







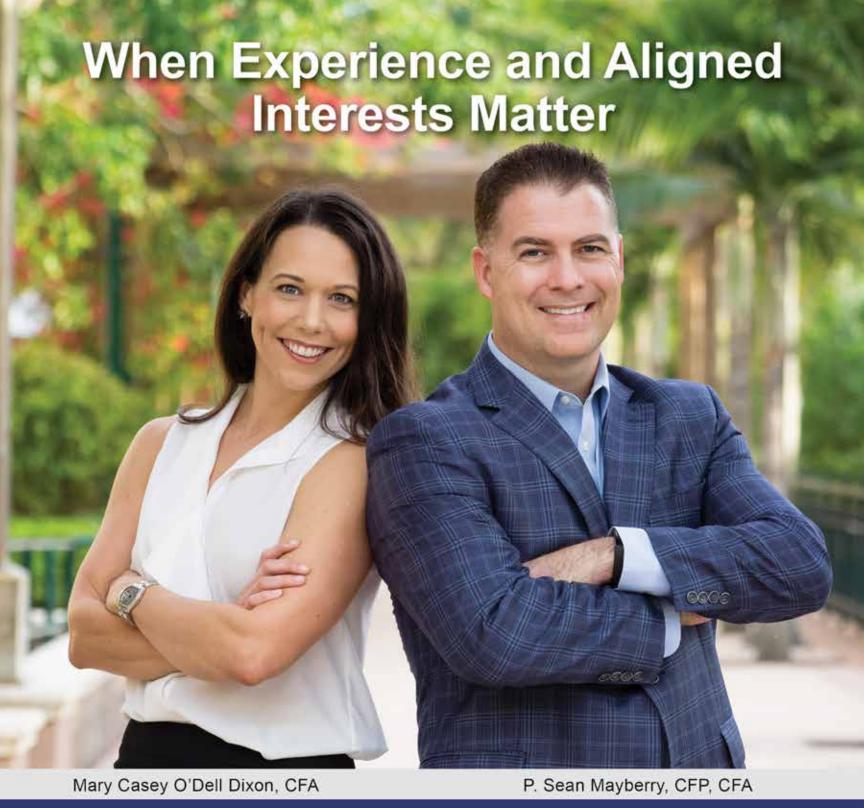
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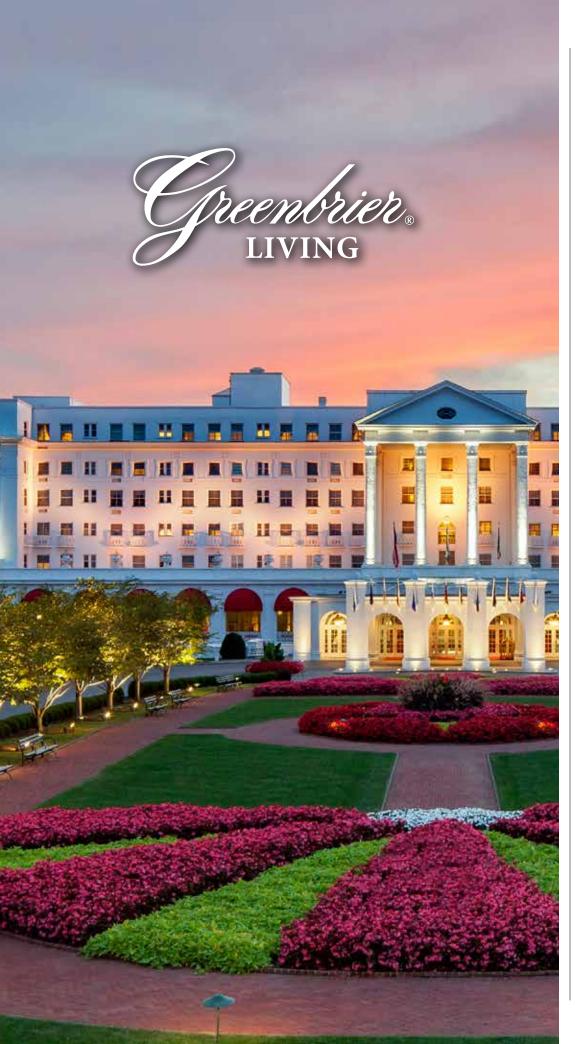




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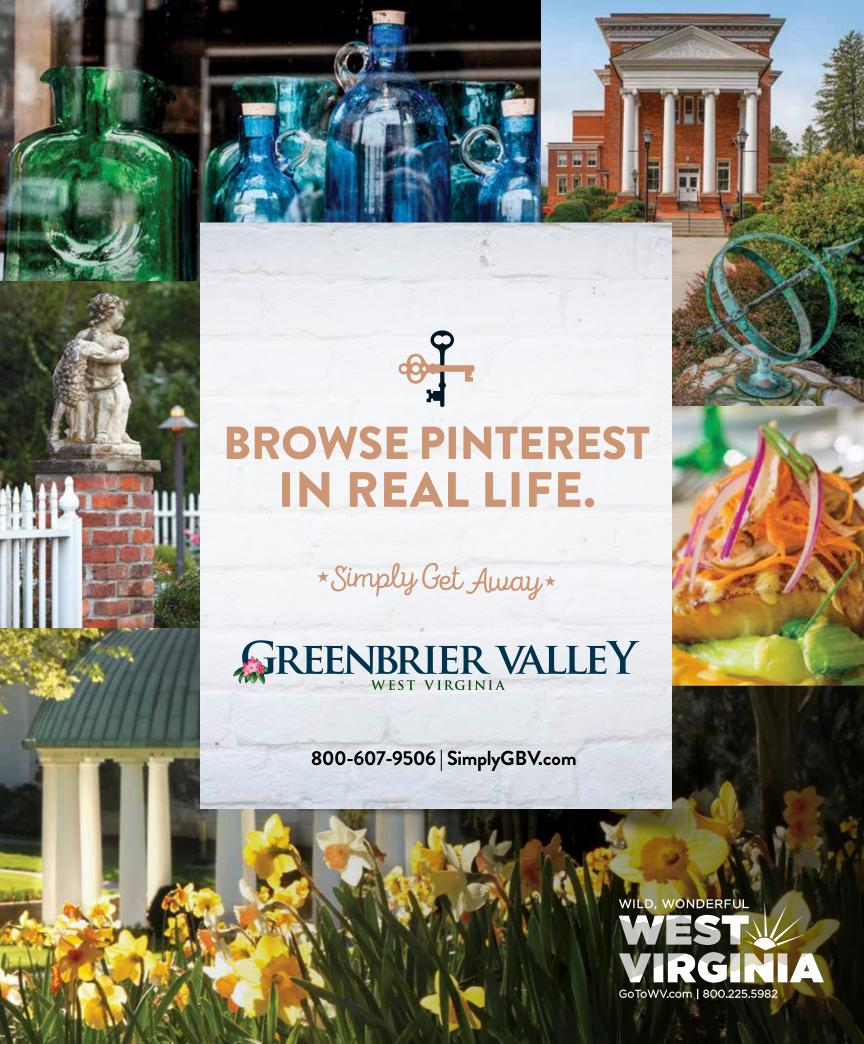
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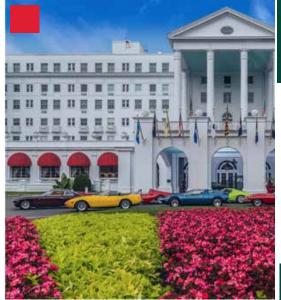
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An Easter basket of activities including a Sunday service and brunch, egg hunts, magic children and adults.

Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance - May 4 - May 6

This inaugural event will bring some of the finest collector cars in the world to America's Resort for an unforgettable weekend for auto enthusiasts.

