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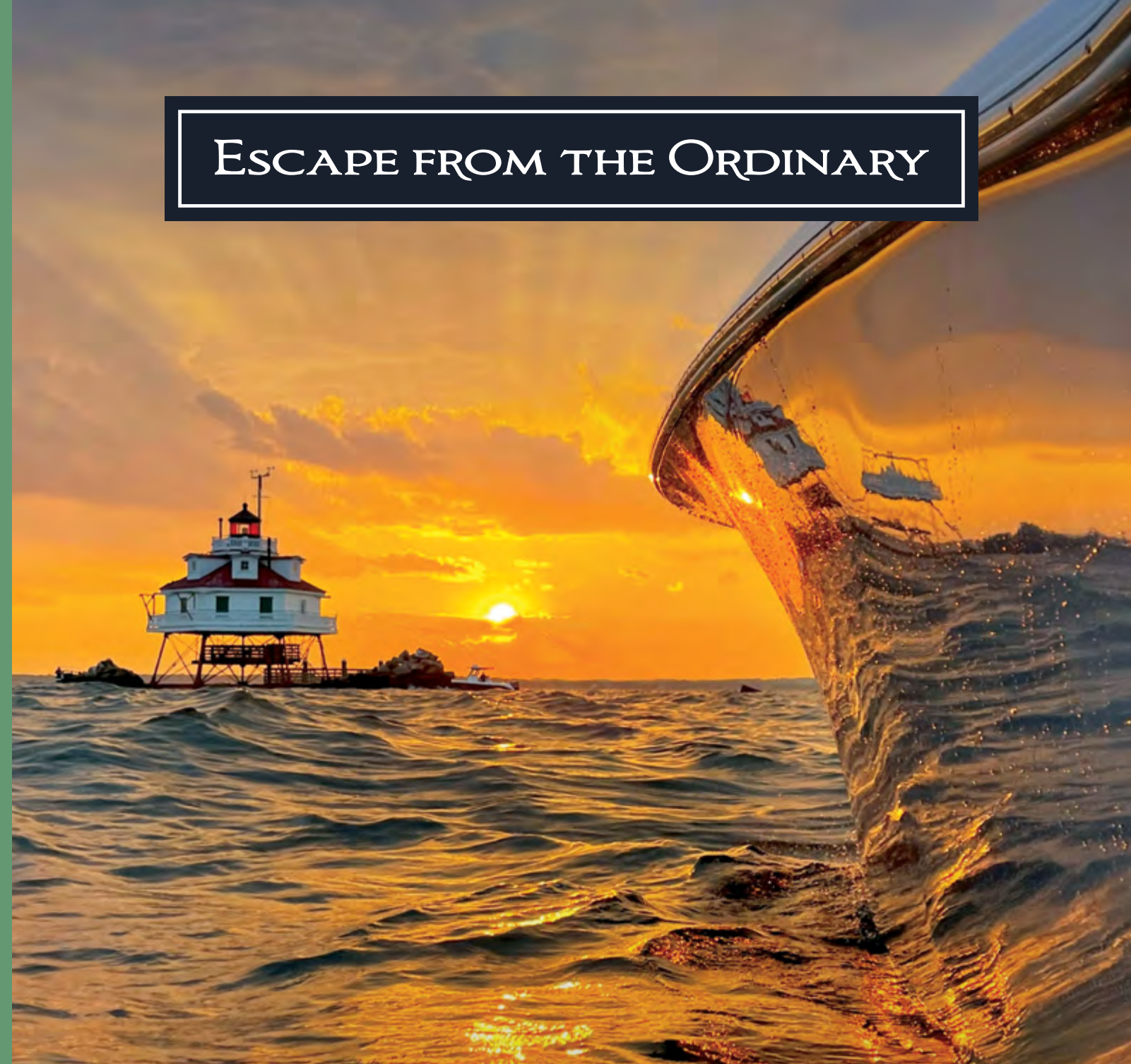
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from the EDITOR

It's April, it's spring and it's time for new beginnings!

This issue is aimed at those planning their own beginning as a married couple. We look at "The Reimagined Storybook Wedding," where Carol Metzker describes how couples are putting a personal stamp on their big day. One chose a theme from *Star Wars*. Another a Mediterranean theme.

Shannon Montgomery reviews honeymoon trends in "New Moons" and discovers post- (and pre-) wedding travel: mini-moons, many moons and early moons. Elizabeth Hughes looks at trends in hair and makeup and finds natural hair, less makeup and healthy skin are in. Read "Beautiful Brides ... Naturally."

In "Guide to Wedding Venues & Services" and "Wedding Style," Marci Tomassone compiles your best sources for venues, caterers, flower, jewelry and more.

And because marriage is one of the most life-changing decisions you'll ever make, Andrew Scheppegegrell of Brumbaugh Wealth Management has financial advice for newlyweds in "Getting Married?"

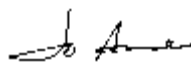
Considering a mini-moon close to home or a family road trip? Visit our neighbor to the west—Lancaster County. Ed Malet takes a deep dive in "Lancaster's History." Another trip to consider is one to the dentist for that over-due checkup. "Time to Return for Routine Dental Care," says Dr. Peter Patellis of the Kennett Center for Advanced Dentistry.

Read about 300 years of history with just two families at Springdale Farm, the featured property in our Home of the Month (hint, one family was the Mendenhalls). And for gardeners eager to start planning and planting, Chanticleer's Timothy Erdmann shares thoughts on preparing in "On Inspiration."

For the foodies, Michael Contreras of 2SP Brewing Company shares "Some Minor Thoughts on Craft Beer," while Brandywine Table's Alyssa Thayer learns about foraging from Tim Mountz of Happy Cat Farm. Another rite of spring.

As always, our Best Things To Do section is filled with fun for April.

Thank you for reading.


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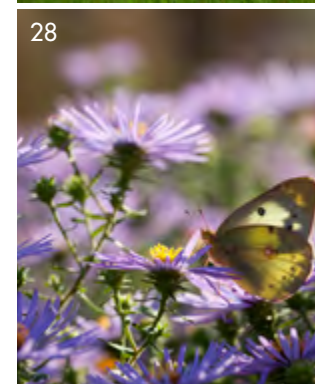
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Time to Return for Routine Dental Care

YOUR DENTIST MISSED YOU.

Dr. Peter Patellis, Kennett Center for Advanced Dentistry

ALTHOUGH WE'RE STILL FOCUSED ON BEING SAFE in year two of the pandemic, the good news is that things are beginning to improve. Some semblance of normal life and regular routines are returning.

So, it's time to return to scheduling regular medical checkups, including at your dentist's office. Sometimes these routine tasks are the last items on our to-do lists. Yet some—like visiting the dentist—should be among the first.

Your oral health is a gateway to your overall health. Often it's your family dentist who first notices a change in your oral health that has implications for heart disease, cancer, diabetes or other important health issues. That's just one reason six-month checkups are essential to good health.

PANDEMIC IMPACTS

Delaying routine dental care during the pandemic has resulted in a range of problems. Small problems can become big problems over time without proper care. That tiny cavity can grow and become a big headache as well as a toothache.

Changes in our routines can also affect our oral health. For example, long-term mask wearing may cause some people to change their breathing patterns and water consumption. These changes can cause dry mouth, which affects our mouth's bacteria and can lead to increased plaque buildup. The decreased moisture from drinking less changes our saliva and allows bacteria to grow and affect our gums and teeth, contributing to an increased potential for periodontal disease.

To help avoid problems, take small sips of liquid throughout the day, maintain daily brushing and flossing, and limit sugary foods. But the most important way to reduce cavities and gum disease is to see your dental professional regularly. And while vigilance about preventing the spread of Covid remains, long-term mask wearing makes regular dental exams even more essential.

MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT

One silver lining of the Covid era has been to highlight how safe visits to your dentist's office are. Covid required the healthcare community to take a hard look at their infection controls involving patients and to make adjustments. Most dentists were routinely wearing PPE, working in spaces with some aerosol control and ensuring settings were thoroughly disinfected between patients. In addition, the past two years have seen new equipment and technology used to reduce contamination and increase patient safety.

When you return to your dentist's office, here are some things to remember. Bring an updated list of medications along with dates and types of vaccines you've received. Write down any medical changes—surgeries, conditions, illness—you've experienced since your last visit. Note any changes, pain or discomfort you've had with your teeth or mouth, however slight. Dental health often gives a warning before serious medical trouble begins.

If you're returning after an extended absence, your dentist may have to update your records with X-rays along with a thorough

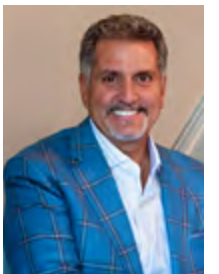
clinical evaluation and periodontal screening. These procedures are needed to gauge your overall oral health because a simple visual inspection and teeth cleaning are not a complete visit. Your dentist can't see between your teeth or at the root level of the teeth, which is why the X-rays are needed.

A complete examination of your teeth and gums, under your tongue and inside your cheeks and lips is needed to look for signs of oral cancer. Periodontal screening measures the gums around the teeth for pockets that might contain bacteria and can lead to disease if not addressed properly.

Proper health begins with the ability to eat food and drink fluids. If your teeth or gums give you discomfort or interfere with consuming proper nutrients, your overall health will suffer.

Teeth are more than a beautiful accessory—they're a necessary tool to maintaining a long and healthy life. ♦

Dr. Patellis has been helping patients regain their smiles since earning his degree in dentistry in 1989 from the University of Pittsburgh. A highly regarded educator and nationally recognized leader in the fields of CEREC and CAD-CAM Dentistry, he's a current faculty member with The Misch-Resnik International Implant Institute and a former faculty member at the U. of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. KennettSmiles.com.



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Getting Married?

TIME TO TALK ABOUT FINANCES WITH YOUR PARTNER

Andrew Scheppegrell, Brumbaugh Wealth Management

GETTING MARRIED IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND most life-changing decisions you'll ever make. In addition to all the wedding excitement, there are many mundane, yet very important, changes that come with married life.

Your joint financial life is a key area to consider before and soon after your wedding. Some issues may be easy and obvious, but others may take some thought.

So, what should you and your partner be talking about now?

BE OPEN

As with any conversation in a relationship, begin with an open and honest discussion. When two lives become one, your individual past financial decisions can affect your partner and your joint financial future.

Your new partnership makes it essential to be completely open, ask the right questions and be willing to listen.

DISCUSS DEBT

Plenty of people have personal debt. Whether it's student loans or credit card balances, you must disclose and discuss your debts with your partner. Having student loan debt is normal, but it's a bad surprise to discover about your new spouse after you're married!

Sit down together and talk about your plans to handle all outstanding debt—student loans, credit card, car loans and the like. And discuss your credit history and how to ensure good credit scores as a married couple. You'll need good credit when you apply for a mortgage or car loan as a couple.

This may also be a good time to discuss any assets you have and thoughts about sharing those, as well as how to share future expenses including paying off prior debts.

FAMILY PLANNING

You may be surprised to know I've spoken to many engaged couples who haven't discussed their plans for a family. Having children is one of the biggest financial decisions of your life, so it's important you're both on the same page before saying "I do."

Even if you have discussed general family plans, there are many related details to cover. Will one of you stay home to avoid the cost of day care? Will your children attend public or private schools? The best course of action is a thorough discussion ahead of time.

PROTECTION PLANNING

After you're married, protection planning—life insurance, emergency funds, disability insurance—becomes more important than ever, especially if you plan to start a family and buy a home. Could you or your spouse handle monthly expenses if one

income was no longer coming in? Perhaps. But could you also pay college costs for your children in the years to come?

Consider insurance as a good way to protect yourselves from the unforeseen. In case of an accident or health issues, life insurance could help pay off your mortgage, cover living expenses and ensure a college education for your kids. All those issues could be more difficult with one less source of income.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

It's never too early to start planning for retirement. Developing a budget with your partner can determine whether you meet your long-term goals ... or not. The best time to begin is when you're young to set yourselves up for success and give yourselves the widest range of options for the future.

Developing a financial plan can be done online or with the help of a professional. Consider making a plan as a roadmap to your future goals.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Navigating the roadmap of your personal finances can be difficult. It's important to

have people in your corner who can help along the way. Whether it's a trusted ally like a parent, friend or other personal relation, it's good to have someone knowledgeable to discuss these matters with.

If you don't yet have someone you feel comfortable speaking with or if your situation is complex, hiring a financial professional can be a great option as well.

Be sure to take the time to start your marriage on a solid financial foundation. ♦

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Unwind with Wine. Whether it's wedding planning or pandemic unpredictability, our lives are packed with stress. Luckily **Stress Awareness Month** is here to encourage us to take a break and embrace our creativity. Yes, there's yoga and meditation, but ... Pinot's Palette and Painting With a Twist both have locations throughout Chester County offering painting lessons perfectly paired with wine. Book private parties or find events on their websites. Prosecco, pinot and pretty paintings—positively perfect! PaintingWithATwist.com. PinotsPalette.com.



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Pedals with Petals. West Chester Public Library will welcome **Pedals with Petals** to mark National Library Week, April 3–9. The bedecked flowerbike—inspired by Amsterdam's "Flower-bikeman"—will park outside the library with a fresh crop of flowers and stack of fun books. Like the pleasure of reading a good book, seeing the flowerbike brings its own bit of joy. Head to the library to take advantage of this Instagram-worthy photo op and pick up a great book. WCPublicLibrary.org.



