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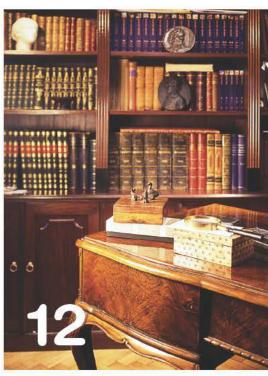






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Sue Rawlinson

Warmth. It's about more than a mug of pumpkin-spiced latte.

It's in the month of October when Mother Nature forces us to pause and take notice.
Air gets cooler. Winds grow more brisk.
Landscape changes colors. Trees and shrubs get a makeover. And we seek both physical and emotional warmth.

October is a month loaded with memories of our pasts. Of trips to pumpkin patches, haunted houses, of dressing up for trick-ortreating, of counting the night's acquired sugary loot (and always striving for more candy than your brother) but we all have specific memories that arise to the surface during October.

It's a warmth of spirit. **And how cool** is that?

In this October issue we indulge in the season. We share information to help you, too, find your cozy warmth. We share how to keep toasty toes no matter the weather outdoors with radiant heat flooring. We share information about what's new in fireplaces for the indoors and provide step-by-step directions on how to make your own firepit for the outdoors.

We explore creative ideas for adorning your front porch this fall, with festive decorating direction. And since October is a time when we retreat indoors just a bit more, our experts share information on how to create a home library—perfect for the winter days to come. Build a fire, curl up with a book and just feel grateful.

As young trick-or-treaters march their way to your front door, take a moment to breathe in the crisp, fresh air and watch the excitement of the young generation—busily making their own moments and memories they'll remember for years to come.

And maybe drop a few extra pieces of candy in the little sister's treat bag.

Enjoy this festive and beautiful month of October—and enjoy this issue within your hands.

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Burnt Orange + Elegant Cream

By Sue Rawlinson Photos by HOME Team

October celebrates the season's favorite orange-skinned symbol of fall festivities and pending cool weather. The bold color of pumpkins with their burnt orange hue is delicately balanced with the soothing and elegant tone of cream. Softer than a stark white, cream presents a calm complement to this season's favorite fun color.

Enjoy a snapshot of HOME Living's October "Color It" home interior picks. Chosen just for you — from retailers in your backyard.







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Name: Cucurbita Pepo (Cucurbitaceae)

Known For: Large, round fruits with ribbed, orange skin Why We Love It: Pumpkins serve as centerpieces for

nostalgic autumn holidays.

Fun Fact: Early American settlers made the first pumpkin pies by mixing stewed pumpkin with milk, honey and spices—no crust.

Growing Tips

- Pumpkins are relatively easy to grow from seed. Seeds should be planted in late May for holiday pumpkins to be ready for harvesting around Halloween.
- Pumpkins love water and sunshine—and they need ample space to roam. Be sure your planting location provides all three.



By Erin Dozois

Every Halloween since 1959, Linus VanPelt, the blue blanket-wielding character from the iconic Peanuts strip, returns to his pumpkin patch to wait for The Great Pumpkin. Over 50 years later, we, too, are still in love with the bright orange squash. Crops pull in more than \$1 million in sales per year, due, in part, to the pumpkin's versatility and sentimental value. What can we say? We're obsessed!

 Pumpkins grow well with companion plants that will help repel squash bugs—the No. 1 killer of pumpkin vines. Companions such as radishes, marigolds, petunias, mint and nasturtiums will do the trick.

Decoration

Pumpkins can be displayed either outside or indoors. They pair nicely with warm-colored mums and papery husks of Indian corn for a traditional fall assemblage. Or, if the occasion calls for something spookier, turn those pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns!



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Fall Décor For Your Front Door

By Shannon Rooney

The air is crisp and the fall foliage is bursting forth, so why not dress up your front door in some of the season's best harvest looks? Traditional pumpkins and hay bales reign supreme, but you can create unique arrangements by using these tried-and-true elements in new ways. Take your inspiration from nature and transform your entryway for some great seasonal curb appeal.



Old Made New

"My favorite fall look for our front porch is flat stacked pumpkins in tall, footed black urns flanking both sides of our front

with a scattering of pumpkins and mums around the base of both urns," said Heidi Anderson, owner of Dogwoods Home Décor in Fort Wayne.

door to create height,

She recommended looking for those classic fall elements, like pumpkins and gourds, in unusual colors and shapes, such as white, pale green and faded

Incorporate items that frame your doorway, like a vintage ladder on one side and an arrangement of old crates on the other. As Halloween nears. said Anderson, she likes to add a few spooky elements like bats, a witch hat or iack-o'-lantern.

Light Time

Lanterns were popular for summer and can be easily transitioned for fall. Just add a warm glow. "The flickering light from a candle in a lantern or pumpkin luminary adds warmth, just like it does inside your home," said Anderson. A popular porch trend for fall is the outdoor battery-operated candle complete with timer for use in your luminaries. String lights with metallic shades or even led lights arranged inside a lantern will add to the festive fall look. Use dried or faux grapevine strands over the doorway and weave string lights through them to create even more soft, welcoming light.

Perfect Fall Foliage

Add foliage in traditional fall colors to your front door. You can go with a classic wreath or bunch various pieces together with twine for a unique arrangement. "Front door wreath styles also offer room for creativity and at Dogwoods we have choices in painted metal, wood or traditional vine with fruit such as orange persimmons, muted red apples and green pumpkins," said Anderson.

