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# The Shuttle

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### **Expansion at Co-op Birthplace**



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The co-op museum at the birthplace of Cooperatives on Toad Lane, in Rochdale, England, will be receiving a major facelift in time for the UN's Year of Cooperatives in 2012. Read more on page 10.

### Mt. Airy Village Fair Returns, September 26

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

THE FOURTH Mt. Airy Village Fair will take place Sunday, Sept. 26, at the intersection of Greene St. and Carpenter Lane, in front of Weavers Way's Mt. Airy store. First held in 2006, the Fair started as a way for the businesses on our corner to thank our vibrant community for its support. The Fair focuses on interaction and participation rather than buying and selling, but the primary focus is fun.

Among the attractions will be live entertainment, crafts, carnival games, a petting zoo, and food from Weavers Way Mt. Airy and the High Point Café, plus a Pie-Eating Contest, a Slow Ice Cream-Eating Contest, and the always popular Pet Parade. There will also be a Bicycle Valet, sponsored by Mt. Airy Bike Collective, so you can ride your bike to the Fair and they will valet park it for you in a secure area.

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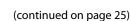


Mt.Airy VIllage Fair is back!

### WW Ogontz Closed for Improvements, **Reopens Sept. 7 with Art Show**

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor, & Barbara Chandler Allen, **Founder & Executive Director of Fresh Artists** 

WEAVERS WAY Ogontz closed Aug. 23 and will reopen Sept. 7 after minor renovations and a store reset, and the installation of some great children's artwork through the Fresh Artists program. The Fresh Artists is a great program that lets local school children share the joy of their wonderful artwork while raising money for art supplies for their peers. You may have noticed some of the great artwork hanging on the walls at Weavers Way Chestnut Hill. Now, Weavers Way Ogontz will be similarly adorned. Look for details about an opening reception to show off the improvements to the store, and the wonderful artwork from these philanthropic kids.





Artwork like this, by Molly McKinstry, grade 5, Hancock Elementary School, will soon be unveiled at Weavers Way Ogontz.

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### 17 Co-ops Gather for MAFCA **Meeting at Park Slope Co-op**

by Sue Wasserkrug, Weavers Way Board Member

On July 11, five members of Weavers Way's Board of Directors attended a meeting of the newly formed Mid-Atlantic Food Co-op Alliance (MAFCA) at the Park Slope Food Co-op (PSFC) in Brooklyn, New York. Nearly 40 board and staff members from 17 food co-ops, buying clubs, and start-ups attended.

MAFCA grew from an informal gathering hosted by Weavers Way in May 2009. At that event, representatives from ten food co-ops in the Delaware Valley area (all within a two-hour drive from Philadelphia) learned about each other's co-ops and discussed common interests and concerns. Word got out, and by the time we met in July, the group had grown to 30 co-ops from as far as Maryland and the D.C. area to the south and the New York City area (including Long Island) to

According to our mission statement,

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photo courtesy of Park Slope Food Co-op

Park Slope Food Co-op in Brooklyn hosted the recent MAFCA gathering.

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### Editor's Note

by Jonathan McGoran

FOR THE first time in the many years, Norman Weiss has taken a little holiday. I'm not talking about one of his three-paragraph, brow-furrowing rants about the evils of instant oatmeal. And I'm not talking about one of his glassy-eyed, stareinto-space, "making a sound like a leaky balloon" interludes. No, I'm talking about a week at the beach or the mountains or wherever it is that Norman Weisses go to get away from the pressures of being Norman Weiss. Actually, Norman has taken plenty of vacations over the years (of all three varieties), but for the first time, it has meant that Norman did not write his Suggestion Book column. Thanks to Cara Raboteau for stepping in with an abbreviated column.

Another first is that this October, in addition to being Co-op Month and Fair Trade Month, is also "Non-GMO" month (which seems like a good idea except for the implication that the rest of the year it's okay for Monsanto to tinker around with their latest pig/jellyfish/rutabaga hybrid).

October is also Vegetarian Month and Eat Better/Eat Together Month, making it seem as if the month was specifically tailored for Weavers Way. But by some accounts, there are over 60 different causes or issues being honored in the month of October, including Free Thought Month (fortunately Norman Weiss will be back for that one), Caffeine Addiction Recovery Month (whichwouldberelevantiflhada problem,butIdon't) and Sarcastic Awareness Month (I'm in!).

Being just one of 60 other causes kind of dilutes the impact of Co-op Month, which makes it that much more important that in 2012 the United Nations will be honoring co-ops for the entire year. (I'm hoping that maybe 2013 can be Year of Sarcastic Awareness.)

Still, it seems that with all these causes, October has honored itself into irrelevancy. In contrast, September has one cause that clearly takes precedence, so this month be sure to observe "September is Be Kind to Writers and Editors Month."

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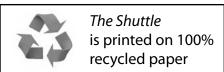
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### **SAVE THE DATE: FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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Eat & Greet: 5:30-6 p.m. • Meeting: 6-8 p.m. • President's Welcome & Report • General Manager's Report

 $Speaker\ Katherine\ Gajewski,\ Director\ of\ Phila's\ Office\ of\ Sustainability, "Greenworks\ Phila:\ Progress\ \&\ Opportunities\ for\ Weavers\ Way"$ 

Cake & Conversation

# Chillin' & Grillin' in Mt. Airy

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Ed.

SHOPPERS AT our Mt. Airy store have been Chillin' and Grillin' alternating Thursdays this summer, as live music and grilled treats have accompanied the every-other-Thursday WWCP Farm Stand at Greene St. and Carpenter Lane. Mt. Airy store manager Rick Spalek is hoping to continue the series as the WWCP Farm Stand goes to every Thursday. See the store for details, or better yet, follow us on Facebook or Twitter for the latest.





photos by Jonathan McGoran

Among the highlights at recent Chillin' and Grillin' Thursdays at WW Mt. Airy, staffer Noel Bielaczyc (I) grills delicacies including shrimp tacos, grilled shrimp kabobs and Jamaican jerk chicken wings. Cheryl Lovelace (right), founder of Footprint, a local company that manaufactures sportswear made from bamboo and coconut fibers, talks to WW staffers Cat Niallon and Mo Speller about her great products (which we sell at WW Mt.Airy).

# DePalma Bakery, Other Additions to CH Bakery

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

Weavers Way Chestnut Hill is now carrying a wide selection of baked goods from DePalma's Italian bakery in Northeast Philadelphia, includ-



ing ciabatta, kaiser, steak, club, and round rolls, tea biscuits, long sesame bread, small Italian loaves, egg and onion loaves, sliced rye and pumpernickle, and generous portions of whole wheat pizza dough. Lou Mosca, owner of De Palma Bakery, thinks the reason his bread is so good is that he hasn't changed a thing since he bought the De Palma bakery 20 years ago. "Old Mrs. De Palma, a wonderful woman, a great lady, who lived to 94 years old, she told me, 'Don't change it.' I never did," he explains. "We have the big old brick oven... You couldn't get our crust without coal. This is bread the old-fashioned way. Made with flour, water, yeast, a little salt. Nothing else."

Another addition is Swiss Villa Dairy, who will be delivering six-packs of Sylvia's Spelt Maple Pecan Sticky Buns and Sticky Buns with Raisins, both singly and in packages of six.

# Ancient Grain is New at WW Chestnut Hill

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

FARRO IS an ancient type of wheat that also a gluten structure different than modern wheat, so that many people with gluten allergies can eat it without problems. First cultivated in Babylonia around 7000 B.C., it was replaced by higher-yield, easier to



work with forms of wheat. It was rediscovered in 1906 growing wild by the Sea of Galilee, and has slowly regained popularity, especially in Italy, where it is used in a number of ways, most commonly boiled whole and served like a risotto. It is also used to make pastas. Farro is high in protein, fiber, and minerals, and makes a complete protein makes when combined with legumes.

# September on the Second Floor

by Martha Fuller, Mt. Airy Wellness, Personal Care & General Merchandise Manager

SEPTEMBER IS a month that can elicit a wide array of feelings: Yay, summer is over! Boo hiss, summer is over! Yay, school starts! Boo hiss, school starts! Yay, it's my birthday month! And what would you say?

#### What's up on the 2nd floor?

We think of many things when we think of Back To School and we have many products that will surely float your boat: Rhodia notebooks and notepads; blank notepads and sketch books; Cool Tote lunch sacks and New Wave Enviro Lunchopolis lunch bags; New Wave Enviro Rayon lunch bags made from bamboo; black/white marbled composition books, academic planners and student planners; crayons; and Melissa & Doug sketch pads, just to name a few.

#### **Summer Sales**

Yes, you read correctly - check out the Last Chance Corral for savings on many end-of-summer products. And if you don't know about this wonderful sale area or where to find it (it took the place of the old coffee station), talk with a second floor staff member.

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### **Cape May Salt Oysters**

by Noel Bielaczyc, Mt. Airy Meat, Fish and Poultry Department

AT WEAVERS Way, we are always looking for the best quality, sustainably harvested seafood available. When we can source fish and shellfish that meet these qualifications and are locally produced, we make the extra effort to carry them. So it was a no-brainer when we were approached by a Weavers Way Co-op member (and Mt.Airy resident) who owns and operates a smallscale oyster farm



photo by Noel Bielaczyc

Atlantic Capes Fisheries, Cape May, NJ

based out of Cape May, NJ, about selling their oysters. They suggested we bring in their Cape May Salts (as they're called) as one of our Biweekly Bivalves. So we did in the last week of July (sorry if you missed it!) and they were splendid! In anticipation of late summer and the arrival of "oyster season," I made a trip to Atlantic Capes Fisheries to see what the award-winning Cape May Salt oyster is

Operating out of one of the largest commercial fishing ports in the country, Atlantic Capes Fisheries is best known as a harvester and packer of scallops and surf clams from the cold fertile waters of the North and Mid-Atlantic. But in the last ten years they have become known for their efforts to reintroduce and revitalize the oyster industry in the lower Delaware Bay. In the early 1900s, this area supplied millions of bushels of wild harvest oysters to Philadelphia's markets, restaurants and street carts. However, the arrival of non-native shellfish diseases in the 1950s and pollution from heavy industry upriver began the virtual elimination of the "Cape May Salt" variety. Fast-forward 50 years; The Delaware has cleaned up its act, Rutgers University has bred a disease-resistant strain of East Coast oysters,

and Atlantic Capes has the investment, marketing, and man-power. I met with the Aquaculture Husbandry Manager James Tweed to tour the farm and learn the ins and outs of growing a Cape May Salt from start to finish.

After a short drive from Atlantic Capes' headquarters and a briefing on the history and status of Cape May Salts, we arrived at low tide on an unsuspecting stretch of beach on the lower Delaware Bay. On the tidal flats, a series of long metal racks support large mesh bags full of oysters ranging from one month to twoand-a-half years old. James explained that this "bag and rack" technique has been used in France for decades and allows oysters to feed and grow more efficiently while avoiding predation or smothering in silt. Workers sort, cull, and harvest the oysters based on size and age. Some are brought ashore for cleaning, tumbling, and repacking. Those that are destined for the table are put directly on ice and chilled. All in all, the oysters spend nearly eight hours a day out of the water, completely exposed, making for robust and firm meat and oysters that ship well and have great shelf-life. The high salinity of the water

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### Homemade Goodies by Roz, at WW Mt. Airy

by Lindsay Bingaman, Mt. Airy Bakery Buyer

I'VE COME a long way since starting work at Weavers Way... from discovering that the 'c' in challah is silent, to now being the Mt. Airy store's bakery buyer.

Since the store has over 35 years, and serving many of the same customers in that time, I find this position to be a delicate balance of preserving longtime favorites and introducing new vendors.

been operating for

One new vendor vou may have seen on display is Homemade Goodies by Roz. Roz has a kosher bakery in Society Hill and has been providing us with cupcakes every Thursday. She also bakes various vegan items. We have recently started carrying her vegan cupcakes and challah and

will keep them part of our regular order if there is a demand.

Roz can also do cupcake and cake (vegan or non-) pre-orders for special occasions, with about a

week's notice in advance

> I'm also trying out a glutenfree bakery on South St. called Sweet Freedom, as part of an effort to get more gluten-free options in the bakery department. I appreciate our ce-

liac members keeping me posted on your thoughts of the product quality and pricing.

Overall, I'm very open and interested in shopper input, so I welcome your feedback as I try to streamline some of our products and introduce new things.

### **Visit From Produce Guru Mark Mulcahy**



Pictured here during a visit from award-winning retail consultant, educator, and organic advocate Mark Mulcahy are (I to r) Weavers Way Mt. Airy Produce buyer Jean MacKenzie, Store Manager Rick Spalek, Mulcahy, and produce staffer A.J. D'Angelo-Masko.

THE PRODUCE department at Weavers Way is on a continual mission to improve product quality, enhance service, and expand the capabilities of our staff. We are always on the lookout for ways to bring in additional resources and knowledge that will ultimately benefit our members. When strong departments like ours want to get even better, they call on Mark Mulcahy, an award-winning retail consultant, educator, and organic advocate. For several days in August, Mark spent time at all three of our locations and enabled us to gain from his experience and expertise.