Mother's Day Weekend - May 11 - May 13

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Greenbrier Half-Marathon - May 12

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Memorial Day Weekend - May 25 - May 28

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Fourth of July Weekend - June 30 - July 1

From games on the lawn to a scavenger hunt, family bingo, a golf cart parade, a picnic dinner and of course an unforgettable fireworks display, there's no better place to celebrate America's birthday than at America's Resort.

Greenbrier Classic - July 2 - July 8

The PGA TOUR FedEx Cup Event, The Greenbrier Classic, promises to be yet another shining example of what makes West Virginians proud! See the best players in the world, including Greenbrier Ambassador Bubba Watson.

Labor Day Weekend - August 31 - September 3

Send Summer out with a bang by spending Labor Day weekend at The Greenbrier. Enjoy mixology classes, wine tastings, behind the scenes tours and cake walks or attend The Honky Tonk Laundry at Greenbrier Valley Theatre in nearby Lewisburg.

Champions Tennis Classic

September 14 - September 16
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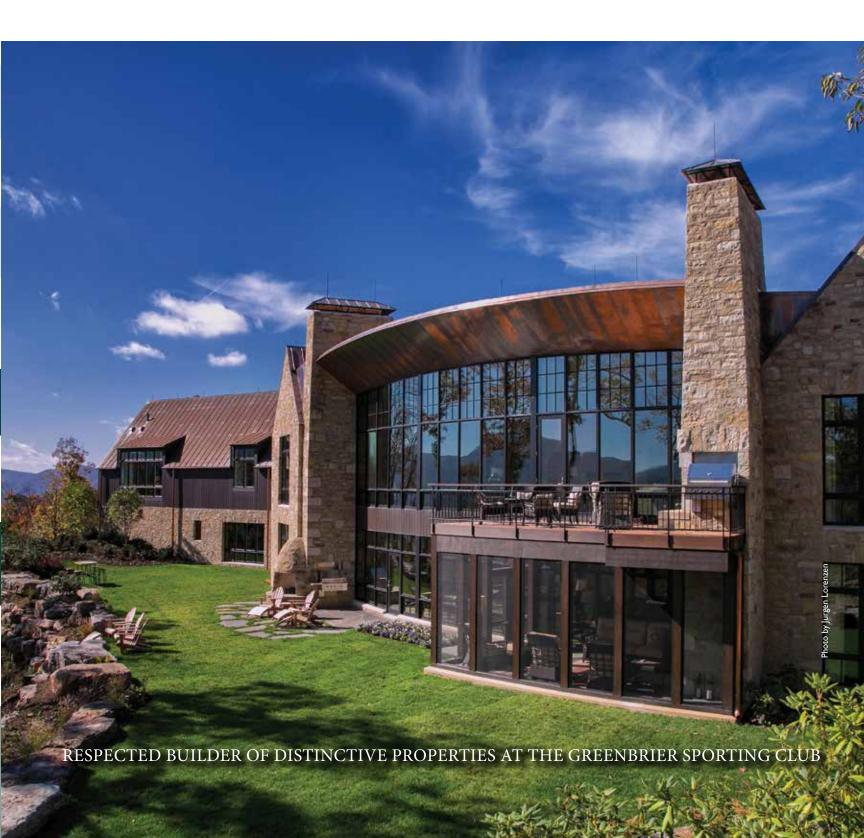


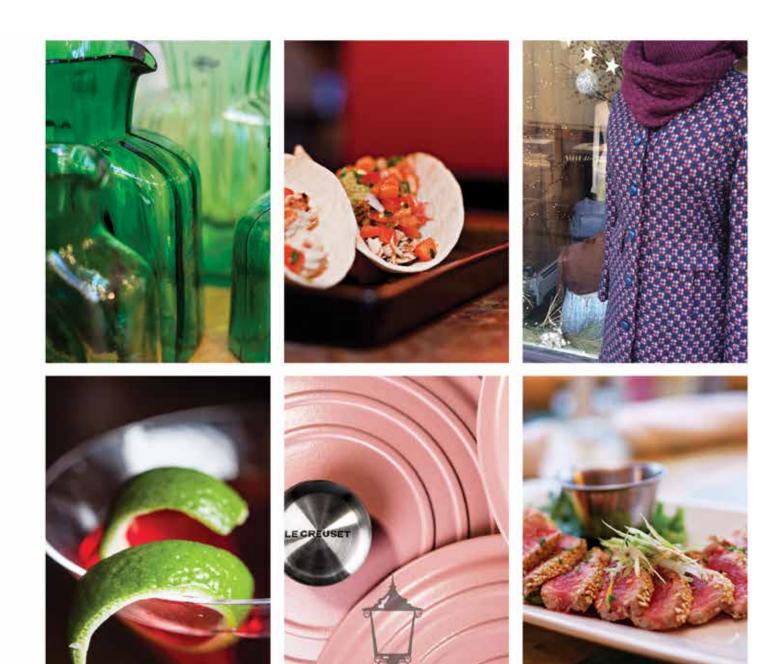


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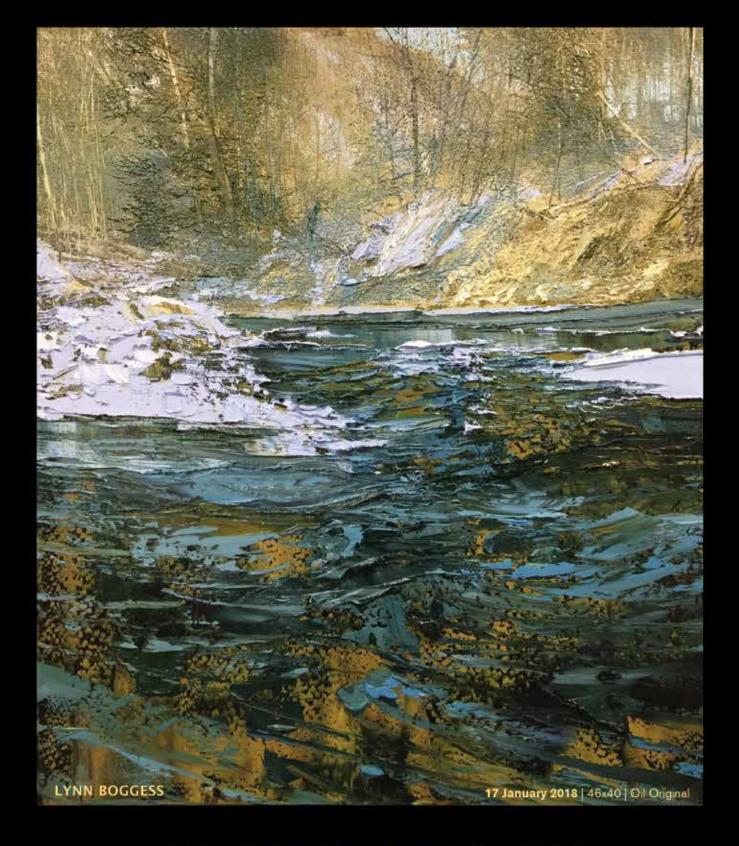
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For centuries, The Greenbrier has been a retreat for millions from across the country and around the world. The first

travelers came for the healing waters and many settled in this area for it's natural beauty. Today, visitors still have a chance to "settle" on The Greenbrier with estate our diverse real estate offerings. While in 1778 this was a rural area with limited amenities. today there are activities to last a lifetime and getting here has never

been easier.

The Greenbrier is still accessible by rail, with an Amtrak station located on the estate as it has been for over a century. Driving is also a very reasonable option for many, as a third of the nation's population is less than a 6-hour drive from our front door. For those that live a bit further, I am very excited about new air service. United Express now offers direct service to Washington D.C. (IAD) and Chicago (ORD) from nearby Greenbrier Valley Airport (LWB). These new flights make it very possible to get to The Greenbrier from almost anywhere in the world. Greenbrier Valley Airport also has a 7,003-foot runway and nicely appointed FBO to accommodate all forms of private air travel.

