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Celebrate May in County Lines country with horses, gardens and art, plus the art of tailgating. To start, Shannon Montgomery writes it's "A Milestone Year for Steeplechase Racing" as Winterthur, Willowdale and Radnor Hunt Races hit 45-, 30- and 92-year anniversaries! Pack a tailgate and join the Brandywine Valley tradition of horse racing and fundraising.

Another tradition, the 127th Devon Horse Show returns May 24 to June 4. Laurel Anderson shares what to see inside and outside the rings, including special Family Days.

To round out our equestrian coverage, Judy Freedman Hendrickson writes about the mission of Reins of Life, a therapeutic riding program in "Passion. Success. Strength." And we've got photos of party barns! See what magic local architects and builders perform.

If you're on the Main Line for a Devon Horse Show weekend or otherwise, consider your many options for mimosas, French toast and more. Ed Malet writes "Breakfast? Lunch? We Want Brunch!"

Art lovers will find the Brandywine Valley in full bloom with art shows, tours, exhibits and more. In "Art Gallery Roundup," Elizabeth Hughes helps you explore our area's thriving art scene.

Also in bloom are countless gardening events in greater Chester County, part of America's Garden Capital. Marci Tomassone directs you to the best in "Home & Garden." For home gardeners, Monica McQuail of Willistown Conservation Trust writes in "This Spring, Add Some Biodiversity to Your Yard" that manicured lawns are out, and natural ecosystems are in. Plus Laurel Anderson tours the garden and a stunning Tudor estate in Pocopson Township in our Home of the Month feature.

Our tailgating coverage includes "Tailgate Drinks," with mint julep, Kir royale and Pimm's cup recipes, plus more in Brandywine Table, where Courtney Diener-Stokes interviews local equestrians who know how food makes tailgating extra special.

As always, we have the Best Local Events.

Thank you for reading.

to Anna Jo Anne Durako

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

Centennial Celebration. Our hearty congrats to Hedgerow Theatre, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year! Founded as part of the Arts and Crafts movement and built in a renovated 19th-century grist mill in Rose Valley, Hedgerow is the oldest continuously running repertory theater in America. Many notable actors have graced its stage, including Ann Harding,



Richard Basehart, Austin Pendleton and Keanu Reeves, and it has attracted famous playwrights like Susan Glaspbell and Edward Albee. Here's to 100 more years of the dramatic arts! 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Hedgerow Theatre.org.

Grateful Grads. Prepare to see lots of caps and gowns around West Chester from May 11 to 14. West Chester University's spring 2023 commencement will include 17 separate ceremonies across campus, starting with the Kente Ceremony on Thursday at 6 p.m. and ending with the Graduate School commencement on Sunday at 6 p.m. Be sure to congratulate any graduates you see! WCUPA.edu/Commencement.

Heroic Tale. Looking for something inspiring to read? Check out I Am a Superhero Expert: Growing Up with My Autistic Brother (4 Horsemen Publications), written by West Chester University junior and Downingtown resident



Josh Stehle. The memoir focuses on Stehle's experience growing up with his older brother, Zach, who's on the autism spectrum. Zach's vast comic book and superhero knowledge has earned the brothers over 93 thousand followers and 3.4 million likes on TikTok, where viewers submit questions trying to stump Zach. JoshStehle.com.

Preservation Project. Help preserve an important piece of history and a glimpse into colonial Pennsylvanian life. The Mill at Anselma, an 18th-century mill located along Pickering Creek in Chester Springs, has launched a fundraising initiative to maintain their 1909 steel water mill. A \$10,000 challenge grant helped kickstart the project, but they need another \$15,000 to complete the res-

toration. Consider donating on their website to help showcase part of our region's history. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. AnselmaMill.org.



Happy Trails. Calling all hikers, bikers and joggers! The long-awaited Chester Valley Trail extension is now open. The nearly four-mile-long extension connects the trail (now over 18 miles long, running from Exton to King of Prussia) to the Schuylkill River Trail in Norristown and the regional Circuit Trails network. The project also included building two new pedestrian bridges at South Gulph and Henderson Roads, plus upgrades to two existing bridges for pedestrian and cycling use. MontCoPA.org/2844/Chester-Valley-Trail-Extension.

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May Picks Our Picks for top events this month -

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Kennett Run



Small Town — Big Race — Strong Community. Events for everyone with your choice of the 5K, 10K, one-mile or Power Run 5K and 10K races through Kennett Square. Bring kids under 10 for the free pond run. Benefits area nonprofits including Meals on Wheels, The Garage Youth & Community Center, After-The-Bell and many more. 405 N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. Registration, 6:30 a.m., start at 9. \$35–\$60. KennettRun.net.

May 17-20

Music Without Walls — Field Jam May 20



First up in the Music Without Walls series from Natural Lands, Field Jam features lively music, craft beer and tasty food truck treats. Two jammin' bands, Sug Daniels and Frog Holler, perform at Stroud Preserve, the

perfect backdrop for a fun evening out with friends and family. Tickets are limited, so purchase in advance. 454 North Creek Rd., West Chester. 6 to 9 p.m., gates open at 5 p.m. \$47, online sales close May 19 at noon. NatLands.org/Event/FieldJam2023.

Showcase of Homes at Hershey's Mill May 11

The Paoli Hospital Auxiliary presents a tour that includes six beautifully renovated and decorated homes, a luncheon at Hershey's Mill Golf Club, vendor boutique and raffle. Proceeds benefit Paoli Hospital

Emergency Department. 1500 Greenhill Rd., West Chester. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. House tour tickets, \$35; lunch, \$35. Tickets are limited. For tickets, 610-209-7025.



Phoenixville Dogwood Festival

Celebrate the 80th anniversary this year! The Phoenixville Jaycees Foundation continues the rich tradition with a midway filled with games, rides and vendors, live music nightly at the bandshell and the Dogwood Beer Garden. Benefits local nonprofits. Reeves Park, 2nd & Main Sts., Phoenixville. Wed.-Fri., 6 to 10 p.m.; Sat., noon to 10. Parade Sat., 1 p.m., starts at Franklin Ave., ends at Reeves Park. PhoenixvilleDogwoodFestival.org.

Derby at the Vineyard

May 20-21

A spectacular horse-jumping event in Penns Woods' vineyard with wine, local beer and cider, live music, food trucks, artisan vendors plus a chance for the kids to get up close to the stars of the show. Guests are encouraged to put



on their best derby day attire (think big hats and bright colors) for a chance to win prizes for "Best Dressed." Penns Woods Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$15. PennsWoodsWinery.com/Derby.

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MAY 6

Surfin' USA in Malvern. Come out to King Street for an afternoon of family friendly activities, food trucks, shopping and big wave fun! Live concert in Burke Park with Gary Roland and The Landsharks (popular and fun beach band), 4 to 6 pm. Burke Park, 26 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. Noon to 6 pm. MalvernBusiness.com/Surfin-USA.



MAY 6

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.



MAY 11 Kids Read and Explore at Hildacy Pre-

serve. Kids bring their favorite adults to hear the featured book, Why Should I Walk When I Can Fly by Ann Ingalls. Enjoy hands-on activities and a stroll through the woods. 1031 Palmers Mill Rd., Media. 10 am. \$5. NatLands.org.

MAY 12-14, 19-21

Live Theater at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. May 12-14, journey under the sea with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. May 19-21, Into the Woods, the Tony Award-winning book and score. Both are presented by the students of Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center Studio. 226 N. High St., West Chester. UptownWestChester.org/On-Stage/ Theatre-Event.

MAY 19

Movies in the Park. Pack a picnic, a blanket or chairs and the family and come out to Marshall Square Park to enjoy a movie, TBD. Food trucks on site. 405 N. Franklin St., West Chester. Starts at dusk. West-Chester.com.

MAY 21

The Circle at Sundown in Newtown Square. Celebrate spring with yummy food and drink, live music, an amazing dance show, fun family activities, a thirst-quenching beer garden and more. Chapel Rd. at St. Alban's Circle, Newtown Square. 5 to 8:30 pm. Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.

MAY 24

Delaware Museum of Nature & Science at Chester Springs Library: Amazing Animal Adaptations. Venom, claws and

stripes ... oh my! Explore incredible animal adaptations with live animals and amazing specimens from around the world. Chester Springs Library, 1709 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 10:30 am. DelMNS.org.

JUNE 3

Strawberry Festival at Linvilla Orchards. Celebrate the peak of the local strawberry season by coming out to pick your own from the fields at Linvilla. Rain date, June 4. 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Begins at 8 am. Linvilla.com.

JUNE 3

Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with demonstrations, Revolutionary War and Native American reenactors, art, tours of historic sites, sheep shearing, music, children's activities. Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to noon. Free. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.



JUNE 4-5 Sundavs

Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. 3000 Creek Rd., Hockessin DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8-\$12. AuburnHeights.org.

JUNE 6

Family Fun Night. Come out and enjoy an early summer evening with the family with face painting, games, food trucks and more. New Garden Park, 8936 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. 6 to 8 pm. Free. NewGarden.org.

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES... See Art Gallery Roundup in this issue for more.

MAY 4-7

MAY 6 & 7

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BOOKS.

MAY 3

The Potters Guild Spring Sale. Annual spring sale showcasing the works of Potters Guild artists and raffle prizes. Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Preview party, Thurs, 6 to 8:30. Fri, 10 to 8; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. Free. ThePottersGuild.com.



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CAR SHOWS.

MAY 27 & 28

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MAY 20 & 21

Brandywine Ballet Presents Beauty and the Beast. An enchanting new version of the classic fairy tale at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Sat, noon and 4 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$25-\$45. Brandywine-Ballet.org.



EQUESTRIAN See Steeplechase and Devon Horse Show articles in this issue. **MAY 27**

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FESTIVALS & PARADES. **MAY 29**

Memorial Day Parade in Kennett Square. A great hometown parade featuring bands, veterans, reenactors, dancers, antique cars, bagpipers, fife and drum corps, fire trucks and more. Starts at Kennett High School, 100 E. South St. and ends at Union Hill Cemetery. 10 am. KennettMemorialDayParade.com.

MAY 29

Radnor Township Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony. Come for the annual Memorial Day celebration. A brief Memorial Ceremony will immediately follow the parade at the corner of Runnymede and South Wayne Aves. Parade starts at 9:45 am. RadnorMemorialDay.org. MAY 30

Memorial Day Parade in Media. The Vet-

erans Legacy Project and Media Borough host the annual parade, which starts at Barrall Field, located at the intersection of State and Edgmont Sts., Media. Ceremony at the Delaware County Courthouse immediately following the parade. Parade starts at 10 am. VisitMediaPA.com.



JUNE 3

Delaware County Pride Parade. The inaugural Pride Parade will run along State Street for 1 mile and loop around Media. Enjoy a variety of activities including music, dancing, vendors and more. 104 E. State St., Media. Noon to 1:30. UDTJ.org/Events/DelcoPrideParade.

JUNE 4

155th Annual Malvern Memorial Day Parade. The Upper Main Line Memorial Association sponsors this event that begins on King St.

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. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCitvMarkets.com.

Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve. 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 3. DelNature.org.

Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park, Log House Field, 28 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com. Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Eagleview Town Ctr., 570 Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6:30. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. KSOFarmersMarket.com.

Lancaster County Farmers Mkt., 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com. Malvern Farmers Market. Burke Park.

26 S. Warren Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 484-753-6363; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Media Farmers Market, Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Sun, 10 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.

New Garden Growers Market. 8934 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. Sat, 9 to noon. Facebook.com/ NewGardenGrowersMarket.

Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., 3625 Chapel Rd. Fri, 3 to 6. Facebook.com/ NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.

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

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Every other Sat starting May 14, 9–1. PottstownFarm.org.

Rodney Square Farmers Market, 10th & N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 2. 302-425-0196.

Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave., next to Swarthmore Borough Hall Sat, 9 to noon. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org. Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA. 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com. Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 10 to 1. Facebook.com

ThorntonFarmersMarket. West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1 WestChesterGrowersMarket.com

WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

West Reading Farmers Mkt., 598 Penn Ave. Sun, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com. Westtown Amish Market. 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4.

at the fire station and ends at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. MalvernMemorialParade.com

FOOD & BREWS

MAY-SEPTEMBER Wednesdavs

Dining Under the Stars in Media. Stroll. Shop. Dine. Restaurants set up tables on State Street, which is closed from Jackson to Orange for this summer-long outdoor dining event. Check VisitMediaPA.com for participating restaurants.



MAY 21. JUNE 22

Sip & Stroll at the Zoo. A family-friendly event will have animal encounters, live music and fun for all ages. Enjoy adult beverages, food from local vendors and ice cream. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 5 to 7 pm. \$7-\$10. BrandywineZoo.org.



MAY 19

Community Supper Series Picnic at Willistown Conservation Trust, A food truckstyle, BYO picnic event. Bring your own blanket, chairs and other items to round out your picnic experience. This week features barbecue by Vesta Kitchen and brews by Deer Creek Malthouse, available for purchase on site. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5:30 to 8:30. WCTrust.org.

MAY 31

Afternoon Tea at Delaware Art Museum's Kaffeina Cafe. A traditional British afternoon tea experience with a specially crafted menu featuring sandwiches, scones, desserts and tea. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 2 to 3:30. \$40. DelArt.org.

JUNE 3 Willistown Conservation Trust Barns &



BBQ. Take a glimpse into some of Chester County's iconic barns. Two ticket levels: the morning tour, 9 to 1, and Barns & BBQ, starts at 2, both featuring the tour with Barns & BBO attendees ending the evening with a cocktail hour, three-course meal and live music. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. 925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. WCTrust.org.

JUNE 4-9 Restaurant Week Supports the Red,



White & Blue on the Culinary Coast. Diners can enjoy either menu discounts or prix-fixe menus at restaurants in Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Lewes and Coastal Delaware. Benefits military and first responders. For more information and a list of participating restaurants, visit Beach-Fun.com/Restaurant-Week.html.

JUNE 7-AUGUST 30 Wednesdays

Summer Nights at Hagley. Bring the whole family and a picnic for summer fun in a beautiful outdoor setting. Or you can sample local food trucks. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available for purchase. 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. Hagley.org.



FUNDRAISERS.

See also: Food & Brews and Outdoor Activities

MAY 4

22nd Annual Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner. Held for families dealing with the financial hardships from a cancer diagnosis. Join the great guys (and gals) for dinner, cocktails, auctions and more. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. BringingHope-Home.org.

MAY 4

An Evening of Wine and Chocolate. United Way of Southern Chester County invites you to soak in the vistas while enjoying wine, chocolate and appetizers in support of the southern Chester County community. Held at a new secret local estate each year. Tickets and information, UnitedWaySCC.org.

MAY 4

Bournelyf Special Camp 2023 Hand to Hand 5K Run & 2K Walk. The race will begin and end at the corners of Church & Gay Sts., West Chester. After-party hosted by Wrong Crowd Brewing Company. Register or sponsor, BSCWC.org.

MAY 6

Humane Pennsylvania's 46th Annual Walk for the Animals. A relaxing, one-mile walk along the river with your pup, family and friends in support of Humane PA's mission and the animals they serve. Enjoy live music, vendors, food trucks, games and a dog contest. Jim Dietrich Park, 4899 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Rd., Reading. HumanePA.org.

MAY 11

An Evening of Promise. Join Family Promise of Southern Chester County at their 8th anniversary fundraiser to help alleviate the problem of family homelessness in our community. Enjoy a wine tasting, appetizers, desserts and silent auction at The Creamery of Kennett Square, 401 Birch St. 6 pm. \$15–\$40. FamilyPromiseSCC.org.

MAY 12

Bridge of Hope Spring Gala. Celebrate the mission to end family homelessness. Guest speaker is author and podcast host Niro Feliciano. Doubletree, 2400 Willow Street Pk., Lancaster. BridgeOfHopeInc.org/Gala.

MAY 13

Canine Partners for Life Unleashed: The Magic of Independence. This elegant gala

event is filled with wonderful food, music, live and silent auctions and a variety of games. Guests meet and hear from service dog recipients, CPL board members and the executive director. And yes, CPL dogs and puppies will be there! White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Rd., Malvern. K94Life.org.



MAY 20

Spring Blooms Annual Celebration at Jenkins Arboretum. Enjoy a roving dinner, garden games, lively music, live auction and other festivities. Benefits the arboretum in offering free admission to visitors and educational programs. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. 6 to 9 pm. \$150. JenkinsArboretum.org.

MAY 23

The Victorious Woman Celebration—The Girlfriend Gala. Enjoy dinner and Full-Spirited Flavours liquor desserts, guest speakers and 100 women networking and supporting the Victorious Woman Scholarship for midlife women at Neumann University. Penn Oaks Golf Club, West Chester. 5:30 to 9. \$60-\$70. AnnMarieKelly. com/Victorious-Woman/2023-Girlfriend-Gala.

GARDENS.

See Home & Gardens feature in this issue.

MAY 11-SEPTEMBER 24 Festival of Fountains at Longwood. Stroll

through the gardens with brilliantly blooming annuals and perennials and discover a starlit getaway with the Illuminated Fountain Performances and live music in the beer garden. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Thurs-Sat, 9:15 pm. \$18-\$25. 610-388-1000; Longwood-Gardens.org.

JUNE 2

Natural Lands Stardust! Celebration.

Celebrate the gift of open space at this annual summer celebration and fundraiser with an evening of cocktails, supper and merriment under the stars. Bryn Coed Preserve, 1869 Flint Rd., Chester Springs. 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets start at \$200. NatLands.org.



MUSEUMS.. **THROUGH JULY 1**

Chester County History Center. "Seventeen Men" — an exhibit featuring the men of the U.S. Colored Troops and their role in the Union Army during the Civil War. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Tues-Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. \$5-\$8. MyCCHC.org.

THROUGH JULY 13

Brandywine River Museum of Art. "Home Places: Andrew Wyeth and the Architecture of Chadds Ford." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed-Mon, 10 to 4. \$6-\$18. Brandywine.org.

THROUGH JULY 16

Delaware Art Museum. "Our Red Planet" an exhibition by Anna Bogatin Ott. 2301 Kent-











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mere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT....

MAY-SEPTEMBER

Longwood Gardens Summer Performance Series. May 12, Curtis Symphony Orchestra's Curtis on Tour; May 19, Carillon Concert with Lisa Lonie; June 2 & 3, The Savoy Company, see Theater. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets, Longwood-Gardens.org.

MAY 4-JUNE 2

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. May 4, Paula Johns Presents: "What the World Needs Now" Tribute to Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick and Hal David; May 26, West Chester Jazz Orchestra plays Count Basie; June 2, Kiss The Sky: Jimi Hendrix Tribute. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Times and tickets, Uptown-WestChester.org.



MAY 4-JUNE 3

The Keswick Theatre Presents. May 4, Martin Sexton & KT Tunstall; May 5 & 6, The Musical Box performs The Lamb Lies Down On Broadway: One Last Time ... The End of an Era; May 7, One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen & The Works; May 11, "Old Gods of Appalachia" theater performance; May 12 & 13, WXPN Welcomes Citizen Cope; May 18, Josh Ritter & the Royal City Band; May 19, Hunter Hayes; May 20, Michael Carbonaro; June 2, Dave Mason plus guests Orleans; June 3, That Motown Band. 291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside. Times and tickets, KeswickTheatre.com.

MAY 5-JUNE 1

At The Grand in Wilmington. May 5, Vic DiBitetto; May 6, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason; May 7, Martin Sexton and KT Tunstall Tour; May 13, Ryan Hamilton; May 18, LeAnn Rimes; May 19 & 20, Billy Joel Weekend; May 20, An Evening with David Foster & Katherine McPhee; May 21, Two Funny Mamas Live featuring Sherri Shepherd and Kym Whitley; June 1, Sara Evans: Copy That Tour. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, TheGrand-Wilmington.org.

MAY 6-27

American Music Theatre. May 6, Tommy James & The Shondells with The Box Tops; May 7, Amy Grant; May 12, Dylan Scott; May 13, Grand Funk Railroad; May 18, Ashley McBryde with special guest Harper O'Neill; May 19, Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder; May 20, The Guess Who; May 21, An Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee; May 24, Cheap Trick; May 27, Michael W. Smith: The Way Maker Tour. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 888-729-4718; AMTShows.com.

MAY 6-JUNE 3

Kennett Flash. May 6, The Hypothetical House Band (featuring Jon Herington of Steely Dan); May 12, Blank Pages with special guest Jac Conner; May 13, Kennett Metal Fest; May 14, The Legendary Kennett Flash Open Mic Night; June 3, SONiA. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

MAY 7 Delaware County Symphony Concert.

"The Koussevitsky Connection" featuring the music of Aaron Copland and Howard Hanson. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$17-\$20. DCSMusic.org.

MAY 7

Chester County Choral Society's 50th Anniversary Concert. The choir will be accompanied by piano, an 8-piece string ensemble and three percussion players. A wine and cheese reception will follow, with displays of choir history from their founding. Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. 3 pm. \$25. ChesCoChoral.org.

MAY 7

Kennett Symphony Masterworks Concert. Featuring the music of Tchaikovsky and Sibelius and the winner of the symphony's Composition Competition, Roger Zare. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, West Chester University, 817 S. High St., West Chester. 3 pm, \$10-\$58. KennettSymphony.org.

MAY 13

Media Arts Council Presents Jasper Street Jam: American Roots Pt. 1. Fun for the entire family with national and local bands, food trucks and beer by 2SP. 11 E. State St., Media. 11 am to 6 pm. \$15; 12 and under. free. MediaArtsCouncil.org.

MAY 20

West Chester Green Team to celebrate spring with music, this family-friendly event invites you

West Chester Porchfest. Organized by the to stroll from porch to porch and relax on front lawns and sidewalks as you enjoy live, local talent, food trucks and the beautiful porches of historic West Chester. 1 to 7 pm. Rain date, May 21. WestChesterPorchfest.com.



MAY 21, JUNE 1

Point Entertainment Presents at The Co-Ionial Theatre. May 21, The Lone Bellow Trio; June 1, Leonid & Friends and the music of Chicago. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Times and tickets, 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

MAY 25

Music in the Park. Settle in for a relaxing evening at Fugett Park and enjoy a live concert and tasty food from the food trucks that will be on site. Bring a blanket and chairs. 411 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. Free. West-Chester. com.

MAY 31

New Garden Rhythm & Blues. Live music, food trucks and fun at New Garden Park, 8936 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. 6 to 8 pm. Free. NewGarden.org.

JUNE 2

The Ladybug Music Festival. A celebration of women in music with a 100% female-fronted lineup, giving platforms to women in all areas of music event production. Venues located along Lower Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-229-9575; TheLadyBugFestival.com.

JUNE 4

Turks Head Music Festival. Two stages feature seven local bands performing different genres of music and approximately 70 artists and vendors set up booths throughout Everhart Park to sell arts and crafts. 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. Noon to 7 pm. Rain date, June 11. Free, TurksHeadFestival.com.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. 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 4-7 Ashbridge Tree Planting with Willistown Conservation Trust. Become a steward to the land and water by planting trees along Ridley Creek. Help protect the creek from pollution and transform our natural landscape for generations. Ashbridge Preserve, 1691 E. Strasburg Rd., West Chester. 9 to noon; 1 to 3. Free. WCTrust. org/Calendar.

MAY 7

Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride & Walk.

