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# welcome!



Sue Rawlinson

## Ah, the season of thankfulness. My fave.

It's time for snuggly sweaters, cozy throws and hands wrapped around mugs of java to warm us from the inside-out. And better yet? It's this month's holiday that forces introspection. It shoves out negativity and says, 'Hey sister ... look at all these great people who share your name and bloodline!'

## And, all in all? That's pretty cool.

It's when temps drop, fireplaces set to cozy blazes and homes across this amazing country are filled with the wafting scents of baked turkey. It's the settings and scents that make even the toughest of hearts swell with gratitude.

We reunite with family we haven't seen in a while, we reminisce, and we evaluate where we are. Right now. This moment.

We like what we see, or we forge forward with plans to improve. Both are great mindsets for the month of November.

That's why we thought this issue of HOME should reflect family and thankfulness. See our Home Room story that's all about putting the family back in the family room. Check out our features on how to create the ideal fall décor for your Thanksgiving table and see some great ideas on setting up the guest room to make it clean, comfortable and considerate for all your holiday visitors.

Find a sweet potato pie recipe, learn about the great (and gorgeous!) counter-top options available today and learn a bit about the right vino for your familial gathering and holiday gifting.

HOME Living is thankful to help you celebrate this wonderful month of November.

Enjoy this warm-at-heart month—and enjoy this issue within your hands. We made it just for you. 🍁





# Cardinal Red + Pineapple

By Sue Rawlinson

Photos by HOME Team

Combining two vivid hues like cardinal red and the bright yellow of pineapple make for a bold Thanksgiving season color palette that's both festive and cheerful. Consider the duo a nod to the favored holiday of gratefulness, with its celebration of nature's colors and a thankful spirit that says, "Come on in; stay a while."

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



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# Indian Summer Alstroemeria

By Erin Dozois

Otherwise known as the Peruvian lily, these exotic-looking perennials set flowerbeds ablaze with shocks of fiery color. The alstroemeria is an ideal border plant, blooming from early summer to the end of autumn and coordinating nicely with every season's flora. It also performs well in containers and cutting gardens, and is a favorite among butterflies and other desirable pollinators.



**Name:** Alstroemeriaceae or Peruvian lily (Alstroemeriaceae family)

**Fun Fact:** Alstroemeria is one of few flowers that have no aroma

**Known for:** Freckled or burgundy-streaked blossoms in a variety of warm colors

**Why We Love It:** These hardy perennials bloom year-round and have an exceptionally long vase-life, making them a florist's go-to for cold-weather bouquets and arrangements



## Selecting and Planting

### From potted plants:

- For best results in outdoor planting, start with container-grown alstroemeria—bare root tubers often fail to thrive.
- Choose an area receiving full or partial sun and shelter from strong winds. Soil should be fertile, free draining and slightly acidic.
- Plant tubers 8 inches deep in late summer or early fall.
- Add a slow-release, high-potash fertilizer each week during the growing season.
- While drought tolerant, alstroemeria should be watered in dry periods to encourage further flowering.

### From seed:

- Beginning in autumn, collect seeds from mature plant pods.
- Store pods in a sealed paper bag until they've exploded.
- Sow seeds into 3-inch pots, adding in vermiculite and peat-free seed compost.
- Cover the pots with cling wrap or plastic bags to maintain humidity.
- Store at 68 degrees Fahrenheit for three weeks, and then place in a cold frame or greenhouse at 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Plant in clumps, taking care not to damage the fragile roots by separating the seedlings.
- Flowering will occur in 2-3 years from seed.

*Note: Handle Alstroemeria with gloves—its sap may trigger skin allergies and overall irritation.*

## After the Bloom

- Apply stakes to potted plants if necessary.
- Instead of cutting, pull stems from the base to promote new blooms.
- Deadhead spent flowers to prevent overgrowth by self-seeding.
- Apply up to 8 inches of mulch to outside alstroemeria in anticipation of winter. Repeat for the first two years of growth, or until the lily's roots are well established.
- Bring potted Alstroemeria indoors and store in a cool basement until spring, watering infrequently.
- Propagate by division in fall or very early spring. The roots will be fragile so handle with care and replant immediately. 🏠

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# Classy Countertops:

## This Year's Best Trends

*By Shannon Rooney*

*Are your countertops due for an upgrade? Maybe yours have scratch marks, stains or are simply sporting an outdated style. If so, there are a variety of colors and materials from which to choose. Your questions may be broader than "butcher block or quartz?" however, and replacing your countertop may have you rethinking your whole counter configuration. If you're in the market for a fresh new look, we're here to help you sort through the options—and this year's best trends.*



### Material World

"White and gray in both bathroom and kitchen [and] clean simple lines," are popular according to Mark Sorg, owner of Classic Marble and Stone in Hoagland. Granite countertops have been popular with his customers, as has a slightly more budget-friendly choice: quartz. Quartz countertops are manmade and come in a variety of colors, much like natural granite, but homeowners appreciate their style and durability at a more affordable price.

