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# welcome! from the editor

*Ah, fall.  
Can you smell it?*

The earthy scent of damp fallen leaves ... apple cider and pumpkin pie ... bonfire smoke. From Halloween to Thanksgiving and everything in between, I can't get enough of autumn.

Each year, I look forward to swapping out my décor—putting away the summer florals and bringing out the autumn leaves, decorative pumpkins and gourds, and potted mums. Along with football on Sundays, chili in the Crockpot, pumpkin carving, leaf peeping, and hayrides, just to name a few, this season is full of some of my favorite things.

What do you like best about fall? I'd love to hear from you!

This issue is chock full of autumn lawn care tips, prepping your home for the colder weather, and seasonal décor advice. Once again



Amber Bouthot

we've partnered with Windsor Homes for our HOME Room feature, and this month we are exploring Hearth Rooms, just in time for frigid temps. And don't forget about the garden! There's still plenty to do this season to keep it looking its best, while thinking ahead to spring.

As the days get shorter and the weather turns cooler, I hope you enjoy the changing season and have ample opportunities to enjoy time with your family and friends.

Happy  
Fall  
y'all

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# bookshelf décor

By Cathy Shouse

Reading options have expanded from print books to e-books, and because of this, bookshelves have also evolved. Not only have bookcase construction and materials morphed, what's displayed has changed dramatically, as well. Bookshelves aren't messy parking lots for books anymore.



"Floating shelves are in," said Heidi Anderson, owner of Dogwoods Home Décor. "A lot of times people are covering their books in white paper and putting a message on them or buying specific books. They're putting more thought into every little piece. The clean look is what's in. It's sparse décor, thoughtfully placed, whether a glass object or pieces from nature. Bookshelves have become more of a display."

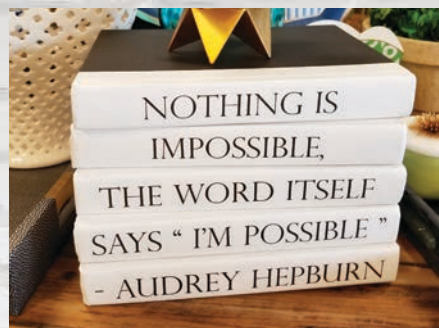
For example, books may be stacked in threes with a pretty dish on top. Lighting is sometimes added if an outlet is nearby, and many take the opportunity to swap out items for the seasons.

"I'm selling bookcases that are on industrial castors. They're metal with wood shelves," said Jenny Sanborn, owner of Sanborn's for Your Home. "People don't collect anymore. They may have a few things they want to show off, sometimes woven or metal baskets, pottery pieces, books or photos. You don't see a lot of built-ins anymore. People are going for more mobile pieces."

## Questions to ask when choosing bookcases:

1. How much useable space do you have to work with? Do you want an eye-catching nook space or to make a splash in an entire room?
2. What's your budget? Crestview brand bookshelves range from \$400 to \$600 and up, although Big Box stores offer less bold options for less. The internet offers DIY ideas.
3. What will you display? Your old treasures or new ones? Both?

Note: remember to mix up textures



## Ideas for items to display:

- ~ Air plants
- ~ Dishware and platters
- ~ Rocks and shells
- ~ Ceramics
- ~ Metallics
- ~ Leather
- ~ Gold foil
- ~ White
- ~ Candles and vintage bottles
- ~ Cashmere or velvet pumpkins for fall
- ~ Succulents and/or artificial greenery

## Tips:

- ~ Arrange creatively. Try book spines turned in instead of out and leave lots of open spaces.
- ~ Choose a favorite short phrase, song lyric or quote and display on the spines of a stack of books covered in white paper. 🏠

## Resources:

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# Fall-to-Spring Bulbs: What + How to Plant

By Erin Dozois

*There may never be a more enjoyable time to work in the garden than during the mild months of autumn, especially if you are planting bulbs for spring. Doing so is relatively simple for veterans and beginners alike, allowing for more focus to be placed on the fun of actually designing how the garden will look. Most varieties will bloom every year, giving you a nice return on all the time and effort spent.*

## Design Tips

- Plant bulbs in clusters for maximum visual impact.
- Plant low bulbs in front of high ones...unless the low growing bulbs bloom earlier than the tall bulbs. Reversing the previous rule will allow the tall blooms to camouflage the dying foliage of the smaller blooms.
- Try a double decker effect by planting small bulbs on top of large ones.
- Stagger bloom times by planting mid- and late-season blooms together for a colorful garden that will last all season.

## Planting

1. Plant bulbs as soon as the ground is cool, when evening temperatures average between 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit or 6 to 8 weeks before the ground freezes.
2. Choose an area with well-draining soil and adequate sunlight.
3. Till soil so it's loose and workable to a depth of around 8 inches, adding organic matter, such as compost or peat if necessary.
4. Plant big bulbs 8 inches deep and smaller bulbs around 5 inches deep. Place the bulb pointy side up or on its side if it's difficult to distinguish.
5. Fill the holes with soil, lightly compressing it without packing too tightly.
6. Water to stimulate root growth.

## Aftercare

### Fertilizing

For perennial bulbs, spread an organic fertilizer like compost or a slow release bulb food on top of the soil.