Cvclists with and without disabilities support the PA Center for Adapted Sports. Pick your distance from one mile to 23 miles on the Chester Valley Trail or 25- and 50-mile road routes. Parking is available at 220 Valley Creek Blvd., Exton. Reg., 7:30. \$50. Post-ride fiesta at noon. CincoDeMayoRide.org.



MAY 15

FORE Health Golf Invitational for Chester County Hospital. A great day of golf to benefit the NICU and Women's and Children's Health Services. White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Rd., Malvern. ChesterCounty-Hospital.org/Giving.

MAY 19-21

Wilmington Grand Prix Weekend, One of

the top 10 criterium bike races in the country that includes a street festival, parade and Criterium on Sat, time trials on Fri at Monkey Hill in Brandywine Park and The Gran Fondo on Sun, a recreational ride through the area's attractions. 818 Market St., Wilmington. Fri, 5 to 8; Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, 8 am start. WilmGrandPrix.com.

MAY 21

Bald Eagle Watch at Bryn Coed Preserve.

Join a volunteer-guided hike to hear about eagles, kestrels and bluebirds at Bryn Coed. Spotting scopes will be set up for visitors to observe eagle nesting activity. 1869 Flint Rd., Chester Springs. 9 to 11 am. Donations accepted. Reg. req. NatLands.org.

MAY 22

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

MAY 22

Main Line Animal Rescue 13th Annual Springer Golf Outing. Golfers and animal lovers gather for raffles, prizes and an on-course lunch. Stonewall Links, 375 Bulltown Rd., Elverson. Registration, 9 am; shotgun start at 11. Tickets \$450 and up. PSPCA.org.

JUNE 3

Main Line Animal Rescue's Annual Tails & Trails 5K Run/2K Walk. The day will be filled with fun, food, music, drinks and pups. Run or walk at your own pace while supporting the mission to save animal lives. Ready. Set. Rescuel 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Chester Springs. 7:30 am to noon. \$10-\$40. PSPCA.org.



JUNE 6

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

THEATER.

THROUGH MAY 20

Footloose at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Based on the 1984 movie. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster, Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

THROUGH MAY 21

Titanic at Fulton Theatre. A musical play that examines the causes, conditions and characters on the Titanic. The Fulton, 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

THROUGH MAY 21

Songs for Nobodies at People's Light. A one-woman performance with the music of Judy Garland, Patsy Cline, Billie Holiday, Edith Piaf and Maria Callas performed by Bethany Thomas. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

THROUGH JUNE 11

Million Dollar Quartet at Media Theatre. The extraordinary twist of fate that brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.



THROUGH OCTOBER 28

Bird-in-Hand Stage. Through July 27, Dear Solider Boy, musical comedy set in the heart of Amish Country. Through Oct. 28, Ryan & Friends: Never Speechless, a multimedia variety show with comedy routine and song parodies. 2760 #A Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Times and tickets, 717-768-1568; Bird-In-Hand. com/Stage.

MAY 13 & 14

The Entanglement at The Grand in Wilm-

ington. Featuring Sunshine Anderson, Tony Terry, Gary Lil G Jenkins, Josh Copeland and Priest Tyaire. 818 N. Market St., Copeland Hall, Wilmington. Times and tickets, TheGrandWilmington.org.

MAY 13-JUNE 25

LongwoodGardens.org.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 at The Candlelight Theatre. Murder and mayhem. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatre-Delaware.org.

JUNE 2 & 3

The Savoy Company presents Pirates of Penzance at Longwood Gardens. A rollicking pirate tale that pokes fun at many things Victorian: the nouveau riche, the army, the police, marriage and one's own sense of duty. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets,

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS... MAY 5-7

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finds on the sidewalks of Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach and Route 1. Daily 10 to 8. For more information, 302-227-2233 or visit Beach-Fun.com/Sidewalk-Sale.html.

MAY 5, 13, 18

1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays. First Fridays: May 5, Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com.

Phoenixville, 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst. org. West Chester, 610-738-3350; Downtown-WestChester.com. Wilmington Art Loop, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll: May 13, Media, MediaArtsCouncil.org.

Third Thursday Malvern Stroll: May 18, MalvernBusiness.com.

MAY 5-OCTOBER 29

Open-Air Market in West Chester. West Chester has plenty of outdoor dining and shopping options. Gay Street (between Matlack St. and New St.) will be closed to vehicles Friday morning through Monday morning. Restaurants



MAY 18-OCTOBER 19

MAY 26-OCTOBER 9 Phoenixville Inside Out. Dine outside or enjoy a drink with friends, explore the boutiques and retail stores or take in a show. Businesses will set up in the closed sidewalk and roadway between



and retail alike will line the street, so residents and visitors have more space to shop, eat and explore the town. DowntownWestChester.com.

Third Thursdays on State Street in Ken-

nett Square. Enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, children's activities, pop-up vendors and more. The 100 blocks of E. and W. State St., in addition the 100 blocks of N. and S. Union St., will be closed to traffic from 5 to 10 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.



Starr and Main Sts., and from Main to Gay Sts. beginning at 2 pm on Fri, ending 7 am Mon. The Main and Bridge Street parking lot will also be closed for the duration of the road closure. PhoenixvilleFirst.org. ♦



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We've rounded up some local art galleries and events for you to enjoy and explore. Of course, there's always plenty going on at our local museums - more on that in our Best Local Events section.

Mark your calendars for these exciting encounters with art.

50th ANNUAL YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

This year, the Yellow Springs Art Show celebrates 50 years of art in the charming historic village. From April 29 to May 14, the galleries in the Lincoln Building will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This juried show has over 4,000 works of original art from 227 artists. Artwork will be on display in both the first- and second-floor galleries, including the beloved second-floor "mini" gallery - featuring miniature works by the artists on display in the show.

The show kicks off with the Yellow Springs Art Show pARTy on Friday, April 28 at 5 p.m. Be among the first to view this year's artwork while enjoying fine food, live music and a live auction benefit-

Yellow Springs Art Show



ting Historic Yellow Springs. Then celebrate Mother's Day (Sunday, May 14) with Art Around the Village. Fifteen artists will be painting en plein air around the village, and visitors can bring a picnic and enjoy live music and pottery demonstrations. There will also be kid's activities, including rock painting, giant Jenga and Connect Four. Plus, 35% of proceeds from the day's art sales benefit Historic Yellow Springs. YellowSprings.org.

WEST CHESTER GALLERY WALK

Explore the vibrant art scene in downtown West Chester during the Spring Gallery Walk. Hosted by the West Chester Business Improvement District, the event takes place on Friday, May 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. and includes free, on-street parking (always a bonus). May 5 also marks the beginning of the Open-Air Market, when Gay Street (between Matlack and New Streets) will be closed to vehicles from Friday morning to Monday morning every weekend through October 29. With Gay Street closed, it's even more enjoyable to have a post-Gallery Walk dinner downtown.

Come celebrate the thriving community of artists that make the West Chester area their home as you walk from gallery to gallery. Download or pick up a brochure from any of the 14 participating

West Chester Gallery Walk





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Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Gallery Walk, scheduled for Friday, October 6. Downtown West Chester.com.

15th ANNUAL WAYNE ART CENTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

Get some fresh air at one of the longest outdoor painting events in the country. The Wayne Art Center's 15th annual Plein Air Art Festival takes place May 7 to 12. Over six days, 32 nationally recognized artists will create original works within a 35-mile radius of Wayne, capturing the quaint towns, pastoral farms, historic architecture and lush landscapes that characterize our area. In true plein air fashion, all paintings will be completed on site from direct observation.

At the Collectors' Preview Sale on Friday, May 12, from 6 to 10 p.m., you can be one of the first to view and purchase over 300 landscapes painted at the festival. Enjoy fine art, hors d'oeuvres, an

The Art Trust



Craft + Mercantile

open bar and live music. Top artists will receive \$20,000 in cash prizes at the evening's award presentation. The following day, the artwork goes on display at the festival's exhibition through June 24. WaynePleinAir.org.

CRAFT & MERCANTILE

Spend a spring evening at Craft & Mercantile on Friday, May 19, at Kimberton Garden & Gift Shop. Support more than 25 local makers and artisans at this thoughtfully curated night market. Shop local and enjoy live music, food and drinks, all under the stars and twinkly string lights.

This year, Growing Roots Partners is hosting several Craft & Mercantile events in different locations through the summer and fall. The next market takes place on Friday, June 16, at Eagleview Town Center in Exton. Visit their website for more dates and locations. GrowingRootsPartners.com.

CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

Discover local artists and see where they make their art at the Chester County Studio Tour on the weekend of May 20 and 21. This year, 79 studios used by 200 artists will open their doors to the



In the Flower Garden, Michael Doyle Somerville Manning Gallery

public. Artists will be present to discuss their works - including paintings, sculptures, pottery, glass, photography and jewelry with buyers and browsers alike.

Visitors are encouraged to design their own self-guided tour on the new Chester County Studio Tour website. Simply select your favorite artists, click "add to itinerary," and Google Maps will plot the most efficient route, providing turn-by-turn directions to each studio. Or use the "Find 5!" feature to see which five studios are nearest to you. CountyStudioTour.com.

ART GALLERY AT DEVON

Beyond the Dixon Oval's equestrian fun, the Art Gallery at Devon has a fine selection of art. See the Devon Horse Show article in this issue for more.

LOCAL ART GALLERIES

See a unique, collaborative take on making art with "Kindred Art," the newest exhibit at The Art Trust at Meridian Bank in West Chester, through June 9. The Kindred Art Collaborative, comprised of artists Mikel Elam, Carl Cellini and Richard Metz, creates their works collaboratively and embraces improvisation, which they compare to jazz music. At the opening reception during the Spring Gallery Walk, May 5, from 4 to 8 p.m., the artists will be creating a collaborative piece on site, showing their process and answering questions. The Art Trust will livestream the event on Instagram as part of their "Eat, Drink & Be Artsy" series, interviewing the artists while mixing up specialty cocktails. There's an artists' talk on Thursday, May 18, and closing reception on Thursday, June 8. TheArtTrust.org.

Join Sunset Hill Jewelers and Fine Art Gallery in celebrating their 40th anniversary, marked by an exhibit of works by Karl J. Kuerner. A noted Chadds Ford artist, Kuerner is the only

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artist to be personally mentored by Andrew and Carolyn Wyeth. Visit the opening reception during West Chester's Spring Gallery Walk, May 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. SunsetHillJewelers.com.

Located in the historic Breck's Mill in Wilmington, Somerville Manning Gallery has two solo exhibitions on display through May 13. "Michael Doyle: Inspiration on the Acre" features Doyle's intimate portrayals of interiors and landscapes, and "Francis DiFronzo: Proof of Life (Part 4)" focuses on DiFronzo's paintings of the natural world. Later in the month, see "Under the Influence: Contemporary Artists and the Masters Who Inspire Them," opening on May 23 and running through June 21. SomervilleManning.com.

Admire artwork inspired by spring blooms at Kennett's Square Pear Art Gallery, celebrating its fifth anniversary this month. "Flowers Inspire," on display May 5 through July 8, features floral artwork from local artists, including painters, potters and glass artists. Visit during the opening reception on Thursday, May 18, from 6 to 8 p.m., and stay for the first Third Thursday of the season for outdoor dining, live music and children's activities on State Street. SquarePearGallery.com.

Support the next generation of women artists at the latest exhibition from the Regional Center for Women in the Arts. "Multiplicities" will be on display the Delaware College of Art and Design in Wilmington from May 19 to June 30, with an opening reception on May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. With works from 21 women artists in the Delaware Valley, "Multiplicities" includes a range of genres, from representational to conceptual and abstraction. Plus, the exhibition raises funds for scholarships for young women in financial need to study at DCAD. RCWAWeb.org.

Check our Events Section, in print and online, for more.







