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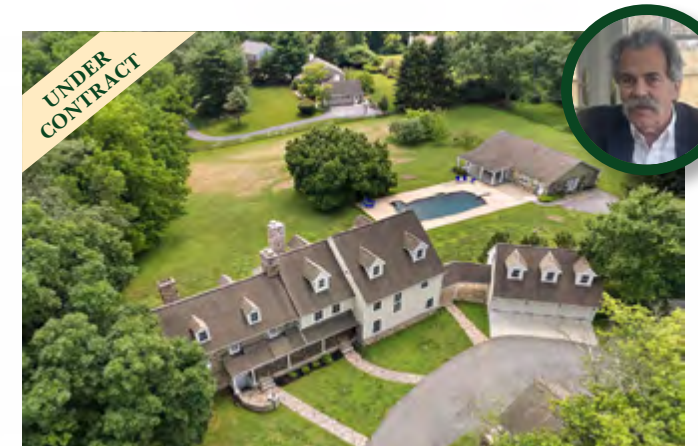
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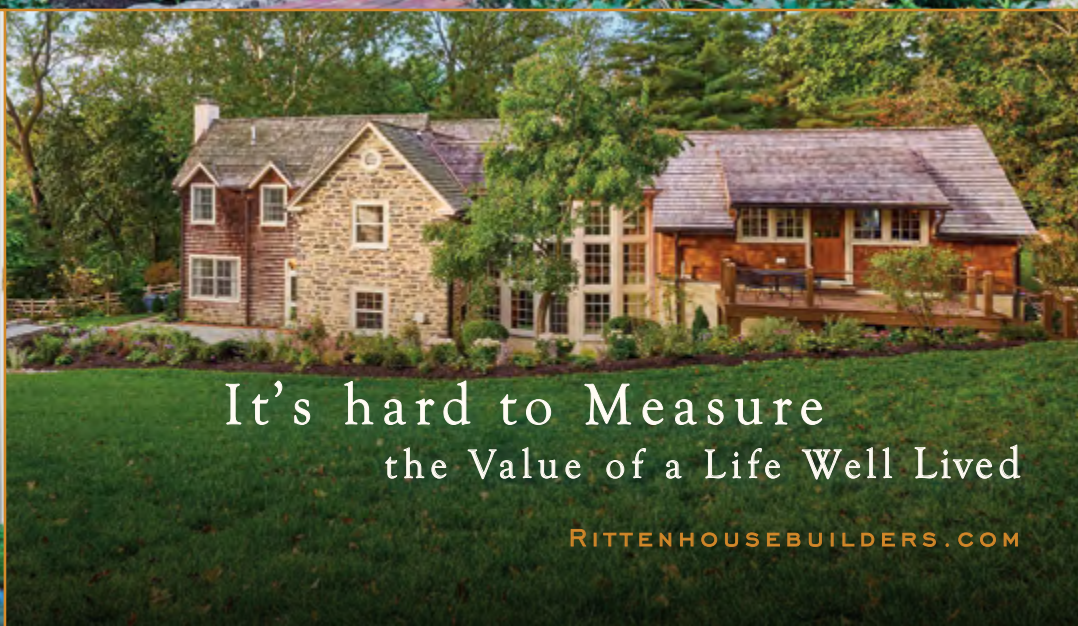
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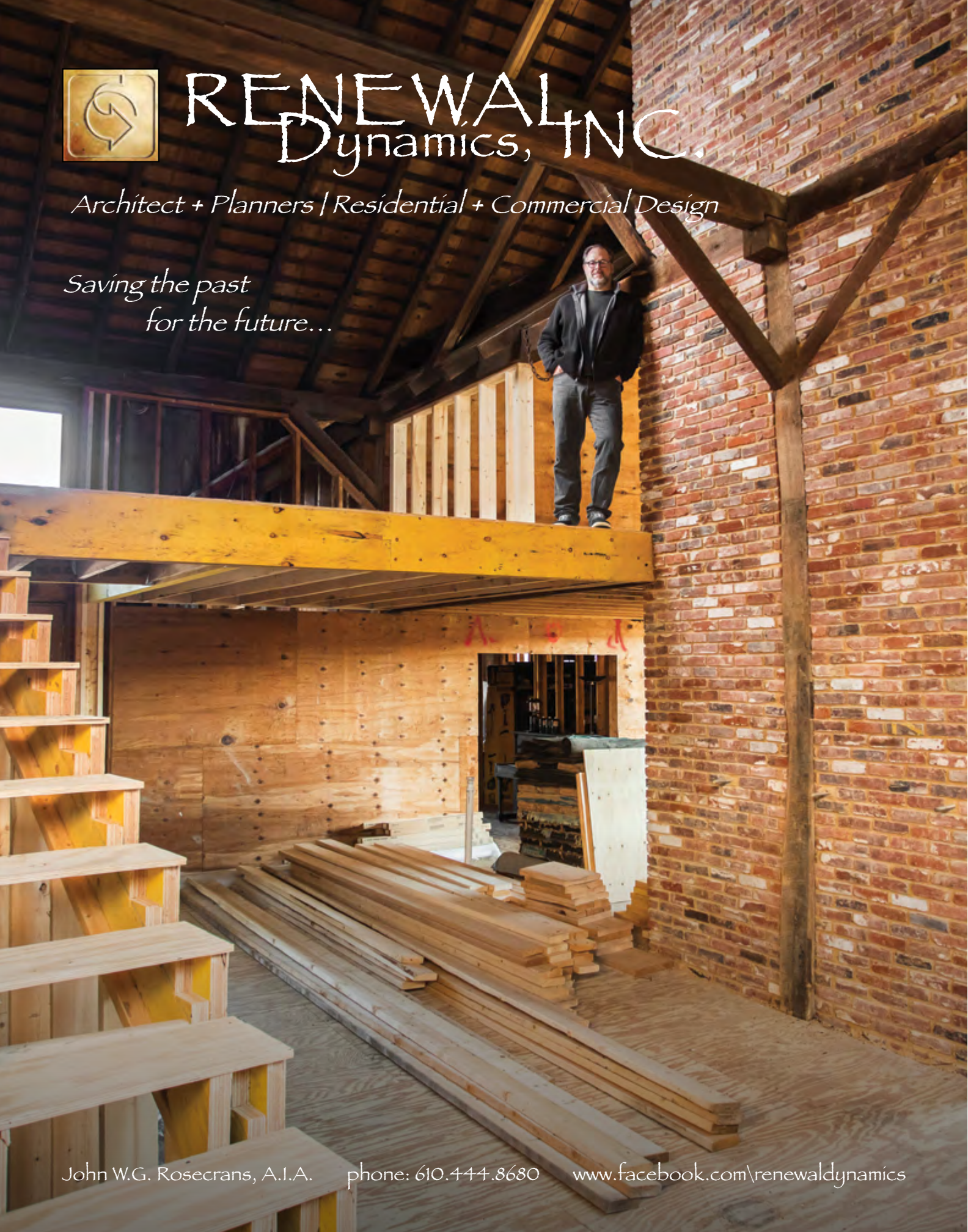




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from the EDITOR

May is filled with equestrian fun, art galleries and nature's bounty — a glorious time in the Brandywine Valley!

Start with "Steeplechase Season Fills May Weekends" to get the scoop on Winterthur's Point-to-Point, Willowdale's Steeplechase and the Radnor Hunt Races. Choose a race, plan a tailgate and support good causes.

Next up is the 128th Devon Horse Show with more reasons to shop, dine and marvel at top equestrians. Laurel Anderson reviews the fun in "The Devon Horse Show Is Better Than Ever!" And check out Brenda Carpenter's gorgeous photos!

We also feature the 45th Annual Therapeutic Riders Division, hosted at Thorncroft Equestrian Center, welcoming 125 riders from 15 programs. Madeline Iacobucci's article calls it "A Special Equestrian Competition." Plus there are "Dream Barns" to fill your fantasies.

May is also the perfect time to discover local artists bringing color, light and beauty to our lives, writes Elizabeth Hughes in "Art Gallery Roundup." Mark your calendar for art shows, tours, exhibits and more.

More of a nature lover? Willistown Conservation Trust's John Holback takes us on "A Walk Through the Preserves" — Ashbridge, Ruston Woods and Kirkwood Preserves — covering about 7,000 acres. Or check out Marci Tomassone's "Home & Garden" for the latest on 25 gardens, plant sales, arboretums, markets and festivals in *County Lines* country. Our "Landscape & Garden Design" photo essay offers inspiration from local experts.

Food fans get tasty tips in Shannon Montgomery's "Easy Picnics and Tailgates." To drink? How about bourbon? "Bourbon and Horse Racing" shares history of that combo along with drinking options. Teatotalers can sample Courtney Deiner-Stokes' "Spring Into Tea Time," including a visit to Mimi's Tea Cottage in West Chester.

Learn a little history behind the namesake of West Chester's Everhart Park in Malcolm Johnstone's Brandywine Stories column. And as always, we have the Best Local Events and Family Fun ideas.

Thanks for reading!

Jo Anne Durako  
Editor

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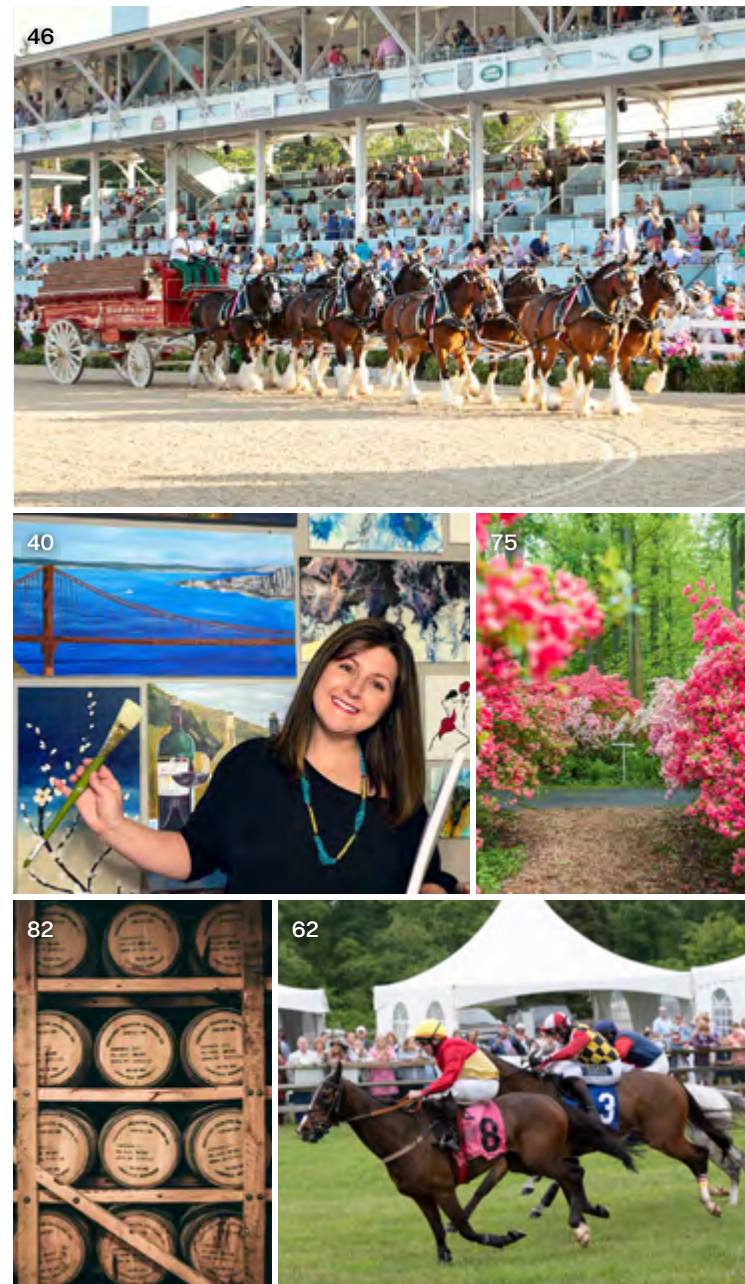


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## Good to Know Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

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*Pretty Wrecked*. For the kiddos, there's *The Tear Box* by Sheila Startup and *Planet of the Lil Beans* by David Levi, both West Chester residents.  
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### Calling All Artists. Bells Across PA

PA is asking artists, from the amateur to the acclaimed, to submit designs to be used on bell sculptures as part of the national America 250 celebration. Fiberglass bell sculptures will be transformed by local artists and art groups whose designs are selected. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multimedia artists and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through December 31, 2024. [America250PA.org/PPE:\\_Bells\\_Across\\_PA](http://America250PA.org/PPE:_Bells_Across_PA).



### Mom's Moment.

Instead of cut flowers or store-bought candy, give your mother what she really wants on May 12 — time with you. Our area's many gorgeous gardens beckon visitors with dazzling displays of spring bulbs and flowering trees. So, head for Kennett's *Longwood Gardens*, Wayne's *Chanticleer*, Pottstown's *Welkinweir*, Devon's *Jenkins Arboretum* or another local destination to walk and talk as you enjoy the glory of spring in the Mid-Atlantic. Check admission requirements. [LongwoodGardens.org](http://LongwoodGardens.org). [ChanticleerGarden.org](http://ChanticleerGarden.org). [Welkinweir.org](http://Welkinweir.org). [JenkinsArboretum.org](http://JenkinsArboretum.org).

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**Hulk Sighting.** Delco residents have been seeing stars — the Hollywood kind. The creators of HBO's *Mare of Easttown* have returned to the area to film a sequel series, *Task*, starring Mark Ruffalo as a complicated FBI agent from Philadelphia. The crew has been filming in Ridley, Marcus Hook and Aston, and Ruffalo himself was spotted grabbing lunch at A Cut Above Deli in Newtown Square. Stay tuned. [HBO.com](http://HBO.com).



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### Fido Fact.

During *Jack Russell terrier* races, at Willowdale Steeplechase and elsewhere, ever wondered about the pups' namesake? As an Oxford undergrad, Rev. John Russell (1795–1883) came across a rough-coated terrier that soon became his hunting partner and matriarch of the Parson Russell terrier breed (close relative of Jack Russells). Though Russell was a founding member of the U.K. Kennel Club, the Jack Russell terrier wasn't officially recognized by the American Kennel Club until 2012 — almost 200 years later. [CountryLife.co.uk](http://CountryLife.co.uk).





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## May Picks

Our Picks for top events this month



### Philadelphia Main Line Estates: From Grand Mansions to Gardens

May 2

Join this tour to learn how three historic sites are handling contemporary development in distinctly different ways. Begin the day with a tour of Chanticleer in Wayne, followed by lunch and a tour of the Willows Mansion and end your day with a tour of Ardrossan, both in Villanova. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$239. [WillowsParkPreserve.org](http://WillowsParkPreserve.org).

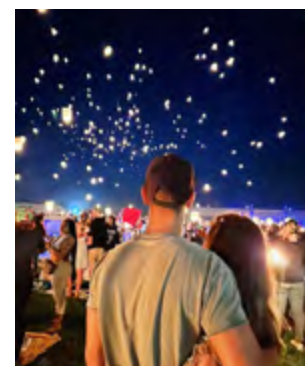
### Spring on King in Malvern

May 4

Enjoy fun on King Street with food trucks, musicians, circus performers, a beer garden with live music, kids activities such as balloon animal artists and face painters, and characters walking the street for photos. Everyone



is invited to move over to Burke Park at 4 p.m. for the headline musical performance with salsa dancers to get the crowd up and moving. You'll find lots of other kids activities at the park as well as food trucks. Noon to 6 p.m. [MalvernBusiness.com](http://MalvernBusiness.com).



### The Lights Festival at Plantation Field

May 4

Ignite your personalized sky lantern and let it take flight. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy food, live music, dancing and the breathtaking sight of lighting the sky with thousands of lanterns. *Plantation Field, 1537 W. Doe Run Rd., Coatesville. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. \$51-\$68; Date Night Package, \$175, includes 2 tickets, 2 lanterns, plush blanket and teddy bear, apple cider with champagne flutes; ages 4-12, \$12 (no lantern). \$10 parking. [TheLightsFest.com](http://TheLightsFest.com).*

### Wilmington Grand Prix Weekend

May 17-19



See one of the top 10 criterium bike races in the country that includes a street festival with kids rides and attractions, course-side café and a parade. The Criterium on Saturday, time trials and kick-off party on Friday at Monkey Hill in Brandywine Park and a recreational ride through the area's attractions at The Gran Fondo on Sunday 818 Market St., Wilmington. Fri., 5 to 8 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., 8 a.m. start. [WilmGrandPrix.com](http://WilmGrandPrix.com).

### 3rd Annual West Chester Porchfest

May 18

Organized by the West Chester Green Team, this family-friendly event invites you to stroll from porch to porch and relax on front lawns and sidewalks as you enjoy live music from over 70 bands, plus food trucks, children's activities, a sale of vintage clothing and the beautiful porches of historic West Chester. "Green" porches will offer native plants and tips on creating your own native wildflower gardens. 1 to 7 p.m. Rain date, May 19. [WestChesterPorchfest.com](http://WestChesterPorchfest.com).





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**The Franklin Institute Presents The Art of the Brick.** An exhibit by artist Nathan Sawaya is a critically acclaimed collection of inspiring artworks made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world: the LEGO brick. *Franklin Institute, 222 N. 20th St., Philadelphia. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$39-\$43. FI.edu.*

## MAY 4

**Delaware Museum of Nature & Science—May the Fourth Be With You.** Explore science from throughout the Star Wars universe, including robotics and characters from the 501st Legion. Dress as your favorite Star Wars-inspired character and enter the costume contest for a chance to win a prize. *4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 6 to 8 pm. \$7-\$20. DelMNS.org.*

## MAY 4

**Annual Colonial Mayfair at Pottsgrove Manor.** Meet historic interpreters, play games, join in demonstrations, dance around the Maypole, listen to traditional music shows, watch sleight-of-hand tricks and special 18th-century inspired performances. *100 W. King St., Pottstown. 11 to 5. \$4 donation. MontcoPA.org.*



## MAY 15-18

**Phoenixville Dogwood Festival & Parade.** The Phoenixville Jaycees Foundation continues the rich tradition with a midway filled with games, rides and vendors, live music nightly at the bandshell and the Dogwood Beer Garden. Benefits local nonprofits.

