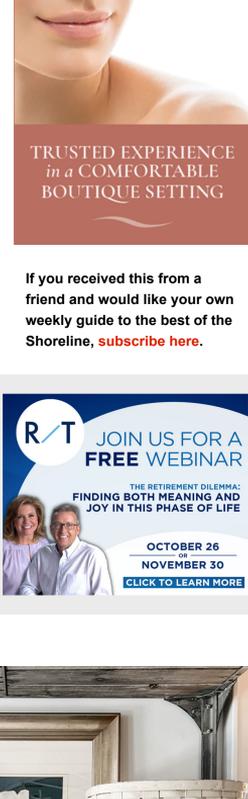


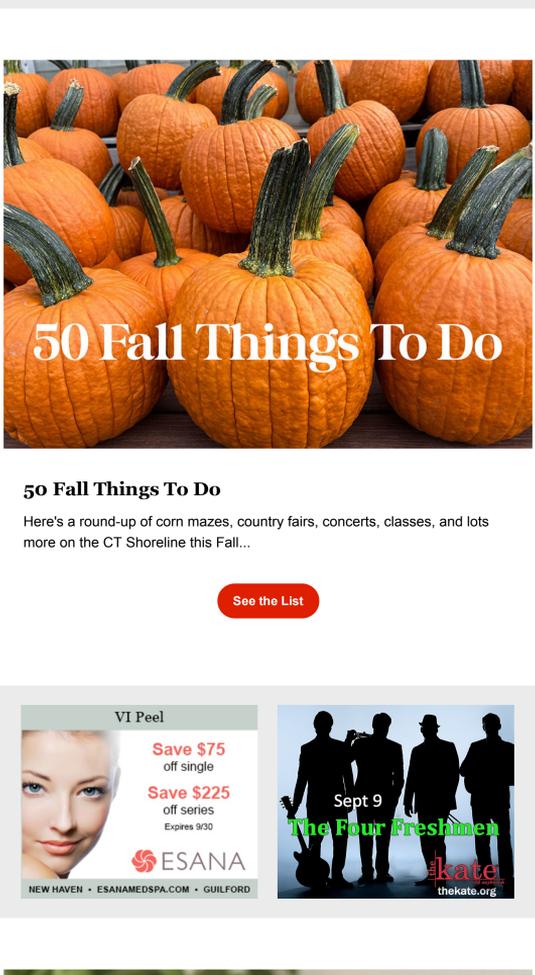
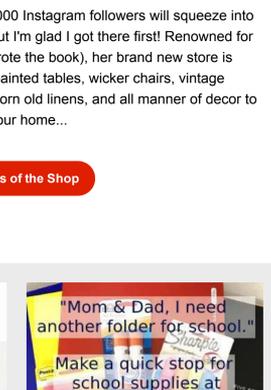
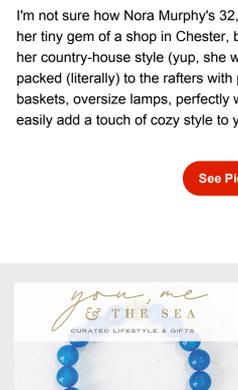
As always, I've packed the last few moments before Labor Day with as much fun as possible. Enjoyed a breath-taking sunset celebrating a friend's birthday on Seabird, a 6-person picnic boat out of Old Saybrook, and there's still time to book yours. You may also get a glimpse of the annual swallow mummuration (see P.S. below for the link). And I squeezed in a few more beach days (since every day this August was perfectly sunny, but I'm thankful we're finally getting some rain!). Now it's time to get back to routine, but that doesn't mean the fun is over. We've rounded up a slew of fall things to do, plus how to manage all that paper that accumulates in September, and a brilliant new shop in Chester.