While it is easier to get here, there are also more reasons to come. This spring, The Greenbrier will host its inaugural Concours d'Elegance, featuring some of the finest vintage automobiles from around the world.

Participants will enjoy driving tours, displays, receptions, and much more. Following this

return of The Greenbrier Classic, a PGA Tour Fed-ex Cup event, in July. The top golfers in the world, including our

event in May, we will prepare for the

own Bubba Watson and Phil Mickelson, will compete on The Old White TPC course; where golf began at The Greenbrier over a century ago. In late July, we will welcome back the Texans for just shy of a month for training camp at The Greenbrier Sports Performance Center. Finally in September, we prepare for our most

as we welcome the Williams sisters to The Center Court at Creekside, our 2,500-seat tennis stadium.

exciting Fall Tennis Classic ever,

These new offerings make owning real estate at The Greenbrier and being a member of the private Greenbrier Sporting Club more appealing than ever. I have long said we have a homesite and activity for everyone. With over 11,000 acres, 23 miles of roads, member's only facilities, diverse dining, shopping, natural beauty, and over 55 activities - there is no better place to live Life as Few Know It™ than on the estate of The Greenbrier.

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Accenting Your Mountain Home

The Greenbrier Sporting Club is home to literally hundreds of homes, many perched upon the ridges of Greenbrier Mountain, which rises 3,300 feet to The Summit Lodge.

So many of these mountain homes incorporate the natural, and man-made, elements of the Allegheny landscape into their design. From rough-hewn exposed beams to railroad spikes, the juxtaposition of these elements create a harmonious environment for the homeowner, creating an homage to the natural and cultural history of the Appalachian mountains.

Designing your mountain home comes with its own challenges though. Suzanne Perilli Hancock, owner of Suzanne Perilli Hancock Interiors, has overseen a number of Sporting Club designs, and says that the most important thing is "to make sure the home reflects what you love."

"Trends come and go quickly in the interior design world, so it's important to find colors and styles that speak to you," she says.

"Creating a comfortable home built around your favorite things is paramount."

To that extent, Hancock encourages homeowners to use varying textures to balance the space within their home.

"To create this balance, I like to design spaces with soft, thick textures such as sheepskin, sleek metals, sometimes two toned or even clear acrylic. All of these textures balance the heavy stone and wood accents found throughout homes at the Sporting Club." That said, one needs to let the architecture of the home help dictate the interiors. "You can add accents, but be careful not to go overboard."









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By Clay Elkins

ooking for some new wines to try out?

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WHITES

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- Domaine de L'Hortus, Grand Cuvee, Pic Saint Loup, Languedoc, France - Check out the Languedoc for the next upcoming wine region!





Member PROFILES

Sandy and Sally



MEMBERS SINCE 2001 | Gates Mills, OH

- We had already been coming to The Greenbrier for over 20 years when we learned of the opportunity to build a home on the grounds. We love all the amenities at The Greenbrier and wanted to be located close to primary facilities, so the White Sulphur Hill neighborhood was ideal for us. We are just a five minute walk from the resort, the tennis courts, golf, and swimming.
- We had an outstanding team when building our home, featuring Dick Kawalek as our architect, John Bell Construction as our builder, and Laura Jorgensen as our interior designer. These folks did an outstanding job and made the entire building process a tremendously fun project.
- We love to play tennis, but also enjoy sporting clays, upland bird hunting, falconry, and the many beautiful opportunities to walk the grounds and property.
- There are no average members at The Greenbrier Sporting Club. We are fortunate to have a broad spectrum of members representing many backgrounds and interests—united in their love of The Greenbrier, West Virginia, and their enjoyment of the outdoors.
- The people of West Virginia are approachable, welcoming, generous, and personable. We immediately felt right at home when we purchased here.
- We are really excited to be part of the tennis event here at The Greenbrier, especially at our world-class Center Court at Creekside stadium. Our players this year are Serena and Venus Williams! This is a once-in-a-lifetime event to see them play against one another in both singles and mixed doubles.

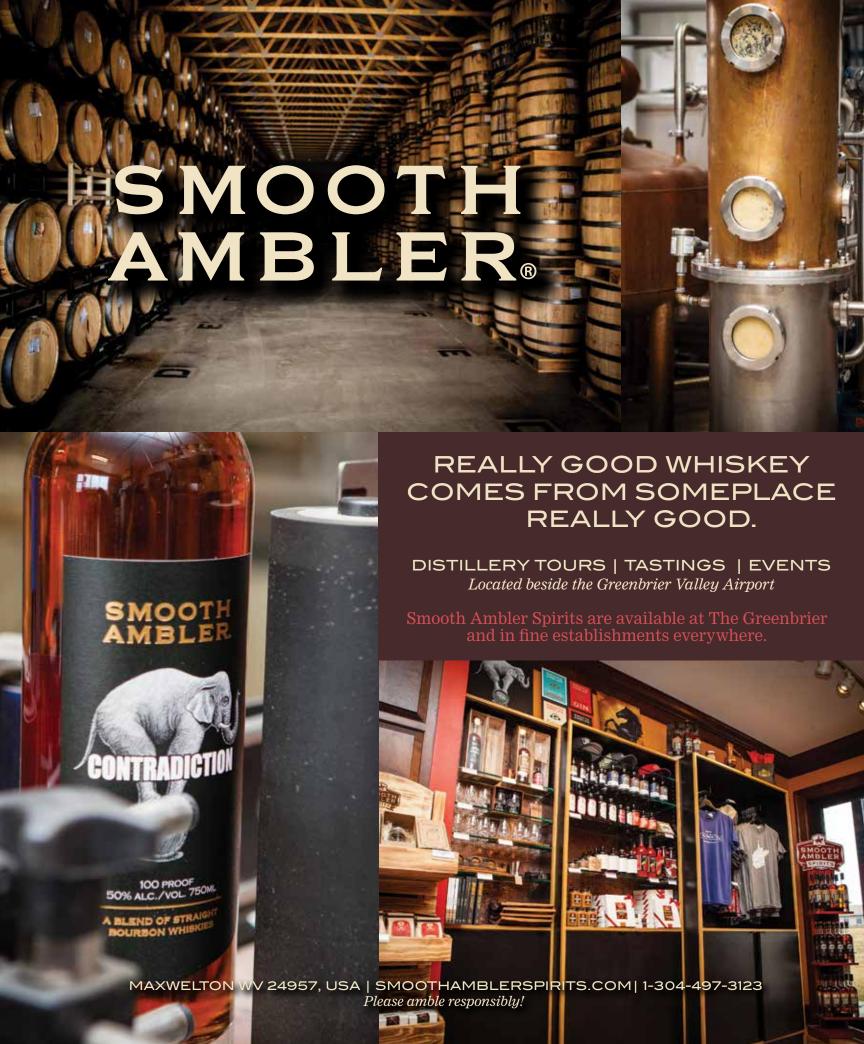








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Member PROFILES

PUCKENIAN Mary



MEMBERS SINCE 2008 | Madison, MS

- We were looking for a second home and wanted it to be within driving distance for our daughter and her family in Greenville S.C. At the time, neither of us were golfers, so we wanted a community that offered more than the one sport. Our older son and his wife came to The Greenbrier for their anniversary, and while there, took a tour of various homes on the market. At their suggestion we went up to look. After lunch, at the then newly opened Summit, the agent stopped at a house halfway down the mountain. From the minute we walked in we fell in love with it!
- Being from Mississippi, a mountain view was important to us and we found it. We think our view is one of the best The Greenbrier Sporting Club has to offer.
- We bought a newly constructed home, but have since had a few additions. We used the original architect, Mark Dunkley, and had Greg Weikle as the builder. Between the two of them we were very pleased with the process and the finished product.
- Richard plays tennis and has loved playing at The Greenbrier. Terry and Jenny, The Greenbrier's tennis pros, have been a delight and have become good friends. With the encouragement of friends at The Sporting Club and the pros, he is taking up golf and enjoying, most of the time, the sport. He also is a cyclist and the countryside provides the perfect venue.
- Mary loves our screened-in porch and rarely leaves.
- We have attended many Sporting Club events: wine tastings, holiday parties, Hunt Cabin Cookouts, Chili Cook Offs, the list goes on and on. One of the elements that make these events fun is the attentiveness of the staff. They are always so pleasant and helpful.
- We love holiday weekends with our children. We are blessed with four children, all married and seven grandchildren, with the eighth due in May. We have had family stashed in every spot and even a then-boyfriend on the blowup mattress in the laundry room. We are both from big families so we love having ours with us at The Greenbrier whenever possible.















