



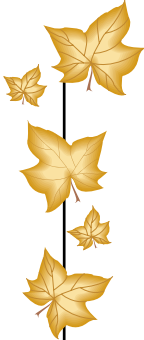
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A Note from Leslie



As we begin another holiday season, I've been thinking about the things that truly put me into the spirit. This is a time of year when we do more cooking, more decorating, more entertaining, and more cleaning, too. As long as we choose to enjoy the moment, our home holiday activities can be renewing instead of draining. All it takes is a little planning and preparation.

In past issues, I've discussed ways to get your house ready for the market, but this time of year, we have a different objective. Instead of depersonalizing your home, the holidays are a time to personalize it and create an atmosphere of hospitality and comfort. Think about a holiday furniture arrangement that invites guests into the space. Then consider the extras, like soft throws, rich colors, and the variety of textures that help give a sense of relaxing and plush abundance. It's a time for good holiday scents, mood enhancing music, accent lighting, and seasonal greenery. One of my favorites are paper whites, which are not only beautiful but fill the house with a wonderful scent. So many of our holiday preferences are tied to family memories. Think into what puts you into the spirit, it may not be the typical chestnuts roasting over an open fire. You may choose to follow tradition or make your own, or maybe you fall somewhere in between.

And who can talk about the holidays without mentioning food? Our holiday table tends to be more extravagant than other times of the year. To keep stress to a minimum, do prep work ahead of time and make sure you have plenty of pantry staples on hand, not just in preparation for the big meal, but also to give yourself an excuse to stay home instead of running out to eat throughout the season. Cook for fun and keep the process as simple and relaxed as you can. If you enjoy trying new recipes, great! Otherwise stick to the old favorites and keep the clean up simple.

Have a favorite place to sit when the guests are gone? Surround it with great stuff like photo albums, holiday cards, and selected books and magazines. It's the time of year to set the stage so you can enjoy your home and feel thankful for its place in your life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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- 809 Spring Cove Court
- 2100 Babler Ridge Lane
- 697 Grand View Ridge Court
- 4608 Meramec Boulevard
- 140 Oak Park Village Drive
- 11714 Chandellay Drive
- 741 Emerald Oaks Court
- 121 Shaw Drive
- 903 Southern Hills Court
- 3610 Allenton Road
- 17824 Suzanne Ridge Drive
- 1014 Shire Lane
- 654 Vista Hills Court
- 616 Schmelz Drive
- 744 Emerald Oaks Court
- 542 Overlook Terrace Court

CALENDAR

- November 27** Thanksgiving
- November 28 & 29** Eureka Candlelight Walk with Holiday Tree Lighting at 6 pm on November 29
- December 6-7** 25th Annual Cherokee Antique Row Cookie Spree
- December 13-14** Christmas Carols in the Missouri Botanical Garden

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