Over the past 30 years, Mark has developed a detailed understanding of the retail produce industry. He has managed produce departments, created a leadership-development course for natural foods retailers, and has served as a consultant to businesses at every stage of the produce supply chain. In addition, Mark is the host of a national radio show (www.anorganiconversation.com) and is a regular columnist for several industry periodicals. In short, he knows his stuff.

Mark's evaluation of our department focused on internal operations, labor efficiency, customer service, and optimizing the physical space at our disposal. His vision for retailers in general, and for Weavers Way in particular, is one in which a produce staff is equipped with all the tools necessary to provide the best possible experience for shoppers. Mark emphasizes the need for effective departmental systems, clear expectations, and personal accountability in order to create a productive and meaningful work environment.

"The important thing," he notes "is to look closely at how we do things and adjust the processes so they work for everyone: the department, the employees, and the customers."

According to Mark, the process of improvement depends in many cases on the ability of the produce team to expand their notion of what is possible within their department and then to work towards making these possibilities a reality. This enthusiastic and optimistic approach is one that the produce department is excited to embrace, and we are looking forward to incorporating Mark's ideas as we move forward.

### September Grocery News

by Chris Switky, Mt. Airy Grocery Manager

HOWDY, SHOPPERS. Summer is nearly over at Weavers Way Mount Airy (and many other places), and the summertime is a slow time in the co-op's grocery department. Sales slow down, as many coop shoppers leave the city for vacations elsewhere. The tedium can be excruciating. But despite all this, we do have one major development to report:

McCutcheon's Cranberry Juice is back. This item has been a staple of the co-op's juice line for many years, but was unavailable for most the past 12 months due to price bickering between McCutcheon's and the cranberry producers. The bickering seems to be resolved, and the cranberry juice blend, \$6.15 for 64 ounces, is back on the shelves at WW-MA. It's an excellent juice, and a price that you won't find anywhere else.

That's it, folks. Short and sweet. Autumn will soon be upon us and full of exciting possibilities: brisk sales at all WW stores, Norman Weiss's big break into



photo by Julia Hershey

the music business and/or learning some new jokes, and other surprises. As always, I look forward to running into you...in the grocery aisles.

~ christopher@weaversway.coop

### I Love My Job Confessions from the **Marketplace Coordinator**

by Carly Chelder, **Marketplace Coordinator** 

I'M LUCKY in so many ways. Today I am thankful for having an awesome job, with an amazing organization that allows me to pursue my career in a meaningful way. I'm an educator: dedicated to a life of teaching and learning; passionate about feeding people; excited about new ideas and forging relationships with like-minded people, partners and organizations; and forever optimistic. Earlier this week I was fortunate to

in participate in a Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) Free ACT 48 Workshop for teachers of Mathematics and Science. Technically speaking, I am certified to teach Social Studies and Family and Consumer Sciences, but through my position in a nonprofit organization and connection to a food co-op, I was granted permission to attend this free workshop at Cabrini College. The program, From Seed to Table, was designed and implemented by enthusiastic instructors Dr. Ellen Panofsky, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Melinda Harrison, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

The workshop was aptly named, because we did follow the food cycle from seed to table. We started the day by learning about seed saving and practicing extracting seeds from produce for future planting. Our samples were red bell pepper, squash, watermelon, and another kind of melon similar to the cantaloupe. Next we went to the lab to prepare the seeds for saving by washing, sorting, and laying them out to dry.

Following that activity we went into canning and jarring 101. Imagine working in a science lab, wearing lab coat and protective eyewear, being surrounded by

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### Marketplace Eastern U. Academy Charter School

by Carly Chelder, Marketplace Coordinator

I began teaching Marketplace 101 les-

sons in early June, as the regular schools

were wrapping it up for the year. EUACS'

trimester schedule ends with student ex-

hibitions. Every trimester, each student is

required to show their learning through

an exhibition of their creation. The stu-

dents present their learning to panels of

peers, instructors, parents, and commu-

nity members, who then rate the students

on their exhibitions. I was invited to be on

the exhibition panels for two Marketplace

students, and boy, was I impressed. Both

students had PowerPoint presentations to

illustrate their learning and ceramics cre-

ated in art class. One student did a dance

demonstration with assistance from sev-

er advisor at EUACS, and I did some

team teaching and planned the first round

of Marketplace sales to take place dur-

Kim Lewis, main Marketplace teach-

eral other students.

As MENTIONED in previous editions of The Shuttle, Weavers Way Community Programs has been working with Eastern Univer-Academy sity Charter School (EUACS), a Big Picture Charter School that opened its doors for the first time in September 2009. The school's project-based model, flexible teacher advisor role and vear-round schedule allow the Marketplace Program the attention and flexibility it needs to thrive.



Pictured here is the Eastern University Academy Charter School team: (right to left, rear) Stanley Stevens, Haverford Marketplace intern Sarah Brown, Casey Sturdivant, Gilbert "Junior" Rodriguez, Brielle McNeil, Brittany Harris, EUACS teacher advisor Kim Lewis, Vera Freeman & Nadirah Reynolds, and (front row) Marketplace Coordinator Carly Chelder and student John

ing exhibitions. One of the last lessons we taught in the classroom was a special edition on market research. The regular team was present, and we invited teacher Andrea Silver's seventh grade class to join our fruit juice Spritzer tasting, in exchange for their opinions on the Spritzers and how they might sell at EUACS. We used the same model during exhibitions for a "Dip Day" market research with the larger school community. Several students were running the Marketplace sale while

we had a table close by for people to taste

and share their opinions on the fresh dip line we plan to roll out this fall in the Marketplace.

We tested hummus; black bean dip; fresh tomato salsa; and bleu cheese dip, with carrots, cucumber slices; and tortilla chips. I'm proud to report that it was a total success! We got the information we needed to make decisions about the dip line, the school community really seemed to enjoy the free tastings, and it was time well spent with students. I would like to extend a big thank you to Margie and everyone else in

the Mt. Airy kitchen for helping to make dip day possible.

It took a few weeks, but our core team was eventually identified as a group of mixed seventh and ninth graders that honestly want to participate and learn. It warms my heart that students are able to work together at a point in their lives when hormones are raging and there is so much temptation to do things other than play a part in a program aimed to help the school community.

~ marketplace@weaversway.coop





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For questions about the ride, and to volunteer to be on the ride crew: chris@chrishillmedia.com

For more detailed information about the ride and the farms visit: www.weaversway.coop. There will be links to more information posted on the home page.

This year the urban farm bike ride is shaking this up a bit. We're adding lots of new farms, and for the first time ever, we'll be hosting two rides: one for "beginners" (without much bike riding experience, or who prefer a shorter ride) and one for more experienced riders who can manage a longer ride at a bit faster pace.

Both rides will begin in Kensington. The longer ride will head into South Philadelphia and then west through West Philadelphia and ultimately arrive in the far Northwest corner of Roxborough before circling back to Weavers Way Co-op Farm in East Mt. Airy. The shorter ride will cross North Philadelphia, go through Hunting Park, then Germantown and finally Weavers Way Co-op Farm.

Both rides feature great and varied urban farm operations. More details are available at www. weaversway.coop. And the party at the end will be a great reward for all your effort. Look forward to seeing you there.

This year's ride is a collaborative effort between Weavers Way Co-op and Fair Food Philadelphia.

such an enormous area—although most local products originate within a 200-mile radius. Every week, PSFC buys (and sells) about two whole cows, which the farmers butcher and package for the store. You can learn more about PSFC at www.foodcoop.

After the tour, our meeting began. The purpose of the meeting was to start the work necessary to further our mission. Following a welcome by the newly formed MAFCA Steering Committee (in-

cluding Weavers Way Board member Bob Noble), we listened to a presentation by Eric DeLuca, a founder of the Neighboring Food Cooperative Association in New England, a group similar to MAFCA. Eric structured his talk on the elements of our mission

and objectives: the cooperative economy, cooperative education and promotion, local food system development, supporting start-ups, marketing/branding, and an effective regional network.

Then we broke into work groups to develop steps to accomplish our objectives. Each group came up with three priority action items and then reported back to the larger group. Stay tuned for future reports of our progress!

### **Park Slope**

(continued from page 1) MAFCA's purpose is "to grow the cooperative economy, provide education about co-ops, and build a sustainable and equitable system of healthy, local food production, distribution and consumption."

When we arrived at PSFC, we were treated to tours of the store and a bountiful and delicious lunch, with plenty of op-

tions for vegetarians and vegans, as well as meateaters.

Some teresting things about PSFC: the 37-year-old co-op has about 15,000 members (counted individually, not as households, as we do at Weavers Way),



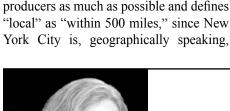
67 staff, and a

16,000-square-foot store, of which about 6,000 square feet is retail space. Members pay a small "joining fee" as well as an equity investment; all members work about 35 hours per year (2 hours and 45 minutes every 4 weeks), and only members can shop at the store. PSFC supports local producers as much as possible and defines "local" as "within 500 miles," since New



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Members of Weavers Way's Board of Directors, loitering in front of Park Slope Co-op



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### What's Cooking at the Farm?

by David Zelov, Manager, Weavers Way's Mort Brooks Memorial Farm

I must be careful what I wish for. Last year, with all the rain and cool weather, I was hoping that this year would be hot and dry. I claimed I would rather have to irrigate every day than deal with another season of poorly growing tomatoes, peppers, and basil. Well, I got my wish. It's been a summer of record setting high temperatures. year, we barely broke 90 degrees all summer and I think we used the drip irrigation system once or twice (and that was in April). This summer, I don't think

the daytime high temperature was ever below 90 degrees. Despite many sweaty days running around trying to keep everything alive and watered, I would still take this weather over the rainy cool stuff. The tomatoes would agree with me. They came on a full two weeks earlier this year thanks to a very warm May and June, and have been extremely productive – record setting harvests actually. In late July, we were harvesting over 750 lbs a week! Thankfully though, all of you had record setting appetites for all those heirlooms - I'm sure the tomato sale price didn't hurt. And no late blight (knock on wood). Other summer crops have appreciated the weather as well. Our second and third plantings of summer squash and cukes actually worked out and they did not turn in early from fungal diseases. The okra, a notorious heat lover, has had record production – almost double that of last year. The basil has been going crazy. The same is true of eggplant. The peppers are the only ones suffering a bit, but not because of the heat. Though not a complete crop loss like last year (root rot), we have been dealing with a disease called bacterial leaf spot, which comes in on seeds or seedlings. Due to a problem with mice eating the tops of the seedlings in the greenhouse, we were forced to buy in some of our pepper plants from a nursery. Unfortunately, some of those seedlings contained this disease, which we did not notice until it was too late. Bacterial leaf spot causes



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lesions on the leaves and eventual defoliation of the lower part of the plant. This not only weakens the plant and decreases production, but the decreased leaf cover causes sunscald on the fruit – pretty much the same as sunburn on our skin - which renders the peppers unsellable. Of course there are winners and losers in a record setting heat wave. The greens, lettuce, and salad mix did not appreciate the hot weather. Lettuce does not germinate well in these temperatures, and if you do get it to germinate, it tends to bolt (go to seed) very early, giving it a bitter taste. We wound up having some, but had to harvest it pretty small and double or triple it in bags to make the size of one decent sized head. But despite these challenges, it has been a great season so far. As on July 1, we were up \$5,000 at Awbury alone, much of this due to early spring hoophouse production. Let's hope the remainder of the season goes as well as the first part.

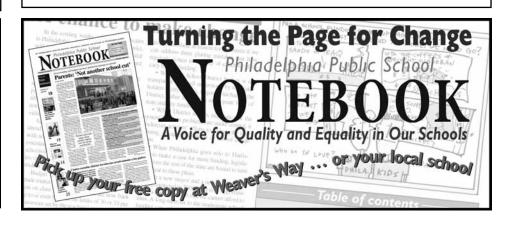
In September, you will continue to find all those wonderful tomatoes, peppers (hopefully), eggplants, okra, and maybe even a little squash (we'll see how that third planting really does) and basil. Hopefully, a little cooler weather will eventually arrive and we'll see the return of broccoli, cauliflower, turnips, radishes, kale, collards, lettuce and our beloved salad mix and arugula. September is truly a bountiful month with all of the summer crops still in production and the return of the cooler season vegetables of fall.

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### I Love My Job

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Bunsen burners, Petri dishes, and test tubes, all in the pursuit of learning how to jar tomatoes. We worked in pairs to flash-boil the ripe Roma tomatoes, plunge them into ice water, peel the skins and deposit into sterilized mason jars with a few leaves of fresh basil and salt. Afterwards the packed jars were sealed and sterilized.

