

# the e list

An Excruciatingly Opinionated Guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

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Can't wait to see all your faces at Girls' Night Out in Guilford this Thursday, December 6th.

Meet us at either The Marketplace at Guilford Food Center or Java Hut for a glass of wine and to grab your sticker to qualify for 20% off in all the shops around The Green. Details below.

This week we've rounded up some of our favorite online and local gifts, so you can keep your shopping dollars local without leaving the couch.

love, Erica

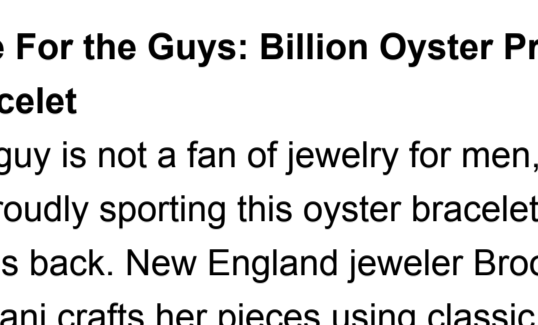
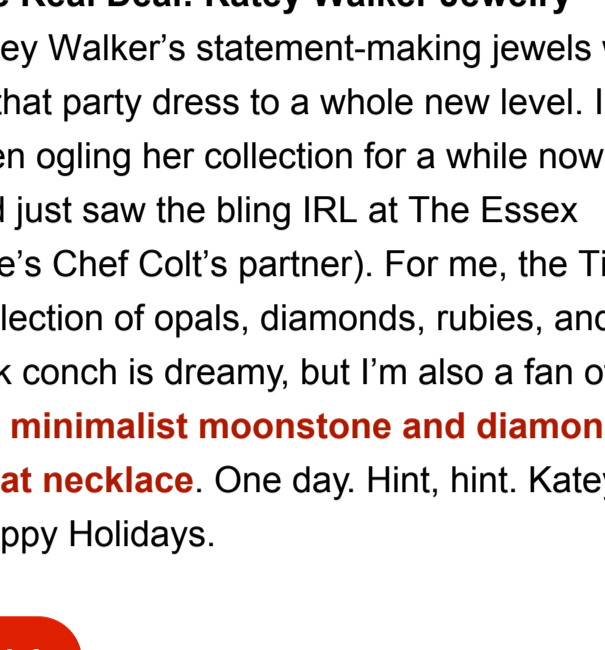
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### The Real Deal: Katy Walker Jewelry

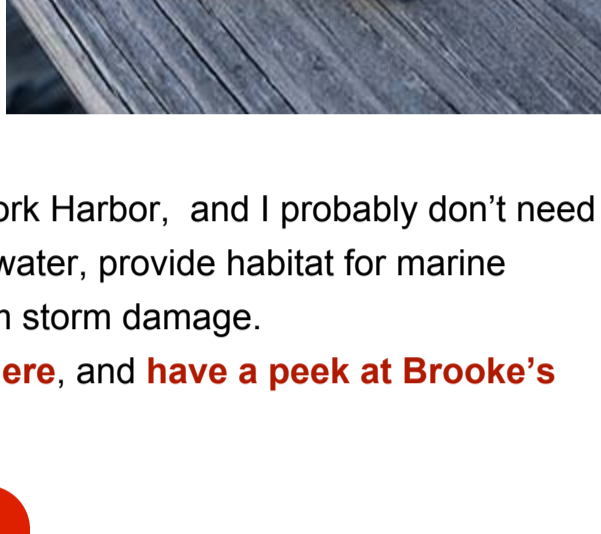
Katy Walker's statement-making jewelry will lift that party dress to a whole new level. I've been ogling her collection for a while now and just saw the bling IRL at The Essex (she's Chef Colt's partner). For me, the Tidal Collection of opals, diamonds, rubies, and pink conch is dreamy, but I'm also a fan of the minimalist moonstone and diamond

ariat necklace. One day. Hint, hint. Katy is offering E-List readers 15% off with code Happy Holidays.

Jewels!