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WHERE TO GO ON THE MAIN LINE

Edwin Malet



The Refectory

UNDAY. IT'S LATE MORNING. A SOOTHING ambience is what you want. With family and friends. Some eggs, perhaps French toast, all kinds of omelets, Belgian waffles or stacks of pancakes with fruit and cream.

But first, a strong cup of coffee. And maybe a blessed bloody Mary or a bubbly mimosa.

It's Sunday Brunch. And Main Line restaurants really know how to put out a spread. Here are a few to sample, from Bala Cynwyd to Malvern.

CLASSIC SUNDAY BRUNCH

For a classic brunch, start with a place that put the concept into their name. At The Classic Diner in Malvern, you can build your own three-egg omelet with about 35 different à la carte ingredients, ranging from roasted peppers to Canadian bacon to goat cheese. There's the same B(uild)YO approach to breakfast sandwiches, along with five kinds of eggs Benedict, four kinds of French toast, plus lox, pancakes, Belgian waffles and many lunch sandwiches, salads, soups, crispy appetizers and baked goods. Everyone's happy! Brunch is served from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

An excellent — and green — place for brunch is Terrain Cafe in Devon, open for Sunday brunch from 9 to 4. It offers, among other things, quinoa fritters, avocado toast plus shrimp and grits, as well as brioche French toast, fried avocado Benedict and Terrain breakfast with bacon, sausage, potato hash and greens. Garden Cocktails -



including a blood orange prosecco smash or citrus margarita- will ease you into the afternoon.

If you're near Villanova University, The Refectory is a great spot to start a Sunday. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., it offers eggs Benedict, omelets, quiche, French toast, pancakes, brûléed grapefruit, other breakfast-y things and more. Chef Biff Gottehrer say, "Nothing beats Breakfast On a Bun (braised brisket, hash brown, horseradish mayo). The Bacon, Egg, Cheese, Caramelized onions and Avocado on a seeded long roll will satisfy any hunger need."

IN WAYNE

There are several popular brunch options in Wayne, including Autograph Brasserie for brunching on Saturday and Sunday from 10 until 3. Begin with a mocktail, such as a grapefruit spritz or peach Palmer. After appetizers, choose from traditional brunch dishes - Benedicts, omelets, waffles, steak and eggs - as well as more unusual specialties - shakshuka, short rib hash and smoked salmon Benedict. Executive Chef James Davidson prefers "simply soft scrambled eggs and scrapple, toasted English muffin with apricot jelly." He sees brunch as a family meal, and his kids like "runny eggs" (sunny side up) and dipping toast in the yolks.

The Silverspoon, on Sunday from 11 to 2:30, has a weekend pancake special in addition to eggs Benedict. You can also order from the lunch menu, including omelets, quiche, an egg and cheese sandwich on English muffin, plus salads, soups and sandwiches. Ex-

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ecutive Chef Jake Parobek says, "Our favorite thing at brunch is to take classic dishes and refresh them with newer, global ingredients according to the season."

White Dog Cafes on the Main Line in Wayne and Haverford (more locations elsewhere) are popular stops, open 10 to 2:30 for brunch goers. We suggest starting with warm doughnuts and Kennett Square mushroom soup, then go traditional with eggs Benedict, brioche French toast (in Haverford) or huevos rancheros (in Wayne), or other dishes, including Lancaster County omelet, falafel burger, fried chicken and waffles. It's so good you won't have leftovers for a doggie bag.

Cornerstone is not open on Sunday, but offers Saturday brunch from 10 until 2. In addition to the usual suspects (eggs Benedict, French toast and the like), it offers a raw bar with oysters and caviar, as well as creative sandwiches (mussels, prosciutto and cheese, soufflé and jam) and sweets (Nutella cheesecake, bourbon balls). The restaurant also offers a "chef's board" with a selection of charcuterie and cheeses.

A BIT TO THE NORTH ... OR SOUTH

Away from Lancaster Avenue, just off Route 202 in Wayne, is Black Powder Tavern, open for brunch from 11 to 3. Enjoy its dark colonial atmosphere and good food. Choose poached egg croque madame, steak and egg tacos, chicken and waffles, and quiche of the day. Or build-your-own omelet. If you're more in the mood for lunch, try their burgers, Reuben, club sandwich, short-rib grilled cheese, salads and soups.

Brick & Brew's Main Line location in Malvern is open for brunch on Sundays from 10 to 2. Inspired by the Creole south, the menu includes croque madame skillet, shrimp and grits, bacon and Florentine pizza, chocolate French toast, eggplant burrata and various omelets, in addition to pancakes or French toast on the kids menu. Also enjoy its inventive cocktail menu - an Ellsworth, Capone or Moniker, for example.

SOMETHING ETHNIC

If you're in the mood for an Italian twist on brunch, try Rosalie at the Wayne Hotel, from 10 until 3 on Sundays. Executive Chef Merrick Devine reminds us, "Brunch as we know it doesn't exist in Italy." This gives Rosalie "freedom to serve some fun dishes you wouldn't otherwise see in a more traditional Italian restaurant," he continues. Try the breakfast pizza, dok dall'ava prosciutto, shakshuka, egg-in-the-hole, omelets, French toast, Belgian waffle, steak and eggs, and house-made pastries. Also on the menu are a broad selection of apertivos, antipasti, salads, primi and secondi. Order a cocktail, mocktail, beer or wine from Rosalie's extensive list.

Hymie's Deli in Merion is an institution, known for its "great omelets, large buttermilk pancakes and hand-cut smoked fish specialties like nova lox on a fresh New York bagel," says Louis Barson, the owner for 33 years. Serving breakfast all day, from 8 to 7, the restaurant features many Jewish specialties, including its "whole megillah" and "oy vey" omelets. Salami and eggs, fried matzoh, latkes and blintzes are also served.



For a little bit of Catalonia, visit the new Amada in Radnor. Part of the Garces Group, the restaurant began offering brunch in April. The food, setting, staff and service are spectacular! Chef Jose Garces says, "My favorite brunch items are the sangria pancakes and the tortilla Española. The tortilla Española is a classic Spanish breakfast food made of eggs, potato and onion, while the sangria pancakes are a fantastic choice for when you'd prefer something sweet." Also recommended: crabs Benedict, shakshuka and torrijas (French toast).

BUFFET STYLE, HEARTY BREAKFAST OR BREAKFAST ALL DAY

So far, our recommendations have involved a sit-down, menu-driven format. But many of us don't want to commit to one dish. We want it all. At Fork & Bottle in Malvern's Desmond Hotel, you'll wander along a delicious buffet. From 10 to 2 (last seating 1:30), pick and choose your dishes, including eggs Benedict, pancakes, Belgian waffles, salmon and omelets. Executive Chef Christopher Calhoun says, "The #1 rule is quality. Start with the best ingredients and you'll end up with the best food." And you can end up with as many choices as you like.

From 9 until 2, Black Cat Cafe in Devon serves breakfast and lunch, offering its Pancake Board with fruits, nuts, chocolate chips, Nutella, whipped cream, sausage and bacon. Eggs, Tiggers Caribbean French toast, soups, salads and sandwiches fill out the menu. And you'll help give a home to a kitten!

To the east in Bala Cynwyd, by the Schuylkill River, find The Landing Kitchen, an all-day café from Chef Nicholas Elmi, open for breakfast from 8 until 6. It serves a crispy pork belly sandwich that's exceptional, plus a mouth-watering breakfast sandwich. Try French toast, Kismet bagels from Fishtown, salads, sandwiches ... Also, the drinks are very tempting - apple cider bourbon buck, pump house margarita, gin cranberry spritz. Enjoy a spring day on the deck by the river.

A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT AND CASUAL

If you're in Malvern from 8 until 2, stop by the Malvern Buttery, a community gathering space. It's cool, communal, set up to let you serve yourself. Although it doesn't serve most of the classic brunch dishes (maybe a slice of quiche), it has a host of to-die-for pastry choices - croissants, monkey bread, morning buns - and breads, including baguettes, brioche buns, wheat-free sourdough. You can also enjoy sandwiches, salads and soups.

Known for its "upcakes"- more or less upside-down cupcakes with more icing - Dixie Picnic in Malvern offers eggs Benedict, sticky bun French toast, sausage gravy biscuit, breakfast burrito and several other Southern-styled breakfast dishes until noon on weekends. And take an upcake home!

One thing is certain: choose any of these eateries and you won't leave hungry. From a quintessential meal of eggs, bacon and perhaps a bloody Mary, to a full-blown banquet with French toast, caviar, wine and all manner of sumptuous dishes, you'll find something on the Main Line that will amply sweeten your morning. And easily carry you to Sunday dinner. ♦



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And it's back for 2023!

What's New In the Ring

HIS YEAR THE DEVON HORSE SHOW WELCOMES BACK THE Budweiser Clydesdales. Celebrating their 90th anniversary, these majestic teams of horses and the iconic Budweiser wagon will be wowing crowds as they circle the Dixon Oval for three evenings, from Thursday, June 1 through Saturday, June 3.

For fans of high stakes show jumping, a new Grand Prix event has been added to the schedule. Longtime Devon fans know to mark their calendars for the annual Sapphire Grand Prix (this year on Thursday, June 1) to share the thrills and chills of watching some of the best-known international competitors clear breathtaking heights for \$226,000 in prizes. For yet another edge-of-your-seat adrenaline rush, return on Saturday, June 3, for more Grand Prix-level performances. The \$145,100 Idle Dice Jumper Stake will extend the course to jumps in both the Dixon Oval and the Wheeler Ring. This year's jumps will be even higher, and international competitors will be part of the heart-stopping action.

Earlier in the show, join the fun for Hunt Night on Saturday, May 27. During Junior Weekend, these team of three riders negotiate a course of jumps, with the finale of jumping the last fence in tandem — a remarkable feat of coordination and teamwork. The Radnor Hunt hounds add more flavor to the theme of the evening.

And, of course, every day has its own special events, from the breed show, to striking saddlebred riders, to the elegant carriages that parade through the Devon neighborhood before arriving at the Dixon Oval.









Family Fun Every Day

HERE'S PLENTY OF FAMILY FUN EACH OF THE 11 days of the Devon Horse Show. The Country Fair opens daily around 9 a.m. and the Midway attractions an hour later for a full day of games plus rides on the Ferris wheel and carousel.

Seasoned fans know special days are earmarked as Family Days, featuring extra activities and specials on rides, souvenirs and food. The first Family Day is Thursday, May 25, with another on Tuesday, May 30, which includes a free guided Back Barns Tour.

On May 25, get your fill of classic Devon food — tea sandwiches, lemon sticks and fudge plus new kid-friendly options at Sips & Bits (where parents can enjoy upscale fare) — to prepare for the Dog Show at 7 p.m. in the Dixon Oval. Watch canine competitors attempt Simon Says, parade in the Novelty Division and follow along in a Doggie Lead Line costume contest parade. Don't miss the new Selfie Station for pets and handlers — got to get that selfie!

Other days for kids include Saturday, May 27, when the youngest Devon riders circle the Dixon Oval in the Lead Line for under-3 and under-5 mini-equestrians. Later that day, older children ride and jump in colorful costumes in the Pony Hunt Club events in the Wheeler Ring.

Celebrate Memorial Day at the Horse Show with the tradition of honoring our community heroes, including local military and emergency responders, in a Tribute to Heroes.

The final Sunday, June 4, also highlights family fun for Children's Day with the Itty Bitty Tea Party (reservations required for three seatings) and Itty Bitty Hat Parade.

















Art, Fashion, Shopping & More

IND ART AT THE HORSE SHOW IN A charming cottage that becomes the Art Gallery at Devon and is filled with original artwork. The Art Gallery is the site of the First Night party and fundraiser, when guests get a first look at (and chance to purchase) art on display.

You'll find antiques, collectibles and more in other cottages scattered under the sycamores in the Country Fair. Although not art, Souvenirs with the historic Devon logo are also treasured purchases. From stuffed toys to coffee mugs to clothing and silver jewelry, there's something for you with the blue and white logo on it. And stop by the Devon Derby booth for a chance to win prizes, including a two-year lease on a Land Rover Defender.























