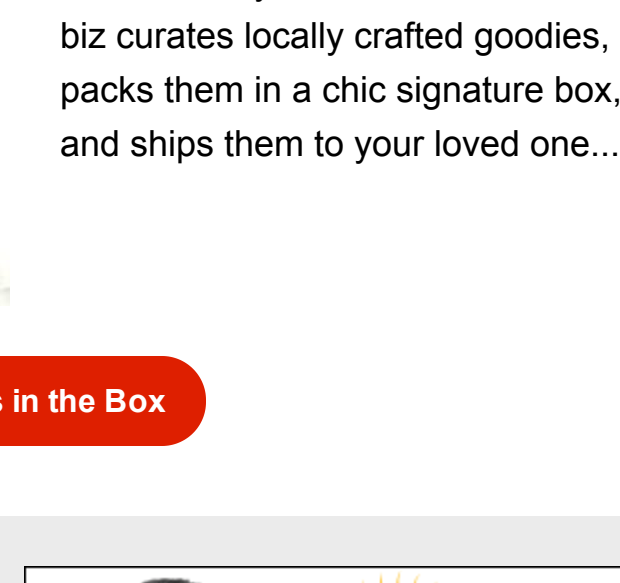
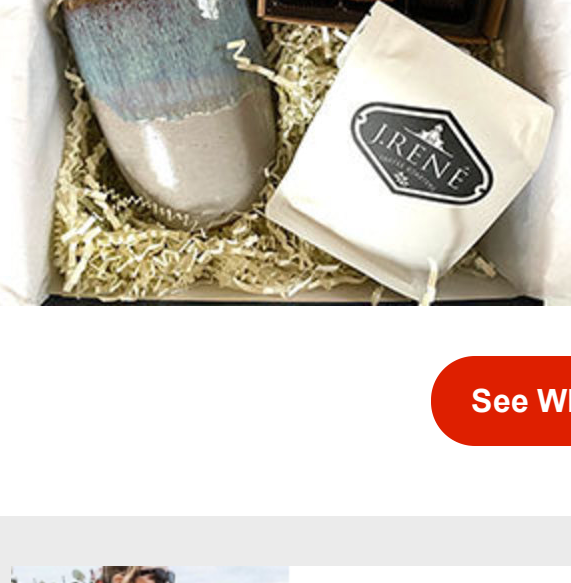


It's been two years since I've seen my dad, so the day my second vaccine was two weeks old, my daughter and I highailed it to New Orleans. For those who haven't traveled yet, tourism is a whole new world. While it was nice to have plenty of elbow room on the plane (masks on, of course), five days with no hotel housekeeping got old (and dusty). New Orleans, a city whose main industry is tourism, is lurching back to life. Lucky for us, we had a fantastic late Friday boozy lunch at Galatoire's (a family tradition), feasted on buckets of crawfish and a few too many fried oysters. New Orleanians are a resilient bunch, and it was restorative to be there. When we asked our airport cabbie how he was, he replied, "too blessed to be stressed!" Could be a new motto!

See below for a few new spots in NOLA.



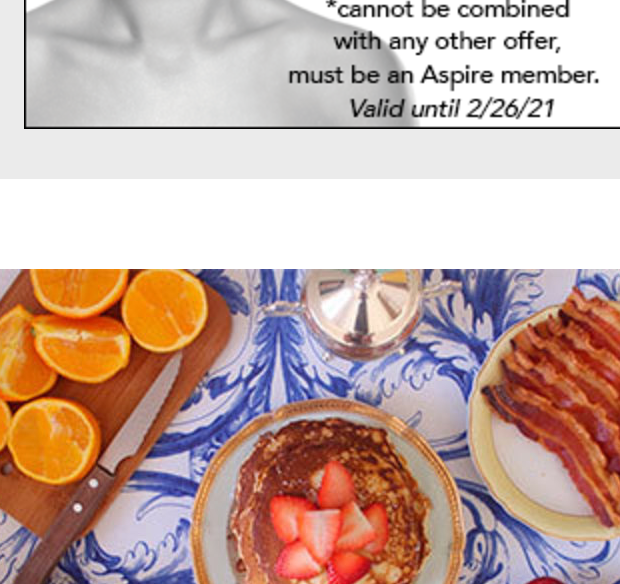
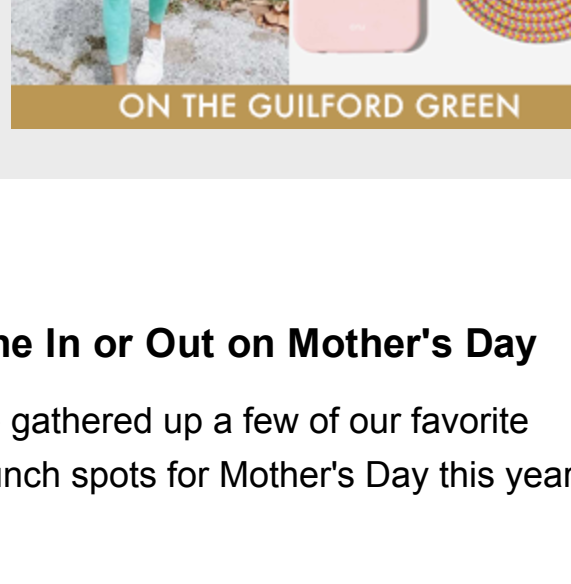
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Nutmeg & Honey: A Connecticut Curated Gift Box