### One For the Guys: Billion Oyster Project Bracelet

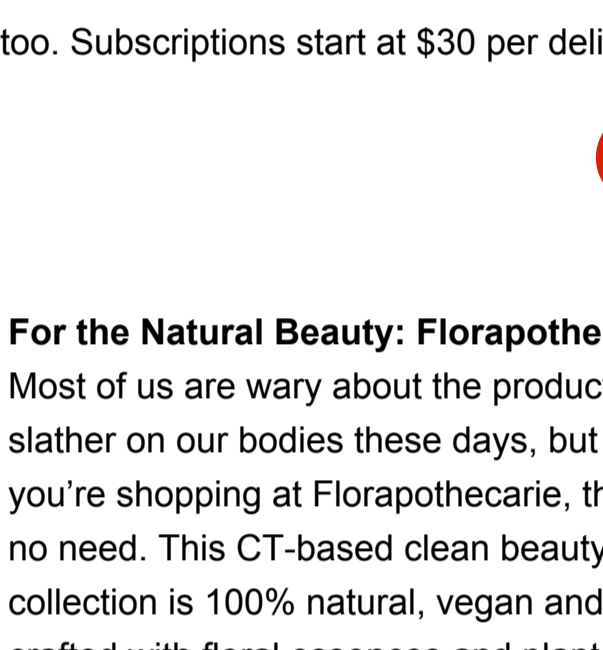
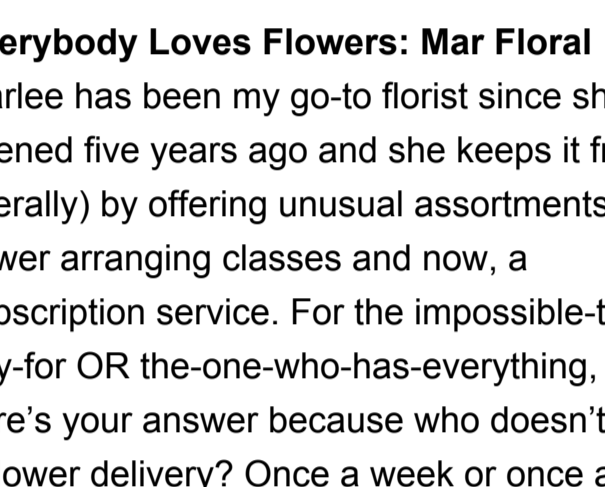
My guy is not a fan of jewelry for men, but he is proudly sporting this oyster bracelet that gives back. New England jeweler Brooke Kanani crafts her pieces using classic lost wax techniques and for every purchase of this sterling oyster shell on a braided cord, 20% is donated to the Billion Oyster Project.



This non-profit is restoring oyster reefs in New York Harbor, and I probably don't need to tell you what great news that is. Oysters filter water, provide habitat for marine species, and help shield the NYC shorelines from storm damage.

Learn more about the Billion Oyster Project here, and have a peek at Brooke's collection here. \$50

Oysters!



### Everybody Loves Flowers: Mar Floral

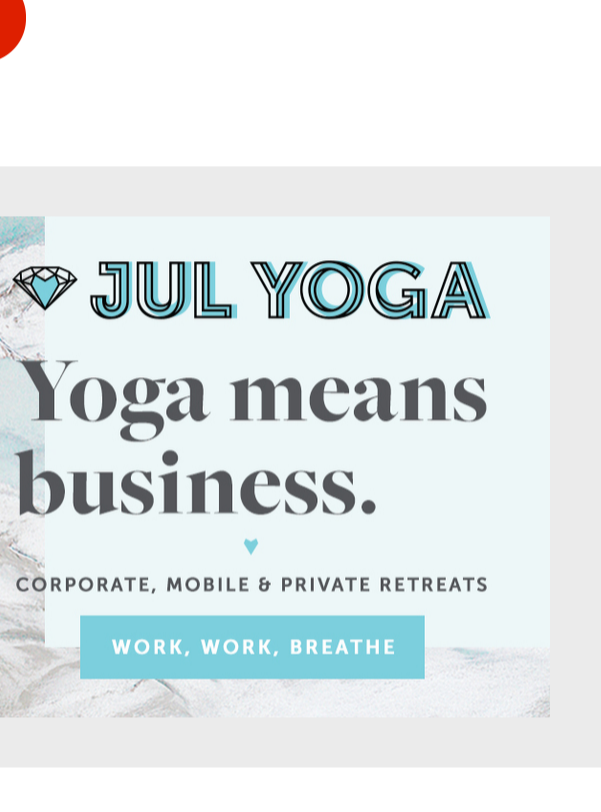
Marlee has been my go-to florist since she opened five years ago and she keeps it fresh (literally) by offering unusual assortments, flower arranging classes and now, a subscription service. For the impossible-to-buy-for OR the-one-who-has-everything, here's your answer because who doesn't love a flower delivery? Once a week or once a month (or however often you choose) a fragrant bunch will show up on their doorstep. I get my wreaths and trimmings from Marlee,

too. Subscriptions start at \$30 per delivery.

Flowers!

### For the Natural Beauty: Florapothecarie:

Most of us are wary about the products we slather on our bodies these days, but if you're shopping at Florapothecarie, there's no need. This CT-based clean beauty collection is 100% natural, vegan and crafted with floral essences and plant extracts. From whipped body butters to beard oil, there's a treat here for everyone. I especially love the gift sets (you know how we like to outsource decisions) of lavender, rose or botanicals. (from \$45 to \$85 per set)



Beauty!



