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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

It is officially spring! After some turbulent late-winter snowstorms, to see nature blossoming once more is a sign of brighter (and warmer) days to come.

This month's largest editorial covers the Mansion in May – a fundraiser executed by the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center, celebrating its 20th year. The event, a "designer showhouse and gardens" transforming the Three Fields site in Mendham, promises to be a stunning experience – we hope you enjoy the preview here.

If you are seeking ways to party-prep your home, we've got you covered – both indoors and out. Look to Outdoor Entertaining, for ideas big and small, to ensure your yard is primed for peak season celebrations. And if your plans do involve hosting a spring soirée or two, prepare big-batch drinks ahead of time, like those featured in Spring Cocktails. Want to bring a little bit of sunshine inside? Our home article highlights different ways to "carry the outdoors in."

This issue's fashion feature is all about fun pops of color – take a peek at some "of the moment" hues. And if you're looking for ways to both calm the mind and beautify your home, our article focusing on the "healing power of art" may give you some ideas on how different mediums can support you at home and in your community.

Have a wonderful spring season and see you this summer!

Kara Sibilila, *Editor*

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Of the Moment Colors

By Patricia Lombardo

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Gone are the days of winter whites, creams, browns, deep reds, and blacks. As spring thankfully returns - these “of the moment colors” are sure to take you through the warmer months with style, sophistication, and ease.

Come every season, Color Trend Reports from the Pantone Color Institute give the world a sneak peek of current “core classics” as well as forward-thinking fashion shades and trends. For Spring 2023, the standout colors are an ode to resurgence and rejuvenation. Fresh off the runways of London, Milan, New York, and Paris, here are some top fashion-inspired hues:

- *Lavender*
 - *Teal*
 - *Sundial Yellow*
 - *Fuchsia*
 - *Magenta*
 - *Spring Green*
 - *Blood Orange*
 - *Robin's Egg Blue*
- (most blues as a matter of fact)
- *and, of course, Pink!*



Rachel Comey
Wren Dress
in Grey

Starting with your wardrobe . . . now is the time for a refresher. Spring brings lighter materials and fabrics, and your timeless white collared shirt can now take a turn with vivid shades. Don't be afraid to go bold here as nothing is statelier than color-on-color. A patterned neck scarf or tie with a color trending sweater or button-down will give your whole look a brighter feel. (Think florals on stripes.) Need something more casual? Jumpsuits or sweatsuits are your friends, and all come in an array of beautiful tones. Mixing and matching here, too, is a no brainer.

Tess Shapiro, Buyer at Diamond Dream Jewelry + Apparel in Bernardsville, tells us, "In terms of design, the pieces we are buying have more simple shapes to them. We are seeing a lot of clean lines with a greater focus on fabric and pattern. In terms of pattern everything is larger and more abstract. This dress from Rachel Comey has been very popular, it has a 'New York Review' theme and really showcases the simple silhouette and patterned trend we are seeing."

"And this dress from Sophie D'Hoore is a really easy way to incorporate the color into your wardrobe and is made from a great silk taffeta fabric."

Now with accessories, whether day or night, you can add some fun colors to the classic gems already living in your closet. If you're headed to the office in casual attire or a power suit, look for a trending color in either a pocket square or a belt. Headwear in a sophisticated kerchief or bandana or a sun-beating bucket hat will wake up your day-to-day outfits with a pop. And now is not the time to forget sunglasses as they come in a variety of shapes, materials, and endless colors! If you want your outfits to look more fashionable in two seconds flat, stick a corsage on it! With loads of color and fabric options, this is 2023's prettiest accessory trend by far.



Sofie D'Hoore
Darby Dress
in Pitaya

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Headed out for the evening in that little black dress? Grab bursts of color with your jewelry. Rainbows of rhinestones for the ears, neck, and fingers are sure to give a glimmer. Shapiro adds, "Spring jewelry is also all about color. We are bringing in a new brand called Pasquale Bruni which focuses on incredible color and feminine pieces. Everything is made in Italy and set in 18k gold."

Adding a bright hue for the wrists? Think chunky, multi colored bangles - they never fail.

What about a new bag? Make sure it's a big one. And the brighter the better. Larger totes are back again for all of your belongings and in every color you'll need. Final touches needed with shoes? The ballet slipper returns. Whether donning a pastel tweed, leather, or silk - color cannot be denied!

With weather slowly beginning to sweeten and vacations near, draw your color inspiration now and enjoy!