### Pruning

Cut spent flower heads off while preserving the foliage. This will ensure the plant will receive the vital nutrients it needs to store for future growing seasons.

## What to grow

- Daffodil/Narcissus. Carlton, Rijnveld's Early Sensation, Sunlight Sensation.
- Allium. Globemaster, Jeannine, Gladiator.
- Hyacinth. Carnegie, Dark Dimension, Delft Blue.
- Scilla. Siberica, Rosea, Mischtschenkoana.
- Ipheion. White Star, Jessie, Rolf Fiedler.
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# Halloween at Home

By: Courtney Rawlinson

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The days are becoming shorter and the air more brisk. Do you know what that means? Halloween is near. Decorating the home for fall is a refreshing way to spend time with family and friends. Ignore the diet plan as you sip on your pumpkin spiced latte and decorate your home for the trick-or-treating season.

## Tips and Tricks:

Kelley Glaze of Kelley J Interiors suggests keeping decorations simple yet homey this year. "Decorate your home with faux pumpkins from the local craft store, picked pumpkins from the pumpkin patch or the classic witch stuck in her own Halloween stew," she said.



Courtney Brubaker with Jim Brubaker Designs has a few tricks up her sleeve for the seasons, as well.

"A great way to showcase fall outdoors is by adding texture to your containers," she said. "We love to add cabbage, kale, grasses and mums, along with some gourds and ivy to increase fall colors and vibrancy. Stacking pumpkins with varying colors also adds a great visual for your curb appeal."

A tip from the experts at Jim Brubaker Designs: never plant mums that have bloomed fully. "We always search for mums that have some buds still unopened," Brubaker said. "This way they last longer into the fall season."



Celebrated through baked pumpkin seeds, spooky crafts for the kids and preparing your home for the winter to come, October is overflowing with children with candy-filled bellies and gives adults an excuse to host gatherings with family, friends and neighbors. Take pride in your Halloween At Home and apply some of the suggestions Glaze and Brubaker have to offer. 🏠

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## Projects:

Want a fun DIY project? Try these sucker pumpkins. A suggestion of Glaze's—the trick or treaters love picking their own treat from the pumpkin's hair. Quick tip: If you paint the face vs. carving the pumpkin, this will preserve your pumpkin for a few hosted parties.



Here's another fun Halloween craft the kids can bring to the classroom: Wrap green and orange tissue paper around a piece

of candy and use a marker to draw a scary Halloween face.

Celebrate your scary evening with a family tradition. Glaze suggests one of her own family traditions—enjoying the evening over a pot of chili, hot dogs and apple cider (warmed up with a few red hot candies for added flavor.) Of course, the adults can enjoy a spookier and spiked version.



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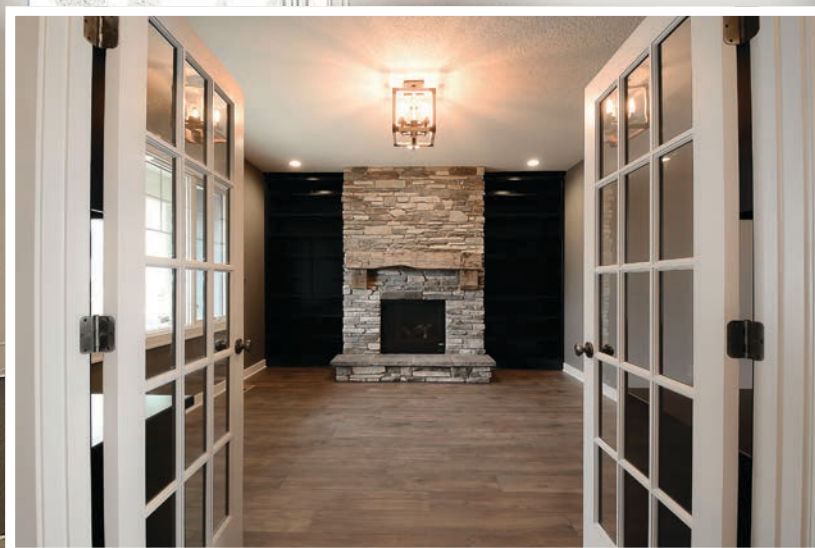
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# Hearth Rooms

*By Amber Bouthot*

*As summer fades and we gear up for brisk autumn evenings, we turn our focus to the heart of the home ... the hearth room where the fireplace takes center stage. One of the main gathering areas for family, these rooms can reflect any style from modern to rustic, depending on the homeowner's taste. Traditionally, fireplaces are constructed with stone or brick, but as design evolves, so too do the materials used. Check out these beautiful examples of hearth rooms from our friends at Windsor Homes.*



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# How to Spruce up on a Lease

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By Deborah C. Gerbers

*When you're leasing a home or apartment, design and decorating options can be challenged by the landlord's limitations. You might not be able to pull off a full-on remodel of your leased space, but there are lots of creative ways to make your place feel more like home.*

## Let there be light.

The more light you can bring to your space will make it seem brighter and bigger. Even if there are not many windows, maximize the ones you have. If there are no existing window coverings, consider hanging sheer curtains for both privacy and letting the sunlight shine through. Also consider adding interesting lamps all around the space. A dark corner is just begging for an upright lamp with unique design elements. The type of light bulbs you use can also impact the overall lighting of the room—whether you choose warm, lower wattage bulbs for a softer living area light, or a brighter LED style for work spaces.

