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It's July! And we're touring *County Lines* country and beyond, which of course includes the best places for fireworks (see our July Picks section) and plenty of Family Fun in our Best Local Events monthly coverage.

Since this is our Annual Guidebook, we have suggestions galore. Shannon Montgomery writes "Get Away Beyond PA," highlighting Kent Island, Washington, D.C. and two places in Virginia — Shenandoah and Charlottesville. Several hours' drive, but worth it!

In "Recent Discoveries," Laurel Anderson spotlights two New Jersey beach towns, Ocean City and Cape May, with slightly different vibes — family resort and Victorian treasure.

In our "Year-Round Guide to *County Lines* Country," we visit the "Big Three"— Longwood Gardens, Brandywine River Museum of Art and Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Then on to explore Chester and Delaware Counties, Delaware State, Lancaster County and the Main Line. Along the way, visit historic sites, markets, state fairs, parks, gardens and more. Check out Town Tours and Village Walks scheduled for historic neighborhoods in Chester County.

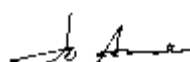
Plan ahead with our "Fall Guide to the Performing Arts" — concerts, theater, dance — and consider an Asian-American recasting of Sam Shepard's *True West* at People's Light in August.

For new residents, our "Newcomers Guide" introduces you to local businesses, services, school and more — everything you'll need to get settled. And learn where local student-athletes are going to college in "The Allure of Division I." It's a talented group!

Brandywine Table's Courtney H. Diener-Stokes is eating (and shopping) at Ground Provisions: Market & Dining. It's the new vegan spot by James Beard honorees Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby (of Vedge in Philly), right here in the former Dilworthtown Inn Keepers Kitchen.

Need some liquid refreshment? In "Brew Foods," Shannon Montgomery finds area beer gardens and breweries to stop for a cold one, plus tasty food.

Thank you for reading our July issue. We hope you enjoy it.

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

**Local Reads.** Get a glimpse into our past with a new book from local author Kathleen Hood and local artist Randall Graham. *Where Are the Cowboys? Searching for the King Ranch Cowboys in Doe Run* captures the unique lifestyle of the cowboys of



King Ranch in Unionville. The book covers ranch operation as well as historic photos and videos. Proceeds from sales go to the Brandywine Conservancy, so get your copy at the Brandywine River Museum or online at [BrandywineMuseumShop.org](http://BrandywineMuseumShop.org).

**Museums and More.** Looking for summer fun? Check out Chester County Library System’s **Museum Pass Program**. Your library card can get you free admission to over 30 museums, historical sites and cultural centers. This includes local favorites, like the Brandywine River Museum and Tyler Arboretum, as well as the Guggenheim Museum and Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City. Find out more at your local library or [CCLS.org](http://CCLS.org).

**Small-Town Charm.** What’s the best small town in our area? We don’t pick favorites, but *World Atlas* might and recently named Phoenixville as one of eight **“Cutest Small Towns in Pennsylvania.”** The article highlights Phoenixville’s vibrant art scene, recognizing the Colonial Theatre and the many galleries and shops on Bridge Street. *World Atlas* also recommends hiking or biking the scenic Schuylkill River Trail. Visit soon and see this cute small town for yourself! [WorldAtlas.com](http://WorldAtlas.com).



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**Top Hospital.** Congratulations to **Chester County Hospital**, which recently earned the healthcare “triple crown” for the fourth time. Healthgrades recognized the hospital with a Patient Safety Award, Outstanding Patient Experience Award and named it one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals for 2023, making it one of only five nationwide to receive all three awards. It was also recently recognized as one of the World’s Best Hospitals in 2023 by *Newsweek*. [ChesterCountyHospital.org](http://ChesterCountyHospital.org).



**Tricky Traps.** Help protect our ecosystem from the returning invasive **spotted lanternflies**. Penn State University experts recommend building a circle trap using materials you may already have on hand. By taping the tops of two plastic milk jugs together and adding window screening, you can make an effective trap and eliminate lots of lanternflies without pesticides. Use on any tree, but it’s best suited for those with smooth bark. Instructions at [Extension.PSU.edu](http://Extension.PSU.edu).







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## July Picks Our Picks for top events this month

Nothing says celebration like fireworks! We have so many choices in the area through the month of July and beyond. Many with all-day activities, music, food and loads of patriotic fun. If you're just going for the fireworks, bring a blanket, chair or prop yourself through the sunroof of your car and enjoy the show!



### July 1, Ridley Park

East Lake Park, W. Ridley & Constitution Ave.  
[RidleyParkBorough.org](http://RidleyParkBorough.org).

### July 1 & 4, Wawa Welcome America Celebration in Philadelphia

**July 1**, patriotic concert and fireworks display on the Delaware River Waterfront, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., 8 p.m.

**July 4**, concert with Demi Lovato and Ludacris, 7 p.m. Phila. Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. Both followed by fireworks. [July4thPhilly.com](http://July4thPhilly.com).

### July 2, Phoenixville

Friendship Field, Filmore St. & Franklin Ave.  
[Phoenixville.Online/Phoenixville-Fireworks](http://Phoenixville.Online/Phoenixville-Fireworks).

### July 3, Philly Balloon Fest

1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. [PhillyBalloonFest.com](http://PhillyBalloonFest.com).

### July 3, Conshohocken

Sutcliffe Park, 900 Freedly St. [ConshohockenPA.gov](http://ConshohockenPA.gov).

### July 4, Lititz Fourth of July Celebration

Lititz Springs Park, 24 Broad St. [Lititz4thOffJuly.com](http://Lititz4thOffJuly.com).

### July 4, Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown

Kerr Park, Park Ln. [GoodNeighborDay.com](http://GoodNeighborDay.com).

### July 4, Clifton Heights

Clifton Heights Athletic Field, 212 N. Springfield Rd.  
[CliftonHeightsPA.gov](http://CliftonHeightsPA.gov).

### July 4, Hockessin 4th Festival & Fireworks

[Facebook.com/Hockessin4th](https://Facebook.com/Hockessin4th).

### July 4, Narberth

Community Park, between Windsor, N. Wynnewood & Haverford Aves. [NarberthFourthOffJuly.com](http://NarberthFourthOffJuly.com).

### July 4, Tredyffrin/Easttown Concert & Fireworks

Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Wayne.  
[Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks](http://Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks).

### July 4, Upper Merion Township

Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia.  
[UMTownship.org](http://UMTownship.org).

### July 4, Wilmington

Riverfront Wilmington, 815 Justison St. [InWilmDE.com/Events](http://InWilmDE.com/Events).

### July 14, Malvern Fire Co. Fair

Malvern Mem. Grounds, Monument Ave. [MalvernFireCo.com](http://MalvernFireCo.com).

### July 15, Exton Park Community Day

800 E. Swedesford Rd. 7 p.m. [WestWhiteland.org](http://WestWhiteland.org).

### July 28, Kimberton Fair

762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. [KimbertonFair.org](http://KimbertonFair.org).

*Fireworks displays usually happen at dusk, 9–9:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Most displays are free, but check website for admission fees and cancellations.*



# best Local Events

## FAMILY FUN

### THROUGH AUGUST

#### Disney 100 — The Exhibition.

Created for the 100-year celebration of The Walt Disney Company, the world premiere exhibition features rarely seen original artworks and artifacts, costumes, props and memorabilia.

Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th St., Philadelphia. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$25. [FL.edu](http://FL.edu).

### THROUGH AUGUST

#### Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship of Delaware.

Find adventure and outdoor fun, maritime history and cultural events with annual community festivals. **July 8**, Captain Kidd's Pirate Adventure Day, noon to 4 pm; **Aug. 12**, Underground Railroad Superhero Fun Day, noon to 4 pm. *Copeland Maritime Center at the Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard, 1124 E. 7th St. [KalmarNyckel.org](http://KalmarNyckel.org).*



### THROUGH OCTOBER 31

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### JULY 1-29

**Where's Waldo July.** Grab a passport at Wellington Square Bookshop then head out to find Waldo at participating businesses. Receive a prize after five stamps on your passport. Collect stamps from all participating businesses and enter the completed passport into a Waldo goodies raffle during the Where's Waldo party **July 29**. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. [WellingtonSquareBooks.com](http://WellingtonSquareBooks.com).



### JULY 4

#### Annual Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown.

Start the day with the Run for Life (5K, 10K & 15K) and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then enjoy fabulous food, crafts, music, bike decorating and lots of other fun activities, all benefitting area emergency providers. Fireworks at dusk. [GoodNeighborDay.com](http://GoodNeighborDay.com).

### JULY 4

#### 4th of July Celebration at Wilson Farm Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy the patriotic sounds of the holiday from Chester County Concert Band. Fireworks show begins at dusk. Food trucks and Kona Ice will be available. 500 Lee Blvd., Wayne. 7:15 to 9:15 pm. [Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks](http://Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks).

### JULY 4

#### Garrett Hill-Rosemont 4th of July Parade.

Decorate your bikes and floats to ride in this year's parade. Registration and start are at Rosemont Business Campus, 919 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, at 9:30 am. The parade ends at Clem Macrone Park, where there will be entertainment, refreshments and games. [GarrettHillPA.com](http://GarrettHillPA.com).

### JULY 8

#### Blueberry Festival at Linvilla Orchards.

Delicious blueberries and a decadent blueberry pie-eating contest. The winners of each age bracket will earn the champion title and receive a prize. Rain date, July 9. 137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. 8 am to 6 pm. [Linvilla.com](http://Linvilla.com).



### JULY 8

#### Concert & Movie Night in the Park.

Enjoy musical performances, food, refreshments, prizes and a movie on the big screen under the stars. Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. Movie to be announced closer to date. Rain date, July 15. Odoriso Park, 418 Fairview Rd., Wayne. 6 pm. Free. [Radnor.com](http://Radnor.com).

### JULY 15

#### Summer Splash at The Barn at Spring Brook Farm.

Children with disabilities and their families and friends are invited to meet The Barn's resident animals, learn about programs, take a hayride, play in the wheelchair accessible treehouse, participate in crafts and more. 360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester. Noon to 3 pm. \$5 donation per child attending appreciated. [SpringBrook-Farm.org](http://SpringBrook-Farm.org).

### JULY 22

#### The Willows Park 50th Celebration.

Celebrate with a hillside concert, food and refreshments, a memory wall historical display of photos and artifacts, a silent auction and fireworks display at 9. 490 Darby Paoli Rd., Villanova. 5 pm. Rain date, July 29. [Radnor.com](http://Radnor.com).

### AUGUST 1

#### Touch A Truck Day — Night Out Against Crime.

Emergency responders are on hand (ambulances, fire trucks, police cars) as well as games, rides, food trucks, face painting and more. West Chester Henderson High School, 400 Montgomery Ave. 6 to 8 pm. [West-Chester.com](http://West-Chester.com).

### ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES.....

#### JULY 15 & 16

**Artisan Market at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library.** Talented craftspeople present their wares, including antiques and collectibles, home decor, architectural salvage, handmade crafts, vintage clothing and jewelry, gourmet goods, original art, garden items and more. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 10 to 4. Admission included in general admission ticket, \$8–\$22. [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).

#### JULY 21

#### Craft & Mercantile at River Station Downingtown.

A good time is guaranteed to be had by all with a curated evening of local artisans, food and entertainment under the stars and twinkle lights. River Station, 200 River Station Blvd., Downingtown. 5 to 9 pm. [GrowingRootsPartners.com](http://GrowingRootsPartners.com).



#### JULY 29 & 30

#### Fine Craft Fair—Summer Chase Center on the Riverfront.

Featuring 100+ artists specializing in cutting-edge, contemporary and upscale home furnishings, jewelry and accoutrements. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. \$10. [PACrafts.org](http://PACrafts.org).



### BOOKS.....

#### JULY 1-20

**Wellington Square Bookshop.** **July 1**, a relaxing afternoon of prosecco and cookies with Beatriz Williams and her new book *The Beach at Summerly*, 3 pm, \$40. **July 5**, **Classics Book**

**Club:** *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, 2 pm. **July**

**6, NonFiction Book Group:** *South to America*

by Imani Perry, 7 pm. **July 19 & 20, Fiction**

**Book Group:** *The Thursday Murder Club* by

Richard Osman, Wed & Thurs, 2 pm, Thurs,

7 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. [WellingtonSquareBooks.com](http://WellingtonSquareBooks.com).

#### JULY 16, 18

**Main Point Book Club.** **July 16**, Bonnie Kistler

is back with her third thriller, *Her, Too*, 3 pm.

**July 18, Fiction Book Group:** *Clark & Division*

by Naomi Hirahara, 1 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave.,

Wayne. [MainPointBooks.com](http://MainPointBooks.com).

### EQUESTRIAN.....

#### THROUGH SEPTEMBER

#### Fridays & Sundays

**Brandywine Polo.** Spectators picnic and tail-

gate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughken-

amon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5;

match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match

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by Ray Didinger



at 3, \$15–\$20. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

**FESTIVALS & PARADES.....**  
**THROUGH JULY 4**  
**Wawa Welcome America!** Free, family-friendly programming across the city, with a focus on arts, culture, diversity, education, wellness, history and performance. Festival attendees can enjoy free concerts, fireworks, complimentary museum access, Wawa Hoagie Day and more. For details, July4thPhilly.com.



**JULY 1-9**  
**73rd Annual Kutztown Folk Festival.** The festival provides insight into the traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch and their way of life. Children’s activities, great food and a large quilt sale and auction. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Daily 9 to 6. KutztownFestival.com.

**JULY 2 & 3**  
**Philly Balloon & Music Festival.** From the air or from the ground, the festival is an exciting event with fun for everyone. Watch the mass balloon ascension, take a tethered balloon ride, enjoy live music, food vendors and food trucks, beer, wine, fireworks and more. Ludwig’s Corner Show Grounds, 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. Gates open Fri, 3 pm; Sat–Mon, noon. \$10–\$40. PhillyBalloonFest.com.



**JULY 11-15**  
**Malvern Fire Company Fair.** Every night is Family Night at this fair with rides and games, face paintings, magicians and live entertainment. Monument Grounds, 550 Monument Ave.,

Malvern. Daily, 6 to 10. Fireworks, Friday (rain date, Sat). MalvernFireCo.com.



**JULY 14-16**  
**Blobfest! at The Colonial Theatre.** This year, the theme is “Blobs & Monsters” and will see the return of “Mystery Science Theatre 3000” as well as the street festival, The Blob Ball, reenactment of the film’s ‘Run Out’ scene and the inaugural Blobfest 5K and Children’s Fun Run. The event commemorates the Colonial’s place in cinematic history as a filming location for the 1958 classic film. TheColonialTheatre.com.



**JULY 15**  
**Exton Park Community Day.** Kids’ activities include a rock wall, zip line, petting zoo, pony rides and tunes with Marchwood Music. Everyone can try their hand at archery, corn hole, disc golf and the dunk tank. Purchase food from vendors and relax in the beer and wine garden. Exton Park, 132 Church Farm Ln., Exton. 4 to 10. Free. Rain date, July 16. WestWhiteland.org.

**JULY 20-29**  
**The Delaware State Fair.** The mission of the fair focuses on the preservation of the past, promotion of the present and education in the future of agriculture, horticulture, mechanical arts and rural and domestic economy. You’ll also find plenty of entertainment, exhibits, bumper cars, a skating rink and more. Visit DelawareStateFair.com.

**JULY 24-29**  
**Kimberton Fair.** Everything from 4-H livestock competitions to the Fair Queen

**Cecil County, MD Events**

*Cecil County, MD has lots to offer. Take a day trip or plan on staying a while. Check their website for more events. CCGov.org.*

**July 2. Independence Fireworks Celebration.** Vendors, music and family fun. *Pell Gardens, on the banks of C&D Canal, Chesapeake City, MD. 5 to 9:30. ChesapeakeCity.com/Events.*

**July 3. Salute to Veterans & Fireworks.** A salute to Cecil County veterans followed by family fun, food, music and fireworks. *North East Town Park, North East. 6 to 9:45. NorthEastChamber.org/Events.*

**July 21-29. The Cecil County Fair.** Agricultural fair, vendors, rides, games, animals and more. *Fair Hill Fairgrounds, 4640 Telegraph Rd., Elkton. CecilCountyFair.org.*

**August 26. Chesapeake City Car Show.** Streets closed and lined with antique cars and food vendors. *98 Bohemia Ave., Chesapeake City. 8 to 3. Facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityCarShow.*

**September 9. Tap Into the Tavern.** Wine and beer tastings and live music. *Rodgers Tavern Museum, 259 Broad St., Perryville. 3 to 7 pm. \$10–\$25. RodgersTavern.com.*

**September 9. Crab Crawl.** Crab tasting event through downtown North East. *11 to 4:30. NorthEastChamber.org/Event/Crab-Crawl-2023-In-North-East.*

**October 14, 15. Revolutionary War & Colonial Festival.** Reenactment, encampments and a colonial market. *Mt. Harmon Plantation at World’s End, Earleville. Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 10 to 3. MountHarmon.org.*



**October 19-22. Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill.** The event showcases four days of competition in Dressage, Cross-Country and Show Jumping. *4600 Telegraph Rd., Elkton. Maryland5Star.us.*

competition, great food and entertainment, rides and fireworks. Kimberton Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. The Fair Midway (rides, food and games) opens at 6 pm, Mon–Fri; 4 pm on Sat. KimbertonFair.org.