*Reeves Park, 148 3rd Ave., Phoenixville. Wed-Fri, 6 to 10 pm; Sat, 1 to 10; Sun, parade at 1 pm. PhoenixvilleDogwoodFestival.org.*



## MAY 17

**PlayIn Time Music Circle.** Get ready to dance, jam, learn and have fun in the Circle Garden. This interactive musical program is geared to children up to age 5. *Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden, 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10:15 am. \$24. NatLands.org.*

## MAY 17

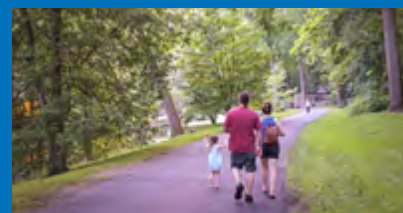
**Movies in the Park.** Pack a picnic, a blanket, chairs and the family, and come out to Marshall Square Park to enjoy a movie, TBD. Food trucks on site. *405 N. Franklin St., West Chester. Starts at dusk. West-Chester.com.*

## MAY 19

**The Arc of Chester County Bubble Walk & Fun Day.** All attendees will receive a T-shirt and enjoy food, music, dancing, activities and more. The Arc advocates for individuals with disabilities and their families. *West Gosben Community Park, 900 Lawrence Dr., West Chester. 11 to 2. \$30. ArcOfChesterCounty.org.*

## MAY 25

**Summer Kick-Off Celebration at Hagley Museum & Library.** Hagley has something for everyone, with special programs, tours, cannon firings and hands-on activities. *200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$16-\$20; under 14, free. Hagley.org.*



## MAY 25-OCTOBER 31

**Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport.** Gather your family or closest group of friends and plan a visit to the 12 inspiring attractions across Wilmington & the Brandywine Valley. With the Passport you can explore at your own pace or spread your visits across the entire spring, summer and fall. *For tickets, VisitWilmingtonDE.com/Passport.*

## JUNE 1

**Historic Newtown Square Day.** A community celebration with demonstrations, Revolutionary War and Native American reenactors, art, tours of historic sites, sheep shearing, music, children's activities. *1742 Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Gosben Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to noon. Free. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.*

## JUNE 1

**Diggery Digger's Rock 'N' Roar Dinosaur Show at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center.** Large, interactive animated characters, dinosaur bones and puppets combine with magic and rocking music. Audience members interact with the animated dinosaurs, scan with the DINA, help solve puzzles and dance. *226 N. High St., West Chester. Times and tickets, Uptown-WestChester.org.*



## JUNE 2-NOVEMBER 3

**First Sundays Steam'n Days at Auburn Heights.** Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. *3000 Creek Rd., Hockessin DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8-\$15. AuburnHeights.org.*

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

*See Art Gallery Roundup in this issue for more.*

## MAY 3-19

**Pottstown Area Artists Guild Spring Fine Arts Show.** Area artists exhibit with awards recognizing the best works in the show presented during the Opening Reception on May 5. Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary St., Pennsburg. Tues-Fri, 9 to 4; Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. *PAAG.Info/Art-Show.*

## MAY 4 & 5

**Haverford Guild of Craftsmen's Spring Art & Fine Craft Show.** Pick up a unique handcrafted gift from juried artists whose work includes basketry, ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography and more. Haverford Community Recreation and Environmental Center, 9000 Parkview Dr., Haverford. 10 to 5. \$5. *HaverfordGuild.org.*



## MAY 4 & 5

**Spring City Mill Studios Art Festival.** Artists display their work for sale in open studios over three floors. 20 E. Bridge St., Spring City. Sat, 11 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. *SpringCityMillStudios.com.*

## MAY 31-JUNE 2

**Frog Hollow Art Show.** Presented by the Diving Cat Studio Gallery, local artists exhibit creative styles in art and craft in a uniquely restored 1790s four-story gristmill house. A special interview with Markels Roberts by Michaela Majoun 7 pm Friday. 1655 Hollow Rd., Chester Springs. Fri, Preview Party, 5 to 9 pm; Sat-Sun, 10 to 6. 484-919-8774; *FrogHollowArtShow.com.*

## JUNE 2

**Kennett Square Clover Market.** Featuring 100 carefully curated vendors with a wide variety of handmade and vintage goods along with food trucks, live music, beer and wine, free kids crafts and many additional shopping and dining options in town. In the parking lot at 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. 10 to 4. *TheCloverMarket.com.*

## BOOKS.....

## MAY 1-16

**Wellington Square Bookshop. Classics**

**Book Club: May 1, Anna Karenina** by Leo Tolstoy, 2 pm. **NonFiction Book Group: May 2, The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and Their Last-Chance Journey Across America** by Elizabeth Letts, 7 pm. **Fiction Book Group: May 15 & 16, The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb, Wed, 2 pm, Thurs, 2 & 7 pm. 549 Wellington Sq., Exton. *WellingtonSquareBooks.com.*

## MAY 7-21

**Main Point Books. Book Launch: May 7, Vert** by Catherine Staples; **May 9, Reunion**

by Elise Juska; 7 pm. **Fiction Book Group: May 21, Lucy by the Sea** by Elizabeth Strout, 1 pm. 116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. *MainPointBooks.com.*

## CAR SHOWS.....

## MAY 25

**Chester County Antique Car Club Car Show.** Featuring antique and classic cars, street rods, trucks, flea market, food vendors, music and raffle. Benefits the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Rain date, May 26. *Classic Auto Mall,*

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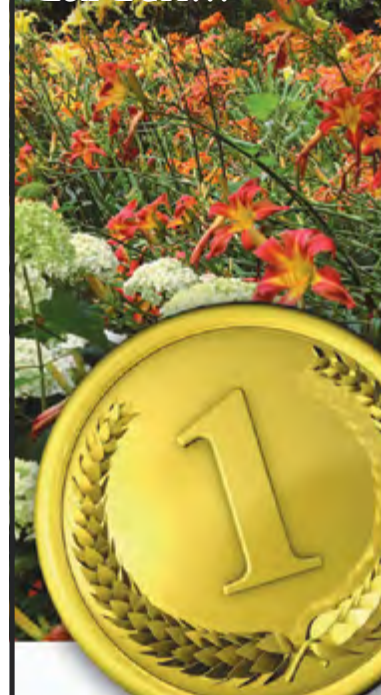
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- Artisan Exchange**, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.
- Berwyn Farmers Market**, 573 E. Lancaster Ave. in Handel's parking lot. Sun, 10 to 1. CulinaryHarvest.com.
- Bryn Mawr Farmers Market**, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
- Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve**, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 3. DelNature.org.
- Downingtown Farmers Market**, Kerr Park, Log House Field, 28 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
- Eagleview Farmers Mkt.**, Eagleview Town Ctr., 570 Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6:30. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
- Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.**, 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. KSQFarmersMarket.com.
- Lancaster County Farmers Mkt.**, 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.
- Malvern Farmers Market**, Burke Park, 26 S. Warren Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 484-753-6363; GrowingRootsPartners.com.
- Media Farmers Market**, Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Sun, 10 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
- New Garden Growers Market**, 8934 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. Sat, 9 to noon. Facebook.com/NewGardenGrowersMarket.
- Newtown Square Farmers Mkt.**, 3625 Chapel Rd. Fri, 3 to 6. Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.
- Phoenixville Farmers Market**, 200 Mill St. Sat, 9 to noon. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.
- Pottstown Farmers Mkt.**, 100 E. High St. Every other Sat starting May 11, 9-1. PottstownFarm.org.
- Royersford Farmers Market**, 2nd Ave. across from Victory Park. Sat, 9 to noon. RoyersfordFarmersMarket.com.
- Swarthmore Farmers Market**, 121 Park Ave., next to Swarthmore Borough Hall Sat, 9 to noon. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.
- Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA**, 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Thurs-Fri, noon to 6; Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.
- Thornton Farmers Mkt.**, 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 10 to 1. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.
- West Chester Growers Mkt.**, Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.
- West Reading Farmers Mkt.**, 598 Penn Ave. Sun, 10 to 1. WestReadingFarmersMarket.com.
- Westtown Amish Market**, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4. WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

6180 Morgantown Rd., Morgantown. 9 to 3. CCACC.Club.



## JUNE 1

**Ales & Petals—Cars & Motorcycles of England Car Show.** Enjoy food, live music, craft beers and tour one of the largest British motoring shows on the East Coast with over 250 classic British cars and motorcycles. Historic Hope Lodge, 553 Bethlehem Pk., Ft. Washington. 10 to 4. \$5-\$10. HistoricHopeLodge.org/Ales-Petals-Car-Show.

## DANCE.....

### MAY18 & 19

**Brandywine Ballet Presents Cinderella.** Join Cinderella as she dances with dragonflies through magical gardens, serves her ugly step-sisters and falls in love with Prince Charming. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St., West Chester. Sat, noon and 4 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$30-\$50. BrandywineBallet.org.



## EQUESTRIAN.....

See *Thorncroft*, *Steeplechase* and *Devon Horse Show* articles in this issue.

### MAY 26-SEPTEMBER 29 Fridays & Sundays

**Brandywine Polo.** Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$15-\$20. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

## FESTIVALS.....

### MAY 4

**Annapolis, MD Irish Festival.** Join the crowd for great bands, food and drink at this family-friendly event, with lots of activities for all ages. Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Generals Hwy., Crownsville, MD. 11 am to 10 pm. \$15. ABCEventsInc.com.

### MAY 18

**The 62nd Fair Hill Scottish Games.** Enjoy

a day of iconic athletics, music, dancing, food and arts celebrating Scottish and Celtic culture. Events will be held rain or shine. Fair Hill Grounds, 4600 Telegraph Rd., Elkton, MD. Gates open 8 am. \$10-\$25. FairHillScottishGames.org.

### MAY 27

**Memorial Day Parade in Kennett Square.** A great hometown parade featuring bands, veterans, reenactors, dancers, antique cars, bagpip-

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ers, fife and drum corps, fire trucks and more. Starts at Kennett High School, 100 E. South St. and ends at Union Hill Cemetery. 10 am. KennettCollaborative.org.



**MAY 27**  
**Radnor Township Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony.** Come for the annual Memorial Day celebration. A brief Memorial Ceremony will immediately follow the parade at the corner of Runnymede and S. Wayne Aves. Parade starts at 9:45 am. RadnorMemorialDay.org.

**MAY 27**  
**Memorial Day Parade in Media.** The Veterans Legacy Project and Media Borough host the annual parade, which starts at Barrall Field, at the intersection of State and Edgmont Sts.,

Media. Ceremony at the Delaware County Courthouse immediately following. 10:30 am. VisitMediaPA.com.



**JUNE 1**  
**Delaware County Pride Parade.** The Pride Parade will run along State Street for one mile and loop around Media. Enjoy a variety of activities including music, dancing, vendors and more. 104 E. State St., Media. 10:30 to noon. VisitMediaPA.com/Event/Delco-Pride-Parade.

**JUNE 2**  
**Malvern's 156th Parade and 208th Memorial Ceremony.** The Upper Main Line Memorial Assoc. sponsors this event that begins on King St. at the fire station and ends at Memorial Park on Monument Ave. Malvern-MemorialParade.com.

**FOOD & BREWS.....**  
**THROUGH JUNE**  
**Pints With A Purpose Happy Hour.** Exton Region Chamber of Commerce and Locust Lane Craft Brewery join to raise funds for many organizations benefiting from the happy hours. Locust Lane Craft Brewery, 50 Three Tun Rd., Malvern. Visit Business.ERCC.net/Events.

**MAY-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 participating restaurants.

**MAY 10**  
**Bourbon and Bluegrass at Winterthur.** A Kentucky Derby-style celebration including four tastings of bourbon, a mint julep cocktail, Winterthur rocks glass, a Southern-inspired snack box, live music and access to the garden. Rain date, May 11. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 5 to 8 pm. \$65; \$35 for designated driver and student; under 12, free. Reservations req. Winterthur.org.



**MAY 11**  
**Pints on the Preserve.** East Branch Brewing Company will be pouring suds at ChesLen Preserve's Lenfest Center pavilion. Purchase yummy food truck fare, enjoy hiking and fun for the whole family. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. 2 to 8:30 pm. Free. NatLands.org.

**MAY 17**  
**Community Supper Series Picnic at Willistown Conservation Trust.** A food truck-style, BYO picnic event. Bring your own blanket, chairs and other items to round out your picnic experience. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5:30 to 8. \$10. WCTrust.org.

**MAY 18 & 19**  
**Derby at the Vineyard.** A spectacular horse-jumping event in Penns Woods' vineyard with wine, local beer and cider, live music, food trucks, artisan vendors and more. Penns Woods Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. 10 to 6. \$15. PennsWoodsWinery.com/Derby.

**MAY 30**  
**Wine & Wander at Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden.** Enjoy an exclusive, after-hours tour featuring plants and wine. Take an evening stroll through the garden and enjoy a specially curated sampling of four different natural wines. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 5:30 pm. \$75. NatLands.org.

**MAY 31**  
**Brandywine Zoo—Brew at the Zoo.** Visit the zoo after hours and enjoy a variety of beer, wine and spirit tastings, light fare and ice cream, live music and animal encounters. Food and beverages are included in admission ticket. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 5:30 to 8:30 pm. \$35-\$55. BrandywineZoo.org.

**JUNE 1**  
**Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ.** Take a glimpse into some of Chester County's iconic barns. Two self-guided barn tour opportunities: The Morning Tour, 9 to 11, \$50 and Evening Barn Tour and BBQ Dinner, starts at 2, \$300. BBQ attendees end the evening with a cocktail hour, three-course meal and live music. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. 925 Providence Rd., Newtown Square. WCTrust.org.

**JUNE 2-7**  
**Restaurant Week Supports the Red, White & Blue on the Culinary Coast.** Diners can enjoy either menu discounts or prix-fixe menus at restaurants in Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Lewes and Coastal Delaware. Benefits military and first responders. Beach-Fun.com/Restaurant-Week.html.

**JUNE 5-AUGUST 28**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Summer Nights at Hagley.** Bring the whole




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

**FUNDRAISERS.....**  
*See also: Food & Brews, Outdoor Activities.*

**MAY 2**  
**Bournelyf Special Camp 2024 Hand to Hand 5K Run & 2K Walk.** The race will

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**MAY 2**  
**“All That’s Purple Affair” Embracing Hope and Healing!** The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County’s annual gala with silent and live auction hosted by NBC10’s Tracy Davidson. Penn Oaks Golf Club, 150 Penn Oaks Dr., West Chester. 6 to 9 pm. \$175. Visit DVCCCPA.org.

**MAY 2**  
**23rd Annual Bringing Hope Home Great Guys Dinner.** The event brings relief to families dealing with the financial hardships a cancer diagnosis can cause by offering financial assistance. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Visit BringingHopeHome.org.

**MAY 4**  
**Chester County Hospital Gala—From Longwood to Bollywood: A Passage Through India.** This is a 30+-year tradition

where friends of Chester County Hospital celebrate their mission and support community outreach programs. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. ChesterCountyHospital.org/Giving.



**MAY 4**  
**Lancaster County Presents Bark For Life.** Featuring games, contests, giveaways, demos. Please bring blankets, treats, toys, food, cleaning supplies for the rescues. Benefits the American Cancer Society. New Life Fellowship Church, 420 E. Fulton St., Ephrata. Facebook.com/ACS-BarkForLife.



**MAY 9**  
**ACT in Faith’s Annual Chef’s Best.** Celebrating The Year of the Food Truck. Proceeds support ACT in Faith of Greater West Chester. Goodwill Fire Hall, 552 E. Union St., West Chester. ACTInFaithGWC.org.

**MAY 9**  
**Family Promise of Southern Chester County—Evening of Promise.** Join the festivities for night filled with family fun, live music, a silent auction and more. This is a family-friendly fundraiser at The Creamery, 401 Birch St., Kennett Square. 6 pm. \$20–\$55. FamilyPromiseSCC.

**MAY 10**  
**Bridge of Hope Spring Gala.** Celebrate the mission to end family homelessness with live entertainment, a silent auction and luncheon. Doubletree, 2400 Willow Street Pk., Lancaster. Silent auction 11:30; luncheon and program, 1:30. BridgeOfHopeInc.org/Gala.

**MAY 19**  
**Spring Fling at the Barn at Spring Brook Farm.** Children can meet the Barn’s resident animals, learn about programs, take a hayride around the farm, play in the wheelchair-accessible treehouse, participate in crafts and more. 360 Locust Grove Rd., West Chester. Noon to 3. Donation, \$5. Springbrook-Farm.org.



**MAY 22**  
**Victorious Woman Celebration—The Girlfriend Gala.** Come join 200 women having fun, networking and supporting Unite for HER’s Wellness Program. Enjoy appetizers, a plated dinner, desserts, a cash bar and entertainment. Penn Oaks Golf Club, 150 Penn Oaks Dr., West Chester. 5:30 to 9:30. \$70. UniteForHER.org/Event/Girlfriend-Gala.

**GARDENS.....**  
*See Home & Gardens feature in this issue.*

**MAY 9–OCTOBER 27**  
**Festival of Fountains at Longwood.** Stroll through the gardens with brilliantly blooming annuals and perennials and discover the Illuminated Fountain Performances and live music in the beer garden. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Thurs–Sat, 9:15 pm. \$18–\$25. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.



**JUNE 7**  
**Natural Lands Stardust! Celebration.** Celebrate the gift of open space at this annual summer fundraiser with an evening of cocktails, supper and merriment under the stars. Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden, 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 6:30 to 9:30. Tickets, \$200 and up. NatLands.org.