## Bring nature indoors.

Houseplants, cactus plants and even small trees can add some great color and freshness to your place without changing the walls or damaging the structural integrity. A simple spider plant on the windowsill can freshen up the kitchen, a small bamboo tree can add an exotic interest to the dining room and a simple low-maintenance cactus is perfect for a bedroom table. Also think about hanging baskets—just be sure to clear it through your landlord about nailing or screwing into the ceilings and walls.

## Add some bright colors.

Most leased spaces are neutrally decorated on purpose, to allow tenants to make them their own. Colorful rugs, throw pillows, blankets and your own furniture will instantly jazz up a plain-Jane space and add a bit of fun. If you decide to add several green plants, try using a complementary color like red or orange for a nice contrast. Designer Jeanne Baker Dick likes to press large leaves into artwork. “Sycamore is one of the largest, and my favorite,” she said. She also suggests making them even more interesting by spray-painting them with fall or metallic colors.

## Personalize the space.

The more you make the place yours, the more it will feel like home. Add paintings, photos and family artwork to express your individual style. Again, check with your landlord about their policy with hanging up pictures and mirrors—if you can't use nails that are damaging, consider Velcro strips or Command hooks that are strong yet won't harm surfaces. They are also easy to move around should you want to change it up.

## Use temporary fixtures.

In addition to temporary hooks and adhesives, there are also curtain rods and window blinds available that do not require drilling or

nailing. Ask your local hardware or home goods store about those options. The easy thing about temporary accessories is that they are easy to move and remove anytime you want a change or when you move out eventually. 🏠

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# Your Guide to a Dream Bathroom



By Lauren Caggiano

*Remodeling your bathroom can breathe new life into your home, regardless of whether the home is new or just new to you. Many homeowners who have made the investment know firsthand that starting your morning in your dream bathroom can be a great start to the day.*

There are many ways to remodel a bathroom. It can be as simple as new cabinets and countertops, a shower and/or tub facelift or tearing everything down to the studs and starting from scratch. It all depends on your budget and vision. Here are some tips from the pros on how to get the job done right.

It's important to consider the work as an investment. If you ask Carolyn Johnson with Classic Marble & Stone, it's one that should come with little or no hesitation.

"Master baths are the most important space next to a kitchen for resale," she said. "Using the same slab for shower thresholds, seats and niche shelves to match the countertop is a high-end look that adds value to the space."

Timing matters, too. "When buying natural stone countertops, selecting it early in the process can help the consumer decide cabinet, flooring and paint colors so the stone is the focal point in that space,"

said Johnson.

Speaking of color, she said whites, creams, taupes and greys are in demand for bathroom countertops. Regardless of color choice, she said it is important to understand your countertop material and know the proper products to use for cleaning and maintenance.



Countertops are one way to add some class to this space, but don't stop there. Marti Osterhout at Wayne Kitchen & Bath Works said hardware can be a way to take the bathroom to the next level. As for specifics, she said matte black, brushed gold and traditional polished chrome are trending.

When it comes to allocating a budget, she challenges customers to think in terms of both form and function. "For example, if you are installing a drop-in tub, people like to save money by using a tub faucet without a hand shower. In reality, if they include it, it would make it easier to use and clean the tub," she explained.

Lighting can really make the oasis shine (pun intended). Chesney Boyer with Wabash Electric sheds some light on the subject. She said having the right lighting in a bathroom space can help create a consistent flow with the rest of the home. Having sufficient and quality lighting adds value and beauty to the space, too. In general, you'll want to consult with the pros, because there can be a lot of variables and too much can go wrong without the benefit of following expert advice.

"Each space really is unique and there are a lot of factors to selecting the right fixtures, finishes, style, bulbs, manufacturer, etc.," Boyer said. "There are a lot of details that get overlooked by the average DIY homeowner." 🏠

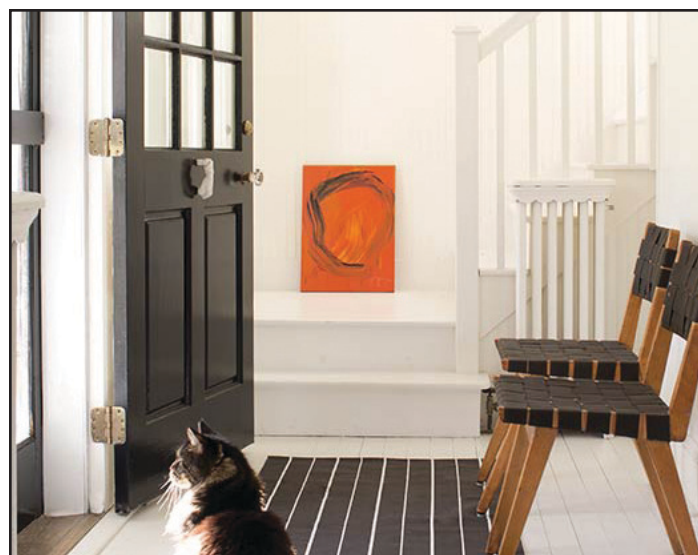
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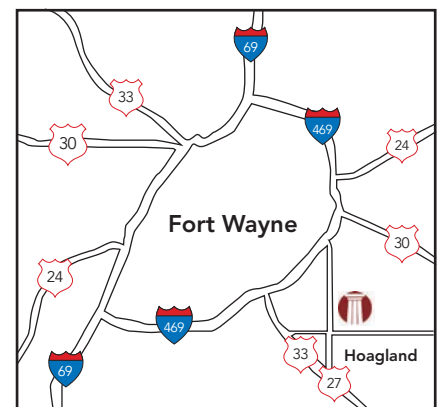
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# The Dirt, October

