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#### Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

Like a breath of fresh air, spring has finally swooped in! Now's the perfect time to throw open those windows and spruce up your spaces. The latest issue of *Elegant Lifestyles* is full of ideas to help you celebrate this invigorating season.

Starting with a traditional "spring clean," our decluttering tips can help you create a calm yet refreshing environment. And our guide to fine art may inspire new ideas for your walls.

For updates beyond walls, as Duarto Feliz from the classic comedy film, *The First Wives Club* (based on the book by Olivia Goldsmith) says, "The windows are the eyes of our room. The valance is our eyebrows. The drapes are the...eyelashes." So, if your home's "eyes" could use a little lift, look to the write-up on window treatments for suggestions.

Our "Spring Beauty" feature covers trends in hair, makeup, and skincare, while "Spring Wines" spotlights France's Loire Valley, including top picks for Fumé, Sancerre, and rosé.

This month's largest editorial covers the Mansion in May—a biennial fundraiser executed by the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center (WAMMC), celebrating its 21st year. The event, a "preeminent designer showhouse and gardens" transforming the Wildfair estate in Chester Township, promises to be a breathtaking experience and we hope you enjoy the sneak peek here.

Happy spring and see you this summer!

Kara Sibilia, Editor

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## SPRING Seauty



By Patricia Lombardo

pring 2025 is delivering an array of beauty trends and tips to your routines that will have you embracing a seasonal, modern flair with trusted and beneficial results. Here's a fresh overview to inspire your latest and greatest look while welcoming the warmer weather.

Okin

With healthy, replenishing skincare products and routines, you are sure to gain the spring-time glow your face can certainly use after the colder months have taken their toll. When focusing on hydration and gentle products, clean and simple skincare emphasizes working with your skin's natural balance for a healthy glow.

#### Basic factors of skin barriers and care include:

- strengthening ingredients like ceramides and peptides, protecting from seasonal changes
- deep, yet light hydration with gel creams over thick winter moisturizers
- invisible and hybrid sunscreens with skincare benefits are a must-have
- probiotic-rich formulations helping keep the skin balanced as temperatures shift

At the Marc Anthony Salon in Madison, you will not only find a multitude of services (think a world of hair care with top notch products) but a new expert skin care section for all of your facial

needs. Olivia Mansur, creator of Liv Skin Spa, has a passion for skincare and can provide you with "knowledge and insights you won't find anywhere else with a personalized consultation that goes far beneath the surface giving you the skin you deserve." The brand-new suite inside the salon offers a full selection of facials, chemical peels, microdermabrasion, hydrafacials, light therapy, dermaplaning, oxygen facials, and much more for all clients whether in their

Your morning routine should include a gentle cleanser like a mild gel or foaming cleanser that won't strip the skin's barrier. Next, a vitamin C or niacinamide antioxidant serum will brighten and help protect against UV damage followed by your hydration cream.

teen or later years.

And lastly, never forget, sunscreen is non-negotiable - reapply every 2-3 hours, especially if spending time outdoors.

Drinking more water throughout the day will keep you hydrated as seasonal allergies and warmer weather can dry your skin.

Before bed try using micellar water to remove SPF and any makeup, followed by a gentle cleanser. Lastly, a hydrating, lightweight overnight mask with soothing ingredients like Centella and green tea will help to keep your skin plump.

Makeup

The warmth and beauty of spring always suggests light and airy. The same notion should apply to your makeup tricks and routines.

If you are favoring lightweight, breathable formulas that enhance natural beauty rather than masking it - go for the "satin skin finish!" Looking to be a top beauty trend, this approach offers the perfect balance between dewy and matte and gives the skin a soft, natural glow smoothing out pores and fine lines while maintaining a fresh and radiant look - without looking greasy or overly powdered.

#### leres how

- · Opt for skin-like foundations (serum foundations or soft matte) that blur but don't mask
- Only apply translucent powder to oil-prone areas, keeping the rest of the face naturally radiant
- Use cream blushes, bronzers, and highlighters for a seamless effect
- Use a satin-finish setting spray helps lock in the glow

Another trending statement is colored mascara. The bold lash trend is making a huge comeback in 2025, adding a fun, modern twist to everyday makeup. Whether you go for subtle definition or bold statement lashes, there's a shade for everyone! With blues, plums, greens, and burgundies, these subtle pops are sure to give your lashes a playful, fashion-forward twist without overwhelming.

