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32nd Annual Red Rose Run



The 32nd Annual Red Rose Run, sponsored by Highmark Blue Shield, will be held Saturday, May 31, in Lancaster Square, Downtown Lancaster. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lancaster Recreation Commission and the Lancaster Museum of Art. Race Director Keith White said, "The Red Rose Run gives participants of all abilities a showcase event to be a part of in Downtown Lancaster." The event will begin with a 5-mile wheelchair race at 8:25 a.m., followed by the 5-mile run at 8:30 a.m. The 1-mile run/walk will begin at 8:35 a.m. Children ages 7 and under

can participate in a 600-meter loop, and 8- to 10-year-olds can run 800 meters at 10 a.m. Packet pick up, activities and entertainment are available on race day. Awards will be presented on Queen Street at the race starting line, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Participants can register online at www.lancasterredroserun.com, at Secret Sneaker on Thursday, May 29, and at Binns Park (at the start/finish line) on Friday, May 30. For more information, call 717-291-0183.

This Month's Events

- **Through May 3rd: Alternate Perceptions by Bill Kiehl**
Come to The White Elephant by May 3rd to view Bill Kiehl's exhibit, *Alternate Perceptions*, featuring 17 large format, color photographs taken in Umbria and Tuscany this past September. The photos are of ordinary objects that verge on the abstract but are still identifiable. Artist's reception is First Friday, from 5 to 9 p.m. The White Elephant, 56 N. Queen St., 717-392-3696, www.thewhiteelephantshop.com.
- **Through May 11th: Doubt, A Parable**
When is what you believe more powerful than what you believe in? A by-the-book employee suspects her boss of wrongdoing, but she can't get the hierarchy above her to pay attention. A tale of corporate intrigue ripped from today's headlines? Not quite. It's the story of Sister Aloysius, the no-nonsense principal of St. Nicholas Catholic School in 1964, who suspects the Parish priest of inappropriate behavior. A firm adherent to church doctrine and procedure, and with no firm evidence of wrongdoing, Sister Aloysius must decide whether to trust her instincts or to accept Father Flynn's protestations of innocence. The play won the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play and was called the "best play of 2005" by over ten national newspapers and magazines. One of the most powerful and thought provoking dramas written in the last ten years, John Patrick Shanley's *Doubt* is a searing investigation into the certitude of faith and the nature of uncertainty. For more information or to order tickets call 717-397-7425 or visit www.thefulton.org.
- **Through May 18th: Where the Wild Things Are Exhibition**
The Lancaster Museum of Art is pleased to host *Where the Wild Things Are: Maurice Sendak in His Own Words and Pictures*. The exhibit encompasses Sendak's beloved classics, while packed with video kiosks, framed artifacts, costumes and oversized stand-up replicas of Sendak's beloved characters. The exhibit also has opportunities to sail on Max's boat, dance in the Wild Forest, read and more. The exhibition will be held Mon.–Sat., 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sun. noon – 4 p.m. Suggested donations are \$5 (adult) and \$2 (child). Lancaster Museum of Art, 135 N. Lime St. For more information, call 717-394-3497, or go to www.Lmapa.org.
- **Through May 23rd: PCA&D Presents the Annual Senior Show & Celebration**
The Pennsylvania College of Art & Design welcomes the community to PCA&D's annual Senior Show & Celebration. PCA&D will feature a selected piece of work from each graduating senior in its main gallery from Apr. 21st – May 23rd. The gallery will be open Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and free to the public. For information, call 717-396-7833.
- **Through May 24th: Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre Presents: Treasure Island**
This adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale will be told with marionettes. Performances will be held each Saturday at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$9. Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre, 126 N. Water St. For reservations and more information, call 717-394-8398 or go online to www.holeinthewallpuppets.com.
- **Through May 31st: Gracelets**
Gracelets by 10-year old Grace Bamford, granddaughter of Thomas H. Bamford, are on sale at Living Light Gallery with 100% of the proceeds going to benefiting the Thomas H. Bamford YMCA (Camp Shand) Campership Fund. Hours are Tue. - Sat., 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and First Friday, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Living Light Gallery, 150 N. Prince St, 717-390-9011, www.livinglightgallery.com.

