


Central PA magazine 2010 HOT LIST

The editors are pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Hot List. We hope you'll not only see personal favorites on the Hot List but also discover new places to visit and businesses to patronize. Congratulations to all our winners!

Many thanks to everyone who voted. Feel free to comment on this year's Hot List by going to witf.org.

 Denotes 1st place winner
All others listed alphabetically

Best Restaurant

Cumberland/Franklin/Adams Counties

 Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar, *Camp Hill*
Historic 1776 Dobbin House Tavern, *Gettysburg*
Confit French Bistro, *Camp Hill*
Sidney, *East Berlin*
Sapporo East, *Mechanicsburg*

Dauphin County

 Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar, *Harrisburg*
Mangia Qui, *Harrisburg*
Alfred's Victorian Restaurant, *Middletown*
Bricco, *Harrisburg*
Passage to India, *Harrisburg*


Lancaster County

 Gibraltar, *Lancaster* (tie)
 Belvedere Inn Restaurant and Bar, *Lancaster* (tie)
 Symposium, *Lancaster* (tie)
T.J. Rockwell's American Grill & Tavern, *Elizabethtown*
Haydn Zug's Restaurant, *East Petersburg*


Lebanon/Berks/Schuylkill

 Trattoria Fratelli, *Lebanon*
Blue Bird Inn, *Cornwall*
The Batdorf Restaurant, *Annaville*
Niko's Restaurant *Lebanon*

North of Blue Mountain

 Elizabeth's An American Bistro, *Lewisburg*
BJ's Steak & Rib House, *Selinsgrove/Danville*
Country Cupboard, *Lewisburg*

York County

 Accomac Inn, *Wrightsville*
Blue Moon Restaurant, *York*
The Left Bank Restaurant and Bar, *York*
Pakha's Thai House, *Dillsburg*



Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar

When it comes to food, few would dispute that homemade is always better. At Arooga's, diners can find freshly baked rolls and scratch-made pizza dough, homemade sauces, soups and dressings, and fresh-cut fries and chips. And with 100 or more HD TVs in each location broadcasting sporting events from football to horse racing, they're taking the term "sports bar" seriously. If you like the idea of being environmentally friendly even when you go out to eat, so do they: "Arooga's is the first full-service restaurant in

Pennsylvania to go green," says president Gary Huether. In an effort to reduce their carbon footprint, they've banned the use of Styrofoam, they recycle grease and cardboard, and they use nontoxic cleaning products, among other things. Plus, Arooga's caters, delivers and has more than 80 menu items for less than \$7.99. 7025 Allentown Blvd., *Harrisburg*; 717-920-9464 (WING). 1300 Camp Hill Bypass, *Camp Hill*; 717-730-9464 (WING). 4301 Linglestown Rd., *Harrisburg*; 717-909-9464 (WING). arooogas.com

— NOREEN LIVOTI

VINCE CASSARO



Belvedere Inn Restaurant and Bar

This is an ode to the simple salad. It's not to say the cocktails at Lancaster's Belvedere Inn aren't worth a mention — oh, they are. Or the loveliness of a summer evening, wine goblet in hand, on the outdoor terrace overlooking Lancaster city. That's worth a visit, too. Or the staff, who have turned the restaurant's bar patrons into a warm community of regulars. No, this story usually starts with a simple head of fresh romaine. Grilled. A tangy Caesar dressing folds into the lettuce leaves; a topping of homemade croutons adds crunch. Maybe some tenderloin tips, if you're feeling especially decadent. Simple? Maybe. But humble? Not at all. 402 N. Queen St., *Lancaster*. 717-394-2422; belvedereinn.biz

— JENNIFER KOPF



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Pheasant Field Bed & Breakfast

People love staying at B&Bs because of the homey ambience and friendly interaction with the people who own the place. Pheasant Field Bed & Breakfast offers that and so much more. The B&B is located only four miles from downtown Carlisle, yet vacationers and business travelers feel worlds away from the hubbub of life. A nearby pond offers great birdwatching, the labyrinth invites guests to take a meditative walk, and the aroma of oatmeal pancakes in the morning is a reminder of the beautiful day ahead. "A couple from Las Vegas stayed here and spent over an hour on the front porch watching fireflies," says Dee Fegan, owner/innkeeper with husband Chuck DeMarco. "They had never seen them before." 150 Hickorytown Rd., Carlisle. 717-258-0717; pheasantfield.com

— LORI MYERS

Best Leisure Options

Bed & Breakfast

- 🔥 Pheasant Field Bed & Breakfast, *Carlisle*
- Cashtown Inn, *Cashtown*
- The Inn at Westwynd Farm, *Hummelstown*