And before you head out the door - don't forget a spritz of fragrance. This spring, light and refreshing peach-scented perfumes are gaining popularity, offering a fruity and floral aroma perfect for the warmer months.



This spring, you will be seeing a variety of fresh and exciting hair trends. Here are some to consider:

- The modern shag is a fresh take on the classic shag, blending effortless layers with a chic, lived-in feel. Its versatility works on various hair lengths and textures, giving off an undone yet stylish vibe
- The bixie haircut, shorter than a bob and longer than a pixie, is a hybrid style

combining the edginess of both cuts giving a modern and effortless style

- The side part is making a strong comeback, adding depth and dimension to various hairstyles, from casual waves to polished updos
- Soft, wispy bangs are everywhere lately. This iconic, youthful look pairs well with various hair lengths and textures, offering a timeless appeal.
- · Face-framing layers highlight any facial features and will add a bit of life and movement to the hair, suitable for those looking to refresh their current style without the dramatic change.

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Needing a boost with your color? According to InStyle Magazine, mocha brown hair is trending! "Embracing warm, chocolatey tones, mocha brown hair color is both rich and versatile, complementing a wide range of skin tones."

Now is the time to refresh and have some fun, embrace your lightness, and celebrate your unique style!



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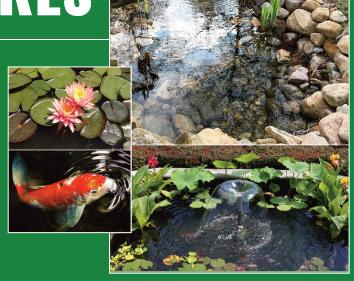


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FRANCE'S LOIRE VALLEY

The Perfect
Wines for
Spring

By Chris Cree, Master of Wine, Cree Wine Company

Though winter, spring may be the most welcome change of all. Hearty winter fare gives way to vibrant, fresh ingredients, and the wines I love to drink make a shift to match. While many foods are now available all year long, capturing produce in its natural season is like lifting a veil, with all their lively texture and flavor amplified and brought into brilliant focus.

Spring onions and garlic, asparagus, peas, spinach, artichokes, green onions, young carrots, and fava beans all come to mind, as do leeks, fennel, morels, and so much more. These all create a palate of flavors that are a joy to cook with, and especially fun to pair with wine.

Preparations are typically a bit more delicate to match, and as a result I look more to white wines, rosés, and light to medium bodied red wines. Seafood is the perfect foil with many spring ingredients, calling for lighter wines at the table. But if you are looking for something to pair with fuller reds, a classic spring lamb dish does the trick.

One of my favorite regions for springtime wine pairing is the Loire Valley of France. Often referred to as "le Jardin de France," this region grows a wide range of grape varieties along the river's 600+ mile meander through the French countryside. It flows through many different geological and climatic zones, resulting in a wide range of wine styles. Its cool northern climate keeps the wines on the fresh and bright side, with crisper whites to the west where the Atlantic maritime element factors in, and slightly fuller wines to the east where there's a more continental climate.

I adore Sauvignon Blanc from Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé more than those made in any other part of the world.



Favorite producers include Vacheron for their world class Sancerres, (\$50-\$100 per bottle), and Domaine Dezat (\$30) for their beautiful Pouilly Fumé. Foucher's le Petit Mont Sauvignon Blanc is a hands down best buy—ridiculously delicious for around \$14.

The Chenin Blanc grape makes wonderful wines in the central Loire, especially in Vouvray and Saumur Champigny. Domaine Huet's Vouvray Sec Clos du Bourg, Le Mont, and Le Haut Lieu being some of the best, and Damien Laureau Savennières (\$40-\$90), are stunning examples.

Muscadet, from the Melon de Bourgogne grape with its high acid intensity, is the perfect match for sushi, oysters and shellfish of all kinds. Domaine de Bellevue (Jérôme Bretaudeau) Cuvee Theia 2023 (\$40), being one of the best I have ever had!

