



THE Tea Room TIMES



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Fall – A Time To Be Thankful

Fall is among us and I can see it now, before we know it we will be donning sweaters and lighting bonfires. Ok, well maybe not in Florida. But it safe to say that we may get to the point where we can add a long-sleeved shirt to go along with our shorts. It's true, we don't get the cooler weather or the change of seasons that are so brilliantly displayed up north, but we still get a little something, less humidity.

Not having ever really shared in the change of seasons (yes, I am a Florida baby), I always enjoy participating in activities and celebrating these seasonal vestiges as best as I can, with a really cold AC, a big fluffy blanket, and my favorite seasonal tea.

I especially find this is the time of year that I do the most reflecting and remembering. For me, Spring is for new life and new beginnings, Summer for fun activities and adventures, Fall for calming down and reflecting, and Winter for spending time with family and friends and making plans for the future.

Now it doesn't always go in that order, but typically I find myself in these mindsets for the different seasons. So, now that I am moving into the thankful and reflecting time of my year, I thought it be only fitting that I share with you what I am thankful for, my top 10 if you will (but this isn't all, I am thankful for so much more but we are limited on print space). Then, I encourage you to sit down, take some deep breaths, and think about all that you have to be thankful for too. Sometimes in our busy world, it's hard to see the good between the chaos so I like to quiet myself and spend some time in reflection and really appreciating what I am thankful for and for all of the good things in my life.

My Thankful List

#1 My Husband: For those of you who don't know Bryan, he is the most loving and patient man that I have ever met. He has given me such opportunity to be able to run our businesses and create beautiful atmospheres that our guests love. He is my knight in shining armor and is always up for anything I ask, even if it means getting dirty or working

hard. I am so blessed to have him balance my life, and to be able to love him for all eternity.

#2 My Mom: In case you don't know, my mom is my rock. She is there every day at the tearoom (and even on days we aren't open) working hard to ensure that all of our guests are taken care of in the gift shop and with reservations. She keeps the tea shelves stocked, and keeps me up to date with ordering gifts and more. Her love is endless and I know she does it, not for the money, but so her daughter (me) can continue to offer such wonderful things to our community. (Debbie, in the gifts shop is my mom, in case you didn't know already).

#3 My Dawne: How unbelievably blessed I was when this amazing woman came walking into my tearoom and my life. I can't believe it has been 5 ½ years since she joined me at The White Heron. When she started I didn't know how much she would be doing for me, and today she does so much. She makes sure our guests in the tearoom are taking care of, and that my business always strives to put out the best. She treats the tearoom as her own, and the whole business the same, and I am not only grateful, but so blessed she walked into my tearoom and my life. She's not just my manager, but a friend and sister in tea.

#4 My Family: I have a tremendous family, and a very large one. I am so thankful for all of them and their continued love and support for whatever I do. I'm sure sometimes they think I'm crazy, but they never say it. They

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Dear Friends and Tea Lovers



What a wonderful, and hot, summer we have had. It's no wonder that June was National Iced Tea Month. Typically, I don't drink much cold tea, but this summer I feel like I have been consuming a lot more than usual. I sure am ready for some Fall weather.

I am really excited about the possibility of cooler weather, but even more than that, I am excited about Fall teas coming back. Fall teas tend to be some of my favorite, especially anything to do with cinnamon, caramel, or apple. If they combine two or three of these flavors, it's even better!

I also love having tea in the tearoom when the weather starts to shift. Not that tea isn't wonderful all year long, but there's something about a little cooler air, light sweaters and scarves, and a delicious cup of tea. How about you?

I am also very excited about some of the adjustments we have made in our tearoom for the future. You may notice the main dining room is laid out a little differently, or that we added a new China cabinet. We've also changed a few things in our middle dining room, including creating a more defined space for our walk-in guests during the week. We love that we have had the opportunity to update our place, and it is something that we will continue to do for years to come so that we can continue to enhance your tea experience.

With the change of the seasons, it's also time to update and make some minor changes to our offerings. As you all probably know from our previous newsletters, items we use for tea service (including supplies and food) continue to increase in cost. We recognize this but we also recognize that you, our guests, are feeling the crunch as well. We have thought long and hard about how we can minimize the impact of the outer environment so that we can protect the tearoom and you, our family.

We are excited to announce minimal changes to our tearoom menu that took effect on September 1, 2022.