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New Business Spotlight ~ The Delaney at The Green



Florham Park Welcomes New Senior Living Community: The Delaney at The Green

Florham Park is home to a brand-new senior living community, The Delaney at The Green. The nearly 10-acre property, open to adults ages 62+, is part of an innovative, master-planned development on Park Avenue and is set to open in May.

Mayor Mark Taylor is excited that The Delaney will be offering a retirement experience with unique services to current and future borough residents, stating, “The Delaney at The Green means that seniors, which is about 21% of our population in Florham Park, will have a place that they can call home and stay in the area of their relatives and friends.”

The Delaney’s upscale community will offer independent living, assisted living, and memory care. Independent living provides a carefree, maintenance-free lifestyle in sophisticated, modern apartment homes. Community areas include multiple dining options, beautiful club venues, a well-appointed fitness studio, and a luxurious salon, among other amenities. Exclusive concierge services, dining credits, in-residence housekeeping, and scheduled local transportation are also included at no extra cost.

For assisted living residents who need extra care, licensed professionals will help with basic daily living activities. For seniors with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias, The Delaney’s specially trained team develops individualized care plans for each resident, designed to promote physical and emotional well-being, prolong daily functioning, and maintain a sense of purpose, satisfaction, and quality of life.

“It’s our duty and our responsibility to guard those seniors who have brought this town to where it is today, and have a place for them to be as they age and hopefully stay here in this area,” Mayor Taylor says.

**The Delaney welcomes community members to visit their information center at 120 Park Avenue.
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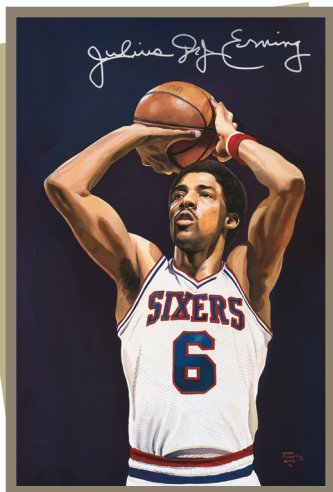


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An Elite View of Sports and Nature

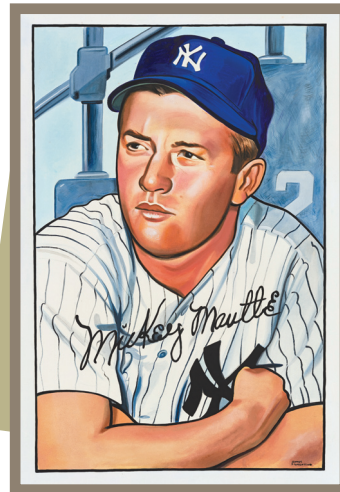
by James Fiorentino
(At Studio 7 and Mayo Center)



Julius Erving, watercolor, 30" x 20"



Cheetah, watercolor, 14" x 20"



Mickey Mantle, watercolor, 30" x 20"

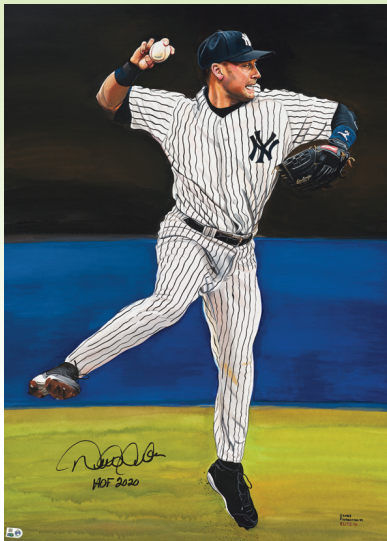
Studio 7 Fine Art Gallery in Bernardsville is honored to present **An Elite View**: a collection of famous athlete portraits along with masterful nature paintings, in watercolor, by nationally acclaimed watercolor artist James Fiorentino.

James has created the Fiorentino Elite collection to recognize the greatest athletes in the world through a series of 22" x 30" original watercolor paintings. Each painting is signed by both James and the athlete. James has committed to never producing the same image of an athlete more than once in the Elite collection. His goal is to create exclusivity so that his collectors will know that they have purchased a truly one-of-a-kind painting. Each painting will be marked as a 1 of 1 which only adds to the uniqueness of this collection. According to James, "It has been an honor for me to paint these tremendous athletes and have them personally sign my artwork. I hope my collectors enjoy these Elite paintings as much as I did painting them. These are one-of-a-kind sports masterpieces that capture the spirit of some of the greatest athletes and champions of all time."