Another trend, the slate countertop, is a popular choice for kitchens. This material is, of course, slate-colored and can easily fit into a contemporary design

scheme. Homeowners like slate for its durability and non-porous surface. If you do consider this option, be sure to have the corners of your countertop rounded by a professional as the finish is often rough and edges can be sharp.

Concrete is another popular choice for a natural stone look. It can be custom poured to thickness and color options range from white to pewter. And if natural is your preferred look, consider the tried and true butcher block. Most butcher block countertops come in natural tones and are made from a sturdy wood like maple. They can also be stained darker and sealed for protection against water.



### Cut and Color

Many of Sorg's customers favor an un-fussy look in both bathroom and kitchen. Countertops have clean lines rather than fancy edges. And he's been seeing "more of the waterfall style" countertop. These countertops, which flow down over the sides of lower cabinets, are chosen purely for style. They add a sleek element to any style kitchen with the added benefit of hiding storage or appliances.

Recent trends in kitchen decor range from natural neutrals, oak, petrol-green and charcoal (with black accents) to sage, to bolder choices such as indigo blue or dark tonal color schemes. Natural stone-look countertops and plain white or gray mesh well with these color trends.

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## Real Rustic

Farmhouse style is here to stay and, in fact, this casual vintage style continues to inspire home trends. That includes your kitchen and bathroom counters, which are opportunities for fun rehab projects. If you want to create a vintage feel in the bathroom, without skimping on amenities of course, consider restyling an old dresser as a vanity and installing a vessel sink.

To help create a rustic vibe in the kitchen, stick to solid colors. Darker stained butcher block countertops and even sleek slate can provide a unique contrast with lighter painted wood cabinets. With a few added accessories, such as an apron sink and trendy brass fixtures, you'll easily achieve that coveted farmhouse look. 🏠

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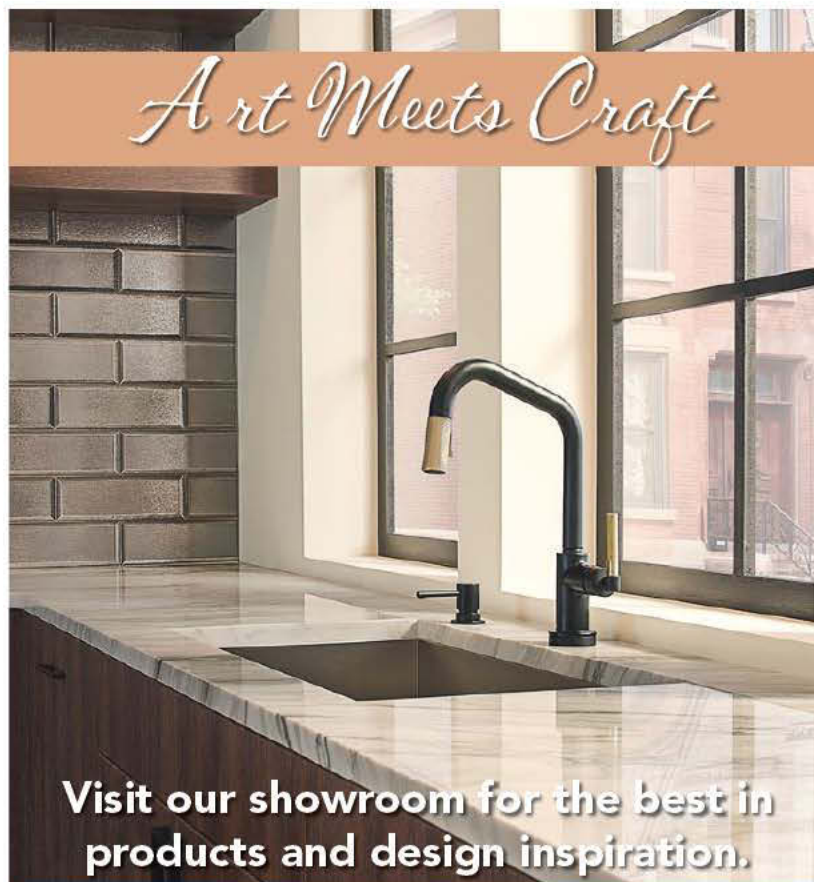
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# Love This Look?





