

Call the dog-sitter, and gas up the Winnebago.
You're going to be really busy during the first weekend of November.

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FAVORITE

Slaughter Across the Water

November 5

When the citizens of the Eastport neighborhood of Annapolis declared their independence from the downtown Annapolitans on Super Bowl Sunday 1998, they followed it up with a declaration of war—**TUG OF WAR**, that is. Now that grand and glorious moment in time is celebrated every year by Eastport-o-ricans with a free festival and the world's longest tug-of-war over a body of water. Music and merriment, along with much food and drink, will overflow on both sides of Spa Creek during the tugfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first of up to seven tugs begins at the crack of noon. Proceeds go to local charities.

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Mum's the Word

October 29–November 20

It's the 30th anniversary of the **LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL** in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, and the mums will be displayed in towering chrysanthemum arches, flowery waterfalls and massive mum balls hung from the conservatory ceiling. There is even one plant that blossoms in 100 different colors. Be sure to check out Longwood's "thousand bloom" mum. Yep, more than 1,000 blooms on one plant.

longwoodgardens.org,
610/388-1000

Ghoulish Doings Afoot

November 4–6

Grab your deerstalker, light up your calabash pipe, and prepare yourself for some Sherlockian mayhem in Cape May, New Jersey. It's time for **SHERLOCK HOLMES WEEKEND**, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities. This year, Holmes and Watson investigate the Gothic Habitants of Underground London Society—G.H.O.U.L.S. for short—and they're in need of your assistance.

capemaymac.org, 609/884-5404
or 800/275-4278

Beware of Flying Pumpkins

November 4–6

The holidays are a time of tradition, and this Delaware tradition always makes our holidays bright. At the World Championship **PUNKIN CHUNKIN** contest, nearly every conceivable manner of propulsion, from catapults to cannons, is used to see who can fling a pumpkin farthest. The weekend also includes a chili cook-off and the Miss Punkin Chunkin Pageant.

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punkinchunkin.com