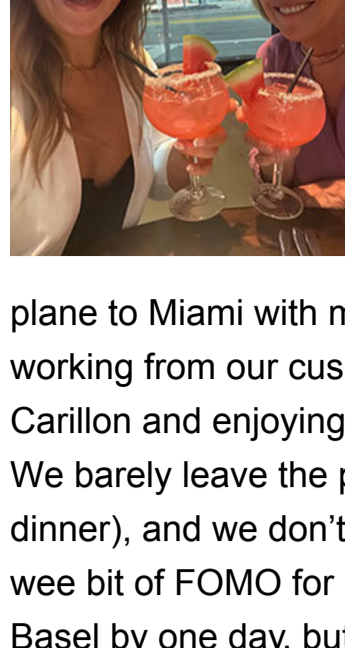


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An Excruciatingly Opinionated Guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

FUN CALENDAR EAT DISCOVER TRAVEL TOWN GUIDES



Before the calamity of Covid, I'd head south before the holidays. This year, my daughter (who still works remotely) was able to hop a

plane to Miami with me, so here we are, working from our cushy hotel room at The Carillon and enjoying a few days of sun. We barely leave the property (except for dinner), and we don't care. Yes, I've got a wee bit of FOMO for having missed Art Basel by one day, but I no longer have that must-see-must-do everything on vacation. These days, I'm content with a change of scenery, and NOTHING beats having my daughter all to myself. It's the perfect antidote to the anxiety that seems to always accompany the season. Hope your season is joyful, too.

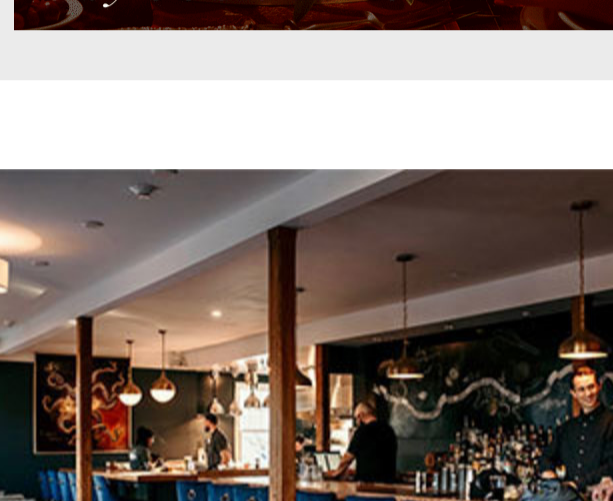
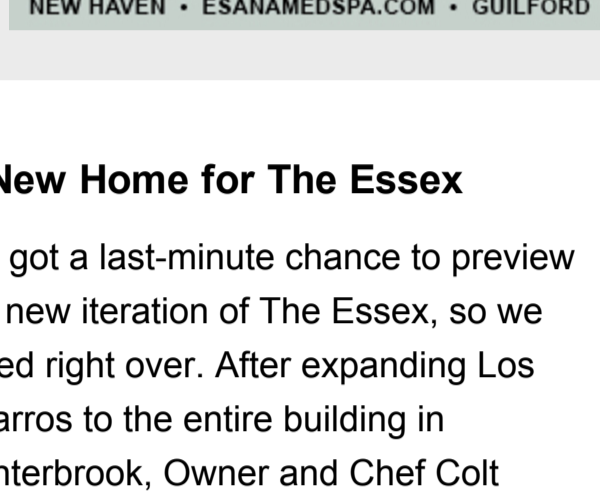
Love, Erica



### Global Goods and Gifts at The Wayfinder Society, Chester

A couple of adventurers share their vast experience and a collection of imported treasures from Asia and beyond in this new Chester shop...