**MUSEUMS.....**  
**THROUGH JUNE 30**  
**Delaware Art Museum. Through May 26,** “There Is a Woman in Every Color: Black Women in Art.” **Through June 30,** “The Artis-

tic Legacy of James E. Newton: Poetic Roots,” an exhibition by Anna Bogatin Ott. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8; Fri–Sun, 10 to 4. \$6–\$12, Sun, free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

**THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15**  
**Brandywine Museum of Art. Through June 9,** “Jamie Wyeth: Unsettled.” **Through Sept. 15,** “Every Leaf & Twig: Andrew Wyeth’s Botanical Imagination.” 1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Wed–Mon, 9:30 to 4:30. \$8–\$20. Brandywine.org.

**MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT .....**  
**MAY 1–JUNE 1**  
**The Keswick Theatre. May 1,** Queensryche Armored Saint; **May 3,** Marc Maron; **May 4,** The Doo Wop Project; **May 5,** Al Stewart; **May 7,** Ghosts: Do You Believe?; **May 8,** Saxon & Uriah Heep; **May 10,** The Electric Years: Al Di Meola; **May 12,** Todd Rundgren; **May 17,** Harry Chapin’s Greatest Stories Live; **May 18,** Eric D’Alessandro; **May 22,** Rufus Wainwright; **June 1,** That Motown Band. Times and tickets, KeswickTheatre.com.

**MAY 2—JUNE 2**  
**At The Grand in Wilmington. May 2,** Lewis Black: Goodbye Yeller Brick Road, The Final Tour; **May 3,** An Evening with Darlingside; **May 4,** The Rock Orchestra Plays Fleetwood Mac; **May 9,** The Temptations and Four Tops; **May 11,** The Simon & Garfunkel Songbook; **May 18,** An Evening with Amy Grant; **May 19,** An Intimate Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee; **May 24,** 1964—The Beatles Tribute; **May 31,** Eddie B; **June 2,** The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes. Times and tickets, TheGrand-Wilmington.org.

**MAY 3–31**  
**American Music Theatre. May 3,** Stayin’ Alive: One Night of the Bee Gees; **May 4,** The Temptations & The Four Tops; **May 5,** Stomp; **May 10,** An Evening with David Foster & Katharine McPhee; **May 11,** Herman’s Hermits Starring Peter Noone; **May 12,** Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles; **May 15,** Brothers Of The Heart; **May 17,** The Guess Who; **May 18,** A Bronx Tale: One Man Show Starring Chazz Palminteri; **May 19,** Kevin James: Owls Don’t Walk; **May 31,** 38 Special. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, AMTShows.com.

**MAY 3–JUNE 1**  
**Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. May 3,** Better Than Bacon: Bacon Gives Back; **May 4,** ‘90s Rockfest. **May 31,** Larger than Life: The Ultimate Boy Band Tribute; **June 1,** Bassel & the Supernaturals. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Times and tickets, UptownWestChester.org.

## What’s Happening at West Chester University

WCU’s spring semester comes to a close and brings events for the community to enjoy. For more, check WCUPA.edu.

**Art on Campus**  
**May 1–June 29.** West Chester University Senior BFA Exhibition. **May 1–17,** Knauer Gallery in the Swope Music and Performing Arts Center, 817 S. High St. **May 1–June 29,** Baker Gallery, E.O. Bull Center for the Arts, 2 E. Rosedale Ave.



**Music on Campus**  
**May 3.** Criterions Jazz Ensemble Concert. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, 817 S. High St. 7:30 pm.



**May 4 & 5.** WCU Opera Theatre presents *Candide*. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 S. High St. Sat, 7:30 pm; Sun, 3 pm.

**WCU Graduation Weekend**  
**May 10–12**  
 Commencement ceremonies bring family and friends to our area. Plan for traffic near campus and crowded restaurants.

**Golf Outings**  
**May 10.** 12th Annual Friars’ Society Golf Outing. Join fellow Friars’ Alumni to support the WCU’s Friars’ Society. Honeybrook Golf Club. 1422 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook. 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. \$135–\$750. Go.WCUFoundation.org.

**May 17.** QB Classic. Support WCU football scholarships at the annual golf outing. Downingtown Country Club. 93 Country Club Dr., Downingtown. 7 am to 4 pm. \$200–\$5,000. Go.WCUFoundation.org.

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**MAY 5**  
**Delaware County Symphony Concert.** “Tales from Europe” featuring the music of Engelbert Humperdinck, Felix Mendelssohn and Richard Strauss. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, 1 Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$17–\$20. DCSSMusic.org.

**MAY 11**  
**Mother’s Day Concert with Kennett Symphony.** A special concert that explores how the old can influence the new, infusing classical music with modern jazz elements.

Enjoy chamber music selections by Franz Joseph Haydn, Caroline Shaw and George Gershwin. Winterthur Museum Garden & Library, 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 11 am. \$15–\$25. Winterthur.org.

**MAY 17 & 18**  
**The Colonial Theatre Presents.** *May 17,* Live Today Love Tomorrow Tour MMXXIV with The Alarm; *May 18,* Jordan Klepper – Suffering Fools. Times and tickets, 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

**MAY 23, JUNE 20**  
**Concerts in the Parks.** Bring a chair or blanket and kick back to enjoy live music. Bands TBD. Food trucks on site. *May 23,* Hoopes Park, 700 Hoopes Park Ln.; *June 20,* Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St.; West-Chester.com.

**MAY 31**  
**The Ladybug Music Festival.** A celebration of women in music with a 100% female-fronted lineup, giving platforms to women in all areas of music event production. Venues located on the 400 and 500 blocks of Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-229-9575; TheLadybugFestival.com.

**JUNE 2**  
**Turk’s Head Music Festival.** Two stages feature seven local bands performing, plus 70 artists, craftspeople and vendors with booths in Everhart Park. 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. Noon to 7 pm. Rain date, June 9. Free. TurksHeadFestival.com.



**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** .....

**MAY 4**  
**Kennett Run.** Small Town—Big Race—Strong Community. Events for everyone with your choice of the 5K, 10K, one-mile or Power Run 5K and 10K races through Kennett Square. Benefits area nonprofits. 405 N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. \$35–\$50. Register at KennettRun.net.

**MAY 4**  
**Humane Pennsylvania’s 47th Annual Walk for the Animals.** A relaxing, one-mile walk along the river with your pup, family and friends in support of Humane PA’s mission. Enjoy live music, vendors, food trucks, games and a dog contest. Reading Fairgrounds, 1216 Hilltop Rd., Leesport. HumanePA.org.

**MAY 5**  
**Blue Cross Broad St. Run.** Line up for a 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Broad & Fisher Sts. in Philadelphia and finishing inside the Navy Yard. The 10-mile race benefits the American Cancer Society. 7:30 am. Register at BroadStreetRun.com.

**MAY 5**  
**Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride & Walk.** Cyclists with and without disabilities support the PA Center for Adapted Sports. Pick your

distance from one mile to 23 miles on the Chester Valley Trail or 25- and 50-mile road routes. Parking is available at 220 Valley Creek Blvd., Exton. Reg., 7:30. \$50. Post-ride fiesta at noon. CincoDeMayoRide.org.



**MAY 13**  
**FORE Health Golf Invitational for Chester County Hospital.** A great day of golf to benefit the NICU and Women’s and Children’s Health Services. White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Rd., Malvern. Registration at 10 am. ChesterCountyHospital.org/Giving.

**MAY 20**  
**FORE Fresh Water Golf Invitational.** Annual golf invitational to support freshwater research, environmental education and watershed restoration. Sponsorships, foursomes and single golfer packages are available. Bidermann Golf Course, Greenville, DE. StroudCenter.org/Events.

**MAY 20**  
**14th Annual Springer Golf Outing for Main Line Animal Rescue.** Golfers and animal lovers gather for the fun on-course contests, player gifts, lunch and an evening reception to raise crucial funds for the animals in their care. Stonewall Links, 375 Bulltown Rd., Elverson. Registration 9 am. PSPCA.org.

**THEATER**.....  
**THROUGH MAY 5**  
**The Flatlanders at Delaware Theatre Company.** A couple, stranded in a snow storm, uncover truths and secrets about each other. 200 Water St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

**THROUGH MAY 12**  
**Dutch Apple Theatre Presents Ragtime: The Musical.** Three diverse American family tales are woven together. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

**THROUGH MAY 19**  
**Rodgers & Hammerstein’s South Pacific at Fulton Theatre.** The timeless classic on the stage. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

**THROUGH MAY 26**  
**Legally Blonde at Media Theatre.** Enjoy the high octane, feel-good story on the stage in this explosive, hilarious and high energy production. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

**THROUGH OCTOBER 28**  
**Bird-in-Hand Stage.** *Through Aug. 3,* The Confession... An Amish Love Story. *Through Oct. 19,* Ryan & Friends: All Your Favorite Funny Stuff, a variety show. 2760 #A Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Times and tickets, 717-768-1568; Bird-In-Hand.com/Stage.

**MAY 1-19**  
**Hurricane Diane at People’s Light.** A comedic romp with a mythological twist. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

**MAY 11–JUNE 16**  
**Moon Over Buffalo at The Candlelight Theatre.** A comedy by Ken Ludwig, 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatreDelaware.org.

**TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS** .....

**MAY 3**  
**1st Fridays**  
**Lancaster City,** 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancaster-City.com. **Oxford,** 610-998-9494; OxfordMain-Street.com; **Phoenixville,** 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. **West Chester,** 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com. **Wilmington Art Loop,** 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

**MAY 3–SEPTEMBER 29**  
**Open-Air Market in West Chester.** Four blocks of Gay Street (from Matlack Street to Darlington Street) are closed to vehicles so everyone can partake in al fresco dining and shopping. Gay Street will be shut down for the Open-Air Market every weekend (Fri morning through Mon morning). DowntownWestChester.com.

**MAY 9**  
**Showcase of Homes at Hershey’s Mill.** The Paoli Hospital Auxiliary presents this tour, including six beautifully renovated and decorated homes, a luncheon at Hershey’s Mill Golf Club, vendor boutique and raffle. Benefits Paoli Hospital’s inpatient bed expansion project. 1500 Greenhill Rd., West Chester. 10 to 4. House tour tickets, \$40; lunch, \$40. Tickets are limited. For information or to purchase tickets call 484-535-2639.

**MAY 11 & 12**  
**Chester County History Center.** “Fierce: Women of West Chester Walking Tour.” Join costumed guides in this outdoor tour stopping at landmarks to tell the stories of the remark-

able women that shaped West Chester from colonial times to the present. Rain or shine. 225 N. High St., West Chester. 11 to 12:30. \$15. MyCCHC.org.

**MAY 16–OCTOBER 31**  
**Third Thursdays on State Street in Kennett Square.** Enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, children’s activities, pop-up vendors and more. State Street is closed from Broad to Center Sts. from 5 to 10 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.



**MAY 24–OCTOBER 7**  
**Phoenixville Inside Out.** Dine outside or enjoy a drink with friends, explore the boutiques and retail stores or take in a show. Road closed on 100 and 200 blocks of Bridge St. from 4 pm Fri through 7 am Mon. Fri, 4 to 10; Sat–Sun, 7 am to 10 pm. PhoenixvilleFirst.org.



**MAY 29– SEPTEMBER 9**  
**Wednesdays**  
**West Chester TAPS.** Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour to unwind with friends every Wednesday, 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations offer select \$4 beers, \$5 wines and \$6 cocktails plus half-price appetizers. DowntownWestChester.com for locations. ♦

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# A Special Equestrian Competition

## ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, THE 45th THERAPEUTIC RIDERS DIVISION WILL COMPETE

Madeline Iacobucci, Thorncroft Equestrian Center

The competition at the Thorncroft Equestrian Center culminates with an award ceremony at the Devon Horse Show grounds. Thorncroft Rider Alex McNamara, riding Paint Jack, receives the Thorncroft Perpetual Trophy from Stan Bowers and Thorncroft's Executive Director, Tiffany Meyer.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024, THORNCROFT Equestrian Center will host the 45th Annual Therapeutic Riders Division of the Devon Horse Show, an equestrian competition welcoming riders of all abilities to compete in equitation, dressage and trail classes.

Founded in 1980 by a dedicated team of volunteers and staff from both Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital and Thorncroft, along with pioneers Hope Montgomery Scott and Betty Moran, the first competition welcomed just 11 riders to the Thorncroft grounds to take part in one of the first inclusively-minded horse shows of its kind.

Today, the Therapeutic Riders Divisions welcomes over 125 riders from over 15 therapeutic riding programs from the tri-state area to compete on the Memorial Day Weekend in May. This year's competition is open to the public and expected to welcome over 300 visitors to cheer on riders and support therapeutic riding programs. Must-see events include the Costume Class and Horse of the Year competition.

Saturday's competition will welcome riders to Thorncroft's arena and grounds to compete in one of three divisions with over 51 total

classes. Riders will test their style and function in the equitation rings, their poise, rhythm and precision with their horse in the dressage ring, and the challenge of negotiating obstacles in the trail class. Riders' performances are judged and awarded ribbons for first to eighth place.

Placing well in certain classes qualifies riders and their horses for up to 10 possible trophies, such as the Brushwood Challenge Trophy, founded and sponsored in 1981 by Betty Moran and continued today by her daughter Caroline Moran. Other trophies include the E.W. Garbish Trophy sponsored this year by Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. McDevitt, the Hill Top Trophy sponsored by Jane C. MacElree, the MacDermott Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Mary MacKinnon and Jane Higgins, the Stephanie Bennett Trophy sponsored by Stephanie Bennett, the Anne Joyce Cochrane Trophy, the Ann Dixon Artistic Award Trophy and the Thorncroft Perpetual Trophy. Riders are presented their trophies in the Dixon Oval at the Devon Horse Show on Sunday, May 26, during that day's events.

The presentations culminate with the award of the Hope Montgomery Scott Perpetual Memorial Trophy, given to the winner



Special Equestrians Executive Director Janice Witt stands with rider and horse Captain preparing for her trail class.



A rider and horse Chip from Maryland Therapeutic Riding Center compete in the Dressage Ring

of the Grand Champion Class. The late Mrs. Scott donated a trophy she won in 1930 at the Bryn Mawr Horse Show. Thorncroft rider and current instructor at Ivy Hill Therapeutic Riding Center, Priya Russell, was the winner in 2023.

Although there are only two days of competition, riders spend many months working directly with their team and equine partner to prepare for this important event, fine-tuning their communication with their horses, memorizing dressage tests and working on obstacles for the trail ring. Alongside each rider is a team of instructors and volunteers, working equally hard to make this day possible and who are equally excited to share in the joy of the day.

This event would not be possible without the dedication of Maire Guggenheim. For over 30 years, Maire has been the driving force behind this competition and making this weekend a memorable one for all. She single-handedly schedules every rider, communicates with participating programs and ensures every i is dotted and t is crossed. Maire's passion for this competition is contagious and raises everyone's desire to do their best for every rider.

The competition at Thorncroft, which is celebrating its 55th year, is open to the public, and the awards ceremony in the Dixon Oval is open to Devon Horse Show ticketholders. Come see the culmination of 45 years of this special tradition! ♦

**IF YOU GO:** Saturday's May 25 competition at Thorncroft Equestrian Center is open to the public. Classes begin at 8 a.m. 190 Line Rd, Malvern. [Thorncroft.org](http://Thorncroft.org). Sunday's May 26 Grand Champion Class and Trophy Awards at the Devon Horse Show are open to those with Devon admission tickets. 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net).

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Thorncroft instructor Mackenzie Rennie with rider Charlotte aboard Paint Jack, celebrates a well-deserved placing

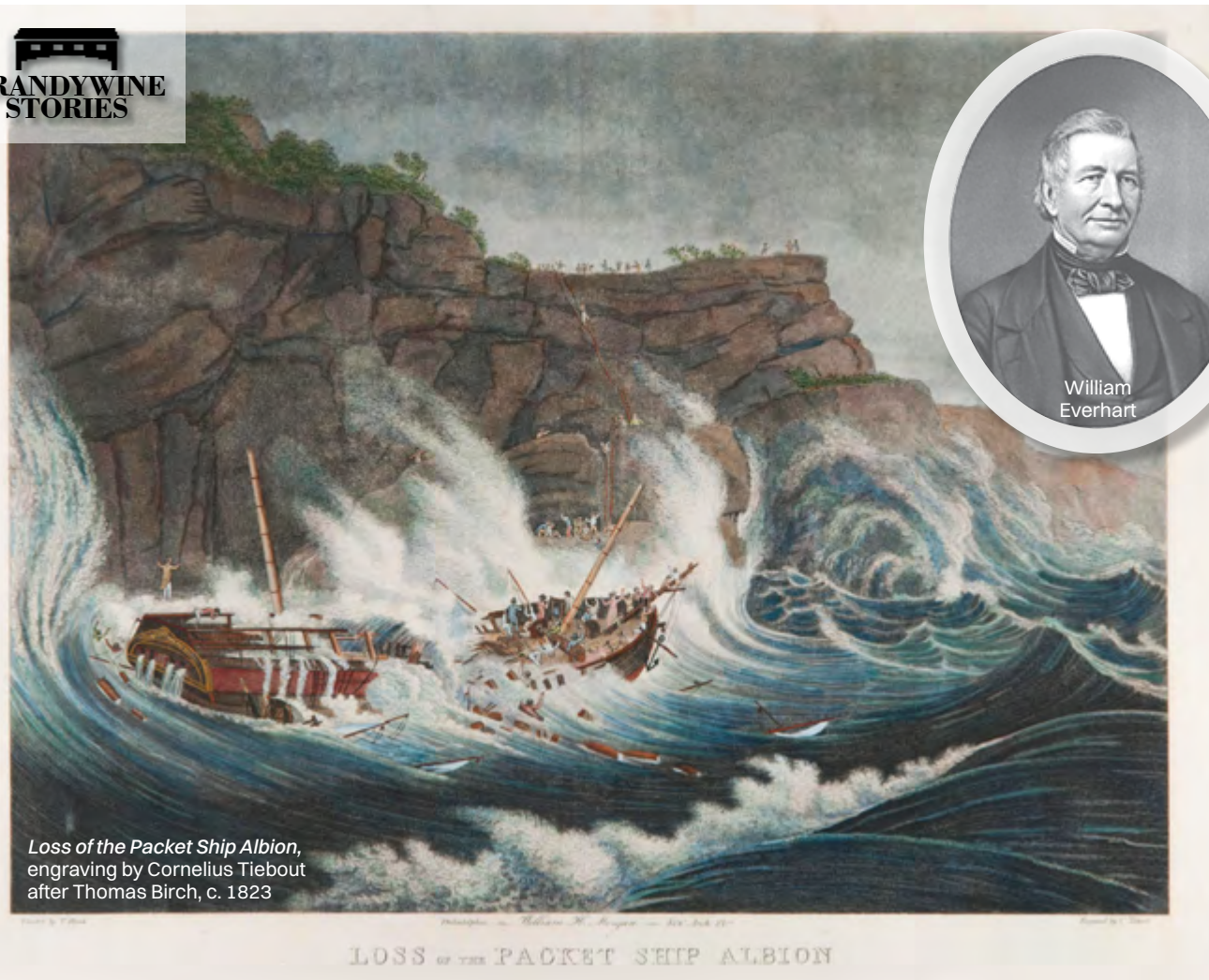


Terri Long, MPT of TaKE Center, joins rider before the trail class



Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy rider Emma tackles her dressage test with her horse Hamilton





Loss of the Packet Ship Albion, engraving by Cornelius Tiebout after Thomas Birch, c. 1823

LOSS OF THE PACKET SHIP ALBION

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## West Chester's Shipwrecked Entrepreneur

### HOW DISASTER CHANGED WILLIAM EVERHART'S LIFE

Malcolm Johnstone

ON APRIL 1, 1822, WILLIAM EVERHART, A 37-year-old Chester County businessman, stepped onto the packet ship Albion in New York harbor as it was preparing to set sail for Liverpool. He assumed it would be a business trip like many he'd made before. Under the command of Captain John Williams, the Albion departed New York blessed with a "sweet and pleasant gale," plus 25 crew members and 29 passengers. For the next three weeks, it would be smooth sailing, although Everhart would suffer sea sickness during much of the voyage.

