

# The “world of chocolate” is coming to Bucks

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When Gretchen Tartakoff wanted to offer an event to the community that would be fun and exciting, present a sampling of world cultures without having to leave the comforts of Bucks County and provide a local platform to draw attention to global issues, one thing that could do all of it and more came to mind: Chocolate.

So the owner of the The Chocolate Bar, whose slogan is "Bringing the World of Chocolate to You," decided to make June 1 a chocolate lover's delight.

On this day, the first ever

Bucks County Chocolate Show will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New Hope Eagle Fire Company, 46 N. Sugan Road, New Hope.

The event will feature artisan chocolatiers, pastry artists, authors and industry experts who will offer products and demonstrations. Among the 11 vendors are Nita Baker?, Dove Chocolate at Home, Prestige Chocolates, Laurie's Chocolates and Donna and Company.

Some of the scheduled demonstrations and talks include "The Future of Chocolate:Sustainability, Ethical Trading and Environmental Stewardship" by Clay Gordon, "The Art of Tempering"

by Joe Crevino from Sweet Mary's/ChocoVision and a Rainforest Alliance talk on "Good Chocolate Comes from Best Practices."

Tartakoff, who has taken classes at Institute of Culinary Education and the French Culinary Institute, said guests can expect to "enjoy the world of chocolate and learn new things about chocolate" at the show.

Besides drawing attention to issues of fair trade, sustainable agriculture and water conservation, the show will feature a variety of rich, smooth and creamy chocolates from countries such as Italy, France and Belgium.



*A box of chocolates by Robert's Chocolates, a vendor at the Bucks County Chocolate Show.*

Chocolate, Tartakoff said, "Is like getting to travel without having to go anywhere. There are so

many unique differences between the chocolates from different parts of the world - the flavor, the textures. It really does give you a moment of their history and their culture."

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students and free for children under 10.

Tickets will give guests an opportunity to enter a drawing for a chocolate buffet spa treatment, donated by Skin 'n Tonic Spa and Salon. The prize is valued at \$260.

A portion of the admission proceeds from the show will go to National Wildlife Federation.

For more information, visit [buckscountychocolateshow.com](http://buckscountychocolateshow.com).