For reds, I look to the Cabernet Franc grape from the central

#### **Spring Wines**

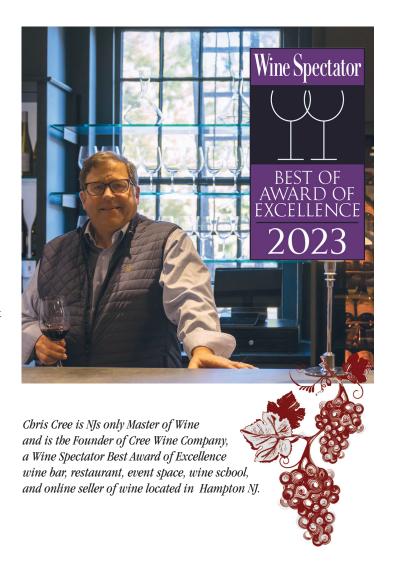


Loire. Dominique Joseph's Le Petit Saint Vincent Saumur-Champigny Les Poyeux 2021, (\$50), is a dead ringer for Domaine Rougeard's \$350-\$750 versions of the same grape. These can be perfect with roasted poultry or meaty fish, duck breast, game birds, and pork, veal or a filet mignon. Olga Raffault's Chinon Les Picasses, (\$33) per bottle—with older vintages available too, work in that same space.

As far as rosé goes, Provence may be foremost in most wine lovers' minds, but the Loire Valley produces amazingly delicious rosés from Cabernet Franc in Chinon and Pinot Noir in Sancerre. Domaine Vacheron's Sancerre Rosé is always in my top five (\$50), Domaine Fabrice Gasnier Chinon Le Rosé 2023 (\$18) and Olga Raffault Chinon Rosé are terrific, versatile, and food friendly. And they are perfect all on their own on a warm spring afternoon! We are currently anxiously awaiting the arrival of the 2024 vintage!

Looking for something truly unique? Try Francois Cazin's (Le Petit Chambord) Cour-Cheverny, a wine made from the rare Romorantin grape—an ancient, local variety that grows only in this region in the central Loire. It is crisp, mineral clean, and racy—a true gem at around \$23. Domaine du Salvard Delaille Pinot Noir Unique will give many a solid red Burgundy a run for the money, at a fraction of the price! We are awaiting the next vintage of this wine later this spring, a true bargain priced in the low \$20s per bottle.

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Window Treatments

By Isabella Bickenbach

ith so many things to worry about home—like maybe it's time I updated to that flat screen tv or I should really fix that broken handle—thinking about window treatments might be the last thing on your mind. However, installing beautiful and functional window treatments can provide peace and clarity to the mind, and it's a simple way to showcase your personal taste. In this article, learn about the different types of coverings and how to choose the right one for your window.

**Drapes** are usually a heavier, floor-length fabric with panels to provide structure. They are typically made from damask, silk, or velvet. Drapes provide a complete and elegant look to the home. Because drapes are thicker, they are great for blocking out sunlight during warmer months and at insulating the home during colder months. However, they easily accumulate dust and allergens, requiring frequent cleaning which can be difficult to do. Additionally, drapes require more space compared to other coverings, which might not be ideal for smaller rooms or high-traffic areas.

Curtains, while similar to drapes, differ in two major ways. Unlike drapes, curtains are usually cut to fit a window







They are also made of a lighter fabric such as cotton or linen. With great flexibility in color and material, curtains are aesthetically appealing to many. I recommend pairing neutrally colored curtains with printed or colorful drapes. This way, your windows will be more dynamic while offering you the option to fully block out light when needed.

**Shades** come in a range of fabrics, colors, and textures. Cellular shades—otherwise known as honeycomb shades —are comprised of pleated fabric cells that expand and contract when the shade is raised and lowered. They can be made with single or double cells depending on how much light exposure you desire. Roller shades consist of a single piece of fabric that gathers at the top of the window. They usually require a roller system that can be controlled by a chain. Currently trending are mechanized shades, which are automated and can be adjusted with a remote.

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#### Window Treatments

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There have been many ups and downs over the years for this 91-year-old company. The recession of 2008 and the COVID pandemic took a toll, however, the company has and will continue to rise out of challenges. The company expressed their oath to continue celebrating *Metropolitan Window Fashions*, including the major anniversaries of the company and staff.

"Last month our Comptroller celebrated her 30th anniversary with us," says owner, Bruce Heyman. "This is not unusual around here!" Heyman is the 3rd generation owner of Metropolitan Window Fashions. He hopes to continue living on his father and grandfather's legacy by abiding to offer quality products, great designs, fair prices, and prime customer service. For the company's 90th anniversary last year. Heyman brought to life the his-

For the company's 90th anniversary last year, Heyman brought to life the history of *Metropolitan Window Fashions* through a "90 For 90" playlist—a series featuring 90 short videos.

