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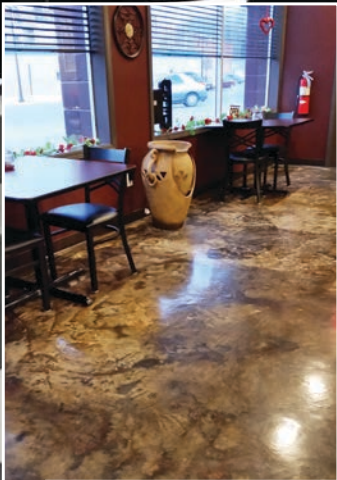
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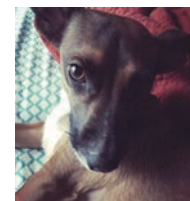
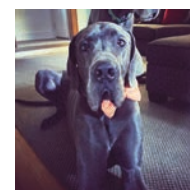
Amber Bouthot

Hi! I am beyond excited to write to you as the new Executive Editor of HOME, and I can't wait to connect with you.

Here's a little about me. I grew up in Illinois and moved to Fort Wayne after college in 2002. When I moved to the area, I wasn't thrilled, having lived in and around the hustle and bustle of Chicago most of my life. I didn't think Indiana had anything to offer me. Little by little, it started to grow on me, and now, I proudly claim Hoosier status and tout the plethora of reasons this is a great place to live, work and play.

While I have spent the last eight years in leadership roles with area non-profit organizations, my first big-girl job after moving here was as the executive editor of a local publishing company. I LOVED it. Meeting amazing people in our community and telling their stories is at the top of my list of things I am passionate about—and I often credit that position as the one that allowed me to meet and fall in love with this region. I also have been a freelance writer for many publications and websites over the years. Writing is my passion, and I hope that shines through on the pages of HOME.

On a personal note, I am married to a wonderfully supportive husband, Adam, and we are the proud parents of a feisty, strong-willed toddler, Annabelle (aka AB), and two rescue doggies—a great dane/mastiff named Max and a jack russell/dachshund named Frankie.



This issue is chock full of articles centered around embracing our Red, White and Blue, and making the most out of summer days. I know I have big shoes to fill, but I am up to the challenge. Special thanks to Sue for paving the way and handing me the keys to a well-oiled machine. I won't let you down! 🏠

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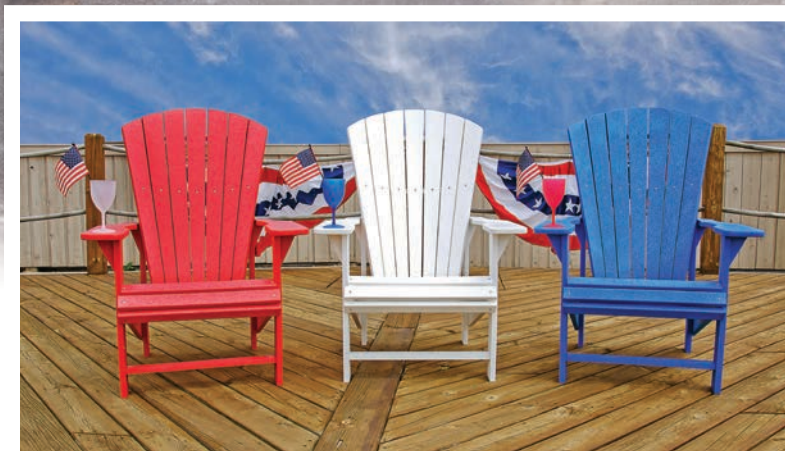


from the editor



By Amber Bouthot

The 4th of July holiday brings inspiration for indoor and outdoor décor. Who doesn't love a little red, white, and blue to brighten up spaces? Check out these décor ideas to help you embrace your patriotic side this July.



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Geraniums

By Erin Dozois

Orange, pink, purple, red or white—could your flowerbeds benefit from these punches of color? If so, planting geraniums is an easy and rewarding solution. This low-maintenance favorite offers a wide range of color, shape and bloom size with interesting leaves of varied shades of green. They also grow nicely in containers and do well indoors as long as they receive enough sunlight.

Name: Pelargonium (Geraniaceae family)

Known For: Clusters of colorful blooms and sham-rock-like leaves

Fun Fact: This popular garden plant is actually a pelargonium. The term “hardy geranium” is often applied to horticultural geraniums to distinguish them from pelargoniums. They are, however, from the same family.