*Love this look? Good.*

*We'll share how designer Kelley Glaze with Kelley J. Interiors pulled it together.*

*It's time to put the family back in the family room, don't you agree?*

*That's exactly the vision achieved at the home of Shannon and Chris Tippmann. With five busy children, and busy lives of their own, this rustic modern family room with attached game room beautifully brings the whole clan together. Right where they belong.*

*Take a close look at this beautiful room, created by interior designer Kelley Glaze with Kelley J. Interiors. Putting the family back in the family room? Glaze set the stage to fulfill this aspiration — and just in time for Thanksgiving. **That's a lot to be thankful for.***



This granite from F&M Tile was selected to pull the copper tones out of the lights and the beautiful accents on the cabinetry. Copper is hot right now in interior décor — and it's reflected in the backsplash, on the cabinet doors — and every glass in the cabinetry is copper.



This family room intentionally has multiple seating areas, with the family sofa conversational space, the bar, bar stools and a great, quaint spot for martinis. The furnishings from Habegger Furniture add function and beauty to the space. The adjoining room is a game room — perfect for gathering a large family.



There is a television over the bar where kids can have their afternoon snack and the adjoining game room will soon house a pool table, large sectional, huge television and a pub table.



The 'coffee talk' martini bar area can take you from morning chats over coffee with your girlfriends to martinis at night with your husband.

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These gorgeous cabinets reflect old elegance with their four-step finish, custom completed by Woodwork Enhancing by Delagrange.



The custom art Shannon fell in love with was created custom for placement above the fireplace.



All the stone on the fireplace and bar pulled together the same stone. It makes for a grand display of the cabinetry-fireplace wall! 🏠

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# Thanksgiving Tablescapes:

## It's all about the details

By Lauren Caggiano

*As we prepare to gather around the Thanksgiving table with friends and family from near and far, don't forget about adding those special seasonal touches. Fall 2017 is all about evoking natural elements—and it's easier than you might think. Keep it simple this season with pops of color, playful patterns and nature-inspired decor. We'll show you tips and tricks to make a modern Thanksgiving tablescape with plenty of festive touches.*

**First thing's first.** What's a Thanksgiving meal without an actual table? According to Amy Beougher of Bernhaus Furniture in Berne, "any style can be worked into a Thanksgiving themed décor. However, wide (and long) tables do welcome great possibilities for themed décor," she said. "When space is at a premium, add color underneath place settings by using fabric or ribbon." Similarly, Jenny Sanborn with Sanborn's said a dining table that extends with either a butterfly leaf or extension leaf is ideal. Dining benches are also a great option to accommodate children.

Once you have that foundation, you can begin to curate your look. Consider the existing décor in the room. Simple or minimalist décor can be reflected with a table setting of similar style or it can accommodate something a touch bolder—without drowning out the room. You might consider picking a theme. Rustic and farmhouse themes are still hot now and work well with the fall aesthetic.

From here it's all about the details. Consider the guest list first and foremost. If company is adults only, then you don't have to worry as much about fragile or delicate décor. Heidi Anderson of Dogwoods Home Décor recommends starting with a table runner and using that as a central design element. Offering



both form and function, a table runner can "create a focal point," she said. Votives, standard candles and short vases make for great supporting accents. Just make sure nothing obstructs vision so your guests can see each other. Sunflowers, gourds, pumpkins and other seasonal plants can add a nice touch as well.

Flowers can make even the most dreary of fall days a little more cheery. Jim Brubaker of Jim Brubaker Designs said protea flowers are a nice alternative to the standard fall mum. Gourds, fruits and vegetables like artichokes can give your table centerpiece an "earthy and harvest-y feel," he said. Whatever you do, follow the rule of three, Anderson said. That means limit your decor to three items. Remember, less is more—and that applies to home décor.

Beougher says it's all about standing out in a good way this fall. "Whether in pops of color, contrasting textures, high contrast or large-scale elements, bold is in." She recommends vases full of bare twigs, cattails or sheaves of wheat, which showcase autumn's bounty. Don't be afraid to add a personal touch.

"We're talking about mixed media objects found and given as gifts, be it wood, bone, porcelain, old toys – you get the picture," she said.