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riginally engineered by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway starting in 1899, The Greenbrier River Trail is the longest rails-to-trails experience in West Virginia.

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States, it runs 78 miles, following a shallow grade that's perfect for walking, biking, and primitive camping, with plenty of hitching posts along the way.

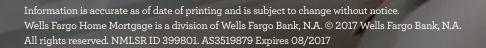
Though the trail is marked south-to-north, the Greenbrier River flows the opposite direction, and the recommended wayfarer follows the natural course of the water. Many see the southbound trek from Cass as the more leisurely route, at an easy one percent grade, the trail itself is pure recreation and ideal for day hikes and bike rides in any direction.

Well-kept, the trail has plenty of benches, fishing spots, and swimming holes; paved over five miles, the rest is crushed limestone. With 14 entry points and 16 campsites (many of which afford privies and rustic shelters), the trail passes through a sum of three state parks—Calvin Price State Forest, Watoga State Park, and Seneca State Forest, as well as Monongahela National Forest, surrounded by the





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Allegheny Mountains. Covering two counties, it heads north from Caldwell to Cass, even verging into the National Radio Quiet Zone surrounding Green Bank Observatory.

The most fascinating feature of the trail, however, is its two tunnels—Droop Mountain Tunnel, roughly 402 feet long, and Sharp's Tunnel, which is 511 feet. Approximately three-dozen

"Wildlife abounds on the trail, ranging from deer and chipmunks, to rabbits and river otters."

historic trestles of the former rail path crosses over the glistening Greenbrier River. With whistle stops and historic trailblazing markers along the way, it's easy to catch a sight of locomotive history. This, combined with at least three known geocaching sites, makes for an outdoor trip

tinged with antiquity, along with the game of hunting modern

time capsules.

Wildlife abounds on the trail, ranging from deer and chipmunks, to rabbits and river otters. This year, on April 28, the 32nd Annual Great Greenbrier River Race will again be held in Marlinton. This family-friendly mini triathlon includes a 3-mile run, 4-mile paddle, and 10-mile bike, with great prizes, live music, and good food.

West Virginia has over 60 rail trails to offer, with close to 20 in the region of Monongahela, and plenty of places to whet one's whistle in between. The Greenbrier River Trail just happens to be one of its treasures.

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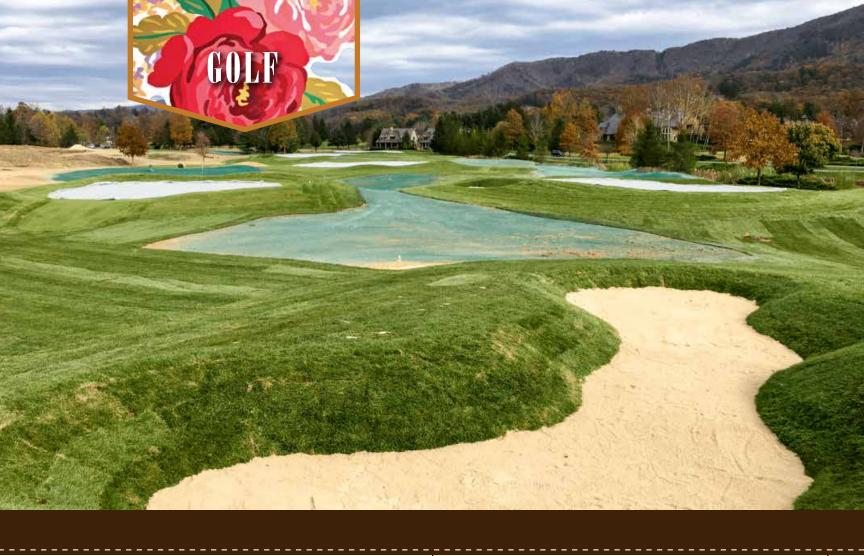
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The Ashford SHORT COURSE

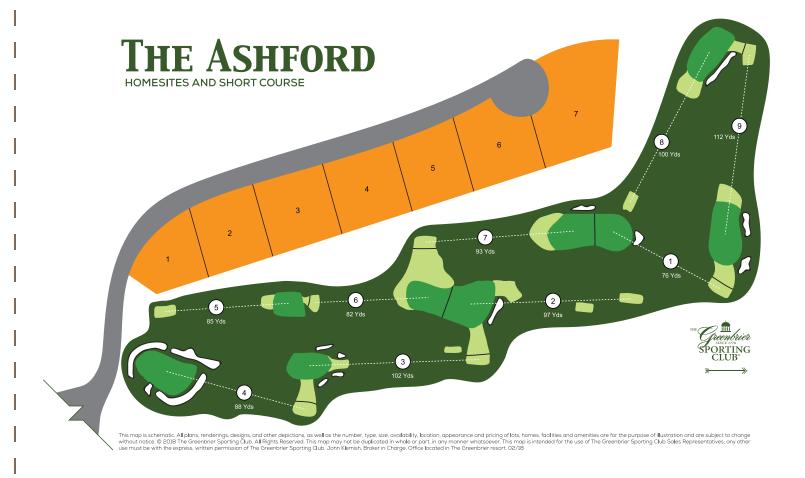
pening in the summer of 2018, The Ashford short course will be a collection of 9 holes inspired by some of the greatest hole designs in the world. This newest addition to The Greenbrier collection of championship courses will focus on great architecture, becoming the new backyard to seven lucky homeowners.

"It's really exciting to provide yet another option to our guests and members," says Justin Beard, Greenbrier Sporting Club's Golf Professional. "This course is built from a golfer's perspective—there is a real art to playing every hole."

The Ashford short course plays in a walking-only loop. With ranges from 76 to 112 yards, it is sure to improve your handicap. The relaxed environment of the short course has capabilities for family golf of all ages to learn the game for the first time or hone in on a rusty short game. Of course, it will be available after the round in helping settle friendly wagers or ties from your game of the day as well.

Taking only nine months to build, the course recognizes many of the designers and architects who have helped shape the game over decades.

"We recognize some of the great architects of The Greenbrier's courses, like C.B. MacDonald and Seth Raynor," says Patrick Murphy, Golf Course Superintendent for The Greenbrier Sporting Club, referencing specifically Redan,



Seven lucky homeowners will have a training ground in their backyard.

and Reverse Redan. "Many of these holes operate simply as approach shots to the green."

That homage to the resort's past also plays into the course's namesake. In 1942, the U.S. Army purchased The Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs from Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, and began converting it into a military hospital for sick and wounded soldiers coming home from World War II. The hospital was subsequently named for Army physician Col. Bailey K. Ashford. Before Ashford General closed in mid-1946, more than 25,000 patients—including many from West Virginia—had received treatment here.

Today, the course plays brilliantly across the valley floor, and boasts some of the most exciting holes at the resort. Some of the holes share greens, but none share the same story.

"Take for instance The Duel Hole," says Beard. "It's got a great story



from a golfer's

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behind it."

The Duel, as it's known on the short course, is based off a famous par three designed by A.W. Tillinghast at The San Francisco Golf and Country Club, built on the actual site of a famous duel back in 1859 between Senator David Broderick and Supreme Court Justice David Terry of the Democratic Party. This duel hole has a large potato chip looking putting surface, a concept "Tilly" incorporated in many of his designs.