Packet ships were a relatively new approach to crossing the Atlantic. Each ship set sail on the first day of the month and would carry cargo, passengers and mail packets — thus the name. The Albion began as a packet ship in 1818. Until 1822 no packet ship had ever been lost at sea.

By April 21, the Albion had reached the coast of southern Ireland on schedule. But by that afternoon it had met with thick fog and

strong winds, which resulted in two of the sails being damaged. The crew quickly went to work repairing the damage and prayed they'd seen the worst of the storm. But by nightfall giant waves pummeled the ship. Six crew members and a passenger were washed overboard as the ship became uncontrollable. Adding to the passengers' terror, the lower decks began to fill with sea water, forcing Everhart and others to the upper deck.

Shortly after midnight, the beam of Old Head at Kinsale lighthouse was spotted. Located in the south of Ireland, the light brought both hope for survival and futility of action as crew members found themselves powerless to control their vessel.

At dawn Everhart and the remaining crew saw they'd been carried into a shallow Irish bay framed by rocky cliffs. Despite feeling physically drained, Everhart and a few others made it to one of the cliffs, although it was too steep to climb. The storm continued to claim others from the ship.

Having spotted the wreck, nearby residents used ropes to pull Everhart and the remaining survivors to safety. Of the 54 crew and passengers that set sail on the fateful voyage, only eight lived to tell the tale: six crew members and two passengers.

It was a few months before Everhart could make it back to Chester County, where he met first with his young family, including his wife Rebecca Matlack. Yes, it was a terrible experience, but he suffered no great physical injuries. And, yes, when his chances of survival were most desperate, he thought of his family for comfort. And, yes, he prayed.

Soon after arriving home, Everhart became a local celebrity when *The Village Record*, a popular West Chester newspaper, interviewed him and published a detailed account of the tragedy. It left no details to the imagination.

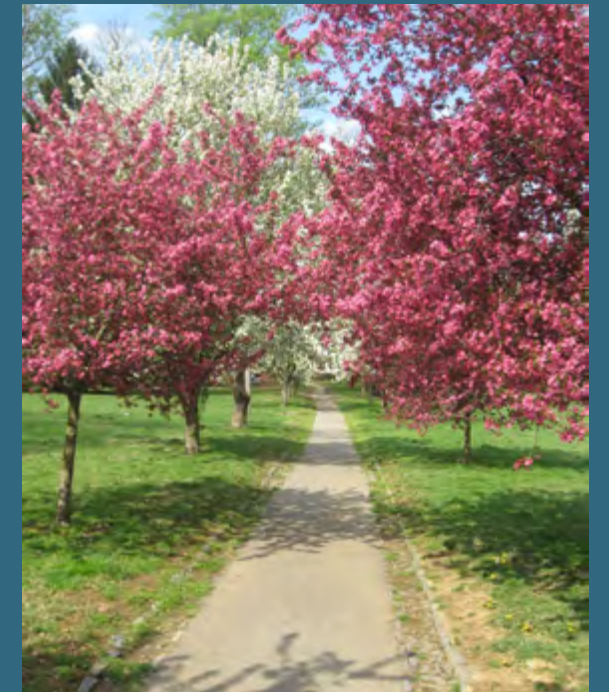
And soon, William Everhart was back working at his family business. He'd opened his first shop years before in Pughtown, importing and selling wares such as fine cloth, clothing, eyeglasses, medicine and liquor. His success led him to open more shops in Tredyffrin, West Goshen, West Whiteland and finally West Chester.

Always looking for new business opportunities, Everhart purchased the 102-acre Wollerton Farm in West Chester in 1828. It stretched from what's now the corner of Market Street and Wilmont Mews to the Borough's western boundary at Bradford Avenue. Everhart built streets he named after West Chester notables and began developing individual lots for homes. This essentially doubled the size of West Chester and ultimately made Everhart the richest man in West Chester.

In 1830, Everhart kicked off the development with his own family mansion at 121 West Miner Street, where it remains today. In 1833, he constructed West Chester's first true office building at 28 West Market Street. Designed by William Strickland, it was the tallest non-government structure in West Chester for many years, and it's known today as the Lincoln Building. Then in 1835, Everhart opened the Mansion House Hotel on the southeast corner of Market and Church Streets, the "finest hotel outside Philadelphia" until it was demolished in the 1970s.

Everhart's experiences gave him a newfound appreciation for religion. Upon meeting Reverend William Stevens, a Presbyterian preacher who gave sermons at the West Chester Courthouse in the early 1830s, Everhart became an avid supporter. Since both men agreed Presbyterians in West Chester needed a physical church, Everhart offered a suitable lot in his development, conveniently located across the street from his mansion. The church opened in January 1834 and was the first of several local commissions of architect Thomas U. Walter, designer of the West Chester Courthouse and the iconic dome of the U.S. Capitol Building.

His religious devotion also led Everhart to play an active role in the abolition of slavery. He served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives where, on May 19, 1854, he delivered his only speech, staunchly condemning the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which expanded slavery. "It does not merely produce a present special evil,



### Everhart Park

The legacy of William Everhart will be forever reflected in Everhart Park, bounded by Minor, Union and Brandywine Streets in the southwest quadrant of West Chester. Each day its 10 acres provide enjoyment for residents and visitors alike.

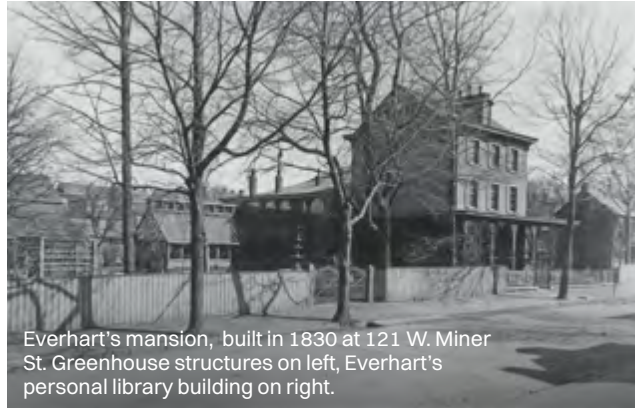
Originally part of the 102-acre Wollerton Farm and called Everhart Grove, it was donated to the Borough of West Chester in 1905 by Dr. Isaiah Everhart (William's nephew, who had inherited the parcel) to be a municipal park. This was West Chester's second park, established after Marshall Square in the northeast quadrant.

Originally used as an English Commons, it hosted everything from abolitionist and temperance rallies to family picnics. Eventually, the rocky and hilly area with a marsh and streams began seeing improvements. In 1909, the Everhart Fountain was moved from Market Street into the park. Later an octagonal gazebo that spanned the stream was built, along with a playground, drinking fountains, benches (including the red Pippin bench), tables, walkways and a public restroom. The park contained about 600 trees, including a line of dogwood trees planted in 1935 along a central walkway.

Today, the Friends of Everhart Park continue to care for this community gathering spot, along with support from the Borough. Recently, a labyrinth was installed to allow visitors "a quiet walk for contemplation," plus an upgraded children's playground.

Each year, West Chester Parks & Recreation hosts art camps, the May Day Festival of the Arts, an eight-week summer camp and the Turks Head Music Festival there.





Everhart's mansion, built in 1830 at 121 W. Miner St. Greenhouse structures on left, Everhart's personal library building on right.

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but it aims to establish a system of slavery propagandism, which requires the revival of an atrocious traffic that all Christendom considers worse than murder," he stated.

Entrepreneur, developer and abolitionist, William Everhart's legacy also includes the popular park in the southwest quadrant of the Borough. ♦

*Malcolm Johnstone is the Community Engagement Officer for Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation for the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, an initiative of the Chester County Community Foundation. His column raises awareness of Chester County's rich heritage as we journey to 2026: the year the U.S. celebrates the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence.*



Scene from Everhart Park. Horace Pippin, *The Park Bench (Man on a Bench)*, 1946

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First Presbyterian Church in West Chester from a pre-1923 postcard



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# A Walk Through the Preserves

VISIT THE OPEN SPACES OF WILLISTOWN

John Holback, Willistown Conservation Trust



Rushton Conservation Center

FOR NATURE LOVERS, WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP is about as picturesque a place as you could ask for in Chester County — easily rivaling the famous Wyeth scenes of the Brandywine Valley in Chadds Ford.

A visitor to Willistown will enjoy views of rolling fields dotted with magnificent sycamore trees, stone barns right out of the 18th century, and pockets of diverse native ecosystems. In the heart of Willistown Township is Willistown Conservation Trust, where I work as a land manager. The Trust, as it's known locally, protects about 7,000 acres of private and publicly accessible land and maintains three preserves that are open year-round to anyone seeking an outdoors experience.

Each preserve is unique and changes dramatically from season to season, offering guests a different experience with each visit. So, visit often and especially in spring!

## ASHBRIDGE PRESERVE

The smallest preserve at 55 acres, Ashbridge Preserve is located at 1619 East Strasburg Road. It features about two miles of trails around the confluence of Shugart Run and Ridley Creek. It's open to pedestrians and equestrians alike.

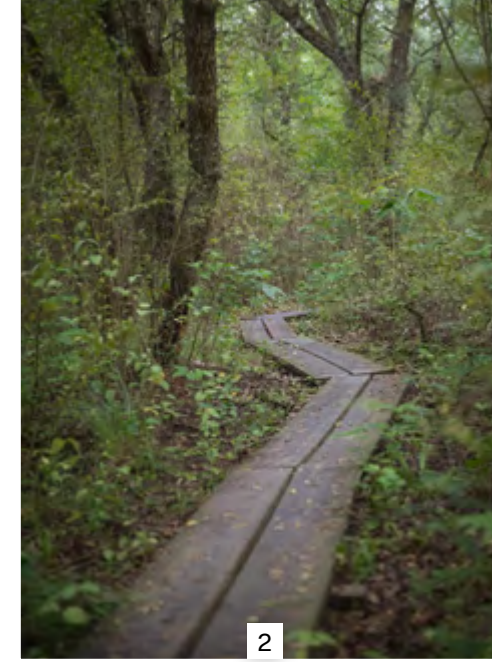
An underground pipeline cuts through the preserve and is topped with a native wildflower-heavy grassland where, in the early fall, visitors can see one of Pennsylvania's largest native flowers, the swamp rose-mallow, a type of hibiscus.

Trails at Ashbridge meander through wetland ecosystems on a series of bog bridges and cross the creek twice on concrete stepping stones. The wetland ecosystems offer great views of spring ephemeral plants, like skunk cabbage, mayapples and ferns.

A visitor to the preserve should find their way down to the Ridley Creek Loop to see the largescale riparian planting site featuring hundreds of native trees and shrubs planted to protect the waters and banks of Ridley Creek. From the planting site, a trail leads towards Towne Drive, where it passes from the wetlands into a beech, oak and hickory woodland, offering a stark but enjoyable change of scenery, before looping back towards the parking lot. Dogs are permitted at Ashbridge but on leash only.

## RUSTON WOODS PRESERVE

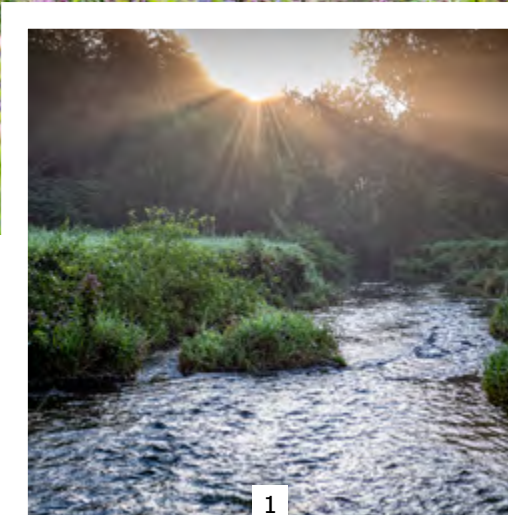
Not far down the road from Ashbridge is Rushton Woods Preserve. The preserve parking lot is located at 911 Delchester Road, adjacent to Rushton Farm and the Rushton Conservation Center.



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1. Ridley Creek flowing through Ashbridge Preserve
2. Wooden trail at Ashbridge Preserve
3. Ruston Farm greenhouse
4. Rushton Farm

From the parking lot, trails run through an upland forest of beech, oak and tulip trees down to the wetlands along Okahocking Run. Continuing through the wetlands, along the gravel ADA trail, a visitor will soon find themselves at a trail junction leading to the bird banding station, where the bird team bands over 1,500 birds annually. Those interested in watching the banding can sign up on the website.

From the banding station, the trails wrap around a wildflower meadow back

to Rushton Farm, where visitors can meet with farm staff to learn about the farm's community supported agriculture (CSA) program and many fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities.

Rushton Woods Preserve is the perfect spot to bring your family and friends for a summer picnic, but leave your dog at home, as dogs disturb nesting and wintering birds at this particularly sensitive location.

A special feature of Rushton Woods is the short trail loop located directly adjacent

to the parking lot and designed to safely guide visitors with limited sight on a walk through the woods. A hand rope guides users along the trail where interpretive signs in braille highlight the unique texture of tree bark in different species and explain some of the common sounds one encounters in the woods.

## KIRKWOOD PRESERVE

Take a short drive down Goshen Road to Grubbs Mill Road to find Kirkwood






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Preserve, the largest preserve at just over 100 acres. There are several trails that lead from the parking lot in loops through the warm-season grassland down to Crum Creek, where new stepping stones provide access to a recently acquired parcel of land.

Standing atop a small hill across from the parking lot, visitors are able to admire views of the entire preserve. Kirkwood is the perfect spot for bird watching, a leisurely walk or even family photos.

Giant sycamores, majestic white oaks and a copse of eastern hemlocks inhabit the property, offering diverse ecological benefits to the many birds that use Kirkwood as a wintering grounds and summer breeding habitat. Birds species seen during migration include bobolink, eastern meadowlark, Wilson's snipe, short-eared owl and field sparrow.

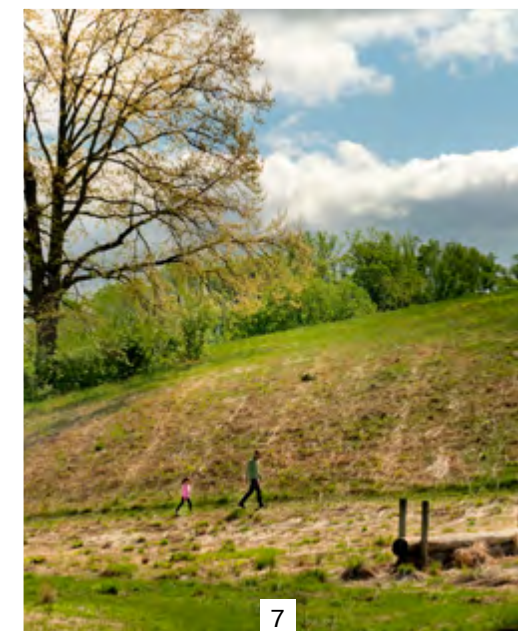
Dogs are permitted at this preserve August through April (outside bird breeding season) and only on leash to prevent disturbing sensitive ground nesting bird habitat.

While we're lucky to live in an area with access to everything large towns and cities have to offer — good food, nightlife, shopping — I think we're luckier still to have quick, easy and free access to some amazing outdoor spaces.