**JULY 31-AUGUST 5**  
**74th Annual Goshen Country Fair.** An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, entertainment, games of chance, amusement rides and delicious food. Check out the dog show on Monday, the goat show on Wednesday, and you’ll want to be there for the BBQ chicken dinner on Saturday. Benefits the Volunteer Goshen Fire Co. Gates open 6 pm, Mon to Fri; Sat at 5 with reduced tickets for rides until 7 pm. Fair Grounds, 1320 Park Ave., West Chester. GoshenCountryFair.org.



**FOOD & BREWS .....**  
**THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1**  
**Wednesdays**  
**West Chester TAPS.** Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour where you can unwind and relax with friends every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations have select \$4 beers, \$5 wines, and \$6 cocktails in addition to half-price appetizers. Visit DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

**THROUGH OCTOBER**  
**Sundays**

**Brothers on the Brandywine Seasonal Beer Garden.** Bring your own chair and/or inner tube to cool off in the river at Brandywine Outfitters. Enjoy live music and food trucks as you sip the flavors of craft beers. 2100 Strasburg Rd., Coatesville. 1 pm to dusk. BrothersKershner.com/Beer-Garden.

**JULY 6-SEPTEMBER 21**  
**Thursdays**  
**Sculpture Garden Happy Hour at Delaware Art Museum.** Summer series

features live music, local brews, lawn games, wine, cocktails and food vendors. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. N. Terrace Copeland, Sculpture Garden. 5 to 7:30 pm. Free. DelArt.org.



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**JULY 29**  
**Willistown Conservation Trust Summer Harvest Celebration.** Enjoy delicious tomato-centric bites prepared by Vesta Kitchen. Your en plein air evening will be complete with local craft brews, wine and fun for the whole family. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. \$45. Advance reg. only. WCTrust.org.



**JULY 27, AUGUST 24**  
**2023 Summer Pop-up Biergartens at Historic Sugartown.** BYO chairs and picnic blankets. Locust Lane Craft Brewery and Chaddsford Winery offer beverages, and food trucks will be cooking up some delicious food. Music will be provided by Shake Down. 260 Spring Valley Rd., Malvern. 5 to 8. \$10; under 18, free. HistoricSugartown.org.

**GARDENS** .....  
**THROUGH 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. LongwoodGardens.org.



**MUSEUMS**.....  
See “Daytrips & Outings” and “Museums” in the Guidebook.

**MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT** .....  
See “Outdoor Concerts” in this issue.

**JULY 26**  
**Point Entertainment Presents at The Colonial Theatre.** Andy Summers (of The Police). 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Times and tickets, TheColonialTheatre.com.

**JULY 1–22**  
**Kennett Flash.** *July 1*, Davide Pannocho Trio; *July 7*, Jackie Venson (rooftop concert); *July 22*, Angry Young Band: A Tribute to Billy Joel (rooftop concert). 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

**JULY 2–AUGUST 3**  
**American Music Theatre.** *July 2*, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons; *July 7*, Three Dog Night; *July 9*, Straight No Chaser: The Yacht Rock Tour; *July 15*, EagleMania: Eagles Tribute Band; *July 16*, Gene Watson with Wilson Fairchild; *July 20*, The Docksidiers: America’s Favorite Yacht Rock Band; *July 21*, The Magic of Rob Lake; *July 22*, Terry Fator: On The Road Again; *July 23*, Crowder; *July 28*, Lyle Lovett and His Large Band; *July 29*, Garrison Keillor: 50th Anniversary of Prairie Home Companion; *July 30*, Always Loretta: The Ultimate Loretta Lynn Tribute Show; *Aug. 1*, Donnie Osmond; *Aug. 2*, Melissa Etheridge; *Aug. 3*, Ted Nugent. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, AMTShows.com.



**JULY 8**  
**Media Arts Council Presents Jasper Street Jams Blues Festival.** Fun for the entire family with food trucks and beer by 2SP. 11 E. State St., Media. 11 am to 6 pm. \$15; 12 and under free. MediaArtsCouncil.org.

**JULY 29 & 30**  
**An American Celebration with the Chester County Pops Orchestra.** Along with the West Chester Area Community Chorus, the Pops Orchestra performs a flag-waving, toe-tapping patriotic concert celebrating American music and our country. *July 29*, Collegium Charter School Performing Arts Center, 515 James Hance Ct., Exton, 7 pm. *July 30*, Immaculata University, 1145 W. King Rd., Immaculata, 3 pm. Tickets \$20. ChesCoPops.org.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** .....  
**THROUGH AUGUST 30**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Summer Nights at Hagley Museum & Library.** Bring a picnic to enjoy at the pavilion

on Workers’ Hill. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available for purchase. 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. \$5. Hagley.org.

**THROUGH SEPTEMBER**  
**Third Thursdays**  
**Auburn Heights After Hours.** Come out to the Marshall Steam Museum for scenic views, craft brews and games. Food trucks, featured groups and fun activities. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 5 to 8 pm. \$3–\$6. AuburnHeights.org.

**THEATER**.....  
**THROUGH JULY 13**  
**Lettie at People’s Light.** A family tries to mend amid harsh realities in this “airtight new masterpiece.” 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.



**THROUGH JULY 22**  
**The Wizard of Oz at Fulton Theatre.** Journey to the Emerald City at The Fulton, 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

**THROUGH AUGUST 5**  
**Disney’s Newsies: The Broadway Musical at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre.** This Disney film is now a hit musical based on a true story. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

**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 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.



**JULY 1–30**  
**Media Theatre.** *July 1*, John D. Smitherman in Music Of The Night, a musical adventure featuring music from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Show Boat*, *Mamma Mia*, *South Pacific* and more; *July 20–30*, *High School Musical Jr.* 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

**JULY 15–AUGUST 27**  
**The Sound Of Music at The Candlelight Theatre.** The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein features all of the cherished songs. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatreDelaware.org.



**TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS**.....  
**JULY 7, 8, 20**  
**1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays.** **First Fridays:** *July 7, Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Phoenixville*, 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; DowntownWest-Chester.com. *Wilmington Art Loop*, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

**Second Saturday Virtual Arts Stroll:** *July 8*, Media, MediaArtsCouncil.org.

**Third Thursday Malvern Stroll:** *July 20*, MalvernBusiness.com.

**THROUGH SEPTEMBER**  
**Wednesdays**  
**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 restaurants.

**THROUGH OCTOBER 19**  
**Third Thursdays on State Street in Kennett 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.

**THROUGH 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 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 be closed during the road closure. PhoenixvilleFirst.org. ♦

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**Dutch**  
**FOLK**  
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**Saturday, August 12th, 10am to 6pm**

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### Artisan Exchange

208 Carter Dr., Unit 13 B, West Chester.  
Sat., 10 to 1. [ArtisanExchange.net](https://ArtisanExchange.net).

### Downingtown Farmers Market

Kerr Park, 1 Park Ln. Sat., 9 to noon.  
[GrowingRootsPartners.com](https://GrowingRootsPartners.com).  
*Market theme days with cooking demo, live music,  
yoga & fitness classes, kids activities, pop-up  
vendors*  
July 29 – Tomato Fest  
Aug. 26 – Melon Mania

### Eagleview Farmers Market

Eagleview Town Ctr., Exton. Thurs., 3 to 6.  
[GrowingRootsPartners.com](https://GrowingRootsPartners.com).  
*Market theme days with cooking demo, live music,  
yoga & fitness classes, kids activities, pop-up  
vendors*  
July 27 – Tomato Fest  
Aug. 24 – Melon Mania

### Kennett Square Farmers Market

The Creamery, 401 Birch St. Fri., 3 to 6.  
[KSQFarmersMarket.com](https://KSQFarmersMarket.com).  
*Through Sept., last Fri. of the month: Seed-  
themed "Table Talks."*

### Lancaster County Farmers Market

Indoor farmers market.  
389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne.  
Wed., Fri., Sat., 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
[LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com](https://LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com).  
*After School Story Time  
Fall Fest  
Team Spirit Saturday  
Family Fun "Foto Day"  
Trunk Shows*



Downingtown Farmers Market

### Malvern Farmers Market

Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave.  
Sat., 9 to noon. [GrowingRootsPartners.com](https://GrowingRootsPartners.com).  
*Market theme days with cooking demo, live music,  
yoga & fitness classes, kids activities, pop-up  
vendors*  
Aug. 5 – Tomato Fest  
Sept. 2 – Melon Mania

### Media Farmers Market

Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts.  
Sun., 10 to 1. [FarmToCityMarkets.com](https://FarmToCityMarkets.com).

### Phoenixville Farmers Market

200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. Sat., 9 to 1.  
[PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org](https://PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org).  
*Live music, children's area with activities.*

### Pottstown Farmers Market

100 E. High St. Every other Sat. from May 15,  
9 to 1. [PottstownFarm.org](https://PottstownFarm.org).  
July 22 – Christmas in July with Santa  
Aug. 19 – National Honeybee Day

### Newtown Square Farmers Market

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
3625 Chapel Rd. Fri., 3 to 6.  
[Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket](https://Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket).  
*Live music and kids' story time with the Newtown  
Public Library*

### Oxford Village Market

3rd & Locust Sts. Tues., noon to 5.  
[OxfordFarmMarketPA.com](https://OxfordFarmMarketPA.com).

### Rodney Square Farmers Market

10th & N. Market St., Wilmington.  
Wed., 10 to 2. [InWilmDE.com/Events](https://InWilmDE.com/Events).  
*Live entertainment offered weekly.*



Kennett Square Farmers Market

### Royersford Farmers Market

2nd Ave. across from Victory Park.  
Sat, 9 to noon. [RoyersfordRecreation.com](https://RoyersfordRecreation.com).

### SIW Farmers Market

4317 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford.  
Daily, 9 to 6. [SIW-Vegetables.Blogspot.com](https://SIW-Vegetables.Blogspot.com).  
*Field to Fork Dinners:*  
July 12 – Chef Tyler Akin - Le Cavalier  
August 30 – Chefs Merry Catanuto and  
William Hoffman. House of William and  
Merry collaboration with Chef Sam Ross of  
Peach Blossom Eatery  
Sept. 13 – Chef Michael DiBianco of  
Ciro Food and Drink  
Sept. 20 – Chef Gerald Allen and friends

### Swarthmore Farmers Market

432 Dartmouth Ave. Sat., 9 to noon.  
[FarmToCityMarkets.com](https://FarmToCityMarkets.com).

### Thornbury Farm Market

1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester.  
Fri., 9 to 5; Sat.–Sun., 11 to 5.  
[ThornburyFarmCSA.com](https://ThornburyFarmCSA.com).  
*Ghost Classes and Guided Tours*

### Thornton Farmers Market

330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat., 10 to 1.  
[Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket](https://Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket).

### West Chester Growers Market

Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat., 9 to 1.  
[WestChesterGrowersMarket.com](https://WestChesterGrowersMarket.com).  
*Live music, activities for the kids and giveaways*

### West Reading Farmers Market

598 Penn Ave. Sun., 9 to 1.  
[GrowingRootsPartners.com](https://GrowingRootsPartners.com).  
*Live music every Sunday*

### Westtown Amish Market

Indoor farmers market.  
1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester.  
Thurs., 9 to 6; Fri., 9 to 7; Sat., 8 to 4.  
[WestChesterAmishMarket.com](https://WestChesterAmishMarket.com). ♦

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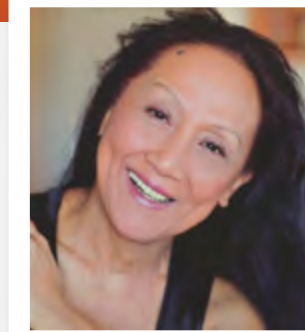
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**A** CORNERSTONE OF MODERN AMERICAN THE-ater, *True West* is People's Light's Spring/Summer 2023 Season Finale. A conflict between two brothers crescendos into chaos in the Mei Ann Teo-directed regional premiere.

Adapted from the work by iconic playwright Sam Shepard, this all-Asian cast and production team uncovers a heated sibling rivalry between highly educated, well-accomplished screenwriter Austin (portrayed by Sanjit De Silva) and Lee, a skilled, drunken thief (portrayed by Ron Domingo). Austin's polished and clean-cut qualities are synonymous with the New West's orderly suburban life and the traditional American Dream of success, while Lee's drifter and aloof qualities embody the spontaneity of the Old West.

Straitlaced Austin is on the verge of selling his next script to Hollywood producer Saul (portrayed by Greg Watanabe). Blustering drifter Lee returns from three months of wandering in the Mojave Desert and attempts to charm his way into Austin's movie deal. As Austin diligently works on his script, Lee defiantly steals televisions and toasters. The brothers begin to transform into each other as this production delves into the discovery of the *True West* via the double nature of humanity — the unbalanced psyche of the "New West" order and tranquility to the "Old West" unyielding rowdiness.

De Silva, the force behind partnering on this production with Artistic Director Zak Berkman, said, "I've always had a profound fascination with *True West* and Sam Shepard, so when Zak asked me

about a bucket list play I'd like to do, I immediately said I'd love to do *True West* with an AAPI cast! Asian Americans have been part of the very fabric of the building of the American West since the start, and I thought it felt really interesting to explore this play with a cast that reflected that."

Recommended for ages 14+, *True West* exemplifies the pursuit of paradise, order and convergence of the Old West and the New West. A finalist for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *True West* is a wry exploration of duality, masculinity and the mythos of the American West.

Come enjoy the power of live theater in this season finale. ♦

## IF YOU GO

**What:** *True West*

**Where:** People's Light, Leonard C. Haas Stage  
39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern

**When:** August 2-27, 2023

**Box Office & Info:** 610.644.3500; PeoplesLight.org

**Masks:** Currently required at Wednesday matinee performances. At all other performances they are encouraged, but optional.



# Fall Guide to the Performing Arts

Mark your calendars early for the many arts events happening around the area. Here's a preview of the fall season at area theaters and performance venues as well as special concert events.

Be sure to and check websites for even more performances and updates.

## THEATERS & VENUES WITH MUSIC, DANCE & THEATER PERFORMANCES

### SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

#### American Music Theatre

Since 1997, AMT has welcomed Opry legends along with Grammy, CMA, Tony and Oscar winners. They've hosted acclaimed original shows, national Broadway tours and Christmas extravaganzas.

2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster  
AMTShows.com

\* *Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Three Dog Night, Lyle Lovett, Garrison Keillor, Air Supply, Ted Nugent, Melissa Etheridge, Grand Funk Railroad*

#### Bird-in-Hand Stage

Offering exceptional entertainment, including Broadway-style musical theater and comedy shows — one of Lancaster County's must-see stops for live performances.

2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand  
Bird-in-Hand.com

\* *Dear Soldier Boy, Ryan & Friends: Never Speechless, The Home Game, Our Christmas Dinner*

#### The Colonial Theatre/Point Entertainment

Independent and classic films, concerts and community events. Major performances booked by Point Entertainment.

227 Bridge St., Phoenixville

TheColonialTheatre.com; PointEntertainment.com  
\* *Andy Summers (of The Police)*

#### Kennett Flash

An all-ages, stage-centered, café-style venue show-

casing professional national, regional and local music, comedy, children's programs and more.

102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square  
KennettFlash.org

\* *Total Mass Retain YES Tribute Band*

#### Keswick Theatre of Performing Arts

A 1,300-seat venue hosting well-known acts with state-of-the-art sound and light.

291 N. Keswick Ave., Glenside  
KeswickTheatre.com

\* *An Evening with Kenny G, Tommy Emmanuel, Pat Metheny, The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes*

#### Longwood Gardens Performing Arts

The arts at Longwood are continuing to be as inspiring and beautiful as the Gardens.

1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square  
LongwoodGardens.org

\* *The Brandywiners, Ltd., present "Oliver," Béla Fleck: My Bluegrass Heart, Sutton Foster*

#### Neumann University, Meagher Theatre

Modern 300-seat theater hosting lectures, theater, cinema and concerts.

1 Neumann Dr., Aston. Neumann.edu

#### Sight & Sound Theatres

Faith-based live theater that's been described as "Christian Broadway."

300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks  
Sight-Sound.com

\* *Daniel, Moses, Miracle of Christmas*

#### Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center

Theater, music, dance, comedy and film in the heart of West Chester.

226 N. High St., West Chester  
UptownWestChester.org

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Wilmington. TheatreN.org

### PHILADELPHIA

#### The Academy of Music

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Broad & Locust Sts. AcademyOfMusic.org

\* *The Lion King, Wild Kratts Live 2.0: Activate Creature Power!*

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Univ. of Pennsylvania campus  
3680 Walnut St. PennLiveArts.org

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300 S. Broad St. KimmelCulturalCampus.org

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858 N. Broad St. TheMetPhilly.com

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#### Turks Head Music Festival, June 2024

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Everhart Park, West Chester

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#### Clifford Brown Jazz Festival, June 2024

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Rodney Square, 1000 N. Market St.  
Wilmington. CliffordBrownJazzFest.org

#### Musikfest, August 3-13

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Bethlehem. Musikfest.org

#### Chester Cty. 94th Old Fiddlers Picnic Aug. 12

Hundreds gather for music and memories.