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Family Canoe at DuPont Environmental Education Center

April 30

Take in the beautiful Riverfront view and watch for herons, beavers, bald eagles and more. Learn how to canoe or improve your technique on a guided tour down the river and marshes. Adult participation required. *1400 Delmarva Ln., Wilmington. 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$20. 302-656-1490; DelawareNatureSociety.org.*



Chester County Hospital Gala—Caribbean Night

April 30

A fun-filled evening of delicious cuisine, cocktails, a steel drum performance, followed by dancing in the Longwood Gardens Conservatory. Come dance the night away while supporting Chester County Hospital. *1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Tickets, \$300. Event begins at 7 p.m. For info, ChesterCountyHospital.org/Giving.*



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

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 2-16, APRIL 27-MAY 28
Wednesday & Saturday

Little Nature Explorers at Brandywine Zoo. *Apr. 2-16*, Series 1, for children age 2-6 is about animals, habitats and nature and includes singing, a storybook and nature-based activities. *Apr. 27-May 28*, Series 2. 1001 North Park Dr., Wilmington. Register for the series, Wed. or Sat. morning, 9:15 to 10 am. \$75. 302-571-7850; BrandywineZoo.org.



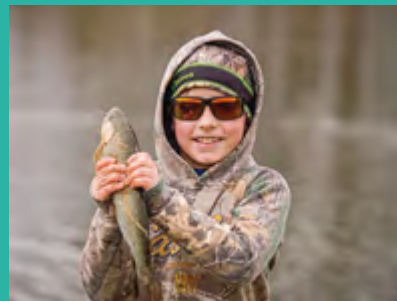
APRIL 2, MAY 7

"We Planted a Tree": Kids Read and Explore at Hildacy Preserve. Kids bring their favorite adults to hear the featured 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, a tree planting and a stroll through the woods. 1031 Palmers Mill Rd., Media. 10 am. \$5. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

APRIL 9

Family Fishing Derby at Linvilla Orchards. The annual family fishing derby gives children of all ages the chance to reel in their very first catch. Age groups include: 7 and under, 8 to 11, 12 to 16, and 17 and over.

Bring your own rod or rent one. Orchard Lake at Linvilla Orchards, 137 Knowlton Rd., Media. 9 to 3. \$24.99 per participant. 610-876-7116; Linvilla.com.



APRIL 9

Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Everhart Park.

The hunt features two different age groups: one for children 2-5 and another for children 6-9. They'll be searching for more than 5,000 eggs filled with candy and toys as well as raffle tickets for prizes. 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. 10 am. West-Chester.com.

APRIL 9 & 16

Easter Egg Hunt at Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation. Search the fields to find eggs filled with surprises, then visit the farm for egg-themed activities and demonstrations, storytime, meet the animals, music and more. Pre-registration is encouraged. 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. Farm open 11 to 4; egg hunt, 11 to 11:30. \$10. ColonialPlantation.org.

APRIL 11-15

School's Out Camp at Elmwood Park Zoo. Children ages 6-13 will explore habits and the daily lives of some of the zoo's wild residents. Each day camp includes hands on educational workshops, animal observations, animal meet and greets, crafts, and more. 1661 Harding Blvd., Norristown. 9 to 4. \$55. 800-652-4143.



APRIL 12-15

Spring Fling for Families at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Celebrate the things that make spring special. Play games, make crafts, hear stories and see demonstrations that explore the new life emerging this spring on the estate. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10 to 2. \$8-\$22. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



APRIL 23-24

Chester Valley Sportsman Assoc. 25th Annual Youth Trout Derby. Boys and girls ages 5 to 13 are invited. Trophies to those catching the 10 largest fish in each session. Covid health and safety protocols followed. Darby Creek at Saw Mill Park, 666 Earles Ln., Newtown Square. Sat, 8 am to 11 pm and 4 to 7; Sun, 9 am to noon. Free. Pre-register at RadnorRecreation.com.

MAY 7

Annual Colonial Mayfair at Pottsgrove Manor. Meet historic interpreters, play games, join in demonstrations, dance around the Maypole, listen to traditional music shows, watch sleight of hand and special 18th-century inspired performances. 100 W. King St., Pottstown. 11 to 5. \$2 donation. 610-326-4014; MontcoPA.org.



ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES

APRIL 8 & 10

Brandywine River Museum of Art-Kuerner Farm Spring Plein Air Day. Artists working in all media are invited to explore the property where they can sketch, paint or photograph the iconic setting. Staff will be available to answer questions and provide insight into Wyeth's creative process. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 2:30. \$20. Visit website to register. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org/Events.



APRIL 27-JUNE 10

Exhibition at The Art Trust—Reflections. Seven talented artists exhibit new work, including one exhibit-specific piece: their unique take on a self-portrait in response to being an artist during the pandemic. *May 6*, cocktail reception & Gallery Walk in West Chester, 5 to 9; *May 19*, artists' talk, 7 pm; *June 9*, closing event, 5 to 8:30. The Art Trust at Meridian Bank, 16 W. Market St., West Chester. TheArtTrust.org.



MAY 6-8

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

BOOKS.....

APRIL 6, MAY 4

Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics Book Club: *Apr. 6*, "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte; *May 4*, "Heart of Darkness" by Joseph

Conrad. 2 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

APRIL 19, 28

Main Point Book Club. Fiction Book Club: *Apr. 19*, "Migrations" by Charlotte McCongahy, 1 pm. NonFiction Book Club: *Apr. 28*, "My Broken Language" by Quiara Alegria, 7 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. 484-580-6978; Main-PointBooks.com.

APRIL 28

DelArt Readers Book Club. A virtual event on Zoom. This month, "Lizzie Siddal: The Tragedy

of a Pre-Raphaelite Supermodel" by Lucinda Hawksley. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 to 8 pm. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

DANCE.....

APRIL 30-MAY 1

First State Ballet Presents *Swan Lake*. The timeless love story of the Swan Queen Odette and her Prince Siegfried, who seek to break the curse of evil with love. The Grand Wilmington, Copeland Hall, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Sat, 7 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$23-\$60. 302-652-5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.



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EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

MAY 1
77th Annual Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show. Enjoy a full schedule of classes in Hunters & Jumpers. Hunter & Jumper Stakes, Mini-Prix, Marshall & Sterling Medals, Hunter Derby Hunt n' Go format, Lead Line and more. Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, 5 Nantmeal Rd., Glenmoore. 610-469-0227; KimbertonHunt.org.



MAY 8
44th Annual Point-to-Point at Winterthur. A festive day of pageantry, fun for the entire family and thrilling steeplechase racing action with a full schedule of events, including the Parade of River Hills Foxhounds, Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Antique Auto Display. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. Tickets and schedule, 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.

FILM

APRIL 22-24
The 16th Annual West Chester International Short Film Festival. Short films from around the world are presented. During the weekend you can view over 60 films at the festival, including a Family Film Festival and Young Filmmaker Film Festival. Tickets and times, 484-639-9237; WestChesterFilmFestival.com.

FOOD & BREWS

APRIL 4-10
King of Prussia Restaurant Week. 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.

APRIL 24
In Person & Live Online Wine Tasting with Coach Dick Vermeil. Join Hall of Fame football coach Dick Vermeil in-person at The Abbott's Barn or via Zoom for a virtual wine tasting event. Benefits Spring Brook Farm, which enriches the lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted and nature-based experiences. 360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester. 4:30. 610-793-1037; Springbrook-Farm.org/SpringFundraiser.

APRIL 24
Annual Celebrity Chef's Brunch. 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.

MAY 5
21st Annual Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner. The event brings a sigh of relief to families dealing with the financial hardships a cancer diagnosis can cause by offering financial assistance. Join the great guys (and gals) for dinner, cocktails, auctions and more. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. BringingHopeHome.org.

FUNDRAISERS

APRIL 2
Willowdale Steeplechase JUMP! Fund-raiser. JUMP! Back into the swing of things! Jungle Love is the theme with open bar, DJ Frosty, dancing, food, oyster bar, silent auction. Yellow House, 101 E. State St., Kennett Square. 8 to 11 pm. \$75-\$99. Willowdale.org.

APRIL 2
Philadelphia Virtual Red Ball. Guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres and fabulous food stations. Benefits the Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania, which responds to disasters and provide care and comfort to families. Vie, 600 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. 7 pm to midnight. \$250. RedCross.org.

APRIL 9
Coaches vs. Cancer 18th Annual Basket-Ball. Business, healthcare and philanthropic leaders come together for a night to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Benefits the American Cancer Society. The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. 6:30 to 11. \$400. PhiladelphiaBasketBallGala.org.

APRIL 14
The Clinic's Murder Mystery Dinner. Join the fun and solve the murder mystery. Benefits The Clinic, providing quality health care to the uninsured and underserved, in an atmosphere that fosters dignity and respect. Rivercrest Golf Club, 100 Rivercrest Dr., Upper Providence Township. 6 pm. \$100. 610-935-1134; TheClinicPA.org.

APRIL 16
Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center—Light Up the Night 6th Annual Gala. Guests enjoy hors d'oeuvres and open bar at Chester County History Center, 225 N. High St., West Chester. Mingle and pose for photos while en-

Local Farm Markets



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.

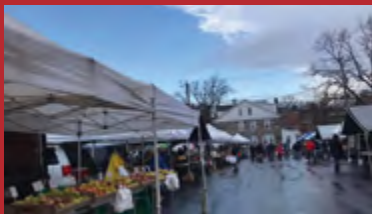
Malvern Farmers Market, Warren Ave. & Roberts Rd. Jan., 3rd & 5th Sat; Feb.–Apr., 1st & 3rd Sat., 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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.



joying live entertainment. At 7:30, cross the street to continue the festivities at the theater, 226 N. High St. 6 to 10 pm. \$125. Uptown-WestChester.org.

APRIL 23
"All That's Purple Affair" Celebrating Our Resilience. Annual gala featuring entertainment and silent auction. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. Time and tickets, DVCCCPa.org.

APRIL 24
39th Annual Emmanuel Dining Room Auction. Help feed the poor with The Ministry of Caring, a vibrant community united by a passion to serve the poor with food, shelter, childcare and outreach services. Live and silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, beer and wine. Barclays Bank, 100 S. West St., Wilmington. 2 to 6 pm. \$125. 302-652-5523; MinistryOfCaring.org.

APRIL 24
Unite For HER At Home—Bloom Spring Fashion Show. Join in for brunch at home and a spring celebration of life, fashion and community, featuring Unite for HER Wellness Program participants. Tickets benefit local women affected by breast and ovarian cancers. Time and tickets, UniteForHER.org.

APRIL 25
FORE Fresh Water Golf Invitational. Annual golf invitational to support freshwater research, environmental education and watershed restoration. Covid protocols will be in place. Sponsorships, foursomes and single golfer packages are available. Bidermann Golf Course, Greenville, DE. StroudCenter.org/Events.



APRIL 29
People's Light Annual Auction. This year's gala honors 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, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Tickets start at \$500. PLGala2022.givesmart.com.

APRIL 29
Home of the Sparrow Black & White Gala. 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.

APRIL 30
Safe Harbor—Family Cornhole Fundraiser. Fun for for adults and teens 13+ with live music, a silent auction, prizes and catered food. Safe Harbor's mission is to provide housing, food and access to support services for homeless single men and women. 20 N. Matlack St., West Chester. SafeHarborOfCC.org.

APRIL 30
Peter's Place 20th Anniversary Benefit & Auction. 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.

GARDENS

APRIL 23
Spring Open House at Rushton Woods Pre-

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serve. An immersive experience within Rushton Woods program areas: Bird Conservation, Watershed Protection and Community Farm. 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 7:30 to 10:30 am. Free. Register at WCTrust.org.



MAY 2
75th Annual Wilmington Garden Day. Homes and gardens are featured at this rain-or-shine event. Benefits St. Michael's School and Nursery and the Friendship House, both supporting children and families in Delaware. 10 to 4. \$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

MAY 6-7
Arasapha's 80th Anniversary May Market in Historic New Castle. Flowering and herb plants, indoor yard sale, arts/crafts vendors and Mother's Day gifts. The market follows full compliance with Delaware Covid guidelines for

outdoor events. Benefits Arasapha's programs. Market Square, 201 Delaware St., New Castle, DE. Fri, noon to 5; Sat, 9 to 3. Free. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org/May-Market.

MAY 6-7
DE Nature Society's Native Plant Sale. The sale promotes backyard habitats and gardening for wildlife and water. Hundreds of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns, aquatic and drought-tolerant plants suitable for all growing conditions are available. Coverdale Farm Preserve, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 3 to 7; Sat, 9 to 3. Free. 302-239-2334; DelNature.org.



MUSEUMS.....
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.....
APRIL 1-29
The Grand Wilmington. *Apr. 1*, Straight No Chaser—Back in the Highlife Tour; *Apr. 2*, Damien Escobar in Copeland Hall; Hari Kondabolu in The Baby Grand; *Apr. 7*, George Winston; *Apr. 9*, Colin Mochrie Presents Hyprov in Copeland Hall; *Apr. 9*,

Alton Brown Live! in the Playhouse; *Apr. 14*, Bela Fleck; *Apr. 15*, "One Night in Memphis" tribute to Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley; *Apr. 21*, Whose Live Any-way? *Apr. 22*, Fraser & Haas; *Apr. 24*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 29*, Charles Walden and guest Dante Carter and Scooter. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-652-5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.