"When buying any product that needs to be custom measured, fabricated, and installed—whether window treatments, flooring, kitchen, or bath—buy from a local specialist," says Heyman. "We hope to see you soon at *Metropolitan Window Fashions*!"





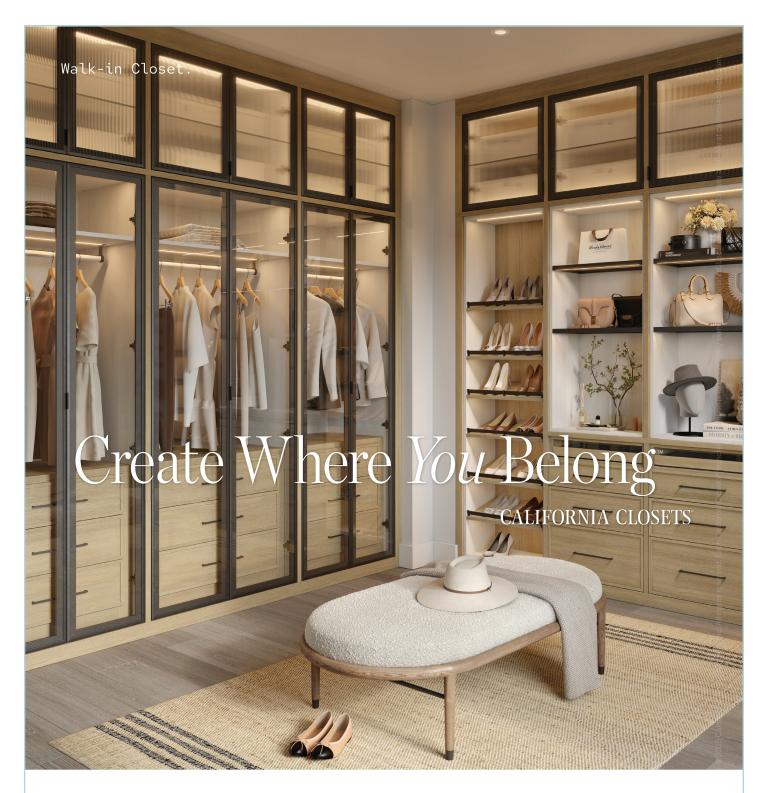
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here are two things that make a room timeless: a sense of history and a piece of the future." Charlotte Moss's quote sums up Wildfair, a 220-year-old estate transformed by interior and landscape designers for the Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center (WAMMC)'s 21st Mansion in May Designer Showhouse and Gardens (MIM).

The Chester Township estate set on 55 acres was a working farm, gristmill, sawmill, and millstones workshop dating back to 1804. History brims inside in the form of French doors, casement windows, and bay windows. "The owners cut into a lot of walls to see what was inside and behind," says Barbara Ruane, Co-Chair of MIM 2025. "In the primary bathroom, they uncovered a beautiful piece of natural stone wall...It really brings the outside in."

Wildfair was chosen for MIM because of its history, setting, and "enough rooms to make it worth our guests' while to

# WILDFAIR 21st Mansion in

May Designer Showhouse and Gardens

By Naomi Gruer



Photo: North Jersey Drone Shots

come and see it...We also look at more practical aspects of it, like staircases and size of hallways," says Mary Courtemanche, Co-Chair of MIM 2025. "We have very kind and generous owners which also makes a big difference." Courtemanche adds, "We love landscaping because we think it's very attractive." Ruane admires the seamless fieldstone exterior. "It's very difficult to see what's from the 1880's and what's newer."

Past and present meet in MIM's use of the barn which houses the café and boutiques. For the café, Ruane says, "We're going to put a 60' x 40' tent onto the barn." She continues, "Then underneath the café in the stables, each one of the little areas for the horses will be our boutique area." Janice Beck and Karen Smith, Co-Chairs of Boutiques, are happy to have repeat as well as new vendors. Though guests need tickets to tour the house, Beck points out, "You don't need a ticket to get onto the grounds to shop the boutiques and have lunch at the café."

MIM is the WAMMC's signature fundraiser, and this year's cause is a new Proton Therapy Center at Morristown Medical Center. A portion of boutique and Designer Sales, where guests may purchase designers' unique offerings, also aid fundraising efforts. Five designers discuss their inspiration and work here. To see a full list of designers, go to mansioninmay.org.