Incorporating textiles, like burlap ribbon, raffia or twine will give your arrangement a "farmhouse" feel, especially appropriate for fall. Complete the look with a natural fiber welcome mat and your guests will feel right at home.



Keep It Up: How to Lift a Saggy Sidewalk

If your front walk is drooping and needs some support, consider giving it a professional lift. "Sidewalks are like anything else; they suffer wear and tear and need to be maintained, often repaired and unfortunately sometimes replaced," said Kevin Rutherford, owner of Green Concrete Leveling in New Haven. Lifting a sidewalk will keep you and your house guests from tripping over uneven pavement.

"Your sidewalk could need a lift due to a failed base, which is a result of improper compaction of the base, a drainage issue

or burrowing animals like groundhogs and chipmunks," said Rutherford. He recommended that homeowners call in a professional for a sidewalk lift that includes a new base. Professionals can do a lift that will disturb the surrounding landscape as little as possible.

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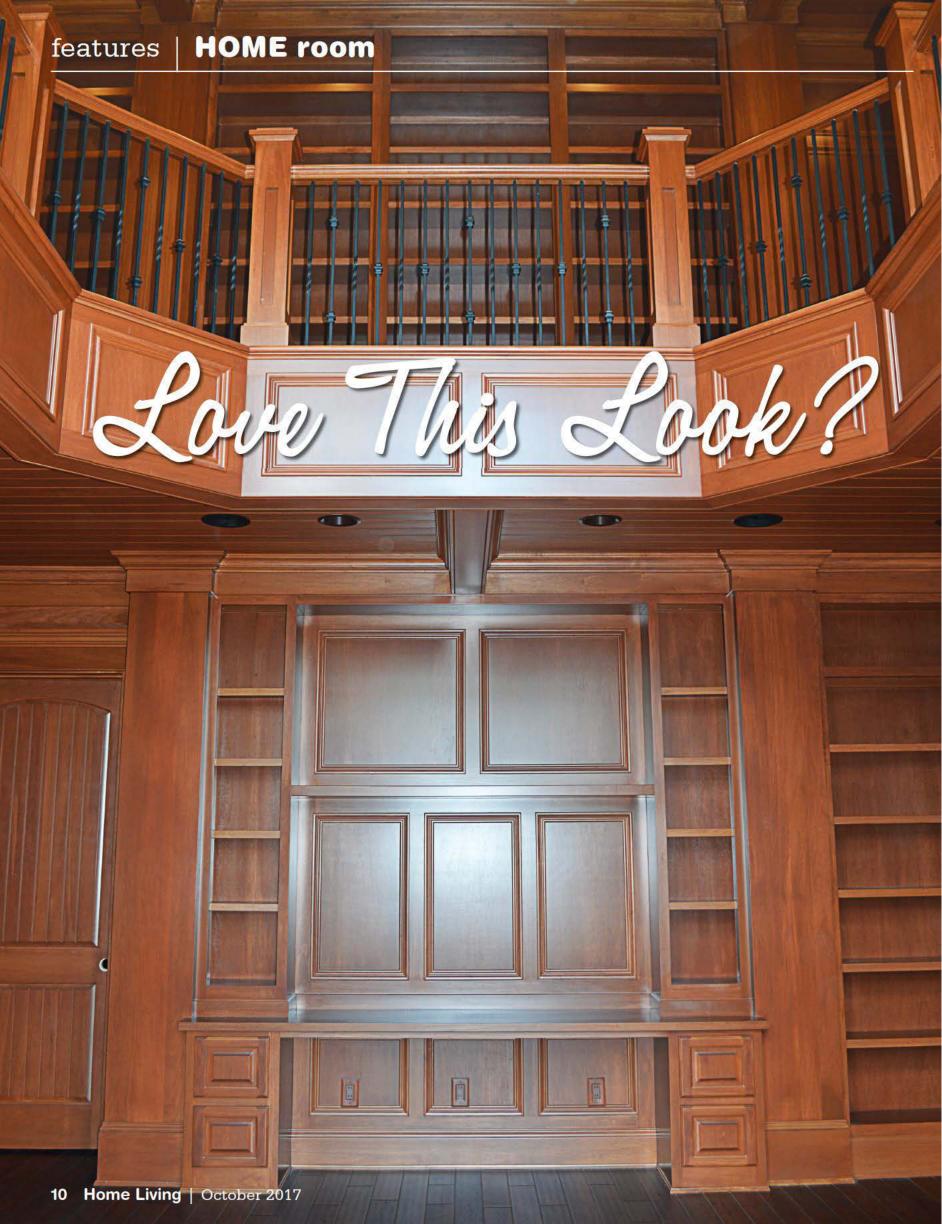
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Love this look? Good. We'll share how designer Jodi Golm for Timberlin Homes pulled it together.

Today's home library can be a quaint corner in a home or a grand statement—one that is a vision of architectural beauty and artwork. The latter is certainly the case with this newly-built library for a Timberlin client; what a magnificent display of woodworking craftsmanship and exquisite detail. Beautifully created for a collector of books and memorabilia, this grand library will also serve as an area for quiet, secluded moments to just breathe.

Take a look at this homeowner's library built by Timberlin Homes—and garner ideas for your own secluded getaway.



