



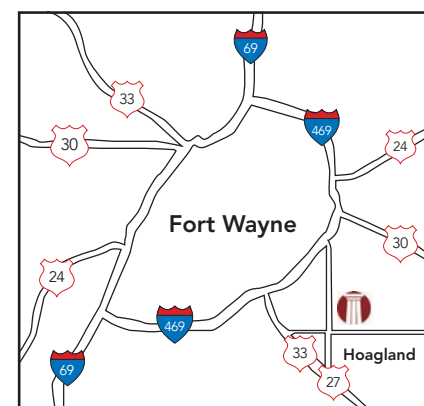
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# welcome!



Sue Rawlinson

**Home is where we breathe in comfort; a gathering place for family and close friends.**

It's a precious refuge, where our inward complexities are reflected onto the tapestry that is the interior and exterior of our homes. It's part of what makes a house our home.

Home is where kids grow up, where tears are dried, celebrations are had and memories are forever formed. And as a gift from my children reads, "Home is where your mom is." What a beautiful sentiment...

**So moving from the family home to another house? It's a big deal.**

Moving is tough. It's an emotional ride—and, friends, this is the pathway ahead for me. But it's one I will travel with positivity, gratitude and believing in goodness to come.

As such, with bittersweet resolve, **I must now announce my departure from HOME Living.**

I will soon move away from the Midwest, and while I will remain in publishing, I am saying 'see you later' to a nearly 20-year career in print magazines, serving this amazing region. Why the change? Because life is unpredictable and sometimes we must embrace life's surprises.

So while my heart is heavy to leave this world of print and the pure privilege it has been to serve as a voice and face for our community for so many years—from New Homeowner Magazine to LAKES Magazine to glo Magazine and HOME, my spirits are also lifted. Why? We can still be connected in my next publishing phase, if you wish to be.

**That's why I'm saying 'see you later' instead of goodbye.**

I invite you to join me on June 1 for the launch of **www.InSuesShoes.com**. What's it about? It's not about me, nor is it about shoes. Instead, it's about life and the many shoes we all wear as we traipse, trip and skip through life's journey. **Laugh with me.** Let's embrace life's goodness, together.

After my departure, I'm confident that HOME Living will remain in great hands, so please expect the same product you've grown to enjoy. Too, I'll get to see you once more in HOME's June issue.

Until then, enjoy the piece within your hands. From celebrating Mother's Day to learning how to distress furniture, the best in poolside organization and all that's blooming and beautiful in May, enjoy this great issue, made just for you.

And to moms in our region? I wish you a heartfelt Happy Mother's Day.

As always, thank you for reading. 🏠

from the editor



Sue



# Posh Pillows *plus* Mom Pampering

By Sue Rawlinson

May is not only a perfect time to update home interior decor, it's also a time to focus on Mom. On being pampered—and on all things 'cozy' that make a house a home. Like pillows, for example!

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# May Hawthorns

By Erin Dozois

May hawthorns or mayhaws are from the same family as apples and roses, so perhaps it comes as no surprise that they can be described as smaller than an apple tree with big thorns and fruits that look like rose hips or crabapples. Mayhaws are sometimes planted as security hedges to prevent people and animals from passing its dense, thorny brush. But, more than anything, mayhaws are treasured for their unique and useful fruits, which can be made into delectable jams, jellies, preserves and wine.

**Name:** Crataegus (Rosaceae family)

**Fun Fact:** Why we love it: The fruit of a May hawthorn is not only a culinary delight, but is also valued for its heart-friendly, medicinal properties.

**Known For:** Clusters of small, white flowers and tiny red fruits

**Warning:** While the fruit from this tree is considered a Southern delicacy, the seeds are extremely poisonous.

## Selecting and Planting

Hawthorns are attractive, deciduous ornamental trees, many of which are suitable even for average-sized gardens. They grace us with their delightful, white flowers in spring and glossy fruits and autumn leaf colors in fall. And luckily, hawthorns aren't fussy growers, thriving in full sun or partial shade.

1. Plant bare-root trees between November and March, and container-grown ones in any season other than summer.
2. Dig a hole, 2 ft x 2 ft, and add a layer of organic matter (compost or well-rotted manure) to the base of the hole.
3. Place roots in the hole and adjust the planting depth so the tree is planted at the same depth as it was originally growing and the top of the roots are level with the soil surface.
4. Mix in more organic matter with the excavated soil and fill in the planting hole.
5. Stake the tree with a rigid tree stake and two tree ties so it is fully supported against strong winds.
6. Water well and apply a granular general feed over the soil around the tree with 2-3 inches of mulch around the root area.
7. If planting in the lawn, create a turf-free circular bed around the tree with a minimum diameter of 2 feet.