Beard also says he enjoys Papa, the course's rendition of H.C. "Papa" Leeds' infamous 9th hole at Myopia Hunt Club—what some consider the most interesting par 3 in the world. This quirky, fun, 88 yard hole features "surprise" bathtub bunkering, and superb views atop its bent grass green.

"We will also use The Ashford to host events like night golf, closest to the hole, and other fun tournaments," says Larry Klein, Vice President and General Manager of The Greenbrier Sporting Club. "With the close proximity to The Members' Lodge, it's perfect to walk over if you just don't have the time to play the entire Snead course. We can't wait for everyone to try it!"







Concours d'Elegance:

Raising the bar on auto shows

THIS MAY, THE GREENBRIER WILL BECOME A DESTINATION HUB FOR CAR ENTHUSIASTS IN A THREE-DAY EVENT CALLED THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, IT PROMISES TO BE AN EXPERIENCE THAT SHOULD RAISE THE BAR FROM THE TYPICAL CAR SHOW TO THAT OF A SHOWCASE FEATURING BOTH LUXURY CLASS AND ONE-OF-A-KIND VEHICLES THAT ALSO TIE INTO THE RESORT'S PREVIOUS HISTORY WITH AUTOMOBILES.



"It's a chance to go to a great resort and to drive your car on mountain roads."



Modeled after Pebble Beach and Amelia Island car shows, The Concours d'Elegance will span the weekend of May 4-6 and feature over 200 automobiles in total. In addition, the Concours will feature the judge's picks of 100 trophy cars in 12 distinct categories.

"It's a perfect property and well suited for this sort of thing," says Gene Thompson, a Sporting Club member who also serves as a captain for the event. "The Greenbrier is geographically appealing. You already have car clubs coming through on trips out of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the Carolinas. It already pulls in a number of automotive groups, and hosts events and conferences for a variety of organizations. It isn't rare to see a dozen Porsches or a string of Alfa Romeos out front."

John Hirt, a car collector who's been helping to organize and promote the event, points out the history of such shows at the resort. "The Greenbrier has hosted introductions for new automobiles as far back as 80 years. New models were often debuted here. The resort is just getting back into that business as an enhancement of what it's done ever since The Greenbrier was constructed. It's exactly the kind of thing people look for and want in a destination event. Automobiles are something we have in common. It's a chance to make immediate connections through shared interest."

To provide a taste of what the event will offer, imagine driving up Greenbrier Mountain in your vintage car. You're treated to lunch at The Summit, followed later by a cocktail reception on The Greenbrier's front lawn, where President's Club members will have the opportunity to showcase their classic, vintage, or exotic cars in reserved spaces of the iconic circular front entrance at The Greenbrier.

Saturday is Car Club Day with dozens of vehicles on display throughout the resort grounds. The events aren't limited to the grounds, though. Inside the resort's Crystal Room, a pop-up shop will offer automobilia and souvenirs. A former Viper engineer is scheduled to attend as a guest speaker. Vehicles will be sprinkled through the resort's interior, including Colonial Hall—where Saturday evening's Charity Reception will occur. Whether it will be Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a Duesenberg, a

rare Rolls Royce, or a 2017 Viper, you're sure to find the types of cars collectors dream about.

To wrap up the event on Sunday, ticketed guests will have a real treat, as the judge's Concours selections will take center stage. These cars, most over 35 years old, are deemed to have the finest appeal and will bring to the event a more distinct history, complementing The Greenbrier's own storied past. A small number of the impressive cars have already been confirmed for an appearance on Sunday; such as the '68 Ford GT40 MK3 owned by Gary Bartlett. Of the seven customer versions of this car, built by Ford Advanced Vehicles in Slough, England, Bartlett's was formerly owned by Sir Max Aitken, Lord Beaverbrook, who sold it to a friend in 1973. It later ended up in the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, where it lived for three years until Bartlett purchased it through determined negotiation. The sympathetic recommissioning thereof, he notes in his application, was completed by CKL Developments in Battle, East Sussex. He and his wife took it for its first drive in 30 years to Folkstone, England, in April of 2012. Exclusively shipped over for entry into the Concours, the GT40 MK3 is completely original, unrestored, with only 7,000 miles on the odometer.

Not wanting to tip The Greenbrier's hand too much, Wayne Long, who's heading up the Concours committee, revealed two more vehicles that the club has granted prestige status. First, a '66 Ferrari 275 GTB owned by John Gerhard. Launched at the Paris Auto Show in '64, the GTB was designed by Pininfarina & Scaglietti as the first to offer four-wheel independent suspension on a 280hp Colombo 3.3-liter SOHC motor, along with five-speed transaxle. Secondly, Long revealed that owners Curt and Debby Curtiss are bringing in their '31 Auburn 8-98A. Designed by Errett Lobban Cord, the Auburn offers a glimpse of cutting-edge refinements made in the late-1920s and early-'30s, when the introduction of a Lycoming single straight-eight and X-bracing on a rear-wheel drive (the latter allowing for a threeinch lower ride than prior models) came crashing in on the throes of what would be dubbed The Great Depression. In 1932, Cord released an Auburn V-12 Speedster that set a record for decades to come, while the 8-98 met with dwindling sales due to the economic pinch. Forbes and Business Week had touted its curved fenders and long hood as "more car for the money" than Americans had ever seen, but that didn't juxtapose well with the thought of cruising in one past bread lines.

This sort of attention to automotive history is, after all, part of what the Concours is about. Especially for collectors like John Hirt, who has spent his entire life around cars. To him they're more



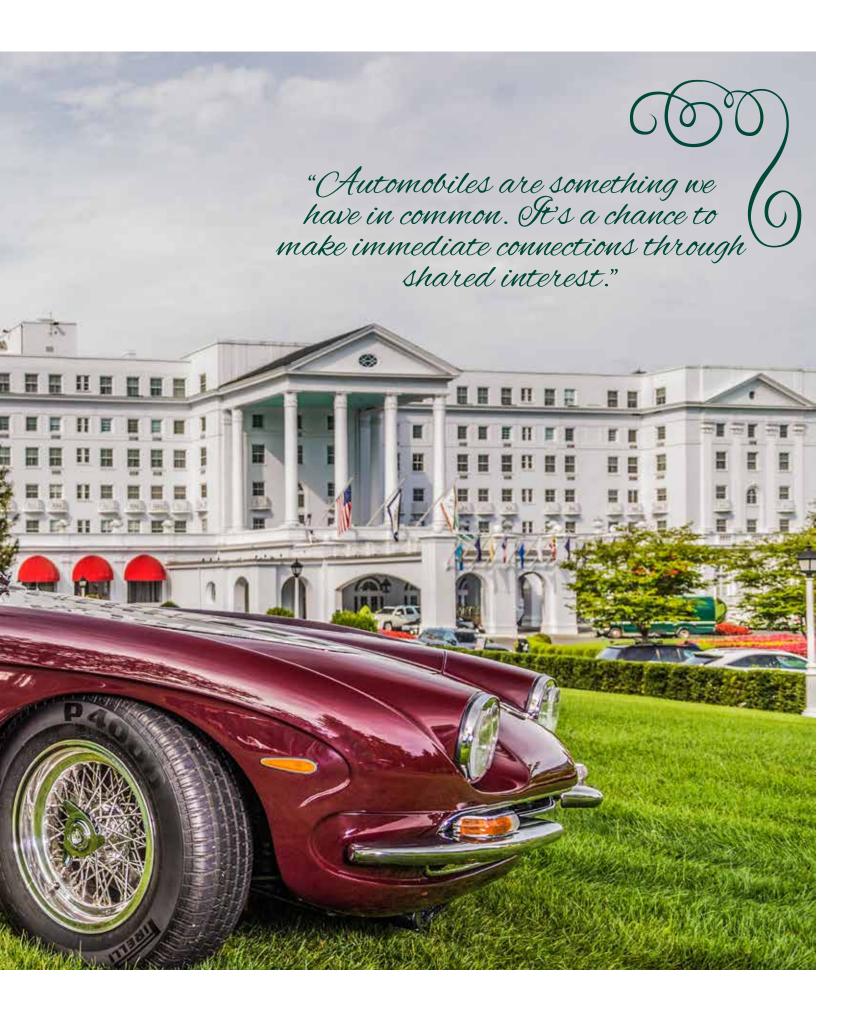
The story of Robert Jepson's 1938 Delahaye 135MS Coupe, chassis number 60112, clothed in Figori body number 729, begins at the 1938 Paris Auto Salon. According to interviews with Mr. Claude Figoni, the son of company founder Joseph, the resplendent teardrop coupe was shown in Paris in gleaming off-white, accented by a red interior, with the colors of the French flag proudly adorning the radiator grille. It was soon delivered to its first owner and with the war looming; it is likely that the Delahaye was very soon hidden away to protect it from the occupying forces in France. From there it disappeared until 1964, when it was discovered hidden among the reeds in southern France by famed pre-war car hunter Antoine Raffaeli (Author: Memoirs of a Bugatti Hunter). Mr. Raffaeli pursued the car doggedly for the next 21 years, eventually convincing Madame Michelle Gautier to part with her very special Delahaye in 1985.

