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An excruciatingly opinionated guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

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Handmade wreaths at RJ Vickers

Chester is one of our favorite destinations for gift shopping, so we saved this **Town Guide** for the holiday season. The merchants and restaurateurs are an organized bunch. Tonight (Friday, 12/4) is the annual Starry Night Stroll with festivities in the shops and galleries, and a community tree lighting and sing along. Sundays during December, The Chester Holiday Market (a winter farmers' market) is in full swing from 11am - 2pm. Beltane Farm, Local Catch, Four Mile River Farm, Frank Andrews Wood Fired Pizza and Howard's Bread are just a handful of the vendors in the village for the season. Here are a few of our picks and click below to see the entire **Chester Town Guide.**

RJ Vickers Herbery

Owner and greenery wizard, Maureen Olansen, has been decking the halls and facades of some of the finest homes on the Shoreline for over fifteen years. One look at her handmade wreaths, and we can see why. A walk through her fresh topiaries, winter plants selection and a pop into the quintessential shop would put anyone in the holiday spirit...

More From The Herbery

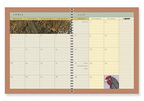
Dina Varano Ornaments

My tree holds at least twenty years of hand-picked or gifted ornaments from Dina Varano and this year I'll happily add a few more. The ornament section is well stocked for the season: felted wool mice, foxes and bandit wolves with remarkable detail, teeny fir trees strapped on vintage cars...

More Gifts at Dina Varano

C&G Calendars

"The Goods" (as they're known to the locals) are famous for a number of things - the Hartford Whalers iconic logo, UCONN logo - but this time of year, it's all about "The Calendar." The final in a long running, annual tradition of well-loved wall calendars was published last holiday season. Still available, we embraced the perpetual "TIME" edition as an excellent way to celebrate the end of a twenty year tradition. Who couldn't use a place to record reminders of birthdays, anniversaries, and important milestones in the form of a piece of wall art covered with C&G drawings and thoughtful words? The GOOD news is: this year they've introduced their first ever, standard desk calendar...



Get The Goods

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Chester Gallery Annual Postcard Show

Here is a chance to get your hands on some of your favorite local artists' work in a manageable proportion - postcard sized. Every year, loads of artists turn out 4" x 6" (or smaller) sized work for the Chester Gallery's Annual Postcard Show. The pieces appear in all mediums imaginable; from photo, paint and ink to metal, fabric and more. The show opens December 4th from 5 – 8pm during Chester's Holiday Stroll. Gallery hours are Tues thru Sat, 10 to 5.

More Postcards

Cire Trudon at Lori Warner Gallery

Do you have someone on your list who is worthy of a candle fit for a king? If so, Lori Warner Gallery has you covered with the highest quality, most prestigious candle line out there. The official supplier to the royal court of Louis the XIV in Versailles, Paris-based Maison Cire Trudon is the oldest wax-producer and candle factory in the world (established in 1643). An ancient blend of palm, rice, soy and copra oils is poured into an Italian blown-glass vessel...

More Royal Fragrance

And a few more December happenings in Chester:

Pop into the **CT River Artisan's Association** at 4 Water Street for more locally crafted gifts. The Connecticut River Artisans Co-Op was established in 1980 and is the oldest, continuously operating cooperative in Connecticut.

Leif Nilsson Gallery, a destination for both music and art, will host Michelle Walker and her Jazz Quartet on December 13th in the Spring Street Gallery among Leif's renowned Impressionist paintings of gardens and waterways.

Maple and Main Gallery's 6th Annual Holiday Show features 44 Connecticut artists, with numerous small works and unframed pieces suitable for gift giving.

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Featured Event

Take 20% off a Mystic Seaport Membership!

Your gift of a Mystic Seaport membership will open a new world for a friend or family member. They'll climb aboard tall ships, stroll a recreated 19th-century village, and enjoy rare exhibits and special events. With select exhibits now open year-round, there's even more time to enjoy a membership. **Purchase now for 20% off the regular price, plus two free 2016 Mystic Seaport calendars** – one to keep and one to wrap!

More Info

Lantern Light Tours at Mystic Seaport, thru 12/20
Travel back in time for this annual theatrical production of Mystic Seaport's Lantern Light Tours. Set on Christmas Eve in 1876, this play unfolds through five scenes in exhibits around the Museum's 19th-century maritime village.

Warren Miller Movie: Chasing Shadows, 12/9
Come to the Lyme Old Lyme High School for a screening of the newest Warren Miller Movie, *Chasing Shadows*. Tickets are $10 and everyone who attends gets a free lift ticket to Sugarbush and a chance to enter a raffle for new ski gear. Proceeds benefit The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

Cappella Cantorum Masterworks Chorus Holiday Festival, 12/6
The Cappella Cantorum Masterworks Chorus will present a Holiday Festival with Chorus and Brass and a carol sing in Deep River.

Celebrate the Season at The Kate, 12/4-12/20
From The Old Lyme Town Band to an HD screening of The Bolshoi Ballet: Lady of Camellias, choose from a wide selection of festive performances at the Kate in December.

"How to Lose Weight During the Holidays" with Pop Weight Loss, 12/9
Let the experts at Old Saybrook's Pop Weight Loss help guide you through healthy living during the holiday season with tips and ideas.

Autumn Americana Wine Dinner at River Tavern, 12/10
Chef Matt Wick prepares an inspired Five Course Meal paired with Missing Link Wine Company's American wines from both coasts.

Essex Holiday House Tour and Boutique, 12/12
Now is the time to purchase tickets to the 13th Biennial Essex Holiday House Tour. Help to strengthen families in need of support in our communities while touring seven beautiful homes in the Essex Village.

Ladies Night Out in Madison, 12/10
Meet the girls at Cafe Allegre or Moxie for 1/2 price wine and receive a map of participating Madison shops. Hit the town for some savings and festive holiday shopping fun (sponsored by Madison Chamber).

And that's not all...find holiday happenings, cooking classes and so much more on:

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Have you seen the rest of our Town Guides? All of our Guides include a handy map and 15 of our favorite shops and restaurants. Download, print and bring it with you or view on your mobile. We hope they help you discover the best of the CT Shoreline.

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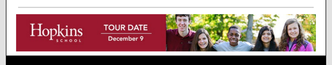

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