. Performances continue in March with tour de force productions, a Tony Award nominee and music-filled world premieres.

"After nearly two years, we're truly back with a lineup of dynamic, relevant and ambitious productions," shares People's Light Executive Artistic Director Abigail Adams. "The human spirit prevails throughout our 2021–22 Season. Each of these plays follows characters, real and imagined, as they emerge from darkness into light, from doubt into hope. We can't wait to share their stories with you—and to be with you in person."

THE SEASON LINEUP

In November 2021, People's Light reopened its doors with a brand-new, full-scale adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*. Continuing the celebration of the return to in-person theater, the season continues with *Personality: The Lloyd Price Musical*—the world's first stage production to celebrate the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend—helmed by acclaimed theater director Sheldon Epps (Broadway's *Play On!* and *Blues in the Night*).

Then, after the pandemic halted its initial run two years ago, Jeanne Sakata's *Hold These Truths* gets a second chance to shine a light on activist Gordon Hirabayashi (known for his resistance to



Personality: The Lloyd Price Musical

the Japanese American internment during World War II). Later this spring, Resident Director Steve H. Broadnax III (and director of *Thoughts of a Colored Man* on Broadway) teams up with Tony Award-winner Jason Michael Webb (*Choir Boy*) to honor the eponymous Civil Rights icon, with a local connection, in the world premiere of *Bayard Rustin Inside Ashland*.

Summer brings two delightful comedies to wrap up the season. First up is Paul Osborn's rarely produced play *The Vinegar Tree*, which reunites many of the team from the wildly popular 2018 production of *Morning's at Seven*. Later don't miss Bess Wohl's *Grand Horizons*, the hilarious family dramedy that garnered a 2020 Tony Award nomination for Best Play.

This season marks the end of an era and a new beginning for People's Light. After more than two decades as artistic leader, Abigail Adams is stepping down as Executive Artistic Director. But this is not goodbye! Adams steps into her new role as Senior Director of Special Projects & Executive Artistic Director Emerita. Zak Berkman, Producing Director since 2013, assumes leadership effective March 2022 as Producing Artistic Director—the artistic leader and chief executive of People's Light.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

People's Light strives to make visiting the theater as gratifying and memorable as always. Stop by the newly renovated on-site restaurant, The Fern & Fable, for a pre-theater meal.

Some other things may look a little different this year, as the theater follows local and national recommendations regarding Covid-19. Health and safety are first priorities in making all programmatic choices. Currently masks are required indoors for everyone who visits, regardless of vaccination status. All ticket holders must show proof of full vaccination or a recent negative PCR or antigen Covid test, along with a valid photo ID, for entry. Please visit the website for further details and updates.

Season 2021–22 is a year of healing and revitalization for People's Light, and the entire theater community is excited to launch into a new era with you. ♦



Abigail Adams



Zak Berkman



IF YOU GO

Where: People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern
When: 2021–22 Season runs through August 2022
More Info & Tickets: 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org

Discover A Debut!

PICK A BOOK BY A NEW WRITER

Shelley Laurence

IN MY WORLD, THE PUBLICATION OF A NEW BOOK is always cause for celebration. Even more exciting is discovering a new voice at the start of a writing career.

Luckily, there are dozens of authors making their debuts this season. Here's a curated list to help you find something new and exciting to read.

- Let's start local. Trenton, NJ native Ariel Delgado Dixon offers up *"Don't Say We Didn't Warn You,"* a chilling tale of two sisters trying to survive a traumatic upbringing. They're abandoned by their parents, sent to a desolate wilderness camp for troubled teens

and retreat into strange worlds, fueled by isolation. How will these horrific experiences shape the adults they become? Joy Williams, the author of *Harrow*, calls this one "eventful, complex ... relentless and spooky."

- If murder mysteries are your jam, try *"Catch Her When She Falls"* by Philadelphia's Allison Buccola. In this suspenseful story, a young woman questions everything she believes about the murder of her high school friend a decade ago. Her own boyfriend was convicted of the crime, but did he really do it? Was it a stranger in the woods? An obsessive former classmate? Or

“Travel to the American West, circa the 1880s, for a novel about a Chinese girl struggling for survival.”

the Internet's choice, the victim's younger brother who vanished after the murder? Liv Constantine, author of *The Last Mrs. Parrish*, says this is "a riveting game of cat and mouse with a startling conclusion."

- Moving beyond the local writing community, dive into the tale of a status-driven wedding planner struggling with her social ambitions, an absent mother and her Puerto Rican roots in *"Olga Dies Dreaming,"* by Xochitl Gonzalez. Olga and her brother are "royalty" in their Brooklyn neighborhood. But behind the public facade, things are not quite what they seem. When their politically militant mother blows back into their lives, Olga is forced to confront long-term family secrets. This is one of *Time Magazine's* most anticipated books of 2022.

- Travel to the American West, circa the 1880s, for a novel about a Chinese girl struggling for survival. In *"Four Treasures of the Sky"* by Jenny Tinghui Zhang, we meet Daiyu, who's snatched from her home and smuggled to America. This novel details the disturbing realities of the Chinese Exclusion Act and takes readers on a memorable adventure as Daiyu reinvents herself over and over in order to live. Ann Patchett, author of *The Dutch House*, gives this book a rave, calling it "engulfing, bighearted, and heartbreaking." (Available April 5th.)

- How about a love story with a twist? That certainly describes *"The Sign for Home"* by Blair Fell. Arlo Dilly is looking for love. But he happens to be a Jehovah's Witness who is deafblind and living under his uncle's thumb. He thought he met the right girl at boarding school years ago, but they were separated by a tragedy, and he thought all was lost. But was it? When Arlo discovers she may still be out there, he goes off on a life-changing journey to find her. (Available April 5th.)

- For nonfiction fans, there's *"Thin Places: A Natural History of Healing and Home"* by Kerri ni Dochartaigh. Part memoir, history and nature writing, the book shares how nature kept ni Dochartaigh sane growing up during "The Troubles" in Ireland. With one Catholic parent, the other Protestant, her family faced terrorist bombings, and it often seemed there was no safe place. The author's only haven was the natural world. She's grateful for it and asks us to be grateful as well. (Available April 12th.)

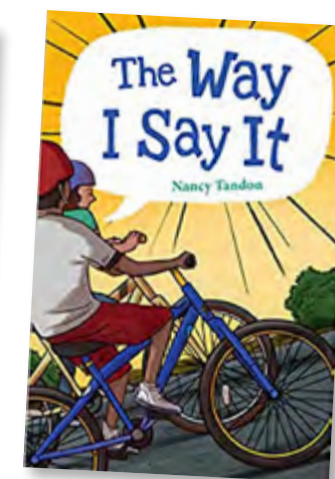
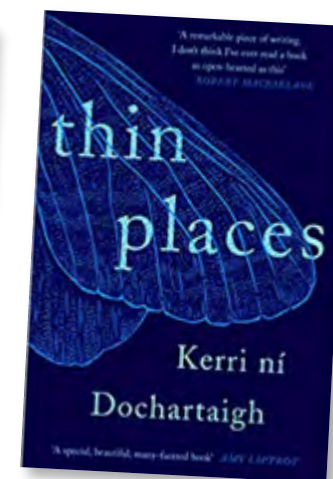
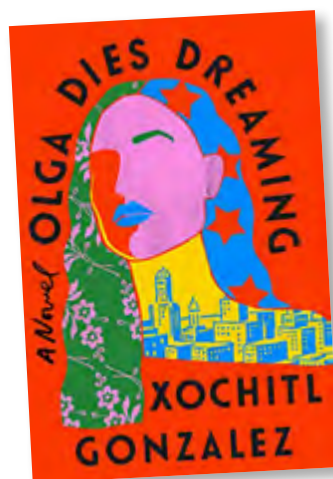
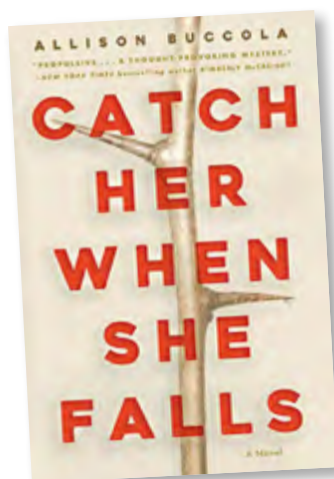
- And let's not forget the kids. Nancy Tandon's first book, *"The Way I Say It,"* introduces us to a middle-grader named Rory, who has a speech impediment. He can't say his "Rs"—which is a problem considering his name. Rory has always had his

best friend Brett to lean on, but he's been hanging with bullies and has even joined in the torment. Everything changes when Brett suffers a disabling brain injury and Rory must decide whether to stand by his old friend at school. *Kirkus Reviews* calls the book "a touching and respectful story about friendship, feelings and support."

- For young adult readers, there's Ebony LaDelle's *"Love Radio."* This witty teen novel is a cross between *Hitch* and *The Sun Is Also a Star*. At 17, Prince Jones has a segment on a Detroit radio station, dishing out advice to the love-lorn. When Prince falls for a girl who wants absolutely nothing to do with love, she gives him three dates to change her mind. Can he take his own advice? (Available May 31st.)

Most of these books are available now from your favorite independent bookseller. You can preorder the rest. So go ahead, discover a new voice today! ♦

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From the Guest Editors



IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE COVID STRUCK, AND WHILE WE ARE NOT back to a pre-pandemic normal, the world looks much different today than it did this time last year. Organizations continue to expand and deepen their technology expertise to stay in touch with audiences virtually. At the same time, many in-person gatherings and live performances are back. Let's make this the year of the revitalization of our arts, culture and historic preservation sector.

The arts are essential to the social and economic wellbeing of our community. Yet, the arts and culture sector has been particularly vulnerable throughout the pandemic. Restrictions on gatherings and changes in consumer behavior have taken a devastating toll on the art galleries, theaters and museums in our community. Now is the time to show up and support the arts, whether that means streaming online concerts, renewing your subscriptions, or once again attending in-person performances.

In this Datebook you'll find charity event listings and highlights from fundraising events. You'll also find nonprofit and donor profiles. We've selected a handful of the many arts, culture and historic preservation nonprofit charities that entertained and enriched our community this year to highlight.

After nearly two years of the pandemic, many live performances and concerts are starting back up again. Before now, arts, culture and historic preservation organizations creatively pivoted to reach their audience in new and exciting ways. The charities that pivoted most rapidly were those that had visionary, resilient leadership combined with strong support from their donors. We trust their stories will inspire you.

If you are looking to get involved in your community, please DO. We invite you to contact us to learn more about volunteer opportunities, committee service, board leadership, ways to donate and means to build a legacy to fulfill your charitable intentions. We have expertise in emerging community issues and connections to the local, regional and national charities best-positioned to meet Chester County's needs and aspirations.

We are here to connect you to the causes that matter. For good. Forever.

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Food for Thought Transforming our Region into a Better Place for All

THE VISION OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY Foundation is to be a philanthropic catalyst for positive change, strategically and intentionally engaging donors and partners to address the common good while transforming our region into a better place for all. This aligns with the core definition of philanthropy: active effort to promote human welfare.

Last year our Food for Thought program evolved into "Community Conversations" via Zoom, with the aim to guide Chester County towards a healthier, happier and more equitable future. At each Food for Thought session, we watched a TED Talk about a social justice topic and engaged nonprofits, philanthropic donors, local politicians and community members in a conversation on issues ranging from racism and disability rights to LGBTQ+ discrimination and more.

"Food for Thought provides a safe space to have difficult but much-needed conversations," notes Timmy Nelson, a retired Senior Vice President for UPS and an active community volunteer. "These programs help educate about systematic issues and encourage community members to adopt more inclusive values and viewpoints."

Community Conversations series started back up again in January 2022. Discussions will be taking place on Zoom at noon the third Tuesday of the month through June 2022. Visit ChesCoCF.org to register for free.

As we present you with this year's Charity Datebook focused on arts, culture and historic preservation organizations, please remember that the arts are a vehicle for positive change and social justice. Not only is art a source of entertainment and happiness, it can provoke, encourage and advance social change.

Art and music play a crucial role in mobilizing social movements. A significant number of Food for Thought attendees are from arts organizations in Chester County. They understand art gives people, especially young people, the ability to express themselves and challenge the world around them.

Never underestimate the transformative power of the arts, culture and historic preservation sector.



Photos from top: Food for Thought banner; Food for Thought Zoom; Timmy Nelson

Historic Sugartown

Offering a window into early 19th-century American life

Along Sugartown Road in Malvern stands the remarkably intact and lovingly restored 19th-century village of Sugartown. After the American Revolution, Sugartown's earliest residents established a school, a general store, local businesses and a meeting center, creating a vibrant community that provided goods and services to surrounding farms. The village served as a vital stop for weary travelers throughout the 1800s.

