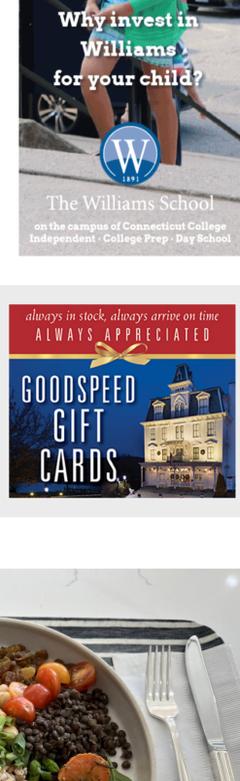


It's a wrap! We hosted another fantastic Girls' Night Out, this time in Guilford. These events bring us, plus 400 happy women and all the shopkeepers, so much joy. It's an evening we look forward to with nervous anticipation; we hope we got it right. Then, when it's over, it's a mix of relief, elation, and exhaustion. Thanks to all who turned out and our merry hosts, The Marketplace at Guilford Food Center. Now it's time to put our feet up, mix a batch of the Coquito below, and do some local online shopping. Enjoy!

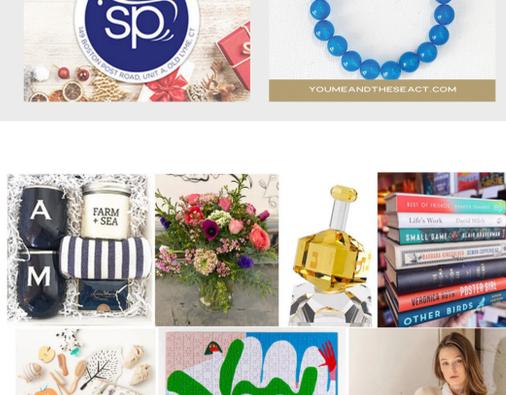
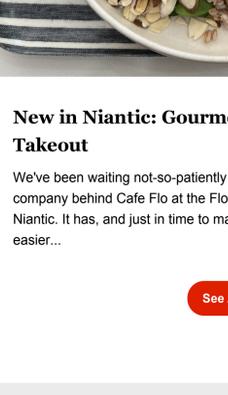
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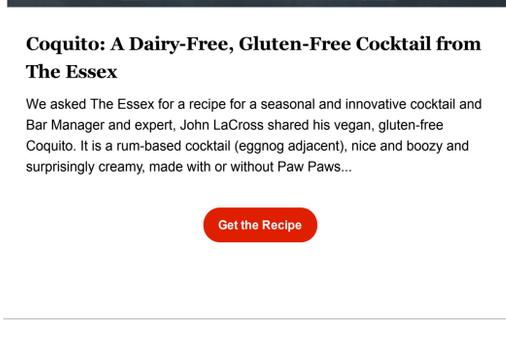
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New in Niantic: Gourmet Galley for Lunch & Takeout

We've been waiting not-so-patiently for Gourmet Galley (the brilliant catering company behind Cafe Flo at the Flo Gris Museum) to open its doors in Niantic. It has, and just in time to make your holiday festivities SO much easier...

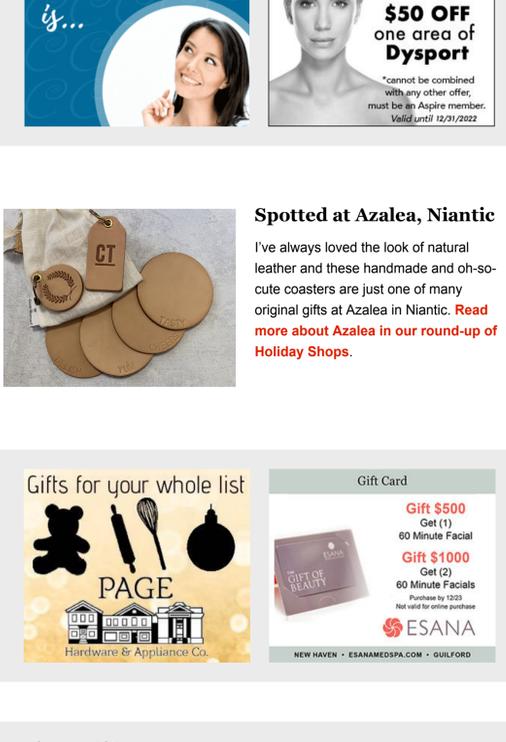
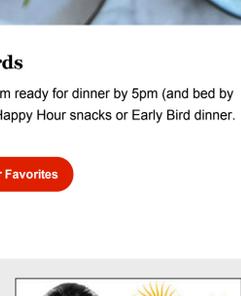
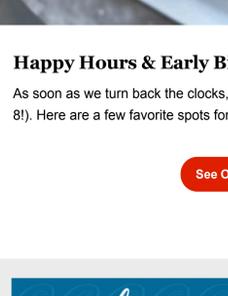
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Local Online Gifts