## After the Bloom

Hawthorns are, for the most part, low-maintenance trees that need little care and attention once they are established.

**WATER** during any prolonged summer dry periods, particularly in the first few years to ensure the plants establish well.

**FEED** with a general granular plant food in spring.

Hawthorns require no maintenance or **PRUNING** except to remove dead or dying growth and to thin overcrowded and rubbing branches. If pruning is needed, it is best carried out any time from late autumn to early spring. 🌱





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# Fabulous 5 All in the details

*By Shannon Rooney*

*Spring is here and it's time for a refresh. If you're looking to update your interior decor this season, look no further than the spring home accessories trends. We're talking details because the extras are easy to swap out seasonally—and it's the little things that can really bring a room together. So, get ready for trim, tassels and metallics. It's all in the five freshest spring trends.*

## 1. All the Pillows

Pillows add a cozy feel to just about any space, including your deck or patio seating. "It's all about pillows," said Jenny Sanborn, who owns Sanborn's For Your Home in Angola with her husband Sandy. Her customers are snapping up throw pillows in all shades and sizes, "... especially pillows with bling," she added. Mermaid pillows are especially popular. They're covered in bold, shiny sequins and give an impression of iridescence. You can capture one of the season's color trends by opting for pillows in shades of bright green.



## 2. Embrace Embellishments

Tassels, fringe and feathers are all the rage for spring. Home textiles, including pillows, throws, and rugs are all sporting a little something extra. Inspired by the heightened interest in the handmade accessories, tassels and macramé have seen an upswing. Try out the trend by including a macramé wall hanging or a pair of fringe throw pillows in your decor.

"People are putting area rugs in almost every room," added Sanborn. With the popularity of wood flooring, she explained, area rugs of all styles and colors are being used to "warm up" a space.



## 3. Mixed Metallics

Metallics have been trending in recent years and, according to Sanborn, they're getting a new look this spring. "What's popular right now is antique brass or brushed gold. It's not



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your boring old brass, but it's more elegant," she said. This matte-finish metallic is showing up in lighting, mirrors, tabletop accessories and finishes on furnishings. To try it out without going overboard, replace drawer pulls or switch plates. For a bolder look, seek out accessories with a rose gold finish. That touch of pink will bring an extra layer of color to a room.



## 4. Vintage Vibes

"Anything glitz and rustic" is a winning combo with Sanborn's customers. Industrial-style galvanized wall shelves have been big and fit in with a number of styles, including traditional, boho and even contemporary. "We also do a lot of table lamps and floor lamps, anything you can pair with an Edison bulb," said Sanborn. Lanterns are a fun way to add lighting to a space and lend to the rustic vibe both indoors and outdoors.



## 5. Lake Living

"Nautical items are very popular; decor that makes people think of, not so much the sea, but the lakes around here," said Sanborn. So, bring a little outdoors in with nautical decor. Combine various shades of blue in a room by grouping accessories like textiles and tabletop decor. Use natural elements as accents, like driftwood on an end table or a group of feathers in a vase. Add interest with a pair of wooden oars hung over a doorway or a vintage buoy as a wall-hanging. 🏠



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# Love This Look?

**By Sue Rawlinson**

*Don't we all need a private escape from daily stresses, family responsibilities and the challenges that life inevitably delivers our way? Of course we do.*

*Take a peek at some luxury baths designed to deliver this at-home respite—all built by Windsor Homes. These bathrooms are sure to provide a peaceful platform to de-stress and indulge in a lil' at-home luxury.*

*And what better time to create your own luxury bath than during Mom's month of May? We think she deserves it.*

## Luxury Baths for Mom







- No longer are they together. What's trending now is a separate, free-standing tub and separate walk-in shower.



- Bathroom lighting is no longer an afterthought. Today, more thought is put into lighting fixtures than in previous years—to provide the optimum in function, mood and quality design.
- Today's luxury bath color trends? Whites and neutrals are common homeowner color choices.



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**By Barb Sieminski**

*Want a great idea for a Mother's Day gift? Start by taking her to brunch at her favorite restaurant.*

Then, present her with a gift certificate to purchase a new countertop. Her teary thanks will say you chose your gift wisely.