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This Month's Events

- **May 1st-31st: Ceramics by Mariko Swisher – Paintings by Paul Swisher**
Artists Mariko and Paul Swisher display their ceramics and paintings together for the first time. Mariko's ceramics are meticulously painted using her training in Japanese calligraphy and her interest in world-wide folk cultures. Paul's oil and gouache paintings explore recurrent motifs such as barns and silos under different light and weather conditions. First Friday reception is May 2nd, 5 – 9 p.m. at Isadore Gallery, 228 N. Prince St, www.isadore-gallery.com.
- **May 1st-31st: Makeover Month at Pappagallo**
Start thinking about summer! Nothing signals summer like a "sun-kissed" glow by Fresh. Stop by Pappagallo for your complimentary Fresh makeover using "Here Comes the Sun" bronzing face palette and "High Noon" tinted moisturizer. Enjoy light refreshments. Pappagallo, 22 W. Orange St, 717-392-0222.
- **May 2nd: First Friday**
First Fridays are a great time to experience Downtown Lancaster! Join the thousands who have enjoyed the evening's artistic energy. Over 90 art venues and shops extend their hours to 9 p.m. — some even later! For a complete listing of monthly First Friday activities, visit www.LancasterARTS.com.
- **May 2nd: D.R.E.A.M.S. Presents the First Friday Business Expo**
This multi-cultural event, expected to bring in over 40 local businesses with the goal of assisting public and private organizations in developing, financing and implementing community programs. The main theme for the expo is Lancaster fine art, jewelry and fashion, with live jazz music and other performers. The event is from 5-8 p.m. at the Asset Center for Small Business Development, 237 N. Prince St. For tickets and information, contact Macajah Brown at 717-394-1966.
- **May 2nd: History is People! Heritage Music Program**
Experience the heritage of Lancaster County in a unique blend of story and song on First Friday, May 2nd. Presented by nationally-recognized cultural interpreter/musician, Rich Pawling of History Alive! This dynamic program weaves introductions about the history and culture of the people of Lancaster County with the music of the past. Themes include wagon transportation, the iron industry, canals and railroads, the agrarian and religious significance of the county, and the importance of baseball. All begins at 6:30 p.m. on Penn Square. For more information, call the Heritage Center of Lancaster County at 717-299-6440, or online at www.lancasterheritage.com.
- **May 2nd: Rags to Rugs**
The newest rotation in the juried portion of the hooked rug exhibition Rags to Rugs: Pennsylvania Hooked and Hand-sewn Rugs opens on First Friday at the Lancaster Quilt and Textile Museum. The rotation, which runs from May 2-Aug 30th, will feature rugs depicting fruits and florals. Open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., First Friday, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and free for children under 17. For more information, call the Heritage Center of Lancaster County at 717-299-6440, or online at www.lancasterheritage.com.
- **May 2nd: McCaskey Students Art Show**
Join BUILDiNG CHARACTER in welcoming six award-winning art students with a "Senior Portfolio Show – and Other Works." The six J.P. McCaskey High School students include: Hannah Kreider, Lisa Kyler, Jordyn Martin, Dan McEwen, Ruth Pham and Megan Whitney. Meet the students and view their inspiring artwork at a reception on May 2nd, from 6 - 9 p.m. Hours are 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tue. through Fri., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. and noon - 4 p.m. on Sun. For more information, call 717-394-7201, or go online to www.buildingcharacter.biz.