The Horse Show attracts a fashionable crowd every day, with folks stepping up their game on Grand Prix nights. But it's on Ladies Day, Wednesday, May 31, that the fashionistas are out in force, especially for the Hat Contest with local and celebrity judges (Adam Joseph, Jeff Devlin and Carson Kressley, schedule permitting) deciding who best embodies the "Devon in Bloom" theme.

For competitors outside the ring, box owners can enter the "Grandest of the Grandstands" competition, Friday, June 2. It's tailgating, but in Devon box seats, complete with flowers, silver and scrumptious displays of food.

And the for the final tradition, there's a Plant Sale to find new homes for the many colorful plants and flowers that enlivened the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair for 2023.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

WHERE: Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon

WHEN: May 24-June 4 ; Grounds open 8 a.m. to around 10 p.m.

INFORMATION: DevonHorseShow.net & Facebook

BENEFICIARY: Bryn Mawr Hospital

Devon Horse Show & Country Fair Schedule

Wednesday-May 24 First Night Event Art Gallery at Devon

Thursdav-May 25

Junior Weekend – Family Day Don't miss the Devon Dog Contest in the Dixon Oval at 7 p.m.

Dixon Oval, 8 a.m. WIHS Equitation Jumper O USEF Talent Search

Wheeler Ring, 11 a.m. O Dover Saddlery Equestrian Medal

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. The Dog Show at Devon Friday-May 26

Visit the 60+ vendors.

Dixon Oval, 7:30 a.m. ASPCA Maclay & R.W. Mutch Equitation Champ. 🕲 William Cooney Junior Equitation Award O Junior Hunters

Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m. Pony Hunters

Dixon Oval, 7:30 p.m. Unior |umpers

Saturday-May 27

It's all about kids today.

Dixon Oval, 7:30 a.m. O Junior Hunters Not before 12:30 p.m.

C Lead Line O Devon Grand Jr. Hunter Ch. C Angelo Award Best Child Rider on a Horse

Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m.

O Pony Hunters Devon Grand Pony Hunter Ch. Best Child Rider on a Pony O Pony Sportsmanship Award O Pony Hunt Teams

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. Exhibition 🕲 Junior Jumper Classic 🕲 Junior Jumpers Ch. C Leading Ir. Jumper Rider Award 🕲 Jr. Jumper Style of Riding Award

Sunday-May 28

Carriage Pleasure Drive and Arena Eventina.

Dixon Oval, 9 a.m. Children's Jumper O Adult Jumper

Dixon Oval. noon Exhibition

Carriage Pleasure Drive Championship Drive Off O Pleasure Drive Amateur Whip Award Children's Jumper Ch.

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. \$50,000 Arena Eventing

Memorial Day Monday-May 29

A special recognition ceremony honors local military and emergency responders.

Dixon Oval. 8 a.m. C Exhibition C Hunter Classes O Pair Horses

Wheeler Ring, 10 a.m. O Adult Jumper O Hunter Classes

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. ONAL Adult Jumper Classic Adult Jumper Championship Pony Races Coaching – Appointments Single/Pair Pony Scurry Single/Pair Pony Ch.

Tuesdav-Mav 30

Family Day Behind-the-scenes look at the barns on the Devon Horse Show grounds from 3 to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval. 8 a.m. O Hunter Classes

Wheeler Ring, 9 a.m. O Young Jumpers

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. 🔅 jet Run Devon Welcome Stake Single Horse Driving Coaching Coach Horn Competition Single Horse Scurry Single Horse Ch.

Wednesdav-May 31

Ladies Day Ladies Day at Devon! Ladies Side Saddle Classes and the Ladies Hat Contest and luncheon event.

Dixon Oval. 8 a.m.

O Hunter Classes C Leading Lady Rider Award C Leading Mare Award O Devon Grand Hunter Ch. O Devon Leading Hunting Rider C Leading Groom Award

Wheeler Ring, 10 a.m. O Young Jumpers Dixon Oval, noon

C Ladies Side Saddle 🗘 Ladies Side Saddle Ch.

Dixon Oval, 1:30 p.m. C Hackneys & Jumpers © English Pleasure Driving Open & Junior Park Pleasure Roadster Pony

Dixon Oval, 6:30 p.m. O Main Line Challenge C Hackneys & Harness Saddlebreds Coaching © Pleasure Driving Saddlebred Show O Pleasure Driving

Thursday-June 1

\$250.000 Sapphire Grand Prix. Dixon Oval. 8 a.m. Course Walk

Dixon Oval, 10 a.m. OUSHJA \$25,000 Internat'l Hunter Derby

Wheeler Ring, 1 p.m. C Amateur lumper

Dixon Oval, 3:00 p.m. Devon at Sunset © Pleasure Driving C Roadster Pony & Horse C English Pleasure Coaching — Performance Roadster Horse Hackney/Harness Pony

Sapphire **Grand Prix of Devon**

There's nothing more thrilling than the Sapphire Grand Prix.

Dixon Oval, 7 p.m. Opening Ceremonies Budweiser Clydesdales

Dixon Oval 7:30 p.m. Open Jumpers-FEI \$226,000 Sapphire Grand Prix C McDevitt Style Award

Friday-June 2

Highlight tonight is the "Grandest of the Grand Box Contest.

Dixon Oval, 8 a.m. Amateur/Owner lumpers & Hunters C English Pleasure – Ladies

Country Pleasure Junior O Roadster Pony Under Saddle

Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m. Local Hunters Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.

Budweiser Clydesdales Devon Speed Derby Coaching Championship & Coach Horn O Pleasure Driving Ch.

© Fine Harness Ch. Open Hackney Pony Ch Open Harness Pony Ch. C ASB Show Pleasure Driving Ch. Open Roadster Pony Ch.

Saturdav-June 3

The winner of this year's Devon Derby is announced toniaht and a second Grand Prix event!

Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.

Amateur/Owner Hunters Saddlebreds & Hacknevs © Devon Grand Amateur/ Owner Hunter Ch. Devon Leading Amateur/

Owner Hunter Rider 🗘 Sambalino Award Country Pleasure Driving Ch Roadster Pony Championship C Hackney Pleasure Driving Ch. C Hackney Horse Championship

C Engish Pleasure Hunt Seat C Amateur Jumper Ch.

Amateur Jumper Leading Rider

Wheeler Ring, 8:30 a.m.

C Amateur/Owner 3'3" Hunters Grand A/O Hunter Ch. C Local Hunters

Co Local Hunter Sportsmanship O Working Fox Hunter

Dixon Oval, 7:00 p.m. Budweiser Clydesdales O Idle Dice Jumper Stake / Grand Prix - \$141,100 Open Jumper Stake

C Leading Open Jumper Rider C Leading Lady Rider Saddle Seat Equitation Ch. C English Pleasure Ch. C Amateur Three Gaited Ch. C Roadster Horse Ch. Hackney/Harness Pony Ch. © Five Gaited Stake

Sunday-June 4 Children's Day & Plant Sale.

Dixon Oval, 8 a.m. Best PA Bred Horse C Leading PA Handler Award Best Thoroughbred Best Yearling & Young Horse C Leading Handler Award Amateur/Junior Handler

Wheeler Ring, 10:30 a.m. Hunter Breeding Division Best Young Pony PHBHA Trophy 🗘 Plant Sale 📢

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Shannon Montgomery

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HE WEATHER IS WARMING, FLOWERS are blooming and spring has sprung. It's May, and that can only mean one thing — steeplechase season is back!

The Brandywine Valley has a rich history of steeplechase racing, and this year two local races are commemorating milestone anniversaries, and a third is heading for a centennial. The Winterthur Point-to-Point marks 45 years, and the Willowdale Steeplechase is celebrating 30 years of racing. Plus, the Radnor Hunt Races are returning for their 92nd year — an impressive feat by all accounts.

Come for the thrilling races, stay for the tailgating, carriage and foxhound parades, antique cars and fun for the whole family. Each race has its own unique traditions, special atmosphere and beneficiaries.

Get ready to pack up the car, bring sunscreen and wear walkable shoes for the grassy grounds. Here's what you need to know for this year's steeplechase season, along with a schedule of events. The 30th Running Presented by the XXIVth FUND

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Winterthur Point-to-Point

A LITTLE HISTORY

Steeplechase racing has a long and storied history. It's believed to have originated in 18th-century Ireland as a cross-country race. Horses and riders would race through the verdant Irish countryside, across rolling hills and over stone walls and timber fences. Races would go from one landmark to another, often using church steeples as starting and end points, hence the names "point-to-point" and "steeplechase." The first recorded steeplechase took place in 1752, over 4.5 miles in County Cork.

Steeplechase racing came across the Atlantic with Irish and English settlers on the East Coast. Even before the Civil War, there were recognized race meetings in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Virginia — races in Washington, D.C. took place as early as 1834. In the late 1800s, Thomas Hitchcock, called the father of the American steeplechase, built the first steeplechase training center on his 3,000-acre property in Aiken, South Carolina. The legacy continues in Aiken, with its 2023 race having been held on March 25.

Today, steeplechase racing has become a beloved tradition in the Take in the stunning Winterthur estate grounds as the finest riders Brandywine Valley and beyond. Elegant fashion, lavish tailgating and and thoroughbreds on the National Steeplechase Association circuit heart-pounding equestrian action come together to create an experace for purses totaling \$60,000. New this year, you can up the stakes rience you won't find anywhere else. Plus, each event raises money with the StableDuel app. Build your own stable of horses from the for local nonprofit organizations, so you can feel good while you're day's races. The better your stable performs, the more fantasy points having fun in the countryside. you earn for a chance to win real cash prizes!

There's plenty of fun to be had outside the race course, too. The 45th WINTERTHUR POINT-TO-POINT full schedule of events includes the beloved Parade of River Hill Fox-This year's steeplechase season kicks off with the Winterthur hounds, the Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Antique Point-to-Point race on Sunday, May 7. Head just across the state line Auto Display, and the spectacular George A. "Frolic" Weymouth to northern Delaware for a festive day of pageantry, family fun and Antique Carriage Parade making an entrance behind smart teams thrilling horse-racing action. of horses. The marketplace offers plenty of shopping and local mer-





Willowdale Steeplechase PHOTO CREDIT: JIM GRAHAM



chants, and the Winterthur Hunt has special activities for the whole family, including family and children's photos, and fun for pups.

Have a competitive side? Join the tailgate competition judged by celebrity pastry chef Dru Tevis, Lewes resident and winner of Food Network's 2022 Holiday Baking Challenge. Or don your finest stee-IF YOU GO: Saturday, May 13. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. plechase attire — hat included, of course — for a chance to win the 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org. new Best Dressed Head to Toe contest. Fashion experts will comb TIP: Consider attending a pre-race-day event, like the Willowdale in the crowd to find the best turned out guests. Winner receives a 2023 White dinner or Willowdale Course Walk with Race Chairman Dixon Point-to-Point hat or fascinator and a \$500 gift certificate. Even Stroud. More information online. kiddos can get in on the friendly competition with the afternoon stick-pony races. 92nd RADNOR HUNT RACES

Proceeds from this year's Point-to-Point support key environmental and landscape stewardship initiatives at the Winterthur estate.

IF YOU GO: Sunday, May 7. 5101 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. No day-of ticket sales. 302-888-4994; Winterthur.org/PTP.

TIP: Bring your Point-to-Point wristband back during the month of May to enjoy a day of free admission to Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.

30th WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Celebrate Mother's Day a little early at the Willowdale Steeplechase on Saturday, May 13. Whether you're an equestrian enthusiast or just looking to have fun and enjoy a beautiful day in the country, this is a Chester County tradition you'll want to attend.