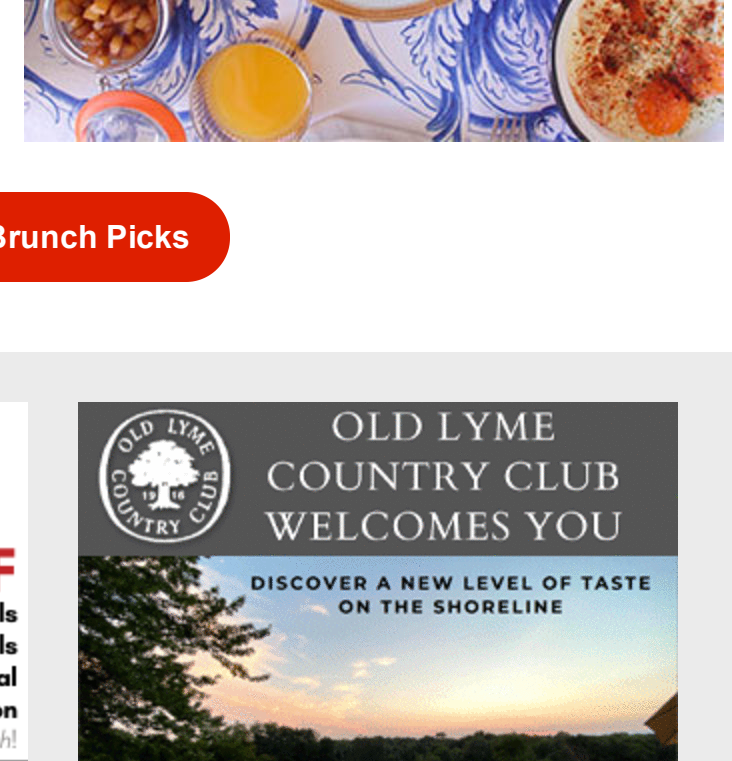
Here's a sweet way to celebrate Mother's Day! This new Connecticut biz curates locally crafted goodies, packs them in a chic signature box, and ships them to your loved one...

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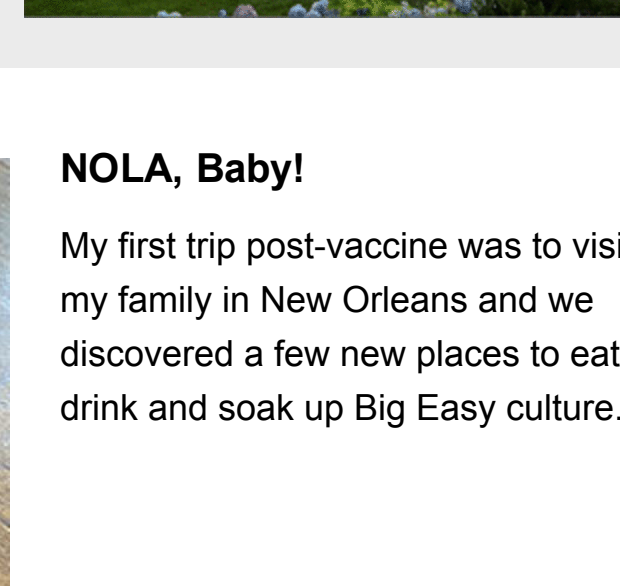
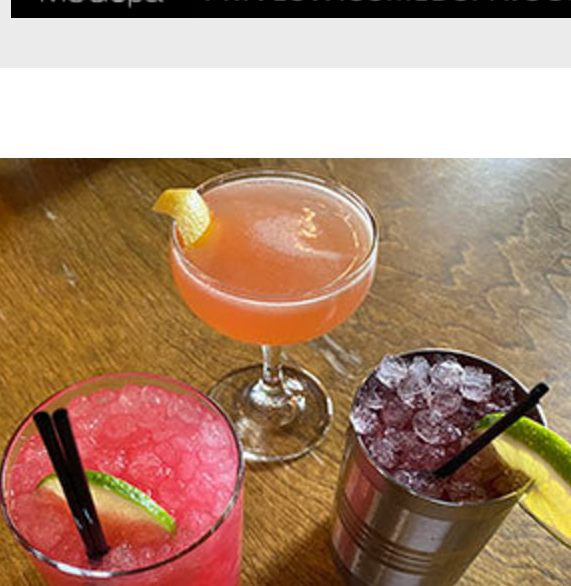