Before Mom sets out for the store that sells all things kitchen, help acquaint her with which type of counter will best suit her needs. It may be challenging to choose one hard material over another, especially if they all look wonderful. Jon Maraldo of F & M Tile & Terrazzo Co. Inc. of Fort Wayne brings his expertise to the table to help make a decision easier for Mom.

"Quartz countertops have become very trendy," said Maraldo. "They have been popular in the rest of the east and in California for at least 7 or 8 years and the trend found its way here," he said. "Also, the quartz manufacturers like Silestone, Ceaserstone, Cambria and Zodiaq, to name a few, are national and international companies... they don't have a manufacturer other than nature.

"The stone industry is more fractured; the quarries are not usually the exporter, importer and distributor like the quartz manufacturers."

Attractive options, which exist for countertops, include quartz, granite, quartzite, marble and soapstone, in that order, said Maraldo, adding that those were the most common countertops.

Other options for this big part of kitchen décor include butcher block, stainless steel, reclaimed wood, bamboo, domestic wood, laminate, ceramic tile, engineered stone, solid surface and concrete, to name a few.

"Stone tops are a trend that is not only in demand but will add value to a home or office space as well as being timeless," said Mike Sorg of Classic Marble and Stone.

**How long does it take to install a counter?**

"When we field measure, we digitize the space and a kitchen could take a few hours to complete. Once we are installing, the homeowner should plan on a day to get his or her kitchen together on an average space," said Sorg.

More considerations before deciding on that perfect countertop:

- Get a decent sample size of the material.
- Does it come with a warranty? This is great to have if something goes wrong shortly after installation.



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- Durability: does it hold up to heat, knives and stains?
- Style.
- Do-it-yourself possibility.

**Questions to ask a countertop vendor:**

- Make sure the stone seller has Marble Institute of America Accreditation or other certification for compliance and quality craftsmanship.
- Does the vendor offer a wide variety of different surfacing options such as the ones mentioned previously?
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# A No-Stress Approach to Distressing Furniture

By Lauren Caggiano

*Who says you can't have it all—at least when it comes to home decor? Distressed furniture is the perfect blend of rustic and elegance today's homeowners often seek. And the best part is you can get this coveted look for minimal time and money.*

"In the design world, distressed furniture is considered rustic refinement," said Vicki Canfield, of Restore-It. "I feel part of the appeal is you can take an existing piece of furniture and change the look, no matter the style of the furniture."

In other words, those who curate their space with distressed pieces know that style and comfort go hand in hand, and some things do in fact get better with age. Weathered furnishings pack a serious punch when it comes to character.

So, where to begin? While there's no substitute for a professional job, Canfield says homeowners can learn the basics. The first order of business is to ensure that the piece in question is sturdy and can withstand the usage. All the additional abuse will only add more and more character over the years and create a custom look.

The following are Canfield's tips to get the job done.

1. Remove all hardware and then clean the surface with a rag to remove existing residue.



2. Sand the entire piece of furniture to break thru the finish layer. This process will allow primer and paint to adhere properly.

3. Apply a thin coat of primer. Allow to dry and follow up with paint coat. Ideally this is applied with a paint sprayer, but a brush or roller will get the job done. (The finish look will be totally different using these three tools).

4. Decide where you want the distressed areas to be. Usually they will be on all edges to some extent. For example, one side may be more worn than the other. The middle areas should have intermittent areas of distress. This will help it look more natural without showing any kind of pattern.

5. To distress the finish and give it a naturally weathered look, sand off areas to gently remove some of the paint and primer allowing the underlying wood to show thru. "This can be subtle or heavy depending on the overall look you want to create," said Canfield.

6. Finally, apply a finish coat of polyurethane for durability, from a matte finish to high gloss.

Versatility is the name of the game. Any wood species of furniture can be distressed. Nightstands are the perfect sized furniture for first-timers. And the investment is minimal. The cost of such projects is usually low and very few tools and materials are needed. However, the work can pay dividends in the form of a one-of-a-kind item, with a vintage or rustic look.

Consider such a make-over if you're dealing with an heirloom or maybe a new-to you piece that needs more character. Your imagination is the limit. Where will it take you? 🏠



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## May To-Do's in the Garden plus Landscape

By Haiden Steingass

*Now that the snow is gone (fingers crossed), and the dreary weather of winter has run its course, it's time to rejoice—spring is here! It's your yard's grand reopening, but there is a lot to accomplish before sitting back and admiring that beautiful lawn. Grab a pen and get ready to check these items off your list to prep your lawn and landscape for the warmer months.*

● Start with a little spring cleaning. Here, you'll get rid of dead plants and debris to make way for new life. After you've cleared out your yard of unwanted debris, rake through the yard to remove any remaining leaves and thatch build-up.