The food seems to taste even better when it's enjoyed around a beautifully set table. Just add the company and the memories will follow. 🏠

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# Vine Storage... and getting uncorked

By Steve Penhollow

*The approach of Thanksgiving and Christmas means that people are starting to think about wine. People think about wine all year, of course, but they think about it in different ways when these holidays are looming.*

*At this time of year, they start thinking about entertaining with wine, giving wine as gifts and storing the wine they know they will be gifted.*



## Wine Pairings

Most articles about wine pairings will tell you that white wine goes with white meat and red wine goes with red meat.

But Jason Satek of Satek Winery in Fremont has some different notions about wine pairings.

First of all, he says, people generally drink what they like, regardless of what they are eating.

Dedicated red wine drinkers don't necessarily switch to white because chicken is on the menu.

If you're having guests over, Satek said, find out what wine they like beforehand.

"What was the last wine they offered you?" he said.



## Gifting Wine (yes, please)

This advice applies to gifting wine to friends, coworkers and supervisors as well, Satek said.

It often happens that people come into the winery to buy a gift for someone without having any idea what wine the intended recipient likes, he said.

Wine is never a bad gift, of course, even when it's the wrong wine.

"I always joke, 'Well, you're giving them free wine and wine re-gifts amazingly,'" Satek said.

When gift shopping for wine, do a little research, he said. Don't be afraid to ask friends and spouses of the intended recipient for suggestions.



## Party On

Another strategy for wine pairing is to have a wine pairing party, Satek said.

Ask each guest to bring a bottle and have everyone in attendance decide which wine goes best with the food being served.

A host can also take a home-run approach: Try to cover as many bases as possible by purchasing a wine or wines that everyone seems to like. Sangria, for example.

Satek said his winery puts out a blueberry wine every fall that is not nearly as sweet as some people assume and seems to be a comprehensive crowd pleaser.

"We ferment it in the skin so it has a lot of complexity," he said.

Satek's apple wines, Autumn Classic and Manzana, also seem to be broadly appealing.



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## Storing Wine

For advice on storing wines, Steve Enright of Bob Buescher Homes is a good guy to go to.

He said wine cellars, wine rooms and other wine storage areas have become popular home improvement projects in recent years.

Designing and building these spaces is a unique process because the wines' needs are almost more important than those of the homeowners.

"Temperature, humidity, lighting and bottle positioning are all important factors when designing a functional cellar," he said.

"For those reasons, an inside room of the basement is an ideal room to start with. Then it's all about style and design."

The scope of the projects that Enright has encountered run the gamut, he said.

"We have worked on everything from reach-in, closet-size cellars to two-story, walk-in cellars," he said. "From cellars storing 30 bottles to cellars storing hundreds of bottles."

One such project that Bob Buescher Homes completed was featured in a magazine spread.

"That wine cellar featured hundreds of bottles, a rolling wood ladder to access the upper level bottles and custom cabinets and shelving."

Enright said the larger cellars feature "tasting and corking stations."

"In addition to the taste, of course, a finely designed cellar is all about the wine experience," he said.

Of course, successful wine storage doesn't have to be an expensive proposition.

Enright said under-counter wine coolers, which run anywhere from \$300 to \$1,300, are extremely popular.