#### Volunteers Needed

"We need a lot of volunteers, not only as docents in the garden and in the house, but to help us in the café, admissions, and parking. It's fun and it's for a good cause," says Ruane. "People work 2 ½ - 3 ½ hour shifts. Just go to mansioninmay.org and click on Volunteer."

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First Room, courtyard and pergola, Space L1, designed by Landscape/Exterior Designer, Karen Waldron of Classic Home & Garden in Far Hills

A welcoming outdoor space "for relaxation and comfort" that sets the stage "for the journey inside" are how Karen Waldron defines the pergola and cobblestone courtyard introducing Wildfair. Waldron took inspiration from history and how the "courtyard was a gathering place for both equestrian and social events." She says, "Because it's called First Room, we want you to see it as a living space." Working with AMK Harrington Landscape Architecture and Foerster Landscape, Inc., she layers flowers and foliage in troughs, on plinths, and in urns.

Waldron chose pieces with intention. The fretwork on the vintage-design, cast aluminum furniture "matches a lot of the architecture of the house." The performance Kravet fabric named Brassac is printed with flowers of "the genus of cabbage, turnip, Brussels sprouts, and broccoli." Waldron explains, "I chose it because it symbolizes health, happiness, nourishment, and abundance." She says even a garden cherub holding a shell has meaning, "of plenty and nourishment."

La Dolce Vita and Limoncello Laundry, mudroom and laundry room, Spaces 15 and 16, designed by Arlene Reilly, Owner and Interior Designer of Bernards Decorating, Inc. and Stephanie Barbara, Owner and Interior Designer of Lily and the Rose Design, LLC, both in Bernardsville

A mix of coastal Italy and the Italian countryside describes the mudroom and laundry room's aesthetic. "We're bringing in lots of hues of vibrant greens, yellows, gold, and touches of blue," says Stephanie Barbara who collaborated with Arlene Reilly. The mudroom features a coatrack, bench, mirror,

console table, and printed wallpaper from Harlequin. Says Reilly, "It's from a collection called 'Idyllic,' very aptly named."

Barbara emphasizes the "fine, artisancrafted cabinetry" in the laundry room, which she customized with a décor transfer and stenciling. The "yellow ceiling and spectacular, blue enameled lighting fixture" are of note, says Reilly, who also highlights the vinyl, grasscloth wallcovering which "will bring in the green from the cabinetry, the beige from the floor, it gives a warm, serene appearance." She continues, "Lemons are introduced through our window treatments... It's going to be quite the happy, brightly colored, energetic space."

Memory Lane, stairs to 2nd floor wall and upstairs left hallway, Space 20, designed by Justine Kovacs, Artist and Owner of Great Brook Gallery in New Vernon

Spring is in the air as Justine Kovacs hopes "to show about eight or nine of our very best spring-like paintings." She says, "We will try to show the breadth and beauty that we have on display." Of her collective artists, "We will be showing Jacalyn Beam, Charles Cashwell, Christopher Pierce, Jim Rodgers, Claudia Seymour, and John C. Traynor."

In addition to Memory Lane, "We also have been very fortunate to have a local decorator, Caitlin Rutkay of C.R. Interior Design, ask to include many of our pieces in her space, 'Spring Fête,' the primary bedroom, Space 38," says Kovacs who invites guests to "drop by the Gallery to see what we can do for you!" Artwork is available through Designer Sales.

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Karen Waldron

First Room, courtyard and pergola, Space L1, designed by Landscape/ Exterior Designer, Karen Waldron of Classic Home & Garden in Far Hills

#### Classic Home & Garden



Outdoor furnishings for First Room; rendering by AMK Harrington, materials by Classic Home & Garden



Rendering of First Room by AMK Harrington



Queen Anne Urn for landscape design by Classic Home & Garden



Arlene Reilly



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Rendering of Limoncello Laundry by Lily and the Rose Design, LLC with Bernards Decorating



Justine Kovacs

#### Great Brook Gallery

Memory Lane, stairs to 2nd floor wall and upstairs left hallway, Space 20, designed by Justine Kovacs, Artist and Owner of Great Brook Gallery in New Vernon



"Summer Faces" by Christoper Pierce, displayed in Memory Lane, courtesy of Great Brook Gallery



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Karla Trincanello

The Wanderer's Library, upper and lower library, Space 7, designed by Karla Trincanello, President and Interior Designer of Interior Decisions, Inc. in Florham Park



The Wanderer's Library (Upper & Lower Library) by Interior Decisions, Inc.



