



Here's a fun and slightly frivolous list! You'll read about a few happy finds that may come in handy if you're planning a wedding or big celebration, sending flowers for Mother's Day, or considering a portrait of you and your pet (or something grand and riveting for that empty wall). Hope you enjoy.

Erica

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New Haven's best food tour with a fun shopping spree and free parking. The Shops at Yale. [Click Here For Tickets](#)



**Celebrate with Cove Cakes**  
Erin, our Ad Sales Manager, recently got engaged and there's nothing better than a celebration first thing Monday morning, is there? I rang up Karen Tyler of Cove Cakes in Lyme for a mini wedding cake and you won't believe your eyes...

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### Val Shaff - Living with Animals

Although we all hate facebook these days, we still check in to see how much fun our friends are having. Sometimes we snoop around a bit to see who our friends are friends with. And occasionally one is surprised to find an old friend from a different era (the 80's) and location (NYC) on a current friend's list. That's what happened with me and Val Shaff, animal photographer to the stars. She was BFF's with my sister way back when, then shot MY best friend's wedding, and (thank you facebook) turns out to be a good buddy of my yoga teacher here. Our paths just continue to cross. You may sort of know her, too. She's worked with Martha Stewart, The Gap, Purina, and even did a portrait shoot (of dogs!) in the window of Barney's...



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**Farmgirl Flowers**  
When I need fresh flowers at home, my go-to is Marlee at Mar Floral in Old Saybrook (the talented offspring of Madison Flower Shop!), but if I'm sending a bunch far and wide, my new favorite is Farmgirl Flowers. This artisan florist out of San Francisco now ships to the lower 48, and I gave...

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A modern shipping container shed and splashy poolhouse on last week's list. [Click here to read it.](#)



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### p.s. from Erica



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