The preserves at Willistown offer that access and provide a quiet respite from the busyness of suburban and urban life while also serving as critical ecological resources that not only protect our drinking water but provide habitat to the region's diverse plant and animal communities. ♦

*Willistown Conservation Trust focuses on 28,000 acres within the watersheds of Ridley, Crum and Darby Creeks. Since 1996, the Trust has permanently conserved over 7,500 acres, including three nature preserves open to the public: Ashbridge, Kirkwood and Rushton Woods Preserves, the latter home to Rushton Conservation Center and Rushton Farm. Learn more at [WCTrust.org](http://WCTrust.org) and by following @WCTrust.*

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- 5. Kirkwood Preserve
- 6. Goldenrod at Kirkwood Preserve
- 7. Visitors at Kirkwood Preserve



# Art Gallery

## ROUNDUP

DISCOVER LOCAL ART SHOWS, TOURS AND EXHIBITS THIS SPRING

Elizabeth Hughes



WITH SPRING FINALLY SPRUNG, THE BRANDYwine Valley is in full bloom. So too is our region's thriving arts scene. *County Lines* country is blossoming with art shows, tours, exhibits and more events — the perfect time to discover the local artists bringing color, light and beauty to our lives.

We've rounded up area art galleries and events for you to enjoy. Mark your calendars for these exciting encounters with art.

### 51ST ANNUAL YELLOW SPRINGS ART SHOW

A spring tradition for more than half a century, the Yellow Springs Art Show returns from April 27 to May 12. The galleries in the Lincoln Building are open daily, 10 to 4. This juried exhibition features over 4,000 works of art from over 200 artists, on display in both the first- and second-floor galleries. The popular second-floor "mini" gallery showcases miniature works of art measuring 11"x14" or smaller, perfect for first-time art buyers.

Kicking off this year's show is an Opening Gala on May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. Be among the first to shop the 2024 show while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, wine and live music. Or visit during Happy Hour on Friday, May 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. for an evening of fabulous art, appetizers and a cash bar from Cedar Hollow Restaurant & Bar. Tickets for both events are available online.

On Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12), gather the family for Art Around the Village. Spend a fun-filled day in the charming historic

village of Yellow Springs and enjoy artist demonstrations, live music, kids activities, food trucks and more.

Admission is free, and proceeds from art sales benefit Historic Yellow Springs' conservation projects, arts education programming and historical experiences. *1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. YellowSprings.org.*

### WEST CHESTER SPRING GALLERY WALK

Come explore downtown West Chester's vibrant art scene during the Spring Gallery Walk, Friday, May 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Downtown West Chester, this free event includes free, on-street metered parking starting at 4 — always a plus! May 3 also marks the beginning of the Gay Street Open-Air Market, when Gay Street (between Matlack and Darlington Streets) is closed to vehicles on weekends through September 29. It's the perfect time to dine al fresco at one of Gay Street's fantastic restaurants.

Pick up a brochure at any of the 17+ participating locations (complete list online, plus a few listed later in this article) to start your self-guided art tour. Local galleries, including West Chester's newest, **Graham Painting Studio**, join "one-night-only" show hosts throughout downtown to showcase some of Chester County's talented artists. Discover stunning artwork, connect with fellow creatives, and find the perfect piece for your home.

Mark your calendar for the Fall Gallery Walk, slated for October 4. *DowntownWestChester.com.*



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| 1. Yellow Springs Art Show  | 2. West Chester Spring Gallery Walk    | 3. Craft & Mercantile         |
| 4. Jamie Wyeth, <i>Spindrift</i> , 2010<br>Brandywine Museum of Art | 5. Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival | 6. Chester County Studio Tour |

### 16TH ANNUAL WAYNE ART CENTER PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

Celebrate spring at the Wayne Art Center's Plein Air Festival, one of the longest-running outdoor painting events in the country. From May 5 to 10, 32 nationally recognized artists will create original artworks of scenes within a 25-mile radius of Wayne, capturing the charming towns, verdant farms, historic architecture and scenic landscapes that make our region special. All paintings will be completed *en plein air* — on site and from direct observation.

At the Collectors' Preview & Sale, Friday, May 10 from 6 to 10 p.m., be among the first to view and purchase a piece from over 300 landscapes painted during the festival. Enjoy fine art, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and live music. During the evening's awards presentation, top artists will receive \$25,000 in cash prizes.

The Plein Air Exhibition runs through June 22, with demos, tours and talks scheduled throughout, including a three-day workshop from juror Jill Carver on May 13 to 15. Tickets to the Collectors' Preview & Sale and full schedule of events at *WaynePleinAir.org. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne.*

### CRAFT & MERCANTILE

Spend an evening under the stars and twinkle lights at Craft & Mercantile. Growing Roots Partners' curated night market celebrates local makers and artisans, with live music plus food and drinks. At several locations throughout Chester County, Craft & Mercantile brings local artists and the community together in a unique way. The first event takes place on Friday, May 17 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Kimberton Garden & Gift Shop, *2123 Kimberton Rd., Phoenixville.*

Now in its fourth season, Craft & Mercantile is held monthly on third Fridays from May to November. This year's events promise seven markets, five locations — including Downingtown's River Station, Chester Springs' Weatherstone Town Center, Malvern's Burke Park and Eagleview Town Center — and lots of magic. *GrowingRootsPartners.com.*

### CHESTER COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

Now in its 14th year, the Chester County Studio Tour returns May 18 and 19 for a spectacular weekend showcase of local artists throughout the county. This year's tour boasts over 200 artists across





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76 studios, representing a diverse range of backgrounds, styles and mediums. Studios will exhibit painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, clay, glass, paper and fiber. Artists will be present to interact with buyers and tourgoers, offering an opportunity to explore their creative processes in a casual, impactful way.

You can design your own self-guided tour using the County Studio Tour interactive website. Select your favorite artists, click the “Add to Itinerary” button, and let Google Maps plot the most efficient route, with turn-by-turn directions to each chosen studio. Short on time? Use the “Find 5!” feature to find the five studios closest to you.

For a special memento, the County Collectors Series offers original framed 6”x6” artworks for a special price of \$90. [CountyStudioTour.com](http://CountyStudioTour.com).

### ART GALLERY AT DEVON

Need a break from the equestrian action in the Dixon Oval? Drop by the Art Gallery at Devon, May 22–June 2, for a fine selection of art. See the Devon Horse Show article in this issue for more.

### ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

Get to know a renowned local artist at two exhibitions this spring. “Jamie Wyeth: Unsettled” is on view at the [Brandywine Museum of Art](http://BrandywineMuseumofArt.org). Five years in the making, this major exhibition traces a persistent vein of intriguing, often disconcerting imagery over Wyeth’s six-decade career. “Unsettled” features over 50 works drawn from museums and private collections, highlighting Wyeth’s comfort in uneasy subjects and mastery of the unsettled mood. The show runs through June 9 before traveling to four art museums across the country — from Rockland, Maine to Seattle, Washington. *1 Hoffman’s Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Brandywine.org*.

Additionally, Delaware’s [Somerville Manning Gallery](http://SomervilleManningGallery.com) presents a concurrent exhibition, “Jamie Wyeth: Mysterious Familiar,” through June 1. The exhibition includes many newly completed paintings shown publicly for the first time as well as classic examples of Wyeth’s work. “Mysterious Familiar” emphasizes Wyeth’s vivid color palette, dramatic, textural brushwork and masterful use of combined media. *101 Stone Block Row, Greenville, DE. SomervilleManning.com*.

Both during and beyond Gallery Walk, there’s plenty to see at downtown West Chester’s art galleries. [The Art Trust at Meridian Bank](http://TheArtTrustatMeridianBank.org) hosts two exhibits this month. Running through May 10, “Structures” showcases works by Lisa Baird, Jeff Carpenter and Kate McCammon, with an Artists’ Talk on Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Next up is “Student Scholars,” May 15 to 24, featuring 2024 Art Trust Student Scholarship recipients. Visit during the Artists’ Reception on Friday, May 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. *16 W. Market St., West Chester. TheArtTrust.org*.

- 7. Jamie Wyeth, *Blind Goat*, 2023  
Somerville Manning Gallery
- 8. “Structures” exhibit at The Art Trust at Meridian Bank
- 9. Shay Aubrey Allen, *The White Rabbit*  
Sunset Hill Fine Arts Gallery

[Sunset Hill Fine Arts Gallery](http://SunsetHillFineArtsGallery.com) is celebrating Mother’s Day with their first-ever mother and daughter exhibit, May 3 to June 8. Mother Mollie McShane Allen draws inspiration from color, animals, nature, music and children, while her daughter Shay Aubrey Allen finds inspiration in antiques, history, nature and her animal neighbors, as well as the studios of fellow artists. Meet the artists and hear their personal stories at the Opening Night Reception during Gallery Walk, May 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. *23 N. High St., West Chester. SunsetHillJewelers.com*.

[Ginkgo Arts](http://GinkgoArts.com) is a coworking space for artists and creatives in a variety of mediums. Resident artists include those who paint with oil, acrylic, watercolor and cold wax, a fashion designer who creates customized special occasion clothing, stained glass artists and a woodworker. This month, Ginkgo Arts is participating in Gallery Walk (May 3) and Chester County Studio Tour (May 18–19). *21 S. High St., West Chester. GinkgoArtsWC.com*.

At West Chester University, experience award-winning work from some of the region’s most exciting young artists and designers at the 2024 Senior BFA Exhibition. Running May 1 to June 9, at the E.O. Bull Center for the Arts’ [John H. Baker Gallery](http://JohnHBakerGallery.com), this interdisciplinary group exhibition features an impressive array of sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking, motion, ceramics and design curated by students and faculty. In addition, WCU will host the United States International Poster Biennial, May 20 through June 29, celebrating the latest innovations in poster design. *2 E. Rosedale Ave., West Chester. WCUPA.edu*.

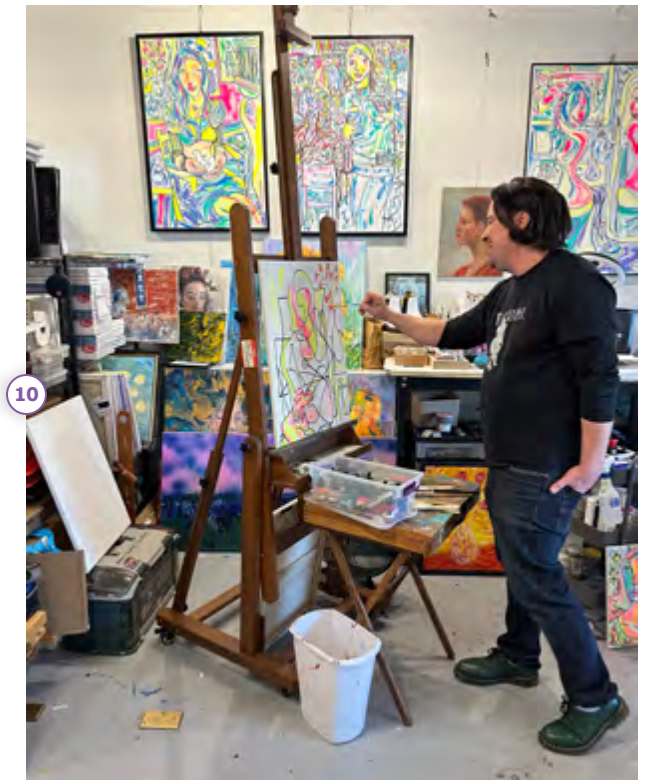
In Haverford, the [Main Line Art Center](http://MainLineArtCenter.org) hosts a very special show. On display April 23 to August 16, the “Accessible Art Exhibition” showcases the artwork of students from the Center’s Accessible Arts programs for children, teens and adults with disabilities. Working with teaching artists, participants learn the tools, processes and language of each medium while expressing their artistic identity. *746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. MainLineArt.org*.

Experience ever-changing colors, patterns and shapes at “The Kaleidoscope Experience” at Malvern’s [Gallery 222](http://Gallery222Malvern.com), featuring the art of Jeff Carpenter and Monique Sarkessian. Each time your eyes focus on their paintings, a fresh perspective magically appears. The exhibit opens on May 15, with an Artists Reception on Thursday, May 16 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and runs through June 8. *222 E. King St., Malvern. Gallery222Malvern.com*.

Still can’t get enough art? Tune in to WCHE 95.3 FM/1520 AM on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for [Art Watch](http://ArtWatch.com). Hosts Constance McBride and Amie Potsic talk with artists and creative leaders throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond. This month, McBride interviews artist Katee Boyle about her recent multimedia installation, “The Alice Comfort Project.” *953WCHE.com*. ♦

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

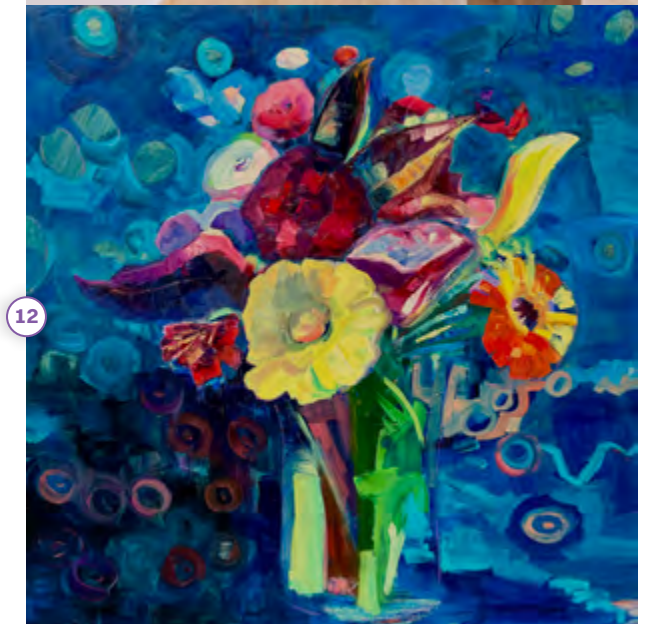
- 10. Ginkgo Arts
- 11. John H. Baker Gallery at West Chester University
- 12. Monique Sarkessian, *Daughters of Heaven 2*, Gallery 222



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# Concierge Medicine: Primary Care that Puts *You* First

*You Deserve Effective and Personalized Primary Care.*



When it comes to primary care, the traditional approach tends to feel impersonal and exceptionally inconvenient. An appointment can take weeks to schedule and hours out of your already busy day, sitting in a crowded waiting room for a physician who is perpetually running behind. The unfortunate truth is that physicians are struggling to keep up with the needs of thousands of other patients due to the demands placed on them by our current healthcare system — leaving you to feel like just another number.

Getting the care you deserve can often feel difficult and discouraging. Even for those who are young and otherwise healthy, preventative care is a necessity for long-term health and wellbeing. Why then, is it almost entirely absent in traditional primary care? The importance of being proactive

cannot be understated. If you refuse to settle, and demand more from your primary care experience, concierge medicine may be right for you.

Concierge medicine fits around your schedule and enables you to partner with your physician directly — free from all the burdens associated with traditional primary care. Concierge practices offer direct access to your physician, continuous oversight of your health goals, and seamless care coordination with the area's best specialists. Your concierge physician has the time to get to know you, deeply understand your medical needs, and formulate long-term plans around your goals, leaving only the freedom and flexibility to receive truly exceptional service — anytime, anywhere.

## Devine Concierge Medicine

*The Main Line's #1 Primary Care Practice.*

Without question, concierge medicine offers care that is both personalized and highly accessible. But not all concierge medicine practices are equal. Setting a new standard, Devine Concierge Medicine offers a level of service that was previously unheard of on the Main Line.

A notable and innovative practice, Devine Concierge Medicine has been carefully curated to provide a truly exceptional primary care experience that includes around-the-clock access and guaranteed same-day appointments — all of which are provided via house calls, which allows you to discuss your health in the safety and privacy of your home. Sparing absolutely no expense, Devine Concierge Medicine also uses advanced, highly portable diagnostic equipment that often exceeds the capability of most clinics — ensuring a degree of comfort and convenience that is simply extraordinary. Clients enjoy total peace of mind knowing their health, vitality, and future are secure.

Having trained at the iconic Johns Hopkins & Harvard's Massachusetts General Hospitals, the Devine brothers are both double-board certified in Internal & Geriatric Medicine, bringing a welcomed set of skills and expertise home to their community.

Every detail at Devine Concierge Medicine has been carefully considered and highly designed to provide precisely the type of care the physicians would want for themselves or for a beloved family member. Drs. Michael and Daniel Devine were recently selected as 2024 Top Doctors by Castle Connolly, highlighting their commitment to providing top-quality care. For every patient's unique life, their health plan includes a custom-tailored preventative plan, risk profiles, and continuous oversight from their physician.



## Meet the Devine Brothers, Castle Connolly's 2024 Top Doctors

Selected as 2024 Top Doctors in Internal Medicine by Castle Connolly, Drs. Michael and Daniel Devine epitomize excellence in primary care. This esteemed recognition reflects their unwavering commitment to patient care, demonstrated since the inception of Devine Concierge Medicine. Renowned for their holistic approach, cutting-edge treatments, and exclusive practice size, the Devine brothers ensure unparalleled medical care on the Main Line.



**Michael S. Devine, MD**

"I believe strongly in preventative care and being proactive. The concierge model we use affords us the time needed to manage our patients' health by providing continuous oversight and guidance. This directly translates to better health and increased longevity — allowing us to recognize and address small problems before they have the opportunity to manifest as major issues."

### Residency

Penn State College of Medicine  
- Milton S Hershey Medical Center

### Fellowship

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine  
- Johns Hopkins Hospital

### Board Certifications

Internal Medicine  
Geriatric Medicine



**Daniel J. Devine, MD**

"My philosophy centers around partnership between patient and physician. I feel medical care should be highly personalized and tailored to a patient's goals and desires. Compassion, empathy, and social awareness are equally as important as medical knowledge."

### Residency

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

### Fellowship

Harvard Medical School  
- Massachusetts General Hospital

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# The Devon Horse Show Is Better Than Ever!

IT'S NOW 12 DAYS LONG, AND THE CLYDESDALES ARE BACK.

Story by Laurel Anderson  
Photos by Brenda Carpenter

Yes, the recent eclipse was great (well 90% great), but the spring equestrian season returns every year to the Brandywine Valley and delivers 100% fun, culminating at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. This grand tradition lives up to its historic 128 years of history, bringing top horses and riders, generations of

fans and volunteers, along with reasons to shop, dine, mingle and marvel during 12 days and nights at the Devon blue Horse Show grounds — May 22 through June 2. Add to the mix the high-stepping Budweiser Clydesdales circling the Dixon Oval on May 30 and June 1, and there's no better place to be.



