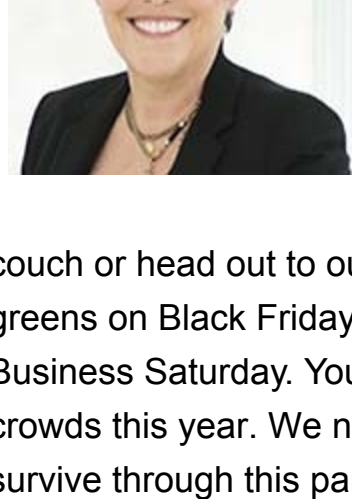


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This season, more than any other, our local businesses need your help. Make your lists and get cozy on the

couch or head out to our villages and greens on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. You won't find crowds this year. We need our towns to survive through this pandemic, and I know we all can help. Here's a list of Black Friday/Small Business Saturday deals, both online and in-store. And you'll also find some of our favorite local online picks. We'll have even more for you next week, but in the meantime, it's easy to support your favorite shop-keepers with a phone call. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

I hope you enjoy the one day a year we can stuff ourselves with abandon.

Love, Erica

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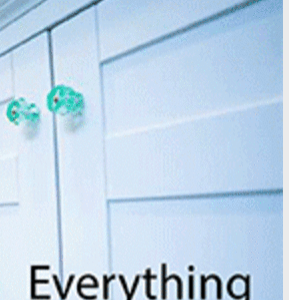
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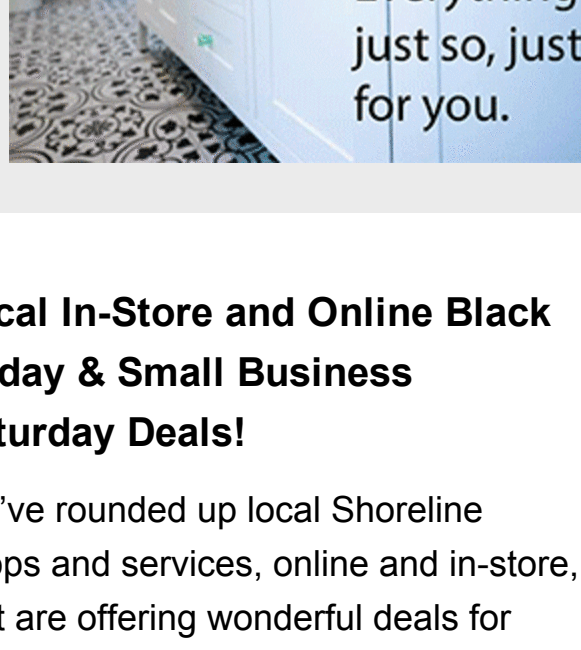
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### Things To Do For The Holidays

Here's our relatively exhaustive list of pop-up boutiques, virtual and in-person holiday events, concerts, teas, tree-lightings, strolls, and shops that do it up for the season.