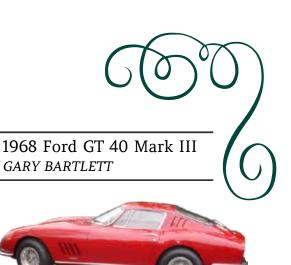
Raffaeli delivered the car to the Conforti Brothers in Nice for restoration, which took place from 1986 to 1987. While in restoration, it was discovered that years of exposure to the elements had taken their toll on the coachwork, and the body was painstakingly re-crafted using the remains of the original as a template. Raffaeli sold the newly restored Delahaye in 1990 and it soon joined Peter Kaus' famed Rosso Bianco Collection in Germany, where it remained until 2006.

The late American collector, John O'Quinn, acquired S/N 60112 next. He found the restoration to be aging and commissioned a fresh one, managed by Parisian Delahaye expert, Benoit Bocquet. The work was entrusted to Atelier Automobiles Anciennes, Dominique Tessier, who embarked on a meticulous two-year restoration with the strictest attention to detail. The beautiful Delahaye was again brought down to a bare chassis, with literally every single nut and bolt receiving scrutiny. Period photographs provided by Claude Figoni allowed Tessier to restore the nose back to its original shape as shown at the Paris Salon, complete with the V-shaped front bumper and patriotic tri-color grille. The grille was particularly important, as Joseph Figoni used it as a show of pride for his adopted home country during the tumultuous years leading up to World War II.

Mr. O'Quinn's subsequent untimely passing meant that the Delahaye saw little use after its restoration. It was sold to a new owner, who performed extensive mechanical sorting to the Cotal Pre-Select gearbox, rear axle and electrical system. Subtle details in window winders and door latches were painstakingly refined to ensure that they operate as new. This magnificent and highly correct Delahaye 135MS has been fully shaken down and sorted, and presents in stunning condition in its original colors of creamy white over a red leather interior, piped in white. The restoration, both cosmetic and mechanical, is to world-class Concours standards.







Ford Advanced Vehicles in Slough, England built this 1968 Ford GT40 MK3. It is a road going version of Ford's GT40 racecar. One of seven produced, it is the last MK3 customer car. Ford UK has never sold the last one made. Purchased by Sir Max Aitken (Lord Beaverbrook) in 1968, he sold it in 1973 to a friend of his and it subsequently ended up in the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu where it stayed for 3 years. Gary Bartlett found the car there, and after two years of negotiations, convinced the owner to sell it to him.

CKL Developments in Battle, East Sussex, completed the sympathetic recommissioning. Gary and his wife took it on its first drive in 30 years to Folkstone, England in April 2012.

It is an original, unrestored, GT40 MK3 with 7,000 miles.

1966 Ferrari 275 GTB JOHN GERHARD



The 275 GTB was launched at the Paris Auto Show in 1964. It was the start of a new generation of Ferraris that offered more comfort and a few less ragged edges. Designed by Pininfarina and built by Scaglietti it offered 4-wheel independent suspension. Equipped with a 280hp Colombo 3.3 liter SOHC motor and a 5-speed transaxle that was joined by a torque tube, this was also the first Ferrari with optional wire wheels.

than just our strange American obsession. The vehicles Hirt collects are storied as much for their flaws as they are for their ingenuities, and for the small niche in time into which they offer us a window. From a 351 De Tomaso Boss Pantera, to a rare '87 Porsche RUF in red, Hirt is interested in the specificities of a car. He's just as attracted to a car that set a record for being the fastest production vehicle in the world—maxing out at 211mph and zero-to-sixty in under four seconds—as he is for cars that are considered historical flops. He might own a 16-valve Mercedes 190 series, for instance, but outside his garage you'll find an infamous Edsel Bermuda, a car model that put Ford \$250 million in the dump.

"To me it's about the history of engineering," he says, pointing out the Teletouch selector that was built into the steering column of the Edsel, which proved to be a marketing disaster for Ford. He laughs over the notion that a room full of engineers could give a thumbs-up to the Edsel's boomerang tail lights, it clearly having not occurred to a single one of them that when the signal is lit it looks like a reversed arrow, indicating the opposite direction.

If you're a true collector, and a purist like Hirt, you don't sell your cars. From his '49 Chrysler New Yorker-with 41,000 miles, original tires, and mint interior—to the now coveted 15" rims on his Pantera—he isn't into the typical auto-show fare.

"Show me something with stock parts, low to no modifications, and I'm liable to make an offer," Hirt says. "As far as I'm concerned, everything is for sale. The appeal for me is to own a car in as-built condition. As they get older, the value of original parts tends to skyrocket." Of course, old things weren't necessarily built better, Hirt further notes. "The fact is, anything original, stamped as such, is period correct. Recreating originality is the heart of preservation."

Guys like Hirt-not to mention event organizers Tom Cox, who is President of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and Robert Bennett, a fellow collector who's also helping steer and coordinate the committee-are the true oracles of these kinds of shows.

The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance will provide a chance to see some things you wouldn't normally see at your typical car event. "I'm sure there will be plenty of muscle cars," Gene Thompson says, "because that's what the Baby Boomers, like me, tend to reminisce over. You'll also see some prewar cars, and some latest offerings by Ford, Ferrari, and a few other top-end manufacturers. Variety will be the appeal." Thompson says he hopes to see some brass-era cars, with ornate coachwork, a fancy radiator; or something French-made, with bug eyes and a custom body. "I'm sure there will be some survivor cars—barn finds, you know. I would love to see a pre-war Bugati, or a California Spyder, or a newer Enzo—something with 1,000-plus horsepower,"



everyone will want to see."

Hirt notes that the Baby Boomers in attendance will often be bringing in cars that they couldn't afford in adolescence. "It's the thing they always wanted, or sold and wished they'd held onto. Nostalgia seems cliché, but the guys who had those cars in high school seemed to have it all. For one, they had all the girls," he says with a laugh. "Moving through space and time, through nostalgia, is what pins us to the memories that were great. The rest is just a matter of doing something simply because you can."

As for the reason to hold The Concours d'Elegance at The Greenbrier, Hirt says the notion is so simple it's a no-brainer.

"It's a chance to go to a great resort and to drive your car on mountain roads," Hirt says. "Because of the overall driving experience-to come here, be here, then drive home-I expect it to draw a big crowd."

Scheduled to coincide with Derby Weekend, guests should expect to find The Greenbrier-which houses the only private casino in the U.S.-abuzz with more activity than usual for the season.