APRIL 1-29
Kennett Flash. *Apr. 1*, David Grier; *Apr. 2*, Jeffrey Gaines; *Apr. 9*, Solar Federation—A Tribute to Rush; *Apr. 15*, Mark Unruh; *Apr. 16*, Winslow—An Evening of The Eagles; *Apr. 22*, Iron Butterfly; *Apr. 29*, Stick Men. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

APRIL 1-30
The Keswick Theatre Presents. *Apr. 1*, An Evening with David Sedaris; *Apr. 6*, Colin Hay Solo; *Apr. 8*, Marisela, La Dama de Hierro; *Apr. 9*, Letterkenny Live!; *Apr. 10*, Crank-Gameplays Presents: I Have To Do This Show; *Apr. 14*, Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band; *Apr. 15*, An Evening with Transatlantic; *Apr. 16*, Gus Johnson; *Apr. 19*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 21*, Aimee Mann; *Apr. 24*, Legends Live Tour Featuring Felix Cavaliere's Rascals & Micky Dolenz of the Monkees; *Apr. 25*, Lindsey Buckingham; *Apr. 27*, OMD 40 Years Greatest Hits; *Apr. 28*, StarTalk Live with Neil deGrasse Tyson; *Apr. 30*, Marky Ramone—My Life As A Ramone. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Times and tickets, 215-572-7650; KeswickTheatre.com.



APRIL 2-MAY 1
American Music Theatre. *Apr. 2*, Spring Doo-Wop Cavalcade; *Apr. 3*, Jimmy Sturr; *Apr. 9*, Duttons; *Apr. 14*, LOL Surprise Live; *Apr. 16*, Disney Princess The Concert; *Apr. 20*, One Night of Queen; *Apr. 21*, Trace Adkins; *Apr. 22*, Josh Turner; *Apr. 23*, Felix Cavaliere's Rascals and Micky Dolenz; *Apr. 24*, Peppa Pig Live; *Apr. 29-May 1*, Riverdance. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. 888-729-4718; AMTShows.com.

APRIL 2-MAY 6
Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. *Apr. 2*, Talking Sticks and Brazilian Vibes; *Apr. 8*, Bad Animals—The Heart Tribute; *Apr. 9*, Cash Unchained: The Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute; *Apr. 15*, Alex Moreno in Concert; *Apr. 30*, Sweet Baby James—James Taylor Tribute



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Artist; *May 6*, High Noon—A Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd & Southern Rock. 226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWest-Chester.org.

APRIL 5–30

Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre. *Apr. 5 & 6*, Gordon Lightfoot: The Legend in Concert; *Apr. 20*, The Zombies Life Is A Merry-Go-Round Tour; *Apr. 22*, An Evening with Suzanne Vega; *Apr. 23*, Al Stewart with the Empty Pockets; *Apr. 30*, The Weight Band; *May 7*, An Evening with Joe Bob Briggs: How Rednecks Saved Hollywood. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Times and tickets, 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.



APRIL 29

Friday Night Live at the Community Art Center. Manatawny Creek Ramblers perform at 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 pm. \$15. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

APRIL 2

Trail Creek Outfitters Run for Conservation. Runners and walkers are encouraged to sign up in celebration of conservation. Enjoy scenic five-mile courses on beautiful trails and be eligible to win prizes. Stateline Woods Preserve, 950 Merrybell Ln., Kennett Square. \$30-\$40. 10 am. Register, TrailCreekOutfitters.com.

APRIL 5, 19, MAY 10, 24

Evening Walks—Ashland Nature Center. Delaware Nature Society staff guides you on four hikes at different preserves: Ashland Na-



ture Center, Bucktoe Creek Preserve, Coverdale Farm Preserve and Flint Woods Preserve. Witness increased bird activity and the unfolding of the spring season. 3511 Barley Mill Rd., Hockessin. 5:30 to 7:30 pm. \$55/series. 302-239-2334; DelawareNatureSociety.org.

APRIL 24

Delaware Marathon Running Festival. 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. DelawareMarathon.org.

APRIL 24

Radnor Recreation Orienteering Event. An introductory orienteering course that teaches how to navigate through the woods seeking adventure and discovering something new. Participants use an accurate, detailed map and a compass to find points in the landscape. The Willows Park, 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. Noon to 1 pm. Free. Pre-register at RadnorRecreation.com.

APRIL 24

16th Annual Virtual Valley Forge Revolutionary 5-Mile Run/Walk. Runners and walkers trek a five-mile, USAF-certified course that traverses the scenic Valley Forge National Historical Park. 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. 8:30 am. 5-mile run, \$45; 3-mile walk, \$35. Register at ValleyForge.org/RevolutionaryRun.



MAY 1

Blue Cross Broad St. Run. 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.



MAY 1–7, 5

Bournelyf Special Camp 2022 Hand to Hand 5K Run & 2K Walk. The in-person race will begin and end at the corner of Church & Gay St., West Chester, on May 5. Virtual option: 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.

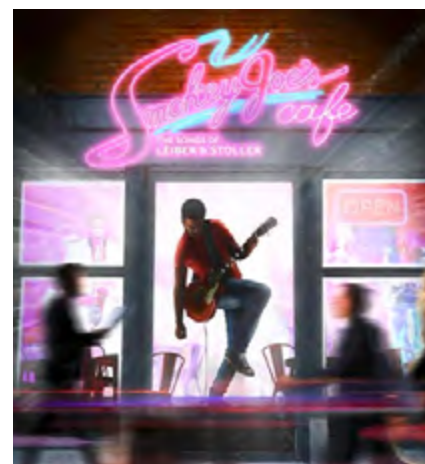
THEATER.....

THROUGH 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. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatreDelaware.com.

APRIL 5–MAY 1

Smokey Joe's Café at The Fulton Theatre. An electric stroll through the iconic songbook of Leiber and Stoller, rock 'n' roll's legendary songwriters. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.



APRIL 6–17

Renée Taylor's *My Life on a Diet* at Delaware Theatre Company. Renée dishes out juicy anecdotes about, and weight loss tips from, Hollywood legends. 200 Water St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

APRIL 6–MAY 1

Hold These Truths at People's Light. A solo play inspired by the true story of Gordon Hirabayashi and his journey of resistance to the 1942 forced removal and internment of over 120,000 people of Japanese descent. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

APRIL 20–JUNE 5

Sister Act: The Musical at Media Theatre. Filled with powerful gospel music, outrageous

dancing and a truly moving story. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS

THROUGH APRIL 30

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt in West Chester. A fun crime-solving Scavenger Hunt awaits all fellow Sleuthers. Stumble upon a crime scenes in the Borough of West Chester, interview prime suspects (real actors) and piece together clues along the way. 23 N. Walnut St., West Chester. Sat–Sun, noon, 1:30, 3 and 4:30. \$15; under 10, free. Prizes for “Best Group Costumes.” Tickets, Sleuthound.com.

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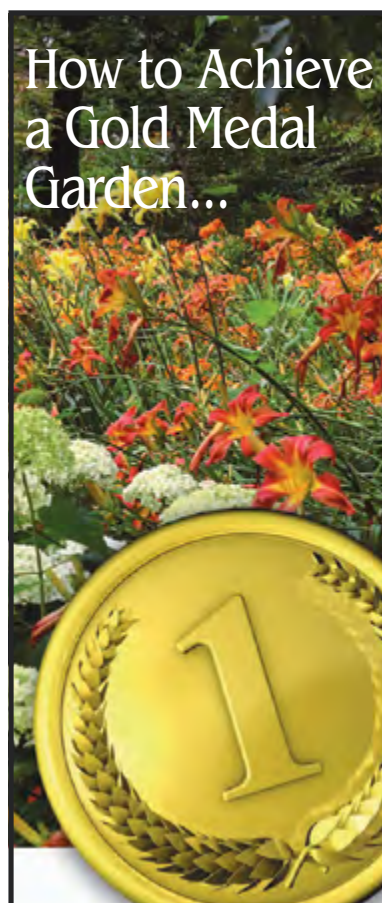
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On Inspiration



WHAT PLANS DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUR SPRING GARDEN?

Timothy Erdmann
Assistant Horticulturist at Chanticleer

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WE GET asked most frequently at Chanticleer is, “How do you get your ideas?” It turns out this is also one of the most difficult questions to answer. Ideas pop up from everywhere—from nature, art, other gardens, travel, even dreams.

So, how do we advise other gardeners? While there’s no secret or shortcut to finding inspiration, gardeners do have a few muses in common.

Above: Carefully chosen paint ties in the furniture to a special moment in the orchard.

COMMUNITY OF GARDENERS

Perhaps the most popular and most valuable resource we have is other gardeners. We’re tremendously lucky in Greater Philadelphia—America’s Garden Capital—to be in the company of so many public gardens and arboreta and so many capable horticulturists—professional and amateur alike.

Regardless of the level of experience of other gardeners, conversation benefits us all. Everyone has grown something that someone else hasn’t, discovered a winning plant combination, or learned a valuable lesson in a failed growing technique. I’ve never met another gardener I couldn’t learn something from. In a trade that’s often solitary, these conversations count.

IMITATION: FLATTERY AND HUMILITY

While visiting gardens near and far, you’ll inevitably be inspired to try out a newly discovered planting scheme at home—whether it’s from a friend’s nearby vegetable garden or from a garden discovered during a trip to the Mediterranean.

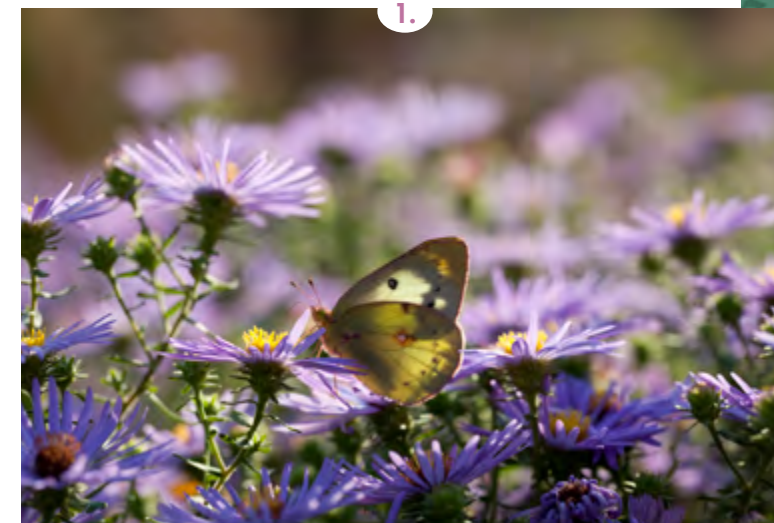
There’s a lot of value in expanding your skill sets and endless pleasure in growing new kinds of plants. But it’s worth pausing to evaluate your own expectations before you experiment.

For example, that Italian courtyard, charming as it is, performs very well in its own special climate, but the Mid-Atlantic region is a far cry from the land of rosemary and the columnar cypress trees. Many plants native to that area might not succeed here. In spite of best intentions, the more exotic the flora of these postcard gardens, the more trouble you’ll likely find recreating it at home.

That said, don’t be discouraged!

If not the plants, what could you borrow from that courtyard? Maybe a garden design with similar geometry, the same old-world formality and atmosphere? Or maybe the open feeling of scrubby garrigue (a low-level scrubland of plants) and strong vertical accents?

The point is that a garden doesn’t need to be replicated to be honored. A minor similarity may be all that’s needed to evoke the memory and spirit of place.



1. A sulfur butterfly forages in a carpet of asters
2. A habitat house for insects, made of found materials on site
3. Botanically inspired metalwork gives a clue to what’s beyond the Chanticleer gate
4. The early stages of the tree bridge, the thematic entrance to Bells Woods, built by Przemek



After all, it's the combination of references that makes a garden personal rather than referential. Just as a person is a sum of many experiences, a garden may be the botanical equivalent—a quilted assembly of woody walks and meadowed voyages. It may contain cuttings or divisions from the very gardens that inspired it. These elements will soon transcend their influences to become a fusion of their own, an aesthetic seemingly premeditated rather than a jumbled assemblage.

LOOKING BEYOND THE PLANTS

It's a simple enough concept to design gardens for personal pleasure. But who else is enjoying them?

Lately many gardeners are finding inspiration not directly from their plant palette but rather from what that palette brings. Insects and the birds that feed on the plants invite a kaleidoscope of hues and patterns and a symphony of sounds to the welcoming garden. This flurry of biodiversity, the relationships involved and the stewardship they represent have mobilized new factions of gardeners and added levels of enjoyment to home gardening.

Yet, all gardens are not created equal. Nursery booms of recent decades have favored hardy exotic (non-native) plants—in part because they're more resistant to insects. These non-native plants have proliferated throughout many local suburbs without improving the native ecosystems.

If you're planting for habitat, native plants are usually the best choice for attracting and sustaining wildlife.