Later, we extracted DNA from split peas by using household products. Blender, dish soap, rubbing alcohol, and meat tenderizer are just a few of the simple items necessary to perform this activity. I had no idea it was so easy! The group discussed variations of the activity by instructing students to extract and analyze their own DNA after swishing some Gatorade in their mouths instead of using the split pea liquid. I think any activity that makes the learning relevant to the students' lives will automatically make it a more meaningful learning experience for the students.

Next we separated iron from two major breakfast cereals. The hands-on activity required the students to smash the cereals; mix with water; wait a few minutes; then use a "magic magnetic wand" to attract the iron from the soupy cereal mixture. The iron looked like pencil shavings stuck to the magic wand. This activity led to a discussion about iron levels in the body; how different people have different nutritional needs and dietary restrictions; specifically people with anemia

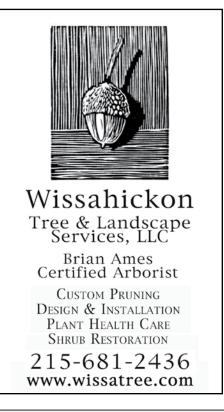
and females during their menstrual cycle. I have to admit, I was not a strong math or science student in high school. Perhaps if I had the chance to deconstruct foods, and learn the importance of our food cycle from a variety of perspectives, or have it relate to my life, I might have been more engaged. The way I see it, this is my opportunity to try to make a difference in the learning of the Philadelphia School District students I come into contact with.

Aside from participating in the science lab activities, I also got a chance to speak with middle school teachers from around the region. Every educator I talked to was excited about what we do at Weavers Way Community Programs. I walked away from the day feeling energized and thrilled to have taken part in such a fantastic workshop, and with a plethora of takehome items to duplicate the experiments in our own classrooms, or, in my case, with the Marketplace teams at our partner schools. I'm lucky.

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### **Cape May Salt Oysters**

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and the site's proximity to the open ocean give the oysters their characteristic briny taste and "salt" in their name.

It takes between two and three years to raise a one millimeter seed oyster into a petite market size. During this time, they are under near-constant observation and care. In a good year, James and his crew of five can harvest and ship over 500,000 oysters to market. And when you consider that about \$6 goes back to Atlantic Capes for each dozen we sell, there's

no better way to directly support local fisheries and regional economies.

I asked James why they were harvesting oysters in the July (months lacking an 'R' have long been considered off-season for oysters). He replied that the 'R month' rules harks back to a time when refrigeration and sanitation were an issue, but also their oysters don't get "spawny" in the summer like wild types. The Rutgers seed oyster they grow has a natural genetic mutation that gives it three full sets of chromosomes, thereby making it sterile. When this strain crosses with the wild Delaware strain, the result is a hearty, disease-resistant hybrid that can be eaten year-round. In addition, the monitoring of bacteria levels in oysters has vastly improved and samples are taken several times a week throughout the warmer months to ensure safe consumption.

As the tide began advancing on the racks; I noticed a pair of American oyster-catchers foraging among the bags and common terns overhead. James pointed out that a Rutgers study demonstrated a higher biodiversity of invertebrates and bait fishes in and around the oyster farm. Apparently birds as well as larger fish and rays are naturally attracted to this site dur-



photo by Noel Bielaczyc

Cape May Salts

ing tide changes. Forced back to the shore by the flow of the bay, we pondered the future of the Delaware Bay and the possible roles that oyster aquaculture could have in restoring the bay's ecosystem and economy. It was for this reason that Cape May Salts were awarded the Slow Foods Movement U.S. Presidia, which recognizes projects that defend and protect our world's heritage of agricultural biodiversity and gastronomic traditions. This small operation is certainly paving the way for more oyster farmers to set up shop on the bay, providing Philadelphia with the freshest oysters available.

Oh yeah, and did I mention that these oysters are delicious and gorgeous to behold? Keep your eye on the right hand side of the seafood case for upcoming oyster sign-ups and events. We will be sure to have Cape May Salts throughout the fall and winter. An oyster shucking tutorial and tasting is in the works, so oysterlovers be forewarned! Special thanks this month go to James Tweed and Atlantic Capes Fisheries for their knowledge and hospitality. Keep up the good work!

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### Kensington Community Food Co-op Has Sights on Grocery Store

by Brian Baughan, Kensington Community Food Co-op Board Member

THE DREAM of a member-owned grocery store in the Kensington section of the city is steadily becoming a reality. What's missing is a critical number of members to fund the effort, but the leaders of Kensington Community Food Co-op (KCFC) have laid out a plan and are getting to work.

Part of this plan includes two fundraising and promotional events:

Girard East Fundraiser on August 29th, during which local alternative health and wellness businesses on Girard Ave. will donate 100 percent of their proceeds (http://girardeast.org).

First Friday Party on Sept. 3, with performances by four local bands outside at 2205 Frankford Ave.

"Our membership has steadily grown over the past year and a half, but now we've laid the solid groundwork to really move this project forward," says KCFC President Lena Helen. That groundwork includes recruiting a dedicated team of volunteers and forming committees, finishing a feasibility study, incorporating as a not-for-profit cooperative, and last month, electing a partial Board of Directors

In 2008, a group of residents in Fishtown/Kensington realized they shared a common desire for a neighborhood source of healthful, quality food. After some deep

thought, they declared their mission to open a member-owned cooperative grocery store in the Kensington area that will provide healthful, quality food, products, and services to its members and the community. Since then, the project has seen a steady progression of diligent research by professional consultants, idea sharing, and hammering out details. Now the members invested in the project are working to convince their friends and neighbors to join the effort to create a local source of fresh, healthful food.

"The future of our project depends on our ability to raise the necessary funds to own and operate a store," says KCFC Vice President Peter Frank. "A large, supportive membership base would not only provide the up-front capital necessary to purchase a building and operate a store, it would also ensure the long-term success of our organization."

The mission of the Kensington Community Food Co-op is to open a member-owned cooperative grocery store in the Kensington area that will provide healthy, quality food, products, and services to its members and the community. Visit us at kefoodcoop.com.

For more information about KCFC e-mail lena@kcfoodcoop.com or peter@kcfcfoodcoop.com.

# South Philly Residents Start Co-op Ball Rolling

by Jaime Lockwood, Steering Committee, South Philly Food Co-op

Cooperative fever is spreading in Philadelphia: along with planned food co-ops in the works in Elkins Park, Southwest Philadelphia, and Kensington, South Philadelphia residents began the start-up process for their own food co-op in late spring. With the assistance of Weavers Way board members David Woo, Stuart Katz, and Bob Noble, interested community members met in April of this year and learned about different food co-op models and organized themselves into steering, outreach, and legal/finance committees.

Since May, the committees have been meeting and planning their next steps. So far the Steering Committee has been using public data to better understand their neighborhood in order to anticipate potential needs and demands. They have also created a Wiki on the South Philly Food Co-op, a Facebook page, and most recently a website: http://southphillyfoodcoop.

org. That committee is also working on a community survey so that we can learn more about the community. The Outreach Committee has developed an informational handout, and the Legal/Finance Committee is looking into the process of incorporation as well as budgeting for a fundraising campaign. All involved plan to set up tables at various upcoming community events to educate their neighborhoods about what a co-op is and hopefully gain their support.

With a tentative goal of opening sometime in 2012, a timeline is being developed in order to make this date a reality. Between now and then, the co-op's members will be learning more, recruiting new members and support, and figuring out the "when" and "where." Everyone involved looks forward to bringing an affordable and healthy co-op to South Philadelphia with the continued guidance of Weavers Way!

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### Manager's Corner

### **Update After Three Months**

by Glenn Bergman, Weavers Way General Manager

IT HAS been three months since we opened up the third store in Chestnut Hill, and I am pleased to report that the plans for this store are better than expected. I had reported that revenue for the CH store would take about 15 percent of sales away from Mt. Airy. In fact, the number is more like 22 percent and has given the Mt. Airy store space for shoppers. We are expecting sales to be \$14 million for the current year rather than the plan of \$12 million. The Mt. Airy and CH stores, I expect, will run almost evenly at \$7 million each this year.

Management is dealing with two issues: a new growing business and how to plan and prepare inventory for this level of growth; and a business that has changed and become slower, intentionally, and how to adjust costs. This will continue to be a balancing act for the rest of the year as we stabilize the two businesses.

Why the difference in plan? One important change that has happened, and was not expected, is that we have over 1,000 new members since May 1st. WW ownership went from 3,300 member households to over 4,300 in four months! That is an amazing number. Most of the people who became members or rejoined are from the 19118 and surrounding suburban communities. We expected an increase over the entire year, but not within the first quarter of the opening. It is wonderful to have this vote of confidence. Being a member means that shoppers are investing in their

local business; not just shopping the store. This extra step is meaningful to the long term health of any business.

For the new members, I welcome you to the co-op world and want you to take time reading the Shuttle and getting to know more about the Co-op. Come out and visit the farms at Awbury or Saul (these are your farms) on your own or with your friends and family. Volunteer to help out with the children's farm or Stenton Manor farm.

Other changes to our business took place this year:

- 1. The doors to the Co-op were opened to the public in January. Prices were increased on most items for the public (rather than charging a visitor's fee) and members who worked receive a percent discount. In the first quarter of 2010 we gave back over \$90,000 in member discounts; year to date we believe this number is over \$180,000. This is also a new number on our P & L that we need to get used to seeing. All members were considered working members on January 1st and received the percent discount. As we go through the cycles, some households will come off the working member status and remain on as Co-op members (nonworking). This will shift the discounts
- 2. Management eliminated the debit and credit card fee charge (.25 and .50) per transaction. This may seem like

a small item, but is actually a substantial income line that offset our bank card charges by 60 percent. In 2009, the Co-op had about \$30,000 in fee income to offset \$50,000 in bank card charges.

These changes may seem small, but they are not, especially in light of the changes with the expansion. It will take us a year to get baseline numbers and see how these changes will affect the operations. What is important for you to know is that we are doing well on the top line and management has to work hard to control the operating costs this year.

#### What did you do on your summer vacation?

What I do each year on my summer sometimes, if I am lucky, two weeks to the Berkshires in Massachusetts. I pass through at least three co-ops: Honest Weight in Albany, Wild Oats in Williamstown, and Berkshire Co-op in Great Barrington. Of the three, Honest Weight is most like Weavers Way in the format of a member work program and local program focus. All three co-ops are important to their community and are focal points for local food purchasing, but Honest Weight, is located in a city, has engaged working members, and is in the middle of a major expansion to a new site just like Weavers

Honest Weight has one of the largest bulk food departments I have ever seen in a store. This makes it possible for members/shoppers to bring in their containers and save a great deal of money. Bulk products are lower-priced and save the consumers the broker mark-ups. It has me thinking that we should find a way to expand our selection of bulk food, cleaning detergents, syrups, and other products.

Wild Oats in Williamstown is making a major push on local food products and is labeling everything that is local (within 100 miles). They sponsor festivals with local producers and growers that bring out the entire community. Meet your farmer has become a big program at this co-op.

If you have visited a co-op in other parts of the country or world, please let us know what you liked and what you think we should incorporate into our program in the future.

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### **New Energy Program Helps Homeowners Save Energy, Money**

by Robert Maier

A NEW \$25 million program named Energy Works will be announced to the public soon through the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA). This Department of Energy (DOE) funded project will provide homeowners in the Philadelphia region with complete and up to date information with a personalized audit explaining potential energy saving work on their homes.

ECA Director Liz Robinson said that a homeowner would begin the process by contacting their office and asking for an energy audit. Her office would make arrangements to have a Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified auditor conduct an energy analysis of the residence. The auditor collects a \$400 fee from the homeowner, performs the audit and recommends energy related work with an estimate of the cost of each item. Along with each recommendation is the estimated pay back through energy savings so that the homeowner will know which renovations will be most cost effective. Insulation, air sealing, heating system repairs, water saving devices, solar, and other avenues will be explained and explored through a computer report for the

homeowner. The auditor will also provide information about low interest financing, government incentives and utility paybacks. If the homeowner decides to have work done, ECA will provide at least two 'hard' bids for each aspect of work from qualified contractors.

The owner has complete control over who does the work and what is done. After the work is completed, ECA provides a final audit to make sure the work is finished and meets their high standard of quality. The initial audit will cost about \$400 and ECA will reimburse the homeowner \$300 if the homeowner spends at least another \$1,000 on renovations to the home.

This three-year program will help about 2,000 homeowners save energy in the five-county Philadelphia region.

Questions about the new program may be directed to: Annie Mroz at 215-609-1040 or anniem@ecasavesenergy.org or you can visit either the City of Philadelphia or ECA's website to learn more. More information (including photography and video) about the session is available at designdeliverables.com.