### For Baby (or new Mommy or Daddy): Just Hatched

The Shoreline's best baby & child shop, Just Hatched, is known for hard-to-find lines and over-the-top gifting (owner Karen Helburn invented stuffing a selection of presents in a red Radio Flyer). Now she's got the sweetest gathering of goodies available in this Hello There box. The decision-making is done for you (gotta love that) with three boxes to choose from. \$85.

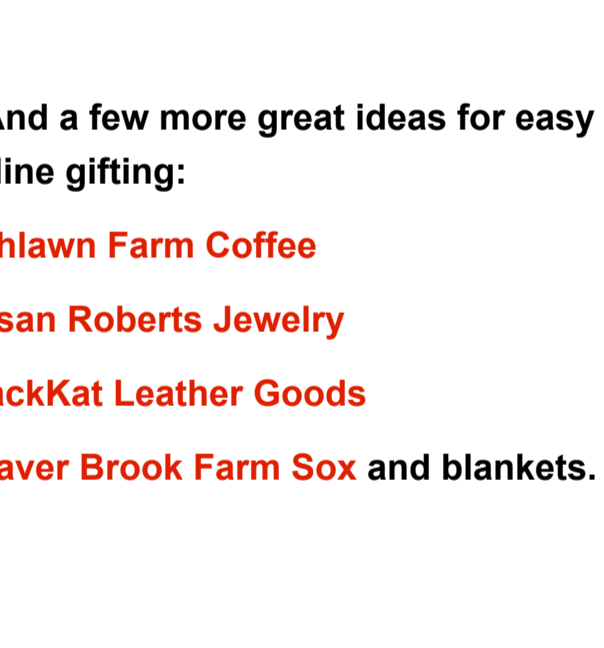
Baby!

### The Classic: Fat Stone Farm's Organic Maple Syrup

On the hunt for a hyper-local, light-on-the-wallet, and crowd-pleasing gift? Here you go! This Lyme farm churns out three versions of its award-winning maple syrup: amber, dark and Ye Olde Grade B, and ships them out at \$15.50 per 9.3 oz bottle (shipping included)! Or order up a 12-pack and keep them on hand for hostessing. Elderberry syrup and gummy kits, tasting samplers and more goodies from the farm, too.

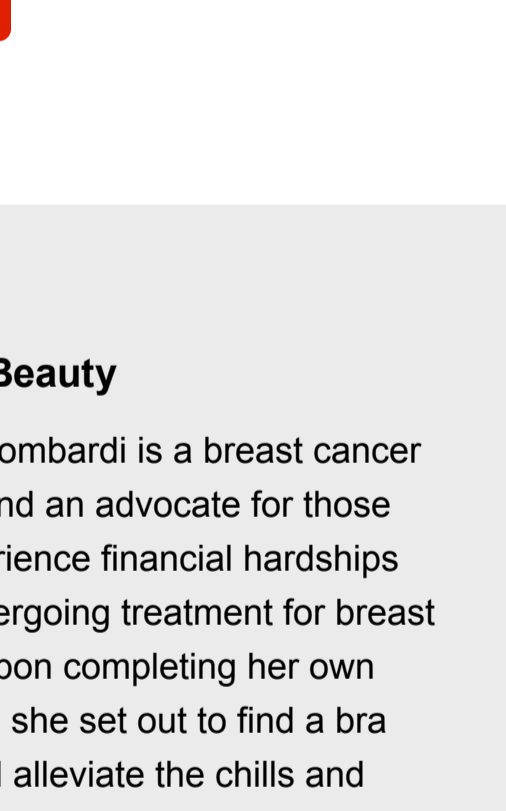


Syrup!



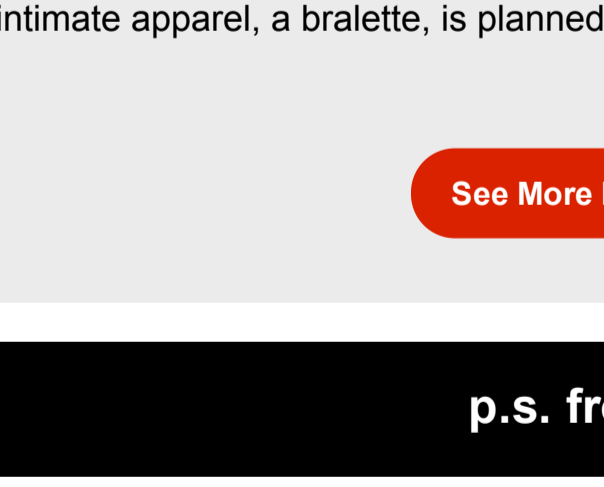
...And a few more great ideas for easy local and online gifting:

- Ashlawn Farm Coffee
- Susan Roberts Jewelry
- BlackKat Leather Goods
- Beaver Brook Farm Sox and blankets.