● Aerate your lawn to ensure it remains healthy throughout the season. You can do this yourself by renting an aerator or hire someone to do it, and while this isn't essential, it is great for your grass.

**Quick tip:** Don't worry about the plugs in the yard after aeration. Those little guys are actually good for your soil and redeposit nutrients into the ground!

● Next, you can test the soil's acidity. Your grass' pH should be neutral, but if it's too high, you can lime your yard. This can be complicated, so ask a professional if you have questions.

● If needed, use a pre-emergent and weed killer to prevent and eliminate unwanted crabgrass and weeds.

● Fertilize your yard to kick-start growth.

● Be sure your mower is working, and trim the grass as needed. Since this is one of the most important tools to keeping your yard in tip-top shape, you may want to consider investing in new blades or an entirely new mower this season if yours is older.



● Pull any remaining weeds, trim your trees and use a post-emergent, if needed.

● Once you are ready to lay down new mulch, first edge around the flowerbeds for a clean, kept look. Choosing quality mulch is always

better for your flowerbeds and well worth the investment.

● Think about how you will maintain the life of your garden and landscape. A sprinkler system is one of the more convenient ways to keep your yard alive and healthy, so consider an installation, or prep your already existing system for the spring. But of course, the old-fashioned water hose or watering can will do the trick if that's what you prefer.

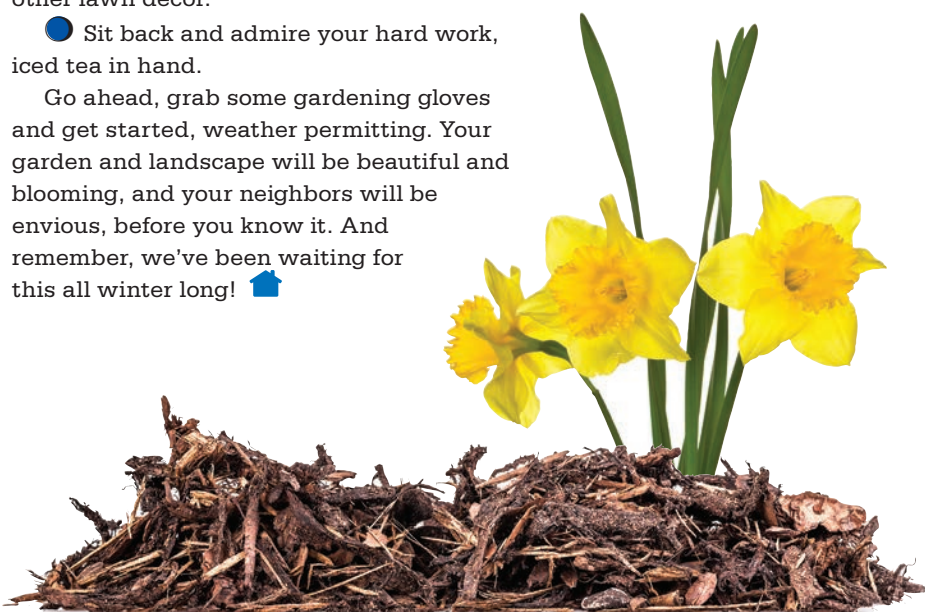


● Now for the fun part: plant flowers and veggies.

● Once you've prepped your garden and landscape for the season, it's time to think about pulling out other outdoor essentials, like patio furniture, a firepit, a standing umbrella and other lawn décor.

● Sit back and admire your hard work, iced tea in hand.

Go ahead, grab some gardening gloves and get started, weather permitting. Your garden and landscape will be beautiful and blooming, and your neighbors will be envious, before you know it. And remember, we've been waiting for this all winter long! 🏡



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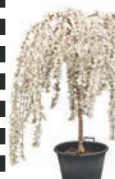


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## Tulip

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# Picking flowers for Mom in celebration of a beautiful spring

By Barb Sieminski

On this warm sunny day in May, your thoughts go flying back down the years when, on the way home from grade school, you took a shortcut through the meadow and randomly picked vibrantly-colored wildflowers to take home to the most important woman in your life who gave you life . . .