The restoration of Sugartown began in 1982 when Penelope "Penny" Wil-

son met John Nagy and said, "You live across from that crumbling, sad mess!" For years after that first meeting, Penny and the Nagys worked tirelessly to rescue the seemingly forgotten and forlorn village. Penny was motivated by a desire for others to discover and value Sugartown's authentic historic setting. Sadly Penny passed away in 2021, but her passion for Sugartown lives on.

Today Historic Sugartown offers a valuable window into early 19th-century American life. Visitors get to experience how people would have

come together to conduct business, exchange news and share their lives as a community. Historic Sugartown inspires new generations to connect with America's past through richly authentic historical experiences and the preservation of the village.

As Executive Director Heather Reiffer explains, "We strive to inspire the community to engage

with the past, participate in the village's present life and protect it for the future."

Two years into the pandemic and Historic Sugartown is back with in-person tours and visitation, in addition to virtual tours and workshops that will continue to be offered. Starting this year, Sugartown will celebrate a special milestone in preservation, as 2022 marks 40 years since Historic Sugartown was incorporated and September 2024 will mark 40 years since the village was named a National Historic Register District.

Learn more at HistoricSugartown.com.

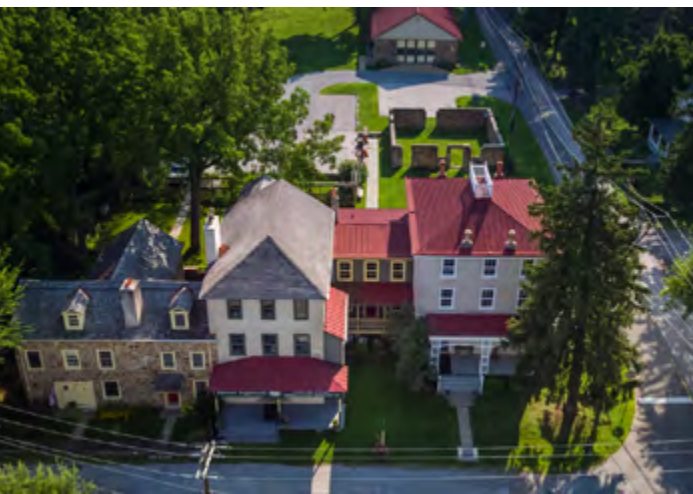


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Historic Yellow Springs

Stirring the imagination of those who visit



Over the last 300 years, Historic Yellow Springs has enriched our community through art, history, education and environmental preservation. This is a living village steeped in a distinguished history dating back to the 18th century. The goal of Historic Yellow Springs is to share, preserve and celebrate its unique living village, stirring the imagination of those who visit.

The original inhabitants of the land were the Lenape people. Since then,

the village has been the headquarters of a spa, the first military hospital in North America, the Chester Springs Soldiers' Orphan School, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School, and Good News Productions, the film studio responsible for the *The Blob*.

Historic Yellow Springs is home to the Chester Springs Studio, where art classes, exhibitions and workshops are available to the public. A variety of art events are held each year, including the Yellow Springs Art Show, the Historic Yellow Springs Members Art Show, and the Fine Arts & Craft Show.

In response to the pandemic, an outdoor community event, Art Around the Village, was added to the Yellow Springs Art Show.

Throughout the pandemic, Historic Yellow Springs connected with the community via virtual tours, classes and workshops. This expansion into virtual programming helped reach new audiences, with

attendees joining in from around the world—as far away as Australia! Using outdoor and virtual events demonstrates innovation and Historic Yellow Springs' commitment to providing the community with resources to educate about art and history.

When asked about its future, Executive Director Karen Walter says, "Historic Yellow Springs is a place like no other, and it has so much to offer to so many. We are happy to be coming out of the pandemic and looking forward to making 2022, our 300th year anniversary, a banner year."

Learn more at YellowSprings.org.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Ramon Townsend

Ramon Townsend has led workshops in Historic Sugartown's Book Bindery since 2015. Nearly 40 workshops are offered annually under Ramon's tutelage, including bookbinding, book restoration, book sewing and paper marbling. At the onset of the pandemic, Ramon adapted his workshops to a virtual format and quickly amassed students from 18 states. "Ever since I apprenticed at Colonial Williamsburg's Bindery, I've had a deep passion for the traditional handcraft of bookbinding. I couldn't be happier for the chance to share this passion with others at Historic Sugartown," says Ramon.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Bob and Nancy Holman

Longtime supporters Bob and Nancy Holman give countless hours of their time and talent maintaining the beautiful grounds and gardens at Historic Yellow Springs. The gardens are enjoyed by the many visitors, especially those who get married at the historic venue. Bob also has a familial connection to Historic Yellow Springs, as he is a descendant of Margaret Holman, who owned and operated the Yellow Springs Spa from 1821 to 1845.



Kennett Symphony

The musical landscape of a historic region renowned for the arts

Established in 1940, Kennett Symphony is the only professional orchestra in Chester County and provides the musical landscape of a historic region renowned for the arts. Its professional orchestral musicians come from Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Maryland and New Jersey. The Symphony performs for, engages with, and enriches more than 5,000 members of the community every season.

Kennett Symphony engages with audience members in unique and exciting ways—from community concerts to music-themed 5K races. The Symphony also has a strong commitment to supporting musical enrichment programs, including emerging artist instrumental

and composition competitions, children's choruses and instrument zoos.

As live performances were on hold at the onset of Covid, Kennett Symphony got creative off the stage by sharing music with the community. Musicians of the Symphony recorded videos at home to share on YouTube and Facebook, effectively launching the "Musicians from Home" series.

Music Director Michael Hall created engaging content with "Michael's Musings," a series of videos that presented the ABCs of the orchestral world.

Connecting with audience members on social media through informative lectures and pre-recorded performances provided much-needed entertainment and escape during the pandemic.

Now back on stage, Kennett Symphony returns to live performance with an expanded Masterworks series, Symphony Under The Stars summer concert at Longwood Gardens' Open Air The-



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atre, and a host of other events sure to appeal to varied musical tastes.

Looking into the future, Kennett Symphony is eager to expand its diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives with the help of the 2021 Catalyst Fund grant from the League of American Orchestras and the Chester County Community Foundation.

As Music Director Michael Hall says, "For all of us at Kennett Symphony, the pandemic has brought into sharp focus the importance and relevance of creating live music."

Learn more at KennettSymphony.org.



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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Timothy Vance Blair

Dr. Timothy Vance Blair is an accomplished musician, arts educator and scholar who is known as a philanthropic supporter of Chester County artistic and cultural anchors. He serves as a Kennett Symphony board member and helps build partnerships with leading community organizations in the Greater Philadelphia region. Dr. Blair is recognized as a top leader in education and the arts, and Kennett Symphony is thankful for the passion and knowledge he brings to the organization.

Oxford Arts Alliance

Fostering a sense of community



The mission of the Oxford Arts Alliance is simple: to encourage and facilitate presentations of art exhibitions, lectures, lessons and workshops to benefit the public and foster a sense of community. This arts group strives for a collaborative platform that allows artists of all ethnic origins, economic levels, ages and disabilities to flourish.

Located in the beautifully restored Simon Building, the Arts Alliance is a leader and advocate for arts and culture in the southern Chester County town of Oxford. As explained by Executive Director Anthony Derrico, "Through various programming, the Oxford Arts Alliance aims to increase

economic development, provide leadership and networking opportunities, and promote the arts."

The Arts Alliance puts on a number of art exhibitions throughout the year. The Emerging Artist Gallery gives young and inspiring artists a space to design an exhibition and share their work with the community. Young artists immerse themselves in a professional and artistic environment alongside the Main Gallery.

Other exhibitions include the Oxford Student Exhibition, Members Exhibition and National Juried Exhibition, along with works on display at the Artisan Gift Shop, which showcases handmade artisan goods ranging from woodwork and paintings to textiles and ceramics.

In partnership with the West Grove-Avon-dale Rotary, the Oxford Arts Alliance started

the Larry F. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide individual need-based scholarships to music students at the Oxford Arts Alliance Academy of Music. In memory of Larry, a beloved member of the West Grove-Avon-dale Rotary and a music student of the Arts Alliance, this scholarship passes the passion for music onto the next generation and ensures that no student will be denied access to a musical education.

Learn more at OxfordArt.org.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Dave Eldreth

In response to the pandemic, the Oxford Arts Alliance announced a town beautification project called "The Outdoor Gallery Project." Organized by board member Dave Eldreth, this project displays oversized high-resolution images of local art on participating buildings in Oxford. Unlike traditional murals, the artwork is easily interchangeable and can move around town. As Dave explains, "This project aims to bring attention to fine art in the local area and promote Oxford and the Oxford Arts Alliance as creative destinations for visitors." Dave is an artist himself, as are many supporters of the Oxford Arts Alliance, including artist Vicki Vinton and her husband Wilson King.



People's Light

Discover and celebrate our shared humanity

People's Light is known for its resident company of artists, eclectic mix of productions and innovative work with young people. Through theater programs that entertain, inspire and engage the community, People's Light aims to excite curiosity about the world around us.

"We invite diverse communities to discover and celebrate our shared sense of humanity," says Zak Berkman, Producing Artistic Director.

Creativity, artistry, curiosity, civic responsibility, inclusion, connection and stewardship are the core values of People's Light. These values arise

from a desire to foster opportunities for self-discovery, a sense of connection with others and lifelong learning.

People's Light has put renewed energy into its diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racist work. In spring 2021, Zonya Love was commissioned to create and perform *Spiritual Uprising*, an original piece that took on great personal urgency following the murder of George Floyd. People's Light partnered with Cheyney University, the Melton Center, the LGBT Equality Alliance of Chester County and others for an outdoor series that included a piece about the life and legacy of Bayard Rustin, Chester County's influential civil rights leader.

People's Light has big plans in 2022. *Personality: The Lloyd Price Musical* is the world's first musical to celebrate that Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend. *Hold These Truths* is inspired by the true story of Gordon Hirabayashi and his activism



The cast of "A Christmas Carol"

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surrounding WWII Japanese exclusion and internment.

Also planned for 2022, *Bayard Rustin Inside Ashland* is a world premiere play that soars with African American spirituals and offers a glimpse into a transformative moment for young Rustin—his 1944 prison sentence in Ashland, Kentucky that put his faith in non-violent resistance to the test. Interwoven with song and dance, outrageous humor and tour de force performances, these stories, along with two additional plays, embody the resilience and power of the human spirit.

Learn more at PeoplesLight.org.



Natalie Carter and André Ward in a production of "Dot"

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Anne Congdon LaRossa

Anne Congdon LaRossa firmly believes, "Places that evoke creative energy are crucial to the human heart and mind." Anne's late husband, George, created stunning spaces with Willard Rouse and the amazing team at Liberty Property Trust. "We were deeply pleased when People's Light approached us about its need for a new space for its production shops, rehearsal rooms, intimate stage and offices. The Congdon Center cemented my enduring commitment to People's Light. It's not just the building, though. It's the people whose lives People's Light impacts, propelling us forward as human beings."

Revival Production

Dedicated to the revitalization of Coatesville



Revival Productions is a performing arts company dedicated to serving the Coatesville area. "As the vision for starting our organization became clearer and the revitalization of our community in Coatesville began to take off, the word 'revival' finally felt like it had found its purpose," says Co-Founder Heather Grayberg. And so, Revival Productions was founded in 2017 and now provides exceptional, professional and affordable live entertainment of all genres for all ages.

Arts education is a core value of Revival Productions. Starting as simple summer programming, Revival Perform-

ing Arts Conservatory has grown into a year-round robust educational experience. Private lessons, group classes, workshops and camps are offered for both children and adults. Programs include preschool dance and music classes; ballet, tap and jazz classes for kids and teens; homeschool dance, theater and improv classes; and voice and piano lessons.

Another way Revival Productions gives back to the community is through See-A-Show, an educational program that allows students in grades K-12 to attend matinee performances free of charge.

Despite the pandemic, Revival Productions was able to begin operations at its new facility in July 2020. By creatively adapting with live streaming and new programs, like the Cohort Academy, Revival Productions has been able to persevere through these

difficult times and reach audiences in the thousands.

Revival Productions wrapped up the 2021 season with its annual *Talent Slam*, *Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*, and performances of *Handel's Messiah*, featuring a live orchestra and Revival's Coatesville Community Choir. In 2022, Revival Productions will be hosting five mainstage plays and musicals starting with *The SpongeBob Musical* in May. Additionally, live concerts, fundraisers and other exciting events will take place at the new mainstage location in downtown Coatesville.