Dine In or Out on Mother's Day

We gathered up a few of our favorite Brunch spots for Mother's Day this year.



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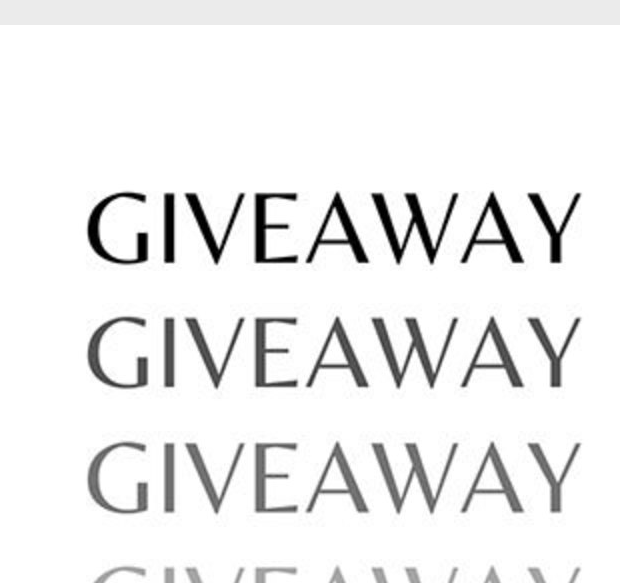
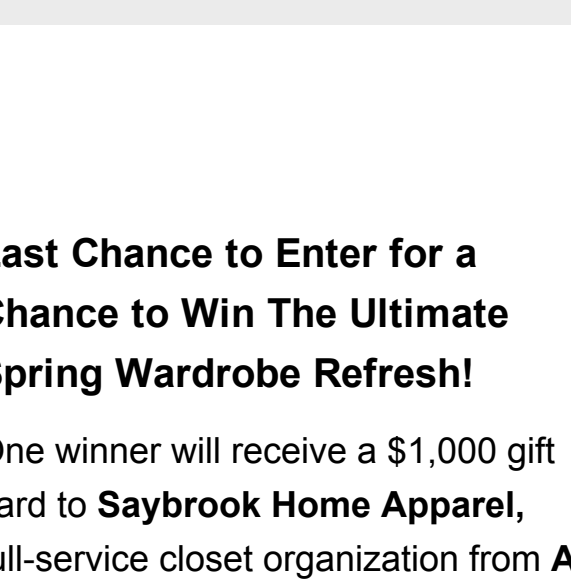


NOLA, Baby!

My first trip post-vaccine was to visit my family in New Orleans and we discovered a few new places to eat, drink and soak up Big Easy culture.