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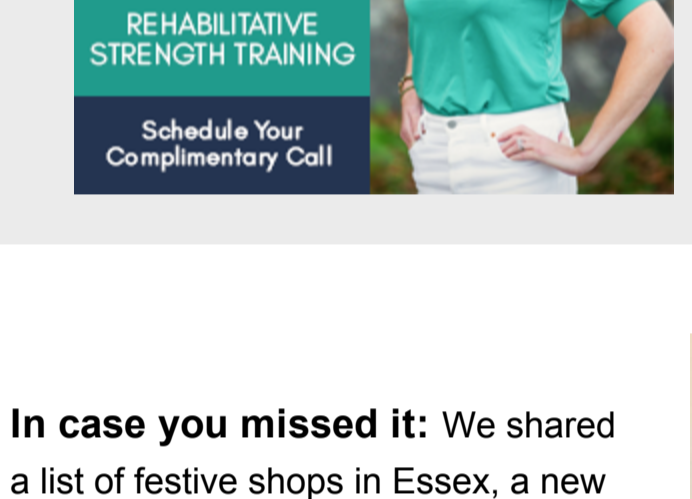
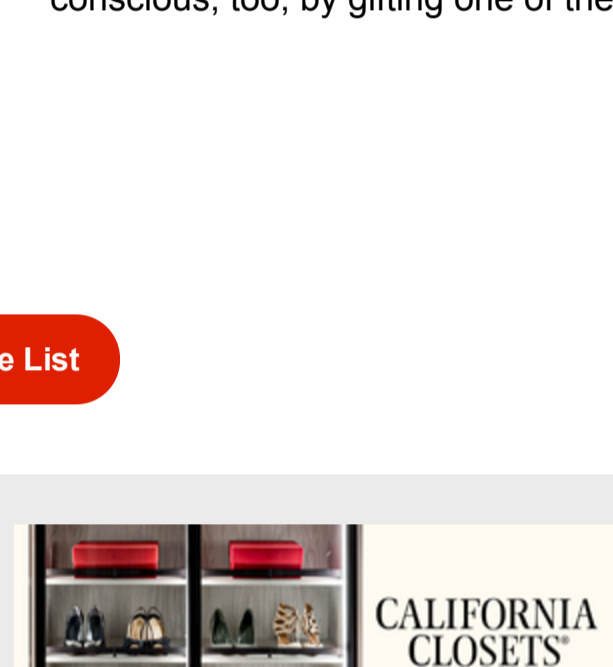
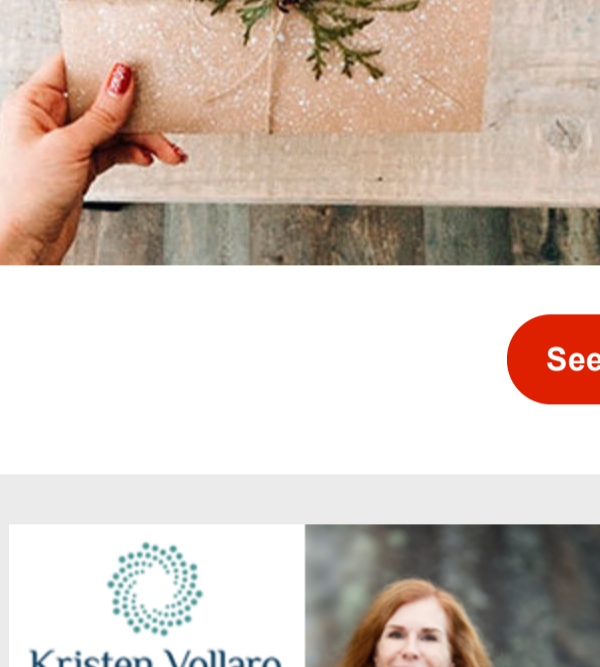
### A New Home for The Essex

We got a last-minute chance to preview the new iteration of The Essex, so we raced right over. After expanding Los Charros to the entire building in Centerbrook, Owner and Chef Colt Taylor moved his fine-dining experience, The Essex, to Old Saybrook...