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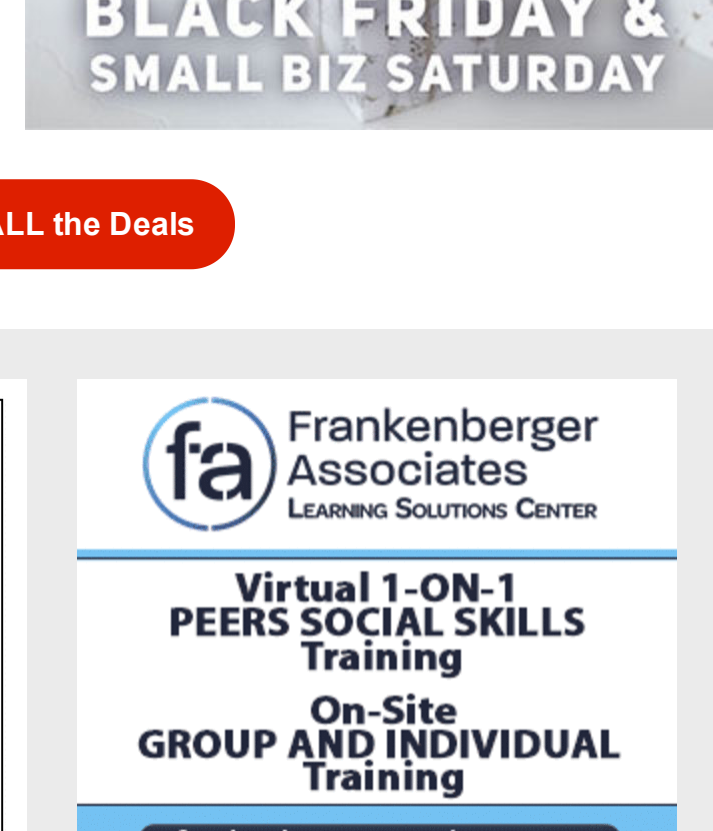
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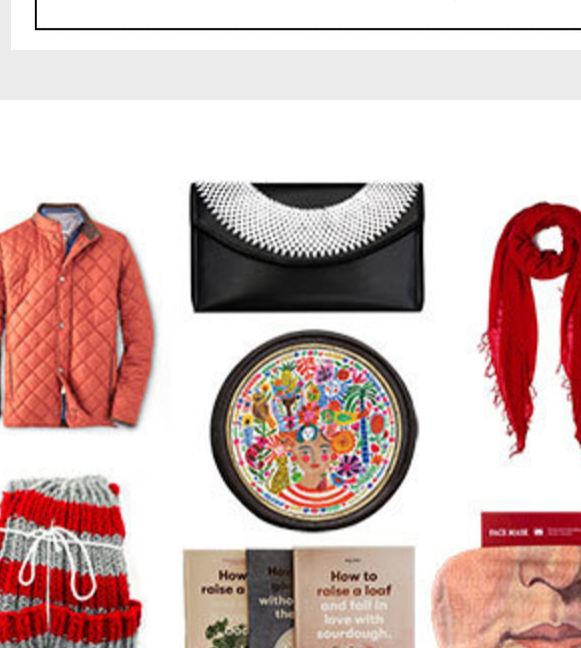
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### Local In-Store and Online Black Friday & Small Business Saturday Deals!

We've rounded up local Shoreline shops and services, online and in-store, that are offering wonderful deals for Black Friday & Small Biz Saturday. Our local businesses need support this year more than ever!



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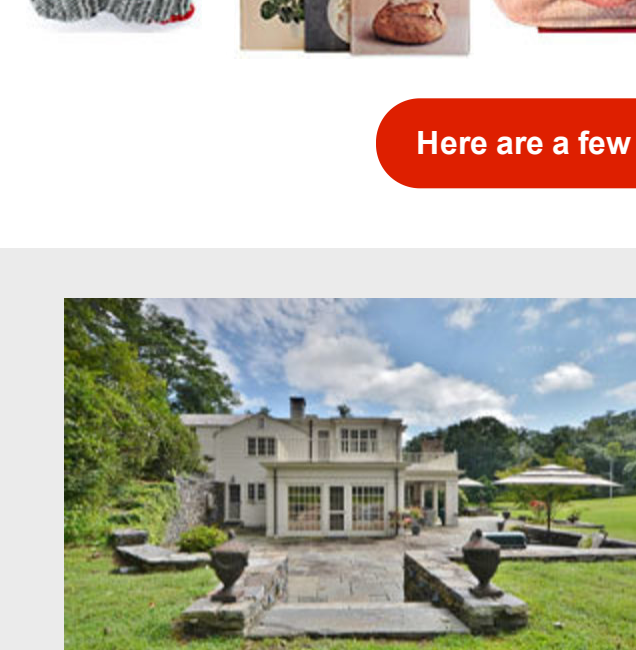