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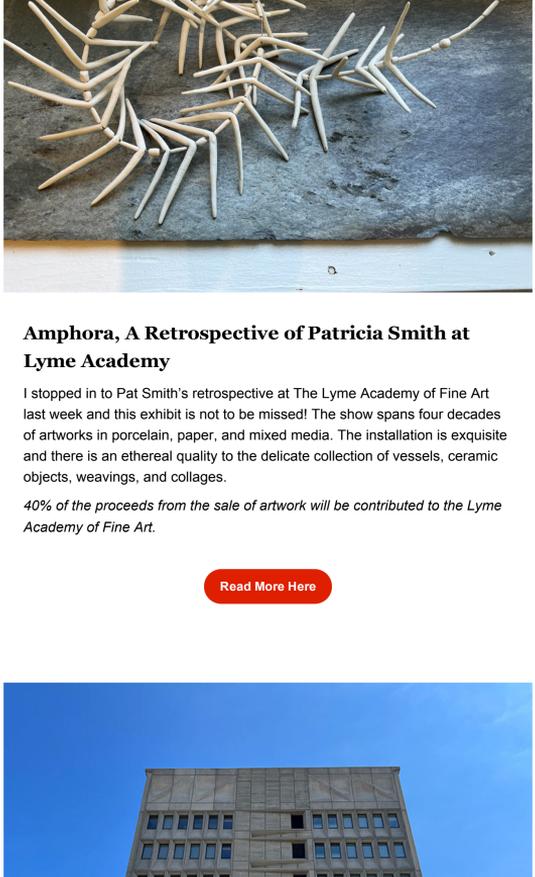
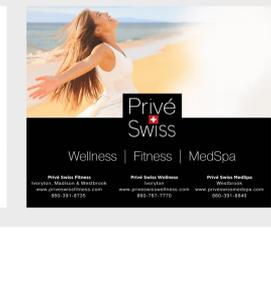
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### The Little Shop Filled with Old Things Opens in Chester

I'm not sure how Nora Murphy's 32,000 Instagram followers will squeeze into her tiny gem of a shop in Chester, but I'm glad I got there first! Renowned for her country-house style (yup, she wrote the book!), her brand new store is packed (literally) to the rafters with painted tables, wicker chairs, vintage baskets, oversize lamps, perfectly worn old linens, and all manner of decor to easily add a touch of cozy style to your home...

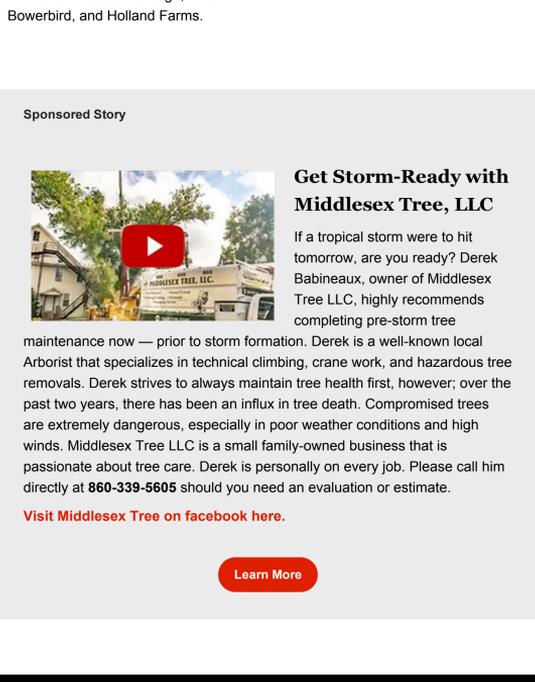
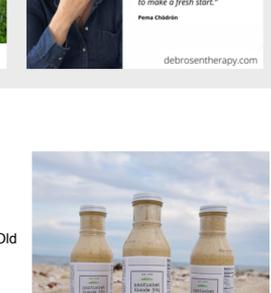
[See Pics of the Shop](#)



## 50 Fall Things To Do

Here's a round-up of corn mazes, country fairs, concerts, classes, and lots more on the CT Shoreline this Fall...

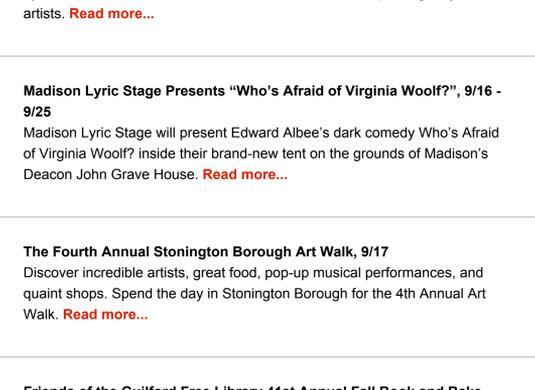
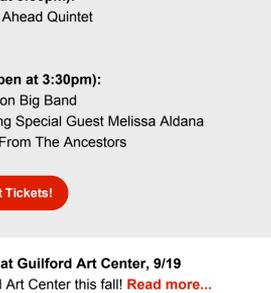
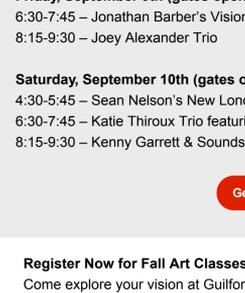
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### 4 Steps to Successful Paper Organization & Management

We reached out to Mara Dowler, a Kon Marie Consultant and professional organizer for an answer to the teetering pile of papers that lands on every available flat surface. Here's what she had to say.