Hibernia County Park, Wagontown  
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#### Phoenixville Blues Festival, September 9

Free event featuring local and national acts.

Main St., Phoenixville. PvilleBlues.org

#### South Wayne PorchFest, September 23

Community celebration with live music on the porches of private homes in S. Wayne.

SouthWaynePorchFest.com

#### Paoli Blues Fest, Sept. 30

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Location TBD. PaoliBluesFest.com

### PERFORMANCE GROUPS DANCE

### SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

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### DELAWARE

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818 N. Market St., Floor 3R, Wilmington  
FirstStateBallet.com

### PHILADELPHIA

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300 S. Broad St. PhiladelphiaBallet.org

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P.O. Box 2468, West Chester. ChescoPops.org

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Meagher Theatre, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston  
DCSMusic.org

#### Immaculata Symphony

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### Lancaster Symphony Orchestra

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[LancasterSymphony.org](http://LancasterSymphony.org)

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## DELAWARE

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### Longwood Performing Arts

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226 N. High St., West Chester

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E.O. Bull Center for the Arts, 2 E. Rosedale

Ave., West Chester. [WCUPA.edu/TheatreDance](http://WCUPA.edu/TheatreDance)

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People's Light

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Swope Music Building and Performing Arts Ctr. 817 S. High St. [WCUPA.edu/Music](http://WCUPA.edu/Music)

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### SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

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12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. [TheFulton.org](http://TheFulton.org)

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[HedgerowTheatre.org](http://HedgerowTheatre.org)

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104 E. State St., Media. [MediaTheatre.org](http://MediaTheatre.org)

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OUTDOOR CONCERTS

**Through August 20**  
Delaware County Summer Festival  
Rose Tree Park, Upper Providence. DelcoPA.gov/  
Departments/Parks/SummerFestival.html

**Through August 20**  
West Goshen Park Summer Concert Series  
West Chester. WestGoshen.org

**Through August 27**  
Long's Park Summer Music Series  
Lancaster. LongsPark.org

**Through August 28**  
Concerts in Eagleview  
Eagleview. EagleviewTownCenter.com

**Through September 2**  
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars  
UM Township Building, King of Prussia.  
UMTownship.org

**Through September 8**  
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts at the Gazebo  
Bryn Mawr. BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com

**Through September**  
Longwood Gardens Concerts  
Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org

**Through October 26**  
Live Music at King of Prussia Town Center  
King of Prussia. KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com

**July–August, Thursdays**  
Charlestown Park Summer Concerts  
Malvern. Charlestown.PA.US/Newsletters.aspx

**July 6, 27, August 17**  
Music at Marshall  
West Chester. MarshallSquarePark.org

**July 8**  
Concert & Movie Night in the Park  
Odoriso Park, Wayne. Radnor.com

**July 8, 14**  
July 8, Pints on the Preserve  
July 14, Friday Night Lights  
ChesLen Preserve, Coatesville. NatLands.org

**July 13, 20, 27, September 7**  
Summer in the Park Concert Series  
at Wilson Farm Park. Wayne  
Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks

**July 15**  
Tie-Dye Music Festival at  
Community Arts Center.  
Wallingford. CommunityArtsCenter.org

**July 20, August 4**  
Concerts in the Parks  
Everhart Park and John O. Green Park  
West Chester. West-Chester.com

**July 30, August 13, 20**  
Miller Park Summer Concert Series  
Exton. WestWhiteland.org

**August 11, 18, 25**  
Phoenixville Summer Concerts  
Phoenixville. PhoenixvilleFirst.org

**September 22–24**  
XPonential Music Festival  
Camden, NJ. On the Waterfront. XPN.org

**September 23**  
People's Festival—Annual Tribute to Bob  
Marley, Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park  
Wilmington. PeoplesFestival.com



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ThePlayhouseDE.org  
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*\* Disney Junior Live on Tour: Costume Palooza,*

PHILADELPHIA

**Forrest Theatre**  
1114 Walnut St. ShubertEvents.com

**Merriam Theater**  
250 S. Broad St. KimmelCenter.org

**Philadelphia Theatre Company**  
480 S. Broad St.  
PhiladelphiaTheatreCompany.org

**Walnut Street Theatre**  
825 Walnut St. WalnutStreetTheatre.org

**Wilma Theater**  
265 S. Broad St. WilmaTheater.org

THEATER – COMMUNITY  
SUBURBAN PA COUNTIES

**Barley Sheaf Players**  
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810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville. BarleySheaf.org  
*\* The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Broadway Revival  
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58 Main Ave., Berwyn. FootlightersTheater.com  
*\* Osage County, The Rocky Horror Show*

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241 First Ave., Phoenixville. ForgeTheatre.org

**The Players Club of Swarthmore**  
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PCSTheater.org

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Experience the great outdoors at Terrapin Nature Park. This award-winning, 276-acre park features a three-mile oyster chaff walking trail, winding through wildflower meadows, wetlands, tidal pools, woodlands and sandy beaches. You'll spot swans, ospreys, frogs and terrapins. The Matapeake Clubhouse and Beach has a swimming beach, dog beach, outdoor amphitheater, family picnic area and one-mile woodland trail.

Plan a trip to the Historic Stevensville Arts and Entertainment District. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it's home to over 100 historic sites, all open to the public on the first Saturday of the month. Drop by shops and art galleries, including the Kent Island Federation of Arts, which hosts exhibitions and events in a Victorian-style house.

Drive or boat to Kent Narrows, a strait separating the island from the mainland. Indulge in seafood at its many waterfront restaurants, including Narrows Restaurant and Bridges Restaurant. Beyond the Narrows, the historic Kent Island Resort serves regional cuisine on 220 waterfront acres, making it a great lodging option, too. *VisitQueenAnnes.com.*

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. - 2.5 HOURS

There's loads to do in our nation's capital. The National Mall, extending from the U.S. Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, is a must-see. Admission to the monuments and memorials — including the Jefferson, MLK and World War II Memorials — is free, and the Washington Monument requires advanced tickets only if you want to climb to the top.

See how our government works by touring its most famous buildings. The Supreme Court is open for self-guided tours when court isn't in session, and you can schedule tours of the Capitol and the White House — provided you book far in advance.

The Smithsonian Institution includes 17 D.C. museums and galleries, and the National Zoo (home to giant pandas), all with free admission. See dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum, explore the history and future of flight at the Air and Space Museum, and discover contemporary art at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Be sure to visit the newest Smithsonian, the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Beyond monuments and museums, D.C. is a vibrant city with plenty to do. Spot politicians at Off the Record, the Hay-Adams' basement lounge. Head to Georgetown for a shopping spree, dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant, or head to the up-and-coming Wharf District for live music amid waterfront views. *Washington.org.*



The most popular activity is hiking more than 500 miles of trails. With adventurous rock scrambles and 360-degree views, Old Rag Mountain is the most popular destination.

## SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VA - 3.5 HOURS

Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life at Virginia's oldest and largest national park. Nestled along the Blue Ridge Mountains, it boasts over 200,000 acres of protected lands — cascading waterfalls, babbling mountain streams, breathtaking vistas, wildflower fields, secluded hollows. It's home to a wide variety of wildlife, including black bears, white-tailed deer, red foxes and the rare Shenandoah salamander — found only within the park.

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Besides hiking, consider biking, rock climbing and even horseback riding — equestrian-friendly trails are marked by yellow blazes. Want to stay the night? Backcountry camping is allowed in most areas, provided you get a permit first. There are also four family campgrounds, two lodges with onsite dining and the Lewis Mountain Cabins, with both climate-controlled and more rustic options. *NPS.gov/Shen.*

## CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - 5 HOURS

Charlottesville may be best known as home to the University of Virginia, regarded as one of the country's most beautiful campuses — the only one in the U.S. to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site — and well worth a tour. That said, Charlottesville is much more than just a college town.

On Main Street you'll find the historic Downtown Mall. Spanning eight blocks, this pedestrian-only area is home to more than 120 shops, 30 restaurants, art galleries, performance venues and the Ting Pavilion, which hosts the popular Fridays After Five free concert series.

Just 10 minutes from downtown, Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, is also a must-see destination. Drawing inspiration from Italian and French architecture, the mansion and 5,000-acre grounds are gorgeous and steeped in history. A day pass includes tours of the manor's first floor, garden and grounds, and a guided outdoor tour highlights the 400 enslaved people who lived and worked on the plantation. Just three miles south is Highland, the historic residence of our fifth president, James Monroe.

Wine lovers won't want to miss the Monticello Wine Trail, 40 wineries within 25 miles of Charlottesville. Take in the bucolic Virginia countryside as you sample regional wines. Sign up online for the Monticello Wine Trail Passport and receive a special wine glass at your tenth winery visit. *VisitCharlottesville.org.* ♦





# Ocean City, NJ



Ocean City Boardwalk

WHEN A TOWN TRADE-marks its logo as “America’s Greatest Family Resort®” and secures the phone number 1-800-BEACHNJ, it must be a pretty good place for a summer getaway. And Ocean City, New Jersey — not the other one on the Atlantic, with a wooden boardwalk, theme parks, salt water taffy but in Maryland — has been attracting families for generations. As they also say, “your memories start here.”

There are eight miles of sandy beaches (best section said to be to the north, near the dunes) plus almost three miles of boardwalk for fun, food and fantastic shopping. And there’s plenty to do on the bay side — fishing, kayaking, sailing. The sheer variety of attractions — and its reputation as a family-friendly destination with guarded

beaches and no alcohol — make this a destination worth visiting.

### WHAT TO DO?

Ocean City has it all — arcades, amusement parks, mini golf, go-karts, jet skis, fishing cruises (plus surf fishing, bridge fishing and more), surf lessons (surfing, skim boards, paddle boards), rock walls, laser tag, an escape room, mirror maze, water slides, airplane rides and parasailing, theater productions, a golf course, sports courts, parades, family-friendly events and tons more fun! How many other places have a half dozen themed miniature golf options — from Pirate Island to Haunted Golf to Medieval Fantasy and more?

Regularly scheduled activities include beach exercise with yoga on Mondays, Fantastic Tuesdays (entertainment, face paint-

*You looked so very pretty,  
when we met in Ocean City  
Like someone, oh, so easy to adore.  
I sang this little ditty,  
on our way through Ocean City  
Heading south along the Jersey Shore.  
On the way to Cape May,  
I fell in love with you.  
On the way to Cape May,  
I saw my dreams come true.*

“On the Way to Cape May”  
by Al Alberts

Is this 1986 pop ditty the reason we’re focusing on Cape May and Ocean City, New Jersey? We’ll never tell.



Corson Inlet State Park



Gillian’s Wonderland Pier

ers, balloon sculptors), more beach exercise with Pilates on Wednesdays, market days and Family Nights on the Boardwalk on Thursdays, and low-impact beach exercise on Fridays. July 5 hosts a Wacky Wednesday pie-eating contest to celebrate America by eating apple and cherry pie — no hands allowed! There are also freckle contests (July 5), sand sculpting contests (July 6), a French fry sculpting contest (July 12), as well as Christmas in July (July 26). Whew!

## FOR NATURE LOVERS

For some quiet time, head to the southern tip of the island to 340-acre Corson Inlet State Park for its trails, dunes, wetlands and wildlife. Or take refuge in the 16 acres of protected dunes and marsh at Stainton Wildlife Refuge (between 23rd and 30th Sts.) for great bird watching (many wading and shore birds).

Consider a guided beach walk on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August, meeting at the north and south ends of the island. Whale and dolphin watching excursions are another option. And cyclists will enjoy exploring the many bike paths, bike lanes and bike-friendly roads in town.

## ARE THERE AMUSEMENT PARKS?

Of course there are! Gillian’s Wonderland Pier (6th and 7th Sts. on the Boardwalk) has classic rides like the 141-foot-high giant wheel — you can see Atlantic City on a clear day. This historic amusement park, founded in 1929, is now run by the third generation. Favorite attractions include Little Buc’s Bay, an 18,880-square-foot water playground just for kids, and the Canyon Falls Log Flume that will cool you off even on the hottest days.

Celebrating 60 years on the Boardwalk, Playland Castaway Cove features 30-some rides, Pier 9 golf, go-karts, an arcade and the Wild Waves, Whirlwind and Gale Force roller coasters. Enjoy all the classics, like super slides, scream machines and

extreme cyclone (the thrill rides). For the little ones, try those labeled Family Fun rides, like the Ferris wheel, merry-go-round or classic train.

Jilly’s Arcade is the largest arcade on the Boardwalk. It’s a family entertainment center with more than 100 video games as well as pool tables, air hockey and play-til-you-win cranes. Come here for Pac-Man or Skee-Ball, which still costs a dime to play (same as in 1976).

Totally Tubular Water Sports is another popular attraction for families. From tubing to waterskiing to jumping on and off inflatables, there’s plenty of action. Book a charter and go banana boating (on an inflatable banana), wakeboarding and other fun water activities.

## MISSING PHILLY AND MUSIC?

Then join in on Mummers Nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Boardwalk, July 6 through August 31. “It’s a Philly Thing” is the theme for Ocean City’s 68th annual Night in Venice on July 29 — a bayfront celebration with boat parade and decorated bayfront homes — hosted by recently retired news anchor Jim Gardner as grand marshal. Wait for the fireworks finale after the parade.

If you’re yearning for music, head for the Music Pier to hear the Pops Orchestra (840 E. 6th St.). On July 3rd and 4th, the Ocean City Pops will perform a free outdoor concert at 7:30 p.m. at Carey Stadium, including patriotic classics and audience favorites in honor of our nation’s birthday. Bring a beach chair or blanket to sit on the field, or hope for a seat in the bleachers.

Monday nights through summer are time for the Concert on the Beach series.

## FOOD

We think the best food in town is simple: the snacks on the Boardwalk — ice cream, frozen custard, pizza, caramel corn, funnel cake, fried Oreos, popcorn and taffy. Family-fun food in a family resort. ♦



Totally Tubular Water Sports



Ocean City Music Pier



Playland’s Castaway Cove



# Cape May



Cape May Point State Park



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Cape May MAC trolley tour

**D**ID SOMEONE SAY TROLLEY tour? We're always ready to hop aboard to get an overview of a new discovery. And so, MAC's bright red trolleys (MAC for Museums, Arts, Culture) beckon us aboard the Welcome to Cape May Tour for an easy and comfortable intro to the country's first seaside resort, full of Victorian charm plus seashore and maritime history.

*Tip:* If you enjoy trolleys, return for the more focused tours, including for the Historic District, Mansions by the Sea, Ghosts of Cape May, Underground Railroad and a special children's trolley ride.

Whether you drive on New Jersey's back roads or parkways (Cape May is exit 0) or choose the water route for the 17-mile, 90-minute crossing of the Delaware Bay on the Lewes Ferry, you'll arrive at a destination with plenty to offer all members of the family. This beach town has history, nature, fun, food and so much more. After all, it's one of the Travel Channel's Top 10 Beaches!

## GETTING AROUND

If trolleys aren't your thing, consider a horse-drawn carriage tour to get into the

Victorian spirit that pervades much of the town. For those who want to control the pace and the route of their exploration, bikes and e-bikes are available to rent — if you didn't BYOBike.

Walking tours are another healthy option for seeing the sights. The Washington Street Mall offers a three-block pedestrian space for stretching your legs, browsing and sampling sweet treats. Plus there's a boardwalk for getting in your steps.

Consider taking an Architectural Walking Tour or a Painted Ladies, Porches and More Tour through the historic district — parasol optional as you pass the many grand Victorian houses, some still used as B&Bs, restaurants and more.

Or for something a bit different, get out on the water on a pontoon pedal boat. It's a BYO everything situation, with coolers to keep fuel on ice for the thirsty pedalers.



Cape May Carriage Company



Washington Street Mall

## SEEING THE SIGHTS

Nature lovers will enjoy boat tours for whale and dolphin watching, or perhaps a kayak or paddleboard tour of the harbor. Meanwhile, land lovers can indulge in birding at the Cape May Bird Observatory, while hikers rack up their miles along nature trails at Cape May Point State Park.

The iconic Cape May Lighthouse offers other opportunities to explore from a historic vantage point. Stairway to the Stars evenings offer nighttime climbs of the 199 cast-iron spiral stairs in the 1859 lighthouse during the light of the full moon, with other climbs scheduled during the new moon. Take in the panoramic view over the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean.

True lighthouse fans may opt for the Delaware Bay Lighthouse Cruises, five-hour excursions aboard the Cape May Whale Watcher to visit seven offshore lighthouses and learn the history of each (includes breakfast and lunch buffets). And then there's National Lighthouse Day on August 7, celebrating the "majestic beacons that are America's maritime treasures."

Sunset lovers can take in an epic blaze of color over water from this southern tip of New Jersey. Why not check out Sunset Beach? There must be a reason for the name. Maybe you'll find Cape May diamonds there (actually quartz crystals, but still ...).