By Haiden Steingass

*We've made it through the hottest days of the year, but before you call it quits on your garden and landscape, there are a few things left to do. Let's finish off the year strong by preparing your yard for the coming winter months.*

## Fall To Do's:

### Plant bulbs that will bloom in the spring.

Once the ground is cool and evening temperatures drop to 40 to 50 degrees, it is a great time to plant bulbs like daffodils, tulips, and crocus.

### Bring tender bulbs and household plants inside.

Tender bulbs like dahlias, calla lilies, canna lilies, and caladiums can't withstand the coming colder temperatures, so it's time to gently remove them from the garden and store them indoors.

### Plant trees and shrubs and make sure they get enough water.

**Rake leaves.** If leaves are left on the turf, they will end up killing or damaging the grass underneath, so October is the time to pull the rake out of the shed.

**Aerate the yard.** October is a great time for aeration, which will allow oxygen to reach the roots and allow for better nutrient and water absorption in the grass.

**Overseed.** After a long summer, your yard might not be in perfect shape. To fill in bare spots and revive your already-existing turf, you can overseed after you aerate your lawn for the best results.

**Mulch.** If you've held out to re-mulch your landscape until now, there's good news. Mulching in the fall is actually one of the best times, as it protects your plants from the approaching winter weather. It also helps your soil retain more water and get rid of pesky weeds.

**Start watering less.** Because of the dropping temperatures, your yard won't need as much water as it starts preparing for the dormant

season. Cut back to watering once a week this month.

**Continue cutting grass.** Cut grass to a height of 2.5 to three inches until the first hard frost.

**Create a compost pile.** Garden and landscape clean-up is likely a part of your fall maintenance routine anyway, so why not use your leaves and waste from the garden? This can serve as a DIY fertilizer in the spring.

## Fall Do Nots:

**Pruning.** Fall is actually the worst time for pruning. The only exception? If a part of a plant is diseased or damaged, you can prune it.

**Watering trees and shrubs**—but only after they've lost their leaves. 🏠

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# "Fall" in love with color

By Julie Young

*If you want to get the biggest bang for your blooms this season, there are a number of plants that will help you highlight your yard in a wide range for fall foliage. From traditional hardy mums and maple trees to more exotic species that will continue to bloom until winter, area landscapers offer up their best bets to help you maximize color throughout your property.*

Brianna Daily at The Plant Center said mums are a fall staple that come in a wide range of colors, and if removed from their container, will bloom year after year. Homeowners can also throw some "shade" by incorporating ornamental peppers, cabbage and kale.

"You can use the pepper in salsas, but this type of cabbage and kale is not ideal for consumption," she said.

While maple trees are typically synonymous with fall, Daily said those who do not have room for large sprawling branches could include a Burning Bush in their landscape. This tree not only turns a vibrant color, but also does not take up as much room.

"Black-Eyed Susans also look great this time of year, as well as pansies, which are more of a cool weather plant," she said. "We also have a lot of plastic and terra cotta pots that will complement the colors in your yard and help whatever plant you choose stand out from the rest."

Deb Zumbrun with Arbor Farms Nursery said Fothergilla shrubs are a great choice for your yard because they bloom white in the spring and then turn into a beautiful purple in the fall before fading into orange. These are smaller shrubs that folks can put alongside their house and enjoy without worrying about it getting too big.

In addition, the Red Twig Dogwood is a great choice for color because when it drops its leaves, the stems that remain are a vibrant red and stand out in yards with a lot of evergreens.



"There are also all kinds of grasses that you can plant," she said. "I have a big Switch Grass in my yard that I tie up to look like corn stalks. They also provide food for birds, which is an added bonus."

Zumbrun said homeowners should not forget about fruit bearing trees and shrubs when it comes to adding extra color throughout their properties. Chokeberries and serviceberries grow well in Indiana, the latter of which blooms a dark vibrant red and has the extra benefit of silvery bark.

