

# DOWNTOWN LANCASTER DIFFERENCE

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## Love is in the air at Downtown Lancaster restaurants, hotels, shops and boutiques

“Whether going to a show or concert or dining at one of the city’s many restaurants, you’ll find that Downtown Lancaster is a great place to celebrate Valentine’s Day,” says Jennifer Baker, director of the Mayor’s Office of Special Events.

It’s not too late to make plans with your sweetheart for Valentine’s Day, which many downtown establishments are celebrating on days beyond the traditional Feb. 14.

Lancaster Arts Hotel offers “A Month of Love,” with accommodation specials including stay one night, get the second night half off, as well as chocolate, roses and wine. A package offered by the hotel also includes a cabaret with Prima Theatre at Millersville University-Lancaster. Promotions at the Lancaster Arts Hotel run Feb. 1 to 28. For details, visit

TOP STORY



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

If you just want to take your sweetie to the show, check out the “How Sweet It Is” cabaret performance by Michelle Rajotte from American Music Theatre at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13. Dessert and a drink are included. For ticket information, visit [www.primatheatre.com](http://www.primatheatre.com). Or take in a performance of “Love Letters,” a play by A.R. Gurney that’s presented as a fundraiser for the Lancaster Learning Center.

The center provides remediation for children with a dyslexic profile. Held at the Masonic Center of Lancaster County, 213 W. Chestnut St., the play will be staged at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Call 717-481-5680 for more information.

Feb. 11-14, Cork and Cap Hotel and Restaurant offers a \$65 prix fixe meal for two with champagne toast, as well as a package for a stay at the hotel. Call 717-735-2025 for details.

For a listing of Downtown Lancaster restaurants, click [here](#).

And don’t forget about all the great stores located throughout the downtown area.

“Downtown Lancaster is also the perfect place to find that unique, one-of-a-kind gift for your special someone,” says Baker.

For a complete listing of downtown retailers, visit [www.downtownlancaster.com](http://www.downtownlancaster.com)

## DOWNTOWN DOLLARS

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# It's a family affair at Sa La Thai on North Queen Street

The name "Sa La Thai" represents a type of traditional house in Thailand, so it's a fitting moniker for a restaurant that's run by family, says Julie Siludom.

Julie's brother, Peerasake Pruksukasem, owns the restaurant, while Julie, her other brother, her sister and her niece and nephew all work there.

Sa La Thai opened at 337-339 N. Queen St. in mid-November.

As the name implies, the restaurant serves traditional Thai cuisine.

Julie and her family hail from Thailand and have worked in the restaurant industry for years. This is their first foray into restaurant ownership.

"We serve traditional Thai food," she says. "That's noodle dishes, curry dishes, stir fries, traditional Thai soup and appetizers."

## LOCAL APPETITE



At lunch and for the first hour of dinner service, the restaurant also offers a three-course special. "You can pick one soup, one appetizer and one entrée for a fixed price," she says.

In general, entrees at Sa La Thai range from \$8.95 to \$19.95.

The restaurant seats 82 and is a BYOB establishment.

Siludom says business has been going well at the restaurant and she's excited for the warmer weather to bring in even more customers.

"Come try us," she says. "We will have something you like."

■ *Sa La Thai is open seven days a week.*

*Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 3. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday 5 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. 717-509-4850.*

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## Millersville University-Lancaster promises more cultural arts

## ART ATTACK



With Millersville University's purchase of the property formerly occupied by the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, Downtown Lancaster has a new and thriving arts venue.

The university obtained the property at 42 N. Prince St. with a mission of fostering creative thinking while promoting high caliber programming and arts education. The university also hopes the facility's events will engage the community and provide outreach to new and underserved audiences throughout the region.

Along with special events that are open to the public, the facility will host professional development activities and is available for rentals for private events.

Although it is a new venue for Millersville University, the downtown location is already home to many upcoming events. February activities include participation in First Friday on Feb. 4, with a showcase of student artwork for sale, among other activities. On Feb. 5, Millersville University

Cultural Affairs offers The American Place Theatre's Literature of Life stage presentation of "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl." Performed by Cherita Armstrong, this narrative brings to life the traumas of slavery, particularly for women and children.

On Feb. 10, MU-Lancaster features live music from Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade, with the Vinegar Creek Constituency, and on Feb. 20, the Lancaster Youth Symphony performs at the venue.

■ *For a complete listing of upcoming events, as well as information on facility rentals, visit [www.millersville.edu/lancaster](http://www.millersville.edu/lancaster) or call 717-871-2308.*

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# In White offers customized services for brides-to-be

Getting married? Then you'll want to look no further than In White, a bridal salon located in the Shoppes at College Row on Harrisburg Pike.

"We take time to get to know our brides," says Shari Kendall, owner and buyer for the salon, which opened in January 2010. "We find out what they are looking for, and not looking for, and what their budget is. Then we work within those parameters."

In White features a large selection of dresses from a variety of designers, in a wide range of prices.

"We have a great selection of gowns from well-known and rising designers," Kendall says. "We can outfit all of the women in the wedding party, too, so there's no need to go anywhere else."

In White is also unique because the business is working hard to reduce its impact on the environment.

"We're doing what we can to reduce the business' environmental footprint, especially our energy use," Kendall says.

This approach, she notes, enhances the boutique ambiance while lowering the amount of energy used for lighting and air conditioning.

"To eliminate our use of fossil fuels altogether, we buy our electricity from a supplier of 100 percent wind power," she says.

STORE FRONT



"We've done some other things, too, including adding extra insulation to the exterior walls and installing carpeting made from renewable material. And since I live nearby, I can walk to work."

With wedding season heating up, In White will participate in a Feb. 27 show at the Inn at Leola Village and a March 6 show at the Lancaster Jewish Community Center. During both events, In White will present a strolling fashion show and a seminar in what to look for in a bridal gown, Kendall says.

In White offers special events at its store as well.

"We're now hosting after-hours private parties for brides who want something extra special for herself and/or her bridal party," she says. "These Girls' Night Out parties are a private two-hour catered party where a bride and her guests can take over the boutique, try on gowns, enjoy good food, good music and have a great time for only \$100." That fee covers up to seven guests; additional guests are \$10 per person.

■ In White is located at 611 Harrisburg Ave. Hours are Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 717-392-2018. [www.inwhitebridal.com](http://www.inwhitebridal.com)

## PHOTO CONTEST

Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Contest. Correctly identify this Downtown spot and win! **Clue:** Trust me, this building is gorgeous. Send your guess to [ckieffer@teamlanc.org](mailto:ckieffer@teamlanc.org).



### JANUARY WINNER

No one identified Annex 24 Gallery, 24 W. Walnut St.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rodney Park was the City of Lancaster's first playground in 1926.

## NEW BUSINESSES

- **Style-Guy Men's Shop** at BUILDING CHARACTER, 342 N. Queen St., rear. 717-394-7201. [website](#).
- **Spring House Taproom** at Shoppes at Hager, 25 W. King St., 717-399-4009. [website](#).

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Whether it's enjoying my locally owned boutiques and home grown cuisine or the creative inspiration of the arts, you'll find that you'll want to stay awhile. My friends at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square or the Lancaster Arts Hotel would be more than happy to put you up. I think you'll find that we have a lot in common. Isn't it time you stopped by for a visit?

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