Why We Love It: Geraniums pack a vibrant punch whether indoors or out, and are relatively easy to keep.

- Geraniums thrive in heat but don't tolerate cold temperatures. Place plant in an area receiving 4-6 hours of either full or partial sunlight daily for best results. This can either be outside or indoors.

After the Bloom

Watering

Water thoroughly, then allow plant to dry thoroughly before its next drink, making sure not to let the leaves wilt. In winter, water only enough to keep the roots from drying out.

Watch for signs of edema: leaves will appear scabbed, brown, and bumpy when the plant takes on too much water. If this occurs, simply remove damaged leaves and allow plant to dry out.

Pruning

Deadheading spent flowers and leaves is especially important when raising geraniums. This will prevent fungal diseases and will encourage the plant to bloom to its fullest potential. Pinch stems to promote bushiness and avoid lanky plants.

Fertilizing

Fertilize plants every two to four weeks during active growing months. Use a water-soluble fertilizer at half strength. Fertilization is not needed during the winter months. 🏠

Selecting and Planting

- Pay close attention to color and size when buying. Leaves should have no discoloration and stems should be sturdy. Also avoid plants showing obvious signs of pests.
- The best time of year to plant geraniums is in the spring.
- If planting in the ground, space each plant 6 to 24 inches apart.
- If planting in containers, choose a pot with drainage holes to avoid root rot.
- One of the most crucial aspects of geranium care is growing them in the right soil. Make sure to use soil-less potting mixture (not dirt).



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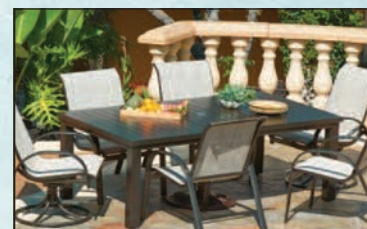
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All-American Home Projects Ideas



By Shannon Rooney

Summer is the perfect season to freshen up your home décor, and you can't go wrong with classic red, white and blue. If you're looking to do some sprucing beyond throw pillows and wreaths, we've got a fun round-up of patriotic summer projects. Add them to your list—or your “honey do” list and enjoy a few extra stars and stripes at home.

Stars and Stripes Pallet

Pinterest and the reliable old shipping pallet have inspired all sorts of project ideas. For a patriotic twist, all you need is a little paint. Pick up an unfinished pallet outside home improvement stores or via craigslist. Sand the wood slats for a smoother finish or, if you like a rustic look, use a wire brush to simply get rid of dirt and larger splinters. Next, dry brush primer onto all slats. When it dries, paint a blue rectangle in the upper left portion of the pallet. Next, apply red paint on every other slat outside the blue rectangle. Finish by using a star stencil to paint a pattern of white stars inside the blue rectangle. Arrange your patriotic pallet on your front or back porch with other décor elements like potted plants and patriotic bunting.



Rustic Furniture Rehab

Don't let this one scare you—you don't need many tools or expertise to rehab an old piece of wood furniture. To start, choose a piece you can

use year-round, such as a small accent table, dining chair, or bench that will mesh with your regular décor. Use the process above to prep and paint your piece. Dry brush your paint onto your furniture to give it that coveted farmhouse feel. Select paint in subdued versions of red, white and blue. Accessorize with glass or ceramic knobs and pulls in brighter hues to add some sparkle.



Vintage Crate Stool



Old shipping crates, like pallets, can easily be given new life. Flea markets and antiques stores usually have a good selection. Select one that's particularly stable for this project, or add some metal brackets on the inside for extra support. To create your footstool, turn the crate on its head and measure the bottom. You'll need to cut a piece of plywood to fit it, or have one cut at your local home store. Sandwich foam padding between your plywood “top” and some star-themed fabric. You can staple the

fabric to the bottom of the plywood. Then, use heavy duty glue to attach the top of the footstool to the crate. Sit back and put your feet up.