Come to the 160-acre grounds and feel transported to the Irish Race, a spectacular antique carriage parade and the much-loved countryside. Take in the rolling green hills as you watch majestic parade of foxhounds. horses and talented riders take part in six sanctioned races, compet-There are lots of ways to enjoy the Radnor Hunt Races, from staning for \$105,000 in prize money. Races take place on two courses ---dard tailgating on the rail and in the Picnic Patron area to tented one featuring solid post and rail (or timber) fences, European-style tailgate options. Or choose to enjoy the action from box seats or the hedges, open ditches and water jumps, and the other with smaller natural hurdles that the horses can brush through, and usually ridden at a faster pace.

Especially notable is the famous Willowdale water jump, the only one of its kind in North America. Hidden behind a hedge, it spans 12 feet with an 18-inch drop in elevation - jockeys must ride it "California surfing" style, a special method of sitting on the horse.

Unique to Willowdale is its natural amphitheater, which allows spectators to follow most of the races' action from all the spectating areas — whether from a vantage point high on the hill or nearer the action right on the rail.

Of course, fashionable tailgating is a major part of this generations-old event. Enjoy delicious food and drink from local vendors, or BYO for a fully customizable tailgate experience (note: beer is the only alcohol served by vendors). Take part in the tailgate contest ---this year's theme is "Make a Splash" - and best dressed and hat contests for a chance to win exciting prizes.

There are lots more fun events planned throughout the day, too, like the Jack Russell terrier races, pony races and antique car display. Little ones will love the Kid's Alley activity tent, stick-pony jumping course and coloring contest.

This year Willowdale is "Racing for Life," as proceeds from the races benefit the Stroud Water Research Center and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center.

Last but certainly not least, the Radnor Hunt Races take place on Saturday, May 20. One of the oldest steeplechases in the region, this historic event brings the best thoroughbred horses, riders and trainers from across the country to the Main Line once again to compete for purses totaling \$95,000.

Founded in 1883, the Radnor Hunt is the oldest foxhunt in the United States, holding its first steeplechase in 1928. Come to the W. Burling Cocks Racecourse for five thrilling jump races sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association, each with different lengths and challenges, such as the type of track (brush or timber jumps) and the number of jumps.

Between races, there are plenty of special events planned, like the third annual Katherine W. Illoway Invitational Sidesaddle



all-inclusive Skip's Fox's Den. Located at the finish line, the Fox's Den includes gourmet catering, full beverage service, private restrooms and the opportunity to mingle with owners, trainers and riders.

Bringing the whole family? The brand-new Kit's Club is a BYOB, family-friendly version of the Fox's Den, offering a buffet lunch with a view of the finish line. The tent will also include age-appropriate activities — though all children must be accompanied by an adult.

For over 40 years, the Radnor Hunt Races have been "Racing for Open Space," with the Brandywine Conservancy as their beneficiary. The conservancy preserves and protects over 70,000 acres of open space, including the Radnor Hunt racecourse and surrounding grounds.

IF YOU GO: Saturday, May 20. Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. No day-of ticket sales. 610-388-8383; RadnorHuntRaces.org.

TIP: Planning on taking an Uber or Lyft to the races? Be sure to pick up a rideshare pass beforehand. Pickup and drop-off are at Gates 1 and 5.



Radnor Hunt Races

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STEEPLECHASE SCHEDULES

45th POINT-TO-POINT AT WINTERTHUR SUNDAY, MAY 7

10:30 am – Gates open

- 11:45 am Delaware State Police Pipes and Drums
- 12:00 pm Alison Hershbell Pony Races
- 12:30 pm Parade of River Hills Foxhounds
- 1:00 pm George A. "Frolic" Weymouth Antique Carriage Parade
- 1:30 pm Tailgate Picnic Competition Presentation, Stick Horse Races (ages 4 and under)
- 1:50 pm National Anthem (sung by Chloe Abel)
- 2:00 pm Isabella du Pont Sharp Memorial Maiden Timber Race
- 2:15 pm Stick Horse Races (ages 5–7)
- 2:30 pm Winterthur Bowl Open Timber Stakes
- 2:45 pm Stick Horse Races (ages 8–10)
- 3:00 pm Vicmead Plate Amateur Apprentice Timber Race in Honor of Louis "Paddy" Neilson III
- 3:30 pm Middletown Cup Amateur Training Flat Race
- 3:45 pm Presentation of the Greta Brown Layton Trophy
- 4:00 pm Gates close

30th RUNNING OF THE WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 10:00 am Gates open, Welcome Announcements
- 10:30 am Jack Russell Terrier Races
- 11:30 am Pony Races
- 12:00 pm Tailgate, Hat and Best Dressed Contest judging begins 12:30 pm – National Anthem
- :00 pm 1st Race: Apprentice Rider Hurdle: Liam Magee Apprentice Rider Race
- :30 pm 2nd Race: Maiden Claiming Hurdle: The Folly
- 2:00 pm 3rd Race: Ratings Handicap Hurdle: Rose Tree Cup

2:30 pm – 4th Race: Amateur Timber Stakes: The Buttonwood/ Sycamore Farms Willowdale Steeplechase Stakes

- 3:00 pm 5th Race: Maiden Timber: The Landhope Cup
- 3:30 pm 6th Race: Amateur Apprentice Timber: The Marshall W. Jenney Memorial Foxhunter's Chase
- 5:30 pm Gates close

92nd RADNOR HUNT RACES SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 9:00 am Gates open
- 11:00 am Lead Line Pony Race
- 12:00 pm Picnic Tailgate Competition Theme: A Hop, SKIP, And A Jump
- :00 pm Mounted Color Guard of the First Troop Philadelphia City Calvary and the National Anthem (Orpheus Club of Philadelphia)
- :30 pm 1st Race: The Milfern Cup
- 2:10 pm 2nd Race: The Thompson Memorial Steeplechase
- 2:25 pm Carriage Parade
- 2:50 pm 3rd Race: Radnor Hunt Cup
- 3:30 pm 4th Race: National Hunt Cup
- 3:45 pm Parade of the Radnor Hunt Foxhounds
- 4:10 pm 5th Race: Henry Collins Steeplechase
- 4:50 pm The Katherine W. Illoway Invitational Sidesaddle Race
- 6:00 pm Gates close

Schedules are subject to change



May 20, 2023



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 Native wildflower meadow outside a home
 Monarch butterfly on cup plant

3.

. Common buckeye on short-toothed mountain mint

by a third, 82 native fish species are imperiled, and our pollinators are disappearing at an alarming rate — one of the most important things you can do to help save these diminishing species is to convert your backyard into viable habitat that is biodiverse, meaning it can support all sorts of life.

Converting your lawn may sound like a daunting task, but the good news is you can start to regenerate biodiversity little by little. And you can hop on this trend even if you don't have a lawn!

The most important step in adding some biodiversity to your home is to plant native plants (see plant list in sidebar). Begin by incorporating native species into your garden around your home and even on your balcony, terrace or deck in containers.

Not only are native plants visually appealing, but they require less water and are easier to maintain, unlike their invasive



This Spring, Add Some Biodiversity to Your Yard

Monica McQuail, Willistown Conservation Trust

PRING 2023 TRENDS ARE HERE, AND ONE THING is clear — manicured lawns are out and natural ecosystems are in. It's time to create habitat at home, no matter how big or small your backyard may be. The birds, bees and butterflies will surely thank you for adding some biodiversity to your yard.

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First gaining popularity at the homes of wealthy landowners in 17th-century England, lush green lawns were introduced to the United States in the 1800s. The 1950s saw the use of pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides, and as suburbs grew, so did these small plots of grass devoid of weeds or pesky bugs.

Today, lawns make up 40 to 50 million acres, a number that equals all this country's national parks combined. That's a lot of lawn to maintain! And it's about time we ask ourselves, "Is it worth it?" Despite their popularity, lawns are inherently a contradiction. They're the most-grown crop in the U.S., but they don't produce sustainable food that wildlife or humans can actually eat. Lawns are a staple of American suburban life, yet they were imported from England. In fact, the most prized grass in our country — Kentucky bluegrass — is native to Europe and the Middle East, not Kentucky.

Lawns evoke a sense of ease and leisure, although they require an inordinate amount of work, time and money to maintain. Their lush green color signifies life, yet caring for them pollutes the earth. In reality lawnmowers emit noise pollution and pollutants into the air, and fertilizers contaminate our water and harm aquatic life.

WHAT TO DO?

With increasing research that suggests we're in the midst of an extinction crisis — North American bird populations have declined

counterparts. Planting just one native plant
 in your yard can offer a myriad of benefits
 to our planet.

NATIVE PLANTS

Looking below the surface, native flowers, shrubs and trees have long root systems that not only suck up more water to help diminish flooding, but also filter out harmful nutrients and salts that would otherwise travel to our waterways and harm the fish there. In comparison, turf grasses often planted in yards have shallow and dense root systems, which do very little to absorb rain water. Native plants also have the added benefit of being able to use the beneficial nutrients already present in your soil, thus eliminating the need to buy pricey fertilizers to promote growth.

Above ground, native plants produce flowers, berries and leaves that provide



What To Plant For Biodiversity?

For Birds:

• Composite flowers, spruces, hemlocks, pine bring house finch, purple finch, Cassin's finch, American goldfinch, lesser goldfinch, pine siskin

• *Birches and sumacs* bring blackcapped chickadee, Carolina chickadee, mountain chickadee, tufted titmouse, juniper titmouse, oak titmouse

• *Pines, hickories, oaks, cherries* bring downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, red-bellied woodpecker, ladder-backed woodpecker, whiteheaded woodpecker, northern flicker

• Oaks and beeches bring American crow, fish crow, northwestern crow, blue jay, Carolina scrub-jay, woodhouse scrub-jay, Florida scrub-jay

• Sunflowers, elderberries, serviceberries bring northern cardinal, rose-breasted grosbeak, blackheaded grosbeak, blue grosbeak, scarlet tanager, western tanager

• Blackberries and wild grasses bring dark-eyed junco, whitethroated sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, song sparrow, lark sparrow

• Columbine, jewelweed, bee balm bring hummingbirds

For Butterflies and Caterpillars:

• Trees, such as native birches, maples, oak trees, willows

• Flowers, such as goldenrod, milkweed, sunflowers

For Bees:

• Aster, black-eyed Susan, dogwood, goldenrod, ironweed, prairie clover, prairie coneflower, thistle, tickseed, wingstem

long-lasting and nutrient-dense sustenance to pollinator species like bees and butterflies, as well as the birds in our area. Additionally, native shrubs and trees offer valuable shelter where wildlife can raise their young.

As your yard becomes a haven that supports a web of life, you'll likely find those









- Native flowers planted in front yard 4.
- Bird hidden in Virginia cup plant 5.
- Walking path with native wildflowers 6.
- 7. Bumble bee on bee balm

pesky bugs that you'd normally need pesticides to eradicate now get eaten up by other species.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

By adding biodiversity to your yard, not only are you helping the other beings around you, but you're also contributing to the larger "Homegrown National Park Movement." This movement aims to turn half — that's about 20 million acres — of all privately owned green lawns in the U.S. into native plantings. Small efforts by many can make a world of difference. More at HomeGrownNationalPark.org.

Gone are the days when lawns existed purely for curb appeal. Your backyard should provide joy, nourishment and life for all inhabitants, from the monarch caterpillar munching on milkweed and the goldfinch looking for seeds among some purple aster, to the children who stare with wonder at this incredible world.

After all, if something is not eating your plants, then your garden is not part of the ecosystem. We're predicting this trend is one that's going to last. ♦

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Stoneleigh Home & Garden Tour



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MAY 5 & 6

DE Nature Society Native Plant Sale. More than 300 rare varieties of native wildflowers. trees, shrubs, ferns and aquatic plants for sale. Many species that attract wildlife. Coverdale Farm, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7 (member day); Sat, 9 to 3. Del-Nature.org/NPS.