Renderings of The Wanderer's Library (Upper & Lower Library) by Interior Decisions, Inc.





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The Wanderer's Library, upper and lower library, Space 7, designed by Karla Trincanello, President and Interior Designer of Interior Decisions, Inc. in Florham Park

World travel from the American West to

European cities to African safaris is the inspiration for the dramatic, two-story, wood paneled library designed by Karla Trincanello. "I imagined the homeowners were world travelers with memorabilia of their experience," shares

Trincanello. On the circular staircase. she draws on "a black and white zebra carpet to make a spectacular statement...The carpet's luxurious pattern seems to anchor the wood walls and

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#### California Closets

The Women's Hideaway Closet, primary closet, and Wake Me Up Before You Go, coffee bar, Spaces 35 and 37, designed by Donna Infantolino of California Closets in Bernardsville

Women's Hideaway Closet by California Closets



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accessories." The center light fixture is a "nod to Frank Lloyd Wright," and Trincanello imagines the small sitting area as a place to read as well as " a quiet space of memories."

Trincanello leans art on shelves, hangs art over the fireplace, and employs "emerald green fabrics and patterns mixed with animal prints and accent fabrics" to create a well-traveled atmosphere. She believes the rich wood walls and architec-

ture of the space create a "beautiful transition of the originahome and the later spaces."

The Women's Hideaway Closet, primary closet, and Wake Me Up Before You Go, coffee bar, Spaces 35 and 37, designed by Donna Infantolino of California Closets in Bernardsville

"Modernized traditional with Ralph Lauren-inspired touches" is how Donna Infantolino describes her classic women's closet. To flow with the primary bedroom, she uses creamy, light colors along with oyster and silver leather. She notes the glides, glass, integrated mirror, lighting, hardware, and custom features. "Every drawer is made as a functional space." Infantolino partnered with Emily Harmatz of Just the Right Piece to choose a light fixture, plaid wallcovering, and floral wallpaper for the ceiling. Natalie Monteverde of Waiting for the Sun – is outfitting the space.

The coffee bar adjacent to the primary bedroom is inspired by natural elements. Infantolino and Harmatz incorporate a grasscloth-looking linen material, stone countertop with green in it, and fluted walnut cabinet doors. Infantolino appreciates the primary bathroom's "huge wall of stone, which is absolutely gorgeous." She says, "The house is on such a great piece of property. I see a lot of nature in the house."





#### Mansion in May



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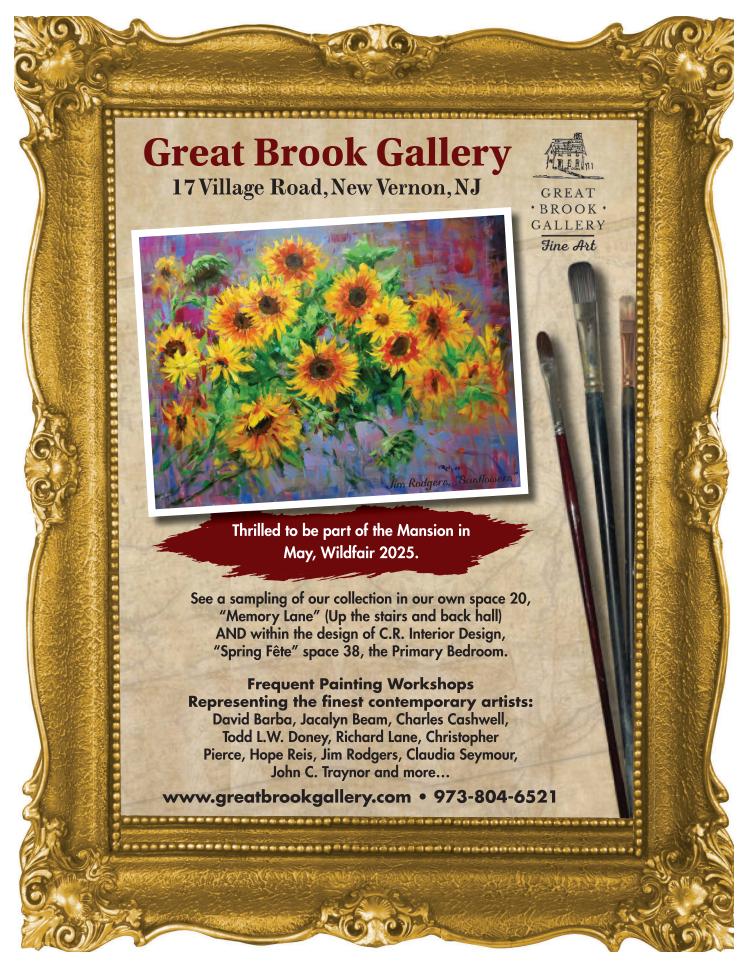
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#### Fine Arts in the Highlands

