

# Fall Festivals

## Kent County's Inaugural Restaurant Week

October 12-October 18

A "barrel to table" dinner at Abbott's Grill in Milford, Sunday Brunch at Harvest Ridge Winery, free wine and beer glasses from the Delaware Culinary Trail and more than a dozen participating eateries will highlight the inaugural Kent County Restaurant Week, October 12-18. Begun as an outgrowth of the Delaware Wine and Beer Festival set for October 11, the area's first Restaurant Week will highlight the unique culinary skills among local chefs, promote "locally grown" meats and produce served as "farm to fork" cuisine at area restaurants, and shine a spotlight on the variety of high-quality restaurants available in Kent County.

<http://www.kentcountyrestaurantweek.com/>

## Vendemmia Wine Festival

(October 12, 2014; Rain Date is October 19, 2014)

This festival is Wilmington's biggest fall party. Over 3,000 wine enthusiasts gather in Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront to celebrate the Harvest of the Grapes. From 2 PM to 6 PM, sample fine wines from every region in Italy and delicacies prepared by 25 of the area's best restaurants and bakeries. Festivities include live music by four bands, homemade wine and gravy contests and a silent auction. For more information, go to [www.societadavinci.com](http://www.societadavinci.com) or [www.visitwilmingtonde.com](http://www.visitwilmingtonde.com).

## Chrysanthemum Festival

(October 25-November 23, 2014)

Chrysanthemums take center stage at Longwood Gardens. More than 200,000 blooming chrysanthemums are arranged in amazing configurations inside Longwood's four-acre indoor Conservatory. Of particular note is the magnificent Thousand Bloom Mum with more than 1,100 perfect yellow blooms. Outside, chrysanthemums, gourds and giant pumpkins decorate the grounds. For more information, go to [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org) or [www.visitwilmingtonde.com](http://www.visitwilmingtonde.com).

## Wilmington Beer Week

(November 1-November 8, 2014)

This weeklong celebration of craft beer features Greater Wilmington's premier craft beer restaurants. Special events include prix-fixe menus, tap takeovers, opportunities to meet the brewers and firkin parties. For more information, go to [www.wilmingtonbeerweek.com](http://www.wilmingtonbeerweek.com).

## Fringe Festival: Live

(November 19-November 23, 2014)

This five-day celebration of unconventional and experimental art returns with a twist; the festival will be staged three times during the year starting in November and returning in February and May. **Live Fringe**, the November segment, showcases edgy performances by local regional and national artists and features improvisation, dance, comedy, clown, magic, drama and musical theatre in a variety of venues throughout Wilmington. For more information go to [www.fringede.org](http://www.fringede.org).