Photo Courtesy of The Essex

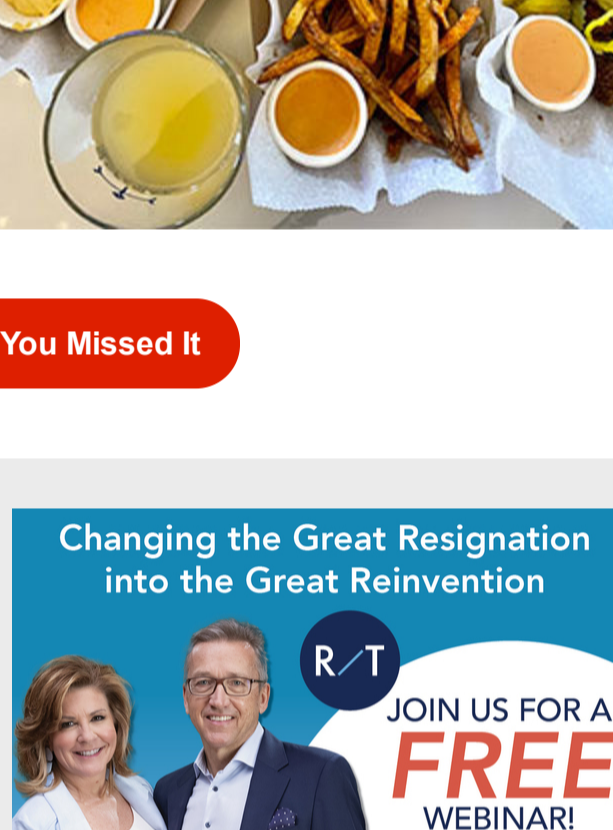
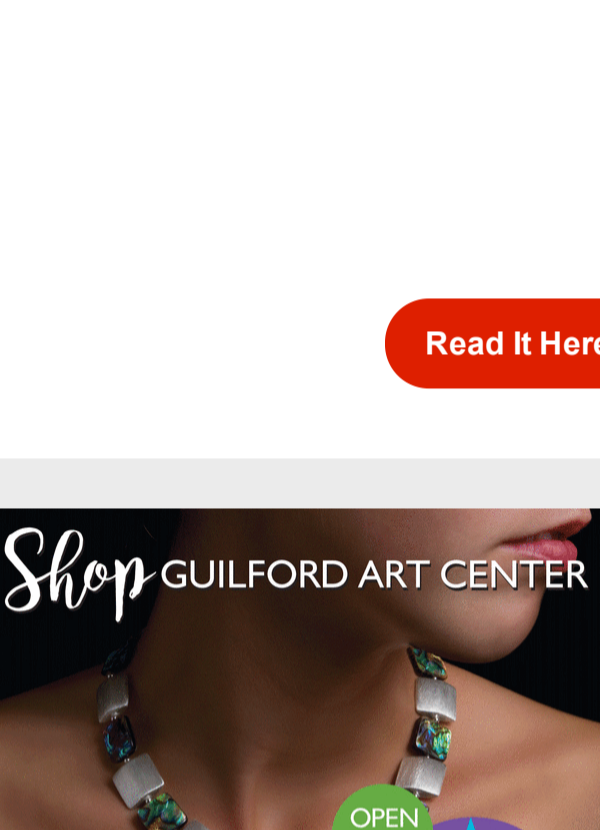
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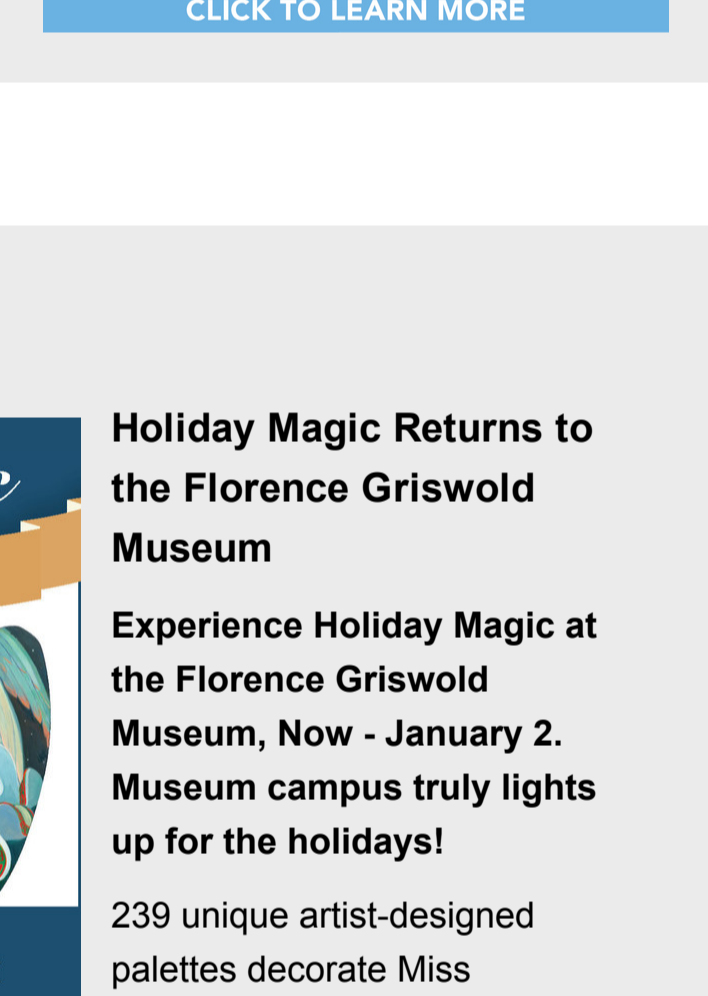
### Gift Certificates!