MAY 6

Azaleas & Bluebells at Winterthur Museum & Garden. Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of azalea blossoms and acres of wildflowers. The day's events include plant sales, staff-led and self-guided tours of Azalea Woods and more. Included with admission. Rt. 52, Winterthur, DE. 10 to 3. \$5-\$20. Winterthur.org.

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden-Spring Flowering Tree Tour. Join Stoneleigh staff and explore the fascinating collection of early-blooming trees, from dogwoods and redbuds to silverbells and serviceberries. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10:30 to noon. \$15. StoneleighGarden.org.

MAY 6 & 7

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Plant Sale Weekend. A large sale co-sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and featuring rare and unusual rhododendrons and azaleas, plus a large selection of native trees, perennials and shrubs. Jenkins Arboretum, 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. 9 to 4. JenkinsArboretum.org.

MAY 7

Scott Associates Garden Day Tour. Stroll through gardens in the Lansdowne and Drexel Hill area to become inspired, learn about plant combinations and get gardening tips. 1 to 6. \$25. ScottArboretum.org.

MAY 7

Chestnut Hill Home & Garden Festival. Explore plants, crafts, handmade furniture and artwork from over 150 vendors as home and garden design and supplies take the spotlight. Live music and dining at restaurants on Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill. 11 to 5. Rain date May 21. ChestnutHillPA.com.

MAY 11

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MAY 11

Showcase of Homes at Hershey's Mill. See May Picks in this issue.

MAY 11-13

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

MAY 12 & 13

Landis Valley Museum Herb & Garden Faire. Featuring plants from Landis Valley Museum's Heirloom Seed Project plus heirlooms, natives and other hard-to-find varieties from vendors spread out over the historic village area. Food and drink available onsite. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 9 to 5. LandisValleyMuseum.org.

MAY 13

Uwchlan Garden Club Plant Sale. Find a beautiful selection of vegetable and herb plants, garden crafts, something for the birds and bees, perennials, shrubs, trees and gifts. Benefits the 1756 Uwchlan Meeting House. 5 N. Village Ave., Lionville. 8 to 2. UwchlanGardenClub.org.

MAY 13

Garden Walk at Winterthur-Azaleas and Spring Flowers. Join the director of Winterthur on a special walk highlighting

interesting and seldom seen parts of the landscape. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 1 to 2:30. \$8-\$22. Winterthur.org.

MAY 13 & 14

Brandywine River Museum of Art Wildflower, Native Plant & Seed Sale. Shop for a wide variety of native grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs and trees. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide planting information. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30. Free. BrandywineMuseum.org.

MAY 13, 27, JUNE 10, 24

Home and Garden Tours at Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden. Dazzling displays of native plants, ancient trees and landscape designs are highlighted, along with a tour of the spec-

tacular Tudor Revival Main House, 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10:30 to noon. \$15. StoneleighGarden.org.

MAY 14

Mother's Day Open Gardens at Welkinweir. The gardens, with azaleas at their peak, will be open to visitors to walk and hike. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden. Free. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. Welkinweir.org.

MAY 17

Shipley School Secret Gardens Tour. Explore magnificent properties located in Main Line neighborhoods with an optional luncheon. Tour and lunch, \$95; tour only, \$50. 9 to 3. ShipleySchool.org/ SecretGardens.

MAY 18-29

Festival of the Peony. Walk through 25 acres with more than 55,000 peonies and cut your own to take home. May 19, 26, Tailgate Nights-bring a tailgate picnic to enjoy at sites throughout the fields set up with table, chairs and a floral arrangement of peonies. Bring a vase to take the peonies home. 4313 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 8 to 6. \$15/person or \$30/car. StyersPeonies.com.

MAY 20

A Day In Old New Castle. An 18th-century market fair where you can take a rare and exclusive look into the private homes and gardens, historic landmarks and museums in Old New Castle. Enjoy historical reenactments, entertainment, artisans, children's games, tours of the Kalmar Nyckel tall ship, food tents and vendors. 50 Market St., New Castle, DE. 10 to 5. \$16-\$25. HistoricNewCastle.com.

IUNE 2

Moonlight & Roses at Morris Arboretum. Dining and dancing under the stars, surrounded by the beauty of roses in bloom. The annual fundraising event supports all aspects of the Arboretum's mission. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. For info and to purchase tickets, MorrisArboretumGala.org.

JUNE 3

Garden Day at White Horse Village. The senior living community showcases the talents of resident gardeners. Self-guided tours, 10:30, complimentary lunch at noon, registration required. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. Free. Rain date, June 4. WhiteHorseVillage.org.







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From the first visit, the current owners fell in love with this impressive Tudor style home. Beyond the stunning curb appeal, they loved the light through floor-to-ceiling windows, the open interior spaces, the generous proportions of the rooms, and the privacy and seclusion provided by the seven-acre grounds on a private cul-du-sac.

This was a haven, a place with room for creativity to flow — in the home offices (yes, there are several, including one used in part as an art studio above one of 11 garages). What a perfect location for working from home! And there were spaces for relaxing — the pool and patio areas, two gyms, both a sauna and steam room, a 12-seat home theater, a spacious game room and a wine cellar with large tasting room. Need a quiet room? Head for a wood-paneled space with the feel of a private library (complete with library ladder), a built-in window seat, the den or the second-story lounge in the pool house.

What about entertaining? This home was the site for many largescale fundraisers as well as smaller family gatherings. For big events, guests drive through the iron gates, up the circular drive and enter the soaring foyer, with its glowing parquet floors, sparkling chandelier and views into the home and out to the pool. Several coat closets are nearby, along with a powder room with separate WC. Family members are welcomed to the fully equipped guest suite full kitchen, sitting room, bedroom and bath, near back stairs and convenient elevator.



THE DETAILS

This Tudor manor home — with its characteristic steeply pitched gable roofs, half-timbering, mullioned windows — is spread over three floors, plus a partially finished attic. In addition to a guest suite with full kitchen, there are four bedrooms all with en suite baths,



plus a main-floor primary suite. This luxurious bedroom suite also includes a private balcony, his-and-her bathrooms, his-and-her closets (her closet is comprised of three rooms), a private study and stairs to the lower-level gyms.

The grand formal living room is anchored by a dramatic fireplace, flanked by built-in cabinets, and opens to the dining room. A spacious eat-in gourmet kitchen with cabinetry by Paradise Custom Kitchens is just one family gathering space. For easy entertaining, you'll find a large butler's pantry, adjacent kitchen pantry/office on the main floor, with additional kitchens on the lower level by the family room, in the second-floor guest suite and in the separate pool house. There are eight full and three half baths along with two laundry rooms — on the main level and the lower level by the gyms.

More family gathering spaces include the main floor family room with stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling and raised-beam accents, a









second-floor den, along with a lower-level family room with stone fireplace, kitchen and breakfast bar. The lower level also includes a spacious game room, 12-seat updated home theater, temperature-controlled wine cellar with tasting area for a good-sized group, two gyms with sauna, steam room, laundry and full bath, plus access to the covered patio.

Throughout the home are innumerable amenities, from built-in window seats, a home office large enough for a ten-person conference table, walk-in cedar closet, three-floor elevator and so much more that there are 150 photos on the property's website.

POOL, PATIOS, PERGOLAS AND MORE

A centerpiece of the grounds is the freeform pool, surrounded by manicured upgraded gardens designed by Main Line Gardens. There are pergolas, fountains and several levels of patios and terraces, some covered, all perfect for entertaining. The owners have fond memories of a special graduation party held here just a few years ago.

Any car enthusiast would be amazed by the 11, yes 11, garages in three separate buildings. One garage also houses the two-floor pool house. Another includes a three-room office. The third sits below the second-floor guest suite.

Yes, this dream home has everything but its next owners. \blacklozenge

For more about this 6-bedroom, 8.3-bath, 11-car-garage, Tudor-style home on 7+ acres in the Pocopson Township, contact Stephen Gross of The Holly Gross Group, Berkshire Hathaway, Fox & Roach, 610-430-3030 (office), 484-883-0681 (cell); HollyGrossGroup.com. Unionville-Chadds Ford schools. Price upon request.



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Tailgate Drinks 💎



OR SOME, TAILGATING IS their favorite part of equestrian events. Food, drink and friends gathered together to celebrate a special occasion. While your tailgate food may be catered, carefully chosen from gourmet shops, or homemade from recipes in this month's Brandywine Table column, the drinks require additional consideration.

To help with your next tailgate, here are three classic drinks that are (mostly) easy to prepare. Or, if you're pressed for time, just grab a few bottles of wine or bubbly with horses on the label to complete your table!

MINT JULEP

The signature drink of the Kentucky Derby, mint juleps are too tasty and refreshing to be limited to once a year. We recommend them for tailgating and sipping well into summer.

Notes: Though best served in a silver julep cup, a rocks glass also works. Choose a high-proof bourbon — 80 to 90 proof - since the crushed ice dilutes it (Woodford Reserve is the official bourbon of the Derby).

- 8 mint leaves, spearmint is fine
- ¹/₄ oz. simple syrup
- 2 oz. bourbon
- Crushed ice
- Mint sprig for garnish
- Angostura bitters (optional garnish)

In your cup or glass, muddle mint leaves in the simple syrup. Add the bourbon.

Pack the glass tightly with crushed ice. Stir until the outside of the cup becomes frosted. Top with more crushed ice — enough to form a rounded dome.

Garnish with a sprig of mint. (Optional garnish: a few drops of bitters.)

Serve immediately.



KIR ROYALE

Elegant and easy, this drink serves up a surprisingly complex taste, with the sweetness of the berry liqueur paired with the dry Champagne. Here's the classic version, but note there are several variations under different names.

- ¹/₂–1 oz. crème de cassis (black currant liqueur)
- 4 oz. Champagne (brut or extra brut)
- Lemon peel string or raspberries for garnish

Into a chilled champagne flute, first add the preferred amount of crème de cassis. Top with 4 ounces of dry Champange. Garnish with a lemon peel or raspberries. Serve and enjoy!

Variations: Use other sparkling wine (prosecco, cava) to create a Kir Impériale. Or use white wine for a classic Kir cocktail. And you can use other berry liqueurs, such as Chambord (black raspberry).



PIMM'S CUP

A fan favorite at the Royal Ascot and Wimbledon, Pimm's Cup began as a health tonic in 1840s London. Now it's a steeplechase classic, best made in quantity and in a punch bowl. But beware: this drink goes down *very* easily! This recipe was tested several times when County Lines served it at Radnor Hunt Races.

Place all fruit (but not the cucumber) in the punch bowl. Add the Pimm's and soda. (Note: proportions can be adjusted to taste and preference.) Stir and allow the fruit flavors to mingle. Serve over ice, traditionally in a tall glass, making sure to include pieces of fruit in each glass. Garnish with cucumber spears and mint.

*Since you're adding fruit with peels into the drink, it's best to use organic fruit.

Equestrian–Inspired Wines

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More of a wine drinker? Try one of these equestrian-themed wines, complete with horses on the label and fitting names. Find them at your local wine shop.



- 14 Hands Hot to Trot Smooth Red Blend
- 14 Hands Unicorn Rosé Bubbles
- Castello Banfi Chianti Classico Riserva
- Cavaliere d'Oro Gabbiano Chianti
- Cavaliere d'Oro Gabbiano Chianti Classico
- Dark Horse Double Down Red Blend
- Dark Horse Chardonnav

- 12 lemon slices
- 12 lime slices
- 12 orange slices
- 12 sliced strawberries
- 4 cups Pimm's No. 1 Cup, available at liquor stores
- 6 cups lemonade, lemon soda (San Pellegrino limonata) or ginger ale
- 12 fresh mint sprigs for garnish
- 12 cucumber slices/spears for garnish
- Ice cubes

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

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Terrific Tapas. James Beard Award-winning Iron Chef and new appointee to the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition, Jose Garces is back with another restaurant.