James Fiorentino (b. 1977) is an American artist who currently resides in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. A master in watercolor his works of art have been internationally recognize which began at an early age. At the age of fifteen, James Fiorentino became the youngest artist ever to be featured in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for his likeness of Reggie Jackson. In 1998, James became the youngest artist to be inducted into the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators, along with such artists as Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth. James is also a member of the Salmagundi Club in NYC. A graduate of Drew University where James was also the starting shortstop for all four years of his college career. He has painted for and many legends of the past and stars of today, including Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Cal Ripken Jr., Arnold Palmer, Muhammad Ali, Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Tiger Woods. James has painted and illustrated some of the most recognized faces in the world using his self-taught watercolor expression from Presidents, Nobel Peace Prize Winners, CEO's and political icons. His works which include landscapes, portraits, seascapes, still lifes and animals have been showcased in museums, galleries, and private collections across the globe, and his story has been told on national television and in the pages of magazines, books and newspapers James' work has won numerous awards and can be seen nationally in books and magazines and on trading cards. James work has been featured in national products including trading cards for Topps, Upper Deck and Kelloggs. James' work and story has been carried on international and national television shows, and in magazines and newspapers. James is a member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society, Garden State Water Color Society, American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Society of Animal Artists and Artists For Conservation. James is also a trustee of the Raptor Trust of NJ and D & R Greenway Land Trust.

An Elite View will be at Studio 7 from May 5th through July 8th, 2023 and on July 10th the Show will proceed to Mayo Center for the Performing Arts, Morristown and run through August 22nd.

The Gallery is open Wednesday – Saturday, 11-4pm.
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An Elite View of Sports and Nature
watercolor paintings
by James Fiorentino


MAY 5 THROUGH JULY 8, 2023

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Derek Jeter, Watercolor, 30" x 20"
Autographed by Derek Jeter

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Spring home

Fresh Perspective: How to Bring Spring Indoors

By Judy Palermo

After a long winter spent inside, spring beckons. Wide open windows allow fresh air to circulate throughout the house. And the view from those windows showcases an explosion of color, as trees and bushes bloom, winter's grass deepens to delightful shades of green, and yellow daffodils and purple crocuses push up from the earth.

Use Natural Resources

Extend the feeling of spring to the indoors by using natural, organic materials for furniture, floors, and window treatments. Organic and chemical free materials help keep indoor air fresh and hues from natural dyes offer a pleasing, relaxed effect.

While some national brands have entered the chemical-free furniture market, local specialty stores offer an outstanding shopping experience along with expert advice. "The healthiest thing you can do is sleep in an organic safe haven," notes Pamela Nardone, owner of Hibernate Bedding in



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Bernardsville. "Sleeping on organic and chemical free mattresses leads to longer, cooler, healthier sleep." While Nardone will assist her customers with any bedding request, her store specializes in luxury organic mattresses constructed of materials such as wool, cotton, cashmere, silk, horsehair and horse-tail, and chemical-free certified organic latex. Customers can purchase ready-made mattresses, or order custom-made.

For carpet, consider natural fibers—perhaps with a floral or leaf motif. Pure wool is a time-honored choice, but newer materials have entered the marketplace, including plant fibers such as seagrass, coir, jute, and sisal. Or for an even cleaner look, install wood, bamboo, or cork flooring.

Windows look beautiful framed in natural fabrics such as cotton, silk, or linen—or with blinds made from woven woods or bamboo. But to really bring spring indoors and capture the view, replace awnings with retractable canopies, enlarge windows, or convert them to sliding glass doors.

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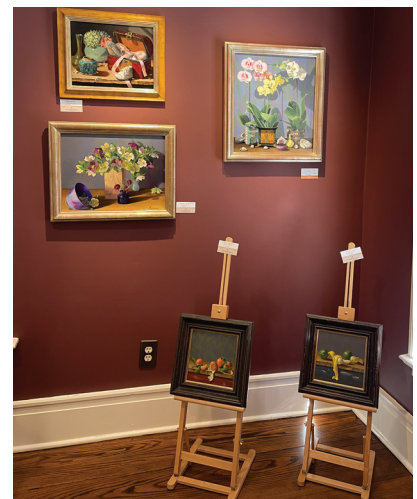
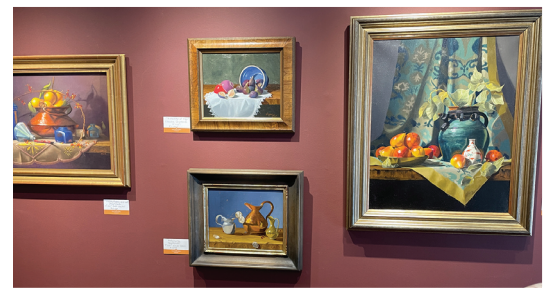
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Reimagine Plants