Party Props

Since summer is the season for entertaining, incorporate some star-spangled flair into your parties. Add red, white and blue paper lanterns to the underside of a patio umbrella. Hang patriotic streamers or even hand-tied bunting from awnings and pergolas. Decorate centerpieces with (unlit!) sparklers and mini-flags. Use utensils in patriotic colors—your guests will love the level of detail and the theme will add to their fun. 🏠



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Patriotic Lake Docks

By Amber Bouthot

It is no secret that people living in northeast Indiana spend a lot of time at the lake during the summer months. And perhaps the most popular day of the year at the lake is the 4th of July. Cookouts, boating, holiday parties... it's the stuff a perfect lake week is made of. To help you get in the patriotic spirit, we pulled pictures of some perfectly patriotic lake docks and decor. Enjoy and have a safe 4th of July holiday!

*Happy
4th of July*



Who doesn't love a comfy Adirondack chair? Add some in red, white and blue to embrace the patriotic festivities.



Simple red, white and blue bunting is an easy way to dress up your dock for the 4th.



Mixing and matching colorful chairs is a fun way to incorporate holiday decor. These red and white striped chairs add to this lakeside's patriotic flair. Throw in some blue pillows and the look is set.



The addition of a flying flag is the perfect way to celebrate our nation's independence.

Make Your Kitchen Design Work for You

By Lauren Caggiano

The kitchen is the hub of activity in most homes, so it makes sense to invest in a well-designed space. Whether you're starting from scratch or remodeling, here's how you can get kitchen design right:

1. Think storage.

Well-designed storage keeps clutter at bay and can help simplify cleanup. Your designer can come up with a plan to meet your evolving needs and lifestyle—and keep everyone sane at the same time. Storing cooking utensils and tools are the obvious minimal requirements, but your kitchen may also double as a homework or craft station. If so, take the multifunctional nature of the space into account. Include ample storage for pens, paper and whatever projects the kids dream up.



2. Embrace modular design.

You may be in the middle of making dinner when your pre-teen child wants a snack. What's a mom to do? An intentional layout divides the kitchen into clear zones for tasks like food preparation, cooking, dining, entertaining, etc. You might consider adding an island away from the cooking zone so that you're not interrupted. A bar or breakfast nook also allows for multiple people to enjoy the space without it feeling cramped or stifling for the cook or entertainer.



3. Choose durable and easy-to-clean materials.

Carolyn Johnson with Classic Marble & Stone Inc. in Hoagland, said it's important to consider function when deciding the specifics of form.

"When deciding on countertop surfaces while designing a kitchen, considering how your kitchen is used makes a difference on what type of counter is selected," she said.



For durability and low-to-no maintenance, quartz countertops have dominated the marketplace. This is because of the appeal of a no staining, no scratching, or no sealing surface, as well as the simplicity in design and patterns for a clean look. She said natural stone materials, such as granite or soapstone, are also great options for similar cost ranges. The advantage of those materials is the heat resistance and depth of the material since it is a real natural stone.

"Marble is a beautiful option and nice in a kitchen if it has a honed surface and kept sealed," Johnson said, adding that this material requires more maintenance and knowledge of proper cleaning techniques.

But it doesn't end with countertops. Cabinet styles, backsplashes and floors can pay dividends in the form of convenience and saved time. And proper maintenance and care are key. Anita Martin with Country Mill Cabinet Co. reminds readers to clean up spills as soon as possible and watch out for moisture and steam, as this can wear the cabinet finish. She said finishes today are durable, but you still need to exercise caution when cooking or performing activities in the kitchen.

In short, your kitchen needs to reflect your lifestyle and accommodate your family's daily needs, but it doesn't have to be a tall order. Products available on the market today mean you can truly have it all—at least when it comes to the kitchen! 🏠

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Pretty Patios

By Deborah C. Gerbers

Summer is the ultimate time of year to enjoy outdoor living. Having an inviting, well-designed space is key for grilling out, having drinks with friends or just catching up with the family. Many people opt for a stone patio that is durable, long-lasting and aesthetically pleasing. Flagstone is a popular choice for patios for its durability, natural look and reasonable cost.

Bob Benhower at NOB Brick and Fireplaces said hard flagstone is an ideal choice for outdoor patio surfaces. "The natural stone is irregular, which provides a rustic look, something many people are interested in," he said. "There is also a cut version of the stone that has a more uniform look, and each piece can be set right next to the other in the design."

Benhower also said that there are concrete paving stones that are made to look natural like flagstone. "This is also easier to design with because of the uniformity and cut edges," he said.

"Another option people may use is brick pavers. They are also durable, colorfast and will last for years and years even with heavy traffic."