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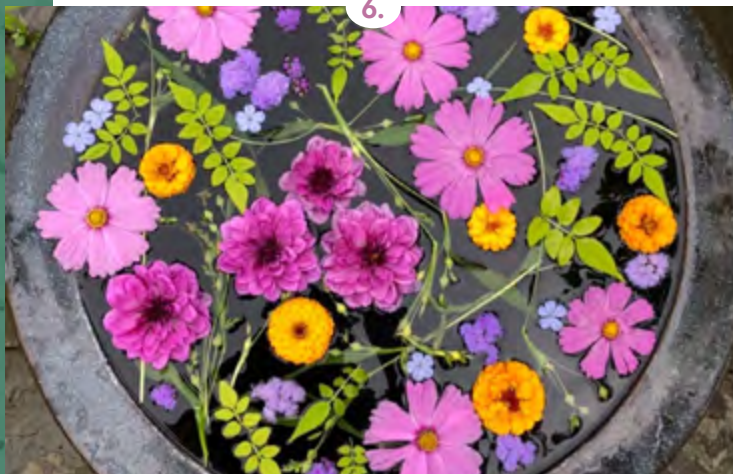


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INTEGRATION AND REPETITION

Regardless of your plan for the garden, it's best to make some effort to assure that the concept looks at home in its new context. This can be done through the same techniques used in adapting an inspiration garden.

For instance, if you're adding an herb garden to a setting that's mostly sun perennials, giving its bed the same shape or contour as the perennials (a borrowed gesture) will help integrate the bed into its new setting.

Similarly you can accomplish the same mirror effect by using repeated materials. A new structure can be better incorporated into the garden by building it from the same wood that's been used elsewhere in the garden. And a new planting might be softened by poppies that have self-sown elsewhere in the garden. Little consistencies like these give the impression that the whole garden has been painted with the same brush and that it bears the same moment of conception, lending both age and familiarity to novel forms.

DISCOVERY

As with many artistic endeavors, one of the joys of innovating is discovery. As you express yourself in the garden, you're also charting a course of progress, both of intention and implementation. There are skeletons of ideas and concepts in your garden, vestiges of travels and gifts from friends. These artifacts are markers of an understanding of place, of discovering the soil that builds and the life that populates it.

Inspiration is the idea that feeds itself. ♦

Chanticleer is a dynamic garden that's ever changing. The staff welcomes visitors to visit often, observe the garden through each season and ask questions. To learn more about Chanticleer, visit the website. Open March 30 through October 30, Wed. through Sun., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 8 p.m. on Fri. evenings, May through Labor Day. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. ChanticleerGarden.org.

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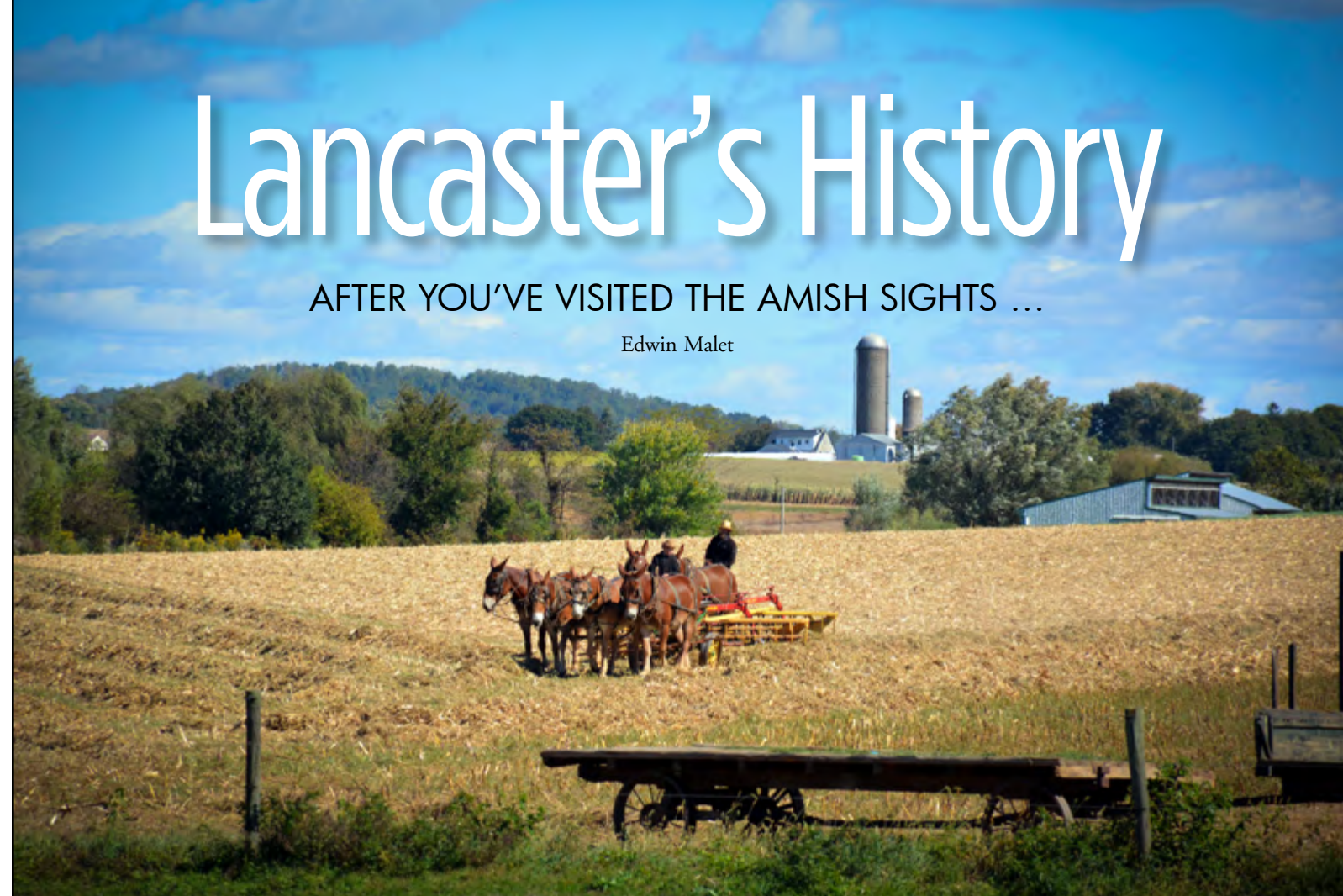


5. Bed contour, sowing lines and the ginkgo espalier all echo and emphasize the curvilinear form of the Serpentine
6. Floating flowers on the terraces offer another expression of neighboring blossoms
7. A gardener assembles new path edging from bamboo harvested from the garden

Lancaster's History

AFTER YOU'VE VISITED THE AMISH SIGHTS ...

Edwin Malet



AFTER YOU'VE CHECKED OFF ALL THE AMISH sights on your bucket list and had your fill of shoo-fly pie, you still won't have discovered what Lancaster County is all about.

The fact is that the County's history—at least the recorded history—dates back to the 17th century. Even before that, there were Native American tribes who lived in villages, farmed and hunted their lands, conducted ceremonies and made wars amongst themselves.

Yet until the beginning of the 18th century, when several European immigrants began to settle the area, few permanent marks were left on the land for visitors to see today. Eventually, their major settlements grew into Lancaster City and other towns, like Columbia and Ronks.

We think it's well worth a short drive to discover some of the history in Lancaster County.

BIRTH OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER

The oldest still-standing structure in Lancaster County is the [Hans Herr House](#), located in the town of Willow Street and built in 1719 by his son Christian Herr. Like others who came to the area, Hans, his family, friends and fellow Mennonites were seeking a place to practice their religion in peace. Today, the Hans Herr House is a museum on an 11-acre campus with other early buildings.

In 1725, Benjamin Witmer built a tavern—actually more of a wagon stop—on the old Kings Highway between Philadelphia and Lancaster. [Witmer's Tavern](#) is still standing and considered one of the best surviving structures of its type. Marked by a historic marker, the tavern is on Route 340, at 2014 Old Philadelphia Pike, just east of the junction with U.S. Route 30 (aka Lancaster Pike).

By 1729 Lancaster County had separated from Chester County. Far from being a city, the main settlement was originally called "Hickory Town," with a population of just 15. Later renamed Lancaster, the town was declared the county seat, and construction began on a county courthouse, a prison and a market. In 1734, James Hamilton, a lawyer, acquired the town site of Lancaster for 5 shillings from his father. Not a bad investment!

Today Lancaster City has plenty to recommend it. Vibrant First Fridays, Art Gallery Row and more lend it a cosmopolitan air with plenty of attractions beyond its historic sights.

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

But back to history. Lancaster County blossomed during the 1730s. In 1732, [The Ephrata Cloister](#), founded by Conrad Beissel, was established about 15 miles northeast of the town of Lancaster. The Cloister, essentially a monastery, became a site where Beissel and his followers prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. Later



- 1. Hans Herr House
- 2. Witmer's Tavern
- 3. Ephrata Cloister
- 4. Donegal Presbyterian Church



they became known for the calligraphic art of *Frankturschriften*, a form of a cappella music performed according to Beissel's rules, and the production of the *Martyrs Mirror*, a 1500-page book. Today the Cloister is a museum, open to the public.

Also erected during this period was the [Donegal Presbyterian Church](#) in Mount Joy, about 17 miles west of Lancaster. Today it remains an active church and is well known for its "Witness Tree," a gigantic white oak, now memorialized by a cast iron plaque—the tree succumbed to disease. In 1777, the church congregation circled the tree and pledged their allegiance to the American Revolution.

Lancaster's congregation at [Trinity Lutheran Church](#) was formed in 1730, although the Church itself wasn't built until 1766. Located on South Duke Street, it's still in operation. At construction, its 195-foot spire was the tallest in North America west of Philadelphia.

EARLY COMMERCE

In the mid-1730s, the [Mascot Mills](#) were constructed east of the town of Lancaster in Ronks. Ultimately owned by Jacob Ressler and his descendants, it still operates today, grinding corn for the mill's guests. The mill is open to the public during the summer.

At the western end of Lancaster County, on the Susquehanna River, is Columbia, formerly known as Wright's Ferry. It's one of the nation's oldest frontier towns, settled by Quakers in the 1720s. In 1730, John Wright was granted a patent to operate a ferry across the Susquehanna River.

The Wright family made important contributions to the early town, including building [Wright's Ferry Mansion](#) in 1738, which is now a museum with a fine collection of early 18th-century furniture, ceramics, metal and glass. Susanna Wright, a Quaker, studied languages, including the tongues of the local Native peoples, loved literature, and was a close friend of Benjamin Franklin.

Just beyond Lancaster County, about 21 miles outside Lancaster City, is the [Cornwall Furnace](#). Founded in 1742, it's the only surviving charcoal cold blast furnace in the Western Hemisphere, and continued in operation until 1883. Nearby, but now flooded, are the Cornwall Ore Banks, one of the world's greatest iron ore deposits. Operated until 1973, the mine yielded over a hundred million tons of ore. Together the furnace and banks represent the heart of Pennsylvania's iron industry. The site is open year-round.

REVOLUTIONARY TIMES

Our new nation may have been founded on July 4, 1776, but the first Congress—then called the Continental Congress—was on the move under the persistent pursuit of the British troops.

In the early autumn of 1777, after the defeat of the troops at the Battle of Brandywine, the Continental Congress escaped Philadelphia to Lancaster City, where it met for one day at the Penn Square courthouse, before moving on to York. The historic courthouse, however, was destroyed by fire in the 1780s.

After its one-day term as the capital, Lancaster County again became our nation's permanent capital ... almost! In 1789, a proposal

to designate Columbia as the capital was submitted to George Washington, who favored it. But the proposal ultimately failed by one vote.

Lancaster City did become the state capital in 1799, as proposed by John Harris to include four acres near the Susquehanna River. That lasted until 1812, when the capital moved to Harrisburg, partially on the Harris tract. Senator William Maclay also sold some land to the Commonwealth for that purpose.

So much for politics.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND INDUSTRY

Lancaster in the 1740s was emerging as a center of industry and commerce. By 1742, the [Central Market](#)—still in use as a farmers market—was established in Lancaster City. A fire department was organized in 1744, and a newspaper, the *Lancaster Gazette*, later the *Lancaster Intelligencer*, began in 1752. Several longstanding businesses were also established: Steinman's Hardware in 1744, the [Demuth Tobacco Shop](#) in 1770 and others after them in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

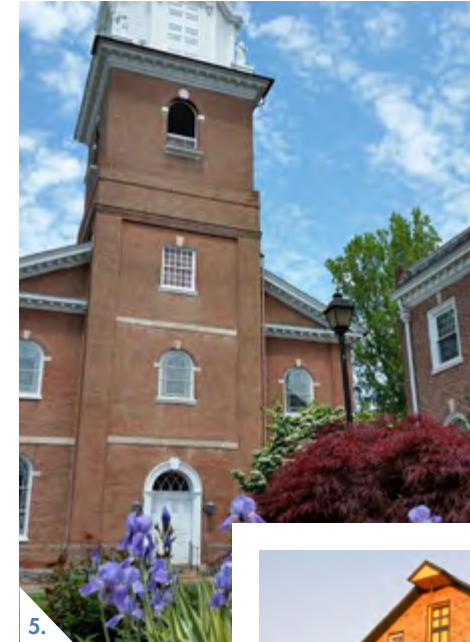
The year 1795 marked the completion of the Philadelphia & Lancaster Turnpike, the first hard-surfaced road in the United States. The turnpike was private, charged tolls and greatly relieved the hardship of travel over that route.