And when you proudly handed your scraggly bouquet to Mom, her eyes were suspiciously bright as she thanked you for your dear thoughtfulness.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day and we have come up with a list of flowers that are good for cuttings that you may have grown in your own garden each summer or, lacking a garden, provided by a nearby florist. Consider these blooms and gather a few to honor your mother on that very special day.

## Sweet Pea



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of varieties  
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life of 3-7  
days



## Daffodil

these bright flowers  
are grown from bulbs



## Lily

vase life is 9-10  
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lilies come in  
exotic blooms



## Gladiolus

tall, flamboyant  
blooms that are  
strikingly effective in  
indoor arrangements

### Resources:

**The Flower Shop**, Fort Wayne, 260.747.9157, [flowershopfortwayne.com](http://flowershopfortwayne.com)  
**Gassafy Wholesale Florist, Inc.**, Fort Wayne, 260.252.7702, [gassafy.com](http://gassafy.com)

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## Sunflower

very easy to grow, with a vase life of 7-10 days; best cut early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler



## Ageratum

the "Everest Blue" is a climber growing 20-26 inches tall



## Delphinium

annuals, biennials and perennials available in lively blue, pink, white and purple



## Begonia

use both tip and stem cuttings on begonias



## Eucalyptus

with a vase life of more than 21 days, this silvery-blue foliage serves as a filler among flowers



## Dianthus

includes carnations, Sweet Williams and the fragrant pinks

Dennis Bowman, manager of the Fresh Design Room at Gassafy Wholesale Florist Inc. shared his preferences for cuttings.

"I would suggest hybrid lilies," said Bowman, "because when cut, you get days to weeks of blooms, plus a wonderful fragrance. I personally also love hellebores, which bloom in very early spring (January – March) and are long-lasting flowers. Also, they bloom at a time nothing else is blooming in the garden. Bearded iris is another very fragrant favorite."

Joanna Raber, manager of The Flower Shop, recommends the popular stock carnation roses as good cutters and fragrant as well.

Tips on keeping your cut blooms looking great for a longer period of time include cutting flower stems at an angle; strip foliage from stems;

always use a very clean vase as bacteria may be lurking in dirty vases and may taint your newly-cut blooms. Also, tepid water is best used for cut flowers, and so is a tablespoon of sugar, which helps nourish the flowers.

Keep the vase away from direct sunlight or heat. As with flowers still in the garden, remove any dead blooms, and change the water every few days, updating flower feed and preservatives.

And whether you buy your flowers from a florist or grow them yourself, gather a few blooms and take them to Mom in person or note a fond childhood memory of you and Mom deep within your heart and display them yourself on your own dining room table. 🌸

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# Mom's Layin' Out Poolside Luxury

By Deborah C. Gerbers

Warm sunshine and hot summer days are headed our way very soon ... and for moms, that means poolside play with the family, or just relaxing alone whenever possible. There are several new products available to help keep you better organized while having fun in the sun!



## For Pick Up

It's nearly impossible to not amass countless water toys and accessories when you have kids. Foam noodles, inner tubes, kickboards, inflatable balls and flotation devices can pile up and clutter your pool area if not properly stored and organized. Big box home improvement stores offer a solution with the Space Management Pool Pouch. The lightweight organizer pouch can store all kinds of pool gear, and can be hung on a fence or wall for easy access. It also can be transported to the beach or playground. \$20.56 at various stores.



## Noodle Storage

Another option for storing toys and pool accessories is from Improvementscatalog.com. Its Pool Toy Storage Bin with Noodle Holder features a mesh material to allow wet things to dry, and can hold a good amount of inner tubes, noodles, flippers and more. It's a more stationary unit but can be easily moved when necessary. \$59.99



## For Her Only

When it's time for Mom to lounge by herself, she'll want a place to hold her phone, towels, sunscreen, beverage and other items. The Pool and Spa Valet in Bronze features a swiveling tray to hold anything you might need while catching some rays, plus towel rods with wind clips to keep them from blowing away. \$39.99 [bedbathandbeyond.com](http://bedbathandbeyond.com)



## Mom-worthy Lounging

Lounging by the pool is great, but when it's hot enough to cool off in the water, a floating chair is perfect.

The Intex Floating Recliner Lounge Inflatable Pool Float has a comfortable shape and armrests with cup holders.