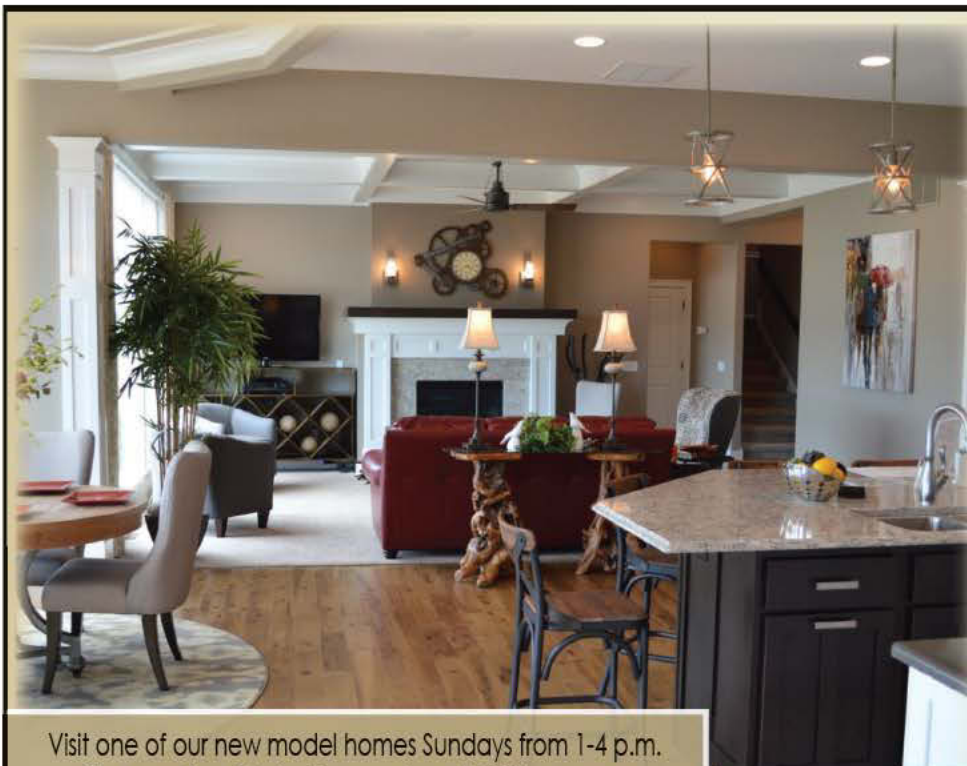
"If you don't have a cooler, it's best to find a temperate, dark area," he said, "preferably in the lower level if possible. Lay bottles on their side to protect the cork from drying out."

Regardless of your taste, there's a wine variety and storage solution for you. Cheers! 🍷

## Resources:

**Bob Buescher Homes**, Fort Wayne, 260.490.3355, [bobbuescherhomes.com](http://bobbuescherhomes.com)

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# Checklist for November

By Erin Dozois

November's here at last, bringing with it shorter days, warmer, cozier nights and all things pumpkin-flavored. November also means a ton of yard and prep work for next year's growing seasons. As daunting as that may seem, we, as gardeners, can be thankful for the end of blazing hot temperatures, droughts and pests.

## What to Plant

- ☐ Spring bulbs (tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums)
- ☐ Magnolia trees
- ☐ Bare-foot roses
- ☐ Heathers, oriental grasses, trailing ivy
- ☐ Pansies, violas, primulas
- ☐ Autumn garlic
- ☐ Mushrooms
- ☐ Currant bushes
- ☐ Raspberry canes

## What to Harvest

- ☐ Holly
- ☐ Cranberries
- ☐ Apples
- ☐ Carrots
- ☐ Kale, collard and turnip greens

## Tasks

- ☐ Spread fresh manure across the surface of vegetable beds to rot down over the winter.
- ☐ Bring houseplants indoors.
- ☐ Aerate the lawn before winter sets in.
- ☐ Continue to clear and mulch fallen leaves.
- ☐ Clean and winterize garden fountain pumps.
- ☐ Store patio furniture.
- ☐ Fall canning.
- ☐ Set lawn mower to a higher cut height.
- ☐ Edge the lawn once beds are clear.
- ☐ Prepare a bonfire with leftover twigs.
- ☐ Net ponds to keep leaves from falling into them.



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# The Ultimate Guest Room

## Making it clean, comfortable + considerate

By Cathy Shouse

A properly planned guest room serves as an oasis. Putting some thought into the ambience you wish to create will go a long way. Whether you're aiming for a lacey, Victorian feel with floral patterns and bows or a modern, minimalist vibe, our experts weighed in with some advice.

"I think the key pieces are a chest of drawers, a nightstand and an accent chair," said Jenny Sanborn, co-owner and sales consultant at Sanborn's For Your Home. "An accent chair adds color and makes the room more warm and inviting. Don't clutter it up with furniture, and remember to clear out some closet space."

Jessie Wallis, sales person at Trinity Kitchen, Bath & Lighting, said to ditch the recessed lighting idea. "You don't want to have a harsh, cold light. You to want to have warm light," she said.

The usual items should be in good supply, such as extra toilet paper, a spare toothbrush and toothpaste, an iron and a hairdryer. But here's the ultimate in guest room possibilities.



1  
A journal and nice pen, for jotting down memories of the journey.



3  
A scented candle with the necessary matches. (Try the 19-oz. Chesapeake Bay Candle by HomeCents in Autumn Leaves.)



5  
Play it safe with a queen-size Therapedic innerspring mattress & foundation (features a pillow top with memory foam and cooling gel for \$599 at Sanborn's).



2  
A plush robe or two for the times in between shower and bedtime.



4  
Visitors may appreciate a sweet chocolate treat left on their pillow. (Sleuth ahead, whether Hershey's or Ghirardelli's is preferred.)