Fans of the occult, or scary, creepy fun will love the ghost walks that continue through October. Like we said, something for everyone.

## ENTERTAINING THE KIDS ... AND PARENTS

Come in July for the extra fun of fireworks over the beach for the July 4th celebration. And stay until July 26 for the 90th coronation of Cape May's Queen Maysea, open to resident girls 6 to 10. Or anytime during the month, the kiddos will enjoy the Cape May

County Zoo and Park to encounter wildlife and explore the playground.

What's more fun than movies on the beach? Cape May offers a full program. Bring chairs, blankets and popcorn for *Top Gun Maverick* (July 6), *Moana* (July 13), *The Mighty Ducks* (July 20), and *Elf* (July 27). This last show seems a bit wrong for summer, but isn't everything fun in the sand?

For the ultimate in summer fun, a 20-minute drive north to Wildwood takes you to thrill rides, water parks, arcades and fun on the boardwalk at Morey's Piers and Beachfront Waterpark. Fun for the whole family.

And for those feeling a bit nostalgic from the sea air, join a '60s Musical Review at the Cape May Convention Hall. The lineup includes The Lettermen (July 9), The Association (July 16), Jay & the Americans (July 23), Herman's Hermits (July 30) and the Drifters (August 6).

Prefer artsy-craftsy fun? Then the July 8 Promenade Arts and Crafts Show is for you.

## SAMPLING THE FOOD

As you'd expect in a longtime seaside resort, dining options are many and varied. From the Lobster House, a huge seafood restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf, to the more elegant Ebbit Room in the renovated 1879 Virginia Hotel, to a farm-to-table meal in a barn at Beach Plum Farm, you'll find what you crave. And for breakfast? Head for the Mad Batter. Ask those waiting in line why.

For sipping, Cape May Brewery is a perfect place to wet your whistle. Or support a nonprofit brewery, Cold Springs Brewery, part of a living history museum of Cold Springs Village. And for those thirsting for something stronger, there's Nauti Spirits Distillery. Plus, of course, wine tours to Turdo Vineyard and Winery, Cape May Winery and more.

Cheers to Cape May! ♦



Sunset Beach



Cape May County Zoo & Park



Cape May Whale Watcher



The Ebbit Room





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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE GRADUATING THEIR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Edwin Malet

CAN MY CHILD LAND A UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP? Is he or she good enough? Will my student-athlete get an excellent education as well?

The private schools of *County Lines* country are doing a remarkable job of preparing our daughters and sons for Division I college careers.

### GIRLS SPORTS

#### FIELD HOCKEY

If there's one fall sport our local private schools dominated, it's field hockey.

Finishing 1st in the Inter-Ac League (the league for Philly area private schools), [Episcopal Academy](#) will place two of its field hockey stars at top schools in the fall: Charly Bruder, who made the National Team, will go to the University of North Carolina, while Mary Gilman is headed to Brown University.

Finishing 2nd in the Inter-Ac League, [Academy of Notre Dame de Namur](#) is sending Aly and Kyra Maguire to the University of Delaware and St. Joseph's this fall. Brennan Czajkowski committed to Fairfield University, senior Chloe McCloskey is going to Boston University, Sydney Dalton is also headed to Fairfield University and Maddie Rohling to Colgate University.

[Agnes Irwin's](#) Lauren DeRose chose the University of Iowa, after having made the National Team and being declared All-State. Eliza Vander committed to Johns Hopkins University.

[The Hill School](#) was ranked 1st in Pennsylvania and 2nd nationally by MaxPreps (a national ranking group) with an overall record of 21-1. Maggie Kondrath made the National Team and will play for Duke University, while Hala Silverstein will play for the University of Michigan.



Episcopal Academy's Charly Bruder, center

Four players graduating from [Villa Maria Academy](#) are headed to Division I programs: Gia Whalen to the University of Iowa after being selected by the AACA (American Association of Catholic Academies) as MVP, Brynna Hill to James Madison University, Charlotte Powers to Holy Cross University and Emma Maher to Lafayette University.

Selected to the U-18 team, Rachael Whitehead of the [Tatnall School](#) is headed to the University of Delaware.

And, Bella Dell'Oso of [Archmere Academy](#) will play for Temple University.

#### LACROSSE

Lacrosse offered our local athletes another path to Division I. Finishing 1st and undefeated in the Inter-Ac League was Episcopal Academy. Alexis Ventresca, team co-captain and Inter-Ac MVP, is headed for Northwestern University.

From Agnes Irwin, 2nd in the Inter-Ac, Katie Repp is going to Fairfield University.

Four of Hill School's 2023 graduates will showcase their talents in college this fall: Emilie Kirschner at Northwestern University, Kimaura Schindler at Xavier, Samantha Cifra at Virginia Tech and Annabella Schafer at University of Maryland.

Tatnall's Lydia Colasante, who played on the USA U-18 team, is headed to Boston University, while Kalianna Clayton goes to Hofstra University.

University of Massachusetts at Amherst was the choice of Katie Onderdonk from Notre Dame de Namur.



Tatnall's Kali Clayton



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Westtown School

#### BASKETBALL

This has been another great year for the [Westtown School](#) basketball teams. Several years ago, the Westtown boys' team players Mo Bamba and Cam Reddish went all the way to the NBA. This year, it's the girls turn to shine: 4th in the Philadelphia area, 8th in the state and undefeated in the Friends School League. And they are young! Two are rising freshmen! Another a rising junior, and two are rising seniors. Graduating players Grace Sundbeck is headed to University of Delaware and Joniyah Bland-Fitzpatrick to Seton Hall University.

Tatnall's Emma Kirby will play at Sacred Heart University. The Tatnall School was 3rd in Delaware with a record of 13-4.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK

Although just a junior, [Friends' Central School's](#) Avery Lewis runs like the wind, finishing 1st in Pennsylvania in the 55m (Armory Hispanic Games), 60m (PTFCA Indoor State Championship), 100m (PTFCA Indoor State Championship), 200m (PTFCA Indoor State Championship), 400m (Armory Hispanic Games) and the long jump (New Balance Nationals Indoors). Where will she go?

Theresa Trainer of Notre Dame will run cross-country at Penn State.

Tatnall's Mikayla Romeo ran the 200m, 400m and 800m this season, scoring the 9th, 7th and 5th best times in Pennsylvania. She'll go to Loyola University at Maryland.

For Episcopal Academy, its juniors were victorious in the Inter-Ac League and Delco. Avery Elliot won the 100m and 300m hurdles, the high jump and the long jump. And Saige Forbes won the 100m and 200m, holds nine school records and is ranked #5 in Pennsylvania.

#### VOLLEYBALL, ROWING AND OTHER SPORTS

In Delaware and the Philadelphia Metro area, [Tower Hill School](#) beat all its competitors in girls' volleyball, finishing undefeated. The school is sending Cameron Haskins to Duke



University and Chloe Sachs to Tulane. Holly Urbanek will head to Northeastern University, Katie Saunders to University of Michigan and Riley Brinsfield to Dartmouth.

Notre Dame's rowing team, consisting of Makenna Davis, Bridget McTear, Riya Patel and Sarah Duncan, will compete at Villanova, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania and the University of Dayton, respectively. In other sports, Jada Wade is going to the University of North Carolina for softball, while Margo Kemp is joining Xavier University for volleyball.

Claire Minnis of Agnes Irwin is headed for the University of Virginia for squash, while Laura Morris will row at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Emma Gioffre of Archmere will take her soccer skills to the University of Cincinnati, while Reagan Waggoner will join the equestrian team next season at Sacred Heart University.

BOYS SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Local boys' teams had successful seasons, too. [The Haverford School](#) led the way in football, undefeated, ranked 4th in the Philadelphia metro, just ahead of Episcopal Academy at 5th. Offensive lineman Matt Pante will continue at Cornell University next semester, and tight end James Falk heads to Rice University.

TJ Cadden, wide receiver for Episcopal, was designated MVP of the Inter-Ac League and will be going to Bucknell University.

Champions in Delaware for the first time since 1984, [Wilmington Friends School](#) finished with a 13-0 record. Three of the team joined Division III squads, but Robby Tattersall — his grandfather coached the 1984 team and his father is coaching now — will continue at Yale University.



The Haverford School

LACROSSE

The Haverford School finished 1st in the Inter-Ac League for lacrosse and was ranked 1st in Pennsylvania by MaxPreps. Wills Burt, ranked #20 nationally by Inside Lacrosse, will head for the University of Virginia. Collin Zeller, Ryan DiRocco and Wells Finn are

headed for Rutgers University, the US Military Academy and the US Air Force Academy, respectively.

Four boys from the Hill School will join Division I college teams next year: Anthony McMullen at University of Pennsylvania, Jesse Corser-James at Stony Brook University, Billy Stephens at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and Pierce Hart at St. Joseph's University.

Episcopal Academy graduated four athletes to Division I institutions: TJ Lamb to Cornell University, Eddie Jones to Villanova University, William Hohn to Monmouth University and Lucas Slate to Richmond University.

From other schools, Westtown's Chrishawn Hunter is going to Syracuse University, [Salesianum School's](#) Ryan Cunningham and Jack Gormley are both headed for Villanova University, while Connor Riley heads to Lehigh University, and Archmere's Jack O'Neil will play for Wagner next year.



Salesianum School

CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK

Episcopal Academy's boys' cross-country team was ranked #2 nationally. Its track team won the state championships and were national champions in the distance medley. Seniors Daikin Ebmyer and Aiden McHugh are headed for Colgate University and Boston University.

Matt Bradley and Colin Small ran track for Salesianum and are going to Loyola University at Maryland and Sacred Heart University.

OTHER SPORTS

Headed to Harvard University this year for wrestling is Salesianum's Max Agresti. From the Hill School, Hunter Sloan and Kade Davidheiser are both headed to Bucknell University, also for wrestling.

Archmere graduates Adam Hartman and Xavier Fiocco will take their rugby skills to St. Joseph's University and Colorado State University.

Augie Gerhart of the Hill School is headed to University of Pennsylvania for basketball.



Finally, Tatnall graduates and brothers Matt and Jeff Homer are both going to University of Delaware for golf. Drew Clark of Archmere will also play golf but for New York University.

In all, there are at least 75 athletes headed for Division I athletics from schools in *County Lines* country. We wish them good luck. ♦

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# Welcome to County Lines Country

It's our pleasure to take you on a guided armchair tour of our area. Each year, we select some of our favorite spots to share, curating a more manageable list from the bounty we have so near.

This year's Guidebook highlights the treasures, historic sites, great tastes and fabulous gardens that are well worth sampling on a leisurely weekend or summer afternoon. Whether you're a visitor, new neighbor or longtime resident, please keep this Guide handy for year-round use. Enjoy!



2022-2023  
Guidebook



# Day Trips & Outings

## Start with the Big Three

**M**AYBE SOME YEAR WE'LL START OUR AREA GUIDE elsewhere, but not for 2023! We continue to believe any tour of our special part of the world must include stops at these three world-class attractions in our neighborhood. Not only do they amaze, but they continue to offer new reasons to visit every year.

### LONGWOOD GARDENS

Where do we begin to describe the ever-changing seasonal beauty of legendary Longwood Gardens? From its humble beginnings as a Quaker farmstead and arboretum, to Pierre du Pont's stewardship, to its landmark status as a leading horticultural treasure with 10,000 species of plants, Longwood continues to evolve.

Yes, there are a thousand acres of gardens, with six distinct districts ranging from the Conservatory to the Meadows and more. The kids can enjoy the Children's Garden, roaming among the topiary, or exploring the treehouses. Others can stroll through the Italian Water Garden. Visitors can join 30-minute spotlight walks and 60-minute behind-the-scenes fountain tours or climb the Chimes Tower (select Sundays) and enjoy 62-bell Carillon concerts (check schedule).

But in summer, the main attractions are all about the performances — music, theater and the illuminated, dancing fountain shows, set to music ranging from country to Taylor Swift to Rachmaninov. New this year are two weekends of Drones and Fountains shows (early June and late September). Throughout the summer and into October, enjoy choreographed fountain shows — several

times during the day and colorfully illuminated demos at 9:15 p.m. (moved to 8:15 as fall approaches).

Take a break during your visit with a stop at the Café (mushroom soup, salads, sandwiches), the 1906 Restaurant (more formal dining) or the light-bedecked Beer Garden (pretzels, pizza, local brews).

Don't mind the construction west of the Conservatory. The steel and glass crystal palace is just part of the ongoing 2030 Strategic Plan (and doesn't interfere with the fountain shows). Check website for admission, reservations and event schedules. *Routes 1 & 52, Kennett Square. LongwoodGardens.org.*



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### BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM OF ART

This gem of a museum is housed in a converted 19th-century mill with a stunning glass-and-steel addition set along the historic Brandywine River. The 15-acre campus, which is also fittingly home to the Brandywine Conservatory, is a showcase of native plants dotted with sculptures. To expand your tour and understanding of the Wyeth family of artists, whose art is the cornerstone of the museum's collection, also visit Andrew Wyeth's studio, N.C. Wyeth's home and studio, and the Kuerner Farm, a frequent inspiration and subject of artworks.

Visitors can get a perfect introduction to the Wyeths' art through "Andrew Wyeth: Home Places," which runs through July 30. This exhibit presents nearly 50 paintings and drawings of local buildings in the Chadds Ford area that inspired Wyeth over seven decades of his career. Many pieces have never been exhibited before, offering a first glimpse at a treasure trove that sheds new light on the artist's creative process.

For something very different, visit a unique exhibition dedicated to the nature-based works of pioneering American modernist painter Joseph Stella (1877–1946). On view through September 24, "Joseph Stella: Visionary Nature" features more

than 80 paintings and works on paper revealing the breadth of the artist's multi-faceted work and his complex response to nature.

Families will find many works in the museum that appeal to children, including paintings and sculptures of animals, illustrations of pirates and characters from classic adventure stories (N.C. Wyeth's book illustrations), plus colorful landscape and still life paintings. Artwork by students from local schools is on view in a rotating exhibition, "Imagine Brandywine." There are grassy spaces for picnics along the creek, and the Museum's café is child friendly. *Route 1, Chadds Ford. BrandywineMuseum.org.*



Joseph Stella, *Flowers, Italy*



### WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDENS & LIBRARY

For more du Pont magic, head into Delaware to Winterthur Museum, Gardens & Library. See the world-class collections of American material culture, art, design and history, along with house and garden tours, and live performances on the estate.

There are several guided museum tours to explore the collections housed in the elegant former mansion. Perhaps you'll meet one of the many experts on staff, including curator Ann Wagner, who was quoted in the *New York Times* about sterling silver.

Consider attending the Garden to Vase Floral Design Workshops, including the Sensational Summer session on July 19. And because H. F. du Pont often used nontraditional containers for his flower arrangements, bring your own unusual container and learn to create arrangements using locally sourced flowers.

July 15 and 16 mark the return of the Artisan Market for a weekend of shopping for special crafts and gifts. Talented craftspeople present their wares, including antiques and collectibles, furniture and home décor, upcycled items and architectural salvage, vintage clothing and jewelry, original art and more. Admission includes access to the house and grounds. Add music and you'll understand why this event sells out!

Finally, you may be surprised by the many child-centered activities planned this summer at Winterthur. Terrific Tuesdays introduce history, art, conservation and storytelling to kids 3 to 10 (and their adults, \$5), with new activities and guests each week. And story time in the Enchanted Woods is always a favorite. Share the joy of reading while cultivating children's interest in and appreciation for nature (ages 3 to 6). July 6's story is *If I Were a Tree* by Dar Hosta.

Don't miss the tram tours. A great overview of the property and loved by visitors of all ages. *5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE. Winterthur.org.*

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# Explore Chester and Delaware Counties

Our area has a long and storied past, giving us a very long list of places dedicated to preserving and educating others about that history. Here are a few of our favorite historical sites to visit this summer, where you can get a glimpse into our region's past — and maybe even take part in it.



## BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD PARK

On September 17, 1777, George Washington's Continental Army fought the British Army in the Battle of Brandywine, the largest single-day land battle of the American Revolution. Although the Continental Army was defeated, their resilience helped convince France to aid in the war effort.

Brandywine Battlefield Park is a 52-acre park that was the epicenter of Washington's encampment. Admission to the grounds is free, but tickets (Visitors Center, Fri. & Sat., 10 to 4) give access to an 18-minute orientation film, museum admission and guided tours of the Benjamin Ring House (Washington's headquarters) and Gideon Gilpin Home and more.

Through July, the park hosts weekly summer camps for children entering grades 3 to 6. Campers will learn about the Continental Army and life in the 18th century through hands-on activities and visits from historical figures. *Open March–Dec., Tues.–Sat., 10 to 4. 1491 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. BrandywineBattlefield.org.*

## COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA PLANTATION

At Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, you'll find yourself transported to the 18th century. Located in Ridley Creek State Park, this living history site educates visitors about the everyday life of colonial farmers, who composed nearly 90% of Pennsylvania's early population.

The 112-acre working farm consists of five restored historic buildings, crop fields, a kitchen garden, orchard and apiary. Costumed interpreters perform daily chores — tending to livestock, growing heirloom produce, cooking, woodworking, blacksmithing — and encourage visitors to participate. In July, you can help harvest heritage Red May wheat and Bere barley crops.