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

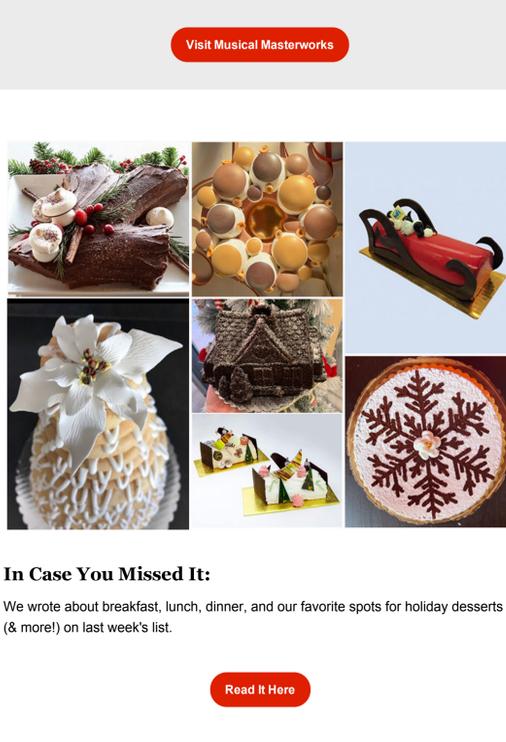
[See the Gifts](#)



Coquito: A Dairy-Free, Gluten-Free Cocktail from The Essex

We asked The Essex for a recipe for a seasonal and innovative cocktail and Bar Manager and expert, John LaCross shared his vegan, gluten-free Coquito. It is a rum-based cocktail (eggnog adjacent), nice and boozy and surprisingly creamy, made with or without Paw Paws...

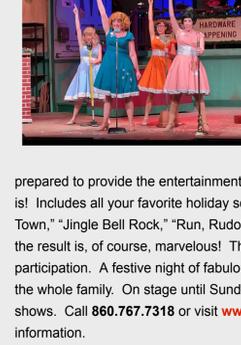
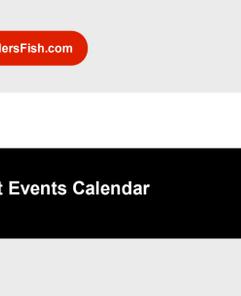
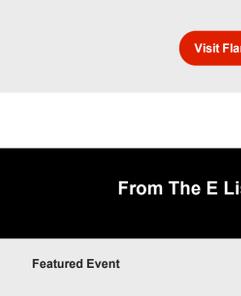
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Happy Hours & Early Birds

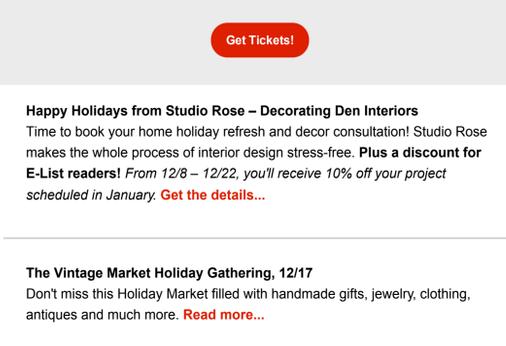
As soon as we turn back the clocks, I'm ready for dinner by 5pm (and bed by 8!). Here are a few favorite spots for Happy Hour snacks or Early Bird dinner.