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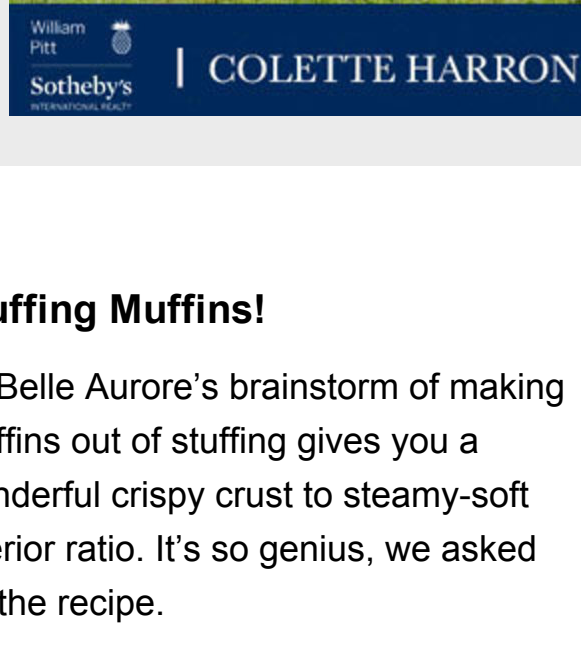
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### A Round-Up of Local Online Gifts

Shop from the comfort of your couch and support these local businesses!

[Here are a few of our favorite things:](#)



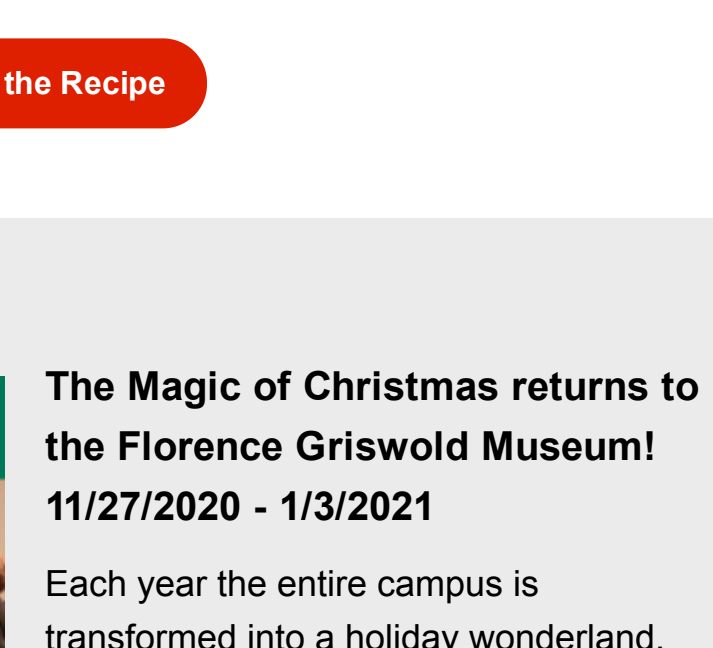
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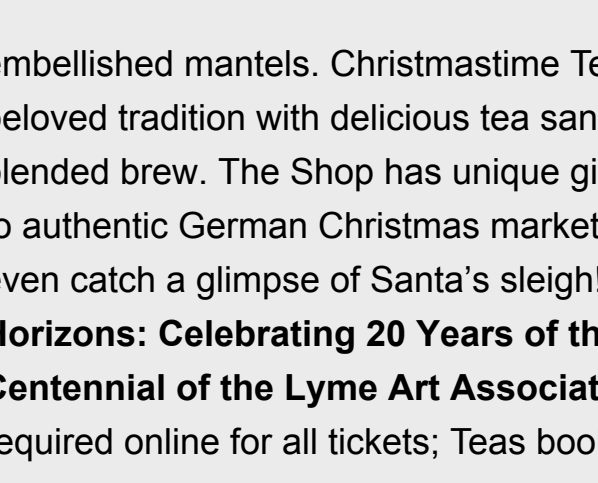
### Stuffing Muffins!

La Belle Aurore's brainstorm of making muffins out of stuffing gives you a wonderful crispy crust to steamy-soft interior ratio. It's so genius, we asked for the recipe.