Expect to find the historic grounds adorned with some of the world's finest vehicles, and plan to discover this incredible sampling of automotive par

Above: James Layman Davis rides shotgun with Sam Snead driving a classic car at The Greenbrier in 1950. Inset: A vintage Cadillac ad featuring The Greenbrier's iconic front entrance.





the summit

BREATHTAKING VIEWS AND GOURMET COMFORT FOOD AWAIT YOU AT THIS MOUNTAIN TOP DINING DESTINATION

pon arrival at The Summit, The Greenbrier Sporting Club's popular mountaintop restaurant, you will be greeted by the wondrous wafting of cherry and oak smoke of the "pitmasters" down below, as well as the hickory fire roaring in the restaurant's oversized, outdoor fireplace. The fresh cut grass beneath your feet, the vaulted barn flanking the large side yard, and the soft glow of the sunset all converge to create a tranquil and zen-like start to

an evening filled with friends, food, and drink.

At the bar, I order what seems like the perfect drink for my surroundings-an old fashioned, made with local distillery Smooth Ambler's Contradiction. The bartender delivers a perfectly made cocktail and I step out to the back patio, which offers marvelous views over the valley floor below, with The Greenbrier sprawled out in its eastern corner.

"The first thing people do when they arrive at The Summit is take pictures of the incredible view," explains Chef Jared Masters, as he approaches. Trying to match that exquisite, panoramic view can be challenging for a restaurant, so Masters, The Summit's Chef de Cuisine, and his team instead focus on elevating comfort food to a more modern plateau, without being pretentious or showy.

"We want people to feel at home here," explains the young chef. "We are trying to hit the flavor profiles of your grandmother, but refining them for a new generation."

That's why you will often find staples such as mac and cheese and fried chicken on the menu. Except this macaroni is scattered with chunks of lobster and smoked gouda, before being topped with even more diced lobster, a lobster mornay sauce, thick-shaved parmesan, and chives.

"We like to offer things you couldn't just whip up at home," jokes Masters.

If you think he's kidding, wait until you see the dinosaur-sized bone-in short rib that he brings out to our table. The short rib is certified Angus beef, smoked on the smoker for ten hours and pulls from the bone with just the softest resistance. The smoke ring, it's red badge of honor, is extraordinary-beautifully pink and a half inch deep.

By Josh Baldwin







Clockwise from top: A delectable lamb T-bone paired with spring peas, mushroom faro risotto, and a rosemary lamb jus, garnished with mint and radish; A crab and artichoke bruschetta, a light and zesty mix of crab meat and chopped artichoke atop grilled sourdough bread, then capped with tomato, grated parmesan, and chives; The Summit's take on banana pudding, made with vanilla Bavarian cream, fresh bananas, whipped cream, bruleed banana, and topped with housemade vanilla wafers. Previous Page: Lobster mac & cheese.

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The Summit offers plenty of seafood, with its oysters being a big hit throughout the year, as they are all sourced depending on the season. "The seafood we serve is less than 24 hours off the boat," explains Masters, whose favorites include soft shell crabs from Buzz Meats, who along with Land and Sea supply all of the club's fresh seafood.

One of the restaurant's most popular appetizers is the crab and artichoke bruschetta, a light and zesty mix of crab meat and chopped artichoke atop grilled sourdough bread then capped with tomato, grated parmesan, and chives. The result is a refreshing take on the Italian classic that disappears in no time. You may want to order two.

Masters took an unusual route to cheffing at The Sporting Club-grounds maintenance for the club's award-winning championship golf course-The Snead. The Organ Cave native (a small town about 10 minutes from The Greenbrier) says that he was bussing tables in

southern Florida when he first fell in love with restaurants and the idea of cooking. He knew if he wanted to learn, the best place was back home in the prestigious kitchens of The Greenbrier resort. When he got home, he worked at the golf course for a little while until he was able to secure a job at the resort, working his way through the kitchen until he found himself working with The Sporting Club's Executive Chef Jared Miller.

"I started working for Chef Miller when he was Chef de Cuisine at The Lodge," says Masters. "It was a small team then and I was very fortunate to work side-by-side with him, and really hone-in on solid techniques and fundamentals."

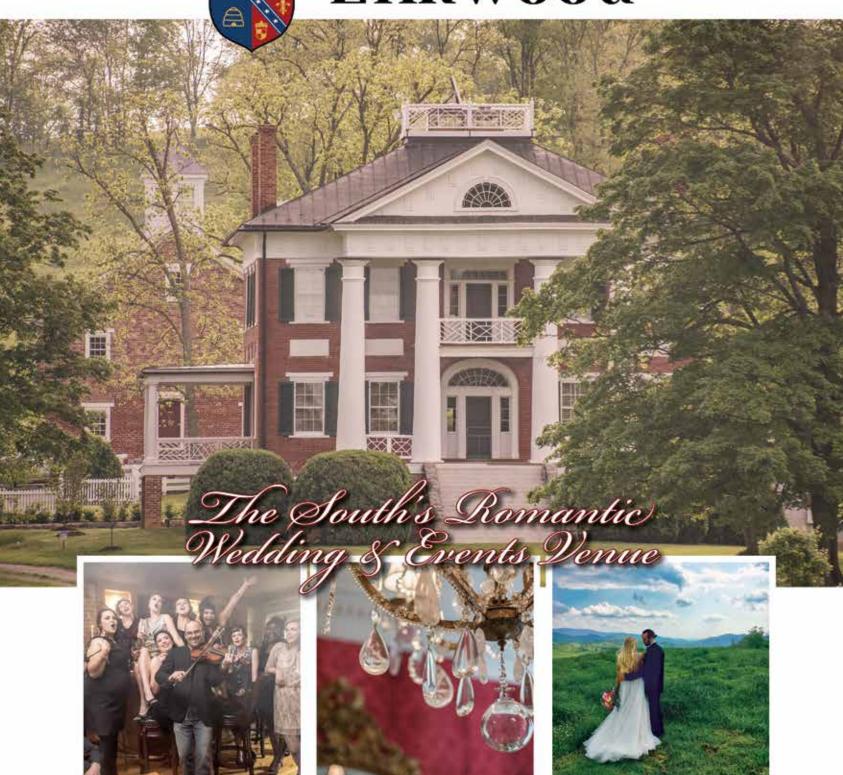
Today, Masters loves mixing and shuffling flavor profiles to keep his diners engaged. For instance, this spring he is offering a delectable lamb T-bone paired with spring peas, mushroom faro risotto, and a rosemary lamb jus, garnished with mint and radishes.

Room for more? Try the massive sundae, served with fudge brownies, vanilla ice cream, chocolate and caramel sauce, toasted marshmallows, whipped cream, almond toffee, and topped with cherries. Or maybe The Summit's take on banana pudding, made with vanilla Bavarian cream, fresh bananas, whipped cream, bruleed banana, and topped with housemade vanilla wafers.

Masters' food works well with The Summit, which is a more casual offering than The Sporting Club's Lodge restaurant. The Summit's décor harkens to the plaids and dark wood paneling found in sporting lodges, and its culinary offerings are more likely to be served in a cast iron skillet than fine china. There are a variety of smoked items on the menu, giving the place a very southern vibe, while staying true to its resort surroundings.

The Summit is the perfect place to spend an evening, with magnificent views, delicious food, and a warm, cozy environment.





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Alys and Brad at The Summit.

IF HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS, THEN FOR MANY GREENBRIER SPORTING CLUB MEMBERS, HOME MUST BE RIGHT HERE IN THE SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES.

It certainly is that way for Alys and Brad Smith. Brad was born in West Virginia, and even though he lives and works in California, he's felt the pull of

the Mountain State beckoning him home for years. The CEO and chairman of Intuit, the financial software company that owns and operates TurboTax, Brad grew up in Kenova, WV, near Huntington. He attended West Point, returning to Huntington to attend Marshall University to get his degree in business and marketing. After graduation, he crossed the river to Ohio where he began his career working for Pepsi back in 1986.