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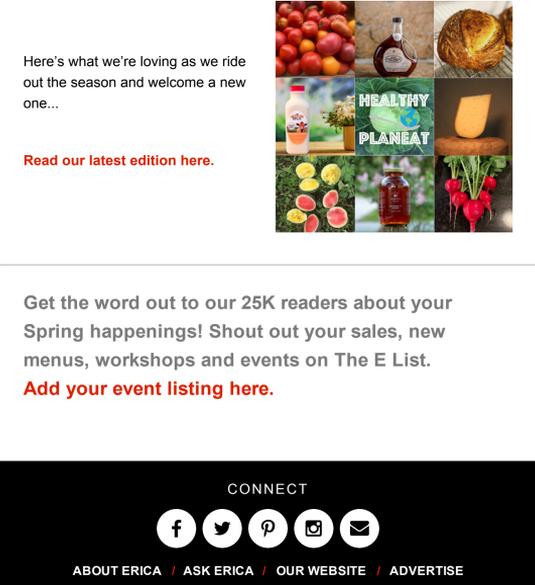


### Amphora, A Retrospective of Patricia Smith at Lyme Academy

I stopped in to Pat Smith's retrospective at The Lyme Academy of Fine Art last week and this exhibit is not to be missed! The show spans four decades of artworks in porcelain, paper, and mixed media. The installation is exquisite and there is an ethereal quality to the delicate collection of vessels, ceramic objects, weavings, and collages.

40% of the proceeds from the sale of artwork will be contributed to the Lyme Academy of Fine Art.

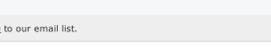
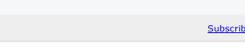
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### In Case You Missed It:

On our last list, we wrote about a landmark solar hotel in New Haven, a mobile bar cart and the Beyond Van Gogh exhibition in Hartford. Plus a roundup of white shirts!

[Read It Here If You Missed It](#)



### Spotted! Nantucket Blonde BBQ

We recently got our hands on this scrumptious BBQ sauce, made by an Old Lyme local (with an affinity for and a history on Nantucket). A tangy, herbaceous and velvety blend, it works beautifully slathered on grilled chicken and as temps cool, we'll try it drizzled on roasted fall veggies and potatoes. [Order online](#) or find it at Fromage, The Bowerbird, and Holland Farms.



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### Get Storm-Ready with Middlesex Tree, LLC

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## From The E List Events Calendar

### Featured Event



### The Side Door Jazz Club's "Back In The Swing" Festival

The second annual jazz festival returns to Old Lyme, Connecticut! Join us under the big-top tent on the lawn of the beautiful historic Old Lyme Inn to celebrate the world's best live jazz!

The fun begins Friday, September 9th and runs through Saturday, September 10th.

This year's lineup features:

**Friday, September 9th (gates open at 5:30pm):**

6:30-7:45 – Jonathan Barnes's Vision Ahead Quintet

8:15-9:30 – Joey Alexander Trio

**Saturday, September 10th (gates open at 3:30pm):**

4:30-5:45 – Sean Nelson's New London Big Band

6:30-7:45 – Katie Thiroux Trio featuring Special Guest Melissa Aldana

8:15-9:30 – Kenny Garrett & Sounds From The Ancestors

[Get Tickets!](#)

**Register Now for Fall Art Classes at Guilford Art Center, 9/19**  
Come explore your vision at Guilford Art Center this fall! [Read more...](#)

**Fall Workshops at Lyme Art Association, 9/9 - 11/6**  
Lyme Art Association offers wonderful weekend workshops taught by member artists. [Read more...](#)

**Madison Lyric Stage Presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", 9/16 - 9/25**  
Madison Lyric Stage will present Edward Albee's dark comedy Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? inside their brand-new tent on the grounds of Madison's Deacon John Grave House. [Read more...](#)

**The Fourth Annual Stonington Borough Art Walk, 9/17**  
Discover incredible artists, great food, pop-up musical performances, and quaint shops. Spend the day in Stonington Borough for the 4th Annual Art Walk. [Read more...](#)

**Friends of the Guilford Free Library 41st Annual Fall Book and Bake Sale, 9/23 - 9/25**  
The Friends' Fall Book and Bake Sale, a major event on Guilford's annual calendar, returns in full swing this September. [Read more...](#)

**Niantic Bay Oyster Festival, 9/24**  
Enjoy local oyster vendors, food vendors, local beer, live music, a kids corner and a corn hole tournament all for a good cause. [Read more...](#)

**58th Annual Old Saybrook Arts and Crafts Festival, 10/1**  
Browse over 140 artists to find homemade gifts, home goods, paintings, clothing, jewelry, and more! [Read more...](#)

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## p.s. from Erica

[Find out more about Captain Chip and The Seabird Cruises here.](#)

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