A pop of greenery can brighten corners, tabletops, and mantels, but many designers are now going big, planting indoor trees in two-story foyers and family rooms. Others design plant walls using potted plants and fresh flowers. Decorative pots made in natural colors, fibers, and other natural materials continue the spring theme.

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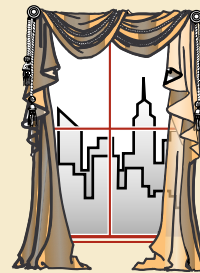
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Veterinary medicine, to the contrary, has remained stagnant in the client experience and delivery of care. Symbios Animal Health is looking to change this with a commitment to the highest-quality care and a distinct personal touch. This unique concierge-style veterinary hospital will limit the doctor to patient ratio to 25% of the industry average

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Co-Founder and CEO of Symbios Animal Health, Dr. Nick Pope, shares, "Seeing our team deliver on the vision




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“Creativity is intelligence having fun.” Albert Einstein’s quote embodies the Women’s Association

for Morristown Medical Center’s (WAMMC) 20th Mansion in May Designer Showhouse and Gardens (MIM). Colors, textures, patterns, and unique features engage the senses at this year’s MIM estate, Three Fields in Mendham. Barbara Ruane, MIM Co-Chair describes the 9,000 square foot designer showhouse as “a collection of interesting, innovative, eclectic rooms with a distinct look befitting a family home.” She says, “It will have a state-of-the-art technology-driven family room, a gentleman’s bar complete with a kegerator, and landscaping site plan created by the 2022 winner of the Silver and Gold Trophies at the Philadelphia Flower Show.”

Ruane says designers were encouraged to take inspiration from the 94-year-old French manor-style house and pastoral grounds. “We encourage designers to use their own creativity rather than adhere to a theme. Each designer can take inspiration from the architecture, the age of the house and the setting while creating a room that is appealing to present day visitors.” French doors open to a thick stone walkway, formal gardens, ponds, and a pool. Mary Courtemanche, MIM Co-Chair points out that Three Fields “is located on 36 acres, including ‘three fields’ that in the past were significant orchards.”

Three Fields’ long history with Mendham started when it was constructed in 1929. Andrew Fletcher and his wife, the former Elizabeth Dorothea Camp, purchased the home in 1949 and raised their children there. Serving as a Mendham Borough councilman from 1957-1964 and as mayor from 1961-1964 earned Drew Fletcher the nickname “Mr. Mendham.”

According to research by author and historian W. Barry Thomson, Fletcher was so passionate about the town’s library, he served on its board of trustees and “donated funds to build and maintain a new library wing that was later named in his honor.” The connection between Three Fields and the town’s library has special

20th Mansion in May Designer Showhouse and Gardens

By Naomi Gruer



Three Fields photo by David Gruol



Three Fields exterior photo by Danette Merchant



Photo by Danette Merchant



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significance to designer Arlene Reilly of Bernards Decorating, Inc. She recalls, “My mother started frequenting the Mendham Library with me from the time I was in a stroller. The library was a part of my life for many years and it is where my siblings and I...developed our love of reading.”

The importance of Three Fields to Mendham was sealed when the Fletchers donated the property to the town. Courtemanche explains, “The town then used the proceeds from its sale to fund projects over the next 70 plus years. Now, in 2023, Three Fields is again giving back to the community as the site of this major fundraiser by the Women’s Association for Morristown Medical Center. This is why we refer to it as the house that keeps on giving.”

Morristown Medical Center’s Institute of Bioskills Training and Innovation is this year’s beneficiary for the WAMMC’s signature fundraiser – monies will go towards expansion and modernization of the facility and program. Ruane says, “At Three Fields, our 20th Mansion in May, visitors will be able to enjoy creative interior spaces, stroll through lovely gardens and outdoor sculptures, and view the works of significant local artists. There are also shopping opportunities in several diverse boutiques and, to complete the day, lunch in our Café while taking in the spectacular view.”