And to complete the total outdoor experience, locally owned Hillside Pools offers a variety of pool features, outdoor grills and kitchens, and much more, according to owner Chris Hill. "We have a full array of grills, refrigerator units, functional islands, outdoor furniture, and speaker systems made to look like rocks and planters," she said. "Some of the things we offer include jumping rocks, waterfalls, lighted bowls and cascaded deck jets. Cabanas can be a good place to store towels and such, but we also have towel racks available to help minimize clutter." 🏠

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# Crustless Spinach Quiche



*It's a timeless favorite for Mother's Day morning brunch—and it's easy to make as well. Follow the simple instructions and serve a delicious breakfast for the special mom in your life.*

*Pair this crustless quiche with a bowl of berries for a colorful, delicious display on the breakfast buffet. It'll be (almost) as pretty as Mom's grateful smile.*

## Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 white onion, chopped
- 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 5 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups shredded Muenster cheese
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

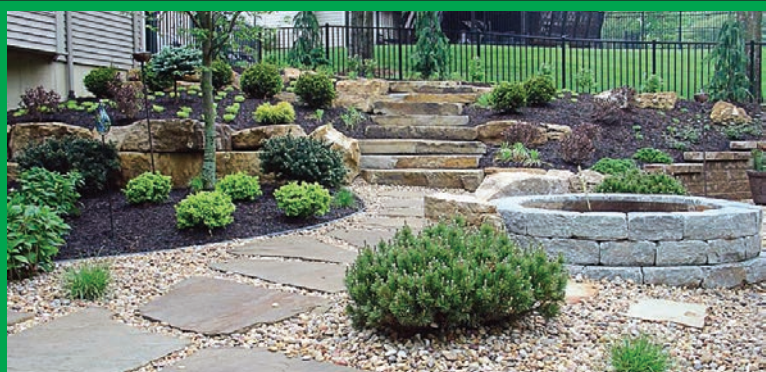
## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9-inch pie pan.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft. Stir in spinach and continue cooking until excess moisture has evaporated.
3. In a large bowl, combine eggs, cheese, salt and pepper. Add spinach mixture and stir to blend. Scoop into prepared pie pan.
4. Bake in preheated oven until eggs have set, about 30 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving. 🏠



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# May Books

By Steve Penhollow

*May is the month when we celebrate moms  
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## How to Live a Good Life: Soulful Stories, Surprising Science, and Practical Wisdom

By Jonathan Fields

Hay House **\$16.99**

ISBN-10: 1401946321

ISBN-13: 978-1401946326

There is certainly no shortage of  
books about achieving the good life,  
but Jonathan Fields' latest tome  
seems to have struck an exceptional

chord with people.

Fields is the founder of the Good Life Project, a global organiza-  
tion dedicated to improving quality of life.

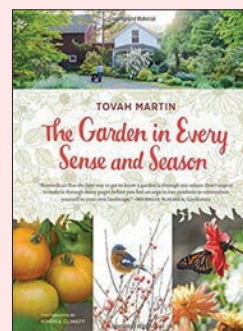
Fields' "How to Live a Good Life: Soulful Stories, Surprising  
Science, and Practical Wisdom" gathers together philosophy, liter-  
ature, cutting-edge psychological theories and new age spirituality  
into one spry, colloquial guide to getting the most out of life.

It's not just comprised of ruminations. It includes concrete tools  
for getting one's life in order.

Fields wants readers to see life in terms of three "good life"  
buckets that must be filled: Vitality, connection and contribution.

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refers to one's relationships, and contribution refers to how you  
give back to the world.

Fields gives the reader daily exercises oriented to each of the  
buckets. His writing style is personal, lucid and self-deprecating.



## The Garden in Every Sense and Season

By Tovah Martine

Timber Press **\$24.95**

ISBN-10: 1604697458

ISBN-13: 978-16046974521

Most gardening books are about the  
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cerned with the enjoyment of the garden.

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stop and smell them?

The book is divided into seasons and senses. Martine encour-  
ages the reader to fully experience his or her garden using every  
means for doing so.

Martine's lyrical essays are sure to inspire even the most regi-  
mented gardener. 🏡







By Ray Balogh

## 1 DECATUR: Flea Market

Nearly 100 indoor vendors, hot food available. Sponsored by the Adams County Coin Club. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. (Highway 224 East). Contact Carla at 260.517.8182 [facebook.com/decaturingianafleamarket](https://www.facebook.com/decaturingianafleamarket).



## 1 FORT WAYNE: "PJ Masks Live"

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## 1-July 8 FORT WAYNE: "Bugs!" Live Butterfly Exhibit

Adults \$5, children (3-17) \$3, children (2 and under) free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (until 8 p.m. Thursday), noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St. 260.427.6440, [botanicalconservatory.org](http://botanicalconservatory.org).