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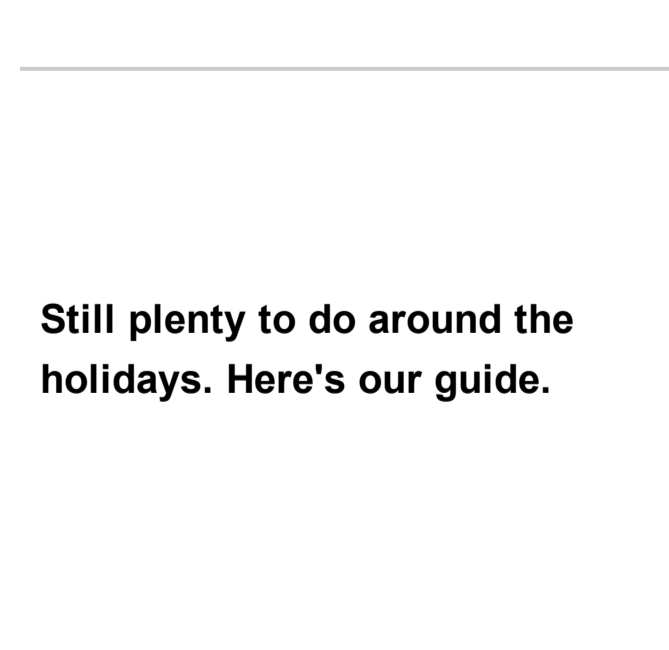


### Infinite Beauty

Roberta Lombardi is a breast cancer survivor and an advocate for those who experience financial hardships while undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Upon completing her own treatment, she set out to find a bra that would alleviate the chills and spasms she was left with post mastectomy and implant reconstruction. She was shocked to find that there was not a bra on the market that addressed this issue, and further dismayed to find out most bras created for breast cancer survivors were quite utilitarian in their look. So Roberta set out to make a bra that would address the side effects she was left with, and be stunningly beautiful too! Her nephews joined her in the creative process, and together they founded Infinite Beauty. The Felicia is first in their line of intimate apparel, and it is as comfortable as it is beautiful. The second in the line of intimate apparel, a bralette, is planned to hit the market this summer.

See More Infinite Beauty

## p.s. from Erica

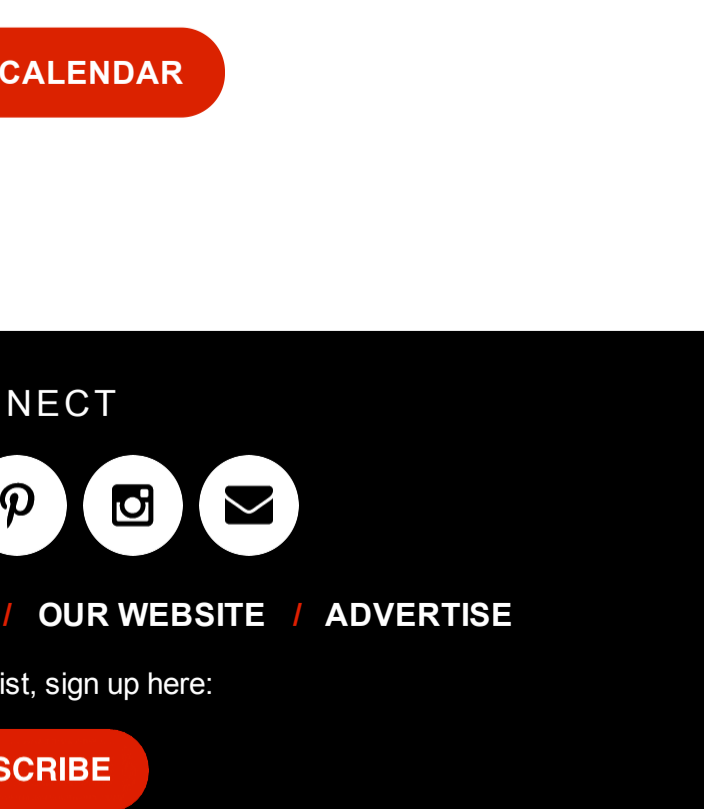


Please join us for our biggest Girls' Night of the year in Guilford this Thursday, 12/6 from 5 - 9pm. It's free and FUN!

Find details and the complete list of participating shops here.

See Goodies in Guilford Here

Still plenty to do around the holidays. Here's our guide.

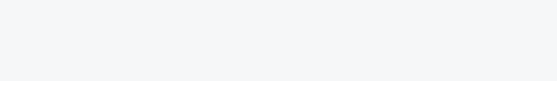


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