Even as his career brought him farther West, to Michigan and then California, working for companies such as Pepsi, 7-Up, Advo, and ADP Payroll Processing before moving on to Intuit, Brad always dreamed of a home at The Greenbrier, a place that, for a boy raised at the confluence of the Big Sandy and Ohio rivers, signified the very best of West Virginia.

Brad spent years looking at Sporting Club homes online and trying to convince his wife, Alys, to go on a home tour. Alys, raised in Akron, Ohio, with an undergrad from The Ohio State University and a law degree from University of Akron School of Law, had to be convinced.

















"I'm from Ohio-I'd never been to The Greenbrier," she said. "I had no idea what it was about." Lucky for the Smiths, Alys got to experience The Greenbrier first hand when Brad was tapped to speak at a business conference, and she quickly came around to Brad's affinity for the resort.

One afternoon, while Brad was speaking, Alys took a home tour.

"The house I toured was on the mountain," she says. "It had spectacular views—it was truly a mountain home. I was absolutely blown away."

"When I'm here, I'm home," says Brad. "It's God's Country. I step off the plane, breathe the air, see the people, hear the accents, and I'm home."

A few weeks later, the couple returned to Greenbrier to tour some other houses for sale, but Alys just couldn't shake the feeling of the first home she'd viewed.

"There was just no comparison,"

she says. "I've just never had the opportunity to see such beautiful views. It just puts you in touch with nature. It's so peaceful," says Alys, now fully converted to the world of pleasure and relaxation that is The Greenbrier Sporting Club.

Because the Smiths work so hard in California, when they come home to The Sporting Club, they tend to stay a while and take full advantage of the amenities.

When describing a typical day at The Greenbrier Sporting Club, Brad says that after getting up early and working out in their home gym, they're off and running. Not content to keep the secret of The Greenbrier to themselves, Brad has brought leaders from Intuit to The Greenbrier for the past two years.



Jennifer Garner (left) and Brad surprise his mother, Judie, at her home in Kenova, West Virginia.

Whether entertaining or relaxing, "We're always looking for the next activity," he says. "We like to ride ATVs, we like dining at The Summit. We've thrown hatchets, we play tennis, we golf; we shop."

"We love going to the Art Colony," says Alys. "We purchased pieces for our home there. One of the galleries set up our house with artwork when we first bought it, and we almost bought them all."

"We go up to the Art Colony every time we visit. The folks up there are like family," says Brad. The Smiths also enjoy taking time to unwind from their hectic day-to-day lives.

"Because Brad works a lot, when we're here, we're here for at least a week," says Alys. "At The Greenbrier Sporting Club, we don't have to do day-to-day management of our house, so we really get to relax."

"It's all about family and experience," agrees Brad.

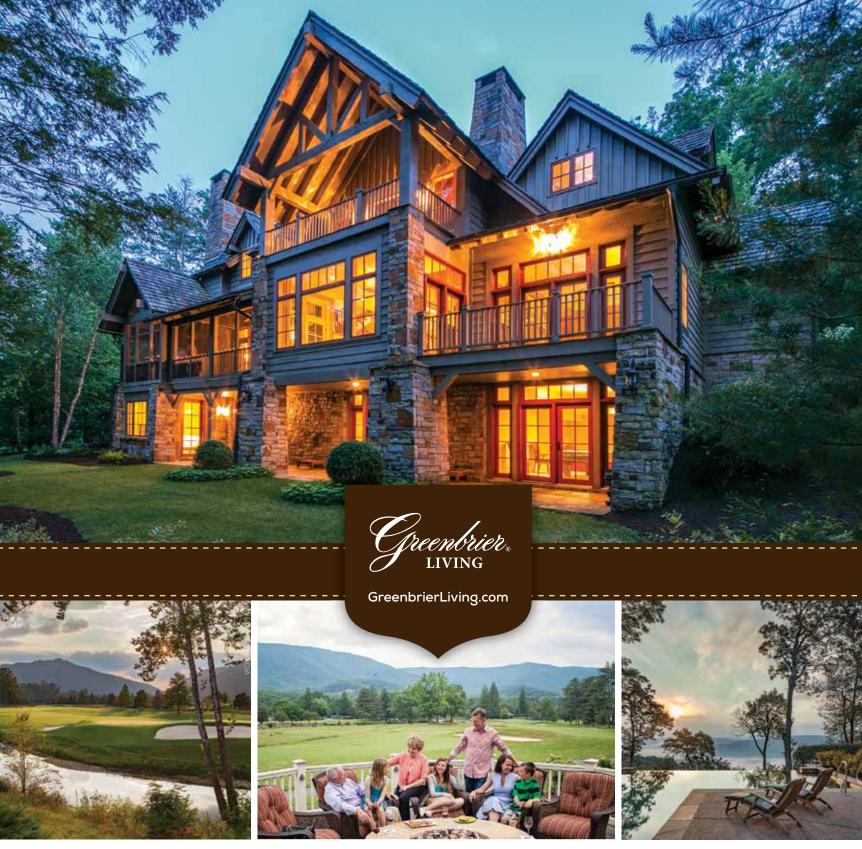
"I love being here in the fall," says Alys. "I love the colors of the leaves. They're so spectacular. And any time of year, when the fog rolls in, you feel like you're above the cloud layer. It's so dramatic." "When I'm here, I'm home," says Brad. "It's God's Country. I step off the plane, breathe the air, see the people, hear the accents, and I'm home."

"Everywhere else I've lived, the first thing people want to know is what you do. In West Virginia, people want to know who you are, who your family is, and less about what you do for a living. I bought a plaque quoting Mark Bowe from "Barnwood Builders" in Lewisburg. It says: Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Pride. That's what I get from West Virginia. I sign my emails that way now," he says.

When asked about how she defines the idea of home, Alys says, "Home is where you can be yourself, where there are no expectations. Where you're comfortable. People here are so incredibly nice, they are truly interested in how you are doing. When they ask 'how are you doing?' they really want to know."

Brad continues, "Home is where the heart is, and my heart never left the state of West Virginia. When I'm here, I know I'm among family."





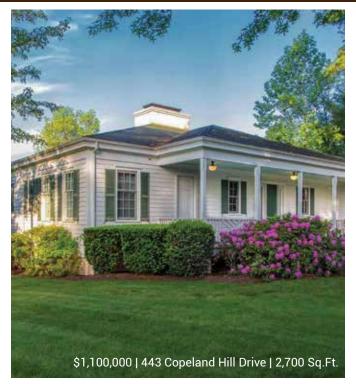
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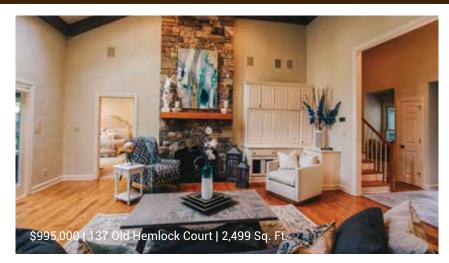


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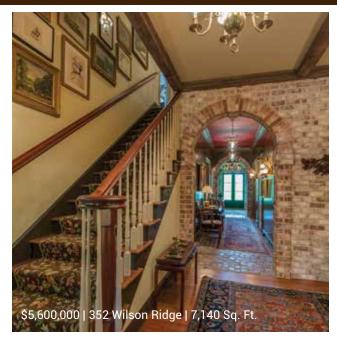




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"I have always thought that the story of Ashford General Hospital is one of the most important in the long history of The Greenbrier," says Dr. Robert Conte The Greenbrier's Historian. "One of the highlights of my career here has been the opportunity to welcome many returning veterans years later who had strong emotional attachments to the resort and very interesting stories to tell. Nowadays I am meeting their children and grandchildren."

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