Stuck on the person who has EVERYTHING? Be environmentally conscious, too, by gifting one of these!

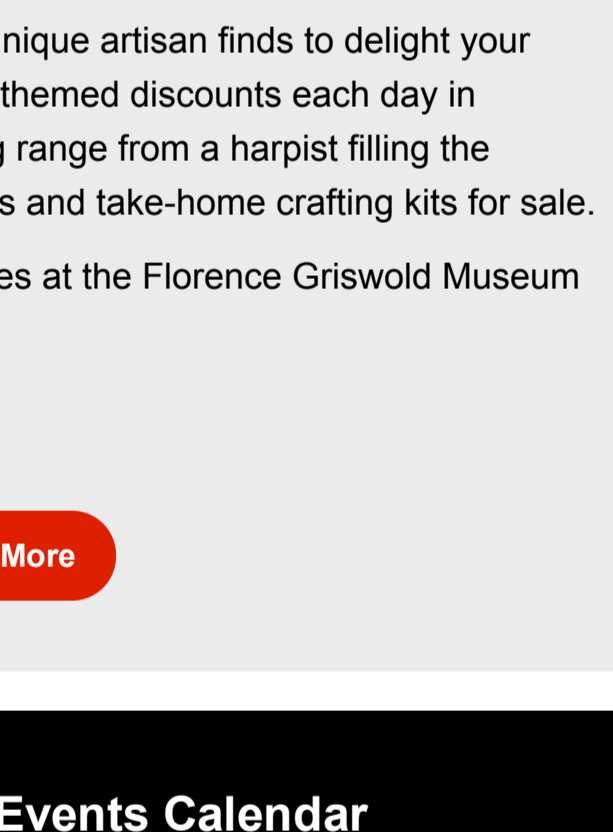
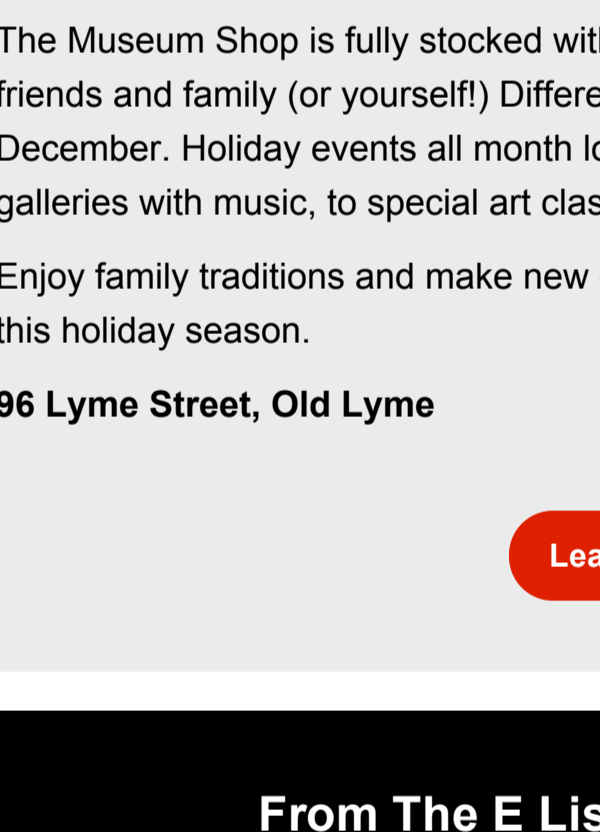
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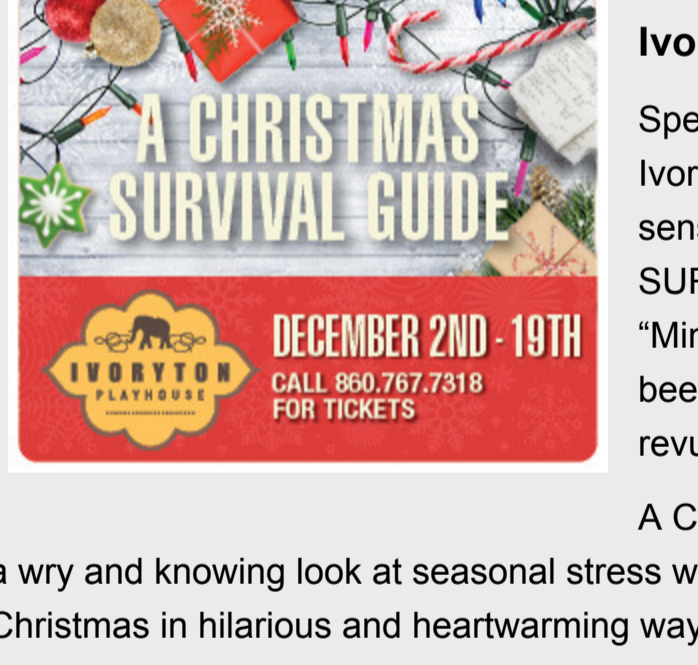
In case you missed it: We shared a list of festive shops in Essex, a new brewery in Mystic, and ways to give back (locally) this season.



Read It Here If You Missed It



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### Holiday Magic Returns to the Florence Griswold Museum

Experience Holiday Magic at the Florence Griswold Museum, Now - January 2. Museum campus truly lights up for the holidays!

239 unique artist-designed palettes decorate Miss Florence's Artist Trees in a beloved tradition over 15 years strong. Artworks in everything from oil, glass, and metalwork to ceramics. Three Fantasy Trees decorate the historic boardinghouse, created by local basket weaving and beading artists, and Museum staff. Every mantel has been marvelously decked, and the grounds shimmer with outdoor decorations. You might even see Santa's sleigh!

The Museum Shop is fully stocked with unique artisan finds to delight your friends and family (or yourself!) Different themed discounts each day in December. Holiday events all month long range from a harpist filling the galleries with music, to special art classes and take-home crafting kits for sale.