He cautions that reclaimed brick originally intended for building houses should not be used for walking surfaces like patios. "That kind of material was not designed to be walked on or to withstand outdoor elements in northern Indiana," he said.

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There are also other materials that are similar to granite and will hold up well in the freeze-thaw weather in our region. Benhower suggests this kind of stone because retaining walls can be made with the same material for a matching look.

In terms of cost, popular paving bricks are very durable and are normally reasonably priced, running about \$3.60 each on average, not including installation.

Whichever material you choose for your outdoor patio, rely on the experts for their opinion and consider the type of activity that your hard surfaces will withstand. You'll have a beautiful, long-lasting space you can enjoy for years to come. 🏡



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By Barb Sieminski

Welcome to the red-white-and-blue season where the livin' is easy!

One of the perks of being in the great outdoors is taking care of gardening and landscaping tasks. In the zenith of the year, when the sun can be scorching, be thoughtful of your plants, and give them a mid-season taste of fertilizer to keep them thriving so that they last well into autumn.

Stephanie Felger of Felger's Peat Moss mentioned a little-known way of keeping your plot healthy, in addition to improving the soil of an already established garden.

"Because plants can deplete soils of nutrients over time, a little amending can go a long way," said Felger. "That can be as easy as adding in some fresh soil, or you can go a step further and mix in some compost. One of our favorite soil amendments that we are carrying is worm castings, which is good old worm poop!"

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- ❑ If no rain has visited in the previous two days, water your garden in the morning and again in late afternoon.
- ❑ Under the heat of the sun, mulch can dry out. Replace it, watering it immediately afterward.
- ❑ To protect from the summer high temps, keep your grass at about 3 inches throughout the season to avoid dryness and bare spots.
- ❑ Have a problem with birds stealing your vegetables and berries or the sun drying them out? A daily check of these items keeps you on top of your game until such time as they're harvested – harvesting daily helps, too. You can also cover berries or other prized plants with netting to protect them from avian thieves and rodents.
- ❑ And prune – you knew we were going to mention this, didn't you? Toss dead flowers and leaves and other debris, from your plants, to keep them vigorous and green.
- ❑ July is an opportune time to plant veggies like lettuce, carrots, radishes and turnips to benefit from a pleasant fall garden.
- ❑ Are your taller plants well supported? Stake and tie the top-heavy plants such as tomatoes, foxgloves and others.
- ❑ Take time to harvest ideas while touring other gardens and get landscaping / gardening tips – take your camera along and you might find a whole new way of doing the same old, same old.
- ❑ Cheer up shady spots in your yard with shade-loving perennials and annuals with vibrant foliage. Some ideas include using hostas in many colors and forms or caladium, coleus and Heuchera. Use your imagination on this one.
- ❑ Make a personal retreat in your yard with container plants. A favorite outdoor chair, a small table, a tiny fountain and a chosen few plants, such as a variety of palms can invoke your getaway. Take a good book outside and relax in your own oasis. 🏠

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Patriotic Planters

By Haiden Steingass

Summer flowers have bloomed, sprinklers are on full blast, and lawns are primped to show off your landscaping skills. As we head into the holiday, cookouts and outdoor gatherings, it's time to think about sprucing up your landscape. Add a patriotic pop of color to your outdoor design with any of these three planters.

The Red, White & Blue Planter

For something festive, create a red, white and blue assortment in a resin planter. It's all in the mix and matching of colors, textures and flower heights.

- ❑ **Planter:** Choose a wicker planter for this arrangement. Preferably, select a resin planter over any other material. These polyethylene planters are made to withstand the elements and maintain their color year after year. Plus, they're lightweight, so transporting your flowers is a bit easier than lugging around a giant, ceramic pot.
- ❑ **Red Geranium:** This vertical-growing flower will add height to your arrangement and is easy to find at your local nursery.
- ❑ **Blue Nemesisia:** Nemesisias come in a variety of shades of blue, so choose a royal hue for a more traditional, patriotic look---or opt for a periwinkle or purple to spice things up. This flower will serve as your filler to occupy space.
- ❑ **White Lobelia:** Lobelias are beautiful cascading flowers that will grow to hang off the edge of your planter to create dimension.
- ❑ **Greenery:** To finish off your planter, add eucalyptus or another form of greenery. This fills in any open spaces and complements the bold red, white and blue flowers.