The Plantation hosts events and workshops throughout the year. Learn a new skill, like spinning, ox driving, soap making and even colonial beer brewing methods, and gain a better appreciation of those who came before us. *Open March–Dec., Sat. & Sun., 11 to 4. 3000 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. ColonialPlantation.org.*

## CHADDS FORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For over 50 years, the Chadds Ford Historical Society has been educating, preserving history and serving the community. Three 18th-century houses are the focal point of their efforts, operating as museums and open for Saturday tours.

The John Chads House was built in 1725 for, not surprisingly, John Chads, a Quaker ferryman and Chadds Ford's namesake. The Springhouse is a one-room schoolhouse with a natural spring in the basement. The 1714 Barns-Brinton House, open between Memorial Day and Labor Day, was a tavern before becoming the Brinton family home for over a century.

The Barn Visitors Center is home to public exhibits, a museum store and research library. Plan to visit during Historic Chadds Ford Days, September 16 and 17, featuring Brandywine Battle reenactments, demonstrators and historians, live music, food and beverages. *Open Thurs.–Sat., 11 to 5. 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. ChaddsFordHistory.org.*

## HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

Visit the lovingly restored 19th-century village of Sugartown. Throughout the 1800s, Sugartown was a vibrant crossroads community, serving the surrounding farming community and weary travelers making their way to Philadelphia. Today, Historic Sugartown shows us how early Americans conducted business and lived as a community.

From May to November, the village offers guided tours on Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. You'll get to see the c. 1880 general store, school room exhibit, book bindery, c. 1805 William Garret House, c. 1835 Cheever Bank Barn and Carriage Museum.

The village also hosts workshops and special events. This month, there are bookbinding workshops on July 8 and 9, and marbling workshops on July 22 and 23. And don't miss the Pop-Up Biergarten on July 27 and August 24. *Open daily, 9 to 5. 273 Boot Rd., Malvern. HistoricSugartown.org.*

## THE MILL AT ANSELMA

Discover Chester County's industrial heritage at the Mill at Anselma. A National Historic Landmark, the 18th-century mill and homestead showcase our region's cultural history. The main attraction is the c. 1741 grist mill, with original colonial-era power train, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment from the late 1700s to early 1900s.

The mill is open for tours on weekends and hosts mill-grinding demonstrations on the second Saturday of each month, April to December. The 22-acre grounds and trails are open daily from dusk to dawn for hikes and picnics. On July 20, come for Music at the Mill. Check online for more details.

Before you leave, drop by the gift shop, which offers stone-ground flour from the mill as well as souvenirs. *Open April–Dec., Sat., 10 to 4, Sun., 1 to 4. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. AnselmaMill.org.*

## HOPEWELL FURNACE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

First, a caveat: though it has an Elverson address, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site is technically in Berks County. That said, it's a must-see.

In operation from 1771 to 1883, Hopewell Furnace was one of the "iron plantations" that helped kickstart America's Industrial Revolution. Today, the 848-acre site offers a glimpse into the business, technology and lifestyle of our young nation. Next to French Creek State Park, the historic site is also a great place for a hike, picnic or birdwatching.

Start at the Visitor Center, with exhibits, audio-visual programs and bookstore, then tour the grounds and 14 historic structures. The kiddos can become Junior Rangers by answering questions and finding important items, and earn a special badge. Visit the farm and meet domesticated animals similar to those found at the furnace in its heyday. In September and October, pick historic apple varieties in the orchard. *Open daily, 9 to 5. Closed Mon. & Tues., Oct.–May. 2 Mark Bird Ln., Elverson. NPS.gov/HoFu.*







# Drive to Delaware

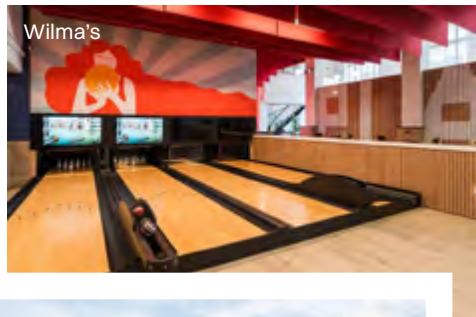
## WILMINGTON

Wilmington is truly worth the drive — whether it's to visit world-class art collections in the Delaware Art Museum, be entertained at The Grand Opera House, or enjoy the Riverwalk by the Christina River.

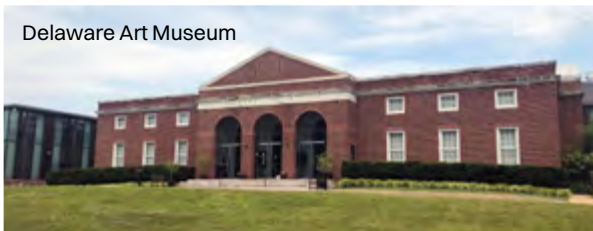
In addition to the usual attractions, we noticed the city has experienced a dining resurgence beyond the fine dining offered at Le Cavalier in the Hotel Du Pont, Bardea Food & Drink (plus the newer Bardea Steak) and longtime fave, La Fia. More recently, innovative food courts and casual eateries have joined the dining scene.

For something fun and unexpected, try Wilma's, a refreshing combo of eats, drinks and ... 10-pin bowling (yes, those smaller bowling pins on a shorter lane). Serving a "feel-good menu of New Orleans-style" favorites for brunch, lunch, happy hour, cocktails and dinner (plus a kids menu), it's the place for your next po'boy or shrimp and grits, washed down with a Sazerac. 900 N. Market St. [GoodTimesWilmas.com](#).

DE.CO Wilmington, a contemporary food hall in the Hotel Du Pont building, satisfies your cravings all times of day with eight



Wilma's



Delaware Art Museum

restaurants. Grab your coffee and croissant, then chicken and waffles at Connie's, and fruit smoothies at Eat Clean. There's pizza, sushi and more for lunch. Chill with a drink in the sunny atrium bar. 111 W. 10th St. [DECOWilmington.com](#).

A few blocks away, stop into The Chancery Market, offering seven unique food concepts from a collection of diverse merchants. Sample this curated experience from Akhtar Nawab, Chef & Co-CEO and Founding Partner at Hospitality HQ. The market's offerings also span the day, from coffee and crepes in the morning to burgers and pizzas for lunch and a vibrant atmosphere for a night out. 1313 N. Market St. [TheChanceryMarket.com](#).

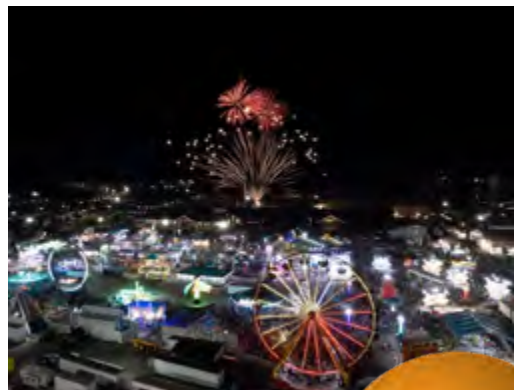
## DELAWARE STATE FAIR

This annual, 10-day state fair is held on the 300-acre fairgrounds in Harrington, July 20th to 29th this year, with the theme "Farmlands to Fair Fans." Since starting in 1920, its mission has been to promote agricultural heritage and values, with exhibitors, livestock and all the makings of a classic state fair, including butter sculpture.

Visit competitive exhibits — think 4-H, FFA (Future Farmers of America), garden vegetables, farm, fruit and apiary classes. Check out contests, including some for kids (shoebox floats, Legos, duct tape), others with flowers and involving the culinary arts (Berry DELicious), and throw in horseshoe pitching. Livestock exhibits cover beef and dairy cows, sheep, goats, swine, plus horses and ponies, poultry and rabbits. And make sure to see the junior livestock auction.

For more entertainment, there's a concert series, which years ago had Taylor Swift as an opening act. For 2023, the shows range from rapper Nelly to '90s star Vanilla Ice to country's Tyler Hubbard (of Florida Georgia Line), plus a demolition derby and harness racing.

Like we said, a classic state fair! Admission: \$10, kids under 5, free. 18500 S. DuPont Hwy., Harrington. [DelawareStateFair.com](#).



## HISTORIC TOWNS OF NEW CASTLE AND ODESSA

What's a visit to the First State without some history? Just 10 minutes south of Wilmington and set on the Delaware River is the charming historic town of New Castle, the oldest continuously occupied town in the Delaware Valley.

Thanks to local preservation efforts, this Colonial/Federalist town is second only to Williamsburg, VA in the number and quality of its historic buildings. Established in 1651 (William Penn landed in 1682), this

authentic, living town was named one of the most beautiful small towns in America (in 2015 by *Good Housekeeping*). In keeping with its history, the town continues to celebrate Separation Day (June 9 & 10 in 2023), marking the vote to leave England. Its modern side supports free summer concerts in Battery Park on Wednesdays.

Walking tours take you on tree-lined cobblestone streets to a village green, public and private gardens and period residences, now used as 21st-century homes. Be sure to visit the park along the river (known as The Battery) and stop in a historic restaurant, like Jessop's Tavern, serving colonial comfort food. Visit Immanuel Church and its churchyard dating back to 1703, and the George B. Read House, a grand Federal mansion surrounded by lovely gardens and open to the public.



Historic New Castle



Historic Odessa

Come back for the annual Belgian Beer Fest, Sept. 23, where you can sample saison DuPont. [HistoricNewCastle.com](#).

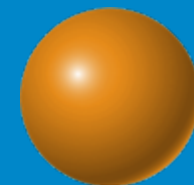
For another historic village, continue south to Odessa, boasting five distinctive preserved houses full of exceptional examples of decorative arts, plus tales of its role in the Underground Railroad. [HistoricOdessa.org](#).

## MARSHALL STEAM MUSEUM

Now something for kids of all ages. Step back in time and visit the Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, which houses the world's largest operating collection of Stanley steam cars, a one-eighth-sized live coal-fired steam railroad, and other treasures on the 250-acre grounds, part of the Delaware State Park system.

The best introduction to this attraction is at a monthly Steam'n' Day (July 2, Aug. 6). Climb into an antique automobile, board a train and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Then tour the 1897 Queen Anne mansion, home to three generations of the Marshall family. Time permitting, stop by the current exhibit, "Stylized: The Road to Elegance," which explores the crossroads of fashion and the automobile, 1900–1950, including the role women played.

Top off your visit with fresh popped popcorn from their vintage popper. And you might catch a visit by the Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream truck as the capper for a perfect day. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. [AuburnHeights.org](#).







# Sample Lancaster County

Lancaster County is known for its food. Not the gourmet kind that looks too pretty to eat, but the homestyle, lick-your-fingers kind. Whoopie pies, stroopies, pretzels, ice cream ... Question is, where can you find some of the best to sample as you tour the area?

## STROOPIES OVER COFFEE

Pennsylvania Dutch country is the place to sample a stroopie, a Dutch stroopwafel, made with two thin, wafer-like cinnamon cookies with a layer of caramel inside. The caramel bonds the two halves, sticking the two sides of the waffle together to form a sort of cookie sandwich, which is meant to be placed over a steaming cup of coffee or tea to be re-warmed. As the caramel filling heats up the stroop-wafel, it becomes flexible, gooey and irresistible.

Stroopies can also be made in a variety of creative flavors: espresso, pecan, coconut, to name a few. Sometimes they're chocolate-dipped.

Look for stroopies at the Lancaster Sweet Shoppe (141 Duke St., Lancaster). It makes the original recipe as well as gluten-free.



Lancaster Sweet Shoppe

## FESTIVAL OF WHOOPIE PIES

As you likely know, the classic whoopie pie consists of rich white cream filling between two soft chocolate cakes or cookies. But there are countless variations on this theme. For the cakes, there's chocolate chip, red velvet or pumpkin, some with icing. For fillings, savor chocolate, strawberry, raspberry, cream cheese, coconut cream, orange cream, Key lime or peanut butter options. Some bakers make truly unusual flavors like blueberry, banana, maple or shoofly pie.

You'll find whoopie pies at bakers, grocers, markets, even restaurants throughout Lancaster County. But in September, come back for a visit to the annual Whoopie Pie Festival at the Hershey Farm Restaurant in Ronks. Cinnamon, coffee, banana, pineapple, Heath bar, root beer, caramel apple, sangria and more. Over 350 flavors! 80,000 whoopie pies! Go early because it sells out.



Hershey Farm Restaurant

## SHOOFLY PIE, WET OR DRY

Another traditional treat, shoofly pie is a molasses pie, generally enjoyed as a sweet dessert, though often served at breakfast in Lancaster County. It gets its name because the molasses attracts flies. As the pie is cooling on a counter or window sill, the vigilant baker is constantly shooing the flies away.

Shoofly pie is similar to a coffee cake, with a deep, caramel-like molasses flavor and a buttery, spiced brown sugar topping. In addition to molasses, the pie is made with brown sugar, flour, water, spices and sometimes egg. A crumb mixture topping complements a flaky pie crust.

Most people prefer the "wet bottom" version of shoofly pie, with a gooey bottom layer that forms when the pie bakes. "Dry bottom" is more a cake-like consistency. Why not try both?

Bird-in-Hand Bakery and Cafe (2715 Old Philadelphia Pk.) is known for its shoofly pie, although many roadside stands, smorgasbords and restaurants — Miller's Smorgasbord, Shady Maple — offer up tasty versions.



Miller's Smorgasbord

## PRETZELS, HARD OR SOFT

What would a trip to Lancaster County be without a pretzel? And, at Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery (219 East Main St., Lititz), you can see pretzels being made. Take a 25-minute tour and get a hands-on lesson in pretzel twisting. Watch bakers twisting old-fashioned soft pretzels deftly with a flip of the wrist.

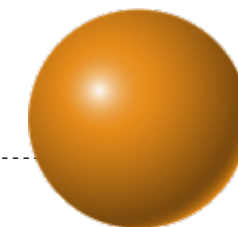
Or skip the presentation and snag a fresh soft pretzel to enjoy on site. Get chocolate-covered, caramel-topped or peanut butter pretzels topped in milk or dark chocolate. All are dipped in Wilbur chocolate, another Lititz favorite.

Sturgis isn't the only pretzel-maker in Lancaster County. The oldest, family-operated, hand-rolled, hard pretzel-maker is Hammond's Pretzels (716 West End Ave., Lancaster).

Another option for pretzels, hand-rolled and soft, in various flavors — cinnamon sugar, garlic herb, sour cream and onion — is Sara-Faye's in Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop (542 Gibbons Rd., Bird-in-Hand).



Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery



## ICE CREAM ON THE TRAIL

If you're ready for a break during your tour of the county, feel lucky because you're in dairy — call it creamery — country. And many local farms specialize in making ice cream for cones, sundaes, milkshakes and more. A few years ago, about 25 stops became known as the Ice Cream Trail. Here are a few.

First, the two locations for the Fox Meadows Creamery (2475 W. Main St., Ephrata and 193 E. Main St., Leola) carry about 25 flavors, including Wilbur chocolate, Madagascan vanilla, honeyed lavender, mango and sticky rice, Nutella, Tandy Cake and passion fruit guava sorbet.

Rolled Cold Creamery (24 E. Orange St., Lancaster and 3526 Old Philadelphia Pk., Intercourse) carries about 20 flavors of ice cream (including gluten free) as well as 20 toppings and six flavors of syrup. Think of the thousands of varieties of sundaes possible!

Featuring freshly made waffle cones, the Lapp Valley Farm Creamery (244 Mentzer Rd., New Holland and a large, new facility at 4040 Old Philadelphia Pk., Gordonville) makes 16 flavors of small batch, very rich, higher fat ice cream only from Jersey cows. You can also get Lapp Valley's ice cream at Green Dragon Market (955 N. State St., Ephrata) or the Ice Cream Shop in Kettle Kitchen (3529 Old Philadelphia Pk., Intercourse).

And, at Down on the Farm Creamery (509 May Post Office Rd., Strasburg) choose from more than 20 flavors, all made in small batches of five to 10 gallons, with no cream removed. A special kind of richness!



Fox Meadows Creamery



# Enjoy Nature on the Main Line



The Main Line stretches from Bala Cynwyd in the east to, approximately, Malvern in the west. Realtors and others differ constantly, stretching the western boundaries to include their listings and businesses in this highly desirable designation. The area, however, does indisputably include five fantastic gardens open to the public to enjoy — no matter where you're coming from. We suggest a drive to the

Main Line this summer to visit the Barnes Arboretum in Merion, Haverford College grounds in Haverford, Stoneleigh in Villanova, Chanticleer in Wayne and Jenkins Arboretum in Devon.