The showhouse exterior spaces (including the front, back, gardens, ponds, and pool) are divided into 17 sections. Inside, 31 numbered spaces include the kitchen, rooms, hallways, and stairwells. Imagine cooking in the expanded kitchen *Francois Au Fond - French at Heart*, relaxing by the fireplace in *The Keeping Room*, or dining amongst a beautiful color combination in *Yellow Bird*. A floral canopy in *Sous Les Fleurs*, the sound of birdsong in *The Secret Garden Path*, and coffee to start the day in the Parisian-apartment-style master bedroom *Paradis des Voyageurs - A Traveler’s Haven* are just some of the notable features. Four designers share their inspiration, aesthetics, and the details which they hope will delight visitors.

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*Congratulations Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center
on the 20th Mansion in May Showhouse and Gardens 2023 at Three Fields!*



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"Password Please" speakeasy designed by Debbie Kerr of Jaeger Kitchens and Bath



Debbie Kerr



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"La Retraite' de Madame" (A Lady's Retreat) office designed by Karla Trincanello of Interior Decisions

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To see a full list of designers, go to the MIM website, mansioninmay.org

"Password Please" speakeasy designed by Debbie Kerr, Certified Kitchen Design and Kitchen Division Manager of Jaeger Kitchens and Bath in Stirling

Debbie Kerr toyed with the idea of doing a bar at Tyvan Hill, the 2020 Mansion in May, but then was chosen

to design its kitchen. "In the meantime, I went to a speakeasy in Nashville and loved how sophisticated and intimate it was," she says. "We merged our idea for the bar with that theme," and this year designed a speakeasy Kerr cleverly named Password Please.

A ceiling divided into three sections presented a challenge to Space #3. Kerr's associate Kitchen Designer Pam Fuertes says they created consistency

by installing a dropped grid tin ceiling. The result is a visually pleasing space saturated in color and filled with texture. Kerr "wanted a deep, rich color which would feel sultry and decadent. Flocked damask wallpaper was going to be a key feature and we found a beautiful purple pattern that influenced the rest of our design choices." Kerr comments, "It's a very tactile room, with flocked wallpaper, a penny tile back splash, and a hammered stainless-steel



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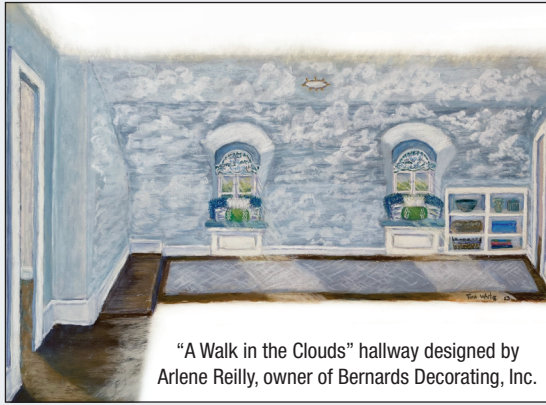
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"A Walk in the Clouds" hallway designed by Arlene Reilly, owner of Bernards Decorating, Inc.



"Guest Room with a View" designed by Diane Durocher of Diane Durocher Interiors, Inc.

sink and bar top. Explore the textures."

"A Walk in the Clouds" hallway designed by Arlene Reilly, Owner and Interior Designer of Bernards Decorating, Inc. in Bernardsville

The second-floor hallway, aptly named *A Walk in the Clouds*, was inspired by Arlene Reilly's initial impression of the bird's eye view from the windows. Reilly wrapped the walls and ceiling

with a F Schumacher & Co pattern that debuted in the 1970s. "This wide-width, screen-printed cloud pattern has a unique depth which evokes an ethereal, mural-like effect," says Reilly who calls the "sumptuous 'Cloud Toile'" the diva in the room.

Reilly considers Space #19's window alcoves special architectural elements that break up the hall, accentuate the space, and offer a place to add color,

texture, and pattern. She says, "The roman shade fabric from Cowtan & Tout speaks to the treetops just beyond the meadow. Soft and dreamy pillows with this sky-blue and green color scheme embrace the colors of the sky, clouds, and treetops." Reilly, along with her design assistant Tina White, added whimsy in the form of lighting fixtures. "The Talia ceiling fixture in the ante-room, with its varied sized glass balls, evokes visions of clouds."

