

hosted by Patrick and Jennifer Callahan

Thursday, May 5 | 5:30 p.m. Selborne Farm, 40 Selborne Drive, Centreville, DE 19807

Enjoy an exclusive evening at an historic hidden gem in the Brandywine Valley

Catering by Caffé Gelato

Benefitting St. Michael's School & Nursery and Friendship House

Live music | Business casual attire | RSVP by April 25

## Experience an Evening in the Garden at Selborne Farm

"Evening in the Garden" is the much-anticipated Preview Party for one of the Brandywine Valley's premier Spring events, Wilmington Garden Day, celebrating 75 years. Together, these events continue the tradition of showcasing some of the area's grandest gardens and homes. Proceeds benefit two Wilmington nonprofit organizations serving children and families - St. Michael's School & Nursery and Frienship House.

Selborne Farm sits in the rolling hills of Centreville along Kennett Pike. The original mansion was designed and constructed in 1928 by the renowned architectural firm Willing, Sims & Talbutt for Col. Daniel Moore Bates of the Bancroft textile firm and his wife, artist Bertha Corson Day Bates. The firm is known for its design of numerous historic residences and estates in Philadelphia's Main Line.

The home at Selborne Farm is accentuated with original works by Samuel Yellin, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's foremost artisan in iron. The original house reflected the Howard Pyle aesthetic with references to medieval design elements. Bertha Bates, who studied under Pyle, left her mark with a 29 foot fresco that remains today.

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