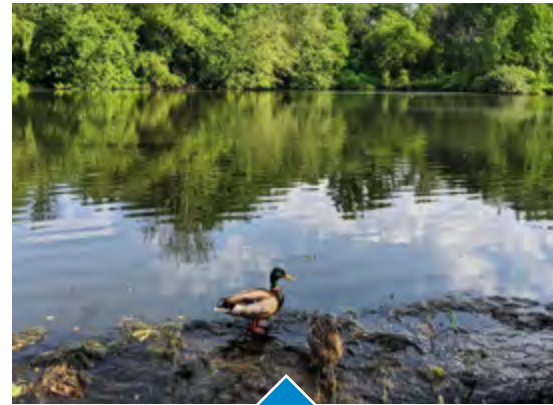
Valley Forge National Park, though technically not an arboretum or garden — nor on the Main Line by any stretch — is yet another spectacular nearby place to commune with nature.



## BARNES ARBORETUM

The Barnes Arboretum is a 12-acre oasis near City Line Avenue (the border between Philadelphia and the western suburbs), located at 50 Lapsley Lane in Merion. It's home to more than 2,500 different types of trees and plants, including a fair number of rare specimens.

The arboretum has over 30 Pennsylvania champion trees, along with a collection of hardy ferns that's the largest in the mid-Atlantic region. Some of its peonies, lilacs and ferns are over a century old. The grounds also contain a formal rose and perennial garden, woodland, lawns, pond, stream and a greenhouse. In all, its herbarium encompasses over 10,000 specimens, used for teaching and research. Open to the public on weekdays from 8:30 to 5:30 and on weekends from 11 to 4. [BarnesFoundation.org](http://BarnesFoundation.org).



## HAVERFORD COLLEGE ARBORETUM

The Haverford College Arboretum covers the college's entire campus, 216 acres located on the south side of Lancaster Avenue (Route 30.) A 2.2-mile Nature Trail — used by runners, joggers, dog-walkers and occasional students — borders the campus, showcasing its trees and shrubs. The trail takes you past sights such as the Duck Pond (but don't feed the ducks), a 108-year-old elm tree linked to early encounters between William Penn and the Lenape natives, and Haverfarm, which produces and distributes food for the community.

Also on campus is the Ryan Pinetum (pine trees and conifers), an 18-acre site which includes four state champions. Located by the dining hall, the Asian Gardens are part of the Arboretum but not visible from the Nature Trail. It's worth a detour. [Haverford.edu/Arboretum](http://Haverford.edu/Arboretum).

## STONELEIGH: A NATURAL GARDEN

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden, a 42-acre property with an 0.8-mile walk, is located at 1829 East County Line Road, Villanova. The property was donated in 2016 to Natural Lands by the Haas family, which lived there.

The land has been shaped by a series of landscape gardeners, including Charles Miller, who tended Fairmount Park, Pentecost and Vitale, as well as the Olmsted Brothers, the most prestigious landscape architects in the country (sons of Fredrick Law Olmsted). Now a showcase for native plants and biodiversity, the grounds are open Tuesday–Sunday, 10 to 5, free of charge. Events are conducted throughout the summer. [StoneleighGarden.org](http://StoneleighGarden.org).



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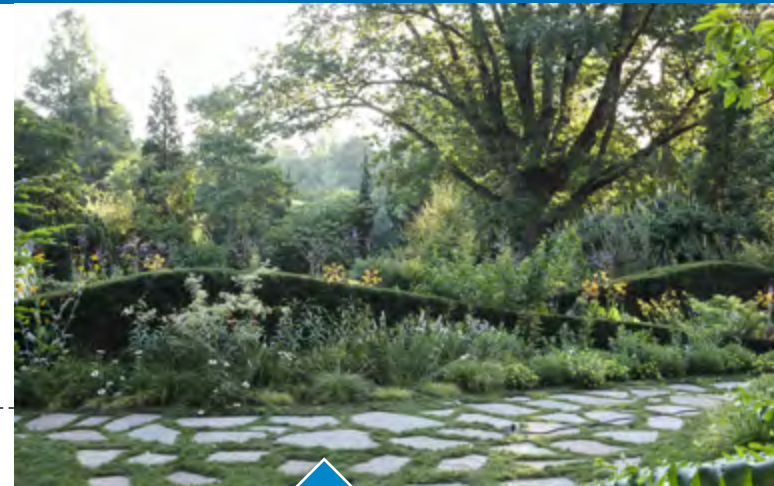


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## CHANTICLEER

Chanticleer, the former home of Adolph Rosengarten, Sr. and his wife Christine, was left to the public in 1990. The grounds encompass at least 14 individual gardens — the Teacup Garden, Serpentine, Bulb Meadow, Asian Woods, Pond Garden, Gravel Garden, Tennis Court, Ruin Garden, Minder Woods, Orchard, Creek Garden, Bell's Woodland, Vegetable Garden and Cutting Garden — as well as many plantings connecting the gardens and circling the mansion.

The gardens feature seasonal plants, tropical and subtropical plants, perennials and more. Classes are conducted throughout the summer. Chanticleer is open from 10 to 5 on Wednesday through Sunday, until 8 on Fridays through Labor Day, and opens at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month through October. [ChanticleerGarden.org](http://ChanticleerGarden.org).

## VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

Valley Forge National Historic Park is 3,500 acres of hills, fields and forests with the Schuylkill River and Valley Creek running through it. Known primarily for its role in the Revolutionary War, the park is also a wonderland of plants, birds, insects, fish and mammals. There have been 225 species of birds and about 90 species of other animals identified there.

The higher and drier areas support forests of chestnut oak, black oak, white oak and scarlet oak. The river and creek areas of the park have silver maple, green ash, sycamore, box elder, tulip trees, black walnut, white ash, tree-of-heaven and black locust. Vines, including Oriental bittersweet, Japanese honeysuckle and summer grape, cover many trees.

Along the river and creeks, you'll see skunk cabbage, purple top and little blue stem, as well as wildlife, such as foxes, deer, hawks, meadowlarks and an assortment of butterflies. In the water, smallmouth bass, walleye, carp, catfish, sunfish and an occasional brown trout can be found. [NPS.gov/VaFo](http://NPS.gov/VaFo).

## JENKINS ARBORETUM & GARDENS

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens, at 631 Berwyn Baptist Road in Devon, is known for its rhododendrons, azaleas, blueberries, mountain laurels and many selections and hybrids. Some of the rhododendrons and kalmias cannot be found elsewhere in North America.

Many rare plants are also on display, including buttonbush, Franklin tree, pawpaw, strawberry bush, striped maple, white oak. About 5,000 plants — 1,500 taxa — can be seen throughout the arboretum, where you can enjoy seven walks, each about a quarter-mile long.

Jenkins features free tours on weekdays. Join their Wednesday Walkabout and How-To Garden Shop Pop-Ups for free. Open every day from 9 to 8 through August, until 7 p.m. in September, until 5 p.m. in October. [JenkinsArboretum.org](http://JenkinsArboretum.org).



# 2023 Town Tours & Village Walks – Our Agricultural Heritage

Take an evening (or two or three) and enjoy these summer strolls through historic neighborhoods, hamlets, villages and sites throughout the county. You'll be informed, entertained and have an increased awareness of Chester County's rich heritage and historic landscape. Tours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



**July 13 – Kennett Square's Agricultural Past: It's Not All About Mushrooms!**

The tour begins on the main commercial street with the sites of three historic buildings in Kennett Square. Then the tour meanders through the residential district where our agricultural leaders lived or worked. *120 E. Linden St., exit garage to Genesis Walkway.*

**July 20 – Spackman-Davis Farm, Caln Township**

Tour one of the earliest working farms in Chester County that helped spawn the county's growth as a leader in agricultural production. Nearly all of Caln was once farmland that produced field crops, dairy and livestock, including the largest chicken farm in Pennsylvania. *3401 E. Kings Hwy. (Rt. 340), Downingtown.*



Kennett Square

**July 27 – Grove United Methodist Church, West Whiteland Township**

Learn about the rich history of the congregation of Grove Church — once referred to as "the country church" — now in its 250th year of worship. *490 W. Boot Rd., West Chester.*

**August 3 – Historic Farms, Upper Uwchlan Township**

Three historic farms will be spotlighted, demonstrating Upper Uwchlan's agricultural heritage. All three farms include at least one intact historic building dating from the mid-1700s. *Tours start at Upland Farm Park, 301 Pottstown Pk., Chester Springs.*



Grove United Methodist Church, West Chester

**August 10 – Yeager's Farm & Market, East Pikeland Township**

At least seven generations of the Yeager family have farmed several parcels in the southwestern corner of the township, and several generations continue the tradition. The tour shows how some family farms have adapted to changes over the past few years as crops have changed. *1015 Pike Springs Rd. (Rt. 113), Phoenixville.*

**August 17 – Historic Yellow Springs, West Pikeland Township — Historic Yellow Springs: Barns Repurposed**

Author and barn historian Gregory D. Huber will present a history of Chester County barns and how they evolved. The village of Yellow Springs is home to two such barns, built to store grains and animals. They were adapted to become theaters, fine arts and movie production studios. *1701 Art School Rd., Chester Springs.*



Historic Yellow Springs

More at [ChesCoPlanning.org](http://ChesCoPlanning.org).



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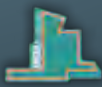


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See also: *Historic Sites*

### Chadds Ford

**Penns Woods Winery.** Enjoy award-winning PA-grown wine, local beers and cheeses at this family (and dog) friendly vineyard oasis. Live music every weekend, wine tastings and vineyard tours. Offering a wide variety of classes all year long including yoga, candle making, painting, vegetable canning and more. *Open daily. 124 Beaver Valley Rd. Follow them @PennsWoodsWine on Instagram and Facebook. PennsWoodsWinery.com.*

### Glen Mills

**Newlin Grist Mill Park.** Restored 18th-century milling community with an active 1704 water-powered grist mill. Hiking, trout fishing weekends, picnicking and nature walks. *Rt. 1 & Cheymey Rd. NewlinGristMill.org.*

### Glenmoore

**Springton Manor Farm.** The 19th-century manor house was the country estate of a prominent Philadelphia family and is now a demonstration farm where children meet animals in a petting area and learn about farming. *Park open year-round. 860 Springton Rd. ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

### Lebanon Valley

**Lebanon Valley.** Discover the many unique tastes of the Lebanon Valley. They are proud of their German and PA Dutch culture, featuring their savory claims to fame, Lebanon Bologna, craft beer, Opera Fudge, Shuey's Pretzels, whoopie pies, shoofly pie and more. Lebanon Bologna is 100% beef sausage made with special seasonings and hardwood smoked since 1902 by Seltzers Smokehouse Meats. The perfect addition to any charcuterie board. Why not try it for yourself? *VisitLebanonValley.com.*



### Media

**Visit Media.** Everybody's Hometown! Media is Delaware County's hub of activity and cultural center. America's First Fair Trade Town features a unique blend of independently owned shops along with dozens of restaurants featuring cuisine from around the world. There's always something

to do throughout the year in Media's historic State Street District, including Dining Under the Stars every Wednesday from May through September. *VisitMediaPA.com.*



### Newtown Square

**Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation.** See the recreation of a 112-acre working 18th-century farm with farmers and guides in period garb, Belgian horses, Red Devon milking cows, Dominique chickens and two large pigs. Open weekends, Mar.-Dec. *3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. ColonialPlantation.org.*

### Nottingham

**Herr Foods, Inc.** Factory tours show the real operation, with real workers and include secrets like how tortilla chips get their flavor. Tours end at the Snack Bar and Gift Shop. Reservations required. *To schedule: 800-284-7488; or reserve tickets online: Herrs.com.*

### Oxford

**The Village of Oxford.** Celebrate its 250-plus-year history in a charming historic district. Try the Bridge Tour walking tour to enjoy shopping and refreshments in town. For tours, coupons, guides and more, visit *OxfordMainstreet.com.*

### Perkiomenville

**Goschenhoppen.** One of the oldest continuously existing Pennsylvania German communities in America, preserving the folk culture of this area's earliest immigrant settlers, known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. Today, the Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc. maintain museums, a library and offer educational and seasonal events such as the Annual Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Festival, *Aug. 11-12, Fri., noon to 8 pm; Sat., 10 am to 6 pm. Henry Antes Plantation, 318 Colonial Rd. Goschenhoppen.org.*



## DELAWARE

### New Castle

Historic New Castle. See *"Day Trips & Outings."*

### Odessa

**Historic Houses of Odessa.** An outstanding collection of period household furnishings, fine and decorative arts. Five distinctive properties are unique examples of the architectural heritage of Colonial Delaware and tell of Odessa's role in the Underground Railroad. Be sure to visit on September 9 for the 10th Annual Historic Odessa Brewfest with craft beer, live music, great food, vendors and more. *OdessaBrewfest.com, HistoricOdessa.org.*

### Wilmington

**Delaware Park Casino.** Offering live thoroughbred racing through November 5, slot machines, table games, poker, sports betting, free live entertainment and many dining choices, including the new 1937 Brewing Co. with housemade craft beers and gastropub food. *777 Delaware Park Blvd. DelawarePark.com.*

### Amusement Parks, Zoos & Family Fun

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Downingtown

**Boulder Falls Miniature Golf.** A 19-hole mini golf course featuring a cascading waterfall with winding streams flowing into fountain ponds. The beautifully landscaped design provides relaxation and lots of fun. *1426 Marshallton Thorndale Rd. BoulderFallsMiniGolf.com.*

**Downingtown Rock Gym.** This Rock Gym is for people of all ages and abilities. Beginners learn the basics and more experienced climbers test their skills in advanced climbing lessons. *462 Acorn Ln. DowningtownRockGym.com.*

**Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park.** From the obstacle course, balance beams, tubes, the runway tumble track and slam dunk zone and on and on. Great place on a rainy day or for a birthday party. *981 E. Lancaster Ave. UrbanAir.com.*

### Exton

**Round 1.** Fun for the entire family at this state-of-the-art entertainment arena. Mom and Dad can enjoy Happy Hour specials while kids try bowling and arcade games. *Exton Square Mall, 172 Exton Square Pkwy. Round1USA.com.*

### Glen Mills

**Oasis Family Fun Center.** Safe, clean fun for the entire family. *35 Lacrue Ave. OasisFamilyFun.com.*

**Sky Zone Trampoline Park.** Literally bounce off the walls of this indoor trampoline park. *10 Conchester Rd. SkyZone.com/GlenMills.*

### Mortonville

**Brandywine Outfitters.** Enjoy a scenic canoe or kayak trip with the whole family down the Brandywine River. If you're looking for a whole weekend of fun, grab your sleeping bag and pitch a tent on the 26-acre private park in the heart of Chester County. *2096 Strasburg Rd. CanoePA.net.*

### Norristown

**Elmwood Park Zoo.** The mission of the Elmwood Park Zoo is to foster an appreciation for wildlife and the environment that will inspire active participation in conservation. The zoo currently maintains a collection of over 100 species that hail from all over the globe. *1661 Handing Blvd. ElmwoodParkZoo.org.*

### Oaks

**Arnold's Family Fun Center.** An action-packed day riding go-karts and other rides. Try both laser tag attractions, Blacklight Mini Golf and bowling. Not only will the kids have fun, but parents can enjoy Arnold's Bistro & Bar while they play. *2200 West Dr. ArnoldsFFC.com.*

### West Chester

**Northbrook Canoe Company.** Cool off along the beautiful Brandywine River with a self-guided canoe, kayak or tubing trip. Continue your fun with your favorite summer foods. Reservations required. *Open daily, through Oct.; first trip at 9 am, last one at 4 pm. NorthbrookCanoe.com.*

**Treehouse World.** A place to explore the newest and coolest treehouses around, to challenge yourself with their unique high adventure programs and a place to have a ton of fun. Take the Aerial Zipline Adventure Course. Reservations required. *1442 Phoenixville Pk. TreehouseWorld.com.*

**West Chester Railroad.** Take a relaxing 90-minute ride through the scenic countryside between West Chester and Glen Mills. Pack a lunch or purchase one from their on-board snack bar to enjoy during the stop at the Glen Mills train station picnic grove. Reservations required. *Market St. Station, 230 E. Market St., 610-430-2233; WestChesterRR.net.*

## DELAWARE

### Wilmington

**Brandywine Zoo.** Located along the Brandywine River in beautiful Brandywine Park, the zoo features animals from the tropical and temperate

areas of North and South America, Asia and Africa. The animals range from more common species to the highly endangered, and all enjoy natural settings and welcome your visit to the zoo. *1001 N. Park Dr. BrandywineZoo.org.*



## MARYLAND

### Rising Sun

**Plumpton Park Zoo.** Home to over 180 animals, some taken in from owners who could no longer keep them. The zoo gives them their forever home, providing expert veterinary care. From an African crested porcupine, to black backed jackals to a white Bengal tiger, zebras, American alligators and so many more. Plan a day at this zoo. *1416 Telegraph Rd. PlumptonParkZoo.org.*

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Selected Nature Centers, Parks and Public Gardens

PENNSYLVANIA

Audubon

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove. The fieldstone mansion, now a museum, displays Audubon's major published works and memorabilia. The 175 acres are a wildlife sanctuary with 175 species of birds and 400 species of plants. 1201 Pawlings Rd. [JohnJamesAudubon.org](#).

Chestnut Hill/Philadelphia

Morris Arboretum. The official arboretum of PA. On its 92 public acres, thousands of rare plants (many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest, largest trees) are set in a Victorian garden. Award-winning rose garden, English landscape park, loggia and hidden grotto, Japanese gardens and swan pond. Special events. Advance tickets required. 100 E. Northwestern Ave. [MorrisArboretum.org](#).