Another milestone: the longest covered bridge across the Susquehanna was completed in 1814, but was destroyed 18 years later by flooding water and ice. A replacement bridge was built, but it was purposely burned in 1863 to obstruct the advancing Confederate Army. A third bridge was destroyed by a hurricane in 1896, and a fourth was dismantled in 1963. A fifth bridge was built in 1930 and still stands today. And a sixth bridge, the [Wright's Ferry Bridge](#), was built farther upstream in 1972 and also remains in operation.

The [Columbia Crossing River Trails Center](#) is an excellent place to learn more about the Susquehanna and its history. [Riverfest](#), held in June, is a prime time to visit.

WHERE FREEDOM BEGAN

Slavery ended slowly in Pennsylvania. In 1780, the Gradual Abolition Act was passed in the Commonwealth, but applied only to



- 5. Trinity Lutheran Church
- 6. Mascot Mills
- 7. Wright's Ferry Mansion
- 8. Cornwall Furnace



9. Central Market 10. Demuth Tobacco Shop
11. Zercher's Hotel 12. Wheatland



those enslaved people reaching 28 years of age. In 1790, there were still 345 enslaved African Americans in Lancaster County.

In 1804, one of the first spontaneous uprisings against slavery took place in Columbia at the home of Thomas Boude, a Revolutionary War hero. Many believed the event gave rise to the Underground Railroad.

And interestingly, as a more literal part of the Underground Railroad—distinguished from the network of people helping enslaved people escape—the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, finished in 1834, had secret compartments in which many enslaved people found their way north to freedom.

In 1851, an event that rocked the nation and presaged the Civil War occurred in Christiana, in southeastern Lancaster County. Fifteen armed men from Maryland attempted to retrieve several escaped slaves. These enslaved people, joined by several Quakers, resisted and a melee ensued, leaving one Marylander dead. The fugitives were tried, defended by Abolitionist and Congressman Thaddeus Stephens, and were acquitted.

But the Christiana event—dubbed “Where Freedom Began”—is regarded as a major provocation for the Civil War. The story of the Christiana Resistance is recounted at the Underground Railroad Historical Center, housed in [Zercher's Hotel](#) in town.

PENNSYLVANIA'S ONLY PRESIDENT

Despite its deep connection with our country's history, Pennsylvania has been home to only one president. In 1856, James Buchanan was elected the 15th President of the United States and served just one term—the last president before the Civil War.

Before and after his presidency, Buchanan lived in Lancaster, at an estate known as [Wheatland](#), where he died at age 77. The Federal-style mansion is now preserved as a museum.

Today both Lancaster City and Lancaster County are thriving, with many more features of historical and future significance. If you can, take a weekend or a week to explore. And be sure to pick up your shoo-fly pie.

For more history, visit [DiscoverLancaster.com](#) and check our website, [CountyLinesMagazine.com](#). ♦



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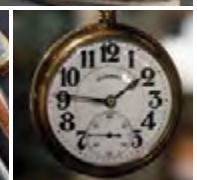
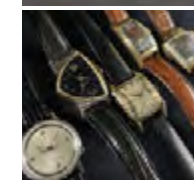
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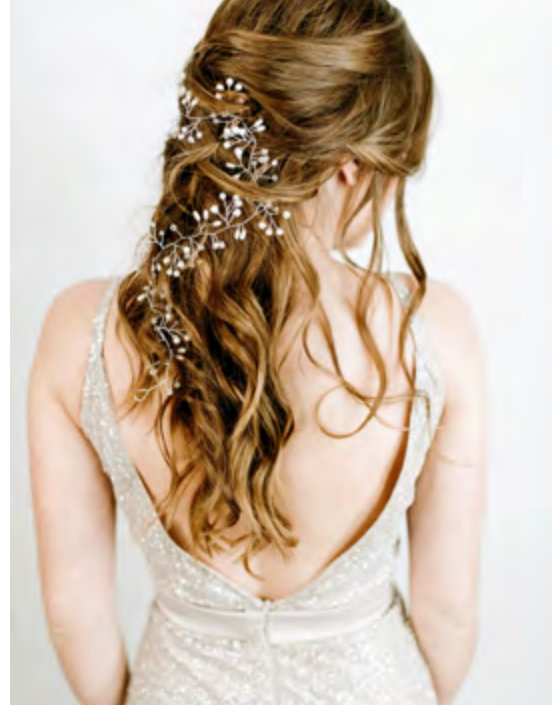
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IT'S AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A bride, with 2022 being a banner year for weddings. Couples who have been waiting to get married—some for two years—are finally celebrating their big day.

If you're a bride thinking about how to look your best for all those wedding photos, we have some of the latest trends in bridal beauty for you.

NATURAL HAIRSTYLES

It's no secret the pandemic affected our everyday appearance (Zoom pants, WFH no-makeup look). And the way we wear our hair is no exception.

During the past two years, many women have embraced their natural hair textures, skipped the hot tools and cut down on the collection of hair products they use.

This trend has carried over to wedding hairstyles as well. More brides are letting their natural waves and curls be the center of attention on their big day.

Similarly, many brides want a more laid-back, boho hairstyle—think beach waves and twists rather than uniform curls. The “boho braid” is making a comeback—a three-strand or loose fishtail braid accented with a simple hairpiece.

Ashley Jakubik of Bella Salon & Spa in Chester Springs says brides-to-be come to Bella and its sister salon in Phoenixville looking for “half-up, half down styles or even all the way down and sleek” more often than elaborate updos.

For those still partial to the updo, the low bun is another option (thanks, Meghan Markle!). Sophisticated, modern and sleek, this look is often paired with a middle part—another must-have. The classic center part is so popular because it works with all face shapes, making the face appear more symmetrical.

BACK TO BEAUTY BASICS

For 2022, we're seeing a big return to embracing natural beauty. Many women have been wearing less makeup and prefer this natural, effortless look for their wedding day. Gone are the days of the dark, smoky eye. Neutral, matte eyeshadows are now go-to looks for brides.

This pairs well with a nude lip—another mega-trend for today's brides. Though bright red lips are a wedding classic, many brides-to-be opt for a nude shade with just a hint of pink. And gloss is making a comeback—bye-bye liquid matte lipsticks.

2022 is also the year of the blushing bride—literally! Brides are ditching heavy contouring in favor of a soft pink glow. Blush isn't just for cheeks, either. Try some on the temples, too. For extra glow, swap out your classic powder blush for a cream blush.

Keep the glow going with highlights. Brides want to look luminous on their big day, but be careful with this technique. A heavy hand can result in glare in your wedding photos, and you can run the risk of looking oily.

Overall, 2022 brides are looking dewy-fresh. While the right primer and foundation are important, a proper skincare regiment will really get you glowing.

FOCUS ON SKINCARE

For skincare, one of the biggest trends in bridal beauty—and beauty in general—is an emphasis on healthy skin. Most women have been wearing less makeup since the start of the pandemic and instead have focused on taking better care of their skin.

For brides seeking radiant skin, working with a licensed esthetician can help reach your skin goals. It's never too early to start—experts recommend getting serious four to six months before the wedding.

Popular treatments for brides-to-be are facials, LED therapy and airbrush tanning. Meg Curry of Remedi Wellness & Spa in West Chester also recommends dermaplaning, an exfoliating treatment that gently scrapes the skin's surface with a scalpel. “It's a great treatment to schedule right before your

event,” she says. “Your skin will glow and your makeup application will look flawless!”

But getting that perfect wedding-day look doesn't end at the salon or spa. Preparing also requires a consistent at-home routine.

To keep your skin healthy and glowing, try products with natural ingredients. Going green with your skincare routine has benefits for all skin types. Natural products forgo harsh ingredients like artificial fragrances that can irritate your skin.

Natural products are widely available but why not support local businesses that make natural products? H. Honeycup is an online retailer based in Malvern selling vegan, plant-based skincare products.

For brides-to-be, founder Cindy Barberes recommends their Body Worship skincare set, which includes an exfoliating body scrub and moisturizing body oil.

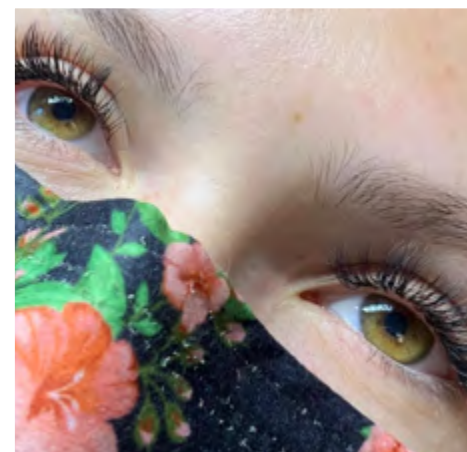
Skincare products also make a great gift for your bridal party or for mothers of the bride and groom. After all, everyone's skin could use a little extra love for their close-ups!

Whether you have a small family gathering or a big wedding bash, you deserve to look and feel beautiful on your big day. It just takes a little planning. ♦

Beautiful Brides... Naturally

TRENDS IN BRIDAL BEAUTY

Elizabeth Hughes



Enhance your natural look with a lash extension, shown here at Bella Salon & Spa.



Treat your skin to a day of pampering and attention. Remedi Wellness & Spa in West Chester can help.

Consider opting for natural skincare products, shown here from Malvern's H. Honeycup.





The Reimagined Storybook Wedding

COUPLES ARE PUTTING THEIR
PERSONAL STAMP ON WEDDINGS

Story by Carol Metzker

Photos by Pictures by Todd

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS by their sides, Joy and Michael exchanged rings and promises on June 26, 2021. Not long after the ceremony, the couple retreated to a reception just steps away. Joy switched a formal, lacy ivory dress for a lighter long, white summer dress and exchanged her bouquet for ... a light saber.

To dramatic orchestral notes of “Duel of the Fates” by *Star Wars* composer John Williams, Joy and Michael held a light saber fight—“which I won, even while wearing vintage high heels,” Joy laughed—against a beautiful backdrop of Pennsylvania fields and mountains. It ended in their first dance as newlyweds to the love song, “My Imagination” by Bill Withers.

As soulmates and equal partners, Joy and Michael’s wedding mixed a little of something old with a lot of something new to create an experience that told their story for guests. During their engagement they eschewed ballroom dancing instruction for fencing lessons. Reception decorations were Eagles-themed, and cupcakes frosted with green football helmets replaced a traditional tiered cake. There was no toss of the garter. “That’s just weird,” Joy said.

“Our wedding was a statement about the two of us,” said Joy. “We are unabashedly nerdy. Our house is filled with *Star Wars* objects and matching Eagles shirts instead of traditional decor. In marriage we will face stress that comes inevitably with life, but we can come together in harmony.”

[Editor’s note: Sadly, we weren’t able to get photos of the fun.]

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

At a wedding party recently, a spectacular custom floor with brightly colored patterns resembling Mediterranean tiles dazzled guests. People walked across the patterns to enjoy food stations designed like Mediterranean kiosks, take photos by the faux (but not faux-looking!) fountain in the floor’s center and later to dance the night away as though they were in an exotic land ... although close to home.

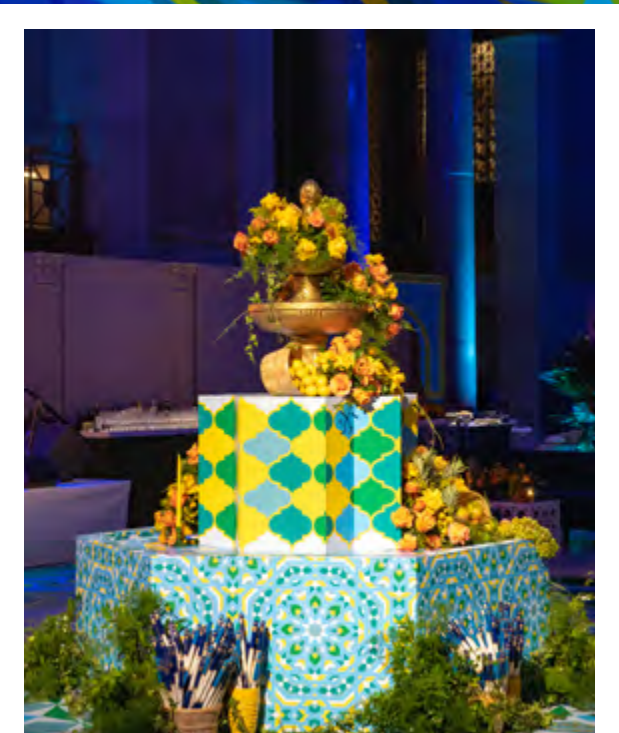
The floor lifted up easily the next day, but guests will talk about the room and the party for years to come, says Emily Spurlock, who designed it.

Spurlock, creative director and visual storyteller of Emily Kathryn Paper and Design, helps couples design local, national and international celebrations that tell stories of their past, present and future. Although weddings were once events with a checklist of amenities, many are now weekend or weeklong experiences, she says.