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### More Miles from a Gallon of Gas

by Sandra Folzer, Weavers Way Environment Committee

LAST WINTER I was warming up for a 5 mile race when I overheard another runner brag about getting 50 miles per gallon in his non-hybrid car, far exceeding the manufacturer's estimates. Curious, I asked for his secret. He said he didn't have time to go into the details so instead suggested I go to CleanMPG.com to find out for myself. Below I have tried to summarize some of their ideas, as well as those

- 1. Drive at 55 mph or slower. Fuel economy drops by 17 percent at 70 mph and by 10 percent at 65. I didn't say there wouldn't be sacrifices... When you drive over 55 mph, you increase the aerodynamic drag and friction, which lowers efficiency.
- 2. Accelerate gradually. You waste gas when you try to hurry, as much as 33 percent less efficiency. I feel gleeful when some hot rod zooms ahead of me as I accelerate slowly leaving a stoplight only to catch up with him at the next light. He only imagines he is traveling faster.
- 3. Brake gradually and glide to the finish line, the traffic light. When I see a red light ahead, I immediately take my foot off the accelerator and coast. I probably annoy the driver behind me, but neither of us can go anywhere anyway, so why hurry? If he wants to pass me to wait at the stop light longer, that's fine. As you can see, some of this kind of driving tries the patience of other drivers. I can only hope

they'll catch on and try it themselves.

4. Some claim that lower oil viscosity improves gas efficiency. SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) grades viscosity from low to high: 0, 5, 10, etc. to 60. Numbers suffixed with W indicate "winter," not weight, for cold start viscosity at low temperatures. The numbers for other kinds of oil, like gears or transmission, do not have same meaning.

Motor oils should be selected according to weather conditions (in line with the manufacturer's recommendation). Since oils thin when heated and thicken when cooled, choose your oil according to the air temperature. Multigrade oils supposedly adapt to different conditions.

Also, instead of filling your oil to the high level mark, add enough oil to bring level halfway, between high and low marks. Supposedly, there is less strain on the car's frictional components.

- 5. Check your trunk for heavy objects. Do you really have to carry that 15 pound tool kit everywhere you go? Added weight causes your vehicle to use more energy. Extra weight, including your cargo or bicycle rack even when you are not using them, creates drag and may add unnecessary weight. I noticed carrying a bicycle lowered my mileage so I carry the bicycle inside when possible.
  - 6. Yes, check your tire pressure. Un-

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### Birthplace of Co-ops Receives Multi-Million Dollar Makevover

by Julia Hershey, Intern

HAVE YOU ever wondered why your local food co-op is called Weavers Way? The Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers, founded in 1844, is considered to be the world's first successful cooperative organization and a model for modern co-ops around the world today. It started out as a group of 28 weavers (get it?) and other artisans in Rochdale, England, so they could sell food items together which they otherwise couldn't afford. After the birth of the Rochdale Society, co-ops sprung up around the U.K.—thousands of them in the first ten years. Those 28 weavers had a great influence not only just in the U.K., but around the world, and the principles they set forth in 1844, the Rochdale Principles, remain the basis for today's International Cooperative Principles, which define modern cooperatives.

The building where the first co-op was founded is now a museum, the Rochdale Pioneer museum located on Toad Lane in Rochdale, England, and is undergoing a major expansion and renovation, scheduled to be completed just in time for the United Nations' designated Year of Cooperatives, in 2012.

"The development of the cooperative movement is an important part of our social history—both for our local communities and for people across the world," said Sara Hilton, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund North West, which is funding much of the project with a £1.499 million grant. "By safeguarding the cooperative collection and redeveloping the Rochdale Pioneers building, this project will mean that more people will have the opportunity to

learn about and be inspired by the story of the cooperative movement."

The goal of this renovation is to give more people access to the museum and all of its information, bringing people in from around the world to teach them the history and significance of co-ops.

"The Museum and Archive and their distinct collections tell the story of how ordinary working people unlocked the power of working together for mutual benefit and developed a model of cooperative business that United Nations have stated has 'improved the lives of over half of humanity," said Stephen Yeo, Chair of the Cooperative Heritage Trust. "For the last ten years we have worked tirelessly to safeguard and protect the priceless heritage of the movement, and have achieved the highest archival and museum standards... We look forward to reopening the Rochdale Pioneers Museum on the 167th Anniversary of the day the Pioneers first took down the shutters and started serving the community in Rochdale, little knowing the impact their cooperative venture would make and the esteem they would be held forever."

The Cooperative Heritage Trust was established in 2007 by Cooperatives U.K., the Cooperative Group and the Cooperative College to safeguard the heritage assets of the cooperative movement. These include the Rochdale Pioneers Museum and the National Cooperative Archive.

The museum will undergo a total transformation, adding new facilities and learning areas, as well as new displays of



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Architect's rendering of the new museum on Toad Lane in Rochdale, England

information and images from the archives that have never been displayed. Staff will be recruited and trained to teach local schools and colleges about the history, and demonstrate its significance. The renovations will be a 16-month process, ending with the grand opening Dec. 21, 2011, exactly 167 years after the original co-op

You may be thinking, why the Year of the Co-op? Are co-ops really that popular and successful around the world? Many people today don't realize how popular co-ops are, not just on a small scale. Did you ever know that businesses such as Land-o-Lakes, Ocean Spray, and even True Value are all different forms of coops? This success doesn't just exist in the United States and the U.K.; it exists all over the world. So the U.N. has decided to honor the Co-op for an entire year the year of 2012; it won't just honor what exists now, or the foundations that existed in the past, but this year will teach many more people the success and benefits of a co-op, continuing its popularity around the world.

The work of the Cooperative Heritage Trust is managed by the Cooperative College—www.co-op.ac.uk. For further information please contact Gillian Lonergan, Head of Archive and Learning Resources at gillian@co-op.ac.uk.





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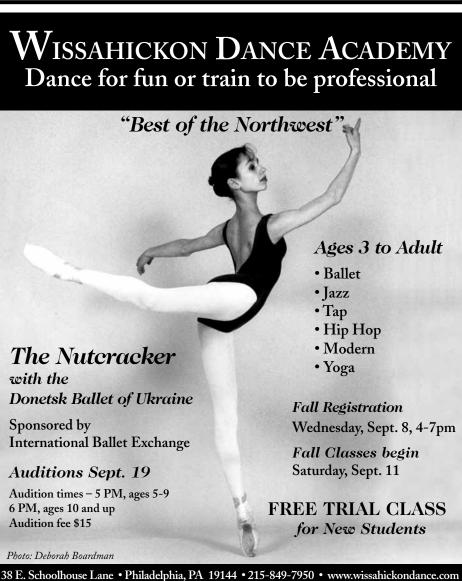
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### **Co-op Hosts Music Classes for Kids**

by Ramon Monras-Sender

This autumn a new and exciting program for children is coming to Mt. Airy and will have its home at Weavers Way Co-op's Mt. Airy Annex, 555 Carpenter Lane.

"All Around This World" (www.allaroundthisworld.com) is a unique, interactive weekly music class for children that encourages kids to explore the world by enjoying international songs, drumming, and movement. Singer, guitarist, and mom Amy Pickard will be teaching "All Around This World" music classes on Monday mornings for children five years old and under in the community meeting room at Weavers Way starting Monday, Sept. 13. There will be a special, free, "Hello, Mt. Airy!" music class featuring international kids' music and more at the Co-op Annex, 555 Carpenter Lane at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 29. "I'm thrilled to be bringing 'All Around This World' to Mt. Airy," Amy says. "I can't wait to meet other Weavers Way families who are interested in playing music together!"

In the autumn of 2009, West Philadelphia musician Jay Sand started "All Around This World" music classes to share global music and culture with his young children and their neighbors. Jay

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Debbie Stern, MLS 215-848-9503 debstern502@msn.com has since expanded "All Around This World" to include monthly hands-on cultural music and traditional dance workshops for little children and a monthly class near Rittenhouse Square. Each season "All Around This World" focuses on a region of the world and shares music, rhythms and movement from that region to introduce students to its history, culture and traditions. This fall, families in "All Around This World—Mt. Airy" classes will be singing songs and learning dances from Latin America. They will enjoy great music from Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Cuba, Brazil, etc. and sing songs in Spanish, Portuguese, Mayan, Quechua, Sranan, and Garifuna.

Are children five and under able to appreciate world music? "Definitely yes!" Amy says. "Learning songs in different languages and rhythms is not only lots of fun, it exposes children to a broad vocabulary of sound that helps them appreciate the different ways we connect musically to one another and the world."

"That said," notes Jay, "while us old folks may not be as smart as our kids, we can still learn about the world through music and have a great time in class."

"All Around This World-Mt. Airy" is currently accepting pre-registrations for the fall cycle, which starts Monday, Sept. 13. Class schedules, costs, and other details are available at www.AllAroundThis-World.com/mtairy.html. Discounts are available for Weavers Way members. For more information, contact Amy Pickard at amy@allaroundthisworld.com or call her at 267-978-5147.

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Mindy Flexer, a professional artist and certified art teacher. I taught art for eight years at Greene Street Friends School, and currently teach art at my studio and selected venues, and pursue my own work as a painter and a potter. I love sharing my passion for art with students of any age, and am excited about inviting people into my studio to share the journey with me! www.mindyflexer.com

Where: Mindy's studio, 5225 Greene Street When: Saturday, September 11, 10:30 - 12:00

To sign up: Contact Mindy Flexer at maflexer@yahoo.com or 215-991-5817. Please leave your contact information and how many adults and children you will be bringing.

### Reading Earth's Past Warm Climates

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Karen holds a PhD in geoscience and, until July 2009, was an Associate Scientist in the Department of Geology and Geophysics at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. She is a member of the Roster of Experts for the United

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and recently received a Masters in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy from Princeton University.

Wednesday, September 15, 7 to 9 pm, Membership Admin. Offices, 555 Carpenter Lane

#### **Papercutting**

Papercutting is an ancient art dating back to the creation of paper during the 1st century in China. Since that time, artisans have used paper, scissors and knives to create objects both ornamental and functional. Perhaps you made a snow flake in grade school or have seen silhouettes. These are forms of papercutting. In this workshop, you will create a papercut card.

Bring a #11 x-acto knife and a cutting mat, if you have. There is an additional material fee of \$5.00

Mindy Shapiro was first introduced to the folk art of papercutting at KlezKamp, a Yiddish folk camp, during the winter of 1995. She credits her immediate passion for this art form to her only art training which was as a leather craftsperson at Camp Louise. Mindy's groundbreaking creativity, intricate designs and use of color, combined with her wide-ranging Jewish knowledge, distinguish her as an artist.

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#### Dinner and a Movie

### **Dancin' For Our Dinner!**

#### by Margie Felton and Joanna Poses

As we strolled along the street in West Philadelphia, a catchy sign caught our eye... "free lunch!"... at the *gentlemen's* club! We are willing to work for food, but we have a healthy skepticism of strip club fare. So we turned the corner and ducked down an alley. Behold! Cheap, delicious Korean food for students in the know. The menu was thick with full-color photos of mysterious dishes. Here was pornography of a different color!

The joint was hopping with hungry students on fixed incomes. There was no place to sit so we stared down some wide-eyed pre-meds until they hurried up and left. We took the table as our prize and enjoyed the meal one dish at a time.

Margie was the first to get her food, but she would have waited longer for a more tender BBQ. She was still chewing when Joanna's hot pot finally arrived and was still chewing some more when the appetizers eventually followed. Although the BBQ scored big on flavor it was a disappointment, overall.

In contrast, Joanna's pork hot pot was a busy delight. Flavored rice lay quietly under meat, veggies, kimchi, and a fried egg. A bowl of tummy-warming soup sat to the side keeping it tasty company. We finished our entrees just in time to enjoy our steaming appetizers. All four of us at the table fought over the last piece of vegetable crepe. Laced with perfectly caramelized zucchini, scallions, and red peppers, these left us moaning like the over-eating decadents that we are...

And then our bubble tea appeared!

This month's movie should be enjoyed before or after dinner, but probably not during—some scenes are fairly stomach-churning. Unfortunately, we can't discuss the film's best scenes because to do so would give away the juiciest plot twists. Instead, we'll identify some of the major themes as we see them.

The film starts with two of the main characters splashing in the cool water of their childhood playground. Water is the film's guiding image, but where it once ran clear, it soon runs with blood. Two well-meaning anarchists devise a scheme to secure a kidney for an ailing sister. Every attempt ends in a blood-stained dead end. This may sound like another frivolous horror flick, but Margie will explain its political value: the lack of affordable and accessible health care can lead to torture, kidnapping, electric shocks (non-therapeutic), and lots of sliced appendages.

Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance, one of the best known films in contemporary Korean cinema, is actually part of a trilogy including *Old Boy* and *Lady Vengeance*. But you'll have to pick up our dinner tab if you want us to review three movies in one column!

Koreana is located at 3801 Chestnut Street (down a small alley/parking lot).

### **Second Floor**

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#### **New Products**

How much space will Jon give us this month? Here's a sampling: new soaps from two of our fav local companies—Volta Organics and Copa Soap (both companies recently lowered their soap prices, making them an even better value!); three products from the Pure Life Soap Company (Coconut & Guanabana body lotion and a Cucumber body lotion plus Volcanic Clay facial scrub for oily or problem skin); Aura Cacia soap and bath products for kids; Ball freezer canning containers;

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shades plus a couple from their henna gray line; a line of glass containers usable for leftovers and for food preparation with lids that are easy to open and remove (look for the lime green colored lids); the ever popular Hatley magnetic notepads with cool and fun artwork with new sayings; Maggie's hoodies and leggings; attractive and informative new packages for the Equal Exchange pre-ground coffee; Gourmac's pepper savers have joined the ever-popular onion, tomato, lemon and lime savers—and the pepper savers come in four colors too! Our Flower Es-

sence line from Rhoni Groff and Gift of the Flowers has grown—check them out; new teas from Frontier.

