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(West Chester, PA) —

Plans are underway for the 70th Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point Races Benefiting the Brandywine Valley Association

The sound of hooves pounding on the turf... the sight of colorful silks soaring over 17 timber jumps. If you're looking for a fun-filled way to spend the day outdoors then come out and enjoy the thrilling sport of steeplechase racing at the 70th running of Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point on Sunday, April 1, 2012. The racing and family oriented festivities take place on the rolling countryside of the Brandywine Valley Association's 318-acre Myrick Conservation Center on Route 842 approximately six miles west of West Chester and three miles east of Unionville.

The oldest steeplechase racing event in the Delaware Valley, at the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point, old friendships are renewed and news ones are created. Spirited horses and skilled riders navigate a challenging 3-mile course that features 17 jumps. The first race begins at 12:00 with eight races to follow. Race divisions include: Small and Large Pony, Leadline Pony Race, Heavyweight, Novice, Open, and Foxhunter's.

Radnor Hunt Club is the Presenting Sponsor. More than a dozen items will be raffled off, including Devon Horse Show tickets, 1 week stay in St. Maartens and Hawaii, restaurant gift certificates, original paintings and much more. Children's activities are being planned including the popular Leadline Pony Race and Stick Pony Races as well pennies in the hay, face painting, steeplechase mural painting and much more.

Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 as well as volunteer opportunities. Please contact the Brandywine Valley Association office for further information on sponsorship or volunteering.

All proceeds from the Point-to-Point help the Brandywine Valley Association fulfill its mission of promoting and preserving the natural resources of the Brandywine Valley. The Brandywine watershed covers approximately 325 square miles of land and water in southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware.

Over the past decade the Point-to-Point has raised more than \$200,000 for the Brandywine Valley Association.

For more information and ticket prices call 610-793-1090 or visit www.brandywinewatershed.org

Brandywine Valley Association

Over the past six decades, Brandywine Valley Association (BVA), has pioneered innovative programs to improve and protect the water in the Brandywine Valley. Your leader in local watershed conservation & education, BVA reaches over 10,000 school students per year and offers programs for all ages to promote the restoration, preservation, conservation and enjoyment of our region's natural resources.

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