Couples celebrate their guests, not just themselves, through vow ceremonies and intimate family dinners that reflect their culture; sightseeing excursions that connect relatives and friends for relaxation and recreation; and nontraditional parties as they start new chapters in married life. They honor loved ones and often include favorite charities as part of wedding gift registries.

Every detail is given attention, Spurlock continues. Materials—soft or leathery paper for invitations, or shiny acrylic for signage—make a visual impact on people and the ambiance they experience. Pieces of each gathering become heirlooms—artful menus are mementos long after guests have savored a meal. Details express how a couple met, what they love and who they want to become together.

PHOTOS: CLANE GESSEL STUDIO FINE ART WEDDINGS





From traditional venues to backyard springhouses to special occasion tents, virtually any location can host a modern wedding.



LOCATION, LOCATION

Celebration venues help tell the story, too. Faunbrook's Victorian porch talks of timeless love. Thornbury Farm's timber-framed chapel speaks of nature.

To bring a fairy tale to life, drive through woodland and past a 56-column pergola, gardens and arbor up to stately Greystone Hall. Rich wood, wrought iron elements and stained glass abound for spectacular photo scenes. Enjoy cocktails in the Palm Room or Library and hors d'oeuvres on the terrace. Dine or dance in the tent-pavilion. If you're lucky, catch a glimpse of a stag and doe as you leave the estate.

Destinations are back in style. Within a short drive, Hershey's Butterfly Atrium's stunning flowers and colorful, fluttering wings shine for royalty and monarchs. At Philadelphia's Ritz Carlton, chandeliers and architectural arches express breathtaking drama. A myriad of inns, wineries and bed & breakfasts in Bucks County welcome couples and guests with their sophisticated or simple charm.

For a magical wedding or reception experience to delight friends young and old, take a twirl at the Carousel at Pottstown with enchanted horses and carved animals under sparkling lights.

FOREVER BEAUTIFUL

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Some brides are saying yes to two dresses—one for now and one for a big blow-out in 2020-something, or one for vows and one for a reception. Others fall in love with one dress and want to wear it as long and as many times as possible—at last year’s micro-wedding, this year’s grand re-I-do or one all-day affair.

FLOWERS AND MORE

Out with balloons, in with blooms! Many brides are turning to flowers as the adornment that makes any venue festive. From Phoenixville’s Hickory Grove Gardens in northern Chester County, south to the Farm at Oxford, and Wildflower Farm in between, local growers offer dazzling seasonal blooms for ceremonies and wedding-related events.

From field to venue, petals in sensational palettes form arches, garlands, wall and ceiling installations, bouquets and boutonnieres. Follow European trends of sending letterbox bouquets—flowers to slip through mail slots of guests who can’t travel—or field bouquets with assorted heights and colors to replicate the feel of blooms in nature. Select buckets for DIY or for designers who turn dreams into reality.

“Lily,” a mobile flower bar—a darling little truck that shows up to bridal showers with buckets of exquisite fresh flowers for guests to create their own take-home bouquets for favors—is just one of Wildflower Farm’s hits. The small farm in Malvern offers ruffly lisianthus and zinnias in a rainbow of colors, golden sunflowers, orange milkweed loved by butterflies as well as brides, purple stock, ranunculus and more.

Butterfly ranunculus blooms, newly developed in Japan, are the biggest rave. Long-lasting petals, reminiscent of a butterfly opening its wings and with a waxy texture that makes them almost shimmer in light, come in yellow, orange, red-tipped, soft pink and more.

Given enough time, says co-owner Lori, Wildflower Farm will dedicate part of their hoop house to plant and grow a small boutique space of flowers of a specific color palette for a couple’s wedding. The couple can visit their growing buds during their engagement. While visiting Wildflower Farm or enjoying a relaxing afternoon, sweethearts can sneak a glorious engagement photo while holding a bouquet at the barn’s swing.

With imagination and creativity, weddings are telling love stories in wonderful new ways. ♦



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Personal touches are everywhere: from quirky (or qwerty) ring displays to non-traditional cakes to less formal attire for grooms along with customized boutonnieres.



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The Carriage House at Rockwood Park Prime Hospitality Catering

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302-472-2433; RockwoodCarriageHouse.com

The Carriage House is nestled among the elegant English-inspired gardens of Rockwood Park. The gardens offer an alluring and picturesque backdrop for your ceremony with four different locations to choose from. The inside boasts a reception room with exposed stone walls and original barn doors, an immense bridal suite, an indoor ceremony space and a separate space for cocktail hour. Events up to 220.



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Gallery & Museum Spaces

Delaware Museum of Nature and Science

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Historic Buildings

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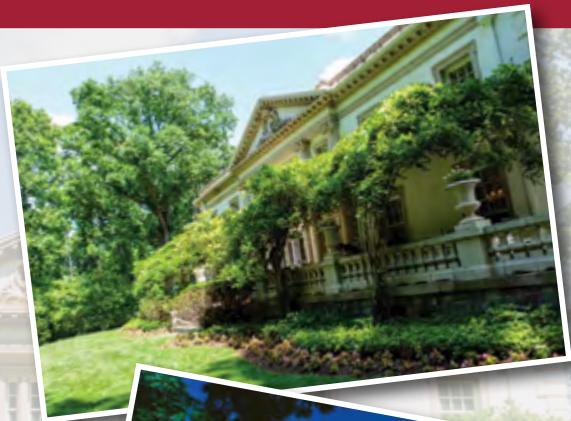
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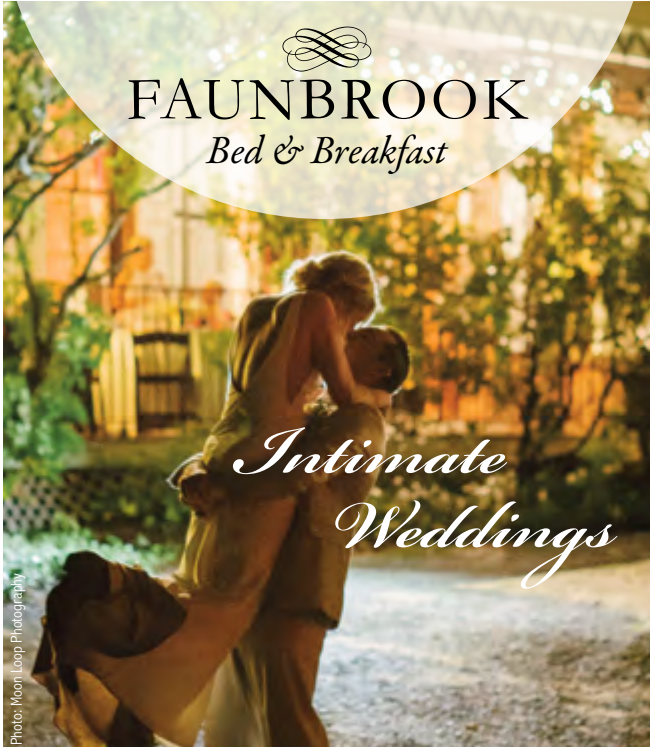
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Normandy Farm
1401 Morris Rd., Blue Bell
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The Delaware Contemporary
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215-340-9800; MichenerArtMuseum.org

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118 & 128 North Broad St., Philadelphia
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3260 South St., Philadelphia
215-898-4000; Penn.Museum

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610 Shipley Rd., Wilmington
302-761-4340; Rockwood.org

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New Moons

NEWLYWEDS ARE FINDING NEW WAYS TO HONEYMOON.

Shannon Montgomery

IT'S NO SECRET THAT WEDDINGS look different these days. In these changing (I won't say "unprecedented") times, couples are modifying and making new traditions that work for them.

The same goes for honeymoons. Newlyweds are finding unique ways to get away for together time after the wedding. In short, they're redefining honeymoons as we have known them.

Here are three of the biggest trends we've seen in post- (and pre-) wedding travel.

MINI-MOONS

Many couples are opting for a mini-moon after tying the knot. As it sounds, a mini-moon is a small-scale trip taken right after the wedding, usually with a larger vacation planned later. Shorter than the traditional two-week honeymoon, mini-moons are more akin to a loooong weekend, stretching out to a max of around five days.

With *USA Today* reporting that 82% of newlyweds are taking a two- to five-day trip after their wedding, it's clear mini-moons are quickly becoming the standard for modern couples.

Initially gaining popularity as a low-cost alternative to longer, traditional honeymoons, mini-moons may be the right fit for millennial couples. Many newlyweds find a grand vacation right after their wedding isn't doable—maybe it's too big an expense after the cost of the wedding, or perhaps the couple can't take more time off from work.

Mini-moons have been especially appealing to couples marrying during the pandemic. Dealing with ever-changing travel restrictions and safety guidelines, couples aren't able to take the honeymoon of their dreams now. A more modest but immediate mini-moon still allows

them the chance to relax and spend time together after the wedding, with the promise of an exotic getaway when conditions improve.

Besides practicality, mini-moons are much less stressful to plan and take than traditional honeymoons. There's no pressure to cram in as many activities and experiences as possible. Instead, the focus is on relaxing and enjoying each other's company with a few days of down-time before returning to their new everyday life.

When planning a mini-moon, experts recommend choosing a destination that minimizes travel time. If you're already traveling out of town for your wedding, consider staying on site a few extra days and indulging—upgrade your accommodations, order room service, splurge on a fancy dinner or two.

If you're staying local, a good rule of thumb is to keep your mini-moon destination within train or driving distance—avoid the time, expense and hassles of air travel altogether. Visit a nearby city, or take a road trip to a local beach or the mountains.

Or keep it hyper local—book a hotel or rent an Airbnb in your town and finally do everything you and your partner have been meaning to try. Be a tourist in your hometown!

Local Getaways

Ready to start planning your own mini-, many or early moon? We have you covered. Check out these romantic destinations, just a road trip away from the Brandywine Valley.

ANNAPOLIS, MD

Only a two-hour drive from Chester County, Annapolis is a great destination for couples looking for something new without traveling too far. Called "The Museum Without Walls," Annapolis is a contemporary city with a rich history. Visit museums and historic landmarks by day, and enjoy fine dining and nightlife in the evening.

Located on the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis offers plenty of outdoor activities—from fishing and sailing on the Bay to hiking and biking in the many parks and trails.

HERSHEY, PA

Hershey is home to more than the amusement park (though that's always fun, too!). Book a stay at the Hershey Lodge or Hotel Hershey and see what makes "The Sweetest Place on Earth" so special. Get a glimpse into the town's history at the Hershey Story Museum, or see how the chocolate gets made at Hershey's Chocolate World.

Indulge in a chocolate-themed spa day with your partner at MeltSpa or The Spa at the Hotel Hershey. And visit Hershey Gardens to stroll among 500 butterflies at the Butterfly Atrium or come face-to-face with a falcon at the Hotel Hershey's falconry.

DELAWARE BEACHES

There's something for everyone at Delaware's beaches. After a long day of surf and sun, Rehoboth's famous boardwalk offers food, rides and live music at the Bandstand. Or dance the night away at Dewey Beach's nightclubs and bayside bars. For a romantic evening, visit historic Lewes for fine dining, shopping and a quiet stroll along the canal.

Need to get away from it all? Walk the wildflower trails of Cape Henlopen State Park to one of Delaware's oldest lighthouses.



Home of the Month

MANY MOONS

Other couples choose the many moon route. Instead of one long vacation or one short mini-moon, this option is a series of shorter trips throughout the couple's first year—or years—of marriage.

Around the same length as a mini-moon, many moons differ in a key way: while the mini-moon usually precedes a traditional honeymoon, couples who take many moons forgo the one big trip altogether for a series of smaller trips spread out over time.

Many moons offer some of the same benefits as mini-moons. They're more practical for many couples whose work schedules don't allow them to get away for two weeks after time away for their wedding. It's often easier to make time to get away if you plan shorter trips, taking advantage of long weekends and work holidays.

There's also less pressure: instead of trying to plan that memorable "perfect" honeymoon, newlyweds can try a variety of destinations and activities in several trips.

Another benefit is many moons can be customized to fit your and your partner's interests. Some couples jump around the map, trying as many globe-trotting experiences and exotic locales as possible. Others design their many moons around a theme, like visiting historic landmarks or focusing on national parks.

There's no wrong way to spend your many moons—the goal is quality time with your new spouse.

EARLY MOONS

Another trending option is the early moon, when couples take a trip before the wedding. An attractive feature of early moons is that they can be combined with any post-wedding vacation—honeymoon, mini-moon or many moons.

The early moon is a cure for wedding planning stress, giving couples an opportunity to connect and decompress before the big day. And your early moon can be as big or as small as you want (and can afford!).

Some couples take trips across the country, while others keep it simple. A weekend at the shore or the Poconos, or even a staycation, can be a great way to spend scheduled one-on-one time with your soon-to-be spouse without the trip becoming another source of stress during an already-hectic time.

Nowadays there are plenty of options for couples looking to get away together. Whether you choose a mini-moon, many moons or early moon, remember the goal is to spend quality time with your partner.

Wedding planning can be overwhelming and stressful, so plan to make time to unwind and live in the moment. Happy trails! ♦

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Laurel Anderson

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FROM NEGLECT TO SHOWHOUSE

Springdale Farm—which actually does have springs surrounding it, as well as a converted springhouse—is now 11+ acres of mostly flat, open land dotted with towering hemlocks, sycamores and other old-growth trees. "Four acres to the front of the property are under a conservation easement," says owner Melanie Keller, as are portions of several neighboring properties in the lightly developed rolling hills of southern Chester County.