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### The Magic of Christmas returns to the Florence Griswold Museum! 11/27/2020 - 1/3/2021

Each year the entire campus is transformed into a holiday wonderland. Over 200 unique hand-painted artworks adorn four palette trees in the Kriebler Galleries. The historic Griswold House is decorated for a 1910 Christmas with three creative fantasy trees and marvelously embellished mantels. Christmastime Teas (Tuesday-Saturday seatings) are a beloved tradition with delicious tea sandwiches, treats, and our exclusive hand-blended brew. The Shop has unique gifts for everyone on your list, from local artists to authentic German Christmas market finds and discounts all month long. You'll even catch a glimpse of Santa's sleigh! Enjoy the new exhibitions, too -- **Expanding Horizons: Celebrating 20 Years of the Hartford Steam Boiler Collection and the Centennial of the Lyme Art Association Gallery**. 24-hour advance reservations required online for all tickets; Teas bookable by phone only: **(860) 434-5542 x118**.

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[florencegriswoldmuseum.org](http://florencegriswoldmuseum.org)

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We had pizza for breakfast, wine for lunch, and an online farmers' market on last week's list. Read it here, if you missed it.

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### Melissa Barbieri: Memories, Dreams & Archetypes at Lyman Allyn Art Museum

This exhibition (on view through January 24, 2021) showcases the work of Connecticut artist Melissa Barbieri, highlighting a recent series of her large-scale works on paper. These calligraphic and diagrammatic works are transcribed visions that combine text, symbols, words, and imagery.

Using watercolor, India ink, and aquarelle wash, this series of paintings was influenced by ancient scrolls, codices, hide and ledger paintings, and recorded in an uninterrupted flow of thought-stream consciousness. They explore the dichotomy and duality of the ocean and the desert as mirrors connecting them to one another while bringing the unconscious to the conscious realm.

Born in Fairfield, CT, Barbieri paints out of her studio in Essex in the Connecticut River Valley. She studied classical painting in the Italian Renaissance manner with Frank Covino before attending the Ringling College of Art and Design.

Her work is fueled by her life-long fascination of both the vast romantic desert of the West and the dark power of the deep sea. Employing comparative mythology, symbolism, and archetypes, she explores how these elements are interwoven in ancient, classical, and modern culture and reside in our psyche today.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams Street, New London

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### Outdoor Holiday Market at Bishop's Orchard, 11/28

A festive holiday artisan market featuring 25+ local crafters pops up outdoors at Bishops Orchards. [Read more...](#)

### Bank Square Books Pops Up in New London for the Holidays, thru 11/24

Bank Square Books pops up in New London for holiday shopping. [Read more...](#)

### Saint Ann's Parish Celebrates Thanksgiving Outdoors, 11/25

Enjoy a service of gratitude, music, prayer and thanksgivings, outdoors at St. Ann's Parish in Old Lyme. [Read more...](#)

### Saybrook Point Resort & Marina to Host MarineMax "Fill A Boat Toy Drive", 11/25-11/30

What better way to celebrate the start of the holiday season than giving back to those in need? [Read more...](#)

### Privé-Swiss MedSpa Holiday Celebration, 12/10

Privé Swiss Med Spa celebrates the season on December 10th with demos, giveaways and gift card bonuses all day long, in person or on social media. [Read more...](#)

### Susan Powell Fine Art Annual Holiday Show, thru 1/16/2021

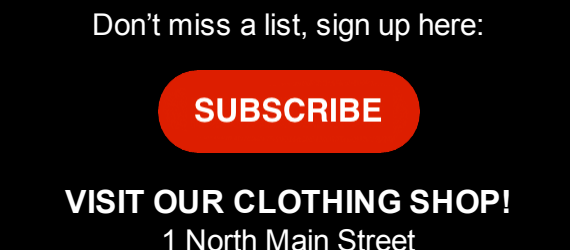
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Wondering what else is happening? Find virtual happenings, safely distant and outdoor activities, plus more on The E List events calendar:

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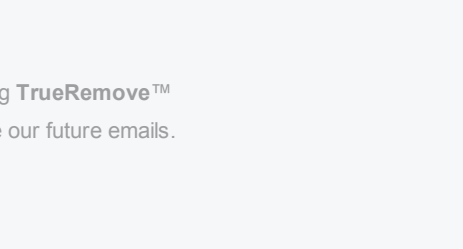
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