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“La Retraite’ de Madame (A Lady’s Retreat)” office designed by Karla Trincanello, President and Interior Designer of Interior Decisions, Inc. in Florham Park

Karla Trincanello designed Space #26 as a lady’s retreat and named it *La Retraite’ de Madame* in honor of the French Country Chateau style of the house. Trincanello visualized the “bright and airy space” as “a home office for the Lady of the home as her private space to do business as well as work on charitable causes.” She says the office is intended to be a place where the lady of the home’s husband or children feel comfortable to walk in for talk, and “is also meant to be a space that is perfect when...friends visit.”

The 12-foot ceiling, fireplace, and large windows are Trincanello’s favorite features and, although she loves the sloped walls, they “also created issues for hanging art and decorating.” She explains how she turned the tall ceiling and sloped wall into a focal point by “using it effectively with a beautiful soft mint green Thibaut fretwork style wall-covering, with the extra-long drapery for [the] front window in a fabulous coral color floral fabric, also from Thibaut...along with the skirted window seat.” Adding to this elegant office, Trincanello points out, “The fireplace wall has a marvelous cast stone mantel... [and] beautiful art above along with the love seat and stunning ormolu antique desk.”


“Guest Room with a View” guest room designed by Diane Durocher, Lead Designer Diane Durocher Interiors in Ramsey

Diane Durocher says *Guest Room with a View’s* “eclectic textural elements, with a touch of modern sensibility, welcome guests with the expected familiarity of a traditionally designed room yet updated with a fresh youthful infusion.” Inspired by the year 1929, when Three Fields was built, the grandeur of the estate, the greens of the rolling hills, and the blues of the ponds and sky, Durocher calls Space #16’s theme “Audubon-esque.” She highlights the navy floral fabric of the canopy bed and adds, “The coordinating geometric fabrics add texture and interest.” Durocher continues, “The guest suite’s canopy bed is the focal point of the room. Set upon an Oushak rug and newly stained floors, the bed, which is flanked with transitional nightstands, is anchored by a chenille upholstered sofa and coordinating occasional table. The Sheridan bookcase is refreshed with a navy satin painted finish.”

Traditional meet modernity with “time loved pieces that are refinished with a fresh palette,” says Durocher. She draws attention to the upcycling and repurposing of the wingback chair and ottoman which are upholstered in a geometric fabric. For the guest bathroom, “The French ambience of the home resulted in the selection of Calacatta gold and black marble basketweave tile on the floor,” and “organic sepia floral fabric in the shower curtain and artwork” are nods to the Audubon-esque theme.

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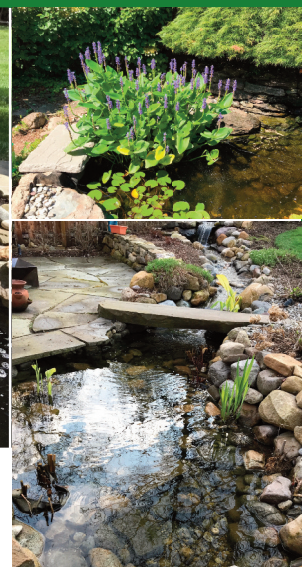
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The Healing Power of Art

By Judy Palermo



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Everyone begins their lives as artists. We create art in preschool and elementary school—work that makes us feel excited and proud. Work that makes us feel better about ourselves and those around us. We share our prized artwork with friends and family.

“To make art is to make yourself vulnerable,” notes Sherri Schachter, owner of Glassworks Crafting Studio in Morristown. “I think this is beautiful, but will others? By getting encour-

agement, support, and guidance from those around you—friends, family, and studio instructors—people walk away with a deeper understanding and appreciation for others. At Glassworks, people relax and spend a few hours designing and crafting a fused-glass project. They forget about the stresses of the outside world and focus on creativity.”



There are many opportunities for adults to reclaim the healing power of art for themselves. Classes, workshops, and events in many different mediums abound in Morris County and its surrounding areas. From formal weekly classes to easy-going paint and sips, solo artists, families, girlfriend groups, and even work colleagues can find ways to connect through art.

Art as Therapy

For the Serious Artist

For the serious artist looking to enhance skills or try new mediums from pastels, to watercolors, acrylics, and oils, there are numerous possibilities:

- Colleges and universities welcome adults to their studios for both credit and course audits.
- Art classes are offered through recreation departments. Some townships, including Randolph, offer extensive art classes in dedicated spaces. Other towns offer specific workshops in shared spaces.
- Museum workshops allow artists to be inspired by other works, and take classes and workshops. Both the Hunterdon and Morris Museums offer hands-on classes for all skill levels.