## Make a Plan

What to do at the Devon Horse Show and County Fair? Let us help you plan.

Veteran showgoers already have favorite events, shops and food. Many families visit for kid-friendly events and special treats, those who like elaborate hats have Ladies Day and a hat contest, and hardcore equestrian fans have 12 days of events to choose from (see the schedule in this article).

Come for the breed classes, hunters, jumpers and arena eventing, plus coaching, pony races, horns and hounds. See saddled horses and sidesaddle riding. Enjoy Olympic-caliber jumping at the Sapphire Grand Prix (\$226,000 prize money) and 3-year-old munchkins in the Lead Line (lollipops for all).

Fun outside the ring includes shopping for antiques, accessories, souvenirs and even art. Dining options run from pizza to tea sandwiches, plus lemon sticks and Devon fudge from a time-honored recipe.

So, what to do?

## Family Days

Devon and family fun go together, welcoming babes in arms and in strollers, cliques of teens and pairs of parents, plus grandparents. That's just one reason generations have filled the stands and the Country Fair grounds, watching riders from 3 to teens (in the Junior classes).

Here are a few ideas to help plan your visit.

- **Family Days:** Thursday, May 23, Tuesday, May 28, and Sunday, June 2 are designated Family Days with special prices on souvenirs, food and rides.
- **Midway:** The towering Ferris wheel, antique carousel and other rides add to the midway fun, where little ones can let off steam and everyone can stretch their legs.
- **Dog Show:** On May 23, canines compete in four classes, including Jumpers and the popular Lead Line Costume Parade. Bring your best friend.
- **Pony Hunters:** Colorful costumed teams of three youngsters go through their paces in the Wheeler Ring on Friday and Saturday, May 24 & 25.
- **Lead Line:** Future stars shine as kiddos ages 5 and under are led around the Dixon Oval, on Saturday, May 25. Pigtales and proud parents abound.
- **Itty Bitty Tea Party:** Fun, food and tea party treats for youngsters at the Devon Club on Sunday, May 26, 10:30, noon, 2:30 (\$35).
- **Shetland Pony Steeplechase:** Stay on May 26 to see the pint-sized jockeys speed around the Dixon Oval on ponies. They're back on Monday.
- **Crafts & Hat Parade:** On the final Sunday, June 2, see a pint-sized hat parade, as kiddos show off their work with feathers, glitter, beads and smiles.





## Action in the Ring

There's plenty of action in the Dixon Oval and Wheeler Ring during the 12 days of the Devon Horse Show (see the schedule for details, dates, times). Choose your preferred equestrian excitement. Some suggestions.

- *Arena Eventing:* On the first Sunday night, May 26, watch a breathtaking, 30-jump race of precision and stamina spanning two rings for major prize money.
- *Show Jumping:* Jumping is woven through the events — from Junior Jumpers, Pony Jumpers and Amateur Jumpers to events with big prizes, including the Idle Dice Jumper Stake on June 1 and Grand Prix.
- *Sapphire Grand Prix:* The *big* event (\$226,000), when world-class riders and their equine partners perform under the bright lights before an appreciative crowd, on Thursday, May 30. This event, where horse and rider clear a series of 5-foot-plus jumps, sells out, so reserve tickets early.
- *Pleasure Drive:* Antique carriages parade through local neighborhoods, starting in the picturesque St. David's Church grounds and ending in the Dixon Oval. See everything from simple one-horse carts to grand four-in-hand teams, decked out in period dress.
- *Hackneys & Saddlebreds:* Learn something new. Marvel at the elegant high-stepping hackneys as they pull carriages and the American-bred saddlebreds topped with riders wearing eye-catching long-tailed coats.



## Shopping, Dining, Competing

At some point, you'll want to eat, drink and shop. And there are choices galore. Walk the gravel paths beneath the sycamores as you sniff brewing coffee and sizzling burgers, and browse the shops in the white clapboard cottages.

- *Traditional Fare:* From the days when tea and tiny sandwiches were served, some foods live on. And tea sandwiches top that list, followed closely by lemon sticks, Devon fudge and so much more at the candy booth. Try them all.
- *2024 Options.* Beyond tempting fast food options, the Garden Café offers healthier fare. Sips & Bits has espresso, specialty egg rolls from Madi's on a Roll, and delectable bites from Di Bruno Bros.
- *Clydesdale Corner:* Food, drink, entertainment and good cheer are in bountiful supply inside and on the patio. Enjoy musical performers as you sip and support sponsors Penn Beer and Tito's.
- *Devon Club:* Reserve a table for VIP treatment (gourmet buffet and open top-shelf bar) plus great views of the action in the rings.
- *Grandest of the Grandstands:* Create your own theme for this competition among single box and group/sky box owners, showcasing food, flowers, fancy dress and props. Judging on Friday, May 31.
- *Carriage Pleasure Drive Spectator Picnic:* Prepare a picture-perfect picnic under the pine trees at St. David's Church Cemetery in Wayne to watch the start of the Pleasure Drive on May 26. Or just come for the pageantry of antique carriages from another time.
- *Souvenir Shopping:* In addition to the many specialty shops, the souvenir booth at the entrance to the Country Fair is a must-shop stop. It's where you'll find clothing, décor and jewelry emblazoned with the Devon logo. New this year are offerings from Addison Bay, Johnnie-O, Rustic Marlin and Cabana Life. Bet you can find something in Devon blue!



### Ladies Hat Day

Dating back to the 1900s, this special event has grown to attract increasingly glamorous and fanciful hats, judged by a panel that includes a few surprise celebs. Enjoy champagne, colorful hats, goodie bags and good times all around, with the theme “J’adore Devon.” A ticketed lunch follows at the Devon Club.



### First Night & the Art Gallery at Devon

This festive fundraising party, with open bar and gourmet fare, kicks off the Horse Show and the opening of the Art Gallery on May 22. Guests get a first look at art for sale, a chance to mingle with the artists and a preview of this year’s Horse Show poster, art by Ellen A. Gavin (also a winner in 2020). Can’t make First Night? The Art Gallery is open throughout the Horse Show, along with a Virtual Gallery online.



#### IF YOU GO

**What:** The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair  
**Where:** Dorset Rd. & Lancaster Ave., Devon  
**When:** May 22 to June 2, 2024; gates open at 8 a.m., close around 10 p.m.  
**Information & Tickets:** [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net), 610-688-2554 and social media  
**Beneficiary:** Bryn Mawr Hospital  
**Stream:** USEF Network and ESPN



# Your Guide to 12 Days of Fun at the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

## Wednesday–May 22

**Daytime (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**  
**Welcome Back! 8 a.m.**  
**First Night Event/Art Gallery, 6 p.m.**  
**Dixon Oval**

- ☛ Small Junior Hunter 3'3"
- ☛ Large Junior Hunter 3'3"
- Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Hunter Pony Breeding
- ☛ Best Young Pony
- ☛ PHBHA Trophy

## Thursday–May 23

**Junior Weekend – Family Day**

*Don't miss Devon Dog Contest in the Dixon Oval at 7 p.m. The Country Fair open till 9 p.m.*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ WIHS Equitation Jumper
  - ☛ USEF Talent Search

- Wheeler Ring, 11 a.m.**
- ☛ USEF Hunter Seat Medal

- Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.**
- ☛ The Dog Show at Devon – Enter in person from 6 to 6:45 p.m. on the grounds.

## Friday–May 24

*Visit the 60+ vendors.*

- Dixon Oval, 7:30 a.m.**
- ☛ ASPCA Maclay & R.W. Mutch Equitation Champ.
  - ☛ Junior Hunters

- Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Pony Hunters

- Dixon Oval, 7:30 p.m.**
- ☛ Exhibition
  - ☛ Junior Jumpers

## Saturday–May 25

*This is Hunt Night. Radnor Fox Hounds, 7 p.m.*

- Dixon Oval, 7:30 a.m.**
- ☛ Junior Hunters
  - ☛ Pony Jumpers
  - ☛ Lead Line, not before 12:30

- Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Pony Hunters
  - ☛ Costume Pony Hunt Teams – a Devon favorite at 4:30 p.m.

- Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.**  
**Hunt Night**
- ☛ Junior Jumper Classic

- ☛ Parade of the Radnor Hunt Hounds
- ☛ Horse Hunt Teams
- ☛ Parent & Child & Family Classes

## Sunday–May 26

*Carriage Pleasure Drive and Arena Eventing.*

- Dixon Oval, 9 a.m.**
- ☛ Pony Jumpers
  - ☛ Adult Amateur Jumpers
  - ☛ Pleasure Drive – *Antique carriages parade through local neighborhoods, with awards in the Dixon Oval.*

- Wheeler Ring**
- ☛ Children's Jumper Classic
- Dixon Oval & Wheeler Ring, 7 p.m.**
- ☛ FEI \$50,000 Arena Eventing

## Memorial Day Monday–May 27

*A special ceremony honors local military and emergency responders.*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Hunters
  - ☛ Scurry Driving
  - ☛ Exhibition: Shetland Pony Races
  - ☛ Carriage Driving
- Wheeler Ring, 10 a.m.**
- ☛ Adult Jumpers

- Dixon Oval, 6:30 p.m.**
- ☛ *Tribute to Heroes, 6:30 p.m.*
  - ☛ NAL Adult Jumper Classic
  - ☛ Pony Races
  - ☛ Coaching – Appointments
  - ☛ Single/Pair Pony Driving

## Tuesday–May 28

**Family Day**  
*Enjoy Hunter classes then head to Clydesdale Corner for an adult beverage before the Welcome Stake!*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Hunters
  - ☛ Green Hunters
  - ☛ Regular Conformation Hunters
  - ☛ High Performance Working Hunter

- Wheeler Ring, 10 a.m.**
- ☛ 5, 6 & 7-Year-Old Jumpers

- Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.**
- ☛ Open Jumpers – FEI \$38,700 Jet Run Welcome Stake
  - ☛ Single Horse Driving
  - ☛ Coaching

## Wednesday–May 29

**Ladies Day**  
*Free general admission for ladies wearing elegant hats. Ever-popular Ladies Day contest is back with a few new surprises.*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Hunters
  - ☛ Ladies Side Saddle
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Saddlebreds

- Wheeler Ring, 10 a.m.**
- ☛ 5, 6 & 7-Year-Old Jumpers

- Dixon Oval, 6:30 p.m.**
- ☛ Exhibition
  - ☛ Open Jumpers – FEI \$38,700 Main Line Challenge 2 Phase Competition
  - ☛ Coaching
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Saddlebreds

## Thursday–May 30

*\$250,000 Sapphire Grand Prix.*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ USHJA \$25,000 Internat'l Hunter Derby
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Saddlebreds
  - ☛ Coaching

## Sapphire Grand Prix of Devon

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

- Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.**
- ☛ Exhibition: Budweiser Clydesdales
  - ☛ Open Jumpers – FEI \$226,000 Sapphire Grand Prix of Devon

## Friday–May 31

*The highlight tonight is the Devon Speed Derby.*

- Dixon Oval, 7:30 a.m.**
- ☛ Amateur/Owner Jumpers & Hunters
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Saddlebreds

- Wheeler Ring, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Amateur/Owner Hunters
  - ☛ Local Hunters

- Dixon Oval, 7 p.m.**
- ☛ Exhibition
  - ☛ Devon Speed Derby Open Jumpers – \$38,700
  - ☛ Carriage Racing
  - ☛ Coaching Championship and Coach Horn
  - ☛ Hackneys and Saddlebreds

## Saturday–June 1

*Tonight is the Devon Derby drawing. Be sure to buy your Derby Book — \$10 for 12 chances! This evening's Idle Dice Jumper Stake is beyond exciting!*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Amateur/Owner Hunters
  - ☛ Saddlebreds
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Amateur/Owner Jumper SJHOF Classic

- Wheeler Ring, 8:30 a.m.**
- ☛ Amateur/Owner 3'3" Hunters
  - ☛ Local Hunters

- Dixon Oval, 7:00 p.m.**
- ☛ Devon Derby Drawing
  - ☛ Exhibition: Budweiser Clydesdales
  - ☛ Open Jumper – Idle Dice Jumper Stake – \$145,100
  - ☛ Carriage Racing
  - ☛ Saddlebreds
  - ☛ Hackneys
  - ☛ Roadsters

## Sunday–June 2

*Family Day and the famous Devon Plant Sale that takes place at the end of the show. There are no evening classes.*

- Dixon Oval, 8 a.m.**
- ☛ Thoroughbred Breeding Division
  - ☛ Non-Thoroughbred Breeding Division
  - ☛ Best Yearling
  - ☛ Best Young Horse
  - ☛ Plant Sale ♦

*Updates at DevonHorseShow.net.*



See you next year!





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# Easy Picnics and Tailgates

Winterthur Point-to-Point tailgate  
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## ELEVATE YOUR AL FRESCO MEALS WITH HELP FROM MAIN LINE PROS

Shannon Montgomery

**M**AY IS AN EXCITING MONTH IN THE BRANDY-wine Valley. The Main Line's public gardens are in full bloom, the Devon Horse Show and local steeplechase races bring equestrian fun to the area, and the weather is just warm enough to lure us outside — before it drives us back indoors to the comfort of the AC.

It's the perfect time to plan a picnic, steeplechase tailgate or any kind of al fresco meal. That said, not all of us have the time, talent or inclination to prepare a full spread of food and drinks for a group. Luckily, the Main Line has plenty of local markets, restaurants and delis ready to pitch in with their fine assortments of sandwiches, salads, sweets and more.

Whether you plan to order the whole spread or just need some help with the sides, read on for ideas on how to elevate your picnic or tailgate.

### GOURMET GOODIES

Take your picnic or tailgate up a notch with provisions from a gourmet market. In addition to artisan groceries, many offer ready-to-eat dishes perfect for feeding a crowd.

Wayne's **Di Bruno Bros.** has everything you need for a winning spread. Start with a specialty salad or gourmet cheese board with artisanal bread, crostini crackers and flatbreads. For the main course, choose massive, made-to-order sandwiches on fresh-baked focaccia, like the Parma Perfection (prosciutto di Parma, caciocavallo cheese, tomato spread, arugula) or Tuscan Temptation (fennel salami, pecorino Crotonese, truffle honey). Finish with something sweet — cookies, brownies, pastries, cannoli — and pair with wine, craft beer, mixers or mocktails from their Bottle Shop.

At **Carlino's Market** in Ardmore (another in West Chester), choose from a robust selection of hoagies, wraps and sandwiches, including the Ultimate Italian hoagie (prosciutto, mortadella, hot capicola, rosemary ham, Calabrese hot salami, aged sharp provolone), chicken Caesar wrap and eggplant caprese sandwich (battered eggplant, mozzarella, bruschetta, arugula and romaine lettuce on ciabatta). Complement your meal with a snackable charcuterie tray, like the Tour of Italy or Antipasto Carlino, and tasty sides like Mama's potato salad, classic coleslaw or lemon Dijon pasta salad. For dessert, you can't go wrong with one of Carlino's cookie tins — options include classic, Italian, amaretti and biscotti.



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Antipasto Carlino tray from Carlino's Market

Perhaps best known for their pastries, **Malvern Buttery** is also a great option for lunch. Choose from scrumptious sandwiches on fresh-baked bread — ham, brie and Dijonnaise on a baguette, apple and almond chicken salad on a flaky croissant, smoked prosciutto and truffle pecorino on focaccia — and pair with one of their family-style salads. In the mood for brunch? Try their rotating selection of quiche. And, of course, don't forget their delicious cookies and other baked goods for dessert.

### MARKET MADE

With several vendors to choose from, your local farmers market is another great place to find picnic and tailgate fare. Choose your favorite purveyor or mix and match for your perfect spread.

Open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the **Lancaster County Farmers Market** in Wayne has been feeding the Main Line for over 80 years. Find specialty sandwiches at Angelo's Café, Amish macaroni salad and white meat chicken salad at Countryview Barbecue, small-production Italian wines at Vino Wine and dessert at D'Innocenzo's Bakery or Nancy's Candy Corner. Pick up fresh-cut flowers from Market Fresh Flowers to brighten your tailgate table or picnic blanket.

Located in Suburban Square, the **Ardmore Farmers Market** is home to a variety of local vendors, open seven days a week. Try Stoltzfus Family Foods' homemade coleslaw or Amish-style potato salad, fresh fruit from Ardmore Produce and decadent desserts from The Ultimate Bake Shoppe. Or put an international twist on your meal

Turkey sandwiches from Malvern Buttery



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Popular hors d'oeuvres from Stoltzfus Family Foods at the Ardmore Farmers Market



Dixie Picnic box lunch featuring an upcake

with Aziatisch's Asian fare, Sushei Sei's party trays, Tabouli's Mediterranean cuisine or go Italian at the market's Di Bruno Bros. location.

### BETTER IN A BOX

Indulge in a little childhood nostalgia with boxed lunches. Several Main Line eateries offer an elevated version of this schoolyard classic. Plus, boxed lunches come prepackaged and are easy to clean up — simply put your trash back in the box and throw it all away.

Known for Southern comfort food made from scratch, Malvern's **Dixie Picnic** offers Bette's Box Lunch. Each box includes a sandwich of your choice — roast beef and provolone, Virginia baked ham, nutty chicken salad, Thanksgiving (roast turkey breast, stuffing, whole-berry cranberry sauce) — a side, deviled egg and one of their signature "upcakes" — upside-down cupcakes with plenty of frosting on both the top and the sides.

Also in Malvern, **The Classic Diner's** take on box lunches is part of their catering menu. Boxes include a sandwich or wrap,

whole fruit, house chips and a cookie. Choose from The Classic (caramelized pear, sautéed onion, smoked bacon, baby arugula, sharp cheddar and honey mustard on pumpernickel), corned beef special, sriracha ranch Buffalo chicken wrap and many more options. Be aware of the 10-person order minimum.