Learn more at RevivalProductions.com.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

The Lentz Family

The Lentz Family got involved with Revival Productions by volunteering at their very first event in 2017 called "Carol for a Cause." Since then the family—Amy and Nathan, their sons Marshall and William, and Nathan's sister Tiffany—has donated their time, expertise and fiscal support to the organization. William and Marshall attended Revival's first summer camp in 2018 and Nathan and Tiffany joined Revival's Board of Directors in 2019 and 2021, respectively. Whether it's creating videos for fundraisers, building sets and designing costumes, offering professional advice and advocacy, or volunteering, the Lentz family has provided generous support to Revival Productions.



SALT Performing Arts

“Community” is paramount in community theater

SALT Performing Arts believes that “community” is paramount in community theater and strives to foster an all-inclusive atmosphere that promotes a positive, uplifting experience. The group is committed to providing live theater, educational workshops, dinner theater, summer camp programming, professional performance opportunities and community outreach to support people from all walks of life.

SALT has invited more than 10,000 performers on stage and inspired more than 5,000 children through their partner program, Stagelight. At their Playhouse for Preschoolers at the Mont-

gomery School, children participate in socialization, collaboration and opportunities for self-expression in a safe and nurturing environment, igniting a love of learning while building confidence through creativity and the arts. This focus on youth earned SALT the Daisy Award for the Best Education Children’s Performing Arts Programs in Chester County.

With the support of generous donors, SALT has been able to perform for homeless veterans, partner with Acting Antics to work with actors of All-Abilities, launch Anti-Bullying Assemblies at local elementary schools, and host free community nights.

SALT Performing Arts has been successful in pivoting during the pandemic to create meaningful experiences via live-streamed performances, outdoor events and drive-by concerts. To think outside the box during the pandemic, SALT even put performers inside a plexiglass box for a women-led performance of *Nonsense*.

This arts group returned to the stage with performances of *Elf*,



Frozen Jr. and The Best-Laid Plans for Romance, SALT’s first annual local playwright production performed at the West Chester black box theater location.

SALT has ambitious plans for 2022 with theatrical performances of *Seussical the Musical*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Evita*, *The Music Man*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella* and *White Christmas*.

“We could not have gotten through these past two years without our loyal following,” says SALT Founder, President and Artist Director Lauren McComas. “We are excited to continue providing entertainment and enrichment to the community after persevering through a monumental year.”

Learn more at SALTPA.com.

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center

A people-powered project



Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center promotes cultural, economic and civic life experiences in the heart of West Chester through live theater, music, dance and film. Uptown! Entertainment Alliance—a people-powered project founded in 2011 by Richard May, Linda Foster, Connie McEvoy and Tom McEvoy—operates the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center.

The Arts Center was a National Guard Armory before becoming the home of Uptown! and has played an

important role in West Chester’s history. In May 2012 the Armory was put up for sale and was purchased three years later by Uptown! Bravo Theatre, LLC. A one-year historic rehabilitation project began in May 2016 and the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center officially opened the following year.

The Arts Center has become a special gathering place in the community, reflect-

ing the diversity of the region. In addition to Broadway-style performances, Uptown! is known for award-winning arts education classes and workshops. The West Chester Studio for the Performing Arts at Uptown! is a community-wide acting and musical theater school that helps students with their acting skills and confidence—all while having fun!

With the help from a grant from the Chester County Community Foundation and a fundraiser that raised over \$500,000, Uptown! was able to purchase video equipment and live stream performances throughout the pandemic so audiences could be entertained at home.

The theater is now open to the public, with added safety precautions, but Uptown! plans to keep streaming performances in the future.

Learn more at UptownWestChester.org.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Warren Financial Services

Warren Financial Services has been a top SALT sponsor since its founding eight years ago. “We find truth in the idea that you can achieve your financial goals when you have a greater purpose in mind, going beyond just financial security,” explains Chief Investment Officer Randy Warren. One of the greater purposes for Warren Financial has been community outreach and other philanthropic pursuits.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

A. Roy Smith

Following his passion for historic preservation and the performing arts, A. Roy Smith of West Chester made a generous charitable gift in support of the main performance venue in the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, now named the A. Roy Smith Bravo Main Stage Theatre. When asked about the naming of the Main Stage, Roy says, “I have been extremely fortunate during my lifetime, and to be able to share it seems the right thing to do. To be recognized in this way for doing so is most gratifying.” With his generous gift, Roy also wants to recognize the National Guard Bravo Company, which operated out of the historic Armory from 1916 to 2014. Roy has served as a Board Member of Uptown! Entertainment Alliance since 2013 and is the current Treasurer.



West Chester Dance Works

Taking inspired dance where the people are

West Chester Dance Works has provided community members with access to the fullness of dance and its diversity of ideas, feelings and styles since 1983. The group aims to realize and explore the talents of its members by exposing them to the many benefits of dance. Members undergo physical, technical and artistic growth as they acquire performance experience, attend lectures and demonstrations, and engage in residencies for artistic, cultural and educational outreach.

At the core of West Chester Dance Works is a model of unity and opti-

mism that brings people together. A commitment is made through outreach programs and performances to display various forms of dance that enrich and expand the community. For instance, the Relevate Youth project aims to address barriers in youth development while affirming and building feelings of self-worth through interactive dance programs. West Chester Dance Works helps young people overcome obtrusive barriers to healthy and productive lifestyles.

Other programs include the Signature/Training Company, a semi-professional modern dance company;

DM Dance Machine, a dance team with members ages 13 through 18 that combines technical strengthening with team building; Junior Performers, a performance group for younger dancers ages 9 through 12; Anointed Dance and Anointed Too, spiritual performance groups for adults and youth; as well as annual Christmas productions.



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As Artistic Director Diane Matthews says, "We take inspired dance where the people are."

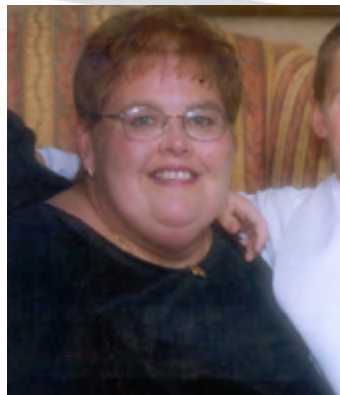
West Chester Dance Works adjusted to the pandemic by using technology to offer virtual classes when in-person dancing was not an option, hosting online events including a virtual Zumbathon, and producing two fully pre-recorded concerts that were released to the community electronically. While these new modes of connecting with audience members virtually have expanded its reach, West Chester Dance Works is very excited to be back to having live recitals and performances.

Learn more at WestChesterDanceWorks.org.



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Kathleen McBratnie Memorial Foundation

The Kathleen McBratnie Memorial Foundation is an avid supporter of West Chester Dance Works. The fund's honoree Kathleen (Kathy) was an early supporter of the dance group and her daughter Kristy was a student of the company's resident dancing school. The fund, organized under the Chester County Community Foundation, celebrates Kathy's memory by providing opportunities for young people in the West Chester community and beyond. West Chester Dance Works is honored to receive this support for its youth programming.

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Fun YAY! Fundraisers

Fundraisers are happening throughout the area this year. Here are a few of our favorites helping support charities in our region.



Brandywine Valley SPCA Walk for Paws
Megan Robinson, Lauren Nishikawa, Lisa Nishikawa, all volunteers with adoptable dogs



Thorncroft Equestrian Center 2021 Victory Gallop
Radnor Hunt Master Mike Tillson, Esther Gansky, James Dean and Radnor Hunt foxhounds



Maternal and Child Health Consortium
Celebrating Healthy Families 30th Anniversary Gala



Amigos of LCH Virtual Fundraiser
Sarel Fonseca, LCH Volunteer of the Year; Steven and Ann Hutton, recipients of the Alice K. Moorhead Community Impact Award; Michael and Nancy Pia, Presenting Sponsors



Sweet Jane's Wish Foundation Golf Outing, fundraiser providing scholarships and helping families affected by breast cancer



33rd Annual West Chester Charity Ball
Santa with CEO Jennifer Lopez and Board President Barbara Diorio



People's Light Gala Auction



AHHAH (Arts Holding Hands And Hearts) Fundraiser
Outdoor Garden Event at Dave and Jen Hall's estate



Chester County Color-Run, fundraiser to help prevent addiction



14th Annual Stanley's DREAM 5K, raising funds for college scholarships and brain cancer research



Crime Victim's Center of Chester County BBQ 911 People's Choice Winners – the Pennsylvania State Police

The Lincoln Room:



First Achievements

Malcolm Johnstone



First photograph of the Lincoln Building, taken 1958

IF THE FACE OF HELEN OF TROY LAUNCHED A thousand ships, then it may be said that the words of Joseph J. Lewis launched 15 thousand biographies of Abraham Lincoln.

The fleet of Lincoln biographies set sail, so to speak, when the first, written by Lewis, was published on February 11, 1860 in the lower level of the historic Lincoln Building, now home to the Chester County Community Foundation.

That former publishing space on the lower level, now called The Lincoln Room, is used as an interpretive site for events surrounding this first biography, a publication that is said to have helped launch Lincoln's presidential campaign.

Above: Painting of Abraham Lincoln by local artist Bill Ewing, 2020



Historic publication of the first Lincoln biography on the front page of *The Chester County Times*. February 11, 1860 edition

But that biography is not the only historic event connected to the 189-year-old structure. Here are a few other notable first-time accomplishments.

- In 1829, local entrepreneur William Everhart bought the land where the Lincoln Building is currently located and hired Philadelphia architect William Strickland to design a building there. Strickland's design was the tallest commercial structure in the downtown and had no residential component—both features were a first for West Chester.
- Although photography had been around since the early 1800s, the first known photograph of the Lincoln Building—then called the William Everhart Building—was not taken until 1958. The photographer, Ned Goode, was working to create a public archive of local structures that share important architectural features. Today the building looks almost exactly as it did in the past.
- On display in the Lincoln Room is the first known facsimile of the Lin-

coln biography on the front page of the February 11, 1860 edition of *The Chester County Times*. Abraham Lincoln's first biography shares space with an article about arctic exploration and a gossip column. Several hundred copies were printed but only two are now known to exist. One is safely stored at the Chester County History Center on North High Street in West Chester.

- The first preservation organization to recognize the impact of this biography was the Chester County History Center. In 1947, the History Center placed the first interpretive plaque on the façade of the Lincoln Building marking the historic event.

Today the Lincoln Room is the site of the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, an organization committed to elevating the arts, culture and historic preservation sector. Various Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia are on display to educate visitors about the past. ♦

Visitors are welcome at the Lincoln Building, 28 W. Market St., West Chester, during business hours.



First Lincoln biographer, Joseph J. Lewis



Architect William Strickland (1788–1854)

Datebook Calendar

This year things look a little different. Some events are still being held virtually, while many charities are planning to go forward with their events. Not all dates have yet been set (see events marked “TBD”). We encourage you to check websites often for updates and, as always, ask that you support these great local causes ... and have some fun along the way.

JANUARY

21st Annual A Taste of Phoenixville 2023

TBD

Creative cuisines, silent auction, live music, local wine and beer make this a great start to the year. Benefits Good Samaritan Services helping with homelessness. *Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. TasteOfPhoenixville.com.*

FEBRUARY

Habitat for Humanity—5th Annual Building A Thirst Fundraiser

THROUGH FEBRUARY, 2022

Get tickets for 12 free beers at 12 participating breweries throughout Chester County. Also

included is a coupon for \$10 off a Hops for Homes Beer Festival ticket. *HFHCC.org.*

Cheers for CHOP

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

An evening of live music, cocktails, dancing and an incredible silent auction. Benefits Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. *Live! Casino & Hotel Philadelphia, 900 Packer Ave., Philadelphia. CheersForChop.edu.*

MARCH

Notable Kitchen Tour & Chef's Tastings

THROUGH MARCH

Held virtually this year and featuring Tabletop Art via Facebook. Benefits The Philadelphia Orchestra. Donation requested. *NotableKitchens.com.*

Chester County Antiques and Arts Show

PREVIOUSLY IN MARCH

Check website for details. *ChesterCoHistorical.org.*

Alex's Lemonade Stand 16th Annual Lemon Ball

MARCH 4

Choose in-person or virtual for this grand event featuring cocktail reception, an auction, dining and dancing to a live band. *Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. AlexsLemonade.org.*

73rd Annual Chadds Ford Art Sale & Show

MARCH 18–19

Local and regional artists auction work in an array of mediums. Patrons may also bid on local services as well as artisans' crafts.