- **May 4th: Artistry in Motion Vintage Grand Tour & Show**
The Lancaster Museum of Art will hold their annual fundraiser featuring vintage vehicles. Visit www.Lmapa.org for more information.
- **May 16th: Music Friday**
Each third Friday of the month, from 6-9 p.m, the 200 & 300 Blocks of North Queen Street will host Music Friday. Performances will abound throughout North Queen Street on sidewalks and inside stores. Committed performances include belly dancing, a jazz quintet, solo acoustic, rock and Americana groups. Each month will bring new performers to Music Friday. There is free parking available at BUILDiNG CHARACTER, behind Onions Cafe. Many shops will offer alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.buildingcharacter.biz.
- **May 16th-18th: The Essential Rachmaninoff & Ravel**
The Lancaster Symphony Orchestra presents The Essential Rachmaninoff & Ravel. Opening night is Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun. 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Fulton. Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances and Ravel's La Valse will close the Symphony's season. Plus, in classic "Only in Lancaster" style, the Symphony will present internationally-renowned pianist Ian Hobson performing the Pennsylvania premiere of Paderewski's Piano Concerto in A minor. Call 717-397-7425 or www.lancastersymphony.org for tickets.
- **May 17th: Lancaster Sertoma Chicken BBQ**
The world's largest chicken barbeque will be at Long's Park. Eat-in or carry-out from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, go online to www.lancastersertomabbq.com.
- **May 17th: Community Day at Reservoir Park**
The Friends of Reservoir Park will present its fourth annual Community Day. This year's celebration will feature music, face painting, storytelling, relays and food. From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., join Cynthia Roth at the Pavilion for Remembering Reservoir Park, as she tells stories about the City Zoo and other secrets of the park, and much more. Join the day's events at Reservoir Park, E. Orange & Reservoir St. For more information, call 717-392-2115, or online at www.lancasterrec.org.
- **May 21st: United Way Tricycle Race**
Local businesses race on tricycles to help raise money for the United Way. The race will be held at 12 p.m. on the first block of E. Chestnut St. in Downtown Lancaster.
- **May 31st: Red Rose Run**
Take part in this annual 5-mile run. Children under 10 are welcome to participate in a special 'Kids Fun Run.' Awards will be given out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in various categories. For more information, go online to www.lancasterredroserun.com.
- **May 31st: Eastern Market Opens**
Open seasonally, Eastern Market will operate this year from May 31st through October 25th, Sat., 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come and enjoy freshly harvested produce, homegrown flowers, multi-cultural cuisine, live music and the creative efforts of local artists. Visit with returning farmers, vendors and artists as we celebrate the start of a new growing season. Come on by May 31, for the start of the season and to celebrate the 125th birthday of the Eastern Market building with cake, balloons and music. Eastern Market, 308 E. King St., 717-358-9393, www.historiceastside.org.