Children's Attraction

- 🔥 Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, *Harrisburg*
- Hersheypark, *Hershey*
- Dutch Wonderland, *Lancaster*
- Hershey's Chocolate World, *Hershey*
- Lancaster Science Factory, *Lancaster*

Gallery

- 🔥 The Paper Lion Gallery, *Lemoyne*
- The Village Artisans Gallery, *Boiling Springs*
- The Susquehanna Art Museum, *Harrisburg*

Museum

- 🔥 The State Museum of Pennsylvania, *Harrisburg*
- AACA Museum, *Hershey*
- The National Civil War Museum, *Harrisburg*

Art/Craft Show

- 🔥 Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show, *Mount Gretna*
- The Long's Park Art & Craft Festival, *Lancaster*
- Artsfest, *Harrisburg*

Winery

- 🔥 Adams County Winery, *Gettysburg*
- Hauser Estate Winery, *Biglerville*
- Nissley Vineyards, *Bainbridge*

Community Festival

- 🔥 Kipona Festival, *Harrisburg*
- Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival, *Gettysburg*
- IceFest, *Chambersburg*

Live Music

- 🔥 American Music Theatre, *Lancaster*
- Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, *Harrisburg*
- Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, *Harrisburg*
- Long's Park Summer Music Series, *Lancaster*

Live Theater

- 🔥 Fulton Theatre, *Lancaster*
- Hershey Theatre, *Hershey*
- Allenberry Playhouse, *Boiling Springs*
- Totem Pole Playhouse, *Fayetteville*
- Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, *York*



VINCE CASSARO

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts

Taking children to Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is like blending vegetables into their food without them realizing they're eating something that's good for them. That's because learning and fun go hand in hand at Whitaker's Harsco Science Center, where kids can enjoy interactive exhibits, games and the worlds of geology, medicine and creativity. KidsPlace has places to play, and a Storybook Stage where tot thespians can act out their favorite fairy tales. They can experience a tornado or hurricane in Forces of Nature, or learn about nutrition at the Carnival of Health exhibit. One and all can experience a movie on a 65-foot-high screen at the Select Medical IMAX Theater. "My eight-year-old says it's like going to a new place every time," says Kathleen Keller, Whitaker's vice president of marketing and sales. 222 Market St., Harrisburg. 717-214-2787(ARTS); whitakercenter.org

— LORI MYERS



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Small Town

- Gettysburg
- Lititz
- Boiling Springs
- Mechanicsburg

Best Bargain Shopping

- The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, Gettysburg (tie)
- T.J.Maxx, various locations (tie)
- Ollie's Bargain Outlet, various locations
- Goodwill, various locations

Best Place to Take Visitors

- Gettysburg
- Gettysburg Battlefield
- Hersheypark
- Hershey



Gettysburg

The world knows Gettysburg for its 1863 battle, but today's town has blossomed into a crossroads of history, art and culture. Find the work of local artists in lots of galleries. Stop by the Adams County Winery's shop for a taste of Rebel Red. Catch a jam session or snag a rare Del McCoury CD at Arrow Horse Bluegrass. Hoist a pint at the Blue Parrot Bistro or sip a strawberry banana milkshake at the Cannonball Old Tyme Malt Shop. And don't miss a chance to see a show at the Majestic, the spectacular 1925 theater with the \$16 million makeover. www.gettysburg.travel — M. DIANE MCCORMICK



Caledonia State Park

Caledonia State Park dates back to 1902. Grandparents bring their grandchildren camping here because their grandparents took them. Park manager R. Bruce McFate doesn't have a favorite time of year because every day at the wooded, historic park is his favorite. Nineteenth-century educator and abolitionist Thaddeus Stevens built an ironworks here. Invading Confederates torched the business, but remnants are still present, so weekend visitors can see 1830s artifacts in the blacksmith's shop. Daily programs, including Friday and Saturday evening campfire gatherings, educate campers on historic and environmental themes. Getting in touch with nature, says McFate, "is proven to be very good for the soul." 101 Pine Grove Rd. (Rts. 30 & 233), Fayetteville. 717-352-2161; www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/caledonia.aspx — M. DIANE MCCORMICK

Best Outdoors

Camping

- Caledonia State Park, Fayetteville
- Gettysburg Campground, Gettysburg
- Gifford Pinchot State Park, Lewisberry

Golf Course

- Carroll Valley Resort, Fairfield
- Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York
- Lykens Valley Golf Course, Millersburg

Miniature Golf

- Water Golf on City Island, Harrisburg
- Mulligan MacDuffer Adventure Golf, Gettysburg
- Village Greens Golf, Strasburg

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to the following businesses who have generously donated prizes for winning Hot List voters!

Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar

Brew 22 American Tavern

Fulton Theatre

Hauser Estate Winery

Heritage Hills Pro Shop

Hersheypark

The National Civil War Museum

Nonna's Italian Restaurant

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