#### **Calendars**

When our calendars begin to arrive early in August, we see every reaction you can imagine from "It's too early!" to "I love these!" We try to bring you calendars that will brighten your days and keep you organized. Let us know what you think of our 2011 selection.

#### What's next?



Footprint Clothing is adding some new styles of socks as well as black boxer shorts (all set to arrive from mid-September on) which look as terrific as the rest of Cheryl's wonderful clothing—this very popular line is a local company, has great products and is a dream to work with for me.

At our house we have socks and T-shirts which are comfy to wear and easy to clean. There will be new Baggallini bags and more new clothing from Maggie's. The wellness area keeps growing with lots of excellent products to help you maintain your good health. The housewares and cleaning products will be reset to include some products we are happy to have join the Weavers Way second floor.

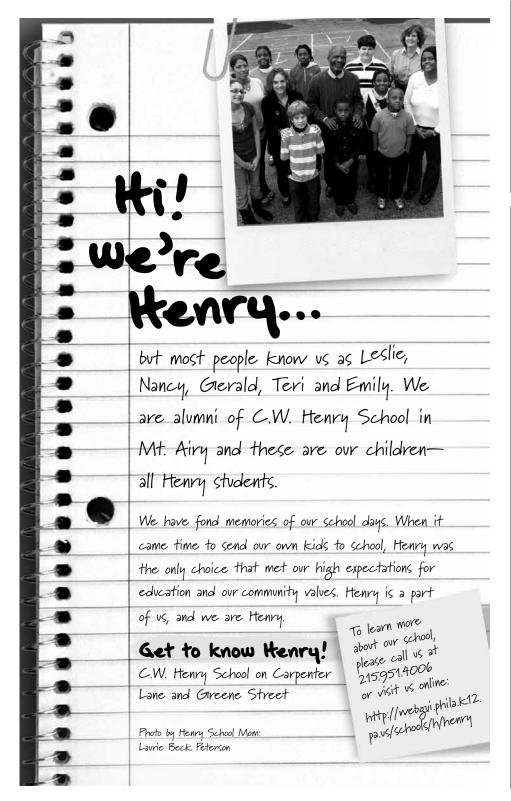
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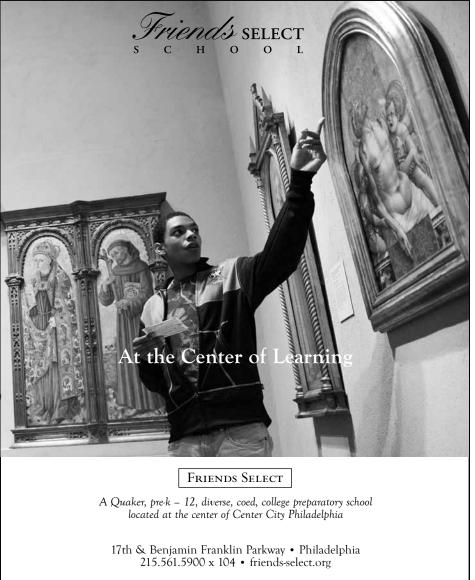
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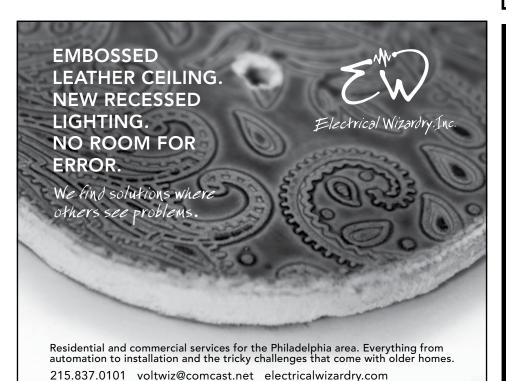
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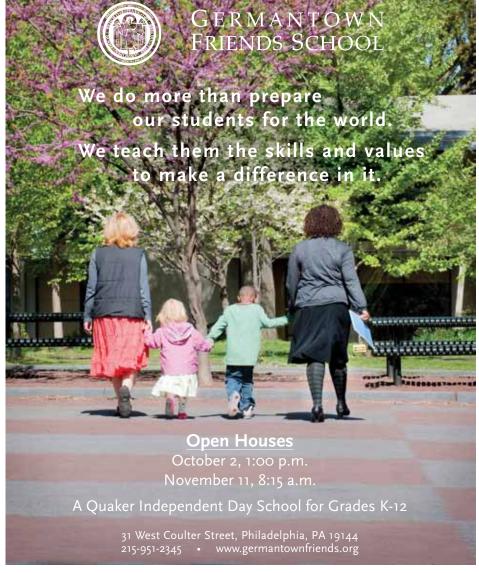
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### The September Garden

by Mark Goodman, The Neighborhood Gardener

THERE'S SOMETHING special about eating the fruits—and vegetables—of your labor. All summer I've enjoyed the blackberries from my thornless blackberry bush ("Arapahoe") as well as the flat Italian parsley growing in a 10" pot and the bok choi greens proliferating in a 16" contain-

If you'd like to experience eatsomething that you've grown yourself, there is still time. If you don't want to cultivate a garden patch, fill a ten-inch-wide, eight-inch-deep (minimum) pot with potting soil after putting some



stones at the bottom for drainage.

You can plant the following seeds: kale, leaf lettuce, spinach, mustard greens, arrugula, and curly cress. Later in the fall you can cut these greens and enjoy them as part of your meal. If you have empty space in the garden, you can grow radishes from seed and the faster growing turnips, such as Purple Globe Top. Eating produce that you've planted and harvested makes it taste a little better.

If it's flowers you like, here are some September beauties to embellish your garden. Chelone (or Turtlehead) has pink flowers and will grow in sun or partial shade. Perennial ageratum is another attractive late summer bloomer. It is tall (3') with bluish-purple flowers, like the flowers of the much smaller annual ageratum.

Physostegia—also known as false dragonhead or obedient plant-comes in a tall (3-4') or shorter (18 - 24") version. They flower pink or white and have a

> spiky shape. And don't forget gentians, the lovely blue flower often overlooked in the September garden.

If you like to cut flowers for your vases, Autumn Joy or Autumn Fire sedums can last for weeks after cutting. Depending on when

you cut them, they are white, pink, burgundy, or bronze. The succulent leaves are also attractive in a cut flower arrangement.

Early September is a good time to plant grass. If you expect foot traffic on a sunny spot, sow athletic field mix. For shade, try perennial rye grass for a quick

Even with all of the activity of returning from vacation, holidays, and getting the kids ready to go back to school, remember to water your garden. September can get its fair share of 90-degree days. Enjoy the last month of summer with all of its colorful and tasty gifts.

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by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

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### **Gas Mileage**

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der-inflated tires do cause lower mileage. You may have to spend 25 cents for the air, but it's free to check your pressure. Some believe tire pressure is very important; the higher the pressure, the less "rolling resistance," whatever that is. The minimum is the recommended tire pressure for your car, which is usually stated on the driver's door. Some claim that higher pressure causes less tread wear as well.

7. Allow your car to idle no more than 7 seconds, for that's how much fuel it takes to restart your car. If you have a hybrid that shuts off when you've stopped, that may not be necessary. Some people are under the mistaken impression that they have to warm up their engine before driving in the winter. Not necessary. Just be gentle when you start driving. The colder the weather, the more gentle you need to be.

In the winter when it takes longer for your car to warm up, drive to your farthest destination first and then to the nearer ones when you have to stop and start again.

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- 8. When you take the scenic route over hill and dale, you may be paying a price. When possible, avoid hills and unpaved roads, so your car doesn't have to work as hard.
- 9. Use your four-wheel drive only when absolutely necessary.
- 10. Follow your car's maintenance schedule; a poorly tuned engine uses more fuel. Be sure your auto mechanic checks your wheel alignment and air filter, as both can affect fuel economy.
- 11. When possible, avoid ethanol. The BTU of energy in a gallon of ethanol is 76,000 versus 116,000 for a gallon of gasoline. Ethanol has only 2/3 the energy of gasoline. Also, the USDA says ethanol costs 57 cents more per gallon. Most gas stations sell a mixture of ethanol and gasoline, and the problem is how to locate a gas station that doesn't use ethanol. When tankers fill up to deliver to gas stations, they may take from a gas/ethanol tank or a pure gasoline tank. It does not depend upon the brand of gas station for the same tanker may deliver at different gas stations. Most gas stations post a small sign on the pump which tells you the gas contains ethanol. I have yet to locate a station without ethanol.

12. Forget about buying more expensive higher-octane gasoline. The octane rating has nothing to do with the energy content of the fuel. Octane is a measure of the fuel's ability to burn in a controlled manner.



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14. Forget you have an air conditioner when you are able....If it's not August in Philadelphia. Operating an air conditioner on high can reduce efficiency by 5-30 percent (although some people believe that at highway speeds, the drag caused by open windows may cause a similar reduction in efficiency).

15. "Scan gauges" are fuel efficiency feedback systems to tell you how efficiently you are driving at any time. Most hybrid cars come equipped with this feedback system. It is vital if you are serious about improving your mileage. Some assert that their mileage improved by 15 percent after purchasing the device.

16. Special Techniques for Diehards:

Ridge riding" describes driving close to the center of the road to reduce drag in inclement weather, as the center has the least amount of water. In snow you stay in the most traveled lanes with least amount of snow.

"Anticipatory Focus" is looking ahead to scan situations or lights which might interfere with your steady state, to avoid stopping when possible.

"Driving with Load" means you rely on your Instantaneous Fuel Consumption Display instead of your Cruise Control in some conditions like climbing a hill. If you don't have a scan gauge, just hold your foot on the accelerator at same pressure going over a hill. The car will adjust and slow down as you climb and readjust downhill

"Driving without Brakes" means only that you pretend not to have brakes so in-

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crease the buffer zone between you and the car in front in order to maintain speed and avoid fast stops.

"Face Out," when parking, describes finding a space where you can egress by pulling forward. You can try this at home as well by backing into driveway to avoid having to use reverse when you begin driving next. Your fuel consumption is greatest when your engine is cold.

"Alternate Routes" describes choosing the path that allows you to drive more slowly rather than the highway at 65 mph, which lowers fuel efficiency.

"Slowing for lights" allows you to avoid a full stop if you move slowly enough. The slower you move, the more likely you won't have to stop completely at the light.

There are other sophisticated techniques like "Hypermiling" in which you shift to neutral to stop the engine. I'll let you read about these techniques on your own at CleanMPG.com, as they are a little more risky. Even the web site advises you to try these more advance techniques one at a time, on a relatively remote road.

When attempting to use some of the suggestions above, don't be surprised if you get dirty looks from other drivers who don't like you driving at or below the speed limit. Also, get used to other cars passing you. I often wonder why some folks are in such a hurry to stop for a light.

The aficionados of "hypermiling" boast of getting 100 m.p.g. They also say they pay close attention to their cars and the traffic ahead and around, not listening to the radio and certainly not using a cell phone or text messaging. They seem to be cautious drivers, though slow. Perhaps saving gasoline may also make your driving habits safer.

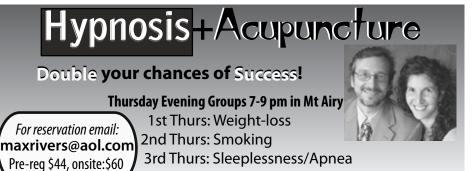
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### One Year Later, Co-op Member's Book Rereleased in Paperback

### Big Blue Marble Bookstore to Host Rerelease Party Saturday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m

by Chris Kaiser

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time, Eileen Flanagan's book The Wisdom to Know the Difference: When to Make a Change-and When to Let Go was published in hardback. It has since received awards and endorsements (including one from the Dalai Lama) and has garnered a following of spirituallyminded people who sometimes need an extra jolt of wisdom to cope with life's everyday stresses.

It comes out in paperback in September and The Big Blue Marble in Mt. Airy will host a "coming out" party on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. Interestingly, Flanagan's book, published by Tarcher/ Penguin, was the No. 1 bestselling book in 2009 at The Big Blue Marble.

The book is a compilation of stories of how people figured out the things they needed to change in their lives or in the world around them and what they needed to just accept and let go. It tackles all kinds of personal issues, from divorce, career change, and illness to topics with a broader social impact, such as racism.

It is well written and flows effortlessly from story to story. Flanagan doesn't preach. She merely lets the experiences of the people who populate the book speak for them.

In May, the book picked up the Nautilus Silver Award in the category of Personal Growth/Psychology. The tagline for Nautilus Books is "Changing the World One Book at a Time." (Past Gold winners include the Dalai Lama and Deepak Chopra.)