6  
A basket with some stationery and/or local postcards and stamps will encourage guests to stay in touch with home.

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### Resources:

Sanborn's For Your Home, Angola, 260.665.9799, [sanbornsforyourhome.com](http://sanbornsforyourhome.com)

Trinity Kitchen, Bath & Lighting, New Haven, 260.493.2574, [trinityhomecenter.com](http://trinityhomecenter.com)



Luxury is the ability to control the lighting while cozy in bed. Invest in an LED reading lamp on an arm that swings left and right, with a light that adjusts fully down to dimness. (Koncept AR3000-DC-MBK-DSK, \$330 at Trinity's).



Circulate some air in the room with an overhead fan. (Kichler 330174OZ for \$238 at Trinity's.)



Whether travelers have crossed time zones or only a few miles, a snugly throw and extra pillows are required.



A magnifying mirror attached to the wall in the bathroom is a must-have for applying make-up with travel-worn eyes. (\$475 for an LED mirror hardwired to the wall at Trinity's.)



Toss out some coloring books and crayons for relaxing.

These items will ensure your visitors come back again soon. They may even be tempted to stay longer. 🏠

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# Sweet Potato Pie

By Sue Rawlinson

No Thanksgiving dinner would be entirely complete without turkey, stuffing, amazing gravy — and scrumptious sweet potato pie. And it's easier than you might think.

So give this festive, colorful tradition a try at your Thanksgiving table. Your family will be even more thankful for wonderful you.

## Sweet Potato Pie

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### Ingredients:

- 1, 1-pound sweet potato
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

### Directions:

1. Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.
2. Break apart sweet potato in a bowl. Add butter, and mix well with mixer. Stir in sugar, milk, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until mixture is smooth. Pour filling into an unbaked pie crust.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Pie will puff up like a souffle, and then will sink down as it cools. 🏠



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## November Books

By Steve Penhollow

Here are three new books that will help you get ready for, and take a breather from, Thanksgiving.



### Lomelino's Pies: A Sweet Celebration of Pies, Galettes, and Tarts

by Linda Lomelino

Roost Book; \$26

ISBN-10: 1611804566;

ISBN-13: 978-1611804560

Swedish pastry chef and food photographer Linda Lomelino has been successfully and lucratively blogging since way back in 2009. Lomelino's usual milieu is cakes and cupcakes, but she has branched out here into pies, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas, two pie-heavy holidays.

"Lomelino's Pies: A Sweet Celebration of Pies, Galettes, and Tarts" features recipes for, and sumptuous photographs of, pies and pie-like desserts.

Lomelino goes into the nitty gritty of pie making here. She provides tips for making the perfect pie dough, glazes and decorative tops.



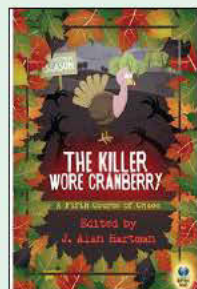
### America's Test Kitchen Thanksgiving Playbook: 25+ Recipes for Your Holiday Table

by America's Test Kitchen

Penguin Random House Publisher Services; \$7.99

America's Test Kitchen, the long-running PBS program, is releasing for the holidays an eBook comprised of 25 foolproof Thanksgiving recipes. We know the recipes are foolproof because they have been thoroughly vetted in a test kitchen facility at the Innovation and Design Building in Boston, Mass.

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### The Killer Wore Cranberry: A Fifth Course of Chaos

by J. Alan Hartman, Barbara Metzger, Arthur Carey, Earl Staggs and others

Untreed Reads; \$27.16

ASIN: B0762CCQLT

Literary niches don't get much more specialized than the one "The Killer Wore Cranberry: A Fifth Course of Chaos" occupies.

Is there really a market for Thanksgiving-themed mysteries? The answer is, "Yes, a robust one."

This latest book is the fifth in the "Killer Wore Cranberry" series. The conceit here is that participating authors, many of them well known, are tasked with the challenge of coming up with mystery stories that are tied in to the beloved late November holiday.