## 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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 a.m. Tuesday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515, [info@lrwp.org](mailto:info@lrwp.org), [lrwp.org](http://lrwp.org).

## 4-5 FORT WAYNE: Open House and Plant Sale

Early Americana music, historic hand-arts, refreshments, bake sale. Basement plant sale with perennial "diggings" on the back lawn. Proceeds support the Homestead. Parking by tennis courts. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday (basement plant sale only on Saturday), Historic Swinney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd. 260.637.8622 [settlersinc.org](http://settlersinc.org).

## 5 WABASH: Dwight Yoakam

Country legend with more than 25 million albums sold, 21 Grammy Award nominations, multiple Grammy Award winner. \$100/\$69/\$49. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102 [honeywellcenter.org](http://honeywellcenter.org).

## 5-6 FORT WAYNE: Spring Town & Country Tour

Dream It, Build It, Live It! Annual Spring Town & Country New Home and Speciality Retail Tour sponsored by Home Builders Association of Fort Wayne, Inc., 260-420-2020 [hometour.fortwayne.com](http://hometour.fortwayne.com).

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## 10 WABASH: The Beach Boys

Relive the classic songs that epitomize the California lifestyle of sun, sand, surf and a simpler time. \$100/\$69/\$49/\$35. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102 [honeywellcenter.org](http://honeywellcenter.org).

## 11-13 FORT WAYNE: Mother's Day Plant Sale

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## 12 HUNTINGTON: Plant Sale

Huntington County Master Gardeners annual plant sale, including annuals, perennials, trees, garden accessories. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, Hiers Park, 547 S. Briant St. 260.356.7136.



## 12 DECATUR: Artisan Craft Market

Craft vendors and direct sellers of handmade crafts, jewelry, candles, soaps, baked goods, home decor, clothing and accessories, wood and metal items. Breakfast and lunch available. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St. 260.223.7828.

## 12 KENDALLVILLE: Noble County Master Gardener Plant Sale

Hanging baskets and planters, bedding plants, tomatoes and vegetable plants, perennials, annuals, herbs, shrubs, bushes, grasses. Gardening-related crafts. Cash and checks only. Proceeds go to scholarships for seniors pursuing college agriculture studies. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Floral Hall, Fairgrounds, 580 Fair St. Call Jackie at 260.450.0567 [facebook.com/ncmg.in](https://www.facebook.com/ncmg.in).

## 12 ROME CITY: Spring Fling Celebration and Fundraiser

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## 13 FORT WAYNE: Mother's Day Downtown

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## 13 FORT WAYNE: "Frozen"

Showing of 2013 hit movie. Dress up as your favorite character and sing along to the soundtrack. Arrive early for a pre-show Grande Page organ performance. \$10 general admission. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000 [fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org).

## 18 FORT WAYNE: Steve Martin and Martin Short

"An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life," including stand-up, music, film clips and conversations about their show business experiences. Including bluegrass band Steep Canyon Rangers. \$495/\$155/\$125. 8 p.m. Friday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000 [fwembassytheatre.org](http://fwembassytheatre.org).





## 19 FORT WAYNE: Hillside Pools Open House

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

## 19 FORT WAYNE: Get to Know the "O"

Ombudsman Long-Term Care Program of Northeast Indiana will recognize the Volunteer Ombudsman of the Year. Learn how you can serve those living in nursing homes. Free lunch. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, CASA, 6340 Stellhorn Road. RSVP to Aisha at 260.469.3161. [doingthegood-ombudsman.org](http://doingthegood-ombudsman.org).

## 19 FORT WAYNE: 90th Anniversary Community Celebration

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## 20 FORT WAYNE: Cherry Blossom Festival

Japanese folk dance, traditional music, contests, tea ceremony, karaoke, food, merchandise, bonsai exhibits. Free admission. Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, downtown library, 900 Library Plaza. 260.704.3985 or 260.432.7780, [cherryblossomfw.com](http://cherryblossomfw.com).