More recently, the book garnered the Coalition of Visionary Resources Award for visionary spiritual book. Visionary Resources, according to their website, are products and services that help the world become a better place.

Sales of hardcover books can be challenging in these economic times. So now that the paperback will be available for about \$15, becoming a better person has never been more reasonably priced!

Flanagan receives all kinds of validation of the book's message wherever she goes. At one book event, she was reading the chapter about a woman who wanted to give up her car for environmental work less in order to Library in East Falls. perform more volunteer work, but then was

laid off. The moral being that you never know how your prayers will be answered. Well, a woman in the audience came up to Flanagan afterwards and said, "When my husband left me, I was in total shock for about 10 seconds. Then I realized it was the best thing that could have happened to

A man at another reading reached out to Flanagan because he was grappling

reasons, but then it was Co-op member Eileen Flanagan (r) signing copies of her awardstolen. She also wanted winning book, *The Wisdom to Know the Difference: When to Make a Change-and When to Let Go*, at an event at Falls of the Schuylkill

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with a diagnosis of cancer. He wanted to accept his disease, but not capitulate to it.

He said that The Wisdom to Know the Dif-

ference was very helpful in that regard. Flanagan will also be reading from her book at Borders on Broad and Chestnut in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m.

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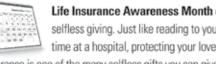












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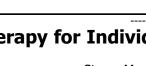
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### The Self-Provisioning Resource Conserving Eco-Nut Next Door

by Betsy Teutsch

AMIDST THE landslide of greening and sustainability books constantly being marketed and touted (get the irony?), there are two that have jumped out at me. Reading them as a pair made it clear that *Plenitude*, by economist Juliet B. Schor, and *The* Cheapskate Next Door by journalist Jeff Yeager are describing the same contemporary trends using very different language. People can earn fewer dollars without their quality of life being diminished, if they also experience an increase in free time. This free time can be invested in social capital, healthy lifestyle, creative selfprovisioning, and ingenious thrift, aided by everything from social networking to asking grandma to teach canning techniques. Schor's book is analytic; Yeager's is a how-to-do-it manual.

Reading over and over again how we aren't "over" this Great Recession because none of us are buying enough, hence the jobs producing all of it are lagging, has often made me wonder how that squares with the carrying load of the planet. The fact that personal savings have actually increased seems like good news, not bad. The fact that demand for fossil fuels has decreased—isn't that the goal here? Schor, an economist with an emphasis on ecological concerns, and the author of two other terrific books, The Overworked American and The Overspent American, reviews the basic theoretical underpinnings of modern economics and concludes that they don't square. As developing world incomes rise, driving massive additional consumption, the world's growth limits will be tested. We can't just keep on extracting finite resources on the cheap and expect it will all end well. Likewise, she predicts there will never again be enough conventional jobs for all who seek work. We're becoming too efficient and productive for that, through ever-improving and disseminating technology.

Schor's solution, that we cut back on workers' hours, thereby employing more people over all, is not original. This has been tried in many places and times, often to avoid laying workers off. Kelloggs of Battle Creek, Michigan, famously offered a six-hour day for decades, which workers

loved, along with all the others lucky enough to live there. Schor's original synthesis is to combine this with the new realities of environmental as well as social stress, to definite a life of plentitude less dependent on material excess. By editing out the waste of American life, and utilizing the dividend of extra time, whole new micro-economies are evolving, allowing people to live healthier, happier lives

that—paradoxically—are lower income. She effectively decouples standard of living from quality of life, as happiness studies have been confirming is correct, once people move past subsistence.

She cites examples of lowering overhead by resource sharing, plugging Freecycle, CraigsList, carsharing, Open Source internet software – much of which I have written about over the years. Local agriculture, from gardens to micro-farms, is a favorite example, written about glowingly throughout the book. She describes people once again learning to cook, preserve, sew, and build their own downsized homes. It all sounds very idyllic; I want to believe her, I really do. Except that what she is talking about as a trend looks more like an interesting trickle of outliers (Hi, Anna! How's the honey going?). OK, I grow a few tomatoes. That doesn't make me Ma Ingalls. But perhaps a generation from now her manifesto will prove true. If so, we will all be the better for it.

The Cheapskate Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of Americans Living Hap-

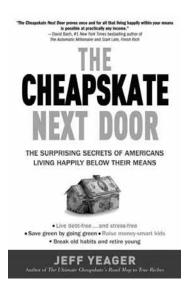
pily Below Their Means is a charming hybrid of two terrific classics, The Millionaire Next Door and The Tightwad Gazette. Those books were all about resource conservation from a financial standpoint why leave good money on the table? The Millionaire Next Door describes a value-oriented affluent population who eschews conspicuous consumption. The Tightwad Gazette was more about people scraping together a nest egg, even on a tiny salary. The secret of both is living beneath one's

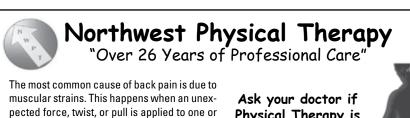
means. However, they were written before the age of environmental awareness. All their strategies translate quite well to a new eco-age. The Cheapskate took himself on a national book tour by bike, couch-surfing his way across the country.

His book is a lot of fun. My main takeaway is that if you create good habits, these too are hard to break. One becomes a reflexively resource-conscious consumer [a description I prefer to "cheapskate"]. Case in point. Two friends and I were at the beach in search of 1 percent hydrocortisone cream for my friend, suffering from a bee sting. We grabbed the first brand we saw. But I couldn't resist going back to look at the shelf, where I found a generic tube for half the price. Then I saw a generic tube half the size. It is generally more economical, both financially and ecologically, to buy a larger quantity. But, only if you will finish it all. Having just thrown out boxes of unused, expired OTC meds from my old house, I knew the smaller generic tube was a good choice. Time expended: 1 minute. Amount saved: ~\$6.00. Since I earn less than \$6.00 a minute, it was a good use of my time. However, you can't send a child to college or pay for health care—America's two huge and ever escalating price tags—on small salaries supplemented by self-provisioning and judicious cheapskating.

If you're following these authors' advice, be sure to check these books out from your local library soon!

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### 2010 Honey Festival, September 10-12

by Lauren Zalut

PHILADELPHIA HAS a long history of "firsts" – from the first hospital to the first zoo to the discovery of electricity, innovations of all kinds have happened here. Beekeepers across the city and the United States are buzzing away, preparing to celebrate another Philadelphia "first" – the invention of the movable frame bee hive. December 2010 marks the 200th birthday of Philadelphian Lorenzo L. Langstroth, "The Father of American Beekeeping," and inventor of the hive that changed the future of apiculture forever. To celebrate

his birthday, four Philadelphia organizations have teamed up to present the Philadelphia Honey Festival on the weekend of Sept. 10-12, 2010. The coordinating partners are the Wagner Free Institute of Science, Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild, Bartram's Garden and The Wyck Association, organizations invested in educating the public about natural science.

The Festival will kick off on at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 10, 2010, with the placement of a historical marker at 106 South Front Street, the house where Langstroth was born, and will include a keynote address from Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, an appearance by the Pennsylvania Honey Queen, and will conclude with the viewing of Langstroth's papers at the American Philosophical Society.

The three anchor sites-Wagner Institute, Bartram's Garden and The Wyck Association—will be buzzing with events throughout the three-day festival, so there will be something for everyone.

What better place to celebrate the importance of bees than right on the banks of the Schuylkill River at the birthplace of American botany? Bartram's Garden is the landmark home and garden of America's pioneering family of naturalists, botanists and explorers. During the Honey Festival, this Southwest Philadelphia site



Suzanne Matlack visits a summer camp to teach kids about bees, beekeeping, and honey

will appeal to those interested in the history of beekeeping and the aesthetic inspiration these important pollinators provide. On Friday, Bartram's Garden will host the opening of the DaVinci Art Alliance exhibition aptly titled "What's the Buzz," from 5 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 12, the Garden will be open all day, for botanical illustration meet-ups and house tours. History buffs should not miss the lecture History of American Bee Keeping 1776-1810 on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m., presented by Professor William Butler. His lecture will be followed by a curator's talk, Bees in Art, presented by Dr. Debra Miller of DaVinci Art Alliance.

For those interested in starting their own apiary, Historic Wyck is the place to be! This remarkable Germantown site has been a home and a working farm for more than 250 years, and features a nationallyknown garden of old roses (over 30 varieties) originally planted in the 1820s. Wyck will be open on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 12 to 4 p.m. for house tours, honey tastings, open hive talks, honey extractions, a demonstration on making cosmetics from beeswax, and a talk about bee-friendly gardening. Visitors will even be able to take an up-close look at the inner workings of a beehive through a Teaching Hive donated by Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. This is a chance to see detailed pictures of capped and uncapped honey, pollen, comb, and more, with no worries of being stung! Wyck will also be the stop for those who love to eat this naturally sweet treat—Capogiro Gelato is producing a mouth watering gelato made with honey from Wyck's hives, and there will be a mead and honey-based beer tasting from 7 to 9 p.m. at the nearby Cliveden of the National Trust.

The Wagner Free Institute of Science will be the Honey Fest host for children and their families. This Victorian natural history museum located in North Philadelphia has been dedicated to providing free science educa-

tion to the public for over 150 years. Children make up one-third of the museum's annual audience, and the Honey Festival will kick off the Institute's 2010-11 season of Saturday Family Programs. Open from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, the afternoon will feature "Pollinator Power!" a lesson for children ages 6-12 about the importance of pollinators in our lives. Sip honey-sweetened iced tea, and listen to local folk rocker Liam Gallagher while you peruse goods from local booksellers, bee artists, and beekeepers. Beeswax candlemaking, scavenger hunts, and the debut of the Institute's new native pollinator garden will sweeten the day for all who attend.

The goal of the Philadelphia Honey Festival is to raise awareness about the importance of bees to our environment and the impact of local honey on our economy, and to promote urban beekeeping and gardening. All festival events are free, but some events require reservations, please see the schedule at www.phillyhoneyfest.com for more details.

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by Chris Owens, RittenhouseTown **Executive Director** 

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Paws in the Park takes its inspiration from Caroline Tiger's book, General Howe's Dog: General Washington, the Battle of Germantown, and the Dog Who Crossed Enemy Lines. The day's activities begin at 10 a.m. and will include a dog walk thru the village, prizes, and a 'flea market' with food, drink, and dog supplies

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### MAUSA Marks 30 Years at Annual Benefit

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

THE GUESS Who's Coming to Dinner fundraiser held each year by Mt. Airy, USA (MAUSA) is always a special occasion, but this year it will be even more special, as the nonprofit community development corporation celebrates its 30th anniversary. This popular Dinner benefit and auction will take place on Oct. 23, with the theme of Grandma's Kitchen, an evening of nostalgia. Every table is hosted by a most intriguing Philadelphia celebrity guest including a Philadelphia Phillie, news anchor, a public radio host, and a sommelier.

This year's event will also be noteworthy as it is the first since longtime MAUSA Executive Director Farah Jiminez announced she was stepping down to become the new President and CEO of the People's Emergency Center.

This year's dinner and auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. at the Commodore Barry Club located at 6815 Emlen St. in Philadelphia. Please visit www.mtairyusa.org/guesswhoscomingtodinner/index.htm or call 215-844-6021 for more information.

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### WMAN Celebrates 50 Years, Honors 50 Neighbors

Weavers Way Co-op and Many Co-op Members Among those Honored

by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

WEST MT. Airy Neighbors (WMAN) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary by recognizing 50 great neighbors whose contributions have strengthened our neighborhood and enhanced our shared community life. Among these 50 individuals and organizations are many member of Weavers Way, and Weavers Way Co-op itself.

Join WMAN for a luncheon to celebrate WMAN's history and honor 50 Good Neighbors and local organizations. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Commodore Barry Club. For more information, contact WMAN, call 215-438-6022 or e-mail wman@wman.net

WMAN was founded in 1959 to create and sustain West Mt. Airy as a racially integrated community. From the beginning, WMAN has sought to make its community a welcoming home for all people. To this day, West Mt. Airy remains one of the few stable, racially integrated communities in the United States.

In 1999, West Mt. Airy Neighbors celebrated its 40th Anniversary by honoring 40 Good Neighbors whose contributions have strengthened our neighborhood and enhanced our shared community life. This year, we will honor 50 Good Neighbors in celebration of WMAN's 50th Anniversary.

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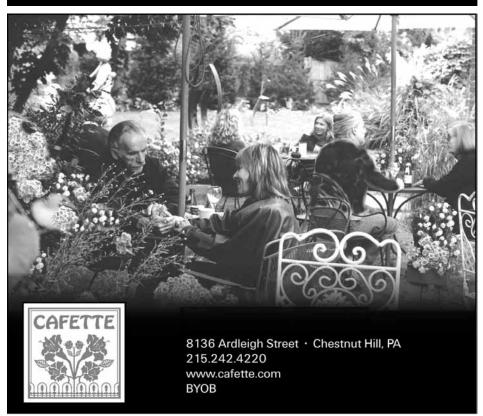
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Food—Come hungry! The Weavers Way Co-op is cookin' up a feast outside, along with a "guess the weight" fruit game, as well as a special oyster sampling of \$1.50 oysters from around the country. High Point Café will also be banging out Fair Fare—crepes along with their famous baked goods and drinks. Real lemon sticks will also be at this great event, made with all-natural porous candy sticks inside organic lemons for the best lemonade made right in your mouth! And more! Come for the fun, stay for the food!