Coatesville

Hibernia County Park. The park consists of over 900 acres of trails, woodlands, meadows, open fields, play areas, pavilions, camping, picnic areas and popular fishing sites. 1 Park Rd. [ChesCo.org/1743/Hibernia-Park](#).

Devon

Jenkins Arboretum. A 46-acre arboretum that emphasizes azaleas, rhododendrons and plants of local woodlands, including groundcovers and colorful wildflowers that bloom over a long season. From seed propagation workshops to story time in the Children's Garden, yoga practice to bee-keeping demonstrations, there's always something new to learn, create or experience at Jenkins. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd. [JenkinsArboretum.org](#).

Media

Tyler Arboretum. A 650-acre preserve originated with brothers Jacob and Minshall Painter. Mature plant collections are laid out in a natural setting, with 20 miles of marked trails. 515 Painter Rd. [TylerArboretum.org](#).

Newtown Square

Willistown Conservation Trust/Rushton Conservation Center. The Trust's programs focus on over 28,000 acres in Chester County and portions of Delaware County, and its mission is to preserve and manage the open land, rural character, scenic, recreational, historic, agricultural and natural resources of the area.

Rushton Farm is the centerpiece of the community farm, hosting a CSA, school groups, volunteer days and a "Share the Bounty" program that donates fresh food to local food cupboards. 925 Providence Rd. [WCTrust.org](#).

Willistown's Okehocking Preserve. 180 acres of the 500-acre Okehocking Land Grant Historic District are likely the only known grant to a Native American tribe authorized by William Penn, conveyed in 1703. Includes meadowlands, upland hillsides and old-growth woodlands, with 5 miles of hiking and horse riding trails. 5316 West Chester Pk. [Willistown.PA.us](#).

Nottingham

Nottingham County Park. The 651-acre park offers nine pavilions, an 18-station fitness trail and three modern, handicapped accessible playgrounds. Dedicated in September 1963, Nottingham Park was the first Chester County park. 150 Park Rd. [ChesCo.org/1743/Nottingham-Park](#).

Phoenixville

Black Rock Sanctuary. Consisting of 119 acres of wetlands, woodlands and meadows, Black Rock Sanctuary is dedicated to wildlife habitat and public use. The sky over Black Rock is a flyway, or air highway, for birds that migrate up and down the East Coast. 953 Black Rock Rd. [ChesCo.org/1745/Black-Rock-Sanctuary](#).

Pottstown

Welkinweir. This historic country estate is home to Green Valleys Watershed Association, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the natural resources of northern Chester County. Nature walks and talks, summer camps and volunteer opportunities are offered on 219 permanently protected acres of forests, meadows and an arboretum overlooking multiple ponds. 1368 Prizer Rd. [Welkinweir.org](#).

Swarthmore

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. "A garden of suggestions," it's the college campus, covering 110 diverse acres. 500 College Ave. [ScottArboretum.org](#).

Wayne

Chanticleer. See "Day Trips & Outings."

West Chester

H. E. Myrick Conservation Center. A 300-acre landscape with vegetation and wildlife habitats. Part of the Brandywine Valley Assn., which has worked for over 50 years to protect the Brandywine Creek. Two marked self-guided nature

trails—Hill and Stream Trail and Farm Path Trail. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd. (Rt. 842). [BrandywineRedClay.org](#).

DELAWARE

Hockessin

Ashland Nature Center. Headquarters of the DE Nature Society, 130 acres of meadows, forests, marshes, streams and ponds make an ideal setting for nature programs each year, geared to all ages and all levels of interest. [Brackenville&BarleyMillRds.DelawareNatureSociety.org](#).

Mt. Cuba Center. A botanical garden that inspires an appreciation for native plants and a commitment to protect the habitats that sustain them. 3120 Barley Mill Rd. [MtCubaCenter.org](#).

Historic Sites

PENNSYLVANIA

Birdsboro

Daniel Boone Homestead. Daniel Boone was born here in 1734 in a log house built between 1730–1779. Other buildings include a PA bank barn, blacksmith shop, sawmill, log house and visitors center. 400 Daniel Boone Rd. [DanielBooneHomestead.org](#).

Broomall

Thomas Massey House. One of the oldest English Quaker homes in PA, built in 1696. [Lawrence&SpringhouseRds.ThomasMasseyHouse.org](#).

Chadds Ford

Barns-Brinton House. See "Day Trips & Outings."

John Chads House. See "Day Trips & Outings."

Chester Springs

The Mill at Anselma. See "Day Trips & Outings."

Historic Yellow Springs. Originally named by Native Americans for the iron-rich "yellow" spring water, this scenic village became the principal hospital for the Continental Army during the Valley Forge encampment and an 18th-century mineral water spa. Site of art, crafts and antique shows. [ArtSchool&PikelandRds.YellowSprings.org](#).

Ephrata

Ephrata Cloister. William Penn's colony of Pennsylvania was the first to offer freedom from religious persecution, and historic Ephrata Cloister

“ At Historic Sugartown, take a bookbinding or scarf marbling workshop, or come for one of the Weekend Guided Tours.

is a wonderful example of this religious toleration. You'll experience a tranquility missing from today's hectic lifestyle while you explore Ephrata's unique architecture, music and artwork. Don't miss the museum store featuring specialty crafts by nationally recognized artisans. 632 W. Main St. [EphrataCloister.org](#).

Geigertown

Joanna Furnace. Hay Creek Valley Historical Assn. supports local heritage and provides a living experience of Berks County's agricultural and technological past by demonstrating early American crafts and trades. The Hay Creek Festival, Sept. 8–10, features Early American crafts, antique toys, home crafts, children's hands-on activities, food and olde tyme music. Rt. 10. [HayCreek.org](#).

Lancaster

Rock Ford Plantation. 18th-century Georgian-style home of Revolutionary War hero General Edward Hand. The estate includes the mansion, barn and Kauffman Museum of decorative arts. 881 Rockford Rd. [RockFordPlantation.org](#).

Wheatland, [LancasterHistory.org](#). Wheatland, the James Buchanan House, is a Federal-style house outside Lancaster City. It was formerly owned by the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan. The house was constructed in 1828 by William Jenkins, a local lawyer. 1120 Marietta Ave. [LancasterHistory.org](#).

Malvern

Historic Sugartown. Historic Sugartown provides a window on rural 19th-century life, with several preserved buildings, including a c. 1880 General Store, Carriage Museum featuring Chester County carriages and sleighs, Bank Barn and Book Bindery. Take a bookbinding or scarf marbling workshop, or come for one of the Weekend Guided Tours. [Parking at 273 Boot Rd. HistoricSugartown.org](#).

Paoli Battlefield. On the night of September 20, 1777, British troops attacked Anthony Wayne's Pennsylvanians at this spot. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War and was also called the Paoli Massacre. Visit the spot where America's First Battle Cry of "Remember Paoli" was born and see the second-oldest revolutionary war monument in the United States. [Monument&WayneAves.PBPFInc.org](#).

Morrisville

Pennsbury Manor. William Penn's beautiful country plantation on the Delaware River, rebuilt to look as it did in 1700. Jacobean-style furnish-

ings include 17th-century antiques. 400 [PennsburyMemorialRd.PennsburyManor.org](#).

Pottstown

Pottsgrove Manor. Built in 1752, this is the historic home of John Potts, Colonial ironmaster and founder of Pottstown. Distinguished for its fine early Georgian architecture. Rt. 100 & W. King St. [MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](#).

Schwenksville

Pennypacker Mills. A Colonial revival mansion, this home of PA Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker was preserved as a country gentleman's estate. 5 Haldeman Rd. [MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](#).

Wayne

St. David's Episcopal Church. A stone wall encloses St. David's graveyard, memorialized in Longfellow's poem: "What an image of peace and rest is this little church among its graves ..." This park-like setting is welcoming and serene, with an intimate stone church, a fine example of early Colonial architecture. 763 S. Valley Forge Rd. [StDavidsChurch.org](#).

Willow Street

Hans Herr House. Oldest house in Lancaster County and oldest Mennonite meeting house in America, built in 1719. 1849 Hans Herr Dr. [HansHerr.org](#).

Worcester

Peter Wentz Farmstead. Colonial farmhouse used by George Washington before and after the battle of Germantown, restored to its 1777 state. [SchultzRd.,offRt.73.MontCoPA.org/HistoricSites](#).

Museums

PENNSYLVANIA

Chadds Ford

Brandywine River Museum of Art. See "Day Trips & Outings."

Christian Sanderson Museum. A private, nonprofit enterprise located in the historic village of Chadds Ford, exhibiting the eclectic collection of historical relics, artifacts and memorabilia acquired by Christian Sanderson over a period of more than 75 years. 1755 Creek Rd., [ChaddsFord.SandersonMuseum.org](#).

Coatesville

Lukens National Historic District Museums. Industrial history and architectural heritage are woven together so you can "Discover the Past, Explore the Future." Three mansions — Rebecca Lukens House (c. 1739), Terracina (1850-51) and Graystone Mansion (1889) — plus the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum are the highlights when you visit. A Science Museum in an Historical Setting. 50 S. First Ave. [Coatesville.SteelMuseum.org](#).



West Chester

Chester County History Center. Their mission is to inspire, inform and build community identity by preserving and sharing the remarkable story of Chester County and its people. 225 N. High St. [MyCCHC.org](#).

DELAWARE

Wilmington

Delaware Art Museum. Galleries featuring pre-Raphaelite art, Brandywine school illustrators and nine-acre sculpture garden. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. [DelArt.org](#)

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Delaware History Museum. Originally a Woolworth's Department Store (1940), the building has been transformed into the Delaware History Museum and the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage. 504 N. Market St. [DEHistory.org](#).

Delaware Museum of Nature & Science. Explore nature and science with hands-on activ-



ities and interactive experiences. Visit website for exhibits. [DelMNS.org](http://DelMNS.org)

**Hagley Museum & Library.** The former industrial site of the original black powder works of the DuPont Company, founded in 1802 and powered by the natural resources that surrounded it. Check website for events. *200 Hagley Creek Rd. Hagley.org.*

**Rockwood Museum.** Designed in 1851 by English architect George Williams, an outstanding example of Rural Gothic architecture and gardenesque landscape design. *610 Shipley Rd. Rockwood.org.*

**Winterthur Museum & Gardens.** See “Day Trips & Outings.”

**Yorklyn**

**Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve.** See “Day Trips & Outings.”

**Special Interest Museums**

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**Boyetown**

**Boyetown Museum of Historic Vehicles.** Featuring vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric

and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons and sleighs. You’ll see “high wheelers” and “safety bicycles,” vehicle builder’s tools and local historic roadside architecture. *85 S. Walnut St. Boyertown-Museum.org.*

**Columbia**

**The National Watch & Clock Museum.** Featuring the treasures of time, from ancient timepieces to modern technologies, the museum captures the evolution of timekeeping over the centuries. *514 Poplar St. NAWCC.com.*

**Lancaster**

**Landis Valley Museum.** Whether you come for the animals, to learn about early Pennsylvania German life, or to stroll the grounds and get an up-close look at the largest collection of Pennsylvania German artifacts in the United States, there is something for everyone to enjoy. *2451 Kissel Hill Rd. LandisValley-Museum.org.*

**Malvern**

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**Strasburg**

**The National Toy Train Museum.** Railroad Museum of PA. Strasburg Rail Road. Visit [NTTMuseum.org](http://NTTMuseum.org); [RRMuseumPA.org](http://RRMuseumPA.org); [StrasburgRailroad.com](http://StrasburgRailroad.com)

**West Chester**

**The American Helicopter Museum & Education Center.** The center’s mission is to preserve rotary-wing aviation history, educate society on helicopters and their missions and inspire future generations through an active schedule of public educational programs, exhibitions, events, air shows, workshops and publications. *1220 American Blvd., West Chester. AmericanHelicopterMuseum.org.*

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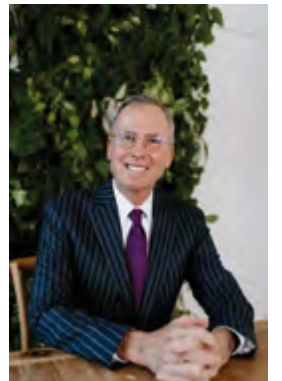


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# Brew Foods

## COME FOR THE BEER, STAY FOR A MEAL!

Shannon Montgomery

THE DAYS ARE STILL WARM, AND SUNSETS ARE fashionably late. That means it's time to sit outside with a cold drink! The brewheads among us know summer is perfect for visiting beer gardens. Luckily, many of our local breweries have great food as well as quality craft beer to enjoy.

Here are some of our favorites for lunch, dinner and seasonal sipping.

### BEER GARDENS

Levante Brewing Company hosts two beer gardens this summer in addition to their West Chester taproom. They're at Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds on weekends (Friday to Sunday) through September 30. Grab single-can "crack 'ems" or a four-pack of Levante beer from their Tap Trailer to pair with something tasty from the rotating selection of food trucks, including Epicurean Garage, PA Boys BBQ and, for pups, Off the Leash Treat Truck. Also enjoy live music and axe-throwing hosted by Angry Jacks Throwing Axe Club. And Levante is back at Highland Orchards on Saturdays and Sundays through October 29.

In Kennett Square, The Creamery welcomes you to the 1902 Eastern Condensed Milk Company building, where they host live music and events all summer long, along with food trucks. Their

in-house menu features local, seasonal ingredients — including, of course, Kennett portobello mushrooms. Nosh on wings, flatbreads, burgers and handhelds surrounded by warm wood tones and twinkly string lights. Plus craft beer on tap and in cans, as well as hard seltzers and kombucha, wine and craft cocktails.

In Chester Springs, the former Levante Stables has become The Stables Kitchen & Beer Garden. Take Flight Restaurant Group (Bloom Southern Kitchen and other ventures) built a new kitchen featuring a custom Napelese pizza oven. Sample classic and seasonal pies, as well as classic bar food with a twist — footlong grass-fed beef hotdogs, bratwurst with sauerkraut, pickle dip and a Lancaster charcuterie plate. There's a rotating list of 20 beers on tap, along with a robust can and bottle list, cocktails and wine by the glass. Enjoy live music on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Over in Malvern, Lot 6 Beer Garden returns in August with more food, brews and fun. Sit outside under string lights as you sip craft beer (or canned cocktails, seltzers, wine), and bring the whole family (dogs included) for a round of cornhole or other lawn games. Check their website for updates. In past years, they've had food trucks, live music and other events, including markets featuring local vendors.



Pinocchio's may be best known for its Beer Garden To-Go, offering 1,000 specialty beers with new ones arriving daily. But Media's oldest restaurant built its reputation on its pizza and Italian fare. Try a hand-tossed, Sicilian or gourmet pizza (Philly cheesesteak, Buffalo chicken, Greek goddess) next time you fill your growler there.

In Wilmington, drop by Constitution Yards, a seasonal beer garden on the Riverfront, for a changing selection of craft beer, wine and specialty cocktails enjoyed with classic American fare. Order waffle fries, onion rings, jumbo wings and sandwiches to nosh at picnic tables on the deck or in Adirondack chairs on the sand. Live music on Fridays and Saturdays, sports on the big screen and Wilmo Axes axe-throwing.

### BREWERIES

Starting in West Chester, Artillery Brewing's Barracks Taproom launched a new menu, featuring apps, sandwiches and Roman-style pizzas with sourdough crust. Brews with their Revolutionary War-inspired names (Paoli Massacre, The Musket) are on tap, along with custom cocktails, wine and spirits. Plus, live music on weekends and other events this summer.

Nearby Wrong Crowd Beer Company has two dozen draft lines, dispensing beers from the onsite 15-barrel nanobrewery, alongside wine, cider and spirits. They serve classic pub fare — wings, nachos, jalapeño poppers, sandwiches and several kinds of



pizza, including Hawaiian, honey mustard chicken and upside-down pizza (cheese on the bottom, sauce on top).

Sterling Pig Brewery has two locations for double the brews and food. Their original Media brewery has eight rotating beers, brewed in small batches and tapped onsite, along with standard pub offerings (apps, pizza, handhelds). The standout is their barbecue — pulled pork, smoked ribs, brisket. West Chester's Sterling Pig Public House has a similar menu, but with an expanded selection of locally distilled spirits.

You can't cover local breweries without Iron Hill and their 19 locations across the East Coast, including their newest local spot, Iron Hill Brewery TapHouse in Exton. What sets the TapHouse apart is the sheer amount of beer produced in the 5,000-square-foot brewpub — 20,000 barrels a year, 19 times more than other

1. Levante Beer Garden at Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds
2. The Creamery
3. The Stables Kitchen & Beer Garden
4. Constitution Yards
5. The Barracks Taproom at Artillery Brewing







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locations. The menu is smaller here, consisting of sharables, salads, flatbreads, burgers and sandwiches with many beer-inspired recipes, but quality and taste remain the same. There's a massive beer menu — 24 on tap and plenty more in bottles — including IPAs, Belgians, stouts and the Engine 49 Pils, helping support the Lionville Fire Company.