Benefits educational enrichment programs at Chadds Ford Elementary. *3 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 610-388-1112; CFES.UCFS.org.*

Chester County Community Foundation Food for Thought: Sweet Charity Edition

MARCH 21

Sample delicious desserts made by local chefs. Enjoy delectable food and great company, while supporting the Community Foundation's mission to grow legacy philanthropy in the region. *Whitford Country Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. ChesCoCF.org.*

Saint Agnes' Night at the Races

MARCH 26

The Kentucky Derby arrives in West Chester, with horse races, silent auctions, Bourbon/Whiskey tasting, food and fun for grown-ups. Benefits the school, fostering continued Generations of Excellence for the next 150 years. Join the fun in person or online. *Thomas Patrick Hall, 211 W. Gay St., West Chester. 610-696-1260; SASNAR.com.*

APRIL

Philadelphia Virtual Red Ball

APRIL 2

Guests enjoy passed hors d'oeuvres and fabulous food stations. Benefits the Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania, who respond to disasters and provide care and comfort to families. *Vie, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. RedCross.org.*

79th Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point

APRIL 3

Celebrate the first race of the season over a 318-acre property. Kids activities include lead line and stick pony races, the Radnor Hunt foxhound parade and great raffle prizes. Dogs on leashes welcome at this family-friendly event. Benefits Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. *Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. BrandywineRedClay.org.*

King of Prussia Restaurant Week

APRIL 4–10

King of Prussia's only restaurant week spotlights KOP's world-class dining scene while raising money for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Held the same week, during KOP Shops for CHOP, shoppers can save big while supporting CHOP at their favorite retailers. *KOPRestaurantWeek.com.*

Coaches vs. Cancer 18th Annual Basketball

APRIL 9

Business, health care and philanthropic leaders come together for a night to make a difference in the fight against cancer. This year's event honors Coach Herb Magee, NCAA Division II men's college basketball coach at Thomas Jefferson Univ. Benefits the American Cancer Society. *The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. PhiladelphiaBasketBallGala.org.*

In Person & Live Online Wine Tasting with Coach Dick Vermeil

APRIL 24

Join Hall of Fame football coach Dick Vermeil in-person at The Abbott's Barn or via Zoom for a virtual wine tasting event and lively dialogue to support The Barn at Spring Brook Farm. The Barn's mission is to enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-based experiences. *360 Locust Grove*

Rd., West Chester. 610-793-1037; Springbrook-Farm.org/Spring-Fundraiser.

"All That's Purple Affair" Celebrating Our Resilience

APRIL 23

Annual gala featuring entertainment and silent auction. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. *Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. DVCCCPA.org/Gala.*

49th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show

APRIL 23–MAY 15

The galleries in the Lincoln Building will be open for this year's hybrid event featuring over 200 artists from the Delaware Valley and beyond. Benefits the arts, education, preservation and environmental protection of Historic Yellow Springs. *1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. YellowSprings.org.*

Annual Celebrity Chef's Brunch

APRIL 24

The Celebrity Chefs Brunch is celebrating 25 years of bringing award-winning chefs to Delaware. Indulge in exquisite tastings prepared by world-renowned chefs,

as well as brunch cocktails, live entertainment and more. Benefits Meals on Wheels in Delaware. *DuPont Country Club, 1001 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. MealsOnWheelsDE.org.*

Delaware Marathon Running Festival

APRIL 24

Runners enjoy the best of Wilmington, from the majestic views along the Riverfront and through downtown. Benefits the Cardiac Center, Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont Hospital for Children. *Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Delaware-Marathon.org.*

Unite For HER At Home—Bloom Spring Fashion Show

APRIL 24

Join in for brunch at home and a spring celebration of life, fashion and community, featuring Unite for HER Wellness Program participants. Tickets benefit local women affected by breast and ovarian cancers. *UniteForHer.org.*

FORE Fresh Water Golf Invitational

APRIL 25

Annual golf invitational to support freshwater research, environmental

education and watershed restoration. Covid-19 protocols will be in place. Sponsorships, foursomes and single golfer packages are available. *Bidemann Golf Course, Greenville, DE. StroudCenter.org/Events.*

The Philadelphia Show

APRIL 28–MAY 1

The 60th Anniversary Edition at the Philadelphia Museum of Art features 40 outstanding exhibitors from all over the country specializing in fine art, Americana, antiques, folk art, ceramics, porcelain, silver, jewelry, textiles and decorative arts. Preview Apr. 28. Benefits the Museum. *2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., Phila. ThePhiladelphiaShow.com.*

People's Light Annual Auction

APRIL 29

This year's gala will honor Abigail Adams and highlight her indelible impact at People's Light for over 40 years. Toast Abbey's artistic contributions, leadership and tireless work on behalf of the theater. The gala will include cocktails, a silent auction, dinner and live entertainment. *The Farmhouse at People's Light, Conestoga Rd., Malvern. PLGala2022.givesmart.com.*



Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, September



Chester County Day, October



Malvern Bank Charity Polo, September

Home of the Sparrow Black & White Gala

APRIL 29

Dinner, silent and live auctions. Their mission is to partner with women facing homelessness to secure housing, achieve long-term stability and chart new paths. *Drexelbrook Catering, 4700 Drexelbrook Dr., Drexel Hill. HomeOfTheSparrow.org.*

Chester County Hospital Gala—Caribbean Night

APRIL 30

A fun-filled evening of delicious cuisine, cocktails and a steel drum band, followed by dancing in the Longwood Conservatory. Dance the night away while supporting Chester County Hospital. *1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. ChesterCountyHospital.org/Giving.*

Safe Harbor—Family Cornhole Fundraiser

APRIL 30

A day of fun for the whole family

with live music, a silent auction, prizes and catered food. Safe Harbor is a nonprofit charity with a mission to provide housing, food and access to support services for homeless single men and women. *20 N. Matlack St., West Chester. SafeHarborOfCC.org.*

Peter's Place 20th Anniversary Benefit & Auction

APRIL 30

Enjoy an elegant evening of cocktails, dinner and auctions to support the mission of Peter's Place, which provides safe and supportive environments for grieving children and families. *Merion Golf Club, 450 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. PetersPlaceOnline.org.*

MAY Brandywine River Museum of Art Antiques Show

TBD

Details coming soon. *Brandywine.org/events.*



Canine Partners for Life "Unleashed and Uncorked," May

Schuylkill River Greenways Paddling Film Festival

TBD

Enjoy an international film tour presenting the world's best paddling films of the year. The award-winning film festival is coming to the region this spring. Benefits Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area. *Riverfront Park, 140 College Dr., Pottstown. Schuylkillriver.org/Film-Festival.*

Blue Cross Broad St. Run

MAY 1

Line up for a 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Central High School Athletic Field in Philadelphia and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. *BroadStreetRun.com.*

Bournelyf Special Camp 2022 Hand to Hand 5K Run & 2K Walk

MAY 1–7, 5

The in-person race will begin and end at the corners of Church &

Gay St., West Chester, on May 5. Virtual Option: the entire week of May 1st to May 7th, run or walk 5K/2K on a course of your choosing and submit your time. *BSCWC.org to register or sponsor.*

21st Annual Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner

MAY 5

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.*

44th Annual Winterthur Point-to-Point

MAY 8

Enjoy a day of elite horse racing on the lush grounds of the Winterthur Estate. A signature Brandywine Valley event complete

with antique carriage parade and antique car exhibit. Enjoy tailgating, hospitality tents and shopping galore. Benefits Winterthur's programs. *5105 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Winterthur.org.*

Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Gala—Roaring Twenties

MAY 13

Details coming this spring. *PaoliAuxiliary.org.*

The 29th Running of Willowdale Steeplechase

MAY 14

The races will return to full spectator capacity with the exciting addition of a limited number of Private Party Paddocks. World-class steeplechase racing, pony races, Jack Russell terrier races, boutique shopping, tailgate, hat and best dressed competitions, food vendors and fun for kids. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Penn. Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center. *101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.*

FORE Health Golf Invitational for Chester County Hospital

MAY 16

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

The 91st Radnor Hunt Races

MAY 21

Racing for Open Space, raising funds and awareness for the Brandywine Conservancy's open space and clean water programs. Race day is also about steeplechase racing, fashion and tradition at this signature event. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. *Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorHuntRaces.org.*



The Philadelphia Flower Show, June

Canine Partners for Life Unleashed & Uncorked: Unleashing the Possibilities

MAY 26

CPL's largest fundraising event of the year. Meet CPL recipients and pups, indulge in wonderful food and music, meet graduates and their service dogs and enjoy exciting live and silent auctions and a variety of games. *Deerfield Golf Club, 507 Thompson Station Rd., Newark, DE. K94Life.org.*

The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

MAY 26–JUNE 5

See Olympic-caliber riders, the best local riders, junior classes and munchkins on the Lead Line or come for the fun outside the ring—like the Ladies Hat contest—at the country's oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show. Visit the Country Fair's midway attractions and boutiques. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. *23 Dorset Rd., Devon. DevonHorseShow.net.*

43rd Annual Therapeutic Riders Division of the Devon Horse Show

MAY 28–29

Over 175 riders of all abilities compete in equitation, dressage and trail classes at the Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. *Thorncroft.org*



Chester County Hospital Gala, April



Schuylkill River Greenways Paddling Film Festival, May

JUNE

Philadelphia Auto Show TBD

Cruise on over to one of the country's top auto shows—700 vehicles from 40 manufacturers at this elegant fundraiser. Feb. 7, Black Tie Tailgate, benefits the Dept. of Nursing at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. *PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. PhillyAutoShow.com.*

The Strawberry Festival JUNE 2–5

The Rotary Club of Coatesville hosts the Strawberry Festival, offering the same wonderful family entertainment, rides, kids activities, monster truck rides, crafts, Friday fireworks and more. Benefits the Coatesville community. *Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.*

Natural Lands Stardust! Celebration JUNE 3

Kick off summer with a celebration including garden strolling, roving supper and much merriment. The event benefits Natural Lands' mission to save open space, care for nature and connect people to the outdoors in eastern PA and southern NJ. *Stoneleigh: a natural garden, 1829 County Line Rd., Villanova. NatLands.org.*

Main Line Animal Rescue 11th Annual Tails & Trails 5k Run/2k Walk JUNE 4

The day will be filled with fun, food, music, drinks and pups. Run or walk at your own pace while still supporting the mission to save animal lives. Ready. Set. Rescue! *1149 Pike Springs Rd, Chester Springs. 267-990-1198; PSPCA.org.*

Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ JUNE 4

Two ticket levels this year: The Willistown Morning Barn Tour



Radnor Hunt Races, May

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and Barns & BBQ, both featuring the tour and access to barns and farms with Barns & BBQ attendees ending the evening with a cocktail hour, three-course meal, and live music at a secret barn location. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. *925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. WCTrust.org.*

CVIM's Annual Golf Classic JUNE 7

Join Community Volunteers in Medicine and its partners for a day of golf on a premier course along with breakfast, lunch, dinner, open bar, auction and giveaways, to support the region's largest free healthcare center in our community for families without health insurance. *Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern, PA. Learn more at CVIM.org.*

Alex's Lemonade Stand Great Chef's Event JUNE 11

Culinary superstars along with local stars from the best bars,



People's Light Annual Auction, April

wineries and craft breweries share their creations at this tasty annual fundraiser at the Navy Yard. *Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila. AlexsLemonade.org.*

Historical Society of the Phoenixville Area Strawberry Festival JUNE 11

A family affair with food, entertainment, kids games and fresh strawberries and ice cream highlight the event. Benefits the Historical Society. *204 Church St., Phoenixville. 610-935-7646; HSPA-PA.org.*

"Ring Into Spring" at Washington Memorial Chapel JUNE 11

Afternoon tea and lecture about the "Justice Bell," a legendary symbol of the Women's Suffragette Movement, a concert on the Chapel's world-renowned carillon and a guided tour of the architecturally significant chapel. Presented by the Main Line Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra. *2000 Valley Forge Park Rd., King of Prussia. PhilOrchVolunteers.org.*

Thorncroft's 37th Annual Victory Gallop JUNE 11

As Thorncroft's premier fundraising event, the Victory Gallop presents an unforgettable black-tie evening for the benefit of the Farm. The Victory Gallop welcomes guests for dinner, dancing and silent auction. Held at a private estate. *Thorncroft.org.*

The Philadelphia Flower Show JUNE 11–19

"In Full Bloom" will take place in South Philadelphia's Franklin Delano Roosevelt Park. Benefits the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. *1500 Pattison Ave. & S. Broad St., Philadelphia. \$20–\$45. 215-988-8800; TheFlowerShow.com.*

French Creek Iron Tour—Cycling for Open Space JUNE 12

Rides for all levels—from beginners to accomplished cyclists—with 11, 20, 32, 50, 62, 75 and 100 mile road course options. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. *IronTour.org.*

Schuylkill River Sojourn JUNE 17–24

Join an adventure of a lifetime with the annual guided paddling trip on the Schuylkill River. Paddlers choose what days and locations they want to join on the 7-day journey. Benefits Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area. Location varies. *Schuylkillriver.org/Sojourn.*

Habitat For Humanity Hops for Homes Beer Festival JUNE 18

This is the first Hops for Homes Beer Festival celebrating Chester County craft breweries. Join in a day of beer tastings from La Cibra, Suburban Brewing and more along with food trucks, backyard games and live music. *Exton Square Mall Parking Lot, Exton. Noon to 4. HFHCC.org/News/Building-A-Thirst.*