[See Our Favorites](#)

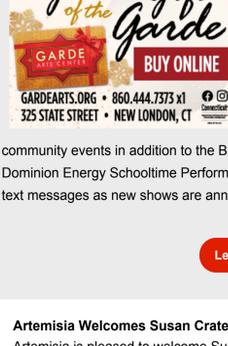


Spotted at Azalea, Niantic

I've always loved the look of natural leather and these handmade and oh-so-cute coasters are just one of many original gifts at Azalea in Niantic. [Read more about Azalea in our round-up of Holiday Shops.](#)



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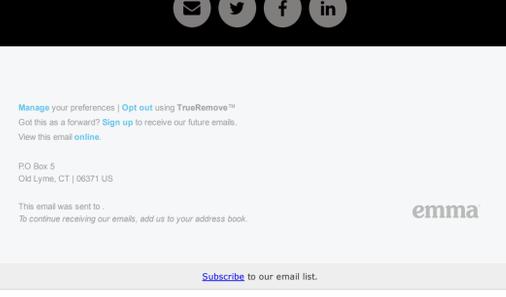
Musical Masterworks is launching a fantastic new Community Engagement Program and that means TWO FREE performances in Old Lyme for us to enjoy in December! Decoda, an affiliate ensemble of the Carnegie Hall, will be pulling out all the stops for two fabulous community concerts!

Families, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 17th from 10am – 11am at LYSB for a fun and kid-friendly interactive concert. Then on Sunday, December 18th at Saint Ann's in Old Lyme from 2-3:30 pm you can hear Decoda's virtuosic musicians perform creative chamber music – including a world premiere – drawing from a dynamic continuum of styles, eras, and instrumentations. Curious? So are we and we can't wait! After the concert, meet the musicians and enjoy some light bites at a post-concert reception.

Musical Masterworks is able to offer these concerts thanks to grants from CTHumanities and Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust. In addition to these fab concerts, the grant will allow Decoda to engage communities outside of Old Lyme in a weeklong residency program designed to bring musical mentoring and special projects to schools and organizations that might not have the resources to create such programs on their own. Now that's the holiday spirit! Learn more about Decoda and Musical Masterworks Community Engagement Program.

Ticket Information: FREE!! No need to RSVP or reserve, just show up and get ready to be delighted!

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In Case You Missed It:

We wrote about breakfast, lunch, dinner, and our favorite spots for holiday desserts (& more!) on last week's list.

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From The E List Events Calendar

Featured Event

It's 1968, at the Annual Christmas Party at Essex Hardware Store! The quartet of Missy, Suzy, Betty Jean and Cindy Lou, first introduced to us in "The Marvelous Wonderettes," has decorated the store and is now prepared to provide the entertainment. And what a fun night of entertainment it is! Includes all your favorite holiday songs such as "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland," - and the result is, of course, marvelous! There are lots of laughs and audience participation. A festive night of fabulous fun filled with the spirit of the season for the whole family. On stage until Sunday, December 18th. Matinee and evening shows. Call [860.767.7318](tel:860.767.7318) or visit www.Ivorytonplayhouse.org for more information.

Gift the gift of great theatre this year! Gift certificates for the Ivoryton Playhouse 2023 Season are available now!

[Get Tickets!](#)

Happy Holidays from Studio Rose – Decorating Den Interiors

Time to book your home holiday refresh and decor consultation! Studio Rose makes the whole process of interior design stress-free. **Plus a discount for E-List readers!** From 12/8 – 12/22, you'll receive 10% off your project scheduled in January. [Get the details...](#)

The Vintage Market Holiday Gathering, 12/17

Don't miss this Holiday Market filled with handmade gifts, jewelry, clothing, antiques and much more. [Read more...](#)

Featured Event

Upcoming Events at the Garde Arts Center

Riding on the wave of excitement after being named "2022 Outstanding Historic Theatre in America" by the League of Historic Theaters, the Garde Arts Center is delighted to announce its 2022-23 Season. Experience a variety of live and community events in addition to the Breezeline 2023 Winter Cinema Series and Dominion Energy Schoolltime Performance Series. Sign up for email updates or text messages as new shows are announced!

[Learn More](#)

Artemisia Welcomes Susan Crater of Sister Parish Design, 12/16 - 12/18

Artemisia is pleased to welcome Susan Crater of Sister Parish Design for prosecco + light bites to toast the Holiday Season and shop limited edition Sister Parish + Artemisia goodies. [Read more...](#)

Mosaic Art Class Holiday Gifts

Create a unique holiday art piece for your loved one at Lover's Lane Farm or give the gift of a Mosaic Art Class for them to enjoy. Or both! [Read more...](#)

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

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ps from Erica

[See all the fun we had at Guilford Girls' Night Out, here!](#)

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