To show your patriotic side and add some flare to your planters, stick small American flags in the soil.

Simple and Rustic Planter

Make a statement with a giant resin barrel. An assortment of all-white flowers will look heavenly.

- ❑ **Planter:** Start off with a rustic resin barrel. These planters look like wood but are weather-resistant and will last you years without any upkeep. You can find them in a variety of colors and textures to match outdoor furniture and landscaping.
- ❑ **White Hydrangea:** Add these full, striking flowers to your planter for a country-chic look.
- ❑ **Greenery:** To add fullness to the planter design, add lemon leaf. The contrast in hues will look stunning.

Summer Succulent Planter

Create a simple, Pinterest-perfect set of planters by mixing and matching colored pots with different types of succulents.

- ❑ **Planter:** Select three small, ceramic planters. Paint them solid red, white and blue, or add stars and stripes. Just make sure the paint is weather resistant.
- ❑ **Planting one of each in the three ceramic planters, try Burro's tail, Jade Plant and Panda Plant succulents.** The different textures and shapes of the plants add variety but still look uniform with the matching pots. 🏠



Red, White and Blueberry Trifle

By Amber Bouthot

Summer means outdoor cookouts, running through the sprinkler and playing outside until dark. What better way to top off a jam-packed day than with a heavenly mixed berry trifle made with summer fresh blueberries, strawberries, white chocolate pudding, angel food cake and whipped cream? The last thing anyone wants to do after a day in the sun is stand in a hot kitchen. This recipe can be made with store bought angel food cake, making it quick and easy to prepare.



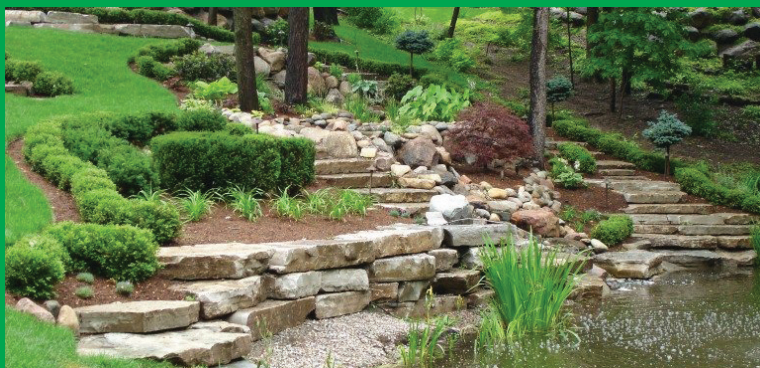
Ingredients:

- 10 oz. angel food cake, cut into star shapes
- 2 pint strawberries, sliced
- 2 pints blueberries, sliced
- 6 tbsp fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 1 ½ cups cold water
- 4 oz. package of white chocolate instant pudding
- 12 oz. frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

1. Whisk the condensed milk and water in a bowl.
2. Whisk in the pudding mix and stir for 2 minutes
3. Let stand until soft-set and then fold in the whipped topping
4. Arrange 1 star-shaped cake in the bottom of 8 individual cups
5. Sprinkle each cup evenly with a layer of blueberries
6. Place a dollop of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread
7. Sprinkle each cup with a layer of strawberries
8. Arrange a star shaped piece of cake on top of each cup.
9. Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries and a dollop of the cream mixture. 🏠

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1-31 FORT WAYNE: Traveling Exhibitions

- American Brilliant Cut Glass: New World Innovation from 1876-1917 (ongoing)
- Outlaws of Print: The History and Artists of the Underground Collective (through July 8)
- The National: Best Contemporary Photography 2018 (through July 18)
- Wonderland: Photographs by Kirsty Mitchell (July 1-Aug. 12)

Adults \$7, students (pre-K through college) \$5, seniors (65 and older) \$5, families \$20, free general admission 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, \$1 last Saturday of each month. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday (closed Mondays), Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E. Main St. 260.422.6467

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wabashmarketplace.org.

6 ROANOKE: Street Fair

A summertime family evening filled with live music, great food, fun and activities. Free admission. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, downtown discoverroanoke.org.

6, 13, 20, 27 NORTH MANCHESTER: Fridays on the Farm

All-natural locally-source artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor wood-fired brick oven. Pizzas may be taken home as carryout or enjoyed picnic-style on the farm. \$10-\$20 for 10-inch pizza. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Hawkins Family Farm, 10373N 300E.

hawkinsfamilyfarm.com.