This library is all about craftsmanship. "With our fortunate access to some of the country's best trim artisans, their exceptional skill helped realize our client's vision of a library worthy of an English manor into the sophisticated showpiece seen here," Golm said



What dream library is complete without a spiral staircase with wrought iron balusters? "This design is perfectly suited to make the most of this corner," said Golm.



"A custom desk, patterned after the Resolute Desk, is currently in the cabinet maker's workshop," Golm said. The desk will anchor this side of the room, providing an ideal home office setting.



Gorgeous wood is everywhere. "Even the ceilings are covered in wood!" Golm said. Plentiful space is provided, too, for books and memorabilia on both the upper and lower story shelving.

Room Vendors:

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By Lauren Caggiano

Is there anything better than curling up with a good book on a crisp fall day? We think not. Take your reading game to the next level with a cozy home library.

Barclay Allen with Timberlin Homes offers some insight when it comes to crafting the perfect space.

"Like the rest of a well-built custom home, the library should reflect what is important to the homeowner and their individual style," he said. "That being said, there are some items that frequently make the 'wish list' including: a work/desk area, shelving for books and memorabilia, a reading nook, a fireplace, a vaulted ceiling, paneled walls and either a library ladder or a spiral staircase."

What's a library without books?

Collecting books doesn't have to mean breaking the bank. Second-hand books can boost a charm you won't find with newer editions. Flea markets, library second-hand sales, yard sales, antique malls, estate sales and thrift stores are all fantastic sources for great finds.

Along with form, homeowners should consider function, i.e. book collection organization. Jodi Golm, designer at Timberlin Homes, said it's OK to let your creative side show.

"While it may not be pragmatic for finding a specific volume, artfully arranging books can be a successful design strategy," she said. "They can be organized by color to great effect (rainbow or ombré patterns) or creatively shelved backwards with the pages facing out or in a horizontal or chevron layout."

Resources:

Jodi Golm, designer for Timberlin Homes Timberlin Homes, Fort Wayne, 260.485.8000, timberlinhomes.com

While creative elements are fun, practicality is another important consideration. For example, Golm said that floor-toceiling bookshelves make a statement but are not the easiest to access. Rolling library ladders are a functional alternative - and sometimes even a fun project. There are many ladder system kits on the market, according to Allen.

And don't forget about other decorative and functional elements to take the space into reading central. "Library furniture and decor often include cozy leather chairs perfect for curling up with a good read, a large desk anchoring a portion of the room, sufficient overhead and task lighting, as well as personal touches like photographs, diplomas, team memorabilia, etc.," said Golm.

Speaking of lighting, the right type can really set the mood. Don't rely on overhead light for reading and studying. An appropriately sized floor lamp is recommended. The light should shine on the book pages for optimal conditions.

Above all, it's really about making the space work for you and your lifestyle. "Exceptional libraries and home offices offer a retreat from the more chaotic spaces of a home, and therefore, should be personal," said Golm. "Important collectibles or heirlooms are often displayed in this space and should be factored into the design."

Don't be afraid to get too custom or bespoke, either. As Golm shared, "Timberlin recently completed a home office makeover that included a wallpaper mural of the Eiffel Tower for its Francophile owner."

There's nothing left to do but get lost in a book.





By Erin Dozois

Ah, fall. It floats through open windows on a pleasant, cool breeze. It sets the countryside on fire. It's the sounds of leaves crunching underfoot and the smell of cinnamon hot apple cider. As temperatures drop, we're warmed by togetherness and time-honored traditions. We stay comfy in jackets and jeans. There's no better time to enjoy the outdoors.

What to Plant

- O Spring-flowering bulbs (tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, ornamental onion, narcissus, windflower, white aconite)
- New trees, shrubs and perennials

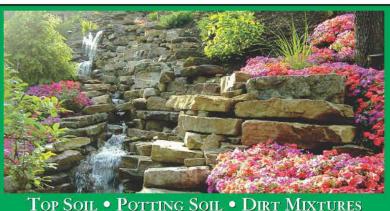
What to Harvest

- O Pumpkins and winter squash
- Mature, green tomatoes
- O Root vegetables (leeks, artichokes, carrots, beets, turnips)

Tasks

- O Continue to water newly planted trees and shrubs (especially evergreens) until the ground freezes.
- O Drain the garden hose, coil it up and store in a place protected by the elements.
- Oclean garden tools with soapy water and a steel brush or sandpaper to remove caked-on dirt or rust. Oil the metal tools to prevent rust.

- Sharpen garden tools (shovels, spades, trowels, hoes, lawn mower blades) before storing them away for the winter
- O Prepare new beds for planting next spring.
- Rake or shred tree leaves to prevent them from matting down and smothering the grass.
- Out back herbs and bring them indoors to use fresh or dry.
- O Protect shrubs, plants and trees from salt, ice and pests with burlap, plastic or metal mesh.
- O Spray evergreens with an antidesiccant to protect plants from drying out.
- Prune brown foliage from plants affected by frost.
- Add spent plants, fallen leaves and grass clippings to the compost pile.
- Remove all fallen fruit from your garden and yard.
- Protect small ponds from freezing by covering them with thin plywood sheets and layers of mulch or shredded leaves.
- O Fertilize lawns with a slow-release, organic fertilizer. 🁚



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By Steve Penhollow

Building a backyard fire pit is one of the less daunting DIY jobs one can undertake in the fall.