Also in Exton, newcomer VK Brewing Co. & Eatery is a veteran-owned brewery, taproom and restaurant located at the historic Ship Inn property. The menu consists of upscale pub food, brick oven pizzas, seafood and a raw bar. Try their flagship beers, VK Grand Opening and Haunted Haze, brewed with the help of Stolen Sun Brewery, or the brand-new VK Honey Belgian, their first beer brewed onsite in a converted horse stable.

Suburban Brewing Company has two locations to sample. The 322 Taproom in Honey Brook has an outdoor patio, downstairs bar and second-floor bar lounge. Enjoy Suburban brews and a diverse menu, including nachos, egg rolls, falafel and burgers. Over in Exton, the Suburban Restaurant & Beer Garden serves inventive,

upscale fare — pan-roasted duck breast, lamb Bolognese, dandan noodles, pork schnitzel — as well as craft beers from Suburban and other breweries, craft cocktails and wine.

Visit the four locations of Conshohocken Brewing Company, including a tap room in King of Prussia and Phoenixville's Rec Room. The Rec Room has 12 Conshohocken brews on tap, including two-time World Beer Cup silver medalist Puddlers Row. They serve small bites, grain bowls, flatbreads, sandwiches and pita handhelds, including the Bridge Street Pita, an eight-ounce burger on a grilled pita. The KOP tap room has a similar menu, swapping the pita for 12-inch pizzas and adding craft cocktails, hard seltzers and wine by the glass.

One of the top 10 U.S. craft brewers, Victory Brewing Company has three locations in our area — in Downingtown, Kennett Square and Parkesburg. Each has plenty of Victory brews on tap, including HopDevil IPA and Golden Monkey, weekday specials and a beer-infused menu. Many dishes incorporate Victory beers, like flash-fried cauliflower with Sour Monkey sauce, the Victory cheesesteak with Prima Pils cheese sauce, and chicken pot pie with Festbier gravy.

Over in Kennett Square, Braeloch Brewing partnered with Jamestown Hospitality Group to create TBG at Braeloch Brewing (a spinoff of Wilmington's Tonic Steak & Seafood) and offer a full menu. There's plenty of sharables — nachos, jumbo Bavarian pretzels and a "pound of wings" — as well as flatbreads, tacos and handhelds to accompany craft brews. The outdoor beer garden welcomes dogs, who get treats made from spent grains.

Nearby is Kennett Brewing Company, a brewpub offering a friendly atmosphere, plenty of live music and craft brews. They have a diverse, global menu including dishes like Irish potato soup, classic bangers and mash, and chicken gyros with homemade tzatziki sauce.

In Malvern, Locust Lane Craft Brewery has 14 taps featuring their flagship brands, seasonal offerings and small-batch "Test Batch" brews. The taproom features a 35-foot live-edge bar with a growler/crowler filling station. Wednesday through Friday, their in-house food truck, Foster Ave. Carvery, serves hand-carved sandwiches — including Korean barbecue pork, bier-cured chicken and smash burgers. Plus, menu items have beer pairing suggestions, and

pets are welcome outside on the deck. Try brunch on Sundays from 10 to 1.

Last but not least, La Cabra Brewing has two unique experiences on the Main Line. Their Berwyn brewpub serves upscale bar food — menu highlights include duck fries with La Cabra beer queso, blackened shrimp tacos with honey chipotle glaze and jalapeño lime slaw, and pork belly burgers with fig jam, spinach and goat cheese. Sip La Cabra brews, mixed drinks and a rotating draft cocktail from the mixologists at A Casual Beverage. Farther east, the Bryn Mawr Smokehouse cooks up smoky goodness from their smoker and wood-fired oven. Get sliced brisket, baby back ribs and pulled pork "From the Pit," or try signature mac and cheese dishes. Visit for tacos on Tuesdays and wood-fired pizzas on Wednesdays.

As you can see, there's no shortage of good food and good brews in our area. Happy sipping! ♦

## More Spots for Beer Lovers

**Bierhaul:** A self-described "Lagerhaus and New American Kitchen," this happening spot in Thornton has over 20 taps, with a rotating draft list focusing on European beers. Menu highlights include charcuterie boards, lobster grilled cheese and bier-braised bratwurst. Play cornhole outside in the beer garden, or head upstairs to The Attic for live music, comedy, workshops and more.

**Rivertown Taps:** This Phoenixville gastropub draws a crowd for its self-pour beer wall, offering beer, wine, cider and kombucha. Sample their innovative menu, featuring fresh local ingredients — applewood bacon lollipops, kimchi burgers and Phoenixville hot chicken and waffles.

**Brick & Brew:** Try any of the three Brick & Brew locations — Malvern, Media, Havertown — each with unique décor and vibes, yet all featuring excellent craft beer, creative cocktails and upscale pub fare. Try confit wings slow-braised in duck fat, shrimp po'boy sliders or pizza with Turkish fig jam and feta. The Malvern gastropub has Sunday brunch!

6. Sterling Pig Brewery
7. The Rec Room by Conshohocken Brewing Co.
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## [Food News] A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink

**Superb Suds.** Kudos to Downingtown-based **Victory Brewing Company** for making it onto *Food & Wine's* list of “The 25 Most Important American Craft Beers Ever Brewed” — twice! Victory's Prima Pils and HopDevil IPA ranked ninth and 24th, respectively. The rankings were determined by a panel



of 21 craft beer experts, including renowned brewers and national critics, and represent “the brews that spawned, defined and advanced the craft beer movement.” Well done! *FoodAndWine.com.*

**Tea Time.** A taste of life across the pond is coming to downtown West Chester. **Mimi's Tea Cottage**, a traditional English tea room, is opening soon. Gather friends for a tea party in this cozy spot adorned with vintage chandeliers, hanging greenery and a pastel-pink English phone booth. Tea will be served in ornate teapots and cups, along with finger sandwiches, scones and other baked goodies. *30 S. High St., West Chester. MimisTeaCottage.com.*



**Farm-Fresh Brews.** Enjoy craft beer in the idyllic countryside at **Succession Fermentory**, a sustainable brewery on the property of StellaLou Farm in Cochranville. Specializing in spontaneously fermented beer, Succession Fermentory brews farmhouse and sour ales using local ingredients — including malted grain from Montgomery County and hops from Glen Mills. Find their beer at local farmers markets, at their brewery or order online. *432 Leaman Rd., Cochranville. SuccessionFermentory.com.*

**New in Phoenixville.** Big things are in store for Phoenixville foodies. Planning a September opening, **Soko Bag** is a restaurant and brewery specializing in Korean fried chicken. Menu highlights include the KFC Jawn chicken sandwich, bulgogi pizza and Jeju fries with kimchi aioli. Plus family-owned **Twelve78 Brewing Company** is opening a Bridge Street taproom this fall. Expect tasty food paired with IPAs, sour ales and smoothies, lagers and pale ales. *SokoBag.com. Twelve78Brewing.com.*



**More Al Pastor.** Fans of Exton's **Al Pastor** will be happy to hear a second location is slated to open in Haverstown. The modern Mexican cantina will have seating inside for 100 and a large outdoor margarita garden. Menu faves include several taco varieties as well as signature dishes like Mexican fried rice, tuna ceviche tostada and pineapple wings. From the bar, expect signature cocktails, 12 beers on tap and margaritas galore. *13 W. Benedict Ave., Havertown. EatAlPastor.com.*





# A Deep-Rooted Connection to Food

AN ACCLAIMED CULINARY DUO EXPANDS TO WEST CHESTER WITH GROUND PROVISIONS: MARKET & DINING

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes

IN THE LITTLE NOOK OF HISTORIC DILWORTHTOWN, there's a gem of a restaurant that's recently taken residence in the former Inn Keeper's Kitchen. And lucky for us, plant-based pioneers of the culinary world, Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby, chose West Chester as the location for their latest vegan establishment, **Ground Provisions: Market & Dining**.

The James Beard-nominated duo's nationally acclaimed Vedge restaurant in Philadelphia was named one of the 40 most important restaurants in the past 40 years by *Food & Wine* magazine, to list just one of many accolades. Now Brandywine Valley diners have easier access to the couple's vegan cuisine, served up in an intimate dining space that makes you feel like you're in their home which, by the way, is now located on preserved land nearby in Chadds Ford.

Early in the morning this time of year, you can usually find Jacoby tending the 12 raised beds and berry patch at their farmette. Their organic garden is where she most wants to be all season long because it affords her rare moments when her professional to-do list is put on hold. Harvesting fresh herbs and vegetables for their home-cooking



Ground Provisions Market



Kate Jacoby and Rich Landau

and restaurant needs fulfills a culinary vision the couple has dreamed about for years. Their ever-changing seasonal menu is inspired by their heightened concern for where the food they feature comes from. "You really taste the difference when things like turnips and radishes are grown just 10 minutes away," Jacoby says.

After living in Center City Philadelphia for 15 years, Jacoby and Landau now feel they're living in their element, along with their 15-year-old son, Rio, and rescue cats Worf and Cauli. Being surrounded by nature is where Landau is most at ease. "I pinch myself every morning," he says. "We found a home we adore, and it feels like living." In addition to their love of the land, the couple shares a love story where food plays a central role. They pride themselves on their culinary connection and are each other's biggest fans and biggest critics. "We are groupies for each other," Landau says.

They named this new venture Ground Provisions, emblematic of how they live a more grounded life today and what's most important to them. "We're no longer chasing social media likes and culinary trends," Landau says.

You won't find vegetables cloaked in barbecue sauce at Ground Provisions this summer. Instead, you can experience your veggies embellished with something unexpected. Here are a few vegan recipes from Jacoby and Landau to inspire you to make the most of this season's harvest.



Kate Jacoby at her home garden

## Brambling Man

*By midsummer, you might have an abundance of juicy berries ripe for picking. Any that get squished in the process are great to buzz up into a delicious syrup for cocktails! Tart and sweet, they can take a simple cocktail and build it into something extraordinary. Oh, and while a traditional bramble cocktail works with gin, a nice savory whiskey is perfect in this riff.*

Makes 4 cocktails

**Blackberry Syrup Ingredients:**

1 C. blackberries (plus extra for garnish)

¼ C. sugar

¼ C. water



**Cocktail Ingredients:**

8 oz. whiskey (for example,

Bulleit Rye whiskey)

10 oz. blackberry syrup

4 oz. fresh lemon juice

Mint leaves for garnish

**To make the syrup:**

Blend all ingredients in a blender. Strain to remove seeds. Store in airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.

**To make the cocktail:**

Combine whiskey, blackberry syrup and lemon

juice between two cocktail shakers. Add fresh ice and shake vigorously for about 10 seconds.

Strain the cocktail into large rocks glasses with fresh ice. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and whole blackberries. Best to drink any leftovers.

## Gado Gado Cucumbers

*Almost everyone knows how to make pickles. Well, here's a refreshing summer salad from Indonesia that bulks up your cukes with some extra richness from peanuts and protein while also adding a little kick from some fresh garden herbs and early peppers. Pair with a picnic lunch at the park.*

Serves 4



## What You Can Find at the Market

On a recent Friday visit to Ground Provisions, housed in what was formerly the Inn Keeper's Kitchen at historic Dilworthtown, I spotted collections of earthenware pots and copper cookware decorating the fireplace mantels and walls.

There was lots of activity in the kitchen, in preparation for guests dining in their cozy and rustic restaurant that evening. A bowl full of broccoli rabe from Green Meadows Farm in Gap was getting a rinse. Chef de cuisine Brandon Beringer was making a green garlic bechamel sauce that would be featured in the main course of lasagna, along with the rabe and a lentil Bolognese. I sat at a high-top cocktail table on the front porch with a friend and enjoyed some to-go offerings sold in the market.

The charming market is also a great place to pick up provisions for a picnic to enjoy at home or a nearby park. Here's a taste of what you can find:

- A selection of wine
- Prepared foods
- Pickled vegetables
- Local and organic products by artisanal farmers
- Small-batch products from around the country
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### What to Expect at the Restaurant

You can dine in Ground Provisions' intimate, eight-table dining room Thurs.-Sat. evenings. Dinner is a set, prix fixe, five-course meal that celebrates the bounty of each season from local farms and the owners' Lost Glove Garden located in Chadds Ford. Landau and Beringer collaborate on the plant-based menu that's updated online weekly.

Wine pairings, beer and cocktails are available. Reservations book out 30 days in advance.

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**Dressing Ingredients:**

1 oz. black vinegar

1 oz. sriracha

1 T. tamari soy sauce

1 T. water

1 T. peanut butter

1 tsp. sesame oil

1 tsp. minced ginger



1 tsp. minced garlic  
½ finely minced lime leaf, about ½ tsp. packed (optional)  
1 T. sambal chili sauce (optional if you like spice!)

**Salad Ingredients:**

2 C. sliced cucumbers (peeled and seeded if you prefer)  
½ C. diced baked tofu (lemongrass baked tofu is ideal)  
¼ C. chopped grilled celery  
¼ C. chopped fresh or pickled carrots  
2 T. chopped fresh scallion  
1 T. chopped fresh mint  
1 T. chopped fresh cilantro (optional)  
1 T. chopped peanuts  
1 T. crunchy shallot  
1 T. finely sliced fresh hot pepper (optional)

**To make the dressing:**

Combine all ingredients in a medium mixing bowl and whisk together until smooth.

Transfer to an airtight container and store in the refrigerator for up to three days.

**To prepare the salad:**

In a large mixing bowl, gently toss together cucumbers, tofu, celery and carrot in as much dressing as you like. Ideally, each item is lightly coated, but there should not be a pool of dressing.

Serve tossed salad garnished with scallion, herbs, peanuts, shallots and hot pepper.

Store up to three days in an airtight container.

**Chilled Miso Noodles**

*Jacoby and Landau love a good noodle all year long. While the winter calls for hot pots of all kinds, a snappy chilled ramen or soba noodle is just the thing for warmer weather. Use your favorite noodle as a canvas and pile on blistered veggies from the garden throughout the summer.*

Serves 4



**Sauce Ingredients:**

½ C. vegan butter  
2 T. white miso paste

*Iconic Vegetable  
of the Season*

Corn on the cob is one vegetable that Rich Landau is adamant about only eating when in season, and he describes corn as something that is already perfect when it comes to us and is best when eaten in its purest state.

After shucking it, he blanches it and then briefly cooks it on the grill, just enough for it to slightly char and get a smoky flavor. He dresses it with vegan butter or olive oil, and salt. Sometimes he'll boil the cobs of corn in water that has been seasoned with salt, bay leaves, pepper-corns and thyme.

2 T. nutritional yeast  
1 tsp. chopped pickled ginger  
1 tsp. sesame oil  
1 tsp. tamari soy sauce  
1 tsp. black pepper  
1 tsp. white pepper  
½ C. vegetable stock  
1 tsp. mirin

**Chilled Miso Noodles Ingredients:**

4 packs fresh ramen noodles (about 70g per person before cooking)  
2 T. vegetable oil (grapeseed, olive oil or any neutral oil you prefer)  
1 tsp. sesame oil  
1 pint fresh shishito peppers  
1 pinch salt  
¼ C. chopped fresh scallion  
4 T. toasted sesame seeds  
1 T. toasted nori flakes

**To make the sauce:**

Combine all ingredients in a medium mixing bowl and whisk together until smooth.

Transfer to an airtight container and keep in the refrigerator for up to three days.

**To prepare the noodles:**

Prepare noodles according to package instructions, but blanch immediately after done. Then drain and dress them with the vegetable oil so they don't stick together before cooling them on a sheet pan.

Heat a wok on high heat until nearly smoking. Add the sesame oil and then the shishito peppers. Allow them to blister on one side (about 90 seconds) then sprinkle with salt.

Remove the wok from heat, and allow peppers to carryover cook and stay warm.

Gently toss the noodles with the sauce. Each noodle should be evenly coated.

Serve noodles family style or in individual portions, topped with scallion, sesame seeds and nori flakes. Surround noodles with the blistered peppers.

Store in an airtight container for up to three days in the refrigerator.

**Zucchini Blondie**

*If you're one of those people looking for a way to move through your prolific zucchini harvest (or if you live next to one), this is a great alternative to zucchini bread. A little more decadent and just as easy to bake, these treats are a must-have this summer! Best when served warm and paired with ice cream.*

Serves 8 (varies depending on how large you cut the squares)

1½ C. vegan butter  
3 C. brown sugar  
3 C. all-purpose flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. tapioca powder  
¼ C. water  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
2 C. shredded zucchini



Preheat oven to 350°  
and line a 9 x 13-inch baking pan with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the vegan butter and brown sugar until smooth.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.

Whisk together tapioca powder and water until fully combined, about 3 minutes. Then stir in vanilla extract.

Add the whisked ingredients to the creamed butter mixture and combine.

Fold in the flour mixture just until it comes together, adding ½ C. of the shredded zucchini at a time.

Pour into a lined baking pan. Then arrange remaining shredded zucchini on top. Bake for 30–35 minutes, until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Serve immediately with a scoop of ice cream or allow it to fully cool for a snack anytime.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to four days. ♦

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