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On behalf of The Yardley Harvest Day Committee and The Yardley Business Association, I would like to personally welcome you to the Annual Yardley Harvest Day Festival. Our day is filled with premier artists and crafters, as well as delicious foods. Don't forget to stop at our non-profit booths. These are local organizations who work tirelessly in the background, who need your support. Yardley Harvest Day truly has something for everyone, young or old. For the kids there is pumpkin painting, face painting, photo booth to name just a few of the activities. The Fitzgerald Sommer field will be filled with music all day long, starting with a live broadcast from the WPST van from 10a – noon and then live entertainment throughout the day. New this year is a food court in the field, where one stop will tempt you with all kinds of great food offerings. The Thompson Automotive Organization will also be showcasing some of their newest models.

Yardley Harvest Day is also a celebration of historic Yardley Borough and it's eclectic assortment of businesses, shops and eateries. This book contains information and offers from local businesses, and blank pages for notes on crafters you do not want to forget!! I also want to thank our sponsors, especially Rothman Institute, our Headline Sponsor. Their generous support allows Yardley Harvest Day to continue its support to local non-profit organizations with the proceeds from the event.

Enjoy your day with us.  
**Margaret Bork**  
*Chair, Yardley Harvest Day*



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In the 70's, the Jaycees and the Jaycees Auxiliary became involved and it became a two day festival. Friday nights had rides, games of chance, and a food court. On Saturday, crafters were set up on Canal St., between East Afton and College Ave. A fee was charged for crafters and food vendors to participate in the event.

In the 1980's Harvest Day became a one day event, held on Saturdays. It was during this period local non-profits were allowed to participate free of charge. They set up in the Boro parking lot.

During the 90's, the event expanded to South Main Street in the Borough, and included business participation, in addition to the crafters on Canal St.

Around 2000, Harvest Day was held on S. Main Street only, and included businesses, crafters,

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In 2006, an official Harvest Day Committee was formed, and the event was moved to Buttonwood Park, W. Afton Ave., and Penn Valley Dr. Due to the 2012 construction on W. Afton the event was moved back to E. College Ave. and Canal St

And so, as it so often does, history does repeat itself.

2016 Yardley Harvest Day will again be held on Canal Street and E. College Avenue, featuring crafters, food vendors, history and entertainment.

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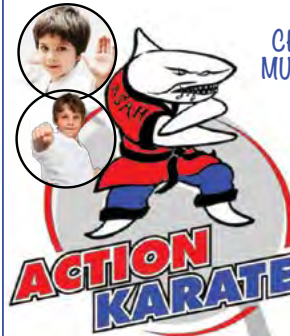
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Bucks County is rich in history and abounds in family activities. A visit to Yardley's eclectic dining establishments could be paired

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Yardley was settled by William Yeardley (as the name was then spelled), a Quaker minister seeking religious freedom who emigrated to America from England with his wife, three sons and a servant in July 1682. Before leaving England, he made an agreement with William Penn to purchase a 519-acre tract for ten pounds sterling. He settled on Dolington Road and built a log cabin and later a stone house called "Prospect Farm". The Yardley family occupied the land for more than 150 years. William

Yeardley and his family died of smallpox in 1702 and the original house burned down. In 1704, a nephew, Thomas Yeardley, came to America to settle the estate. He never returned to England and by 1710 had established Yardley's first ferry at the foot of what is now Letchworth Avenue (the lower boundary of the early village). It developed into a major river crossing and this area became known as Yardley's Ferry.

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### Yardley Olde Fashioned

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 PM

### Santa's Workshop

December 3rd  
(after parade).

### Santa's Workshop

December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
2PM–4PM

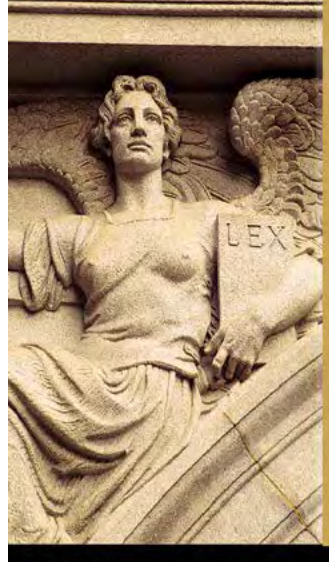
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### 10th Annual Yardley Beerfest

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[www.yardleybeerfest.com](http://www.yardleybeerfest.com)

### Yardley Harvest Day

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Yardley-Makefield Lion's Club	Pennsbury Operation Warm
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