It can be as simple or as complicated a project as you want to make it. The first thing to do before you build a fire pit is to find out if you are even allowed to build one. Different cities and neighborhood associations have

Find out what the regional

different rules about such things.

specifications are.

Fire pits can be permanent or non-permanent. They can be portable or non-portable. They can come from a kit or not come

The simplest fire pits cost less than \$100 in materials.

Essential materials include sand, pebbles or gravel, a shovel and bricks or garden stones that have been deemed safe for use in fire pits.

The measurements of a basic fire pit are 12 to 18 inches deep and four or five feet in diameter.



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Call your utility companies to find out the location of buried lines. Fire pits should be built at least 10 feet away from anything you would rather not see catch fire: structures and fences, for example.

How-to Steps:

- 1. Use the stones or pavers to outline the shape of the hole you are going to dig. Then dig the hole. Make the bottom of the hole as flat as possible.
- 2. Set the first level of bricks, pavers or stones around the perimeter. Pour four inches of sand and four inches of gravel into the bottom of the pit. Make a ring of gravel around the outside of the bricks or stones as well.
- 3. Lay the next levels of brick or stone. If you want the fire pit to be a permanent feature in your back yard, use cement or masonry adhesive. But be sure you understand how the adhesive reacts when subjected to high temperatures.
- 4. Use half blocks to create airflow holes on either side of the
- 5. Setting levels of stone without cement or adhesive is called dry stacking and it allows you to move the fire pit to another spot in the yard readily, or to get rid of it completely.

One augmentation involves putting a metal ring in the center of the pit. The metal ring allows you to set a BBQ grill grid on top of the fire pit if you want to use it for cooking as well as warming. Metal rings such as these are available at most home improvement and hardware stores.

There are dozens of different variations on this project depending on what your practical needs and aesthetic desires are.

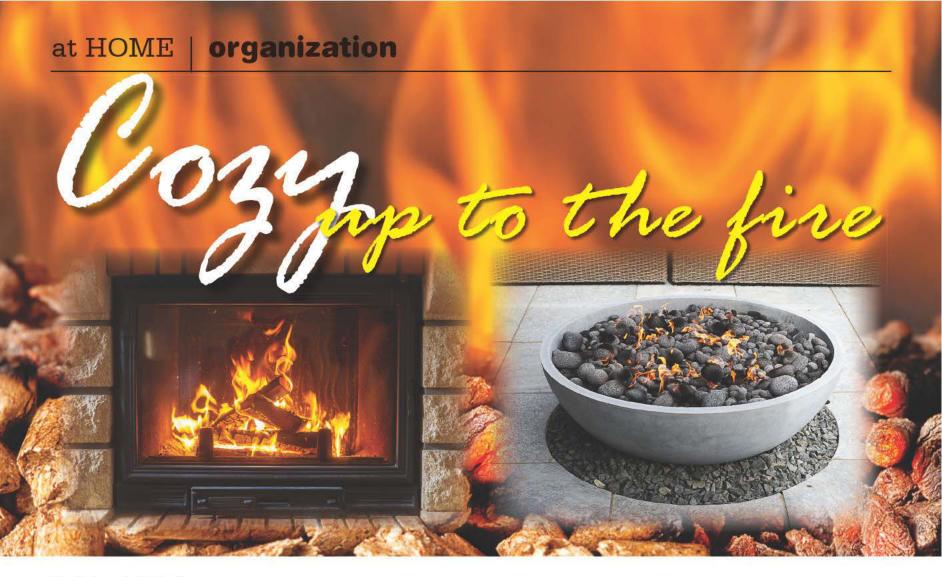
Build the fire pit of your dreams—and enjoy the fun festivities that are so often drawn to cozy flames. 👕

Resources:

Collier's Fireplace Shoppe, Warsaw, 574.269.3393, trustcolliers.com NOB Brick & Fireplace, Fort Wayne, 260.483.2126, nobbrick.com







By Deborah C. Gerbers

Fall is here, and so is the cool, crisp weather! Autumn hikes, leaf piles, and sitting around the fire sipping cider—there is no better time of year than now to enjoy a cozy fire. Whether a classic indoor fireplace, pellet stove or outdoor fire pit in the backyard, there is a style to meet everyone's needs.

There are different benefits to each type of fireplace. A good, old-fashioned wood-burning fireplace uses real wood, giving a crackling sound and cozy warmth that's hard to duplicate with gas logs. There's nothing like the smell of a real fire on chilly nights! Be sure to check your flue for debris, and clean out the ashes from the firebox regularly. A visit from a local fireplace expert is also a good idea to make sure everything is in running order for optimal safety.

If you're interested in less work than a wood-burning fireplace, gas logs are a popular alternative. They are convenient and allow you to take the most advantage of the natural gas piped into your house. There's no wood hauling or need to store wood, and gas fireplaces are easy to operate, often with one switch. Additionally, these fireplaces give off consistent, powerful heat. "People like to upgrade to gas inserts for maximum efficiency," said Joe Collier at Collier's Fireplace Shoppe in Warsaw. "They're easy to use too."

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"We offer both wood-burning and gas log fireplaces, as well as pellet stoves," said Collier. "We also do

outdoor patios, built-ins and fire pits. In the fall people tend to lean toward outdoor fire pits, either tabletop or in-ground. We are finding the square tabletop style to be very popular now."