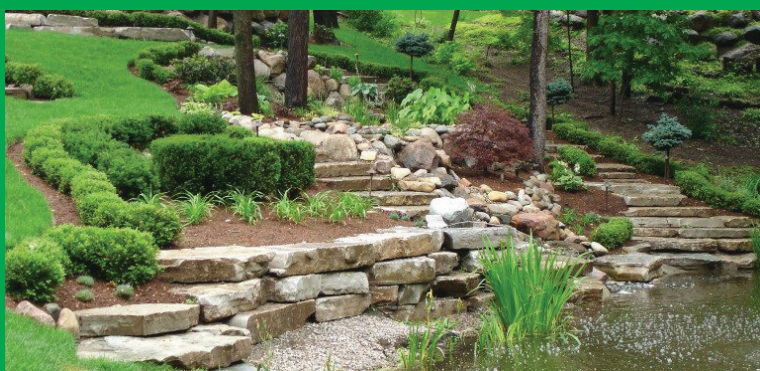
"For people who aren't into crab apples, it is a great option because the birds eat the fruit and you can make jelly out of the berries," she said. "Serviceberries really are win-win for your yard." 🏠

## Resources:

**Arbor Farms Nursery**, Fort Wayne, 260.637.5816, [arborfarmsnursery.com](http://arborfarmsnursery.com)

**The Plant Center**, Fort Wayne, 260.432.7370, [plantcenterinc.com](http://plantcenterinc.com)

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# fall-time Chores



By Steve Penhollow

*There are plenty of chores a homeowner could be doing right now that are unique to the fall season, but what are the most necessary ones? Consumer Reports covered that very topic recently.*

Contending with fallen leaves is an obvious one but Consumer Reports offers an alternative to raking. The magazine recommends mulching your leaves instead using your mower's mulching mode. According to the magazine, "ground-up leaves feed your lawn and save money."

Steve Asbell, a blogger for the real estate database company Zillow, is also a fan of making use of leaves in the garden rather than



having bags of them hauled away. Asbell thinks leaves make great compost.

Spreading mulch in the garden "protects the plants' roots over the winter and conserves moisture," he wrote. He also advocates for pruning damaged branches and for weeding one last time.

David Beaulieu of The Spruce website recommends cleaning up any organic debris and plant matter and putting it in the compost bin. "Leaving it behind in the garden would invite plant diseases next growing season," he explained.



Small, deciduous shrubs can be winterized with some sort of snow barrier to protect them from heavy coverings of the white stuff. According to Beaulieu, larger shrubs and trees can be winterized through winter watering. Garden tools should be stored properly and garden hoses should be drained and brought indoors, as well.

Both Beaulieu and Consumer Reports suggest shutting off "inside valves that control water flow to hose spigots."

The blogger known as The Empress of Dirt addresses similar concerns in a recent post. Her real name is Melissa Will and she advises homeowners to look with a critical eye around their yards and protect what needs protecting.

"Give priority to protecting the plants, water features, tools, outdoor furniture and garden art," she wrote.



Consumer Reports encourages readers to clean gutters and check the roof for "cracked, curled and missing shingles" as a way of forestalling the damage winter can do to roofs.

Indoors, homeowners should focus on plugging air leaks around windows and doors using "a combination of caulk, foam board, expandable sealant, and weather stripping," Consumer Reports explained. The magazine also recommends replacing furnace filters

and cleaning chimneys.

Stuart Unsdrorfer, a Cleveland-based central air installer, said air conditioning units should be covered but not to protect them from snow. "Your unit is built to withstand the rain and snow," he wrote, "but it is not built to keep out leaves, seeds or nuts." 🏠

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# Mac 'N Cheese & Slow Roasted Pork Waffle

By Amber Bouthot

While watching *The Food Network* this weekend, I was inspired by a dish I saw that's served at Puckett's in Nashville. It was a heaping plate of pulled pork and mac 'n cheese that made my mouth water. I added my own twist with the savory cheese and chive waffle and the result was amazing... comfort food at its best, just in time for fall.



photo by Amber Bouthot

## Cheese and Chive Waffle

- 1 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- pinch of salt
- 3/4 cup sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1 3/4 cup 2 percent milk
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 3-5 dash Louisiana hot sauce

Place flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl; stir to combine. Add shredded cheddar and chopped chives; stir. Place the milk, oil, eggs, and hot sauce in a separate bowl; stir with a whisk to blend. Add to the dry ingredients and stir until smooth. Let batter rest 5 minutes before using. Preheat your waffle iron.

When preheated, pour 1/3 cup batter just a little behind the center of the lower grid; allow batter to spread towards edges for 5 seconds. Close lid of waffle iron and cook until golden brown. Open lid and carefully remove baked waffle. Repeat with remaining batter.

## Mac 'n Cheese

- 4 cups 2 percent milk
- 1 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 1/2 cups grated sharp white cheddar cheese
- 2 cups grated Romano
- 1 lb. elbow macaroni
- 4 slices of bacon, cooked
- sliced jalapeno

Heat milk and heavy cream in a medium saucepan set over medium heat. Melt 6 tablespoons butter in a high-sided skillet over medium heat. When butter bubbles, add flour. Cook, stirring, 1 minute. Slowly pour hot milk and cream mixture into flour-butter mixture while whisking. Continue cooking, whisking constantly, until the mixture bubbles and becomes thick. Remove the pan from the heat. Stir in cheese. Set cheese sauce aside.