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Pet Parade—We still love the Phillies, and all pets are invited to show the love in a sports-inspired pet parade and competition on Sept. 26, at 3:30 p.m. An integral part of this year's annual Mt.Airy Village Fair—dogs, cats, fish, iguanas, gerbils, birds, and even stuffed toy pets will strut their stuff—either in costume or not! Everyone wins, and there will be ribbons awarded in categories such as "Biggest Shoulder Pads," "Smoothest Swing," "Most Team Spirit," and "Most Valuable Player." All pets welcome except fighters and biters. To enter, participants and their owners may gather promptly at 3:15 p.m. at the Henry School wall facing Weavers

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If you are interested in performing, volunteering or having a booth, please email us at info@mtairyvillage.com.

### Gala to Benefit CHCA, CHCF

by Jane Piotrowski, Vice President, **Chestnut Hill Community Association Social Division** 

On these hot summer days, it may be hard to imagine that a cool evening under the stars with big band music, delicious foods, and fascinating auction items awaits you in just a few short months. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, Sept. 25, from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. when the Chestnut Hill Community Fund (CHCF) and the Chestnut Hill Community Association (CHCA) will be "Puttin' on the Ritz" at this year's Black and White Gala and Silent Auction.

A roaring '20s atmosphere, inspired by this brilliant and evocative song by Irving Berlin, will set the mood for this elegant evening when the 8100 block of Germantown Avenue turns into a festive party scene.

Sponsored by the Chestnut Hill Hospital, Bowman Properties, East River Bank, Elfant Wissahickon Realty, and Stephen T. Piotrowski this, the fifth Black & White Gala, promises to be even more elegant and exciting than the last. For those who have not attended a Black & White Gala, imagine a clear, starry night on the Avenue, large white tents, two open bars, phenomenal food by a sampling of local restaurants and the very talented Paula Johns and the John Clark Big Band at the head of the huge dance floor.

Guests will be dressed to the nines and in black and white, some looking "like a million dollar trooper or trying hard to look like Gary Cooper." Others will mimic those who made 1920s fashion well known for shapeless shift low waist dresses, bare arms, and sleek hair. Men may join their dates with their ascot ties, white smacks, and top hats.

Regardless of what attire guests don, each will be most entertained throughout the evening. As drinks flow, colorful trays of food are passed, and music fills the air, a huge selection of silent auction items will intrigue.

Founded in 1947, the Chestnut Hill Community Association's mission is to encourage a sense of community and to improve the quality of life in the Chestnut Hill vicinity. The CHCA operates social, cultural and physical improvement programs and publishes The Chestnut Hill Local. The Chestnut Hill Community Fund (501c3), the charitable trust established by the CHCA, conducts the annual fund drive and other fundraising events to benefit CHCA programs and other charitable programs in the community.

Proceeds will benefit the CHCA and the CHCF Green Space Initiative. For information, visit www.chestnuthill.org.

### **Open House at Germantown Y**

After a two-year closure following a major flood in 2008, the Germantown Y, at 5722 Greene St., is celebrating its Sept. 11 reopening with an Open House featuring music, food, games and activities for everyone young and old. Festivities are from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. All are welcome. Information is available at www.ymcaofgermantown.org.

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### FOW Receives Park Signage Grant | Ukulele Concert, Sept. 3 at 542

by Denise Larrabee, Friends of the Wissahickon

THE FRIENDS of the Wissahickon (FOW) have been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the PECO Green Region Program, the company's municipal open space grant program, in partnership with the Natural Lands Trust. The grant will be used to improve wayfinding in Wissahickon Valley

"We are grateful to PECO and the Natural Lands Trust for supporting this project," says FOW Executive Director Maura McCarthy. "It shows their desire to both preserve open space and to make it accessible and safe." The project will help finalize trail signage content, which will include important safety messages and information on environmental issues. "In the future, we hope to link trail blazes to the City's 911 database. This will help the City locate park users needing assistance."

Natural Lands Trust is the region's largest land conservation organization, preserving thousands of acres of open space each year throughout eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. For more information, visit www.natlands.

The Friends of the Wissahickon, founded in 1924, is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the Wissahickon Valley. FOW works in partnership with Fairmount Park to restore historical structures throughout the park, eliminate invasive plant species, monitor watershed management issues, and restore trails throughout the park system with its Sustainable Trails Initiative. For more information, visit www.fow.org.

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by Jonathan McGoran, Shuttle Editor

Weavers Way Co-op will be hosting a free performance by ukulele songwriter Aaron Lee, Fri., Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m. at 542 Carpenter Lane, across the street from Weavers Way's Mt. Airy store. The performance is part of Lee's "Ukulele by Bicycle Tour," a series of concerts in communities across New England, New York and Pennsylvania from mid August to mid September. Concert-goers are urged to bring their own chair. Although the concerts are free, donations are accepted at each show to benefit an organization that is doing work in the local community.

Lee plans on performing four or five times per week, riding his bicycle between shows often 50-60 miles apart. He will be carrying everything he needs and camping out along the way. In this way, the concert will provide a positive community experience as well as raise awareness for a local organization. In a global sense, the tour will promote the causes of living simply and sustainably (hence tour by bicycle), acting locally (working with a local organization), and the energy of bringing people together (the event will be a reason to get together).

In February of 2010, Lee released *The* Ukulele Project, a 14 song record in which all of the songs creatively and intentionally feature the word ukulele. Lee has performed all over New England alone and as part of a trio also featuring piano and upright bass. For more information, go to http://ukulelebybicycle.blogspot.com.

### **Pilates/Wellness Open House**

by Jeff Smith, Owner of Pilates in Germantown

TEN YEARS ago the federal government mandated that states lower the percentage of obese individuals to 15 percent. Ten years later, according to a report on NPR's Morning Edition, not a single state has met that goal. And in nine states, more than 33 percent are obese. Nationally, 25 percent of men and women are obese.

One can probably assume that most Weavers Way shoppers have a higher order of consciousness concerning healthy living. But if you are honest with yourself, just how well do you measure up to a "wellness" standard?

Pilates in Germantown will offer a wellness open house on Sat., Sept. 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in order to help

you determine what shape you are in. It will have some take-away information explaining "body mass index," nutrition and consumption of liquids, including water and coffee, among other things. In addition there will be information and demonstration about Pilates training on the Reformer as part of a low-impact but highly efficient exercise program.

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by Amanda Rittenhouse, for Mt. Airy USA

THE BOARD of Directors of Mt. Airy, USA (MAUSA) has launched its search for a new Executive Director and is ready to accept responses from accomplished candidates to fill the organization's top position. The position can be viewed on Mt. Airy, USA's website at www.mtairyusa.org.

The board's search and transition committee will continue to move swiftly to identify applicants with a proven track record and passion for real estate, housing, business corridor improvement, and community and economic development work to lead the organization as it progresses into its next chapter of growth serving the community.

"Mt.Airy USA's transition and search committee has been busy creating a strategy and process for identifying a new Executive Director. Our position has been posted and we are ready to meet and evaluate qualified candidates," says Michael Cohen, chair of the search committee and

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Mt. Airy, USA is a nonprofit community development corporation, founded in 1980, for the purpose of revitalizing Germantown Avenue in Northwest Philadelphia's historic Mt. Airy neighborhood. Today, the nonprofit provides residents and area businesses with comprehensive community development that is responsive to local needs with programming in commercial and residential real estate development, commercial corridor revitalization, homebuyer and foreclosure counseling, and neighborhood services. For more information, visit www.mtairyusa.org.

### Mt. Airy, USA Seeks Exec. Director | Cycling Event Benefits Children & **Adults with Special Needs**

by Courtney M. Coffman, Camphill Special School Development Officer

CAMPHILL COMMUNI-TIES in Chester County will host the fourth annual Camphill Challenge cycling event on Sunday, Oct. 17. Camphill Special School, Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, and Camphill Soltane provide life sharing and educational opportunities for children, youth, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Co-op member Rick Moseley, who is a parent of a Camphill Special School student, began the Challenge four years ago, and it has grown from 12 cyclists to over 125. Beginning and ending

at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills in Kimberton, this year's challenge offers 50-, 33-, and ten-mile courses for all ages and ability levels. Cyclists will wend their way through Chester County during peak autumn foliage with astounding views of horse farms, historic homes, and covered bridges. A picnic and live music will round out the day.

Proceeds of the Camphill Challenge benefit the three Camphill communities in Chester County. "As a participant in last year's Camphill Challenge bike ride, I can attest to the beauty of the landscape and the worthy cause this event benefits," said Jay Goldstein, President of Valley Green Bank, the event's Founding Sponsor. "I am proud that Valley Green Bank has the

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opportunity to support Camphill."



Co-op members (I to r) Jack and Lainey Moseley, brother and

mother of a Camphill Special School student, at last year's

Camphill Challenge bike ride.

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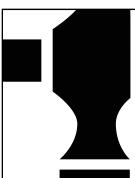
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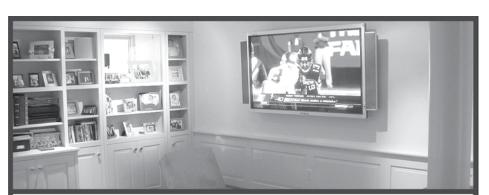
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Dear Editor,

This is a response to the article in the August Shuttle about the new butcher and new source of beef for the Chestnut Hill Weavers Way store.

Our family loves Weaver's Way and since we live in Chestnut Hill, we are more than thrilled to have the new store right up the road. With 5 children, I am there at least twice a week, often coming away with quite a haul. We choose to shop there, frequent farmer's markets, and buy from our Amish farm buying club even though it is sometimes inconvenient and often costly for a family our size. But we believe it is better for us, for our community and for our world than shopping at Costco or Wal-Mart. One of the many reasons we believe Weavers Way is better for us is because it tries to offer local food when available and promotes eating locally. So when we read the recent article about the new sourcing of meat, we were very disappointed. We do not understand why this should happen when we have so many good farmers right here in our local region. Perhaps you could explain why this has happened? Is it cost? Is it flavor? Is it a legal issue? I think we deserve an explanation. And, if cost is the issue, possibly the hidden costs of shipping our food so far and being even more disconnected from it, the costs of not supporting our local farmers, and other costs, should be considered by the purchasers, just as we the consumers need to weigh those same costs when deciding where to shop.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bucko

Follow up from Shannon:

I did find local farm butter at the Chestnut Hill store today—sorry! And I do have to say, I went today looking for as much local food as I could find (knowing I would find plenty of produce this time of year, and cheese) and I found quite a lot! Trout, sausage, bacon, turkey deli meat, scallops, etc. Thank you!

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Ken Weiss's article on page two of the August *Shuttle*, which, among other things, mentions that we have a new meat supplier for the Chestnut Hill store.

First, please know that this is a friendly letter, coming with respect and affection for your leadership and for all the hard work everyone at Weavers Way does to provide our community with such an outstanding food supplier. I don't think I've ever met any of you three, but I have been an ardent supporter of the Co-op for several years, and I proudly completed my 2010 working co-operator hours just this morning. Any neighborhood would be extraordinarily fortunate to have a place like Weavers Way in their backyard. So I'm not grumpy and don't want to ignore all the wonderful things you do. But I do want to offer a comment to help make things better.

I am worried about the shift from local meat (Natural Acres) to Montana meat (Meyer Natural Angus). I applaud the Montana folks for their commitments to humane beef and environmental sustainability, and they sound like good folks, who, all other things being equal, would be worthy of support. But they are in Montana, and we have plenty of good beef farmers right here in Pennsylvania. Sourcing from far away when local is an option is an obvious problem for a Co-op like ours.

Recently, along with some neighbors, my family purchased an entire cow from an Amish butcher in Lancaster County. He prepared and packaged the whole cow for freezing for \$2.50/lb. If I can source local, humane, grass-fed beef, why can't a resourceful cooperative like Weavers Way? Please, could you either look into it, or explain in the Shuttle why it's not possible? (That such an explanation wasn't offered in Ken's article was, by the way, a major editing oversight. A Co-op that prides itself on local sourcing can't just announce that we're shifting to Montana meat without explanation.)

The same issue in the Shuttle has a little box (p. 14) extolling the benefits of buying local. That's one of the things that makes me proud of Weavers Way, so please keep it up, and either stay true to our principles, or honor our principles enough to remember to explain carefully why variations are sometimes necessary. Also in the same issue, Glenn has an article (p. 8) about how the rapidly expanding membership portends changes in Weavers Way culture, both for good and for ill; I suppose I'm worried that the shift to Montana meat

is one of those cultural changes for ill; have we perhaps gone chasing a better price in Montana, forsaking obvious opportunities right here in Pennsylvania? That would definitely not be a good cultural shift. The Chestnut Hill story is successful beyond anyone's dreams, so perhaps we can afford to look after more than the bottom line?