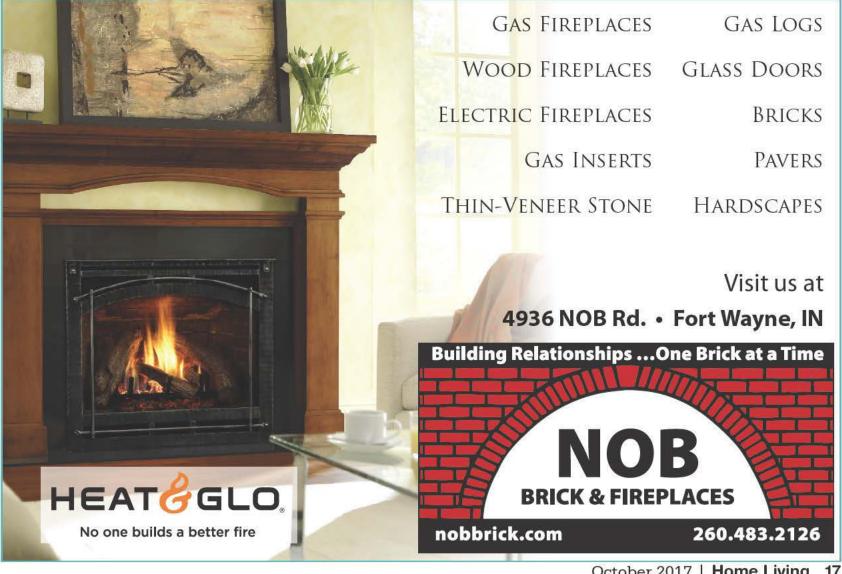
Collier's Fireplace Shoppe employs experienced fireplace contractors who offer multiple fireplace services and carry over 20 burning fireplace displays for installation.

Whichever style of fireplace or fire pit you choose, be sure to consult with the experts to ensure safety and maintenance instructions. Fires are an easy, festive way to enjoy one of the most beautiful times of the year.









Dumpkin Bars

By Sue Rawlinson

The arrival of October means it's (thankfully) time for pumpkin-spiced everything.

So, why not treat your family to this festive pumpkin bar recipe? When baking, its pumpkin scents fill the home with the sweetest aromas of fall—and the bars will fill your family's appetite for a seasonal sweet treat.

This recipe comes from Paula Deen, so you know it'll be delicious for all your little gals, guys and ghouls.

Pumpkin Bars Paula Deen (food.com)

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1 2/3 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda



Icing:

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter or 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 2 cups sifted confectioners sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Using an electric mixer at medium speed, combine the eggs, sugar, oil and pumpkin until light and fluffy.
- 3. Stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and
- 4. Add the dry ingredients to the pumpkin mixture and mix at low speed until thoroughly combined and the batter is smooth.
- 5. Spread the batter into a greased 13- by 10-inch baking pan.
- 6. Bake for 30 minutes.
- 7. Let cool completely before frosting.
- 8. Cut into bars.
- 9. To make the icing: Combine the cream cheese and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth.
- 10. Add the sugar and mix at low speed until combined.
- 11. Stir in the vanilla and mix again.
- 12. Spread on cooled pumpkin bars.

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October Books

By Steve Penhollow

October is a month of snuggling and scares, contemplation and costumes.

Here are two tomes that should help you get ready for Halloween and inspire you to refurbish that book nook.



Easy Pumpkin Carving: Spooktacular Patterns, Tips & Ideas

by Colleen Dorsey

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Where pumpkin carving is concerned, there are several schools of thought. Some carvers believe you should just dive right in and make

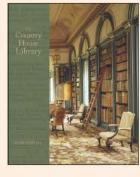
the best of things; others believe in planning.

Colleen Dorsey's new book is for planners and those who aspire to be planners.

She shows easy ways to achieve those stunning jack-o'lantern effects that have been stirring envy in you for far too long, including etched-rather-than-carved pumpkins.

Dorsey also includes a few ideas that may never have occurred to you like displays that involve groups of complementarily decorated pumpkins and pumpkin decorating that involves no etching or carving at all.

The book is chock-full of photos and patterns. It also includes a link to a website where readers can find additional downloadable patterns.



The Country House Library

by Mark Purcell

Yale University Press; \$55.00

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With the weather growing colder, you might just want to cozy up with this book about books.

Mark Purcell is deputy director of Cambridge University Library and he has assembled this exhaustive, photo-filled survey of English and Irish libraries that were designed and constructed inside the homes of wealthy citizens of the United Kingdom.

Purcell claims these libraries were used by their owners for more than decoration and that some of them are quite important repositories of rare books and collections.

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-31 LIGONIER: Pumpkin **Fantasyland**

Pumpkins, gourds and squash create wellknown characters and historical events. Hayrides, mazes, refreshments. Admission charge to some attractions. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, Fashion Farm, 1680 Lincolnway W. 260.894.4498

pumpkinfantasyland.com.

, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 AUBURN: Farmer's Market (through October)

Local vendors sell produce, flowers, herbs, spices, baked goods and other products. Free admission. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, east side of Main Street between 7th and 9th streets. 260.925.3113

daba4auburn.org.