Challenge for Cancer Bike Tour JUNE 26

Cycling tours throughout scenic Chester County from 5 to 100 miles to benefit The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Penn Medicine Hospice in Chester Co. *CCCRide.com.*

Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund Brandywine Horse Shows JUNE 29–JULY 3, JULY 5–JULY 10

Offering two weeks of family-friendly equestrian competition



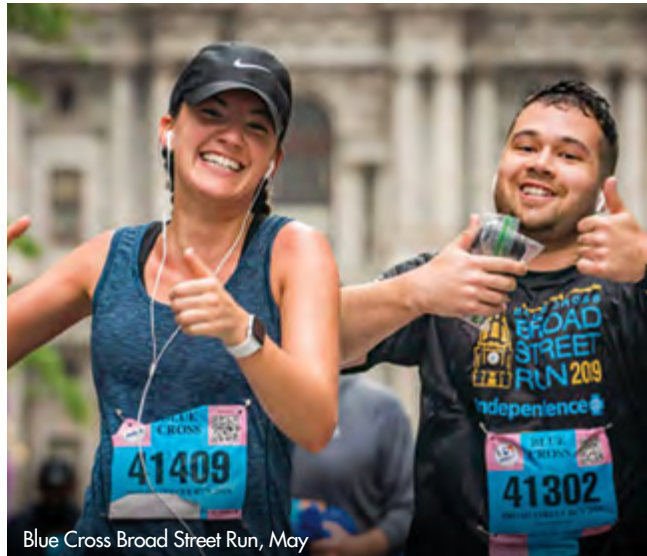
FORE Fresh Water Golf Invitational, April



Natural Lands Stardust Celebration, June



Chester County Hospital Shine in the Vines, September



Blue Cross Broad Street Run, May



Thorncroft Victory Gallop, June



Brandywine Horse Shows, June

at the Devon Show Grounds. This year the show benefits Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and Equus Survival Trust. *Rt. 30, Devon. BrandywineHorseShows.com.*

JULY

The Colonial Theatre Presents Blobfest

JULY 8–10

The award-winning 3-day event is the largest fundraiser for the theater, held in person this year. *227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.*

AUGUST

Delaware Burger Battle

TBD

Delaware's top chefs put their best burgers forward as guests sample the burger-licious options. Benefits Ministry of Caring's Emmanuel Dining Room. *Cauffiel House, 1016 Philadelphia Pk., Wilmington. DEBurgerBattle.com.*

Clean Water Paddle Push at Stroud Center

AUGUST 1–31

Grab your paddleboard, canoe, kayak, inner tube or waders and hit a body of water near you to celebrate water, the earth's most vital natural resource. Your support directly benefits the future of fresh water through Stroud Water Research Center's global research, environmental education and watershed restoration efforts. *At a body of water near you. StroudCenter.org/Events.*

SEPTEMBER

SHiNE in the VINES

TBD

Celebrating 24 years of supporting patients living with cancer. Benefits The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital. *PatientSHiNE.org.*

Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix

TBD

Step back in time to experience authentic early American sports

car racing featuring dozens of rare and unique historic cars and motorcycles dating from 1900 to 1970, competing in individually timed races. Benefits the Coatesville community. *Start and finish at 3rd Ave. & Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. CoatesvilleGrandPrix.com.*

20th Up On The Roof

TBD

Sip a martini and watch the sunset from the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage. West Chester Downtown Foundation and West Chester BID join forces for an evening under the stars with dinner, music, dancing and open bar. Benefits the beautification of West Chester. *14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. DowntownWestChester.com.*

Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

SEPTEMBER 9–11

Drive on over to this nationally recognized three-day event that includes a Friday Night Barbecue, Chester County Road Rally and Black Tie Gala. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center, specializing in therapeutic horseback riding. *Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorConcours.org.*

West Chester Summer Soirée

SEPTEMBER 10

Guests bring their own picnic dinner and cocktails to share a fun evening with family and friends dining and dancing under the stars. Live entertainment and lots of fun. Benefits local charities. Location announced closer to event. *WCSummerSoiree.org.*

Run for Thorncroft Equestrian Center

SEPTEMBER 1

Featuring at 5K and Move As You Please, 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk/Wheel or Ride. (5K is challenging for runners of all levels.) Post-race features live music, craft beer and food trucks. Benefits the Farm and

the care of horses. *190 Line Rd., Malvern. Thorncroft.org/5k-Run.*

Bucks County Designer House & Gardens

SEPTEMBER 18–OCTOBER 16

Moving to the fall this year. Check website later this summer for details. Benefits Doylestown Hospital and the Village Improvement Association. *BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.*

Main Line Animal Rescue 12th Annual Spring Golf Outing

SEPTEMBER 19

Golfers and animal lovers gather for raffles, prizes and an on-course lunch. *French Creek Golf Club, 4500 Conestoga Rd., Elverson. 267-990-1198; PSPCA.org.*

Ride for the River

SEPTEMBER 24

Celebrate the Schuylkill River Trail with bikes and bands. Join a scenic ride on the trail with 4-, 16- and 35-mile options. Then, enjoy free live music at the Can Jam Music Festival. Benefits Schuylkill River Greenways & Schuylkill River Trail. *Riverfront Park, 140 College Dr., Pottstown. SchuylkillRiver.org/Ride.*

Malvern Bank Charity Polo Event

SEPTEMBER 25

Join the Malvern Foundation Team for a gourmet lunch, open bar and exciting polo match and support a great cause—assisting those in need with tools that lead to independence and self-sufficiency. Meet the Foundation's 2022 grant recipients. *Brandywine Polo Club, in Toughkenamon. For more information: Patricia McLennan, PMcLennan@MyMalvernBank.com.*

OCTOBER

Laurel Hill Cemetery Gravediggers' Ball

TBD

Themed costumes and masks encouraged at this fun fundraiser.

Benefits Friends of Laurel Hill & West Laurel Hill Cemeteries, working to preserve and promote both sites. *The Penn Museum, 3260 South St., Philadelphia. GravediggersBall.org.*

The Water's Edge Gala

TBD

The Water's Edge gala brings together business leaders in the community, supporters of Stroud Water Research Center and experts in the world of fresh water. Stroud Center recognizes an individual or organization who has made invaluable contributions to the world of fresh water by awarding them the Stroud Award for Freshwater Excellence. *StroudCenter.org/Events.*

Chester County Day House Tour

OCTOBER 1

This Chester County tradition is always the first Saturday in October and is known as "The Day." Celebrate the history and architecture of Chester County on this long-running tour, taking you inside stunning homes and historic buildings. Benefits the Women's Auxiliary's Breast Health pledge to Chester County Hospital. *ChesterCountyDay.com.*

Crush Cancer Wine & Spirits Tour

OCTOBER 1–31

Crush cancer with a tour of local wineries, breweries, distilleries and dining establishments through Chester County during the month of October. *2CrushCancer.com.*

20th Annual People's Light Golf Classic

OCTOBER 3

Your tee time is reserved at the beautiful and historic Waynesborough Country Club. Benefits People's Light Arts Education programs. Visit *PeoplesLight.org.*



Yellow Springs Art Show, April



Rotary Club of West Chester Chili CookOff, October



Willowdale Steeplechase, May



Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point, April



Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ, June



Stroud Center Clean Water Paddle Push, August

In Person & Online Hoe Down Celebration

OCTOBER 8

Join your Chester County friends and neighbors for a party and silent auction like no other while honoring The Barn's founder, Mary Beth Drobish. Proceeds will support the Barn's mission to enrich the developmental skills and lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-based experiences. For tickets, call 610-793-1037 or visit Springbrook-Farm.org/hoedown.

Thorncroft Equestrian Center's 13th Annual "Bake"

OCTOBER 9

Support the riders and horses who make Thorncroft's mission possible. This event features live music, great food and multiple options to enjoy all the festivities. Choose between a seated table in our tent, carry-out dinner, or premium tailgating experience. More features include a performance by Thorncroft's equestrian drill team, The Mainstreamers. More information at Thorncroft.org.

Rotary Club of West Chester—Chili Cookoff

OCTOBER 9

Downtown West Chester gets spicy! Over 70 chili-cooking teams—businesses, nonprofits, hometown cooks—line the streets for this cookoff and compete for prizes in several categories. Sample as many as you can and vote for your favorite. Benefits local nonprofits. *Gay St., West Chester. WestChester-Chili-Cookoff.com.*

3rd Annual Wine Tasting with Coach Dick Vermeil

OCTOBER 15

All are cordially invited to join Coach Dick Vermeil for this private wine tasting in support of Bournlyf Special Camp as they

celebrate their 42nd year of service. Benefits the camp scholarship program and summer camp operations. BSCWC.org.

Safe Harbor's Annual "Goltoberfest"

OCTOBER 17

Golf + October equals "Goltoberfest" with German-themed food and drink, plus a silent auction, Hole-in-One Contest and entertainment. *Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern SafeHarborOfCC.org.*

Harvest-Unite for HER Chef and Wine Tasting

OCTOBER 27

Rustic chic tasting event featuring the region's best chefs, wines, brews and spirits, plus an auction and live music. Benefits local women affected by breast and ovarian cancer. *Phoenixville Foundry, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. UniteForHer.org/Harvest.*

44th Annual Radnor Run

OCTOBER 29 (ESTIMATE)

Lace up your shoes and join the 5-mile timed running race, 1-mile walk/fun run and a health fair after the run. Benefits the American Lung Association. *Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. Lung.org/RadnorRun.*

NOVEMBER

88th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

TBD

Timber racing, food and shopping highlight a day in the countryside at this long-running event. Benefits the Chester County Food Bank, Work to Ride and Upland Country Day School. *North of Rt. 926 & Newark Rd., Unionville. PaHuntCup.org.*

Scenes of the Schuylkill Art Show

NOVEMBER 2

Enjoy a night of art, awards and cocktails. During the 18th Annual

Scenes of the Schuylkill Art Show, several supporters of the river and trail will be recognized with an awards ceremony. The evening will also include a silent auction. Benefits Schuylkill River Greenways. *Montgomery County Community College West Campus North Hall Gallery, 16 W. High St., Pottstown. SchuylkillRiver.org/ArtShow.*

French & Pickering Creek Trust's Annual Auction Party

NOVEMBER 4

Enjoy live and silent auctions with exciting items on the block, plus delicious food. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. *Stonewall Golf Club, Bulltown Rd., Elverson. FrenchAndPickering.org.*

Main Line Animal Rescue 10th Annual Bark & Whine Gala

NOVEMBER 5

The most important fundraising event of the year and a night to celebrate the Rescue's mission. Support by purchasing a Bark in the Box, take part in the silent auction or make a donation. *2300 Arena, Philadelphia. 267-990-1198; PSPCA.org.*

59th Annual Delaware Antiques Show

NOVEMBER 10–13

See 60 distinguished dealers in art, antiques and design. Benefits

educational programming at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. *Chase Center on the Riverfront, 800 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Winterthur.org.*

Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce Charity Gala

NOVEMBER 19

A signature event including dinner, dancing and auction with great items for this season of giving. Benefits the Phoenixville Senior Center and Barnstone Art for Kids. *Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Rivercrest Dr., Phoenixville. Phoenixville-Chamber.org.*

DECEMBER

West Chester Charity Ball

TBD

Enjoy dinner, dancing and an auction. Benefits The Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, Outreach, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. *West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. FriendsAssoc.org.*

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Thorncroft Lobstah Bake, October



Coatesville International Grand Prix, September



French Creek Iron Tour, June

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Malvern Federal Charitable Foundation

Supporting our local communities



OUR 2021 GRANTEES

PENNSYLVANIA

- Community Volunteers in Medicine
- Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin Easttown
- Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children
- Maternal & Child Health Consortium
- New Beginnings Attainable Housing Fund
- North Star of Chester County
- Peter's Place

NEW JERSEY

- Homeless Solutions, Inc.
- Roots & Wings
- Vantage Health System

FLORIDA & GEORGIA

- Nonprofits First
- Quantum House
- Curing Kids Cancer



Founded in 2007, the Malvern Federal Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of Malvern Bank, has awarded \$878,000 in grants to dozens of nonprofits serving tens of thousands of individuals in its market areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida. The Foundation's purpose is to provide financial support and educational opportunities to organizations that support families in need with food, shelter, medical services, counseling, and other basic needs to assist them in their goal to become independent and self-sufficient.

Last September the Foundation held its inaugural Charity Polo Event at the Brandywine Polo Club in Toughkenamon, PA. Guests enjoyed a fabulous gourmet lunch and an exciting polo match. Anthony C. Weagley, Foundation president, distributed grants to thirteen nonprofit organizations. Representatives from each group shared information about their work and how they would use the funds.