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Welcome New Businesses

Annex 24 Gallery

A new art gallery.
24 W. Walnut Street

Forever Sweet

A new chocolate shop.
414 N. Pine Street, 717-509-0397
www.foreversweet.net

Ghostlight Theater Company

With the first show scheduled for July, this community theater will perform at the Puerto Rican Cultural Center.

150 S. Prince Street, 717-336-3929
www.GhostlightTheaterCompany.com

La Costena Restaurant

Authentic Peruvian Cuisine.
315 W. King Street, 717-397-1996

Sakura

Reopening of the newly-renovated Asian Fusion restaurant.
33 N. Queen Street, 717-509-2838

Photo Contest



Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Trivia Contest. Judy Freidly of Blakinger, Byler & Thomas Law is the winner of last month's Photo

Trivia Contest, guessing Cross Keys. Be the next person to correctly identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: You don't have to roll too far from Penn Square to check out this place.

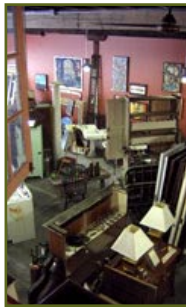
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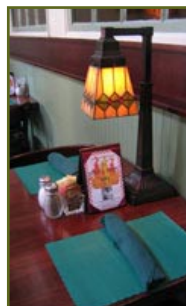
Art Attack



BUILDING CHARACTER

Owners Tony Nies and Marty Hulse opened BUILDING CHARACTER in October 2007, after gutting and renovating the space months earlier. The warehouses were built at the turn of the century behind the Washington Inn that was erected in 1847. They were tobacco storage, and later, transformed into a comprehensive history of Lancaster's culture. As a gallery populated by historical building materials, functional memorabilia and local artistic creations, BUILDING CHARACTER is the only resource for these related salvage items in and around Lancaster City. Powered by an overwhelming response from the public, this living collection of historical artifacts has enriched local residents' memories of the Lancaster their ancestors knew, while providing a stage for the local community to experience, grow and share. This First Friday, six award-winning McCaskey High School students will show their artwork. BUILDING CHARACTER will continue to provide McCaskey students a permanent place, in Downtown Lancaster, to present their works. Among other projects, BUILDING CHARACTER will help host and celebrate Music Friday, May 16 (and every 3rd Friday). BUILDING CHARACTER, 342 N. Queen St, 717-394-7201, www.buildingcharacter.biz.

Local Appetite



Character's Pub

In the four years it's been open, Character's Pub has built a reputation as one of the most friendly, vibrant and casual restaurants in Downtown Lancaster. Everything at Character's Pub seems effortless, mainly because owners Gary Hufford and George Centini long ago refined their style of management as former owners of both The Loft and Molly's Pub. The experience of the owners is apparent in the pub's refined menu, which offers salads, sandwiches and select entrees that are well priced, well presented, and consistently tasty. The staff at Character's Pub is warm and friendly and the casual atmosphere is perfect for a relaxing cocktail at the bar or meal with friends in the dining room. As the weather gets warmer, Character's opens their covered patio for alfresco dining. If you are planning a visit to Character's Pub, come early as they don't take reservations. Free parking is available on weeknights and weekends. Open for lunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays. Character's Pub, 38 N. Christian St., 717-735-7788.

Downtown Dollars are still available.

The dollars make great gifts and benefit Downtown Lancaster retailers. The Downtown Dollars come in denominations of five and ten dollars and can be purchased at the Downtown Investment District office, 44 North Queen Street, in the Central Market Mall.

For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.



DID You Know?

Lancaster is one of the oldest inland city in the United States of America and also served as the state capital of Pennsylvania from 1799 to 1812.

Have an Event?

Have an Event? Submit to us by the 10th day of each month prior to the publication month. June events are due by May 10th. Submit Events to: publications@goodproductions.us

Have A Photo?

Submit your favorite photo of Downtown Lancaster for a chance to see it featured in a future issue of The Lancaster Downtown Difference. Submit Photo to: publications@goodproductions.us

Downtown Highlights

Store Front



Rainbow Pet Creations

The dog's life in Downtown Lancaster took a turn for the better this winter when Rainbow Pet Creations moved to North Queen Street. In just a few months, this source for creature comforts has carved a niche offering solutions for owners of cats, dogs, birds, rabbits and ferrets. In addition to pet care products, Rainbow Pet Creations offers full-service grooming and sells jewelry for pets and humans, too. Rainbow Pet also serves another purpose - community outreach. The store actively supports animal and civil rights with programs such as adopt-a-thons. The company has also forged alliances with the Humane League, Furry Friends Network and Pet Sitters International. This dynamic pet boutique stresses natural, organic and environmentally friendly products in keeping with the philosophy that better food and care for pets brings harmony to the family, community and environment. Rainbow Pet Creations, 305 N. Queen St, 717-380-1071, www.rainbownetcreations.com.