Fill a large saucepan with water. Bring to a boil. Add macaroni; cook 2 to 3 fewer minutes than manufacturer's directions, until outside of pasta is cooked and inside is underdone. (Different brands of macaroni cook at different rates; be sure to read the instructions.) Transfer the macaroni to a colander, rinse under cold running water, and drain well. Stir macaroni into the reserved cheese sauce.

## Slow Roasted Pork

- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 3-1/2 to 4 pound pork shoulder, rinsed and cleaned
- 1 16 oz jar tomatillo salsa

Place the first 7 ingredients in a bowl and mix. Place the pork shoulder in a slow cooker and rub all over with the seasoning mixture. Pour the jar of salsa around the pork shoulder. Cook on low heat for 8-12 hours. Remove the pork to a plate and using 2 forks, shred the roast into bite-size pieces.

## Final preparation

Preheat oven to 375. Place a waffle in the bottom of a small cast iron skillet. Top with pulled pork and macaroni. Place in oven until top is golden brown. Remove and garnish with chives, jalapenos and bacon and serve immediately. 🏠

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By Ray Balogh

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

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

## 4 FORT WAYNE: **Steely Dan**

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artists have sold more than 40 million albums worldwide. \$172/\$96.50/\$76.50/\$56.50. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000

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

## 5 AUBURN: **First Friday**

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

## 5 LEESBURG: **Little Black Dress Night**

Food, wine, shopping, fashion show, raffle. \$35 early bird, \$45 day of event, includes wine glass and photograph. 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Tippy Creek Winery, 5920N 200E, Leesburg. 574.453.9003

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

## 6 NORTH MANCHESTER: **Harvest Fest**

Wagon rides, 1872 covered bridge, kids' activities, petting zoo, hayrides, cow milking contest, hot apple dumplings, vendors, food, music. Free admission. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Market Square, downtown. 260.982.7644

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

## 6-7 KENDALLVILLE: **Apple Festival**

1800-1865 pioneer festival with skilled demonstrators, primitive village, children's crafts and games, contests, antiques, foods, entertainment. Free admission; \$5 for fairground parking. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Noble County Fairgrounds, 1001 Dowling St. 260.347.1064

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



## 6, 13, 20 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](http://wabashmarketplace.org).

## 6, 13, 20, 27 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](http://southsidefarmersmarket.com).



## 7 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://facebook.com/decaturingianafleamarket).

## 11 COLUMBIA CITY: **Fourth Annual Night to Aspire**

Customer appreciation sale; more than 20 local vendors featuring trendy clothing, jewelry and delights for the home. Door prizes, live music, complimentary food and beverages, Bank Your Botox. Free admission. 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Aspire Plastic Surgery and Medical Spa, 7563 E. Lincolnway Road. 260.205.8770

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

## 12 Fort Wayne: **Francine's Friends 14th Annual Lunch with Friends**

Raises funds to help local women in need receive free mammograms. The event also educates attendees about the detection and treatment of breast cancer and offers them a chance to relax and connect with other women. \$75/person, \$750/table. For tickets, contact Dwight-Smith at [marita.dwight@parkview.com](mailto:marita.dwight@parkview.com) or 260-249-0154 Visit the website at

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

## 12 WABASH: **LeAnn Rimes**

Famed country singer with special guest Brett Wiscons. \$75/\$45/\$35. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 13 FORT WAYNE: **Fall Holiday Market**

Unique shopping, food and boutique trucks, music by The Hubie Ashcraft Band. Sponsored by Haute Gathering Markets. \$5/person includes raffle ticket, free for 12 and under; donation made to National Kidney Foundation. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road.

## 16 WABASH: **"Charlotte's Web"**

Dramatic presentation of the treasured tale featuring madcap and endearing farm animals. \$10. 10 a.m. and noon Tuesday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 17 FORT WAYNE: **"Short Hikes for Short Legs: Fall Trees & Leaves"**

Explore trees and how they lose their leaves in the fall, make a paint transfer of your favorite leaf. 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

[info@lrwp.org](mailto:info@lrwp.org), [lrwp.org](http://lrwp.org).

# October Books

By Steve Penhollow

*October is the month when autumn is still new and hasn't worn out its welcome yet. It is a month with its own traditions and design aesthetic. It's also when you might want to start spending more time indoors reading books like the ones cited below.*



## Seasons at the Farm: Year-Round Celebrations at the Elliott Homestead

by Shaye Elliott

Lyons Press \$27.95

ISBN-10: 1493034715

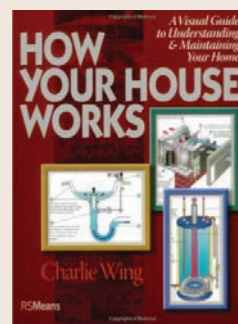
ISBN-13: 978-1493034710x

Shaye Elliott's life sounds like the plot of a movie or TV show. A few years back, she gave up her urban sophisticate status and moved to the country with her family. It was like "Green Acres" with presumably

less physical comedy and fewer Hungarian accents. She became a popular blogger and Instagrammer.

Elliott has written a number of books about her life as a homesteader, the latest of which is "Seasons at the Farm: Year-Round Celebrations at the Elliott Homestead." True to its title, Elliott's latest tome is a celebration of the seasons. It features recipes, interior design ideas and projects that are unique to each season.