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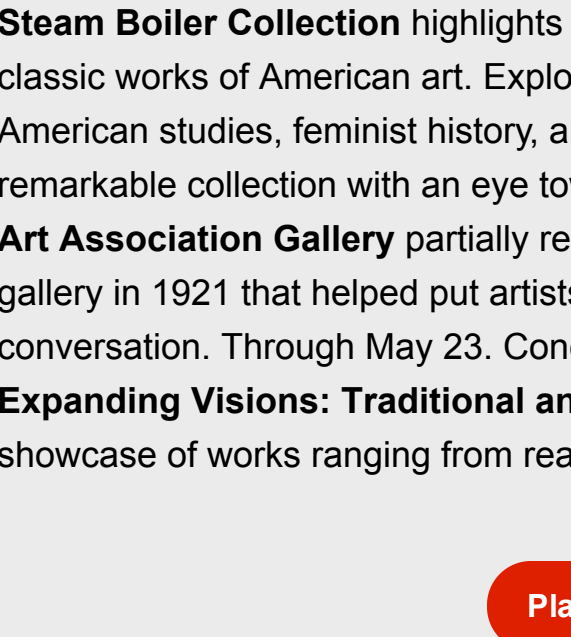
Last Chance to Enter for a Spring to Win The Ultimate Wardrobe Refresh!

One winner will receive a \$1,000 gift card to **Saybrook Home Apparel**, full-service closet organization from **A Good Home**, and wardrobe styling service from **Patsy Berglund**.

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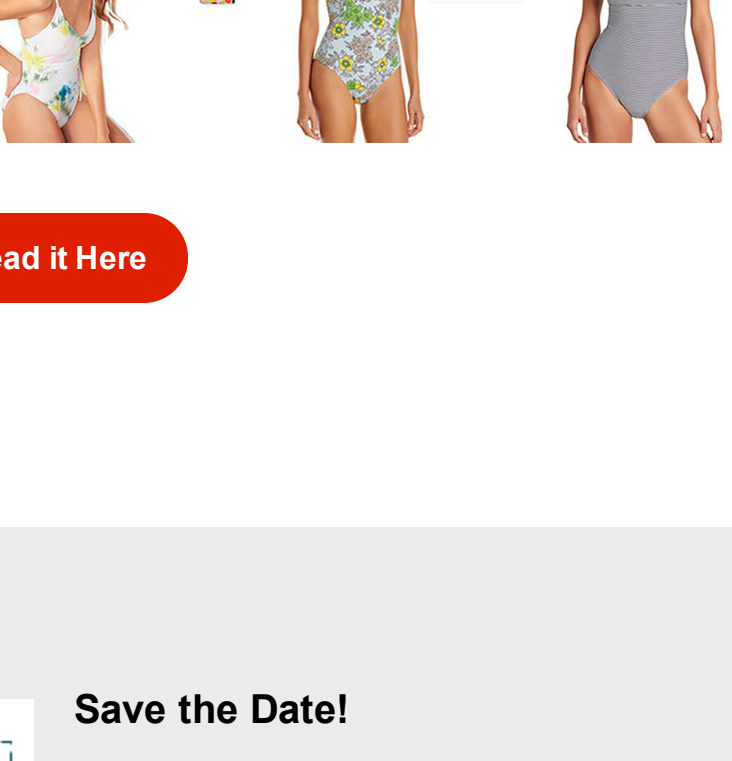
Art in your Backyard

Together, the Florence Griswold Museum and neighboring Lyme Art Association are proud to offer art, history, and culture in a memory-making, garden-filled setting in historic Old Lyme. Currently on view at the Florence Griswold Museum, two exhibitions mark milestone anniversaries in the history of art in Connecticut. **Expanding Horizons: Celebrating 20 Years of the Hartford Steam Boiler Collection** highlights new perspectives and scholarship on classic works of American art. Exploring themes such as ecocriticism, African American studies, feminist history, and horticulture, the Museum positions its remarkable collection with an eye toward the future. **Centennial of the Lyme Art Association Gallery** partially recreates the inaugural exhibition at the gallery in 1921 that helped put artists of the Lyme Art Colony in the national conversation. Through May 23. Concurrently, the Lyme Art Association offers **Expanding Visions: Traditional and Beyond**, a contemporary juried showcase of works ranging from realism to abstract. Through May 13.

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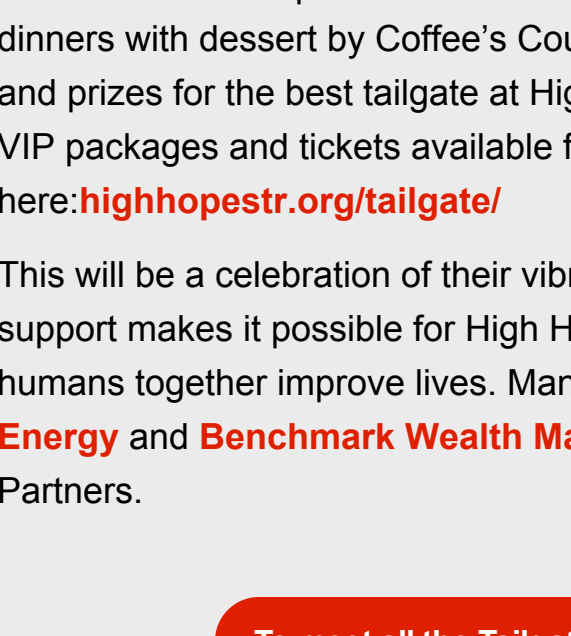
On last week's list, we shared our swimsuit picks, a new coffee shop, and a wardrobe detox.