6-7 ANGOLA: 9th Annual Balloons Aloft

Some of the finest hot air balloon pilots compete for prizes. Kids zone, classic car show, petting zoo, nighttime illuminations. Free admission. 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Angola High School, 350 S. John McBride Ave. 800.525.3101

angolaballoonsaloft.com.

7, 14, 21, 28 FORT WAYNE: South Side Farmers Market

100 stands featuring produce, hand-crafted items, antiques, fresh baked goods, eggs, local honey, hormone-free pork and chicken. Master gardeners on hand to answer questions. Free admission. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, 3300 Warsaw St. 260.456.8255 or 260.456.1228

southsidefarmersmarket.com.

7, 14, 21, 28 WABASH: Farmer's Market

More than 20 fruit and vegetable vendors, food trucks, flowers, local honey and more. Free admission. 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Honeywell Center parking lot, 275 W. Market Street. 260.563.0975

wabashmarketplace.org.

7, 14, 21, 28 FORT WAYNE: YLNI Farmers Market

All volunteer producer-only market hosts more than 20 stands of local produce, live music and children's activities. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, 302 E. Berry St.

ylni.org/farmers-market.

7, 14, 21, 28 ROANOKE: Farmers Market

Market on Main Street offering fresh local farm produce and much more. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, downtown. discoverroanoke.org.

11, 18, 25 FORT WAYNE: Summer Nights

Embassy fundraiser, featuring a different musical performer each week.

- July 11, Lydia Brittan, folk/funk group from Nashville
- July 18, Smooth Edge 2, contemporary a cappella group from Fort Wayne
- July 25, Fatima Washington, soul vocalist \$5. 5 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000 fwembassytheatre.org.



July Books

By Steve Penhollow

July is a time to enjoy your garden and the fruits of your labors.

What better way to do that than to sit in your backyard and read these multifaceted books about European farms and gardens?



Farm from Home: A Year of Stories, Pictures and Recipes from a City Girl in the Country

by Amanda Brooks

Blue Rider Press \$40

ISBN-10: 1101983442

ISBN-13: 978-1101983447

In 2012, New York socialite Amanda Brooks quit her job at Barneys and moved with her family to the English countryside.

"It's about a different perspective of living on a farm," she told the New York Times prior to her sojourn. "I'll be looking for style, of course, as I do now. It might be the way I arrange a cheese plate, or how I arrange the flowers in a guest room."

Four years later, a book has resulted from this residency. Called "Farm from Home: A Year of Stories, Pictures, and Recipes from a City Girl in the Country," it combines autobiographical material with recipes and life lessons.

Brooks writes that she discovered simple pleasures she didn't know existed. Since most of us aren't wealthy enough to avoid discovering simple pleasures, it is Brooks' personal journey rather than its destination that is fascinating to us.

Brooks told Architectural Digest that she hadn't planned initially to stay more than a year in England.

"All of this work eventually led us to the realization that we weren't moving back to New York, or going anywhere for that matter, any time soon," she said. "The effort it took to establish ourselves comfortably here, plus the fact that the kids were thriving, left us with no choice but to admit that we were happy and that this life worked for us."



Everyday Monet: A Giverny-Inspired Gardening and Lifestyle Guide to Living Your Best Impressionist Life

By Aileen Bordman

Dey Street Books \$26.99

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The author's mother is Helen Rappel Bordman, who helped restore Monet's gardens at Giverny in the 1970s and 1980s and who still welcomes guests there every spring.

Daughter Aileen Bordman, who spent much of her young life in Giverny as a girl, previously produced a cookbook and film called "Monet's Palette."

Now she is out with another tome inspired by the impressionist painter: "Everyday Monet."

"Everyday Monet" is both a tour of Giverny and a strategy for bringing a little (or a lot of) Giverny into your life.

It's an art history book, but it is also a lifestyle book with a lot of how-to material that you can implement wherever you live, even if it's in a small apartment in a non-French city. 🏠

13-14 FREMONT: 24th Annual Musicfest

Musical entertainment from jazz to country. Parade, classic car show, pancake and sausage breakfast, kids' games, fireworks, special merchant sales. Free admission. 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, various downtown venues. 260.495.7805

fremontchamber.org.