In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation also provides local nonprofits with educational programs featuring experts in the field on topics such as fundraising, financial management, and other pertinent topics. Malvern Bank also offers a robust community development program that provides nonprofit organizations with financial products designed exclusively for them.

Save the Date for our 2022 Charity Polo Event – September 25th! Proceeds from the event will benefit future grant awards.

www.mymalvernbank.com/about/foundation.html.



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County Lines country has a rich tradition of arts and culture to be valued and supported. But we don't need to be artists ourselves to help preserve that tradition.

One of the best ways to support local art and artists is by volunteering our time. Here are local arts organizations looking for volunteers. Get involved and make a difference!

ARTS CENTERS & COMMUNITIES

Arts & Athletics Club: Promoting the arts and athletics in Chester County for people of all ages. Volunteer opportunities include event planning, scenery and seat setup, ticket sales and marketing distribution. *Coatesville. 484-947-9586; ArtsAndAthleticsClub.com*

Center for the Creative Arts: Providing high quality visual and performing arts opportunities, programs, events and exhibitions. Volunteer opportunities include administrative duties, facilities management, special events and a ten-week summer internship program for teens. *410 Upper Snuff Mill Row, Yorklyn, DE. 302-239-2434; CCArts.org*

Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center: Contributing to the quality of life for people of the greater West Chester community by providing educational, recreational, cultural and civic services. Volunteer opportunities include mentoring, garden and building upkeep, fundraising and event planning. *501 E. Miner St., West Chester. 610-692-9290; MeltonCenter.org*

Chester County Art Association: Educating, inspiring and connecting people through the arts. Volunteer opportunities include general administrative support, art library support, special event needs and summer camp assistance. *100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester. 610-696-5600; ChesterCountyArts.org*

Community Arts Center: Offering opportunities for all to create and enjoy the visual arts. Volunteer opportunities include assistance with exhibit openings, music and special events, outreach and the BeaDazzle gift shop. *414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org*

County Studio Tour: Providing artists an opportunity to showcase their studio with the public through professional events. Volunteer opportunities include assistance with artists' studios and catalog delivery. *80 Highspire Rd., Downingtown. 610-942-9629; CountyStudioTour.com*

Oxford Arts Alliance: Providing a collaborative platform to allow arts and culture to flourish in the community for all people. Volunteer opportunities include helping with special events and, for high schoolers, summer camp. *38 S. Third St., Oxford. 610-467-0301; OxfordArt.org*

Wayne Art Center: Enriching the community through the arts with education, exhibitions and outreach. Volunteer opportunities include exhibition installation and removal, classroom and kitchen assistance, tour docents and day-to-day assistance. *413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org*



Community Arts Center

MUSEUMS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Brandywine River Museum of Art: Offering a unique way to appreciate art and the environment. Volunteer opportunities include guiding tours, clerical and data entry tasks, special events and ornament making during the holidays. *1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org*

Delaware Art Museum: Connecting people to art through collections, exhibitions and programs. Volunteer opportunities include a 1–2 week program for teens to assist with summer art camps. *2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org*

Historic Sugartown: Offering a window into the American life in an early 19th-century rural crossroads village. Volunteer opportunities include guiding tours, caring for collections and buildings, and other volunteer projects. *273 Boot Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org*

Historic Yellow Springs: Sharing, preserving and celebrating the unique living village of Yellow Springs. Volunteer opportunities include guiding tours, helping with art exhibits and events, and internships for high school and college students. *1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org*

Wharton Esherick Museum: Celebrating and preserving the legacy of American artist Wharton Esherick. Volunteer opportunities include joining the museum docent team, assisting with museum collections, gardening and landscaping. *1520 Horseshoe Trail, Malvern. 610-644-5822; WhartonEsherickMuseum.org*

MUSIC & DANCE

Kennett Symphony: Producing quality symphonic music and offering educational programs. Contact to volunteer. *206 State St., Kennett Square. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org*

The Music School of Delaware: Offering standard-setting instructional programs for people of all ages and abilities. Contact to volunteer. *4101 Washington St., Wilmington. 302-762-1132; MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org*

VoxAmaDeus: Bringing the music of the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical Periods to life through performance and education. Vol-



Wayne Art Center

unteer opportunities include ushering and passing out programs at concerts. *P.O. Box 203, Gladwyne. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org*

West Chester Dance Works: Training dancers and providing them and the community with access to the art of dance. Volunteer opportunities include special event staffing, marketing and public relations, office help and seasonal projects. *315-9 Westtown Rd., West Chester. 610-692-3398; WestChesterDanceWorks.org*

THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS

ACT Players: Creating quality educational and cultural experiences in the theater and performing arts. Volunteer opportunities include front of house, backstage and behind-the-scenes assistance. *P.O. Box 173, New London. 717-475-4600; ACTPlayers.org*

Barley Sheaf Players: Promoting and encouraging the dramatic arts through year-round shows and activities. Volunteer opportunities include costuming, production and general housekeeping. *810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville. 610-363-7075; BarleySheaf.org*

The Brandywiners: Providing year-round entertainment throughout Delaware and the surrounding area with its chorale and annual theatrical performances. Volunteer opportunities include public relations and marketing, ticketing, setup and cleanup, and hospitality. *P.O. Box 248, Montchanin, DE. 302-478-3355; Brandywiners.org*

Colonial Theatre: Nurturing community by celebrating the power of film and the performing arts. Volunteer opportunities include ushering, taking tickets, assisting special events and office support. *227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com*



Delaware Theatre Company

unteer opportunities include production staff, set design and construction, costuming and front of house assistance. *P.O. Box 7283, Audubon. FirebirdTheatre.net*

Media Theatre: Providing a venue to entertain theater lovers, educate young people, celebrate inclusion and enhance the arts. Contact to volunteer. *104 E. State St., Media. MediaTheatre.org*

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greeting, scanning tickets and ushering. *39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org*

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SUMMER CAMP 2022

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Swim camp
August 8-12 & 15-19
Alumni Vacations
Poconos July 7-10
Cape Charles, VA August 13-20



5K Run - 2K Walk

The Bournelyf Special Camp 2022 Hand to Hand 5K run & 2K walk will take place in beautiful downtown West Chester on Thursday, May 5! The in-person race will begin & end at the corners of Church & Gay Street. Race time 6:30 p. m. Virtual Option: We will also have a virtual option running for the entire week of May 1st to May 7th. Run or walk 5K/2K on a course of your choosing and submit your time! Visit www.bscwc.org to register or sponsor, email rcourth@bscwc.org for more info.



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OUR GUIDE TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR KIDS ENERGIZED, ENGAGED AND HAPPY ALL SUMMER LONG



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June 13–August 26

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July 7–10
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August 13–20

Serving children ages 8–17, young adults ages 18–25 and adults/alumni campers ages 26 and up with mild to moderate intellectual and related special needs (mainly those with Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders and similar special needs). All first-year campers must attend an open house before being accepted. Register online at the website. Request info at Info@BSCWC.org.



CAMP GERONIMO

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm
360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester
610-793-1037; SpringBrook-Farm.org
June 20–24; June 27–July 1; July 18–22;
July 25–29; August 1–5; August 8–12

Camp Geronimo offers children ages 6–12 years with disabilities a unique day camp experience on a 17-acre West Chester farm. A 1:1 camper/counselor ratio ensures all children can participate safely and successfully. A registered nurse is on site each day to ensure each child's medical needs are met. Whether it's feeding a baby calf from a bottle, picking vegetables from the garden, or grooming one of the miniature horses, the camp guarantees a fun and memorable experience for all campers.

DELAWARE MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE CAMPS

4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington
302-658-9111; DELMNS.org
4–6 year olds:
June 6–17 (half day)
Completed K–3rd Grade:
June 20–August 12 (full day)
Completed 4th–5th Grade:
July 5–August 12 (full day)

The Delaware Museum of Nature & Science is opening just in time for camp! Explore nature, science and the new museum through engaging, hands-on activities and a variety of themes.



CENTREVILLE LAYTON SCHOOL

6201 Kennett Pk., Centreville
302-571-0230; CentrevilleLayton.org
June 27–July 29

Their Pre-K–8th grade program is designed to reinforce academics, with an optional afternoon program focused on recreational activities and nature exploration. The 9th–12th grade program offers one-on-one instruction with a program designed to broaden students' skills in any desired subject. Visit website for information.



GOGGLEWORKS SUMMER CAMPS

GoggleWorks Center for the Arts
201 Washington St., Reading
610-374-4600; GoggleWorks.org
June 20–August 19

Are you looking for new ways to help your kids, ages 6–17, create their best summer yet? Let them explore their curiosity and creativity with Goggleworks' weekly youth and teen art camps. Campers will learn various ways to make art, explore new and innovative techniques and build lasting friendships as they journey into the wonderful world of art.



UPLAND COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

420 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square
610-444-3035; UplandCDS.org/Camp-Upland-2021
Weekly camps, June 13–August 19

Upland is offering weekly camps for children 3–12 on their 23-acre campus this summer. Campers will experience the thrill of JP's Treehouse, the adventure of the Upland Woods and the excitement of building in the IDEA Center every day. Voted the Best Summer Camp in Chester County 2021 by the *Daily Local*, Upland pledges to offer a happy, healthy and educational camp experience committed to the learning and growth that occurs with play, collaboration and imagination. Camp Upland and BeeSchool Summer—What Summer Camp Should Be!





WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

West Chester University, Swope Music Building
610-436-2921; WCUPA.edu/SummerMusicCamps

Elementary School and Middle School: June 27-July 1

High School Summer Music Institute: July 11-16

Summer Jazz Camp: July 17-22

Elementary and Middle School camps offer a variety of ensemble experiences, culminating with a finale concert. Students at the WCU High School Summer Music Institute benefit from private lessons, large and small ensembles, music theory classes and concert performances. Summer Jazz Campers participate in jazz combos, rhythm section clinics and technology, recording and arranging classes. Students enjoy working with the outstanding faculty in state-of-the-art Wells School of Music facilities.



WILMINGTON FRIENDS SUMMER CAMP

101 School Rd., Wilmington

302-576-989; WilmingtonFriends.org

June 20-August 26

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Learning that Lasts a Lifetime

CHESTER COUNTY NIGHT SCHOOL HAS A NEW NAME!

Shannon Montgomery

HENRY FORD ONCE SAID, “ANYONE WHO STOPS learning is old, whether at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.” Fortunately, Chester County has had a fountain of youth for 66 years: Chester County Night School.

Now, co-directors Leslie Heisman and Jill Johnson, along with the Board of Directors, are proud to unveil the organization’s new name: Chester County Lifelong Learning (CCLL). The old name “just limited us and doesn’t convey what all our nonprofit offers the

local community,” Heisman explains. The new name better reflects their mission to provide lifelong learning to area residents—of all ages and levels of education.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The former Chester County Night School got its start in 1955 at the kitchen table of Bill Mitman, Sr. and his wife, Doris. The couple noticed local schools were all shuttered at night, and so they thought of a way to make good use of the classrooms. With the help of some friends, the Mitmans wrote the first course catalog for this new venture.

The night school initially offered just 15 classes, ranging from the practical (shorthand and typing) to the unusual (like lampshade making). It’s easy to see CCLL has the same spirit today as it did when it started, teaching useful skills as well as providing residents of Chester County and surrounding areas with unique opportunities to break out of their comfort zone.

COURSES FOR ALL INTERESTS

Today CCLL’s catalog is mailed to 175,000 local households and includes over 250 classes for each of its two semesters a year. Classes are offered in-person and remotely, at night as well as during the day and on weekends. The program has also expanded its territory, hosting classes not just in schools, but also in other community hubs such as libraries and churches.

The upcoming semester begins April 4, with plenty of exciting courses—from the ever-popular Art of Beekeeping and Backyard Chicken Egg Production to artisan crafts such as Blacksmithing for Beginners, Glassblowing Drinkware and Woodturning: An Introduction to the Lathe.

For the foodies out there, enjoy cooking classes, including Cheesemaking and Ricotta Tasting at Day Spring Farm, where you can learn to make ricotta while tasting local cheeses, including some from the onsite sheep farm.

There are a variety of useful courses as well. From financial literacy classes—Medicare 101 and What is Your Social Security Strategy?—to technology classes—Creating WordPress Websites and

Accounting with QuickBooks—there’s something new to learn for everyone.

