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In this month's newsletter, we're sharing tips and tricks on how to execute an epic Thanksgiving feast, fun fall activities for the kids, and ways you can give back to your local community this holiday season. Plus, join us for this month's virtual events and participate in our latest online trivia contest!



Mark your calendars! We've partnered with Neighborhood Restaurant Group again to bring you two interactive, virtual events this month. Space is limited, so make sure to RSVP today!

# WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPES | THURSDAY, NOV. 19 @ 6PM

Have you always wanted to paint beautiful watercolors capturing the colors of the season, but don't know where to start? Join us for a virtual class, led by Desert 2 District Design, where you will paint a watercolor fall landscape. Desert 2 District Design will take you step-by-step and layerby-layer, so the class is approachable for painters of all levels.

Each participant will receive a kit that will include a small sustainably and locally sourced wood watercolor set, a paintbrush, and three sheets of cold-pressed watercolor paper. All you'll need to bring is a cup of water and your creative self!

Space is limited to 25 people, so please RSVP by November 11.

**RSVP** 

### HAND-LETTERED CARD MAKING | MONDAY, NOV .23 @ 6PM

Join us for a two-hour virtual workshop on hand lettering and holiday card making, led by Billie Claire Handmade. Billie Claire Handmade will take you from start to finish on how to create your very own hand lettered card design and how to creatively address your envelopes, making them fun and festive! You will learn various fancy font forms, different strategies to achieve the best layout and composition for your design, and how to add embellishments and illustrations to tie your piece together.

Each participant will receive a maker kit, including two blank cards and envelopes, Claire's favorite hand lettering ink pen, pencil, and eraser, and

a packet full of design tips, strategies, and examples!

Space is limited to 25 people, so please RSVP by November 16.

**RSVP** 



In November, the days get shorter and the temperatures drop lower, so it's only natural that we begin craving warm, hearty meals... Check out these <u>comforting recipes</u> that will warm you up and keep you full on a crisp fall day!



Thanksgiving without a turkey is like Christmas without a tree! But, did you know that the holiday consists of so much more? Test your knowledge of the great feast with this Thanksgiving Day trivia contest. The first three customers to answer all the questions correctly win a Cocktail Courier kit.

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**Hostess Tips & Tricks** 

Being the hostess with the mostess is not an easy feat, but we are here to help! Check out these <u>15 hostess tricks</u> from *Real Simple*, which will help you prep for the big day. From a printable turkey timer chart, to a "make-your-own breakfast" policy, these tips are sure to keep you on schedule.

We are also loving these <u>clever table setting ideas</u> that add an easy, yet creative touch to your holiday table scape. Plus, with just a mere mini clothes pin and some stickers, you can create the most festive wine charms for your guests.

## The Feast

While your Thanksgiving feasts are likely to have the traditional turkey and mashed potatoes, these <u>unique appetizers</u> are sure to be new crowd pleasers. Aligned with our love of all things pumpkin, our favorite themed creations are these roasted red pepper deviled eggs and this pumpkin-shaped everything bagel cheeseball.

Since Thanksgiving is centered around eating, we encourage you to print blank recipe cards and place them on your dining table, so guests can easily swap recipes with each other.

No Thanksgiving spread would be complete without dessert! One of these <u>93 desserts</u> from Country Living should do the trick. We are currently drooling over these sweet potato snickerdoodles!

And last, but certainly not least, be sure to save room for one of these 37 festive cocktails. You won't be able to resist this Pumpkin Pie Sangria or Fireball Apple Slushies.

## **Entertainment**

When you're not watching the Thanksgiving Day football game, try one of these 30+ Thanksgiving themed party games or one of these "Minute to Win It" style games, sure to spark a little family-friendly competition! You can also capture special memories by playing this family photography game. Assign different challenges to each participant and then share all of the photos with a unique hashtag at the end of the night.



The holiday season is always busy, so to help ease the stress of planning, we found some great activities to keep the kids engaged and entertained.

Check out this kid-friendly subscription, which delivers holiday fun in a box. Subscribe to Year Cheer and get ready to celebrate with everything you need to decorate, connect, and have fun with your family. Also, learn how to create an epic kid's table, or follow in Martha Stewart's footsteps with these 10 crafts, which are sure to make an adult or two wish they were still at the kid's table.

When you aren't busy prepping for the upcoming holidays, look no further than your own backyard... fall foliage can create a world of arts and crafts for your kids! From pine cones, to acorns, and leaves of

every color, there are endless ideas for kids to explore. You can even create a backyard scavenger hunt to collect your art supplies.

And if that doesn't keep the kid's busy all season long, let us know how much of this fall bucket list you're able to complete with your family!



Now more than ever, local food banks need our help! While we may not be able to collect goods in-person, you can easily donate through virtual food drives.

At the Capital Area Food Bank, every dollar donated provides 2.5 meals to people in need. While one out of 10 residents of the greater Washington, D.C. region is food-insecure, and nearly one third of those residents being children, every dollar helps. Click here to donate to Capital Area Food Bank today.

As the hub of Maryland's food assistance safety net, Maryland Food Bank distributes 40 million plus meals each year, with 93% of resources going directly to program services. Help them reach their virtual food drive goal of \$50,000 by donating here.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center distributes over 80,000 pounds of food to more than 2,400 local families every week. Instead of pre-packaging groceries, families select food from their shelves so they can take food home that they know their families will enjoy. This choice model has proven to reduce food waste and save expenses. Click here for more information on how you can to donate.



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