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FOOD

## NATURAL HABITAT

We have green heart eyes about Woods of Plenty, a new local landscaping company that uses strategies of sustainable land care and food production to enhance the native forests of Western Pennsylvania. By ridding them of invasive species and encouraging natural species to flourish, Woods of Plenty enhances forests by creating a “non-traditional orchard” of hardy food-producing plants, reviving old orchards, creating wildlife habitats, and designing trails and campsites.

[woodsofplenty.com](http://woodsofplenty.com)

DRINK

## Beer Here

The East End Brewing Company has begun canning their delicious BigHop IPA in go-get-em green cans, designed by Commonwealth Press, further solidifying their status as Pittsburgh cool kids. And the Hop Farm Brewing Company will host their 2nd annual Hoptoberfest on September 26, shutting down a few blocks in Lawrenceville to make way for 30 regional breweries. Their own tap offerings are expanding, too. Look for 15 new beers in the brew haunt this fall.

[hopfarmbrewingco.com](http://hopfarmbrewingco.com); [eastendbrewing.com](http://eastendbrewing.com)



ART

## A FUNGUS AMONG US

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation presents *The Mysterious Nature of Fungi* from September 17 to December 17. The exhibit showcases fungi found everywhere – from the spores in the air that we breathe to the soil we stand upon – through limited-edition lithographs and botanical illustrations. On the weekend of October 10, the exhibit will partner with Carnegie Mellon University’s Cèilidh Weekend festivities with curator-led tours and biochemist Richard Jacob’s presentation “Mushroom clubs: Citizen science in action!” [huntbotanical.org](http://huntbotanical.org)

DESIGN

## FINE FURNISHING

Pittsburgh furniture maker Mike Korsak was awarded First Prize in Craft at the Art of the State Exhibit. The competition, which featured the top 126 works of 1600 entries, posed steep competition for Korsak’s walnut and birdseye maple wood cabinet. The original design, attention to detail, composition, scale, and proportion lent a sense of elegance to the woodworking that has led Korsak’s work to be shown nationwide.

[mikekorsak.com](http://mikekorsak.com)