• Morris County Art Association, located in Morristown, offers classes in painting, sculpting, pen and ink, stone carving, cartooning, and more.

• The Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster offers both in-person and online classes.

For the Novice Artist

Not everyone is ready for a weekly commitment, or a serious, structured art environment, but do seek the endorphin rush that comes with creativity. There are many opportunities for novice artists to unleash newfound skills in guided, informal settings.

• Paint and Sips combine guided painting for groups with a low-key atmosphere. Canvas and Grapes and Pinot's Palette, both in Morristown, are popular studios, as is Painting with a Twist in Montville. Artistic Creations in Denville offers formal structured art classes along with Paint and Sips.

• Off-site classes bring painting parties to you. BrushCrush in Denville and Artsi in Randolph are two well-respected options.



For the Specialty Seeker

Artists wishing to explore beyond painting have fantastic local opportunities.

• Glassworks Crafting Studio in Morristown offers classes and events in fused-glass art for décor, gifts, and everyday use.

• Mud Clay Studio in Madison and Boonton offers formal classes as well as "claydates."

• Glass Blowing classes are available at the Morris County School of Glass in Morristown.

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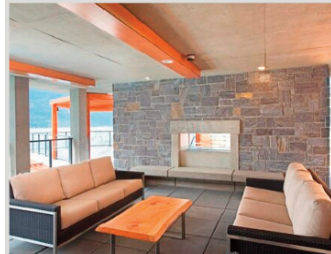
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By Patricia Lombardo

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There is nothing better than the warmer weather approaching, as we have come to really enjoy our outdoor spaces and all they offer. If looking to update yours for a relaxing day with loved ones or even host a gathering for fun - these latest elements to outdoor entertaining are key.

Integrated barbecues and kitchens have become the epitome of luxury dining while outdoor entertaining. Outdoor kitchens, aside from the quintessential grill, can now be a space to host brick ovens, warming drawers, refrigerators, wine coolers, pizza ovens, dishwashers and sinks. With an extensive variety of outdoor cooking options coupled with your favorite cooking style,



there are endless outdoor kitchens that can make your culinary dreams a reality. Picking the design, trim, stoneware, and appliances will give this space its very own essence and make it unique to your needs. And if you're concerned about space - don't be. Most outdoor kitchens typically range from 100 to 400 square feet, and a simple setup in the corner of a deck or patio can be quite sufficient.



Looking to go easy and just host with light fare and cocktails? Your backyard bar will complement any gathering and it can be as simple or fancy as you (and your budget) allow. Some are an extension of your dream kitchen equipped with

Outdoor Entertaining

refrigeration, flat screen TVs, and elegant shelving for your libations and their accessories. Others can be made from repurposed objects and materials like adapted pallets or converted wine barrels. An outdoor bar is a great place to add a sound system as well. Whether you are going with wireless speakers or in need of an audio technician - music of any kind always gives the feel of a restorative oasis. Any way you choose to create this space will give you a feeling of relaxation with some winding down.

If looking to add some stylish shade to your yard, a pergola can be a fabulous addition. These are large, open gazebos with slatted roofs to give the perfect amount of cover. Nowadays, you have a lot of choice in size and materials when finding a pergola that blends in well with your home's architecture and your backyard. The traditional wood open slat concept has also been updated to

now have the option where slats can be closed (electronically if you prefer!) for more optimal shade. A further embellishment is to add lights to the structure for nighttime use.



Lighting has become a pivotal element of outdoor space and can range from simple (yet elegant) string lights, wall sconces, or LED paver lighting to embedded lighting in your retaining or freestanding patio walls. Any choice is

a beautiful accompaniment to your yard once the sun goes down. Looking for a natural glow? Fireplaces and firepits are also lovely nooks for a quiet place to escape right in your own haven. And, again depending on your budget, any outcome is sure to please. Whether wood burning or gas, these additions not only bring a level of elegance to your patio, deck and yard, the warm glimmer of a fire is sure to enhance your property's atmosphere.

If lounging or dining, outdoor furniture has also taken on a new trend, and the latest products are with mesh accents. Metal cuts or finely woven rattan will add texture to sleek contours and give a rich depth but still offer lightweight stability.

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Batch Cocktails to Entertain with Ease

By Naomi Gruer

Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, but crocuses, snowdrops, and daffodils emerged anyway. Early signs of spring are the signal to start planning seasonal celebrations such as bridal showers, religious holiday get togethers, end-of-school-year festivities, and graduation parties. Whatever the occasion, advance planning makes hosting a—*spring*—breeze.