2 , 10, 17, 24, 31 FORT WAYNE: "Little River Ramblers"

Hike and explore the interesting plants and wildlife of Eagle Marsh. Sponsored by Little River Wetlands Project. Free admission. 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Tuesday, Arrowhead Prairie parking lot, 8624 Aboite Road. 260.478.2515 info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.

FORT WAYNE: Achieve-A-Bowl

Fort Wayne Homebuilders Association of Fort Wayne fundraiser in partnership with Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana. \$600 payment or pledges per lane, up to five bowlers, or \$125 per bowler. 5 p.m. Wednesday, Crazy Pinz Entertainment Center, 1414 Northland Blvd. Call Julie or Sarah at 260.484.2543

hbafortwayne.com.

P , 12, 19, 26 DECATUR: Farmer's Market

Eat fresh, buy local. Sponsored by Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

Tri-Kappa Sorority, Decatur Small Business Association, Purdue Extension, Decatur

Parks and Recreation.



Free admission. 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Chamber parking lot, 125 E. Monroe St. 260 724 2604

decaturchamber.org.

WABASH: First Friday: "Oktoberfest"

Live entertainment, artisans, food, kids' activities, shopping, more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown visitwabashcounty.com, wabashmarketplace.org.

NORTH MANCHESTER: Harvest Fest

Family festival with hot apple dumplings. crafts, kids' activities and contests, pumpkins, fall flowers, wagon rides. Free admission. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Market Square, downtown. 260.982.7644 northmanchesterchamber.com.

29 FORT WAYNE: Punkin' Path

Enjoy fall surroundings and stroll a path decorated with pumpkins, gourds, bales of straw, gnomes. Adults \$5, children (3-17) \$3, children (2 and under) free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St. 260.427.6440

botanicalconservatory.org.

FORT WAYNE: "Culinary Crossroads"

Presentations on the cuisine of the immigrants who were part of Indiana's history. Doors open at 9 a.m. for refreshments, artifact display. \$20/person, advance reservations required. 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Historic Sweeney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. 260.747.1229 settlersinc.org.

ROANOKE: A Renaissance in Roanoke

Outdoor juried art festival featuring quality artwork from local and regional artists, kids' activities, demonstrations, entertainment, exhibits, Plein Air paint-out, food. Free admission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Historic Main Street, downtown. 260.341.3326 renaissanceinroanoke.org.

FORT WAYNE: Bus Trip

Trip to Easton Town Mall, Columbus, Ohio. Includes continental breakfast, light supper, beverage. Sponsored by Insurance Professionals of Greater Fort Wayne. 7 a.m. Saturday departure from Meijer outer parking lot, 5909 Illinois Road; 10 p.m. Saturday return. \$55/person

Call Virginia Axson at 260.489.0009 for registration form.

WABASH: "Jersey Boys"

Tony Award-winning musical about Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Warning: Contains smoke, gunshots, strobes, profanity. \$58/\$45/\$35. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102 honeywellcenter.org.



Warsaw: Fall Open House

Check out Collier's Fireplace Shoppe showroom of over 25 working models and talk to fireplace experts. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Collier's Fireplace Shoppe, 2499 E. Winona Ave. 574-269-3393

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FORT WAYNE: Pumpkin Zone

Decorate a mini pumpkin, enjoy games and

activities, learn about pumpkins, search for gnomes.

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botanicalconservatory.org.

FORT WAYNE: Here Come the Mummies

Eight-piece funk-rock band performing as 5,000-year-old Egyptian mummies. Opening act: Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra. \$32/\$22. 8 p.m. Saturday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000

fwembassytheatre.org.

FORT WAYNE: 4th annual Chili

Silent Auction

Chili tasting and snacks, cash

bar. Sponsored by Fort Wayne

Homebuilders

Association.

Reservations required. \$10/person if registered by Oct. 18, \$15 thereafter. 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 3223 Carroll Road. 260,420,2020

hbafortwayne.com.

31 DECATUR: Callithumpian

Halloween celebration with parade, poster

painting, fireworks, food. Admission charge for haunted house and 5K race. Friday through Tuesday, various venues. 260.724.2604

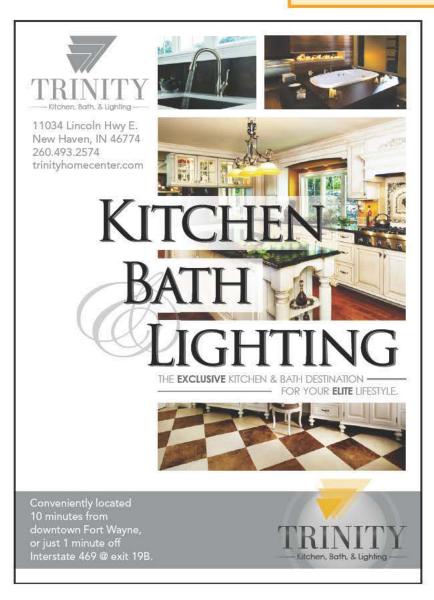
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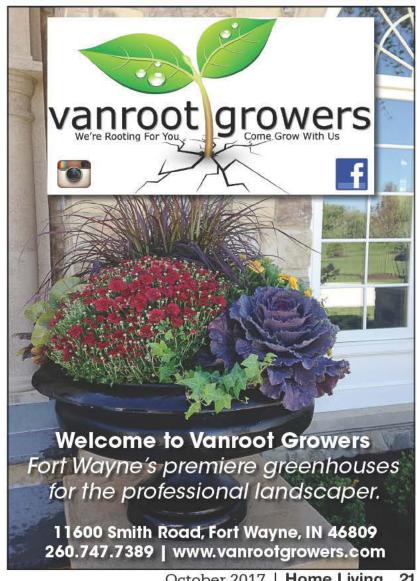
FORT WAYNE: Soup Kitchen Fundraiser

Live music by Chris Worth & Company, dancing, silent and live auctions, cash bar, food, snacks. Costumes encouraged. \$10/ person. 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Mary Mother of God Church, 1101 Lafayette St. Call 260.450.5170 or 260.424.8231 for

tickets.