A stately three-story historic stone farmhouse, with a limestone façade and fieldstone sides, is the centerpiece of the property.



four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom home is comprised of the original 1748 structure, an 1836 expansion and the Kellers' modern addition.

Several outbuildings—including a one-bedroom tenant house, charming she shed with fireplace and original beams, and the ruins of a massive stone bank barn—are also on the property.

Today's picture-perfect Federal-style home is a far cry from the neglected building the Kellers visited after a two-year search for a new home and another property to restore. "We've restored about 15 to 20 properties together," says Melanie, referring to husband, Kevin, who is often the general contractor.

And that experience is why the couple was willing to enter the shell of the home. A strong storm may well have finished the demolition by neglect, but for the Kellers' intervention.

Melanie remembers, "The whole house was boarded up. We had to remove boards to get in the door. There was no light inside because the windows were boarded, too. Vines were growing through the cracks, inside the house."

A visit to nearby Oakdale—a "twin" property with a similar structure that had been restored "to the nines"—confirmed their vision of what the house could be. And the level, well-preserved floors were evidence of a strong foundation of the home.

After waiting a month, the Kellers made their offer and bought the property in late 2017. Another year was needed to secure permits. Then West Chester-based architect Dale Frens developed the design, Dan Smucker did the construction, and Chris Lapp of Buena Vista Restorations handled the extensive masonry work, as Kevin oversaw the project. The Kellers moved into their dream home in late 2019.

NEW SPRINGDALE FARM

"I wanted to create a comfortable farmhouse feeling," says Melanie, walking through the center hall, now filled with natural light. "Keep the best of the old, mixed with the new," she continues as she points out exposed stone walls, preserved beams, granite thresholds, archways and other details of the original structures.

To the right, spanning the width of the house, is a spacious, modern living room, with twin brick fireplaces. The dining room, with another fireplace, this one made of stone, is to the left. Gorgeous reclaimed wood floors throughout most of this level were made from wood taken from the farm's former barn. Original floors remain in the 18th-century portion of the home. Windows in thick walls display the characteristic slant of colonial design.

A new vaulted-ceiling, east-facing kitchen and family room are flooded with light. This stunning space is anchored by a 15-foot quartz island—the dream of any cook, along with Wolf range and Sub-Zero fridge—and overlooks the large Trex deck and views of the property.

A mudroom, dry bar and powder room complete the first floor.

The second floor is home to the primary suite with its enviable bath and slipper soaking tub. Ample storage is found in a walk-in closet with built-ins, another walk-in closet with shelves, and a storage room by the convenient second-floor laundry room.

A second bedroom and bath are on the second floor, with two additional bedrooms, both with en suite baths, on the third floor.

Now completely restored, historic Springdale Farm is ready for a third family to call it home. ♦

For more about this 4-bedroom, 4.5-bath, historic home on 11+ acres in Pennsbury Township, contact Stephen Gross of The Holly Gross Group, Berkshire Hathaway, Fox & Roach, 610-430-3030 (office), 484-883-0681 (cell); HollyGrossGroup.com. Price upon request.

Some Minor Thoughts on Craft Beer

Mike Contreras, 2SP Brewing Company



IN 2006, I GOT A CALL FROM BOSTON BEER, THE makers of Sam Adams. It was just after my first semester of grad school in California, and I was ready to go all in on a PhD program.

“Hi, Mike. We’re excited to see you applied for our beer ambassador position. Got time for an interview?” I didn’t apply, and how did they get my number? Ah, of course. The guys at the local beer bar must have given them my digits. After all, I had a deep knowledge of craft beer, and I’m such a social, affable guy.

I did the interview and quickly called my mom back in Pennsylvania. The conversation went like this.

“Ma, Sam Adams wants me.”

“Oh great! I sent them your resume.”

“Wait, what?!”

“Honey, you know how much I love you. Well, I’ve been reading your essays and talked with some of your classmates. I don’t think grad school is for you.”

She was right. Maybe a career slinging suds presented a brighter future. And Boston Beer did the right thing and passed on me.

Instead, at 22, I got a sales job with Oregon-based Rogue Ales & Spirits, a company that sought to employ the unemployable.

CRAFT EVOLUTION

Back in 2006, the craft beer industry was a lot different than it is today. *A lot*. Unlike today’s industry standards, a brewery could give someone like me an insanely big sales territory with the reasonable expectation of explosive growth (with Rogue I managed all of Southern/Central California along with Las Vegas). There are not many industries that were growing like craft beer during those early years.

Today, craft beer is in a much different place.

Earlier this year I gave a talk to a group about our little Delco brewery, 2SP. I’ve been doing these talks for years—at Rogue, then later with Dogfish Head Brewery. Who we are, what we brew, and maybe spice things up with tales of run-ins with the cops.

This time something felt different. In those early Rogue years, if I asked the group “How many of you have tried craft beer?” about 15% of the room would raise their hand. Fast forward



2SP Brewery



Dogfish Head

to my Dogfish Head (2010–2014) and 60% would have sipped a craft beer.

That day in January, everyone in the room raised their hand.

GROWTH SPURTS

Thinking back on my 15+ years in the industry, I’ve witnessed the most exciting and intoxicating period in the evolution of beer brewing. Sadly, it feels like now we’ve reached the limit of rapid growth and expansion—that we’ve reached the proverbial Pacific.

Yes, I have my gut feelings, but the numbers back me up. Brewery production data from the Brewers Association—the American craft beer trade group—shows dramatic changes have occurred in a little over ten years.

First, a few technical points: Regional Breweries (like Yards, Dogfish Head) produce over 15,000 barrels annually (bbls); Microbreweries (like 2SP, Love City) between 15,000bbls and 1,000bbls; and Small Breweries (like East Branch, Hidden River) under 1,000bbls. (The data is incomplete because some small breweries don’t report, but those omissions wouldn’t change the large trends below.)

	Regional Breweries		Microbreweries		Small Breweries	
YEAR	# Breweries	Barrels	# Breweries	Barrels	# Breweries	Barrels
2008	64	6,826,868	464	3,949,034	967	386,829
2013	116	12,215,735	693	2,471,181	2,090	693,610
2019	184	13,905,286	1,570	5,240,313	4,818	1,453,027

Let’s focus on 2008, 2013 and 2019 because each of those years represents new trends in the craft beer industry. In 2008, there were a few powerhouse Regional Breweries with national distribution, and in their wake were muscular Microbreweries on the cusp of moving up to the next rank.

The huge growth spurt in 2013 in the number of Regional Breweries came from the Microbreweries, class of 2008. Small Breweries were also growing during that period, but there was a relatively low number of them in 2013 compared to today.

From 2013 to 2019 the Regional Brewery segment grew at a much slower rate in number and volume compared with both the Micro- and Small Breweries. Those grew in the triple digits during that explosive six-year period.

MORE EVERYTHING

So, what were the trends during that time frame?

Back in 2006 there were new breweries in California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Oregon that were coming onto the scene with a seductive and rebellious attitude, providing a new gospel to the fermented world. And that gospel sang to a thirsty group of drinking evangelists, like the TV character Tim the Toolman Taylor, “more power!” Which translated to more hops, more alcohol, more styles. This was a shock and awe period of brewing that changed the landscape for craft beer.

By default, shock and awe eventually turns into placid and mundane. Craft beer was by then showing up on grocery store shelves and sports bar tap lines, no longer exclusively at the one-beer bar in Bumbleville or that exclusive bottle shop in Center City.

SMALL BREWERIES, BIG PLAYERS

But craft beer is an industry that thrives on excitement and desire for the new, and it was the Small Breweries sprinkled around the country that next captured the zeitgeist.

Holding the craft trendsetter’s captive were New England and Hazy IPAs, Fruited Kettle Sours, Pastry Stouts—a series of new styles created and produced almost exclusively by Small Breweries.



Rogue Ales & Spirits

(Regional Breweries recently got behind them but were extremely reluctant.)

Those new styles are often not shelf stable (exploding cans!). Plus, these beers have an extremely short quality window and were sold in a format entirely unfamiliar to big brewers (16-oz. cans in 4-packs).

As the exclusive producers of those styles, Small Breweries thrived. A brewery's Instagram post announcing a new can release just hours before opening could produce lines out their door.

Today those customer lines are shorter and less frequent. The new styles have lost some zip because the sheer number of releases diluted their distinctiveness.

And this, beer fans, leaves an opening for the next trend, a new cultural moment in craft beer. I don't know what it will look like just yet, but I am hopeful. My best bet is that the next phase will have a huge emphasis on quality and less on quirky marketing as in years past.

Back in 2006, my mom liked the thought of me in a field I was passionate about, built around the idea that regular Joes and Janes could buy a local world-class beer for a few dollars more than a mass-produced lager by a faceless conglomerate.

Today, that idea is truer than it has ever been.

So, cheers to my mom! And to craft beer! ♦

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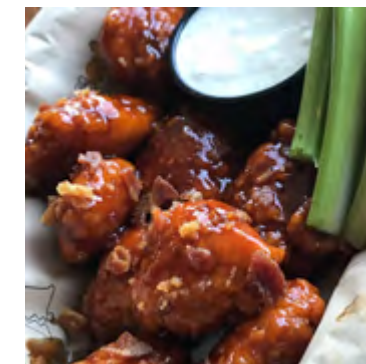
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A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink

Tastes of Spring. Spring has sprung—and so has fresh produce. Asparagus and strawberries are approaching peak season, so what better place to get your pick than a local farm? Try Malvern's **Sugartown Strawberries** for farm fresh asparagus and sweet strawberries—perfect for your Easter meal. Plus their Country Store features homemade cheeses, fruit jams and honey harvested from their very own beehives. Or check out local farmers markets listed in our Events section. *650 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. SugartownStrawberries.com.*



Local Eats. Looking for something new? We got you. **MaGerks** opens a new location in Exton this month, featuring pub favorites like burgers, wings and their specialty MaGerks mac-n-cheese. For Asian cuisine, head to Exton's **Issho** to enjoy sushi, sashimi and their signature rolls. Choose from 24 varieties, from crazy tuna to orange dragon. And blend your own wine at family-owned **Vino Bambino Winery** in Broomall and make a toast to yourself. *MaGerksPub.com. IsshoExton.com. VinoBambino.us.*



All Aboard! Ride the rails to Bryn Mawr, where **The Pullman Restaurant & Bar** opens this spring, replacing Tango Restaurant at the Bryn Mawr train station. Inspired by 1940s railcar dining and décor, The Pullman will serve lunch, dinner and dessert using the freshest local ingredients. Plus they'll feature small plates and artisanal cocktails, craft beers and wine to enjoy alongside live music at their sleek and chic Pullman Main Bar and Piano Lounge. *39 Morris Ave., Bryn Mawr. ThePullmanRestaurant.com.*

Easter Goodies. Easter: the perfect time to get your chocolate fix, and local chocolate shops know just how to satisfy. Newtown Square's **Christopher Chocolates** offers classic Easter sweets like chocolate bunnies, both hollow and solid, and they'll even write your name on their chocolate Easter eggs—the perfect gift. Or head to West Chester's newish **Kilwins** to dig into their assorted Easter baskets stuffed with chocolates galore, from bunny ears to cream-filled Easter eggs. *Christopher-Chocolates.com. Kilwins.com.*



Cheers to April!

Did you know April 7 is **National Beer Day**? A great time to celebrate beer, derived from one of the world's oldest recorded recipes, dating back about 5000 years. Also on April 7—in 1933—President Franklin Roosevelt signed a law allowing the sale of beer, signaling the end of Prohibition. Mark the date at your local brewery, sharing a pint with close friends. Or if you're feeling adventurous, follow the Brandywine Valley Brew Scene's trail. *BVBrewScene.com.*



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Foraged Goods

A RETURN TO THE TIME-HONORED PASTIME OF SEEKING AND GATHERING EDIBLE INGREDIENTS FROM THE WILDERNESS

Alyssa Thayer

FORAGING FOR FOOD, ONCE A NECESSITY FOR survival, is now making a resurgence as a hobby. Home enthusiasts and professional chefs alike scramble each season to claim their share of these forest-found treasures. From homely dandelion greens to sought-after morels, foraged goods have become highly coveted ingredients.

“People are getting tired of packaged things. They are looking for a life that touches the soil in a different way,” says **Tim Mountz**, owner of **Happy Cat Farm** in Kennett Square. He attributes the recent rise in seed and seedling sales to people turning towards more natural, work-with-your-hands pastimes. He sees foraging as a natural extension of gardening. He laughs and says, “You’re outside pulling weeds and wonder, could I eat this?” And often, the answer is yes!

Tim found his love of all things outdoors and edible early in life. His four local grandparents, whom he describes as “people of the land,” were constantly taking advantage of the abundance all around them—elderberries, wild raspberries, wineberries, wild mint and watercress.



Tim and some friends at their secret pawpaw harvesting spot

Tim says one of his favorite parts of foraging is that short, exciting window for finding each unique flavor. “I’m one of those people who loves foods that are hard to get,” he admits. If he had to pick just two foraged favorites, he says he’d pick spring ramps and fall pawpaws. Ramps because they come up for such a short time, and pawpaws because of their abundant harvest and diversity of uses.