The reading is light. You will find no grim police procedurals here. It provides a perfect break from the stresses of the holidays. 🍁





By Ray Balogh

## 2 FORT WAYNE: Designer Showcase and Holiday Shop

Be inspired by our talented team of designers for the holidays, while supporting a great local cause. 100 percent of ticket proceeds and 10 percent of all sales donated to Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Center. \$50/\$25. 5:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Thursday. Regular Holiday Shop hours, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, begin Monday, Nov. 6, Bruce Ewing Studio, 124 N. Thomas Road. **260.432.2785.**

## 2 FORT WAYNE: Holiday Open House

Beautiful holiday decor and gifts, Stonewall Kitchen tastings, festive drinks, India Hicks and Beauty Counter trunk show. Free admission. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Dogwoods, 9805 Illinois Road. **260.459.2110** **dogwooddecor.com.**



## 3 AUBURN: First Friday

Late night shopping, live entertainment, local culinary delights, locally crafted beverages, more. Free admission. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Friday, downtown. **260.333.0883.**

## 3 WABASH: Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

The troupe's 25th anniversary tour features world class Russian artists as large as life puppets and nesting dolls. \$80/\$60/\$48/\$30. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. **260.563.1102** **honeywellcenter.org.**



## 4 AVILLA: Christmas Bazaar

Craft and product vendors, tables of baked goods, locally grown and canned produce from congregation members, Christmas area, children's corner. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, luncheon served from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 113 W. Albion St. **260.897.2071** **immanuelutheranavilla.com.**

## 4 BERNE: 39th Annual Swiss Heritage Holiday Bazaar

More than 100 crafters. Professional photographer on site for holiday portraits. Food and apple dumplings available for lunch. \$2. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, South Adams School Complex, 1012 Starfire Way. **260.589.8007** **swissheritage.org.**

## 4 FORT WAYNE: Open House

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## 4 WARSAW: Artisan Holiday Boutique

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## 5 DECATUR: Flea Market

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## 5 FORT WAYNE: Mather Sunday Lecture Series

"Walking Backwards: Fort Wayne's Colonial French Past and the Writing of History," presented by Dr. Timothy L. Wilkerson. Free admission. 2 p.m. Sunday, The History Center, 302 E. Berry St. **260.426.2882** **fwhistorycenter.com.**

## 6 WABASH: Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus

Two ensembles join to present orchestral masterworks, operatic arias, Sousa marches, jazz classics and Broadway musicals. Free admission, general admission seating. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. **260.563.1102** **honeywellcenter.org.**

## 7, 14, 21, 28 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.**

## 9, 10 FORT WAYNE: Gabriel Iglesias

Comedian's high-octane show includes storytelling, parodies, characters and sound effects. No children under 7 allowed. \$73/\$53/\$38 Thursday, \$80/\$55/\$45 Friday. 8 p.m. each night, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. **800.745.3000** **fwembassytheatre.org.**

## 12, 13 WABASH: Cirque Dreams Holiday

Circus-like stage spectacular features more than 300 costumes, 20 acts, 30 artists, ornaments, acrobatics celebrating holiday themes, music and traditions. \$45/\$35/\$20. 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. **260.563.1102** **honeywellcenter.org.**

## 15 FORT WAYNE: Elf the Musical

Musical version of the hilarious and endearing movie about Buddy the elf. \$65/\$50/\$35. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. **800.745.3000** **fwembassytheatre.org.**



## 18 FORT WAYNE: "Fall Birding 101"

Discover the many birds that either migrate south or call the local area home all winter. 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Saturday. Meet at Eagle Marsh trailhead, 6801 Engle Road. **260.478.2515** **info@lrwp.org, lrwp.org.**

## 22-29 Fort Wayne: Festival of Trees

Lobbies of the Embassy Theatre and Indiana Hotel are transformed into a wonderland of Christmas trees under the theme of "Silver Bells." This year marks the festival's 33rd celebration and will feature many special events, including the screening of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" on Thanksgiving evening. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 youth ages 4-12 and children 3 and under are free. **www.fwembassytheatre.org**

## 24 WABASH: Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

Grammy Award winner Chip Davis' Christmas music show with dazzling multimedia effects. \$65/\$52/\$38. 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. **260.563.1102** **honeywellcenter.org.**





## 24 -Dec. 10 FORT WAYNE: **Festival of Gingerbread**

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[fwhistorycenter.com](http://fwhistorycenter.com).

## 25 -26 FORT WAYNE: **Christmas in the Park**

"Streets of Bethlehem" exhibit and other displays, children's activity tent, petting zoo, stage presentations, concert. Free admission, parking and refreshments. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd. 260.447.9437

[christchildfest.org](http://christchildfest.org).

## 27 -Dec. 2 Monroe: **Open House**

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## 29 FORT WAYNE: **Trans-Siberian Orchestra: "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve"**

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## 30 FORT WAYNE: **Straight No Chaser**

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# Todd Hoy

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### What do you regard as NOB's greatest asset?

