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Left. Chris Stevens Catering provided tasty temptations for those attending First Friday.

Below left. At Ardmore Initiative, Trudy Graboyes performed her one-woman cabaret show, *Dustpan Diva*, about the history of American musicals told and sung by a backstage person who was there.

Below. Artwork by Leo Razzi was displayed at Multispace Salon.

Right. Andrew Conway and Linda Chase lead Argentine tango lessons at Pilates for Movement in Bryn Mawr.



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Main Line Life photos  
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Are folks on the Main Line ready for some Friday night life? Consider this.

After the day dawned cool and rainy for the inaugural First Friday in Ardmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr, event Chairman Sherry Tillman arrived at work to find 85 e-mails from people wondering if activities were still on.

They were. And whether 6ABC meteorologist David Murphy had anything to do with it, by the time he emceed the kick-off ceremony in Bryn Mawr at 5 p.m., the rain had blown away.

Only one event, a big band concert at the Bryn Mawr gazebo, had to be canceled. And while organizers regretted that that put a bit of a damper on festivities there, strollers found art exhibits to enjoy in galleries and unexpected spaces, a saxophone among the styles at a dress shop and even a politician sitting for an impromptu portrait.

There was jazz in Haverford, and the scene was even hotter in Ardmore, where you could find sculpture in an auto showroom, cool Brazilian music in a beauty salon and lively folk-rock in an office supply store.

It was a chance to try dinner at a new restaurant, browse a shop you'd always meant to check out or learn a new skill, like the brave dozen or so souls who followed Andrew Conway and Linda Chase's lead for a lesson in the steamy Argentine tango at a Bryn Mawr pilates studio.

"I was really pleased with the turnout," said Tillman Monday. Her shop, Past-Present-Future crafts in Ardmore, saw a steady stream of visitors Friday night. "People were just coming in and thanking us for doing a First Friday," she said.

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Above. Andy Bree and Mark Allen played for First Friday attendees who stopped by Ardmore's All Natural Market.

Left. Creative Way Needlepoint was the site for impromptu portraits. Dottie Indio poses for Pete Smith of Merion.

# First Friday

Ardmore  
Haverford  
Bryn Mawr