As I said, this is a friendly letter. Maybe I'm missing something, and I'm happy to be corrected if I've overlooked anything, but I thought I would raise these questions for discussion. Many thanks for your consideration, and, once again and as always, for all the outstanding things you do for our Co-op and our neighborhood.

All best wishes,

Chris Roberts

Response from Mary Kate Brown, Chestnut Hill Meat Manager

Dear Shannon and Chris,

We appreciate your feedback. The Chestnut Hill meat department carries Natural Acres, which comes in once a week. We buy it the same way that the Mt. Airy store does, with each piece cut and in plastic. We also buy meat from Esposito in South Philadelphia each week. We order basically the same cuts of meat etc. There is also Meadow Run in the freezer, including pork-chops, ground pork, lamb, pastured chicken, spare-ribs, and more. So the CH meat department has the same local meat as Mt. Airy. In addition, in the freezer, we have Roseda pure Angus burgers, which are from Maryland and processed in PA, as well as Meadow-Run grass-feed beef. We are working on a list of all the grass-fed that we can order and also bringing some of the grass-fed local into the store. We have another farm from Lancaster that just sent samples. We tried the grass-fed sirloin and it was out of this world.

We are always looking at other local vendors, but buying a whole animal would not be a good solution for us, in part because the selection and quantity of cuts would not be quite what we wanted.

We are in the process of trying meat from different vendors. When the CH store opened, I spent time with Dale from Mt. Airy to set up CH order board. Ironically, Meyers and Roseda are the only new vendors that I brought in. Meyers fit all the quality standards and is "certified humane." When I ate the meat I was so taken with how great it tasted. The Natural Acres, Esposito and Meadow-Run have been available at the Mt. Airy store for some time, so the article was highlighting something new, the meat and the butcher. I apologize for not talking about all the local meat. Please come into the CH store and we can sit out back and discuss what can be improved in the department. There is nothing better than an enthusiastic person to push WW CH to be the best that is possible.

Thanks!

Letter to the editor:

Can the powers that be at the Co-op re-visit editorial policy? It appears that the monthly *Shuttle* newspaper has become a 'house organ' for management rather than a voice of the membership. Both 'above-the-fold' stories in the August issue are farmed to 'sell' readers on management decisions, not to report news. "Equity Program Adds to Success in Chestnut Hill" is a headline that would never fly in any mainstream media outlet.

Similarly, informing readers that the move of the farmers market from Carpenter and Greene streets to "a better location"—see first paragraph of the story—is presumptuous. The story identifies some aspirations for the move, but no evidence of its success, and no downside. The farmers themselves preferred the original location, as of course did the neighbors in the community that has birthed the Co-op. This is not mentioned.

In the same vein, the new plastic nonbiodegradable membership cards claim for each holder that "I am a proud owner... of the Co-op." So we're telling members how to feel?

Please reconsider. It's a bit Orwellian, especially for the Co-op, to frame the world in this way.

Respectfully,

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### **Rain Garden** at McCloskey School

by Naja Killebrew, OARC Marketing and PR Manager

THE OGONTZ Avenue Revitalization Corp. (OARC) has partnered with Vital Neighborhoods and the Philadelphia School District to convert an asphalt portion of a Northwest Philadelphia school yard into a "rain garden" to help combat storm water run-off, a major contributor to pollution in local water systems.

The rain garden, which covers portions of the playground at the John F. Mc-Closkey Elementary School and the Dorothy Emanuel Recreation Center in Mount Airy, will measure 50 feet by 100 feet and use native plants and other landscaping to soak up rainwater and storm water runoff from lawns, roofs, and other impervious surfaces such as streets, driveways, or parking lots. Such run-off often carries pesticides, fertilizers and oil into storm drains, which feeds the pollutants into streams, lakes, and rivers. It is the biggest cause of toxic waste in waterways that serve as sources for drinking water.

John Ungar, OARC's Senior Director of Sustainability and Education, said the project expands the "greening" focus of OARC's five-pillar model of community development. The other pillars are housing and economic development; education and community relations; business development; and arts and culture. Other greening projects include: energy conservation awareness, recycling rewards programs, and solar-powered trash compactors for streets. In addition, the rain garden will be incorporated into the curriculum at the McCloskey School, located at Pickering and Gowen Streets.

~ nkillebrew@ogontzave.org

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### **Ogontz Reopening**

(continued from page 1)

Weavers Way is also sponsoring a Fresh Artists Clothesline Art Show at our Chestnut Hill store during this year's Fall for the Arts Festival on Germantown Avenue. We are asking kids K-12 to make and donate their original art to the show and help Fresh Artists raise funds to deliver art supplies to a local homeless shelter.

Fresh Artists is a local nonprofit organization that empowers children by engaging them as full partners in philanthropy, by exhibiting children's artwork in highly visible places, and by providing art supplies to severely under-resourced public schools. Fresh Artists and Weavers Way collaborated on a pilot project called Sign Studio where Hancock School third, fourth and fifth graders created healthful food signage for the Chestnut Hill store, with more coming to the Mt. Airy and Ogontz stores in the near future. At the end of September, the kids who made the art will physically deliver the art supplies they made possible to a school in need.



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### **How the Clothesline Art Show Works:**

- 1. Drop off your 2D art by Wednesday, Oct. 6, 11" x 17" or smaller, at any Weavers Way Co-op stores. Art must be labeled with your name, your grade and your title for the picture.
- 2. The theme of the Art should be healthy eating. Be creative!
- 3. All kids, K 12, may participate.
- 4. We will hang your art in Weavers Way's Fresh Artists Clothesline Art Show at the Fall for the Arts Festival on Germantown Avenue on Oct. 9.
- 5. Thousands of people will enjoy your art and have a chance to buy it if they want! All money raised will go to buy art supplies for Stenton Family Manor, a homeless shelter in Germantown. You will be an artist-philanthropist!
- 6. Bring your friends and family the day of the Show!
- 7. Any art not purchased at the end of the Show will be donated to decorate the meal trays delivered to AIDS patients at Thanksgiving.



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### East Falls Arts by the River & EcoFair

by Gina Snyder

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This year's Eco Fair features a wide range of products, information and demonstrations to explore and update your eco-conscious practices and encourage others to do the same. Other attractions include a Dog Parade, a "Make Your Own" Eco-Halloween Costume tent, and an art initiative strengthening East Falls connection to the Schuylkill River.

More info at www.eastfalls-pa.com.

# Faculty Exhibit and More at LaSalle U. Art Museum

by Carmen Vendelin, Asst. Curator of Art, La Salle University Art Museum

The La Salle University Art Museum's Third Annual Exhibition of Artwork by Faculty Artists is on display from August 30 to Sept. 12. The exhibit features work by Jim Williams, Jeremy Waltman, Anna Troxell, John Merigliano, David McShane, Loraine Heise, Conrad Gleber, and Sandra Camomile. The artists will be available to talk about their work in the gallery on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Also this fall, an exhibit featuring the Small Paintings of Sidney Goodman, Sept. 17 through Dec. 10, 2010, with an opening reception Sept. 17, 5 to 7 p.m.

The La Salle University Art Museum is located on the lower level of Olney Hall on the campus of La Salle University at 19th St. and Olney Ave. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The museum is open most Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. during the Academic Semester. Admission is free, though donations are accepted. Classes and group visits by ap-

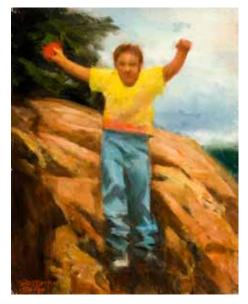


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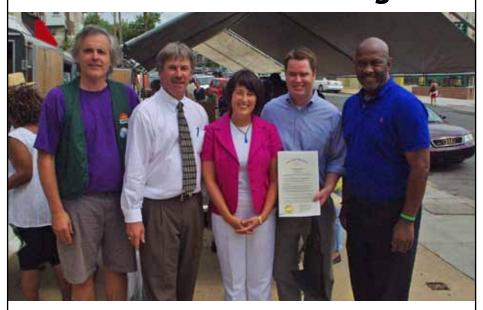


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Honoring Farmers Market Week and Produce Month in front of Weavers Way Ogontz and the West Oak Lane Farmers Market are (I to r): Weavers Way Mt. Airy Store Manager Rick Spalek, Pennsylvania Agriculture Deputy Secretary Doug Kilgore, Outreach and Policy Coordinator for the Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Sustainability Sarah Wu, The Food Trust Deputy Executive Director John Weidman, and State Rep. Dwight Evans.

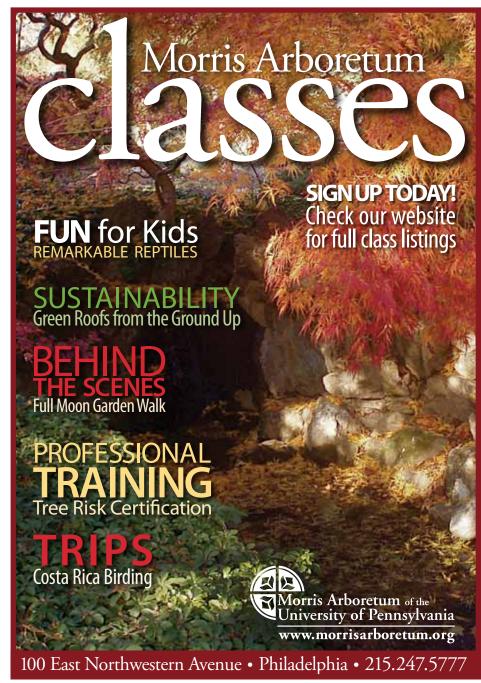


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### **Suggestions**

by Guest Suggestion Replier Cara Raboteau

WHILE NORMAN Weiss is on "vacation" we are running a shorter version of the Suggestion Book. Cara Raboteau is a Second Floor Staffer and, along with Chris Switky, one of our two card buyers. We have received many compliments about our card selection, Many thanks for all of them.

**SUGGESTION:** I am a frequent card purchaser on the Second Floor. Thanks for the new "Positively Green" cards. I have bought these wonderful cards in Chestnut Hill for almost twice as much money per card. So keep up with the great work!

**RESPONSE:** (CARA) Dear Shopper, Thank you for your thoughts about our Positively Green Card Company. Besides their inspiring and fun designs, I'm particularly excited about this eco-friendly company: (1) All paper is made with 100 percent post consumer recycled paper. (2) The printing and production process includes an environmentally-certified Enviro Star printer, wind-powered electricity, use of non-hazardous soy-based inks and eco-conscious packaging. (3) Ten percent of all profits are donated to Conservation International and Climate Solutions. (Thank you, Martha Fuller, for suggesting this company!) We also put more effort into ordering a wide array of designs from eco-friendly card lines including Annzie, Urban Bird Designs, Studio Expressions, Belz & Whistles, Quotable, and selected varieties from the Nelson liner.

Artists To Watch—my personal favorite—is a new ecofriendly line which features independent artists from around the world

Much of my inspiration comes from Chris, fellow card-orderer and Stationery King! (Chris is also our Mt. Airy Grocery Manager.) Please check out his blank cards, including ones from local artists and boxed sets of cards. There is an amazingly diverse selection, chock-full of exquisite fine art and humor for the entire brood!

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us to sell—healthful, natural, and local foods, some grown and prepared right in our own neighborhoods. We buy local, we support fair trade, and we are committed to our community, because we are owned by our community. The dollars you spend here stay here, either invested in the co-op and the community, or distributed right back to the members who support us.

Although we are owned by our members—and membership is important to what we do—we are very much open to the public: everyone is welcome to shop, and everyone is welcome to join.

You can learn more about Weavers Way at www.weaversway.coop, contact Member Outreach Coordinator Ebony Debrest at outreach@weaversway.coop, or better yet, stop in for a

shop, or just to look around, at our stores in West Mt. Airy, West Oak Lane, and Chestnut Hill.



### Welcome to Weavers Way Cooperative Association



We encourage all new or prospective members to attend an orientation meeting, where they can learn all about our co-op, our stores and our member work program. If you have not already joined, you can do so at the meeting, and you will also learn more about Weavers Way and all that your co-op has to offer, including member benefits and our Working Member program.

Orientation dates are listed below and are also posted on our website at www.weaversway.coop. Mt. Airy meetings are held at 555 Carpenter Lane. Chestnut Hill meetings take place at the Center for Enrichment, 8431 Germantown Avenue. Ogontz meetings are held in our Ogontz store, at 2129 72nd Ave. Reservations are suggested and will help us prepare. Please complete the form below and return it to any of our stores, so we will know which meeting you will attend. Meetings last approximately forty-five minutes to an hour and will include a brief store tour. We look forward to seeing you there!

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