Now & Later



Prince Street Café

Perhaps the most surprising thing about Prince Street Café is that it has only been in Downtown Lancaster since September 2006. For many who live or work Downtown, it is difficult to remember life without it. The Café — across Prince Street from the Fulton Theatre — is owned by four couples. Co-owner and General Manager Crystal Weaver is often at work behind the bar. We wanted to create a place where people could hang out, she says, and with this café, the owners went the extra mile to make the space inviting. The café features rotating collections by local artists and offers live music at different times. Younger acoustic musicians are featured on Mondays. Live jazz is presented on Saturdays. The coffee at Prince Street Café is custom roasted and supplied by responsible, small growers all over the world. The menu offers a list of light items that change just about every season. Prince Street also offers catering for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with the option of a full espresso bar. Prince Street Café is open Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The space is available for private functions Sunday evenings. Prince Street Café, 15 N. Prince St., 717-397-1505, www.princestreetcafe.com.

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Upcoming Events

- **Jun 1st: Back to the Past Block Party**
The 300 Block of North Queen Street, in historic Downtown Lancaster, will welcome the public to the Sixth Annual Back to the Past Block Party on June 1st, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. The 300 Block of North Queen Street, between Walnut and Lemon streets, will make room for arts & crafts, antiques, food vendors, street performers and rock bands. Proceeds will benefit Consumer Support Program, a subsidiary of Mental Health America. For more information, contact 717-509-7660 or online at www.uptownlanaster.com.
- **Jun 1st: Long's Park Summer Entertainment Series**
There's another summer of great music and FREE entertainment in store for you at Long's Park. Enjoy free concerts all summer long, every Sunday, from Jun 1st – Aug 24th. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. For updated information on performers, call 717-295-7054, or go to www.longspark.org.
- **Jun 5th-Aug 28th: Dinner and a Movie Series**
Enjoy dinner in Downtown Lancaster followed by a free movie in Binns Park every Thursday. Movies begin at 9:00 p.m. Bring your own blanket and chairs. For more information, and a list of summer movies, contact MOOSE at 717-291-4757 or email at moose@cityoflanasterpa.com.
- **Jun 6th-14th: Mrs. Hudson's Music Hall**
Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre will present Mrs. Hudson's Music Hall for the Over 21 Club. Following a visit to her Tea and Sherry Shoppe, Mrs. Hudson will host a musical revue including the marionette version of two of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous stories, The Death and Life of Sherlock Holmes. Shows are Fri. and Sat., 7:30 p.m. at Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre, 126 N. Water St. Tickets are \$15. For more information and reservations, call 717-394-8398.
- **Jun 6th-8th: 25th Annual Demuth Garden Tour Weekend**
The Demuth Museum will host its 25th Annual Demuth Garden Tour during the first weekend in June. The variety of Lancaster's architecture will provide the backdrop for a tour of ten exclusive Lancaster locations, and will highlight several environmentally friendly, green properties! The Demuth Garden Gala will be Fri. evening, at Conestoga House and the full tour will take place on Sat. and Sun., from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the tour. For more information, please call 717-299-9940 or contact info@demuth.org.
- **Jun 15th: Tropicanza Summer Freeze**
As a benefit for Common Roads, DJ Freez will be spinning the ultimate chill out tunes. With theme cocktails, fantastic food, Silent Auction, and much more! Dance to the hot talent of the king of turntables. A VIP party Prelude to the T will be from 4-8 p.m. with passes \$65 per person. VIP Pass allows continued access into official Tea Dance from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. VIP Pass allows admission onto both floors of the Belvedere, including the patio. Tea Dance only ticket are \$10 per person. The event takes place at the Belvedere Inn, 402 N. Queen St. To reserve tickets and for more information, call 717-920-9534 or go to www.commonroads.org.
- **Jun 27th: Celebrate Lancaster! 2008**
From noon to 10 p.m., begin your Independence weekend in Downtown Lancaster. Entertainment and a huge fireworks display in Downtown Lancaster will start your 4th of July off with a bang! For more information contact MOOSE at 717-291-4758.
- **Jun 29th: Marines Vs. Local Celebrity Softball Game**
As a benefit for the Lancaster County Toys for Tots Program and the Lancaster County Detachment Marine Corps League, this event will be held at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Sunday, June 29th. For more information or to make a donation please call 717-394-6368.

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