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### What would you consider the perfect yard as outfitted by NOB?

It would include a paved brick patio with a fire pit and outdoor fireplace to gather around and an outdoor kitchen area to prepare for those gathering. Also, a water feature that flows through landscaping stones to provide that peaceful sound, and plenty of knee walls with



retaining blocks to rest on while having conversation. (It would be) finished off with a beautiful gazebo to help shade the hot sun.

### Your greatest achievement at NOB?

My proudest success would be accumulating relationships with so many builders, interior designers, masons and architects who have been loyal customers for more than 20 years. Also, helping design NOB's fireplace showroom and outdoor landscaping display and being instrumental in the start of NOB's fireplace installation program.

### What would surprise people about you?

I have lived, breathed and loved hockey for more than 40 years. I played when I was young and my sons started to skate when they learned to walk. They have played travel hockey at the junior level

and even became professional referees. We spent long hours in the car driving to and from rinks in several states. I also love being outdoors, working in my 16 acres of woods that happens to be a tree farm—there's ALWAYS something to do!

### Is there a cause dear to your heart?

Yes, it's being a supporter of youth hockey, or sports in general—and volunteering to help several teams over 30 years as I feel it is very important for kids to stay involved in community activities and socialize with their peers. We need to keep them off the couch away from those violent video games.

### Are there any words by which you try to live your life?

**One rule:** Treat others as I would want to be treated and to do a minimum of one good deed every day. 🏠

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## Moving During the Holidays

No need to ruin festive family cheer when moving during the holidays!

**1. Plan ahead.** Packing can be done before Thanksgiving—and it'll still be there after the turkey has digested. Don't sweat it. Enjoy your holiday.

**2. Have a Plan B.** If your move happens quickly or unexpectedly, it will still come with a deadline. So, determine your Plan B. If you wind up too far away to attend Aunt Gina's annual feast, it's okay. Find suitable housing for yourself during the holidays, be it a short-term rental or corporate housing.

**3. If moving just before Thanksgiving, be smart with your packing.** Have boxes designated for Thanksgiving décor and dishware. It'll help prioritize—and less stress? Yes, please.

**4. Have little children around before or right after your move on/around Thanksgiving? Great!** Toss 'em some crayons to decorate the moving boxes.

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# Festival of Trees returns to Embassy

## adds "White Christmas" on Thanksgiving

By John Hughey

*Festival of Trees is one of the region's most anticipated holiday traditions. This year, the festival adds a special Thanksgiving Day screening of the classic holiday movie "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney.*

This year's Festival of Trees takes place Nov. 22-29. Lobbies of the Embassy Theatre and Indiana Hotel are transformed into a wonderland of Christmas trees under the theme of "Silver Bells." This year marks the festival's 33rd celebration.

Guests will tour the theater as they view 50+ decorated trees and animated holiday windows. Admission includes a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, festive entertainment on the theater stage, including performances featuring the Grande Page pipe organ.

Visit [www.fwembassytheatre.org](http://www.fwembassytheatre.org) for a complete lineup of activities.

Founded in 1984, the Festival of Trees supports ongoing operational and restoration efforts for the Embassy Theatre Foundation. The festival is the organization's largest annual fundraising event.

Tickets are \$8/adult, \$4/youth ages 4-12. Children 3 and under are free (ticket required). Purchase tickets at the STAR Bank box office at the Embassy Theatre, 800.745.3000 and [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

The Embassy's Festival of Trees is a holiday tradition for northeast Indiana. Visit the Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. in downtown Fort Wayne.

### Festival of Trees hours:

Wednesday, Nov. 22 (6-9 p.m.): Downtown Fort Wayne's Night of Lights

Thursday, Nov. 23 (4-8 p.m.): Thanksgiving Day  
NEW IN 2017: Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" movie screening (5 p.m.)

Friday, Nov. 24 (12-8 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 25 (12-8 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 26 (12-8 p.m.)

Monday, Nov. 27 (9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 5-9 p.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 28 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 29 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

### Special events:

Breakfast with Santa: Nov. 24-26 (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Separate ticket required. \$15 for all guests.

Tots & Trees Day: Nov. 27 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Family-friendly.  
Selfies on stage encouraged.

Fort Wayne Children's Choir Community Sing-along: Nov. 27  
(5-9 p.m.) Performance from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kingston Senior Day: Nov. 28 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Refreshments provided by Kingston Healthcare. 🏠





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