By Judy Palermo

oho and Chelsea may be top of mind for art lovers looking to gallery hop, but if you don't want to cross a bridge or go through a tunnel, there are ample opportunities to explore the world of fine art right here in the Highlands. From full-fledged museums, to individual and group art galleries, to art centers that also showcase music, theatre, and more, if you live in Central or Northern New Jersey, you are just a stone's throw away from experiencing an emotional connection through art.

One prominent arts center is set on a beautiful 250-year-old farm. "The Farmstead Arts Center is the best-kept secret in Basking Ridge," says Shaheed Shabazz, Marketing Director. "Its history is palpable, going back to its original ownership under Colonel Ephraim Martin during the Revolutionary War. Artists who come here to create—no matter what the medium—feel the history in everything they make. Our goal is to make everyone aware of what we offer in both art and history and become the go-to arts center for our community and beyond." Those who are looking for opportunities to nourish their inner creativity, will find plenty to appreciate at the below museums, galleries and art centers:

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#### Museums

Both Morris County and Hunterdon County have highly regarded museums that offer classes, workshops, lectures, and more. Memberships are available for each, with reduced rates for admissions and events, or patrons are welcome to pay individually.

#### Morris Museum



This spring, in addition to its permanent collection, the Morris Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian, showcases the brilliant legacy of depression-era painter Sally Michel, the plein air studies and narrative lifecycles of James Prosek, and the fresh perspectives of more than 50 juried works of art. Film lovers will appreciate the final two showings from the yearlong art series: *Michelangelo: Love and Death*, on Wednesday, May 21, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and *Florence and the Uffizi Gallery* on Wednesday, June 18, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available on line and at the door.

#### Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, NJ 07960 morrismuseum.org

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Hunterdon Art Museum



#### Fine Art

The Hunterdon Art Museum *educates, challenges, and inspires community through the arts*. Spring exhibitions include a Juried Print Exhibit featuring the works of 29 artists; *I Feel Seen* by Teresa Shields, uses sculpted wool and intricate embroidery to draw attention to the female gaze and evoke amusement and discomfort; and River-Rising, a 4-channel video installation by artist Ellen Kozak and composer Scott D. Miller.

#### **Hunterdon Art Museum**

7 Lower Center Street, Clinton, NJ 08809 hunterdonartmuseum.org Hours:Wednesday - Sunday11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Galleries

#### The Center for Contemporary Art



The Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, NJ, was founded many years ago as the Somerset Art Association. Today, it is a thriving and widely recognized regional hub for contemporary artists to showcase their work. The 2025 Members Juried Exhibition runs from June 13 - September 14.

#### The Center for Contemporary Art

2020 Burnt Mills Road, Bedminster, NJ 07921 ccabedminster.org

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### The Farmstead Arts Center

At the Farmstead Arts Center in Basking Ridge, lovers of fine, performing, and practical arts enjoy art exhibits, classes, workshops, and performances throughout the year in a

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#### James Prosek: At Work

On view through June 8

#### **Morris Museum**

6 Normandy Heights Road Morristown, NJ 07960 morrismuseum.org/prosek 973-971-3700



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beautiful historical setting. A juried art exhibit will take place from April 26 - May 30, but the Farmstead Arts Center feeds artistic souls year-round, offering professional concerts and theatre events, in addition to numerous learning opportunities.

#### The Farmstead Arts Center

450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 farmsteadarts.org

Hours: Wednesday 11am - 2pm; Friday: 11am - 2pm; Sunday; 1pm - 4pm (closed on Sunday when there is no exhibition)

#### MPAC's Art Upstairs Gallery

MPAC's (Morristown Performing Arts Center) Art Upstairs Gallery is a co-initiative with the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey. Focused



solely on New Jersey artists, ticket holders for any MPAC show can view the displayed artwork either before a show or during intermission. The gallery is also open every Tuesday afternoon, and by appointment.