Learning happens beyond the classroom, as CCLL offers excursions throughout the year. This month they’re hosting a trip to New York City to see *TINA: The Tina Turner Musical*. Plus, this summer they’re kickstarting a new Amazing Adventures Camp, a four-day experience in July for kids, 11 to 14. Led by Heisman and retired teachers, campers will go to a Phillies game, visit Ellis Island, go on a scavenger hunt at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia, and explore the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

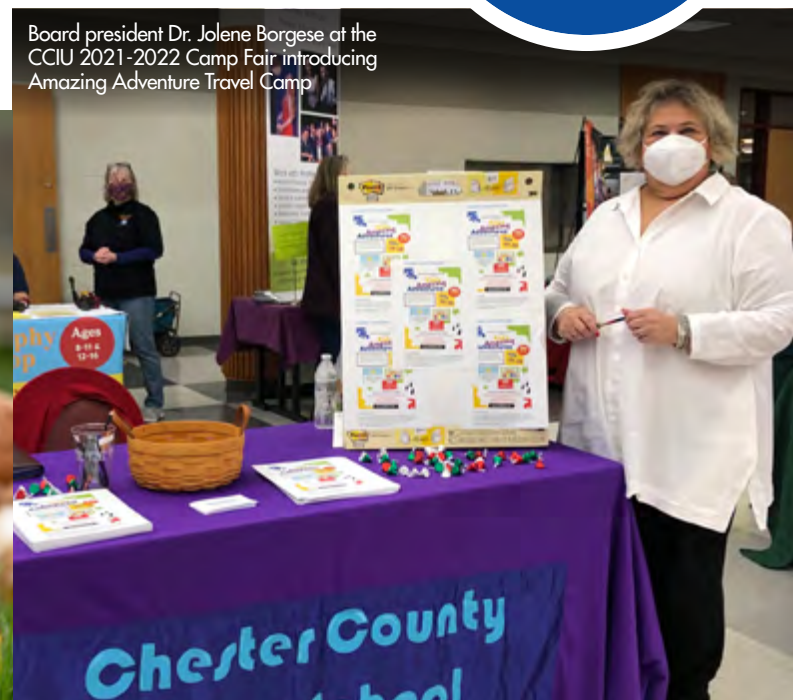
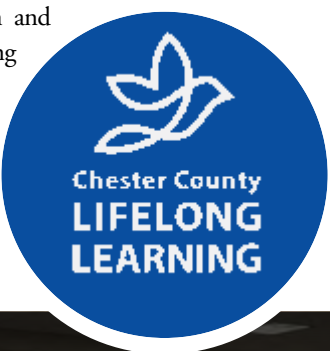
What makes CCLL so special, Heisman says, are the instructors—an “amazing group” of retired and semi-retired teachers who are “well versed in what they teach.” Instructors are beloved by students, who sign up for their favorite teacher’s classes again and again.

Take for example Bobbi Caley, who teaches a three-level American Sign Language course. Deaf herself, Caley’s classroom is silent, and students learn ASL without speaking. Students adore her and come back to enroll in all three levels of her class.

CCLL is independently funded (no government funds), relying solely on student fees and fundraising. This spring, CCLL is holding their major fundraiser, Bloom!, on May 12 at Greystone Hall in West Chester, where guests can dance to live music, sample local food and drink, bid in silent auctions, and meet some of the fantastic instructors. Tickets will be available on the CCLL website.

For 66 years, Chester County Lifelong Learning has helped area residents continue to learn and grow. Take a chance and try something new with CCLL—we hear there’s still a space open in Backyard Chickens. ♦

Chester County Lifelong Learning provides educational opportunities for area residents of all backgrounds and stages of life. Spring semester starts on April 4, and registration is available online or by mail. CCLLifeLearn.org.



Board president Dr. Jolene Borgese at the CCIU 2021-2022 Camp Fair introducing Amazing Adventure Travel Camp

Raise a Glass!

THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO MARK A SPECIAL EVENT THAN WITH A GLASS OF BUBBLY.

Jessica Roberts

RAISE A GLASS FOR A TOAST AT your favorite fundraiser, arts event, charitable get-together and other gatherings. What better way to celebrate than with a glass of festive bubbles?

Yet with so many options to choose from, it may seem a bit intimidating to find the perfect bottle for that special occasion. Here's a little guidance to help you choose something truly memorable to fit the moment and your taste.

CHOOSE CHAMPAGNE

Of course, Champagne is the main player in the world of sparkling wine. What really sets it apart from the rest is the quality and care put into making each bottle.

The traditional method for making this bubbly—*Méthode Champenoise*—is the comprehensive technique in which the magic is done entirely in the bottle—the fermentation, aging, riddling and disgorging.

All Champagne—which technically must be produced in the Champagne region of France—is required to age for a minimum of 15 months before it's released, and it must be made with either chardonnay, pinot noir or pinot meunier grapes.

The result is a phenomenal blend of yeasty flavor and soft aroma, creating the perfect bottle of bubbles that has set a high standard for centuries.

For an entry-level Champagne, try **G. H. Mumm Grand Cordon Champagne**, at \$45. With almost 150 years under their

belt, this Reims-based company has perfected the art of quality for a fair price.

If you're ready to up your game, choose a bottle of **Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Champagne** or **Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Réserve**, both non-vintage and priced at \$70 and \$65, respectively. These labels are ranked highly and will give you all the elegance of a true Champagne to toast the occasion.

CAN'T GO WRONG WITH CAVA

While traditional Champagne may hold the top spot in the eyes of many, modern sippers have discovered the charms of one of its biggest rivals—cava. This sparkler hails from Spain's Penedes region, south of Barcelona, and is an excellent and cost-effective alternative to classic French Champagne.

The native macabeu grape is primarily used to make cava, but you may also see xarel-lo and paralleda blended in, as well as the occasional addition of chardonnay and pinot noir grapes.

What makes cava an admirable substitute bubbly is that producers use the traditional Champagne method to make these wines. The aging requirements, grapes used and a few other rules are less strict for cava, but a similar style is nevertheless the end product.

A personal favorite is the **Segura Viudas Cava Brut Reserva Heredad Non Vintage** (\$30). Not only is the bottle absolutely stunning, the bubbles themselves are some of the best from Spain. For a lovely every-

day sparkler, try **Freixenet Cordon Negro Cava Brut** (\$16). This is one of the most popular labels in the world, and the proof is in the bottle.

PREFER PROSECCO

Any discussion of bubbles must, of course, include prosecco. This has been the latest and greatest trend in sparkling wines in the last few years. The world cannot get enough of prosecco, in part because of its wonderful affordability and quality.

The production method—the Charmat Method, aka the Tank Method—is easy, simple and cost effective. It's done as it sounds—everything happens in a tank rather than in the bottle.

Straight from Veneto, Italy, this sparkling wine has a lighter, fruitier style, which makes it very approachable and appealing.

La Marca Prosecco and **Mionetto Prestige Collection Prosecco Treviso Brut** (both priced at \$17) have been very popular bottles. But there are many other affordable options.

Try, for example, **I Castelli Prosecco** (\$10) and **Bianca Vigna Prosecco Brut Non Vintage** (\$15). I Castelli is famous for growing their grapes at the site of Romeo and Juliet's love story, making it truly a romance in a glass! Bianca Vigna along with Mionetto make brut styled sparklers, which are uncommon for prosecco but give that extra touch of dryness that many seek.

And try the new, new thing—rosé-style prosecco. Other sparklers were already on the rosé bandwagon. Pink prosecco should be welcomed aboard.

BRUT, EXTRA BRUT OR ...

Once you've chosen your sparkler for the occasion, the next question is how sweet or dry. Time to learn about brut, extra dry and other labeling that refers to the sweetness level in the wine.

In order from driest to sweetest sip, the most common indicators are: natural, extra brut, brut, extra dry, demi-sec and doux.

In most traditional Champagne-style bubbles, you'll find brut far more often, while in most tank-method sparklers,

there are more extra dry styles. This is why many people refer to prosecco as sweet compared to Champagne. Technically, while some styles are sweeter, don't expect a great deal of sugar in your wine unless you're drinking an asti or moscato.

On the opposite end of the scale, if your taste is for a bone-dry sparkler, look for a natural or extra brut notation on the label.

Most sparkling wines come in a range of sweetness options, but if you have questions, consult your local wine specialist.

A SIZE FOR EVERY EVENT

For a big celebration, one or two bottles may not be enough. Or maybe you prefer to try just a glass or two. Regardless of your preference, a standard 750 mL bottle—serving about 6 glasses, or 7 for a toast—might not be the best option.

Luckily bubbly comes in a variety of sizes to match every occasion. Many shops carry small bottles—as small as 187 mL (two small, one large glass) or four-packs of 250 mL, for smaller moments. When more is needed, the sizes go up to large format bottles such as 1.5 L (magnum), 3 L (jeroboam), 4.5L (rehoboam), 6L (methusalem) to the super-sized 9L (salmanazar), which equals 12 standard bottles!

Choose whether to have a number of individual bottles for an event or a few larger bottles for personal parties. There's truly a bottle for every occasion!

As always, for recommendations, head to your local wine and spirits shop to learn more about sparkling wine and to find out which bottle is the one for you. ♦

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

'Good Vibes' Coming. "Iron Chef's" Jose Garces is opening **Buena Onda**, a fast-casual taqueria bringing good food and good vibes (aka *buena onda*) to the Main Line this spring. Known for restaurants like Amada and Distrito, Garces is opening another location of this popular Philly-based chain. The menu features Baja-inspired dishes ranging from shrimp and chorizo, pork al pastor and fresh fish tacos to house-made tortilla chips and smooth guacamole complemented with frozen classic margaritas. 200 Radnor-Chester Rd., Radnor. BuenaOndaTacos.com.



Happy Hours. Two new breweries have hit the block: **Will's and Bill's Brewery** and **322 Taproom**. Berwyn's Will's and Bill's serves comfort pub food and drinks, including juicy steak burgers and hand-crafted beers. And Honeybrook's 322 Taproom relocated five miles from their previous location, expanding from a one-barrel brewhouse to ten. So, down a beer with some cheesy nachos or pub-styled egg rolls. *Will's and Bill's Brewery*, 324 Swedesford Rd., Berwyn, Wills-Bills.com. *322 Taproom*, 3041 Horseshoe Pk., Honeybrook, SuburbanBrewingCo.com.



Farmhouse Fare. Planning a pre-theater dinner or craving comfort food? Try the onsite restaurant at People's Light in Malvern, recently transformed from The Farmhouse to **The Fern & Fable**. Savor craft cocktails like their Farmhouse Lemonade and starters like baked mac and cheese, and for dessert satisfy your sweet tooth with a slice of vanilla cheesecake or a gooey cast iron cookie. Plus, on Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m., pair your meal with live music. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. FarmhousePeoplesLight.com.

Head Down. Need a break—and a drink? Stove & Tap in West Chester opened its own underground bar called **Good Bad & Ugly**. A modern spin on Western saloons (check the Warhol-esque mural), this place exudes a fun, laidback energy with a pool table and bar food. Order a batch of crispy chicken wings or a side of tap fries to wash down with a beer—they have 22 to choose from. 158 W. Gay St., West Chester. GoodBadUglyWC.com.



Primo Pasta. Local restaurants **Dolce Zola** and **Antica** ranked in the Top 10 Pasta Places according to Best Things Pennsylvania—along with Philly's Vetri Cucina! Head to West Chester's Dolce Zola for authentic, organic dishes prepped from scratch. Enjoy pastas like Carbonara or Ragu Bolognese. Chadds Ford's Antica features house specialties like Lobster Tagliolini and Sweet Pea Ravioli. All perfect with a fine chianti. *Dolce Zola*, 134 E. Gay St., West Chester. DolceZola.com; *Antica*, 1623 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford, AnticaPA.com.



Bringing Home the Salmon

A HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM MAKES WILD ALASKAN SEAFOOD AVAILABLE TO LOCAL PA KITCHENS.

Alyssa Thayer

ONE MIGHT NOT EXPECT SOMEONE BORN AND raised in land-locked Pennsylvania to become a commercial Alaskan fisherman, but life is full of surprises.

For Steve Kurian, who owns **Wild For Salmon** of Bloomsburg with wife Jenn, seafood hadn't been the original plan. He graduated from Penn State University in 2001 with a degree in forestry and soon after headed to Idaho for a job. While there, his landlord invited him to Alaska for the summer to try his hand at commercial fishing.

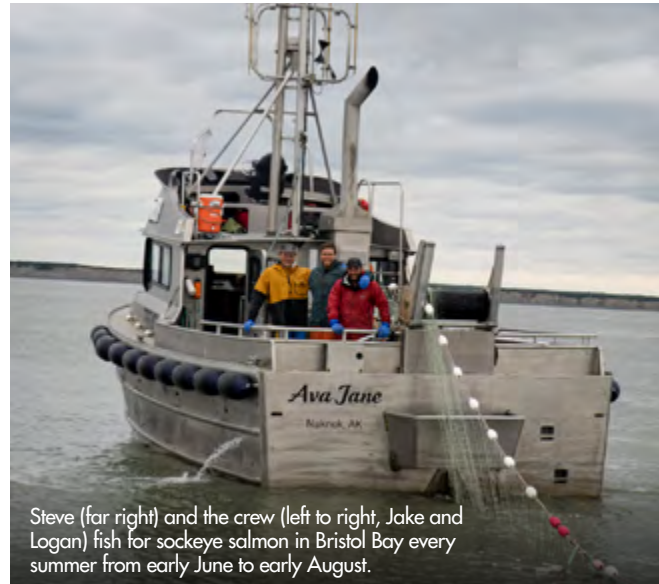
Steve and his girlfriend (now wife) Jenn spent a life-changing summer out on the water. When he was offered the chance to run his own boat the following year, Steve jumped at the opportunity.