## 23 FORT WAYNE: Short Hikes for Short Legs: Baby Birds and Building Nests

Learn about materials used to make birds nests and how they do it, make your own nest, hunt for nests on the marsh. Boots recommended. Free admission, open to children 3-5 accompanied by responsible adult. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Wednesday, Eagle Marsh barn, 6801 Engle Road. 260.478.2515

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## 25 FORT WAYNE: Serving Our Seniors Munch and Movie

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## 25 -27 WARSAW: Northern Indiana Lakes Festival

5K run, paddle wars, lake education, food vendors, live music, parade, fireworks. Free admission. Noon-9 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m.-sunset Saturday, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Center Lake Park, 119 E. Canal St. 574.372.5100, ext. 6452

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

## 31 FORT WAYNE: Tedeschi Truck Band

American blues rock group based in Jacksonville, Fla. Its debut album, Revelator, won the 2012 Grammy Award for Best Blues Album. \$59/\$39. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000

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# Restore-It with Elements of Design

## Vicki Canfield

*By Lauren Caggiano*

*Restore-It with Elements of Design reflects an incredible mix of craftsmanship, talent and business savvy in northeast Indiana. Owner Vicki Canfield is a keen businesswoman and visionary. Following a career as a purchasing agent, her husband recognized those traits in her and encouraged her to blaze her own trail. And she did, opening the business in 2005.*

Today, Restore-It with Elements of Design passionately serves commercial, retail and residential customers by offering complete furniture design, replication and repair, along with interior design. Services include antique restoration, upholstery, caning, custom wood-working and stripping and refinishing. Canfield also has the most comprehensive in-house collection of unique upholstery, bedding, drapery fabrics, artwork and home accessories in the area. In other words, she truly does it all.

"We're the only company in Fort Wayne that offers all these services under one roof," she said. "There's no other company in Fort Wayne that does what we do."

According to Canfield, what she does is both an art and science and requires experience. Color, texture and patterns all come together to create a custom look. Sometimes it takes an expert eye to know how to best integrate those elements.

"Basically, I try to help clients figure out the best look and style in terms of lifestyle and function," she said.

For example, a client might want to reupholster a couch. Maybe they have kids and pets and an active, on-the-go lifestyle. A white fabric might not be the best option then. Canfield said it's her job to guide and educate in making the best decision possible.



*Photo by Barb Sieminski*

Sometimes that means dispelling some myths about her trade. Among them is that the services she offers are easy for anyone to do, with little or no prior education. She said DIY shows on HGTV are to blame, and that belief is far from the truth. "Our craftsmen have been doing this for a long time," she said. "It's truly an art form and it takes a lot of talent to get good results."

Where you purchase supplies matters, too. Canfield cites the importance of shopping locally, in terms of economic impact. While it may be tempting to shop online or at a big box store, that often means shortchanging independent small business owners.

What's more, doing it yourself can create more work in the end for both parties, in terms

of damage control. For example, a paint job gone awry can require a lot of extra work.

Regardless of the nature of the interaction, Canfield said she enjoys the contact with clients. A "people person" by nature, she often makes friends on the job. Seeing the look on a client's face after a restoration job is rewarding in and of itself. Also inspiring is her husband, whom she describes as her cheerleader and a positive and upbeat person.

"He's always taught me to look at the big picture," she said.

For more information about Restore-It with Elements of Design, visit [restorewithdesign.com](http://restorewithdesign.com). It is located at 2727 Lofty Drive, Suite 7, in Fort Wayne. 🏠

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### May's Moving Tips

*May is a busy month for movers. In fact, most Americans who will move this year will do so between May and September. So to assist with your pending move, follow a few tips from the pros.*

- **Plan ahead. Far, far ahead.** Since moving in the summer is the busiest season to do so, start planning as far ahead as possible. If you'll be utilizing a professional moving company, plan to book a few months in advance. (Yes, months.)
- **Arrange to move during the middle of the week.** If using a moving company in particular, try to move during middle of week and middle of the month.
- **Be flexible.** Mishaps happen. Allow enough flexibility and grace to accept (and perhaps even expect) delays, inconveniences and yes, irritations. Breathe easy. Moving is a temporary circumstance.
- **How's the temperature?** Be aware of temps where you load your belongings and where you unload. Items such as candles and CDs can melt and warp on a hot truck—and even leather furniture can 'sweat' if wrapped in plastic in hot temperatures. (Wrap the leather in blankets or a pad instead.) Move items of concern with you to keep them intact.
- **Hydrate.** On packing and moving day, whether moving yourself or hiring a company to do the work, keep plenty of water on-hand for all those working hard to get the job done. Packing and hauling is hard work!
- **Plan for Fido.** On packing and moving day it's best for all involved to keep your four-legged Fido out of the way. People will be scurrying about in multiple directions, carrying both heavy and delicate items. Too, for Fido's sake, it's best he not be around the stress of busy activity. Moving can be emotionally disturbing for pets, too! 🏠

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