

▼ Fruit and Vegetable Canning

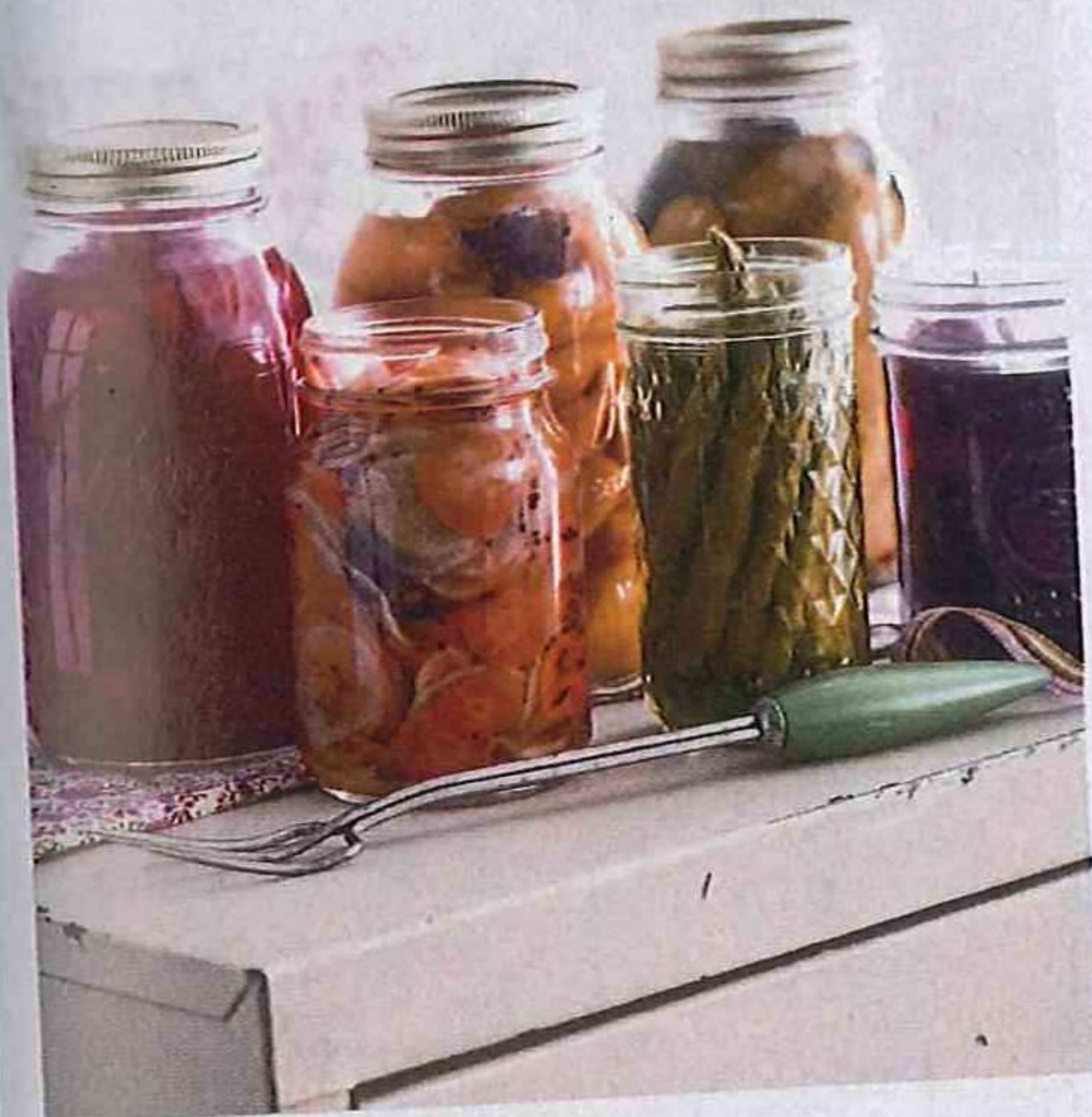
Indy Hall

Philadelphia

THE CLASS Marisa McClellan, author of the upcoming cookbook *Food in Jars* (\$23; Running Press), shows how to preserve almost any fruit or vegetable—guiding you through the process of transforming in-season produce into, say, pickled asparagus or strawberry-rhubarb jam. (\$50 for a two-hour workshop, March 3, April 7, or May 12; foodinjars.com)

WHILE YOU'RE THERE Philly's 120-year-old Reading Terminal Market tempts with 70 stands selling local fare. And it's a brief jaunt from Penn's View Hotel, a converted 1828 shipping warehouse. (From \$189 a night; pennsviewhotel.com)

Following Marisa McClellan's preserving primer, you'll be ready to save summer's bounty.



► Cheese-Making

Shepherd's Way Farms

Nerstrand, Minnesota

THE CLASS Head an hour south of the Twin Cities to Steven and Jodi Ohlsen Read's bucolic dairy, where they tend 300 sheep in a 1930s barn, churning out award-winning Friesago and blue varieties with the milk. You'll get an intro to cutting curd and setting cheese with rennet, along with a tasting of the Reads' products, including fresh ricotta. (\$75 for a three-hour workshop, March 11 or April 15; shepherdswayfarms.com)

WHILE YOU'RE THERE Ten miles up the road, the vivacious college town of Northfield boasts a rich history (Jesse James's gang famously botched a bank robbery here) and impressive architecture: The 1877 Archer House River Inn is among the state's oldest hotels. (From \$79.99 a night; archerhouse.com)

► Furniture Upholstering

Spruce

Austin

THE CLASS Creating custom furniture sounds daunting, but Spruce's upholstery experts demystify the process. Bring two yards of fabric, and they'll supply all you need to assemble a four-foot-long tufted bench—even shipping your completed piece home. (\$250 for a one-day workshop, March 23; spruceaustin.com)

WHILE YOU'RE THERE Incredible live music, vintage clothing retailers, and Tex-Mex eats all lie within walking distance of the hip Hotel San José. (From \$380 a night; sanjosehotel.com)



The best part about DIY upholstery? Selecting any fabric your heart desires.



Jodi Ohlsen Read and her husband, Steven, demonstrate how to whip up ricotta in no time at all.