In the off-season, the couple traveled back to Pennsylvania. "We filleted a bunch of fish and brought them back for family and friends," Steve remembers. The second season, they returned with an even bigger catch, and a friend suggested they sell at his farmers market. When their entire cooler sold in a few hours, they knew they were on to something.

to something.

In 2003 Steve and Jenn officially launched their business and settled into a new chapter, fishing summers and selling their frozen catch wholesale and direct to customers the rest of the year. They always make a point to sell out of that year's catch before returning to Alaska. "Our rule is 'no old fish,'" says Steve.

Being fisherman-owned allows them to keep their supply chain short and quality unmatched. "When you are the fisherman, you're handling the product and seeing through the whole process and delivering it to the end user," says Steve.



Steve (far right) and the crew (left to right, Jake and Logan) fish for sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay every summer from early June to early August.

Steve grew up helping his father in their backyard custom butcher shop operation. Through this, he developed strong processing skills and an appreciation for the product they were handling.

As fishermen, the couple are also directly invested in the sustainability of their livelihood. They fish in Alaska's Bristol Bay, a pristine waterway controlled not by big business, but by biologists, who monitor the overall ecosystem.

While "fresh" sounds better than "frozen," Steve explains that unless you're catching and filleting your own fish, their fast freezing process preserves the product at its peak. From the time the fish is caught to the time it's processed and frozen is only 24–36 hours. Fish transported fresh over long distances lose freshness along the way, so by the time it gets to a grocery store, it's no longer as smooth and moist.

Over time, the couple have grown their fleet and their offerings. In addition to their signature sockeye, they have smoked salmon, salmon spread and salmon burgers. They also sell other Alaskan seafood sourced from small, sustainable partner operations. Wild For Salmon is available locally at Kimberton Whole Foods



Owners Steve and Jenn Kurian with their children in Bristol Bay, AK summer of 2019

Salmon Wellington

Wellingtons are a well established dish, but rarely are they filled with anything other than red meat. While cooking salmon en croute sounds intimidating (how do we know when it's done) Wild for Salmon's Chef Josh assures us that if we follow the recipe, it will work out just fine!

- 3 T. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, divided
- ½ medium red onion, chopped
- 5 oz. spinach
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. pepper
- 2 T. fresh basil, chopped
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ C. shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 sheet puff pastry, thawed to room temperature
- 1, 1.5 lb. Wild Alaska Sockeye Salmon fillet, thawed completely and skin removed
- 1 egg, beaten



Preheat oven to 425°. In a pan over medium heat, add 1 T. olive oil. Add 1 clove minced garlic and onions and cook until translucent. Add spinach, 1 teaspoon each of salt and pepper and cook until spinach is wilted. Set aside.

In a food processor, blend together the fresh basil, 1 clove garlic and remaining olive oil. Then blend in the cream cheese and Parmesan cheese until mixture is evenly combined.

On a cutting board, smooth out the sheet of puff pastry. Place several spoonfuls of the spinach mixture in the middle of the puff pastry sheet. Take the salmon portion and place on top of the bed of spinach. Salt and pepper the top of the salmon, then cover the top of the fillet with cream cheese mixture.

Fold the edges of the puff pastry over the salmon and spinach, starting with the longer sides and then the shorter ends. Trim any excess pastry from the ends, then fold the ends on top. Flip the puff pastry-wrapped salmon over and transfer to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Brush the beaten egg on the top and sides of the pastry. Score the top of the pastry with a knife, cutting shallow diagonal lines to create a crosshatch pattern. Brush the top again with the egg wash. Bake for 20–25 minutes, until pastry is golden brown. After cook-

Back to Basics

"I understand wild salmon can't feed the world, but if you have the option to choose it, do," says Steve.

Before we experiment with new flavors and techniques, here are a few key tips from the Wild for Salmon team:

Thawing: To maintain top flavor and texture of frozen fish, it's best to thaw it overnight in the refrigerator. Place the package on a plate and allow 8 to 10 hours (larger fillets take longer) for it to thaw.

Resting: Just like other meats, it's best to pull the salmon off the heat just before it reaches temperature and let it rest for 10 minutes. This helps avoid overcooking and allows the juices to be reabsorbed.

Superb Skin: Salmon skin is packed full of omega-3s and is delicious when cooked until crisp! Avoid letting it get soggy by placing it on a plate to rest, skin side up, before serving.

Repeat Heat: It's tricky to reheat salmon without drying it out completely. Steve says the key is to not overcook it the first time around, and use a pan or oven to just warm it through over low heat the second time around. "Just warm enough to enjoy, but not so it cooks more," he says.

Sautéing:

1. Thaw sockeye salmon portions and pat dry.
2. At medium-high or high heat, preheat your skillet.
3. Season the portions evenly with salt, pepper, spices and herbs.
4. Lightly oil the skillet, then place the salmon portions into the skillet, skin side down. Cook for 5 minutes or until albumin (white stuff) begins to show.
5. Flip and cook for an additional 2 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 145°.

Baking:

Rinse and pat fillets dry.

1. Spread a thin coat of oil over salmon or seafood portion.
2. Coat bottom of oven-safe pan with oil.
3. Sprinkle seasonings over fish.
4. Bake in 375° oven for 10 to 12 minutes per inch of thickness or until fish just begins to flake at the edges.

ing-transfer onto a butcher block and allow to rest. When cool, slice into portions.

Serves 2–4.

Nova Lox Salmon Quiche

This quiche does not disappoint! The savory smokiness of the salmon, the veggies and tender crust all come together into satisfying savory bites. Don't have lox available? Use leftover flaked or smoked salmon.

For the Crust:

- 1 C. flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- ⅓ C. butter or lard
- 3–5 T. ice water

For the Filling:

- ½ T. oil or butter
- ¼ C. onion, diced
- ¼ C. mushrooms, sliced
- 2 scallions, diced
- ¼ C. cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- ¼ lb. wild Salmon Nova Lox, thawed and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 7 eggs
- ½ C. fresh arugula or spinach, torn or chopped
- ¼ C. cheese of your choice
- ⅓ C. half n half
- ¼ tsp. salt



Mix flour and salt in a medium bowl, cut in lard or butter using a pastry cutter or fork. Continue cutting until coarse crumbs the size of peas form. Sprinkle with water, 1 tablespoon at a time, tossing with fork until mixture is moist.

Gather dough into a ball and flatten on lightly floured surface. Dust rolling pin and roll out dough into a rectangle approximately 1 inch wider than your pan.

Place dough in lightly greased pan.

Cut ½-inch slits in about 6 spots throughout the dough. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350°.

Heat oil/butter over medium heat. Sauté onions, mushrooms and scallions in oil and salt for about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and salmon. Sauté an additional 3–4 minutes.

Whisk eggs in large bowl, then add greens, cheese and sautéed mixture.

Slowly add half and half until just combined.

Pour mixture over crust. Even out veggies and salmon as needed. Bake for 40 minutes or until egg mixture is cooked through.

Allow to cool slightly before slicing and serving.

Makes one 9-inch quiche. Serves 6–8.

Dispelling the Fishiness

Between sustainability ratings, wild vs. farm-raised, mercury levels, fresh/frozen and more, these things can all lead to fish-counter anxiety. Here's a list of FAQs and tips to help us make the very best seafood selections.

Good Lookin' – If you're purchasing fish at a fish counter, here's what to look for ... It should look smooth, moist and all together. Once it becomes dried out, it starts to separate.

Catch Color – Farm-raised salmon can be fed various ingredients that develop their color, but for wild varieties, Steve says the more vibrant the color, the better the fish has been handled.

Go Wild – Farm-raised vs. wild: quality of protein out of wild is far superior (farm-raised are fed grain and ground up fish). Steve says people often get confused when they see "Atlantic Salmon" — despite the name, it's all farm-raised.

Eat Clean – Sockeye feed on plankton and other small organisms at the bottom of the food chain. That combined with their short life span means they aren't susceptible to heavy metal accumulation (like mercury).

Freeze Please – Short of catching something yourself and frying it up, flash frozen is as fresh as it gets. Steve says when you thaw their product, it's at most 36 hours old. Shipping fresh to markets nationwide causes a degradation in the quality of fish you buy.

Sashimi-Ready – Because of the high quality and handling standards, Wild For Salmon fillets are sashimi grade, meaning they can be consumed raw without making you sick. So, you can slightly undercook it (medium rare is recommended) without food safety concerns.

Make It Moist – Fish actually keeps cooking after you take it off the heat. So if you take it off the heat when it's fully cooked, it will become overcooked as it rests. Steve recommends keeping it medium rare, which will make sure it is not overcooked by the time it's served.

Smoke Styles – We tend to use 'lox' and 'smoked salmon' interchangeably, but there's actually a difference. Lox are cured. Nova lox are cured and then cold smoked. Smoked salmon is hot smoked around 145°. There are more variations, but the main thing to remember is lox will be smooth and more "raw" tasting, sold in thin slices, while smoked salmon will be sold in a chunk and be more cooked and flaky in texture.

Premium Picks – When you're choosing a smoked salmon, check the label to make sure there aren't any chemical preservatives or dyes in it. Most premium brands will also offer more information on the type of fish it was made from (origin and variety).

Captain Steve's Easy Gravlax

The past few years have been a return to homemade and a resurgence of the DIY kitchen. This recipe is easy to follow, while still satisfying that urge to create something delicious from scratch.

- 1 C. dill, freshly chopped
- 2 T. orange zest
- 1–2 T. freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 C. Kosher salt
- ¼ C. sugar



1.5 lb. fillet sashimi grade wild sockeye salmon

Tools:

- 1 baking sheet or pan with a lip
- Plastic or cling wrap
- Refrigeratable weight (5–10 lbs.)

Note: This is a two-step process as fillet must cure overnight.

Mix dill, zest, pepper, Kosher salt and sugar in a medium bowl.

Place thawed fillet on plastic wrap and cover fish with the entire mixture. Wrap two layers of plastic wrap tightly around the fillet to seal, ensuring as much air is pressed out as possible. Double check the spices are evenly dispersed within the seal.

Place wrapped fillet on a baking sheet with a lip to contain liquid. Place weight on top.

Note: You can use all sorts of weights, but a roasting pan holding heavy cans seems to help balance and distribute the weight well.

Store in the fridge for 24 hours.

Carefully unwrap the fillet (still within the pan), lifting one end of the fillet up to scrape the salt and spices back into the pan, using a knife. Dispose of plastic and leftover salt.

Rinse the fillet in the sink and pat dry with a paper towel.

Starting with the tail end, use a sharp knife to slice thin slices down to the skin (without cutting through the skin) until you have enough for your planned serving.

Store remaining fillet whole in a ziploc bag or tupperware container until you're ready for more (lasts about a week in fridge).

Place atop crispy bread or crackers, or atop cream cheese on a bagel. Enjoy!

Serves 10–12.

Smoked Salmon Puff Pastry

This crowd-pleaser is fancy to eat but simple to make. It's the perfect festive appetizer or decadent brunch addition. The recipe is by Coley Cooks, sponsored by Wild For Salmon.

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed but still cold
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened at room temperature

- 2 T. sour cream
- ½ tsp. lemon zest
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 2 T. scallions, thinly sliced (plus more for garnish)
- 2 tsp. fresh parsley, finely minced
- 2 tsp. capers, drained and rinsed
- 4–6 oz. smoked salmon



Preheat the oven to 425°.

Roll out the puff pastry so it's roughly 15 inches by 10 inches (doesn't have to be exact). Transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Lightly dampen the edges with water, then fold them over about 1 inch to form an outer crust. Use a very sharp paring knife to trim off just the outer edge of the pastry (the corner of the fold will be too thick to cook evenly). Be careful to remove as little dough as possible. This will help the crust puff up evenly.

Use a fork to prick the inside of the dough all over. Bake until puffed and golden brown, about 15 minutes. Set aside and let cool.

While the pastry bakes, mix together the cream cheese, sour cream, lemon zest, lemon juice, scallions, parsley and capers in a bowl.

Once the pastry shell has cooled completely, spread the cream cheese mixture all over the center. Top the cream cheese mixture with large flakes of smoked salmon. Sprinkle with more scallions. Cut into wedges, then serve.

This tart can be cut into small portions and served as an appetizer, or cut into larger pieces and served with a green salad for a light lunch, or as part of a brunch spread. ♦

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