Elliott has certainly built up a legion of fans with her warm writing style and down-to-earth advice. Many of those fans probably wonder how this mother of four homeschooled kids finds time to do everything she does. Some of us probably prefer sitting on the couch and reading about her life to living it.



## How Your House Works: A Visual Guide to Understanding and Maintaining Your Home

by Charlie Wing

RSMeans \$27.95

ISBN-10: 1119467616

ISBN-13: 978-1119467618

If you are like me (a writer who is the opposite of a handyman), you are often bewildered when things malfunction in your home. If that describes you, then you'll want to check out "How Your House Works: A Visual Guide to Understanding and Maintaining Your Home."

The book is like a visual dictionary of appliances and systems in the average home: plumbing, heating & cooling, etc. It is reminiscent of those X-ray glasses that used to be offered in the backs of comic books, which never worked. However, the X-ray effects in "How Your House Works: A Visual Guide to Understanding and Maintaining Your Home" really do work: The book offers exploded views of household gadgets and machines.

"How Your House Works" may not make you into a handyman overnight, but it will make you sound more knowledgeable when the repairman or repairwoman arrives. 🏠

## 18 WABASH: Celtic Thunder

Eclectic all-male singing group, accompanied by the Celtic Concert Orchestra, celebrates its 10th year on the Celtic Thunder X Tour. \$100/\$69/\$49. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 20 FORT WAYNE: Fright Night

Hitchcock double bill:

- 7 p.m. Saturday, "The Birds"
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Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W.

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## 20 WABASH: Billy F. Gibbons

Best known as one-third of the legendary group ZZ Top, Gibbons has also recorded with B.B. King, Les Paul and Alice Cooper. \$100/\$59/\$49. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 24 FORT WAYNE: "Catapult — The Magic of Shadow Dance"

Family friendly show featuring performers who work behind a screen to create impossible dancing shadow silhouettes of shapes. \$30 general admission. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000

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## 26 -30 DECATUR: Callithumpian Festival

Halloween celebration with parade, poster painting, fireworks, food. Admission charge for haunted house and 5K race. Hours vary Friday through Tuesday, various downtown venues. 260.724.2604

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

## 27 WABASH: The Hit Men: Legendary Rock Supergroup

Multimedia production features hits through rock and roll history and behind-the-scenes stories from life on the road with some of the all-time greatest artists. \$45/\$35/\$25. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 29 WABASH: Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul

Steven Van Zandt, a founding member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, will perform R&B. \$65/\$35/\$25. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Ford Theater, Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. 260.563.1102

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

## 30 FORT WAYNE: "Menopause: The Musical"

Hilarious parody featuring four women at a lingerie sale, set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s. \$55/\$45/\$25. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Wayne Embassy Theatre, 125 W. Jefferson Blvd. 800.745.3000

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# Morsches Builders Mart

## Franz Morsches

By Barb Sieminski

*Sometimes all it takes is a close-knit family to bring the best of the past into the future, and so it was with Morsches Builders Mart.*

In the late 1800s, two enterprising brothers, Julius and Fred Morsches, worked for the Simon J. Peabody Lumber Company and eventually purchased the Columbia City business in 1933, where the fifth generation successfully carries on the operations with the current name change. Expanded locations of their Builders Mart include Warsaw, Goshen, Huntington and Wabash.

"Julius was my great-grandfather and Fred was my great-uncle," said Franz Morsches, owner and CEO of Morsches Builders Mart.

"Ours is a family business, and while I am the only family member actively involved as far as owners are concerned, it is jointly owned by my father, me and my brothers," said Morsches, who names his father Paul J. Morsches, Jr. as both his business and personal mentor throughout his life.

Four generations of the family operated the company; Paul Morsches Sr. was president, followed by his son Paul Jr., and later by fifth-generation Franz, who is a Culver Academies alumni and a Vanderbilt University graduate with a B.A. in European History and a minor in Business.

"Professional builders and serious do-it-yourselfers come to us for superior materials for any building project," said Morsches. "We strive for excellence in service, whether it is a small deck or a 10,000-square foot home.

"My father and grandfather taught me that the company is only as strong as the employees you work with. We have been incredibly blessed to have arguably the best employees in our business. Nothing gives me greater joy than to hire a young kid who learns the business, sticks with it and moves up through the ranks of responsibilities for a career with us. Watching them mature and grow with families in our communities is fulfilling to me."

### As owner and CEO of the company, what are your responsibilities?

I watch everyday operations of all five companies and work with my managers to make sure they have all the resources they need to succeed in their respective locations. I monitor all things, such as sales, inventory and accounts receivable. I am very much a believer in letting my key decision makers run their respective departments and only get involved as needed or requested. Fortunately, I have a very talented and successful chain of command and management team that makes my job enjoyable.

### What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Passed down from my granddad is a quote from the great Columbia City farmer and philosopher Zollie Thwaits that I really like: "Greedy pigs sometimes choke on fat acorns."



Stacey and Franz Morsches (photo provided)

### Name something most people don't know about you.

I rode in the Culver Black Horse Troop in the 1977 Inaugural Parade of Jimmy Carter.