Alternatively, get a boxed lunch from **Hymie's** in Merion Station. At this beloved Jewish deli, boxes come with a sandwich — corned beef, roast beef, turkey, ham and cheese, tuna salad, chicken salad or egg salad on rye, wheat, kaiser roll or in a wrap — pickle, condiments and your choice of side (potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad) and dessert (cookie, Tastykake, chips or fruit). Like The Classic Diner, they have a 10-person minimum — but there are plenty of other options for smaller groups.

This tailgate and picnic season, let the professionals take some of the preparations off your plate, literally! Your guests will surely be impressed by your spread, whether you tell them where it came from or pass it off as your own — we won't tell. ♦

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Winterthur Point-to-Point  
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Radnor Hunt Races

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WHILE BASKETBALL FANS MAY HAVE MARCH Madness, equestrian fans in the Brandywine Valley have May's steeplechase season. And this month's lineup of three spectacular weekend race days is anticipated with a similar level of excitement. Plus there's the Devon Horse Show in late May through June 2 to extend the equestrian action (see article in this issue).

What better reason to spend a day in the countryside — admiring the rolling hills, equine athleticism and smartly dressed spectators — than Winterthur's Point-to-Point, Willowdale's Steeplechase and the Radnor Hunt Races. Join the fun as friends and families meet at their regular tailgate spots or at hospitality tents to nibble elegant picnic food and toast the races with everything from champagne to mint juleps to cans of Liquid Death (for those foregoing alcohol).

So, choose your favorite race or earn your own triple crown and attend all three. Remember each day of steeplechase racing raises funds for a good cause — from open space to clean water to equine health and more. Be part of a singular Brandywine Valley tradition of fun and community support.

### “AND THEY'RE OFF”

That's what the announcer shouts at the start of each steeplechase race. While that may sound familiar and have an obvious meaning, other terms perhaps less so.

For example, what makes a horse race a steeplechase? Basically, it's a distance jump race run from a starting line and over obstacles, unlike, say, the Kentucky Derby, which is a shorter, flat race with horses starting from stalls. Steeplechase courses range from 2 to 4.5 miles (the Derby is 1¼ miles) and include a variety of obstacles — fences, hedges, water jumps, even open ditches.

Steeplechases horses are different, too. They may have run in flat races in the past and are often older and appear larger than typical thoroughbreds you've seen on televised flat races. Another interesting fact: in steeplechase racing, horses jump the obstacles in stride, much like human hurdlers in track and field events.



Willowdale Steeplechase

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Here are a few other racing terms to know:

- **Apprentice** is a relatively inexperienced jockey, while a **novice** is a horse early in its career, and a **maiden** is a horse yet to win a race.
- **Furlong** is the standard racecourse measurement, equaling 1/8 of a mile.
- **Jumps** are hurdles (plastic or steel), timber (wood, logs or posts) or brush (hedges or topped to resemble hedges). **Wings** are panels on the sides of jumps, designed to guide a horse there.
- **NSA** here stands for National Steeplechase Association, not the spookier one.
- **Paddock** is the area where horses are saddled before the race.
- **Purse** is the total money awarded for a race, with the winner usually getting 60%.
- **Post time** is when the race is scheduled to start.
- **Tailgating** here has more crystal and less plastic than Eagles' tailgates, plus a few other key differences.





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These race features trace back to the sport's origins in 18th-century Ireland, where cross-country horse races were run over stone walls and timber fences from landmark to landmark (or point to point) — often using church steeples to identify the start and finish.

And with that, let's look at this year's races.

### 46TH WINTERTHUR POINT-TO-POINT

The frontrunner in the steeplechase season, on the first Sunday in May, is the annual Winterthur Point-to-Point races, May 5. This day filled with pageantry and spectacle will take place on the 1,000-acre Winterthur estate, promising riveting steeplechase racing, unforgettable tailgating and family-friendly fun.

Four races are scheduled, including timber stake races and a flat race, with purses totaling \$60,000. Plus, the rider who earns the most points will win the prized Greta Brown Layton trophy. Future riders can join in the race-day competition with the stick horse races for the kiddos held between the main events.

The equestrian atmosphere and exciting races are guaranteed to satisfy ticketholders, as are the games and entertainment — community-organized contests, crafts and special activities — held in the Winterthur Hunt area. While there, you can also shop in the Marketplace for hats, clothing, accessories and more.

Other activities for the day include the Alison Hershbell Pony Races, the Keystone Region Rolls-Royce Owner's Club Antique Auto Display, and the George A. "Frolic" Weymouth Antique Carriage Parade.

Tailgating is another beloved race-day tradition at the point-to-point. Join in by creating your own special gourmet picnic and break out the silver and crystal to try to win this year's tailgate competition.

Hat lovers and those who like to dress for the occasion can match their chapeau with their fanciest race-day attire to catch the judges' eye and be named Best Dressed from Head to Toe. The winner gets a prize from Christine A. Moore Millinery.

Back this year to add to the competitive fun is the StableDuel mobile app. Create your fantasy roster of horses for the day's races to compete to earn points to win a cash prize!

Proceeds from the races, the largest fundraiser of the year, will support Winterthur's environmental and landscape stewardship initiatives. Help support this worthy cause by joining a day filled with equestrian excitement.

**IF YOU GO:** Sunday, May 5. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. Rain or shine. No day-of ticket sales. 302-888-4994; [Winterthur.org](http://Winterthur.org).

**TIP:** Make race-day memories with a complimentary photo by photographer Kirstie Donahue.

### 31ST WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE

Ride further into race season with the 31st Willowdale Steeplechase on May 11, the second Saturday of the month. With the motto "Racing for Life," this rite of spring brings families together for an annual community event on Mother's Day weekend.

Join fellow spectators as you take in the rolling green hills, thoroughbred horses and colorful tailgating — reminiscent of a day in the

Winterthur Point-to-Point



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English countryside. Willowdale's 160-acre natural amphitheater setting provides an excellent vantage point to watch the races while enjoying the beauty of southern Chester County.

Willowdale features six sanctioned races on three courses of rolling turf, including one new course. The first course has three hurdles run over National fences, while the second course (the feature stakes race) is run over timber rails, European-style hedges, open ditches and the one-of-a-kind Willowdale Water Jump with an 18-inch elevation drop. The new course brings more timber rails and natural hurdles. Riders will race for purses totaling \$115,000.

Adding to the race-day fun are the fast-paced Jack Russell Terrier Races and always-popular Pony Races. For fans of vintage cars, the Classic Car Exhibit showcases a variety of pre-1985 automobiles to tour as you stretch your legs between races. Other attractions include shops offering handcrafted souvenirs and food, gourmet coffee and ice cream trucks with delicious treats. Kiddos can also join the fun with activities like the stick pony jumping course, coloring contests and more at the Kids' Alley fun area.

Enjoy the races alongside fellow spectators from your hillside tailgate. Join in the competitive spirit by taking part in this year's best dressed, hat and tailgate contests. Choose your tailgate theme: elegant Downton Abbey or the more contemporary Ken and Barbie at the Races!

Representatives from Penn Vet's New Bolton Center and Stroud Water Research Center — the two beneficiaries of the Willowdale races — will be available to talk about their missions. The races have raised over \$1.3 million for local charities.

**IF YOU GO:** Saturday, May 11. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. Rain or shine. No day-of ticket sales. 610-444-1582. WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

**TIP:** Snag a ticket for Willowdale In White on May 9, 7 to 10 p.m., before they sell out. Text 610-564-9276 with questions.

### 93RD RADNOR HUNT RACES

The home stretch for the steeplechase season is the Radnor Hunt Races. Since the first races almost a hundred years ago, this beloved steeplechase has become a distinctive Main Line tradition. Returning this year on May 18, the 93rd Radnor Hunt Races will continue this springtime celebration with a day of jump races and memorable experiences at the region's oldest steeplechase.

This year's event will feature five jump races sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association along with some of the best thoroughbreds, riders and trainers in the country — all sure to thrill racegoers.

Special events planned between races include the fourth annual Katherine W. Illoway Invitational Sidesaddle Race, an Antique Carriage Parade and the beloved colorful (and noisy) Foxhound Parade. Look for the adorable Pony Races making a return as well. And crowd-watching is a nonstop activity, with plenty of fascinating fascinators on beautifully dressed women and jaunty bow ties and brightly colored pants on men.

### Willowdale Steeplechase



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## STEEPLECHASE SCHEDULES

### 46th POINT-TO-POINT AT WINTERTHUR SUNDAY, MAY 5

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

### 31st RUNNING OF THE WILLOWDALE STEEPLECHASE SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 10:00 am – Gates open, Classic Car Display
- 10:30 am – Jack Russell Terrier Races
- 11:30 am – Pony Races
- 12:00 pm – Tailgate, Hat and Best Dressed Contest judging begins
- 12:30 pm – National Anthem
- 1:00 pm – 1st Race: Apprentice Rider Hurdle: Liam Magee Apprentice Rider Race
- 1:30 pm – 2nd Race: Maiden Claiming Hurdle: The Folly
- 2:00 pm – 3rd Race: Ratings Handicap Hurdle: Rose Tree Cup
- 2:30 pm – 4th Race: The Willowdale Steeplechase Stakes Amateur Timber Stakes
- 3:00 pm – 5th Race: Maiden Timber: The Landhope Cup
- 3:30 pm – 6th Race: The Willard Speakman Memorial Foxhunter's Chase - Amateur Apprentice Timber
- 5:30 pm – Gates close

### 93rd RADNOR HUNT RACES SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 am – Gates open
- 11:00 am – Lead Line Pony Race
- 12:00 pm – The Katherine W. Illoy Invitational Sidesaddle Race
- 12:00 pm – Picnic Tailgate Competition
- 1:00 pm – Mounted Color Guard and the National Anthem
- 1:30 pm – 1st Race: The Milfern Cup
- 2:10 pm – 2nd Race: The Thompson Memorial Steeplechase
- 2:25 pm – Carriage Parade
- 2:50 pm – 3rd Race: Radnor Hunt Cup
- 3:05 pm – Presentation of the Charles Wayne (Skip) Achuff Jr. Annual Memorial Stalwart of Steeplechase Award
- 3:30 pm – 4th Race: National Hunt Cup
- 3:45 pm – Parade of the Radnor Hunt Foxhounds
- 4:10 pm – 5th Race: Henry Collins Steeplechase
- 6:00 pm – Gates close

Schedules are subject to change



The tailgating competition theme this year is "Under the Sea." Bring an oceanic vibe to your tailgate — food, decorations, activities — at the Picnic Patron area for a chance to wow the judges and win bragging rights.

While box seats on the hill near the clubhouse are a traditional way to watch the races, there are plenty of options for enjoying the day, including tailgating on the rail or in a rail tent. If you're looking for a no-prep VIP experience, check out packages like Skip's Fox's Den and the all-new Hound's Club — offering gourmet food, networking and up-front views of the finish line.

If the kiddos are along, check out the Kit's Club option — a family-friendly version of Skip's Fox's Den — for fun activities and a buffet lunch right by the finish line. (Parents must accompany children.)

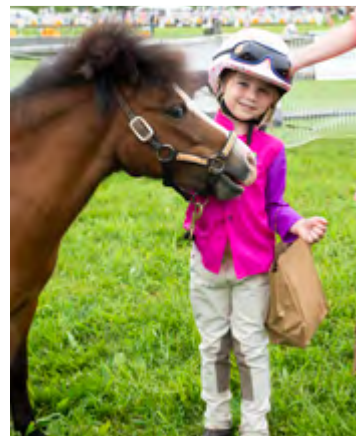
Proceeds once again benefit the Brandywine Conservancy — a beneficiary of 44 years. The Radnor Hunt Races have raised over \$5.5 million for the Conservancy's clean water and open space programs and have helped conserved over 70,000 acres of land — including the Radnor Hunt racecourse and surrounding grounds. Join a day "Racing for Open Space."

**IF YOU GO:** Saturday, May 18. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. Rain or shine. No day-of ticket sales. 610-388-8383. RadnorHuntRaces.org.

**TIP:** The races attract 20,000 fans, so plan to avoid the crowds arriving shortly before post time. ♦

#### Radnor Hunt Races

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**MAY 9**

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**MAY 9**

**Showcase of Homes at Hershey's Mill.** The Paoli Hospital Auxiliary presents this tour which includes six renovated and decorated homes, a luncheon at Hershey's Mill Golf Club, vendor boutique and raffle. Benefits Paoli Hospital. 1500 Greenhill Rd., West Chester. 10 to 4. \$40. For info or tickets, 484-535-2639.

**MAY 9-11**

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

**MAY 10 & 11**

**Landis Valley Museum Herb & Garden Faire.** The sale features plants from Landis Valley Museum's Heirloom Seed Project plus natives and other hard-to-find varieties. Refreshments available onsite. 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster. 9 to 5. LandisValleyMuseum.org.

**MAY 11**

**Uwchlan Garden Club Plant Sale.** Find a selection of vegetable and herb plants, crafts, perennials, shrubs, trees, a kids ko-

rner and gifts. Benefits the 1756 Uwchlan Meeting House. 5 N. Village Ave., Lionville. 8 to 2. UwchlanGardenClub.org.

**MAY 11, 25, JUNE 8, 22**

**Home and Garden Tours at Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden.** Dazzling displays of native plants, ancient trees and landscape designs are highlighted, along with a tour of the spectacular Tudor Revival Main House. 1829 E. County Line Rd., Villanova. 10:30 to noon. \$15. StoneleighGarden.org.

**MAY 14**

**Mother's Day Open Gardens at Welkinweir.** The gardens, with azaleas at their peak, will be open to visitors to walk and hike. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the garden. 11 to 3. Free. 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. Welkinweir.org.

**MAY 15**

**ShIPLEY School's 50th Annual Secret Gardens Tours.** Enjoy a self-guided tour through breathtaking private gardens with a lunch stop on Shipley's campus featuring vendors, sit-down and boxed lunches and tours of campus gardens. 9 to 3. For info and tickets, ShipleySchool.org/SecretGardens.

**MAY 16**

**Scott Arboretum 95 Years Highlights Tour: Peonies.** Celebrate the arboretum's anniversary with tours of the featured collection. After your tour, be sure to experience Peony Palooza, a peony floral exhibition, in the Wister Center. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 3 pm. Free. ScottArboretum.org.

**MAY 17-31**

**6th Annual Festival of the Peony.** Walk through 25 acres with more than 55,000 peonies and cut your own to take home. Bring a vase to take the peonies home. 4313 S. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 8 to 6. \$15/person or \$30/car. StyersPeonies.com.

**MAY 18**

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

**MAY 22**

**Garden to Vase: Opulent Peonies at Winterthur.** Take a special after-hours tour of the Peony Garden, designed by renowned landscape architect Marian Coffin, then use peonies to design an H. F. du Pont-style arrangement. Bring a glass vase. Reg. req. Rt. 52, Winterthur, DE. 1 pm. \$80. Winterthur.org.

**JUNE 7**

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

**JUNE 8**

**Phoenixville Summer Garden Tour.** Highlighting properties that are environmentally friendly in an urban area, the tour features yards and balconies that support birds and other wildlife. Programs, parking and tickets at Phoenixville Senior Center, 153 Church St., or visit Givebutter.com/PSGT2024. 10 to 2 pm. \$20. PAT.Community/PSGT.

**JUNE 8**

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



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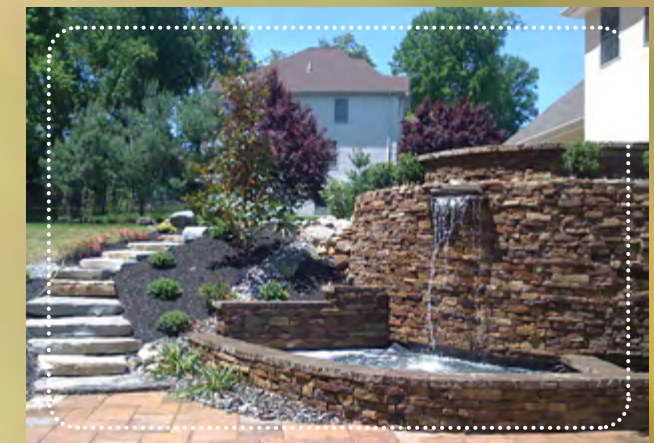


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# BOURBON

## and Horse Racing

WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?  
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**B**OURBON IS ABOUT TWO AND A half centuries old, distilled from corn, grown mostly in Kentucky. In the late 18th and early 19th century, Kentucky's frontier families would grow corn, distill it, put it in wooden barrels — ultimately, new charred oak barrels — and float it down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers on flatboats to New Orleans. The journey might take a year. But the business was good.

Afterwards, as the distillers prepared to travel back upriver, they'd confront a problem, really two problems. First, they couldn't paddle their flatboats back upstream. The Mississippi, which had eased the passage to New Orleans, flows only one way, so the flatboats had to be sold or scrapped.

Second, the land route back to Kentucky — the so-called Natchez Trace (through what's now Mississippi and Tennessee) — was considered dangerous, populated with peoples set on taking the recently acquired cash ... and perhaps scalps.

You'd need a horse. A fast horse. The fastest horse. And those horses ended up in Kentucky. Even after steamboats began to ply the rivers in the 1820s, the relationship between Kentucky's horses and bourbon was born.

Today, at equestrian events around the country, you're sure to find bourbon. Here are a few ideas on how to enjoy this quintessentially American drink.



### STRAIGHT BOURBON

#### Simplicity

Drinking bourbon "neat," some say, is the only way to drink bourbon. Invariably, these fans express a preference. Woodford Reserve is the official brand of the Kentucky Derby. It's very good, but maybe that's mainly marketing. Buffalo Trace, Bulleit, Four Roses, Knob Creek, Maker's Mark, Jack Daniels, Wild Turkey and so many others, including the coveted Pappy Van Winkle, all have their advocates.