By Barb Sieminski

Remember the golden, olden days when you awoke on a cold morning, only to have the unpleasant shock of your warm feet touching an ice-cold floor?

No more. With today's radiant heat installed under your floor, you're living in relative luxury. Scott Patton, owner of Indiana Warm Floors, installs the underpinnings for new home radiant floors, heated driveways, patios, farm buildings and snow melt systems.

Asked what a price range for residential heated floors would be for homeowners, Patton offered an average, "ball-park figure of \$7 to \$12 per square foot.

"The system can be installed as a primary heat system or as a floor warming system," said Patton, "and we have many products like peel-and-stick mats. Also, if a furnace is already present in the home when the heated floor is installed, the furnace would only need to be used as a backup in the event of a rapid change in weather conditions, since the heated floor would then be the new primary heat system."

What other options exist for homeowners seeking toasty toes?

Look into multi-functional temperature regulators, including smart thermostats, programmable thermostats and non-programmable thermostats; there are stainless steel ones with built-in Wi-Fi, and also learning thermostats. The difference between programmable ones and non-programmable ones is that a programmable one will automatically set back the temperature in your home based upon a predetermined schedule, while a non-programmable one stays at the same temperature 24/7.

Radiant heat provides more green living than a furnace, with lower maintenance costs. Some reasons why this newer type of heat is more efficient than a furnace:

Resources:

Indiana Warm Floors, Fort Wayne, 260.668.8836, www.indianawarmfloors.com

Momper Insulation, Fort Wayne, 888.330.7453 or 260-432-7543, www.momper.com

Wayne Kitchen & Bath, Fort Wayne, 260.423.9577, www.waynepipe.com



• Furnaces are sometimes noisy; you're aware of them. Radiant heat in contrast operates in complete silence.

inhabit rather than drifting ceiling-ward.

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- The air quality is superb with radiant heat. For allergy sufferers, this is a huge benefit. Imagine not having to inhale as much dust all winter.
- Furnaces are not necessarily energy-efficient; radiant heat saves not only energy but also heating costs once installed and this will reflect on your monthly bills.

If you have a furnace, the following tips may be helpful in maintaining it.

- Have a professional check the furnace at the beginning of the heating season.
- Before performing any maintenance, shut off the electric power and fuel supply. The location of both should be noted in case of a future leak or fire.
- The furnace filter should be replaced or cleaned at the beginning of winter and monthly during periods of continuous use.
- Clean the vents, both inside and outside.
- Clean the pilot light, making sure the thermostat and gas flow are shut off first. Use a small wire brush to clean the gas release hole for the furnace pilot light. Afterwards, blow compressed air after using the brush to wick away the dirt.





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Joe Collier Collier's Fireplace Shoppe, Warsaw

stoves.

By Cathy Shouse

eople typically think about heating and air conditioning only when they absolutely have to. Then there's Joe Collier, who has spent a lifetime in the business. In the late '80s, Collier and Ken Diekhoff purchased the Lennox dealership in Warsaw. Now in their 30th year, the operation has grown and expanded along the way, and added co-owners and more services. These days, there are 25 employees who stand behind their 24-hour, seven days a week service guarantee, and work with state-of-the-art solar and geothermal energy



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ing fireplaces available, in addition to barbecue grills and

up-front flat pricing. Technicians are NATE-certified. They're members of the Better Business Bureau, among other associations and qualifications. Habitat for Humanity is one local benefactor of volunteer hours and donations.

systems. Plus, they offer the most beautiful gas and wood-burn-

How is Collier's continuing to adapt to the market?

Collier's is still growing after 30 years. Co-founder Ken Diekhoff recently retired, and we've added on longtime employees Kevin Lehman and Chuck Ault as new partners. After 30 years, we're more committed than ever to our business philosophy: "to ensure the customer is satisfied with every job."

What is your secret to employees who stay over the long haul?

My philosophy is pretty laid back. Get the right people in the right job and let them do what they do best. We have our own training room and have training meetings twice a week for our service and installation techs. It's important to share experience and also what's new with technology and within the industry.

Tell us about the Fireplace Shoppe. What are some of today's popular choices and what might people be interested to know?

The Fireplace Shoppe showroom has been open for over 20 years, and we have 25 working models ranging from traditional wood stoves, gas fireplace inserts, firepits and grills. We stand apart from other dealers in that we offer full service on wood and gas hearth and recreation units, we install and we have financing available. We will be having a Fireplace Open House on Thursday, Oct. 19, all day until 8 p.m., and Saturday Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. We will have fireplace experts on hand to answer questions. There will be demonstrations and refreshments.

So what do you do to relax and get away?