Menus aren't the only thing hosts need to organize ahead of time. Think drinks! "Batching cocktails" means mixing large quantities of shelf-stable ingredients and storing them before the event.

Keep in mind that just multiplying ingredients from a single-serve recipe doesn't work. When a drink is served, ice is usually involved. The ice melts and the resulting water is an ingredient that must be accounted for. How much water to add to batched cocktails depends on the type of drink and personal preferences. Weigh a single serve cocktail before and after dilution to calculate the amount of water needed. Alternatively, serve batched drinks with ice shaken, stirred, or poured over. *Cheers!*

Lavender Lemon Bourbon Slushie Cocktail

Cocktail Contessa, Heather Wibbels
(Source: cocktailcontessa.com)

This refreshing cocktail was converted from a single serving to a batch by increasing ounces to cups.

INGREDIENTS

- 8 cups lemonade
- 2 cups bourbon
- 1 cup limoncello
- 1 ¼ cups lavender simple syrup
- 16 dashes lavender or hummingbird bitters
- Optional (if you like your cocktails tart) ½ cup lemon juice
- Garnish: lavender sprig and lemon rose

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add lemonade, bourbon, limoncello, lavender syrup, bitters, and the optional lemon juice to a freezer-safe, sealable container. (A large shallow pan, like a cake pan, will allow the batched cocktail to freeze much faster.)
2. Lay flat in the freezer overnight. About 20 minutes before serving, set the pan on the counter to defrost slightly. Fluff/stir the frozen cocktail with a spoon or fork to get a slushie texture.
3. Scoop into chilled glasses and serve with a straw and/or spoon. Garnish with lavender sprig and lemon rose.

Yield: Approx. 15-20 six to eight oz. servings.



Photo by Heather Wibbels



Big-Batch Spiked Arnold Palmers

Photo by Victor Protasio; Prop styling: Heather Chadduck Hillegas; Food Styling: Emily Nabors Hall

Southern Living,
Ivy Odom
(Source: southernliving.com/home)

This delicious and refreshing cocktail becomes a mocktail when the bourbon is left out.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups prepared unsweetened tea
 - 4 cups bottled lemonade
- 2 ¼ cups (18 oz.) bourbon (optional)
 - 2/3 cup simple syrup
- 3 medium lemons, thinly sliced (about 24 slices)
- 12 mint sprigs, for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stir together tea, lemonade, bourbon, and simple syrup in a large bowl or pitcher. Add lemon slices.
2. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours or up to 24.
3. Serve over ice, and garnish with mint sprigs and lemon slices.

Yield: 13 cups

Tips for Batching Cocktails

- Store in a pitcher, bowl, mason jar, or empty liquor bottle that's big enough to hold the whole batch.
- Avoid spilling too much of one ingredient into the mixture by not measuring liquids over the container.
- Label which ingredients are already mixed and note which ones need to be added later.
- Make extra ice.
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Fizzy Fruit Punch

Riley Wofford
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An all-ages party drink becomes “adults only” with an added splash of rum or tequila.



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INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup halved, pitted sweet cherries, plus more for serving
- ½ cup thinly sliced orange, plus more for serving, and 4 oz. fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 12 oz. unsweetened tart-cherry juice
- 24 oz. seltzer, chilled

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix cherries and orange slices with sugar in a large pitcher. Add orange and cherry juices, cover, and refrigerate, for at least 1 hour (up to 12 hours). Stir once while chilling.
2. To serve in a pitcher: fill pitcher halfway with ice, add seltzer.
3. To serve in glasses over ice: garnish each glass with cherries and orange slices. Pour fruit-juice mixture into glasses, top with seltzer (add rum or tequila, if desired).

Yield: 6-8 servings

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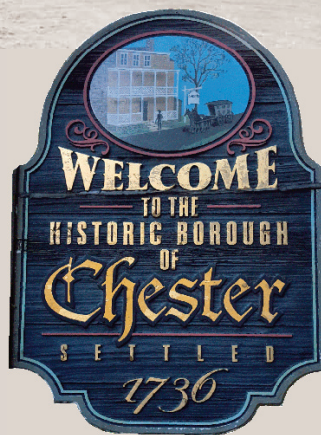

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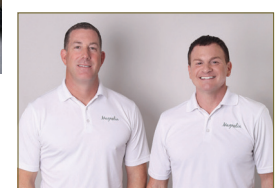


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