### Tell us about your family.

My wife, Stacey, and I have a son, Turner, married to Catherine, and a daughter, Annie, engaged to Kory Bailey. Also, we are owned by our one-year-old Boxer, Rizzo!

### What do you do for relaxation - any hobbies?

I enjoy swimming, golf, reading, breeding and racing thoroughbred horses, travel and spending time with my family.

### Please share more about your thoroughbreds - are we hoping for a potential Kentucky Derby winner?

Our family got involved in the thoroughbred industry in the late 1960s through our association with Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky. We have kept our brood mares at their farm since then and either race or sell new yearlings. I have loved horses all my life and showed American Saddlebreds as a kid, later moving to hunter/jumpers. As for entering the Derby, if we ever had one that was good enough to run in it, that would be the pinnacle of racing for us. 🏠

**Morsches Builders Mart**

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**1. Tidy your lawn.** While fall foliage is in your favor this season, don't slack off on lawn maintenance. Be sure to keep falling leaves at bay and patch up any brown spots in your grass.

**2. Plant fall flowers.** As your summer plants start to fade, replace them with vibrant mums and other seasonal colorful flowers.

**3. Draw focus to your front door.** Your front door may be the focal point of your home's exterior all year, but during the fall, you can spice it up with a simple wreath of fall foliage, adding an inviting touch. To take it a step further, consider painting your front door a bold color to really make your entrance stand out.

**4. Clear out the gutters.** Nothing says neglect like overflowing gutters. Staying on top of them lets your buyers know that you care about your home's upkeep.

**5. Add outdoor lighting.** As the days get shorter, it is important to ensure potential buyers have a well-lit path to your front door. You may use decorative lighting to illuminate walkways, or install floodlights or lanterns to brighten entrance areas.

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A photograph of a red barn with a large tree in the foreground. The tree's leaves are in full autumn color, ranging from bright yellow to deep orange. The barn is made of vertical wooden planks and has a blue corrugated metal roof. There are two small, multi-paned windows on the barn's side. The scene is set against a clear blue sky.

*through the screen door*

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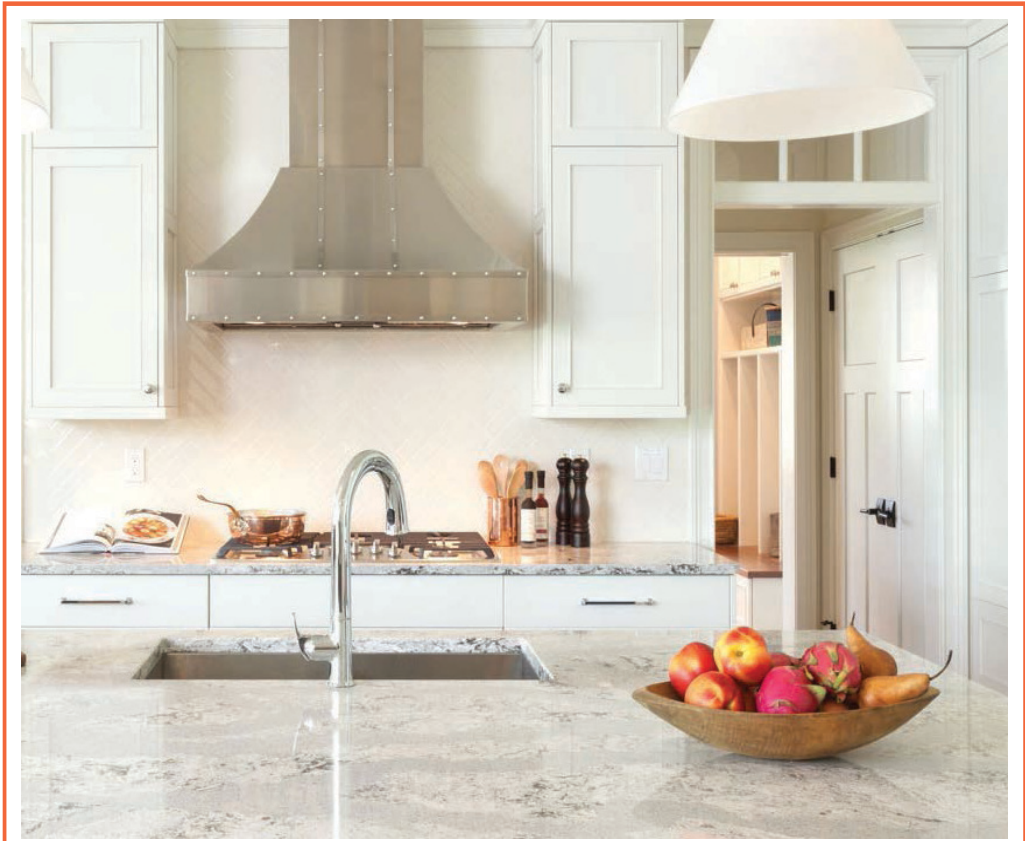
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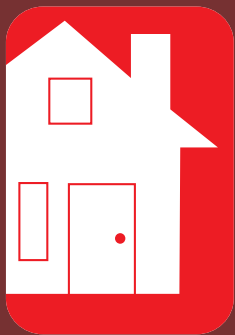
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