#### MPAC Art Upstairs Gallery

100 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 • mayoarts.org Hours: The gallery is open during shows, Tuesday 12 p.m. -2 p.m., and by appointment.

#### Outdoor Art Show

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pring is the perfect time to refresh your home. Though a big job, it is always a satisfying feat! Begin with setting realistic goals and take your time - there's nothing worse than running out of steam half way through. Here's your ultimate guide to spring decluttering and cleaning to create a more organized environment.

#### The Toss

The Core 4 Method by professional organizer Kayleen Kelly, is a simple and effective approach to clearing out any space. This method "keep, donate, trash, or store" will have you decluttering your home, without feeling overwhelmed, in no time.

Marie Kondo's KonMari Method is another perfect approach to decluttering and organizing. Her philosophy focuses on keeping what brings harmony to your space and suggests tidying by category (clothes, books, papers, miscellaneous items and sentimentals) instead of by room. For each item, ask yourself Marie's famous question: "does this spark joy?" Yes? Keep it! No? Thank it for its service and let it go.

When getting ready to switch out heavy winter clothes for lighter pieces, begin by emptying your entire closet. This prevents you from skipping over any items. Using the Core 4 Method, keep any clothes that you wear often and fit well; donate items in good condition that no longer serve you; consign any high-quality pieces and trash anything damaged, stained, or worn out beyond repair. This holds true for coat and

#### Spring Clean

linen closets as well. It helps to follow the One In, One Out rule: when you buy something new, try donating something old.

When you're ready to start re-organizing, hang items by category and color using space-saving hangers for a sleek, tidy look. Fold bulky items (like sweaters and towels) to prevent stretching. Extra items can be stored in under-bed bins if you're lacking space.

#### The Clean

Gather your eco-friendly cleaning materials and get cracking! Start with your kitchen. Clean out expired pantry items, scrub appliances, and clean all cabinets, shelves, countertops, and the backsplash. Scrub the sink and garbage disposal (use lemon and baking soda for freshness!) and replace or launder dish towels, oven mitts, and tablecloths. Don't forget to replace old sponges.

Next, your bathroom. Start with tossing expired medications and skincare. Disinfect all surfaces including the sink and faucet. Next, scrub shower tiles and wash or replace your shower curtain and liner. Soak your showerhead in white vinegar to remove buildup and clean mirrors and glass with vinegar. Sanitize the toilet and disinfect the seat, handle, and base. Clean your toothbrush holder and soap dish. Finally, swap out old, worn towels, washcloths and bath mats for fresh ones.

On to the bedrooms. Wash all sheets, pillowcases, and blankets. Think about buying new pillows as this boosts comfort and hygiene. Flip and rotate your mattress (vacuum it too!) and clear out your nightstands. Dust your surfaces, lamps and baseboards.

Lastly, your living room: organize remotes and small accessories in baskets or trays. Next dust your shelves, picture frames, and tables and clean television screens and electronics with a microfiber cloth. Vacuum and spot-clean any upholstery and flip and rotate cushions to keep them in shape. Wipe down wooden furniture with your favorite polish and don't forget to launder throw blankets and pillow covers for a fresh feel. After cleaning your windows and sills, dusting or washing the curtains/drapes—open the windows to let in fresh spring air!

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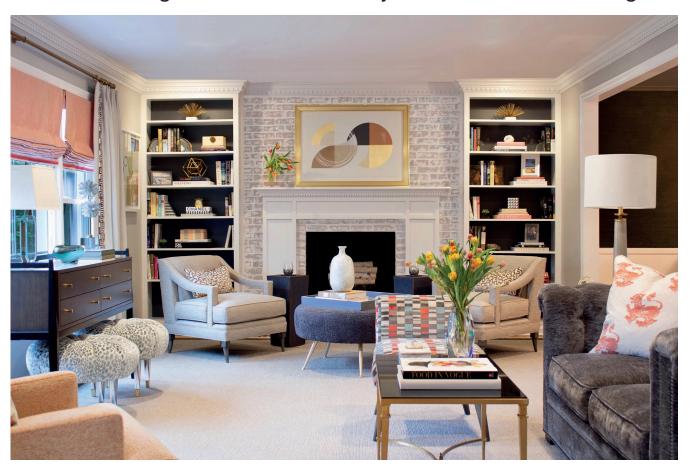


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