One of the tenets of Happy Cat Farm is education, and as



Tim Mountz, owner of Happy Cat Farm, with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Signy, at Longwood Gardens (where Amy works).

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one of Tim’s mentors once said, “Pass along a piece of our passion.” By teaching people around him to respect, celebrate and forage the land, he is honoring and sharing his *raison d’être*.

The idea of teaching came as Tim prepared for the birth of his child. He knew he needed to reduce the number of plant shows and amount of travel he was doing. But Tim also knew it would leave a void, since interacting with the public and talking about what he loves was so fulfilling for him. Around this time, someone asked if he’d lead a foraging course, and just like that ‘Foraging School’ was created.

After seeing the success of their first “school,” Tim started expanding offerings, which eventually turned into Tomato, Pizza, Bread, Polenta, Taco and Hot Sauce Schools. The pandemic has forced a mix of in-person and virtual classes, but all of them come with ingredients and seeds to allow you to “play and create,” Tim says proudly.

Foraging, in particular, can be a little intimidating. Not knowing where to start and the fear of harvesting something poisonous often

stop people before they even start. But Tim suggests starting small—get a plant ID book and enlist a knowledgeable friend or guide, and slowly but surely your confidence and repertoire will grow. Below are some tips, guidelines and recipes to get you going on your gathering journey.



Tim's daughter, Signy, with a pawpaw

Ramp Oil

Ramps are vibrant green and magnificently bold in their flavor, but the window for finding them and enjoying them is quite short. Should you be lucky enough to get your hands on some, the recipe below will help you to extend the enjoyment.



Tim's Pressed Ramp Oil:

1 bunch of ramp leaves (about 10)
1–2 C. high quality olive oil*

***Note:** Tim says it’s really up to you how much oil you use. He likes to keep his ramp oil dark green and get as much of that great ramp flavor as possible.

Once the tops are washed, put the ramps into a pot to blanch quickly in boiling water. Then move into an ice bath. This breaks up the leaves and extracts more of the juices. Let them sit for about 15 minutes.

Next, use a piece of fine cheesecloth or an old dishtowel to squeeze the ramps and let the juice drip into a bowl. Squeeze like your life depends on it!

Blend this beautiful green liquid into good quality olive oil. I blend it slowly to get the color and flavor I’m looking for.

And that’s it! Told you it’s easy.

Store in the fridge for up to a month.

This green liquid-gold can and should be used on anything savory. My favorite is what we call the “cheesy boy.” It’s a non-sauced pizza with about seven or eight different cheeses on it, plus a little garlic, black sesame seeds and a drizzle of ramp oil. It’s phenomenal!

****Note:** Another method for creating ramp oil is to use a high-powered blender to pulverize the ramp tops into the oil and then strain them with fine cheesecloth. This method can be used with spring onions as well.

Vernal Green Soup

This fresh yet creamy soup can be served warm or at room temperature. It’s perfect for early spring when we still need warming foods but have begun yearning for more freshness. It can be adapted to use whatever foraged or market-bought greens you have on hand.



Ground Rules

Here are a few simple foraging guidelines to help ensure it’s a safe, satisfying and sustainable practice.

1. Lots to Learn: Each plant, fungi or fruit has its own unique characteristics—where to find it, what to look for, look-alike species and safe handling methods. It’s better to start with a few well-researched items than to cast a wide, less certain net. Tim suggests reading up in books or local forums, signing up for classes and finding a mentor or more experienced foraging partner.

2. Get Permission: Once you start recognizing various species, you’ll find you notice them almost everywhere. From a wooded area on the side of the road to a stump in a neighbor’s yard. It’s important to have permission to be on the land and to harvest there. Tim says, “If I’m driving down the road and see a big puff-ball (mushroom) in someone’s yard, I knock on the door and ask about it.”

3. Sacred Spots: Practiced foragers often have particular places to find certain items. “If I take you to my spot, that’s sacred turf,” Tim says. That’s more of a code of conduct than a hard and fast rule, but it’s observed widely among foraging friends.

4. Split the Goods: Again, less of a rule, more of a custom, but Tim believes the best way to divide up a collection is equally. “Everyone shares what we get. If we find one mushroom and we are with three people, everyone gets a share,” he says.

5. Storing and preserving: Once you’re well-versed in the identification and harvesting process, you’ll want to find ways to preserve your bounty. Tricks like sun-drying mushrooms or blending herbs/alliums in oil and freezing help extend the short seasons.

- 4 T. butter
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 T. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. tarragon
- 2 tsp. ground sage
- 5 baby potatoes, quartered
- 1 C. whole milk
- 2 C. chicken broth
- 5 loose cups spring greens and alliums, washed, dried and chopped. ***See note**
- Salt and pepper to taste

***Note:** This can be a combination of whatever is available and can include ramps, arugula, sorrel dandelion, watercress, spring onion, parsley or even spinach. Aim to have a balance of pungent and neutral greens. *For example*, 1–2 cups chopped bitter/pungent greens (ramps, arugula, dandelion, chives, garlic mustard) and 3–4 cups neutral greens (parsley, watercress, kale and spinach).

To begin, melt 3 tablespoons of butter in a heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Stir or swirl the pan. Just as the butter begins to brown, turn the heat down to medium.

Add onion, sauté until soft and translucent (about 4 minutes). Add olive oil, garlic, herbs and a hearty pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for an additional minute. Add potatoes and cook (still over medium heat) for an additional few minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small pot, bring milk and stock to a simmer. Pour simmering stock mixture into the pot with potatoes and aromatics and bring back to a simmer for 10–15 minutes, or until potatoes have softened.

Add greens and simmer for 1–2 extra minutes, until they have completely wilted and softened.

Using either an immersion blender or a stand-up blender, blend until smooth. Return to pot over low heat (using extreme caution when pouring your hot soup from pot to blender). Stir in the last tablespoon of butter and an additional pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Allow flavors to meld (2 minutes). Stir in vinegar and bring back up to a simmer for 1 minute before serving.

Serve topped with croutons or toasted nuts, and a little of that ramp oil.

Serves 4–6.

Pan-seared Maitake Mushrooms Over Polenta

This dish can be made with fresh or sun-dried hen of the woods (aka maitake mushrooms). Tim says he loves drying his foraged mushrooms because they keep for so long and rehydrate so well.

Tim says this recipe is only a suggestion. “People tend to have big opinions on how to cook polenta. I think that’s one of the reasons I love it. I love food that people are so passionate about that they will stop talking to you if you say you do it a different way,” he says.



Dried Mushrooms 101

Drying Mushrooms:

Start by slicing the mushrooms into thin slices (¾”), then put the slices in the sun on a hot sunny day (once we have those again) and it will dry pretty quickly. Once they’re completely dehydrated, store them in a brown paper bag away from humidity and direct light. If handled correctly, they can last a year or two. Bonus: The sunlight increases the vitamin D in the mushroom, making it an even bigger superfood.

Spring Spotlight

While the farm fields still lay mostly barren, out in the woods, fresh, green shoots are bursting onto the scene for their April debut. Here are a few early arrivals on the foraging scene:

Ramps: (*Allium tricoccum*; aka wild leeks) are a good beginner plant. Tim says they’re great because there are no look-alikes that also smell like onion.

Harvest sustainably: Because ramps are becoming so popular to forage, their abundance is dwindling. Help patches continue to flourish by only harvesting leaves and allowing the bulb to continue to regrow.

Tasting notes: They have a delightfully bright and pungent flavor that works well in place of garlic, leeks or spring onions. They can be grilled, sautéed or blended into a sauce or pesto.

Morels: Tim says, “They’re brown in a season that is brown,” making them tricky to find. But they have an exceptional woody, nutty flavor, which makes them culinary gold.

Where and when to find: These special fungi arrive on the scene in early to mid-April and often grow in small clusters around particular trees, such as ash and elm.

Avoid fakes: It’s important to have these mushrooms properly identified as there is a similar “false morel” that can have very adverse effects if eaten.

Fiddleheads: These are the tightly wound ferns of early spring. These natural formations have long been a part of Native American art and medicine, but only recently become a more mainstream culinary delicacy.

Types: There are two types that are edible and others that can be quite toxic. The most commonly found and eaten variety is the ostrich. These still have trace amounts of toxins, so they must be cooked for at least 5 minutes before eating.

Tasting notes: They’re fresh tasting with a crisp texture. Because of their delicate flavor profile, they’re best paired with subtle, soft herbs (mint, dill) rather than pungent alliums or hard herbs (sage, rosemary).

Prepare by boiling briefly (2 min.) before sautéing. Wash just before cooking, since moisture will cause them to spoil.

Other General Resources:

- Pennsylvania Foragers Club
- Pennsylvania Mushroom Hunters
- Wild Foodies of Philly
- Chester County Mycology Facebook page

Rehydrating Mushrooms:

There are different ways to rehydrate. If you have time, soaking them for a long time in cool water (12–24 hours) keeps their flavor at its best. If pressed for time, simply pour 2 cups of boiling water over them and wait 20–30 minutes until soft.

No matter which method you use, make sure to rinse them well and dry before use.

- 1 C. water
- 2½ C. vegetable or mushroom broth
- 1 C. polenta
- 3 T. butter (1 for polenta, 2 for mushrooms)
- ⅓–½ C. Parmesan cheese

(depending on how cheesy you like it)

- 2 T. olive oil
- 2 oz. dried mushrooms, rehydrated, dried and chopped, or about 10 oz. of fresh mushrooms, chopped
- ½ large onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3–4 sprigs of fresh thyme, leaves removed from stems
- 1 tsp. ground sage
- 1 tsp. arrowroot
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Optional: Maldon sea salt to finish

***Polenta Note:** Depending on the size and type of polenta/corn grits you use, cooking times can range drastically (up to 45 minutes). This recipe used Bob’s Red Mill, which is quick cooking.

In a large pot, bring water and 2 cups of broth to a boil. Whisk in polenta and a pinch of salt and pepper and reduce heat to medium-low. Continue stirring every few minutes (to keep it from sticking to the bottom) until mixture thickens.

Once thick, turn the heat down to low, and place the lid on top, allowing the mixture to absorb any additional liquid (5 minutes).

***Note:** If it thickens too much or is sticking too much, add a bit of hot water to loosen it up (a few spoonfuls at a time).

Stir in 1 tablespoon of butter and Parmesan cheese before serving.

While polenta cooks, heat a cast iron skillet or heavy frypan over medium-high heat. Add olive oil and wait for it to get hot before adding mushrooms and a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Stir once to coat and then allow to cook undisturbed for 3–4 minutes before stirring and allowing to soften and brown on another side for an additional 3–4 minutes (6–8 minutes total). Add a tablespoon of oil if the pan seems dry.

****Note:** Mushrooms need ample space to brown and soften. If the pan seems crowded or they are overlapping, cook them in batches.

Once mushrooms have released their moisture and are browning, add remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, allowing it to melt and bubble. Turn heat down to medium and add garlic, onion and herbs. Sauté until fragrant and soft (3–4 minutes).

In a small bowl, whisk arrowroot into the remaining ½ cup of broth. Pour arrowroot slurry over top of the mushroom pan, stirring as it cooks to loosen any flavorful bits from the pan. Allow water to cook out for a minute or two more, and then it will begin to thicken. Depending on whether you used salted or unsalted butter, you may want to add one additional pinch of salt to taste.

Serve in a shallow bowl with a bed of warm polenta and the sautéed mushrooms spooned over top. Tim likes to top with Maldon sea salt and a drizzle of the ramp oil.

Serves 4.

Wilted Dandelion Salad

Turns out those pesky, ubiquitous weeds all over your yard are not only edible, they’re delicious. Dandelion greens have a fresh, slightly bitter

flavor that stands up well to the sweet and savory of this dressing. Enjoy salad as-is, or top with a grilled protein or sliced hard boiled egg.



- 3 slices of bacon
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 T. apple cider vinegar
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. olive oil
- 2 bunches of dandelion greens, chopped, washed thoroughly and dried
- ½ C. slivered almonds
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large frypan, render bacon over medium heat. Cook 5 minutes or so on each side, making sure it’s browned and crisp but not charred. Transfer to a plate covered in a paper towel to absorb any extra grease.

Turn heat up to medium-high and add shallots. Sauté for 1–2 minutes until softened. Turn down heat to medium-low and add garlic and a pinch of salt and pepper. Sauté until fragrant and soft, being careful the garlic doesn’t burn (1–2 minutes).

Turn heat off and add olive oil, vinegar and mustard, and whisk. Stir to combine. Add chopped dandelion greens to a large bowl and start spooning warm dressing over top a bit at a time, tossing in between. By the end, greens should be well-coated and beginning to wilt.

Chop crispy bacon into small pieces and sprinkle ovetop with slivered almonds and one more pinch of salt (I like to use flaked salt to finish) and pepper (fresh ground if you have it).

Enjoy right away.

Serves 4–6. ♦

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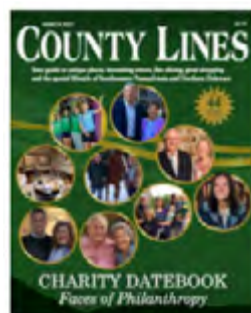
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