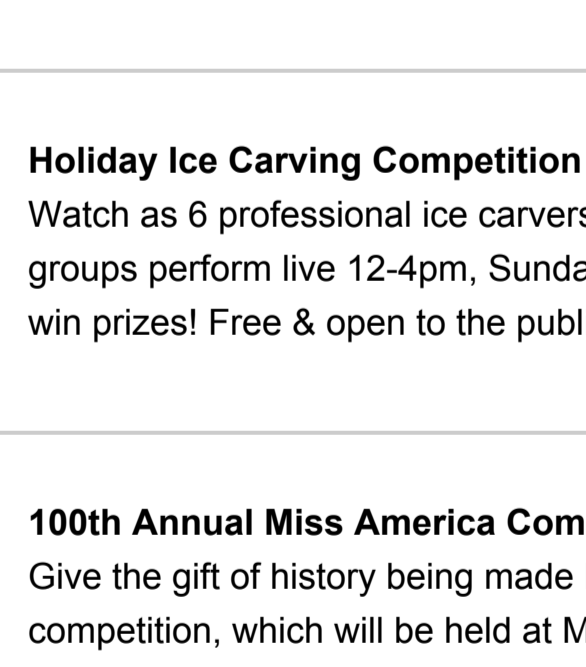
Enjoy family traditions and make new ones at the Florence Griswold Museum this holiday season.

96 Lyme Street, Old Lyme

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## From The E List Events Calendar

### Featured Event



### A Christmas Survival Guide at Ivoryton Playhouse, thru 12/19

Spend the holidays with family at the Ivoryton Playhouse enjoying the sensational holiday revue A CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE. This comical "Miniature Christmas Spectacular," has been called "The funniest Christmas revue around!" by The New York Press.

A CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE takes a wry and knowing look at seasonal stress while celebrating the true essence of Christmas in hilarious and heartwarming ways.

Call 860-767-7318 for tickets.

More Info Here

### TownieBag Cash and Carry, 12/11

Shop local at a pop-up in Killingworth featuring TownieBags - Shoreline town-themed bags, featuring famous sites and landmarks. [Read more...](#)

### Holiday Ice Carving Competition & A Cappella Concert, 12/12

Watch as 6 professional ice carvers compete and 6 accomplished a cappella groups perform live 12-4pm, Sunday December 12. Vote on your favorite to win prizes! Free & open to the public. [Read more...](#)

### 100th Annual Miss America Competition at Mohegan Sun, 12/16

Give the gift of history being made by purchasing tickets to the Miss America competition, which will be held at Mohegan Sun. [Read more...](#)

### Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce's Great Restaurant Raffle, thru 12/16

Win restaurant gift cards worth \$4,100 and support local businesses! [Read more...](#)

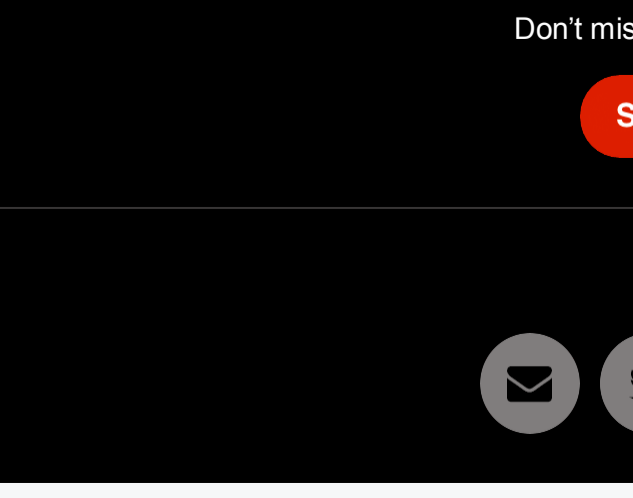
### Essex Winter Series Presents BeethovenFest 2021, 12/19

Celebrate Beethoven's 250th anniversary with 7 world-renowned artists at Valley Regional High School. [Read more...](#)

Looking for more to do? Find festive workshops, local theater, holiday concerts, and more on The E List Calendar:

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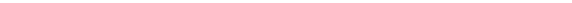
### p.s. from Erica



Good to know: this adorable AirBNB (with a 5 Star rating) in Essex has availability in December and January (including New Year's!) if you've got friends or family coming or just want to take a little staycation, this is a sweet spot. We know the host and she goes all out for her guests! Visit [riverbarnct.com](#).

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