In general, look for one that has some age: 25 years is not unheard of, four years is the minimum, two years to be legally called bourbon. Look for "smooth," but be aware that different distillers strive for different notes.

Try different brands. Pour it over rocks, if you dare or it's a hot day.

Sip. Savor. It's like fine brandy. And takes no prep time!



### KENTUCKY DERBY BOURBON PUNCH

#### For the Crowd

Derby day can be quite hot. And the crowd can get excited. A cold punch can be just the thing. The key ingredients to cool them down? Bourbon, of course. Plus some citrus. And ice. This punch recipe makes about 16 glasses.

Proportions can be modified. In particular, you can go heavier on the bourbon.

- 1 qt. bourbon
- 12 oz. (1 can) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 12 oz. (1 can) frozen lemonade concentrate
- ¼ C. lemon juice
- ¼ C. maraschino cherry juice
- 1½ qt. club soda
- 1 lemon, sliced
- ½ C. maraschino cherries, halved
- Rosemary for garnish (optional)
- Ice

Thaw orange juice and lemonade. Pour in punch bowl.

Add bourbon, lemon and cherry juice. Stir until well-mixed.

Add club soda, lemon slices and maraschino cherries. Garnish with rosemary if desired.

Serve in ice-filled glasses.



### OLD FASHIONED

#### A Modern Choice

The old fashioned is the classic gentleman's drink. Despite countless variations, it basically requires three elements: sweetness (e.g., sugar, maple syrup, demerara syrup), bitters (e.g., cinchona bark, gentian root, cranberry, lemon, orange peel, herbs) and spirits (preferably bourbon, but other whiskeys can substitute). These three elements must be balanced, one not overpowering the others.

Here's a classic recipe, invented in Louisville.

- 2 tsp. simple syrup
- 2 dashes bitters
- 1 tsp. water
- 1 C. ice cubes
- 1 jigger (1½ oz.) bourbon whiskey
- 1 slice of orange or lemon
- 1 maraschino cherry

In a mixing glass, add syrup and bitters. Stir.

Then add the water. Stir some more. Add bourbon to a glass with ice cubes. Stir until chilled.

Pour the mixture over ice cubes in an old-fashioned glass.

Express the orange or lemon. Drop it in the glass.

Garnish with the cherry.



### MINT JULEP

#### The Classic

In 1877, Polish actress Helena Modjeska, a guest of Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr., owner of Churchill Downs, was offered a mint julep at the Kentucky Derby. Her julep was meant to be passed around among the guests, but she drank it all. And she ordered — and drank — two more. Afterwards, Clark had mint planted all around the racetrack. Today, about 120,000 mint juleps are sold at each Kentucky Derby.

**Tip:** A mint julep is best served in a silver or silver-plated julep cup.

- Fresh mint leaves, about 8
- ¼ oz. simple syrup
- 2 oz. bourbon
- Finely crushed ice
- Bitters
- Mint spring for garnish

Muddle the mint in syrup (tap gently to release the mint's aromatic oils, then swab the sides of the cup with the mint leaves).

Pack finely crushed ice into a silver cup. Add bourbon, stir until cup is frosted.

Add more ice, forming a dome on cup. Serve with a straw, plus more mint for garnish.



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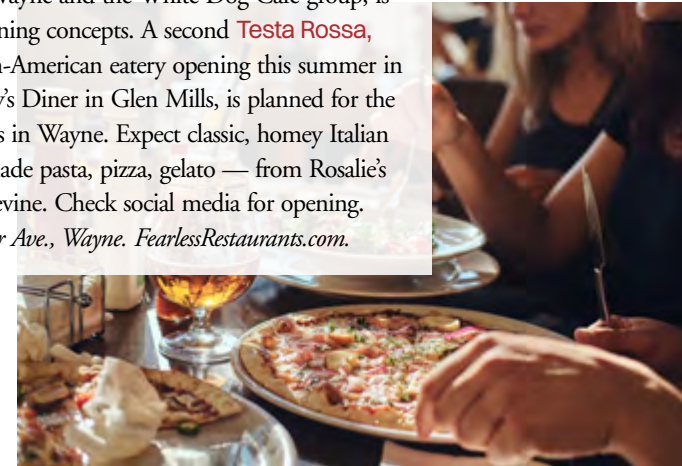
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## Food News

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

**Mangia!** Fearless Restaurants, of Autograph Brasserie and Rosalie in Wayne and the White Dog Café group, is expanding its dining concepts. A second **Testa Rossa**, the casual Italian-American eatery opening this summer in the former Ruby's Diner in Glen Mills, is planned for the former Bertucci's in Wayne. Expect classic, homey Italian fare — house-made pasta, pizza, gelato — from Rosalie's Chef Merick Devine. Check social media for opening. 523 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. [FearlessRestaurants.com](http://FearlessRestaurants.com).



**Scream for Ice Cream!** From beloved pizza parlor to classic cheesesteaks to an upcoming ice cream parlor, Speer Madanat keeps things tasty in West Chester! **Ice Cream West Chester** promises house-made soft serve, custard, sundaes and shakes in the former Juice Pod location. Madanat's latest yummy spot will join Scoops 'N' Smiles, Kilwin's, Gemelli's and D'Ascenzo's Gelato for frozen goodness. Satisfy your sweet tooth at the planned opening late spring. Updates on social media. 14 N. Church St., West Chester. On Instagram @IceCreamWestChester.



**Food Truck Fun.** Come hungry the weekend of May 25–26 for food, music and fun at the **Food Truck Rally Harvest Season Kickoff**. Hosted at Highland Orchards Farm, this event brings live county-rock music, beer garden games and family-friendly entertainment. Expect trucks from Stoltzfus Family BBQ, Stargazer Winery and Philly Hots, among others. Bring family and friends for some delicious springtime fun. 10 to 5 p.m. 199 Machinery Rd., West Chester. [HighlandOrchards.net](http://HighlandOrchards.net).

**Coffee & Caring.** 260 Bridge Café just opened in Phoenixville in the former Black Walnut Winery location. This casual coffee cafe offers locally sourced coffees and teas, sweet treats and retail items (candles, mugs and soaps). Spearheaded by the non-profit Partners Creating Community to provide opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities, this new morning spot also offers goodies like campfire cookies, pastries, bagels and parfaits. Start your day by doing good. 260 Bridge St., Phoenixville. On Instagram @260BridgeCafe.



**No Chili for You.** Say it isn't so! The Rotary Club of West Chester will no longer host the annual Chili Cook-Off, and *County Lines* is joining the call for chili fans to step up. For 21 years, the second Sunday of October saw the streets of downtown West Chester close for a day of food, fun and philanthropy. But this highly successful event became more than Rotary volunteers can maintain. Who will fill the void? Contact [Secretary@WestChesterRotary.us](mailto:Secretary@WestChesterRotary.us).



# Spring Into Tea Time

## TIME TO CONNECT OVER SWEET & SAVORY BITES AND TASTY TEAS

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes



**S**UPER SOFT BREAD ENVELOPING FLAVORFUL fillings, warm scones paired with sweet spreads and colorful desserts that are ever so dainty. These are just a few favorite things about an afternoon tea that sets it apart from other culinary options. A sense of anticipation swells when the tiered trays and tea pots filled with perfectly steeped tea arrive at the table. But there's much more to an afternoon tea experience than the food.

Part of the inspiration behind **Mimi's Tea Cottage**, which opened in West Chester less than a year ago, was centered on just that. "It's a lot about socializing. We want you to enjoy it and have fun," said Karen Klein, owner of Mimi's.

Getting together for tea gives the group a chance to exhale and take time connecting with who's there, whether friends, children or grandchildren. For Klein, who is "Mimi" to her grandchildren, her love of tea was cultivated by her late mother, Patricia, who'd organize tea outings with her two daughters and two granddaughters.

After retiring from a major insurance company in 2019, Klein was then able to revisit her deep desire to do something centered on food, since she'd always loved cooking and had a passion for baking. A few years ago, while visiting a tea room with her sister, Victoria, the idea of bringing her own tea room to life struck her. Not long after, Mimi's Tea Cottage opened its doors.

As West Chester's only English tea room, Mimi's has a cozy interior complete with floral trimmings, a collection of teapots and an English telephone booth painted pink. Klein's love of baking is clear when you see and bite into her desserts, all made from scratch, like her chocolate raspberry truffle tea cookies, strawberry cheesecake cups and salted caramel toffee brownies.

The menu changes monthly, aiming to offer something new that reflects each season, and ranges from a pint-sized children's tea, called Ducklings, to the most elaborate full tea offering, called The Beaumont. This full tea service starts with a choice of soup or quiche and moves on to a three-tiered tray complete with a scone

and spreads, four tea sandwiches and four desserts, along with a bottomless pot of tea.

Customers range from groups of women donning tea hats to male and female West Chester University students stopping in for a study break. Tea is available throughout the day, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays. Look for special themed teas at Mimi's, with a Mother's Day tea menu planned for the entire month of May.

Read on for recipes to give you a taste of a tea experience in your own home!



Karen Klein, owner of Mimi's Tea Cottage



### Mimi's Cucumber Dill Tea Sandwiches

A classic cucumber tea sandwich is a must-have for any tea room. Mimi's version has a mixture of dill, chives and garlic with a bit of lemon juice to round out the flavor. This spread also makes a great dip as an appetizer when you add either chips, crackers or pita bread. It also serves as a wonderful sauce to top a grilled chicken breast.

Makes about 32 tea sandwiches or about 1 cup of dill spread



- 1 cucumber, preferably English, thinly sliced
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- ¼ C. mayonnaise
- 1 ½ T. fresh dill, chopped
- 1 ½ T. fresh chives, chopped
- 1 T. lemon juice
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 loaf soft white bread

In a large bowl, add cream cheese, mayonnaise, dill, chives, lemon juice, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Mix with an electric mixer until fully combined. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Spread dill mixture on two slices of white bread. Lay sliced cucumbers on one slice of the bread, overlapping cucumbers. Place other slice of bread on top and cut off the crusts. Cut into triangle-, square- or rectangle-shaped tea sandwiches. Repeat the steps with the remaining slices of bread.

You can assemble the sandwiches a day in advance. Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to one day. To keep them from drying out, place a piece of wax paper on top of the sandwiches and then a damp paper towel on top of the wax paper, keeping the wet paper towel from contact with the tea sandwiches.

### Take a Tea Service Tour

"There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea." – Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*

Here are a few tea houses within an easy drive, so you can experience the unique offerings and charm of each.

#### A Taste of Britain, Wayne

This spacious English tea room, located at the Eagle Village Shops, offers a tea shop, retail store, catering and a cafe with a full afternoon tea experience, plus other food. A mainstay of 32 years. [ATOBritain.com](http://ATOBritain.com)

#### The Gifford-Risley House, Media

Tea service here is open to the public on Sundays and is served in a Gothic Revival chalet-style bed and breakfast. Spots fill up fast. [Gifford-RisleyHouse.com](http://Gifford-RisleyHouse.com)

#### Orchard Tea Room at Rose Hip Barn, Thornton

This tea room features a cozy atmosphere with an afternoon tea experience one Friday and one Saturday a month. [GreenhalghTea.com](http://GreenhalghTea.com)

#### The Painted Tea Cup, Upper Darby

The Painted Tea Cup offers a boutique for shopping and tearoom serving high tea Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [ThePaintedTeaCup.com](http://ThePaintedTeaCup.com)

#### Mary Cassatt Tea Room & Garden at the Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia

This traditional afternoon tea experience is suited for an extra-special occasion. Enjoy an intimate escape and the age-old tradition of afternoon tea, Philadelphia style. [RittenhouseHotel.com](http://RittenhouseHotel.com)

### Tea-Infused Shortbread Cookies

This is a very versatile (and easy) recipe, because any kind of tea will create a lovely, flavorful shortbread cookie. Mimi's Tea Cottage uses either a classic Earl Grey tea topped with a lemon glaze or a chocolate raspberry truffle tea topped with a chocolate drizzle.

Makes about 3 dozen

#### For the cookie dough:

- 1 C. unsalted butter
- 2 T. loose tea, any flavor, minced
- ½ C. powdered sugar
- 2 C. all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. salt

#### For the glazes:

##### Lemon glaze (pairs well with Earl Grey tea)

- 1 C. powdered sugar
- 1 ½ T. lemon juice



## Chocolate drizzle (pairs well with chocolate raspberry truffle tea-infused cookies)

1 C. chocolate chips  
¼ tsp. vegetable oil



### To make the cookies:

Blend the softened butter and tea leaves together and allow to sit at room temperature for at least two hours or longer. (Mimi's lets theirs sit overnight in the refrigerator and then brings it to room temperature the next day.)

Once the butter has finished setting, preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

Cream the butter, tea mixture and powdered sugar with mixer. Add in the flour and salt. Continue to mix until a soft dough forms.

Roll dough out on lightly floured surface to ¼-inch thick. Cut out cookies using a 2-inch round or heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until the edges are golden brown.

Once cooled, drizzle glaze of choice (instructions below).

Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to a week at room temperature.

### To make the lemon glaze:

In a standard bowl, mix the powdered sugar and lemon juice together until the consistency is creamy enough to drizzle or spoon on to cookies.

### To make the chocolate drizzle:

Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler. Add vegetable oil. Drizzle over cookies using a fork.

## Classic Scones

Attempting to make scones from scratch is one thing I put off for years until a friend came to a tea I hosted with the most delectable scones. I was inspired,

and she happily passed on the recipe. As long as you follow the instructions to a T, this is a foolproof, winning scone recipe by Mark Bittman of the New York Times. My kids and I could not have been happier with the outcome!

Makes 8 to 10 scones



2 C. cake flour, more as needed  
½ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. baking powder  
3 T. sugar  
5 T. cold butter, cut into pieces  
1 egg  
½ to ¾ C. heavy cream, more for brushing

Preheat the oven to 450°. In a food processor, add the flour, salt, baking powder and two tablespoons sugar (reserve the remaining tablespoon). Pulse to combine.

Add the butter and pulse until the mixture resembles cornmeal. Add the egg and enough cream to form a slightly sticky dough, but not too sticky. (If too sticky, add some flour, but as little as possible so that that dough still sticks to your hands.)

Lightly flour your workspace and knead the dough once or twice before pressing it into a ¾-inch circle. Cut into 2-inch rounds using a biscuit cutter or glass.

Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper (or use ungreased) and evenly space the rounds. Reshape the remaining dough and cut out remaining rounds. Brush the top of each scone with a small amount of cream and lightly sprinkle with remaining sugar.

Bake for 9 to 11 minutes, until the scones are a golden brown. Serve immediately.

Store leftovers in an airtight container at room temperature for up to two days.

*Tip: If you're making your own scones, save time by buying the lemon curd spread. Try the Bonne Maman brand, which tastes homemade. You might even buy a quiche, and your guests will understand your priorities.*

## Farm to Cup

Looking for tea made with locally grown ingredients that's handcrafted in small batches? You don't have to look far! These businesses grow their ingredients with care and their teas have a super fresh taste that sets them apart. Check the websites for availability and online ordering.

### The Camphill Village Kimberton Hills Secret Garden Teas, Kimberton

This is a dynamic farming, gardening and handcrafting intentional community that includes developmentally disabled adults who work and live together. They grow all the ingredients for their teas using biodynamic practices. Enjoy the stinging nettle, bergamot, mint, lemon verbena, tulsi (aka holy basil) and red clover blossoms that go into their Morning Blend Herbal Tea.

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

### Areté Herbs, Unionville

Areté's teas are created to promote natural healing with plant-based products. They use organic ingredients to make herbal remedies, like their Stress Free tea, which calms the nerves and restores balance to the body, made with an infusion of tulsi, chamomile, lemon balm, oat tops, lavender, nettles, skullcap and licorice. [AreteHerbs.com](http://AreteHerbs.com)

### Steep of Faith Tea Co., East Coventry

You can find their tulsi-based teas, like Transcendental Minted, made of a blend of sustainably grown herbs including holy basil, Korean mint, mountain mint and Mayan mint at Kimberton Whole Foods. Owner David Ryle is also the director of programming at Trellis for Tomorrow.

### Lancaster Farmacy, Lancaster

Their products are rooted in the ancient knowledge behind natural healing. Try their medicinal Chaga Chai tea, made by blending warming spices, herbs and medicinal mushrooms for cleansing and supporting the immune system. Farmer owned since 2009.

[LancasterFarmacy.com](http://LancasterFarmacy.com)

### Oma Herbal Teas, Schwenksville

Grown, dried and packaged in Schwenksville in Montgomery County, Oma offers an Herbal Tea CSA that provides a monthly tube of tea with fun names like Chill Pill Tea, Happy Place Tea, Lean Mean Greens Tea and Baby Bump Tea. [OmaHerbalTeas.com](http://OmaHerbalTeas.com)

## Chicken Salad Tea Sandwiches

One of my late mom's favorite tea sandwiches was chicken salad, but it had to be prepared just right — including chicken that was shredded, not

cubed, and paired with a very generous amount of mayonnaise, and that had to be Hellman's. Boiling the chicken ensures it will be moist and soft. My mom loved pairing these sandwiches with iced tea garnished with lemon.

Serves 2 to 3 (makes 6 tea sandwiches)



2 C. shredded chicken (boiled)  
½ C. mayonnaise, Hellman's preferred  
1 rib celery, chopped  
1 tsp. onion, very finely chopped  
4 slices soft white bread (or whole wheat, if preferred)  
Salt and pepper to taste

Place the shredded chicken in a small bowl. Add celery, onion and mayonnaise and stir to combine.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

Spread a generous amount of chicken salad on two slices of bread. Top with remaining pieces and lightly press down to enable the sandwich top to adhere to the chicken salad.

Trim off the crusts and cut the sandwiches crosswise into thirds to create rectangle-shaped finger sandwiches.

You can assemble the sandwiches a day in advance. Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to one day. To keep them from drying out, place a piece of wax paper on top of the sandwiches and then a damp paper towel on top of the wax paper, keeping the wet paper towel from contact with the tea sandwiches. ♦

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