I live on Tippy Lake, so I love fishing, boating and kayaking with my wife. We have an eighteen-month-old granddaughter, and I love spending time with my family. I enjoy outdoor wilderness travel and hiking. I just got back from Glacier Park in Montana, hiking and backpacking. That was my third trip. We spend a few weeks in Florida in the winter. My wife and I entertain the extended family at all the holidays. I enjoy dirt track races. Also, I'm a huge Indy car fan. I've attended the last 44 Indy 500 races!



Collier's Fireplace Shoppe, Warsaw, 574.269.3393, Trustcolliers.com







Collier's Fireplace Shoppe is your one-stop home for the latest in home hearth and outdoor living innovation.

Join us for our fall Open House on Thursday, October 19th, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 2499 E. Winona, Warsaw to check out our showroom of over 25 working models and talk to Collier's team of fireplace experts.



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Moving in a Month:

- 1. Contact your utility companies. Arrange a date to have services disconnected. Select a date after you're scheduled to move out—just to ensure you have utilities all day on move day.
- 2. Book a moving truck. That is, if you haven't done so already. Experts suggest making these arrangements closer to 8 weeks before the big move, but if this detail isn't handled one month out, make it a priority.
- 3. Arrange travel details. And make sure they're all good to go. Determine how pets will be moved, who will go in which vehicle and decide which items you'll be moving in your own vehicles. Do a test run to make sure it all fits.
- 4. If you're moving little Cindy's backyard playset, begin disassembling now. These can be complex to take apart—and time-consuming. Start it now, so all the pieces are ready when the movers come. Cindy might not like it now, but she'll be glad after move-in.
- 5. Update publication subscriptions with your new address. Also, complete a change of address form with the government. You set the effective date and it's best to get this arranged now.
- 6. Pack, purge and keep on packing. Moving an entire household is a huge undertaking. Be diligent about packing. Procrastinating this can lead to a sloppy (thus items can be damaged), unorganized (thus items get lost) move.

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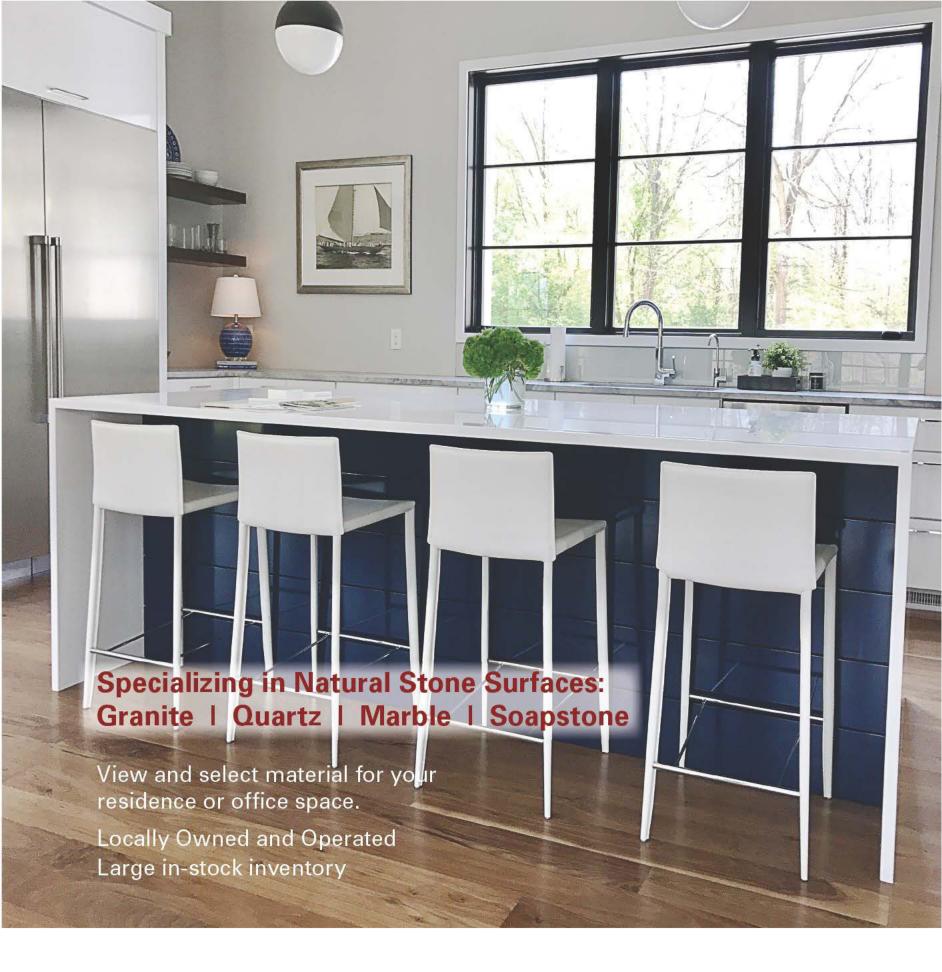
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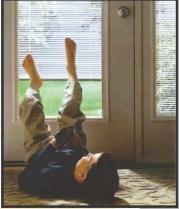


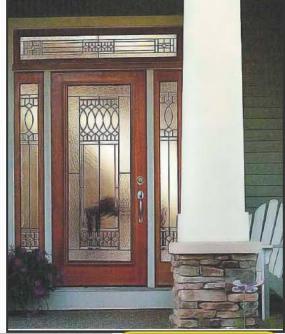
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