Amada, Garces' Spanish tapas restaurant with locations in Philadelphia and Atlantic City, is now open in Radnor near Buena Onda, Garces' casual taqueria. The menu includes Amada favorites (tortilla Española, paella Valenciana, roast suckling pig) as well as exclusive new dishes from wood-fired ovens.

555 E. Lancaster Ave., Radnor. AmadaRestaurant.com.

What's Old is New. The former Coatesville YMCA will soon become Steel City Brewing, a new restaurant, bar and meeting space. The renovated 19th-century building will retain architectural details like brick walls, Luken Steel beams and a two-story atrium. Expect pub food, craft beer and plenty of historic photos and memorabilia, courtesy of the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. Planned opening this fall. 122 E. Lincoln Huy, Coatesville.

Amiable Italian. Chadds Ford's Osteria Ama has opened a new location in West Chester's Commons of Thornbury (former Byrsa Bistro spot). Their menu features artisan Italian fare made from scratch, including wood-fired pizzas,



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fresh pasta dishes, breads and desserts, all made using traditional Italian methods. The new space offers both indoor and outdoor dining, plus a private party room for special occasions. 34 E. Street Rd., West Chester. On Instagram @OsteriaAmaWC. 34 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Osteria-Ama.com

Local Libations. Phoenixville's Bluebird Distilling has teamed up with country music star Jordan Davis to create a new,

limited-edition whiskey to promote Davis' new album, "Bluebird Days." Bluebird Days Straight American Whiskey, with notes of sweet corn, vanilla and toffee, is available on Bluebird Distilling's online store. And West Chester's Artillery Brewing Company is now an official craft beer sponsor of the Philadelphia Union soccer team. Find them in Subaru Park's new Craft Beer Corner. BluebirdDistilling.com. ArtilleryBrewing.com.



Bonjour, Bakery. Craving something sweet? Drop by Patisserie Lola, a new microbakery in downtown Kennett Square with country French inspired décor

and a display case full of French pastries - madeleines, macarons, crème brûlée and more. Their small-batch artisan pastries are made with simple ingredients, locally sourced when possible, onsite in their 350-square-foot kitchen. Make sure to get there early - they're known to sell out! 219 E. State St., Kennett Square. LolaKSq.com.

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Brandywine Table

Get Ready for 'Rosé All Day'

MAY KICKS OFF THE SEASON OF SIPPING AT TAILGATES

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes

AROLYN DESFOR REMEMBERS BEING 4 WHEN she was packed into her family's sports car along with all the accouterments for a perfect horse show tailgate. When her parents competed in weekend shows, a typical departure checklist included a cooler filled with wine and champagne, crudité tray and tea sandwiches. At the horse show, she remembers snatching carrots off the tailgate table to feed the horses. "My life evolved around tailgating," Desfor says.

Born into an equestrian family, Desfor, who lives in Chester County, spent years on the show circuit before training accomplished show jumpers professionally. Today she splits her time between Chester County and Palm Beach, Florida, where she carries on her family tailgating tradition. Only these days, she's become the hostess along with fellow equestrian and Chester Countian Judy Irwin Sagal.

The two became fast friends when Sagal began training with Desfor 15 years ago. On weekends you can find them mixing and mingling ringside or fieldside at local polo matches. "Equestrian sports and tailgating go hand in hand," Sagal says. The gatherings — whether polo matches, steeplechase races or horse show competitions — serve as an excuse to dress up and catch up with friends both in and out of the equestrian world.

Carolyn Desfor, fourth from left, and Judy Irwin Sagal, fourth from right, hosting a tailgate.





Sagal recently reserved a tailgate spot for Brandywine Polo's upcoming season. At their tailgate, nicknamed "Rosé All Day," Desfor and Sagal host guests on weekends, starting opening day on May 28th. In addition to having plenty of rosé on hand, Desfor serves her specialty rum cocktail — Polo Punch. Guests nibble on tea sandwiches, canapés, kabobs and sweet treats as they enjoy matches on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. They can also cheer on Desfor's boyfriend, Mark Still, a local polo player.

In addition to regular guests, the pair also enjoys switching things up by inviting new guests each week. They also occasionally have fun with a suggested dress theme, like wearing white for the final match of the season. "I dried hydrangeas and sprayed them silver for the centerpiece for the white-themed party," Desfor says.

Although Desfor and Sagal encourage guests to bring a dish to share at their tailgates, there's always a hardy selection of appetizers, with a nod to kids' tastes and adults' dietary restrictions. Here are some of their favorite offerings and shortcuts that enable them to offer an inviting spread each week.

Carolyn Desfor, far left, and Judy Irwin Sagal, second from left, with friends at the Radnor Hunt Races



Polo Punch

Carolyn loves to create a specialty cocktail for each tailgate get-together. Her Polo Punch has become a much-loved go-to that's easy to prepare and never fails to please. She elevates the appearance of reusable glass bottles used for dispensing the punch with a sticker of a polo player pasted on each one. This festive punch dresses up the occasion and cools everyone down on warm summer days by the polo field. Tip: Use disposable wine glasses for ease in transport. Pair with a spread of finger foods.

Serves 12, over ice (depending on glass size and amount of ice)



750 ml bottle of Bacardi Limón Rum 3 C. ginger ale 3 C. fruit punch 1 lime, juiced, peel discarded 1 lemon, juiced, peel discarded 1 lime, cut into wedges for garnish 12 sprigs of fresh Mohito Mint (or your favorite variety) In a pitcher add rum, ginger ale, fruit punch, lime and lemon juices, and stir to combine.

Pour into reusable glass bottles using a culinary funnel (or pour carefully from pitcher). Cap with a tight-fitting lid and refrigerate for at least one hour to chill.

When ready to serve, pour into stemmed wine glasses over ice. Garnish with a wedge of lime and a sprig of mint.

Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed bottle for up to three days.

Homegrown Caprese Kabobs

Judy uses homegrown basil to boost the fresh flavor of these tasty kabobs. This dish requires some time to assemble the kabobs. The result is a very-

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Tips on Tailgating from the Pros

Carolyn Desfor and Judy Irwin Sagal share their tips for entertaining tailgate style. Whether you're fieldside at a polo match, on the rail at a steeplechase or in a skybox at the Devon Horse Show, these ideas should make the day easier.

- Don't make too much food, since people may be more into drinking than eating.
- Take seasonal decorations to make your tailgate look festive, such as tulips and fresh flowers in spring or mums and pumpkins around Halloween.
- Have enough folding chairs or camp chairs handy for guests (or suggest they bring them). Standing for several hours can get old.
- If you have leftover food, offer it to neighboring tailgaters so it doesn't go to waste.
- Create a specialty drink to make the occasion feel even more special. Have plenty of flat and sparkling water on hand, especially on hot days.
- Set a theme to spice up weekly tailgates, such a dress code of wearing white to celebrate the last tailgate of the season.
- Consider dietary preferences of your guests and offer a variety of food to accommodate all, including kids.
- Use disposable wine glasses for ease in transport. Wash them afterward to use again and again.
- · Serve at least one sweet treat to round out your menu.
- Stick to finger foods to let guests more easily navigate the food table while holding a drink.
- Offer at least one kid-friendly appetizer.

colorful display of finger food that your guests can easily pop into their mouth as they mingle and watch the action. Pairs beautifully with a warm summer day.

Makes approximately 1 dozen



24 fresh basil leaves

1, 8-oz. container of fresh mozzarella balls 1 pint organic grape tomatoes, kept whole Reduced balsamic vinegar, store bought Mini bamboo skewers Kosher salt

Place the basil leaves, mozzarella and tomatoes in separate bowls and arrange in a row on the counter.

On each skewer, stack the ingredients in this order: basil leaf, mozzarella ball, tomato. Repeat.

Arrange kabobs on a serving platter and lightly drizzle with your favorite reduced balsamic vinegar. Finish with a light sprinkle of salt.

Store leftovers in an airtight container and refrigerate for up to two days.

Simple Tuna Tea Sandwiches

Tea sandwiches are a signature of equestrian events in Chester County. Judy loves making these simple sandwiches that require just five ingredients, and celery isn't one of them. The key to this recipe is merging the tuna mixture with a super soft bread. Pair with a fresh-cut fruit salad.

Makes 16 tea sandwiches



2, 5-oz. cans of white albacore tuna fish in water, drained ½ C. mayonnaise

Fresh ground pepper to taste

16 slices of soft honey wheat sandwich bread, crusts removed Romaine lettuce leaves, rinsed and patted dry

In a medium bowl, add tuna fish and break it up with a fork so there are no chunks. Add mayonnaise and pepper to taste. Stir to combine.

Spread the tuna generously on four slices of bread. Then place the remaining slices on top. Cut each sandwich in half on a diagonal.

Place romaine lettuce leaves on a serving platter as a colorful backdrop before adding sandwiches.

If you have leftovers, storage is not recommended.

Palm Beach Lobster Deviled Eggs

Inspired by the Florida restaurant, Todd's of West Palm that closed a few years ago, this is one of Carolyn's favorite tailgate dishes to make. Before Todd's closed, Carolyn asked the chef for the recipe, and she used his guidance to concoct a close replica. Carolyn suggests garnishing only half the eggs with jalapeño since not all are fans of the extra kick.

Makes 24



4 slices of bacon
Brown sugar
1 dozen eggs, hard boiled and peeled
4 C. mayonnaise
1 C. cooked lobster meat (steamed lobster tails ideally), coarsely chopped
1½ tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tsp. dill, finely chopped
1 jalapeño, seeds removed and diced
Salt to taste
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Candy bacon by placing slices on a baking sheet and dusting each slice with a sprinkle of brown sugar. Place in the oven and bake until fully cooked and crispy, about 18 minutes. After fully cooked, remove from the oven and set aside to cool. Once cooled, break bacon into small bits.

Cut hard boiled eggs in half lengthwise. Place yolks in a medium bowl and whites on a serving platter. Mash yolks with a fork until crumbly. Add mayonnaise, lobster, mustard, dill, ³/₄ of the jalapeños, ³/₄ of the bacon, salt and pepper. Stir to combine until smooth.

Spoon a generous dollop of filling into each egg white. Sprinkle remaining bacon bits and jalapeños on top (sprinkle jalapeños on only half the eggs and leave the rest without).

Optional: If you'd like to top each egg with one chunk of lobster meat in addition to the jalapeños and bacon bits, steam an additional lobster tail and reserve those chunks for garnish.

Cover and chill until ready to serve. If you have leftovers at your tailgate, storage is not recommended.

Seven Stars Strawberry Shortcake

This hand-held sweet treat highlights cream from Seven Stars Farm in Kimberton. The shortcut of purchasing pre-made dessert shells leaves you having only to pull off chopping, whipping and assembling. Judy doesn't add additional sugar to the whipped cream because the sweetened strawberries add just the right amount of sweet. To avoid sogginess, transport the whipped cream and strawberries in sealed containers in a cooler and assemble everything at the tailgate before guests arrive. Makes a wonderful dessert.

Makes 1 dozen



1 qt. fresh strawberries, sliced
 1 tsp. granulated white sugar
 1 C. heavy cream
 2 packages pre-made sponge cake dessert shells

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Slice strawberries and place in a medium bowl. Add sugar and stir to combine. Set aside while you prepare the whipped cream.

Place cream in a large mixing bowl, and whip until stiff peaks are formed.

Place dessert shells on a serving platter. Spoon sweetened strawberries evenly into the bowl of each shell. Top strawberries with a dollop of whipped cream.

Serve immediately. If you have leftovers, storage is not recommended. \blacklozenge

About Brandywine Polo Club

Spectating is open to the public with general admission (kids 12 and under are free).

Opening Day, May 28, 2023 Polo schedule: *BrandywinePolo.com*.

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