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Save the Date!

With the development of multiple vaccines to aid in the fight against the pandemic and a renewed sense of hope, **High Hopes** is hosting a socially distanced **BIG BARN TAILGATE on Saturday, June 12th**. Although this gala will look different than past events, they wanted to create a fun, safe event for all their amazing supporters!

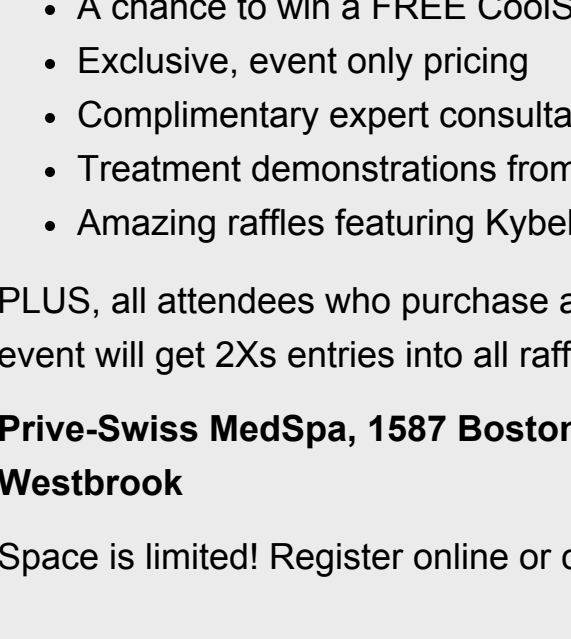
So don your dancing shoes or cowboy boots and let's kick up our heels to the extensive music repertoire of local sensation Sugar! Enjoy gourmet boxed dinners with dessert by Coffee's Country Market, cocktail kits, a silent auction, and prizes for the best tailgate at High Hopes' picturesque farm in Old Lyme. VIP packages and tickets available for purchase here: highhopestr.org/tailgate/

This will be a celebration of their vibrant, philanthropic community whose support makes it possible for High Hopes to provide a place where horses and humans together improve lives. Many thanks to **Dominion Energy** and **Benchmark Wealth Management** for leading the herd as Event Partners.

[To meet all the Tailgate's event partners, click here!](#)

From The E List Events Calendar

Featured Event



Slim Down for Summer at Privé-Swiss MedSpa!

April 29th

Join our expert team for a live CoolSculpting event on Thursday, April 29th at our luxury location in The Shops at Water's Edge, Westbrook.

RSVP today and enjoy:

- A chance to win a FREE CoolSculpting treatment
- Exclusive, event only pricing
- Complimentary expert consultation
- Treatment demonstrations from our expert provider
- Amazing raffles featuring Kybella & ZO Skin Health!

PLUS, all attendees who purchase a CoolSculpting treatment on the day of the event will get 2Xs entries into all raffles and giveaways.

Privé-Swiss MedSpa, 1587 Boston Post Road, The Shops at Water's Edge, Westbrook

Space is limited! Register online or call us at 860.391.8840 to RSVP!

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EES PTO Shop & Stroll, 4/28

Shop local tomorrow to support the Essex Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and have the chance to win amazing prizes. [Read more...](#)

5th CT Spring Boat Show, 4/30 - 5/2

Bring your family and friends out to see more than 50 boats of all sizes and talk directly with dealers and manufacturers. [Read more...](#)

Jewelry Artisan Showcase Weekend, 5/1 - 5/2

Support local artisans with Old Saybrook's Pieces Home Decor Spring Artisan collection! [Read more...](#)

Exclusive Packages for Mother's Day at Revitalize Medspa & Skincare Center, thru 5/9

Surprise your mom or wife with a rejuvenating treatment at Revitalize Medspa & Skincare Center. [Read more...](#)

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