13-21 FORT WAYNE: 50th Annual Three Rivers Festival

Music, food, shopping, art, carnival rides; more than 80 family-friendly events. Free admission. Daily times vary, Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton St. 260.426.5556

threeriversfestival.org.

21 ROANOKE: Rolling into Roanoke Car Show

Features European sports cars and motorcycles as well as more than 600 classic cars. Free admission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, downtown.

discoverroanoke.org.

26-28 BERNE: Swiss Days

Swiss experience with food, crafts, competitions, family-friendly rides, quilt show, horse pull, musical concerts, tours, polka music, parade and games. Free admission. Daily times vary Thursday through Saturday, downtown. 260.589.8080

swissdaysberne.com.

28 NORTH WEBSTER: 9th Annual Dixie Day Festival

Art fair; car, truck and bike show; 5K run; sidewalk sales; Dixie boat rides; Dixie games in the park; antique sales; open air market; food vendors. Free admission. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, downtown and fairgrounds. 574.834.7076

northwebster.com.

28-29 ORLAND: Vermont Settlement Festival

Family fun, primitive village, car show, parade, concessions, mud volleyball, arts and crafts. Free admission. 6:30 a.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday, Town Park. 260.829.6411. 🏠



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Pella Windows and Doors

John Taylor

By Barb Sieminski

It's the people and families he meets that John Taylor enjoys most in his job as trade and commercial sales manager with Pella Windows and Doors, where he has been since 2016.

"We have the opportunity to learn from some of the most successful people in the construction industry every day," said Taylor, a graduate of South Side High School who earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from Trine University and his MBA from Indiana Tech.

"Our sales team and support teams are great to work with and are very talented. We have tremendous strengths in all departments of our company and are continuing to grow. Being part of that growth has been a great experience, and we are currently hiring many positions. Each time we partner with a new customer, it also helps us create more jobs for people in our community. That is important to me."

Before joining the team at Pella, Taylor spent the majority of his career in the professional beauty industry. He was a sales consultant for Maly's Midwest from 2005-10 and was promoted to Regional Director of John Paul Mitchell Systems in 2010, overseeing the Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, and New York markets. While in college, he worked for Overhead Door Company and Kelley Automotive Group, and coached at various basketball camps.

John and his wife, Abbey, have a 2-year-old daughter, Vivian, and are expecting their second child in November.

Please share some of your duties with Pella. To grow our team and help our customers be more successful. I spend a lot of time with our sales team in the field, and we enjoy getting to know our customers better to understand how we can deliver more value to their business. I am involved with many interviews as we hunt for the best talent in our market. I currently supervise seven people – and we are hiring.



Photo by Barb Sieminski

What are some of Pella's most popular items? Pella 450 series products, Architect Series products, Designer Series products, Patio Doors and Entry Door Systems. There is increasing popularity in our fiberglass and vinyl products, as well. One thing that sets Pella apart from other manufacturers is that we offer a limited lifetime warranty on our windows.

So far, what has been your most thrilling achievement with Pella? Our team converted more than 200 new contractors in 2017, and the Fort Wayne Pella branch grew by 40 percent. More than 100 new contractors have experienced our brand through May 2018.

What do you find most challenging in your job? Losing a sale.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? I am an avid outdoorsman and especially love being on the water with my pontoon, where I share time with family and friends at a variety of lakes throughout the Midwest and Tennessee. I am also passionate about playing basketball.

Who were your mentors, and what did you want to be when you grew up? My parents and grandparents had a big impact on me. I wanted to be a fighter pilot, and my favorite movie was "Top Gun."

What would surprise people about you? The different organizations I am involved with outside Pella. Abbey and I are active parishioners at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, and I am a career counselor for the Career Ministry of St. Vincent DePaul and Associated Churches. I am a fundraising volunteer and event volunteer for Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. I serve on the Alumni Board of Directors at Indiana Tech, and also serve on the Trine University Ketner School of Business Advisory Board. I also regularly attend meetings and events for eight different builder's associations throughout Northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan.

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- **Wear sunscreen-** This may seem like a no-brainer, but do not go out in the sun for any period of time without properly applying sunscreen.
- **Pace yourself-** Schedule breaks throughout the day to make sure you aren't overdoing it.
- **Drink lots of water-** Hydration is key. Have a lot of refreshing water on hand for you and all of your helpers.
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