Our Tea Room Beginning September 1, our tearoom menu will be limited to the following items: Afternoon Tea, Tea House Salad, Young Ladies/Gentleman's Tea, and Prince/Princess Tea. With these changes, we would also like to remind you that we do not allow plate sharing in our tearoom or tea parlour. All guests visiting the tearoom for reservations must provide their menu selection in advance, as we have done since we opened.

Afternoon Tea The price of our Afternoon Tea will remain the same at \$21.95, plus tax and gratuity. It will continue to include tea sandwiches/savories, scones, petite desserts, and a pot of tea.

Tea House Salad The price of our Tea House Salad will go to \$16.95 and will still include a pot of tea.

The Young Ladies'/Gentleman's & Princess/Prince Teas The price of these selections will go to \$16.95 and will continue to include the tea sandwiches, scone, petite desserts, and pot of tea or apple juice.

Discontinued The Lunch Tea option for the tearoom will be discontinued at the end of August. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Tea Parlour Our Tea Parlour will be available on a first come, first served basis, determined by availability, Wednesday through Friday from 11:00am to 3:00pm. We will continue to offer our Happy Hour specials, as well as some ala carte items.

We know that times are hard for all of us, and we appreciate your understanding as we have worked really hard to make some adjustments so that any changes we make do not impact your overall tea experience. As always, we appreciate your continued love and support. Together we will all get through this together.

Your Friend in Tea, *Kelly*

Simple Cinnamon Apple Scones



As Fall looms in the air, it's time to enjoy the flavors of the season. This year, to go along with our seasonal teas, we are really enjoying our delicious Cinnamon Apple Scones. One delicious bite and you'll be clamoring for cooler weather and warm bonfires.

Pairs Deliciously with: Apple Spice Black Tea, Golden Apple Spice Green Tea, Cinnamon Cha Cha Rooibos

Ingredients/Needs:

2 cups self-rising flour

1 can apple pie filling

1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

1 – 1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream

Non-stick cooking spray

Triangle scone pan or muffin pan

Directions:

1. Preheat conventional oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix dry ingredients together in a large bowl (self-rising flour and cinnamon).
3. Empty contents from can of apple pie filling into dry ingredients. Mix well.
4. **If using a mixer** – after dry ingredients are mixed together, slowly add in heavy cream mixture, ½ cup at a time. Allow for liquid to fully mix with dry ingredients before adding more.
If mixing by hand – add liquid in ½ cup increments and mix well before adding more liquid.
5. Continue adding liquid to mixing bowl and mixing well until dough is of a sticky and thick consistency.
You do not want to add too much liquid and make it too creamy or the scones will not rise correctly.
6. Using a triangle scone pan, or muffin pan, spray each section pan with non-stick spray
7. Fill each section ½ way with dough mixture.
Optional – create a blend of cinnamon sugar and sprinkle a little on top of each scone before baking.
8. Place in oven for 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown on top.
9. Remove from oven, let cool for 2-3 minutes before removing from pan. *If you have a hard time removing them from the pan, use a butter knife and go around the inside of the pan to separate the scone from the pan.*
10. Let cool slightly and enjoy!



Thank You!

On behalf of our entire team at The White Heron, we want to say thank you to you, our amazing guests, for honoring us this year with so many awards. This year, your White Heron team has received the following recognitions:

Best Tea Room

Best of Tampa Bay by Tampa Bay Magazine

Best Tea Room (Gold)

Best of the Best People's Choice by Tampa Bay Times

Best Gift Shop (Silver)

People's Choice by The Suncoast News.

We are truly honored and humbled to be recognized with these accolades and thank you for all of your love and continued support of my and my team's dream of being a special place for you to visit and spend time with those you love. **Thank you!**



My Thankful List continued from front...

just encourage me and support me, from both near and far, and I am so thankful.

#5 My Home: I am so thankful that we found our home in downtown New Port Richey twelve years ago. I love our tiny bungalow, but more importantly, I feel so blessed to be able to come home each night to a home with a roof over my head and a comfy bed inside. Many people do not have the same luxury and I am grateful that I do.

#6 My Health and Wellness: My Health and Wellness- While not always the best, I am thankful for being relatively healthy and being alive. My cervical dystonia still plays havoc on my neck and my "bobble head" but I manage. And I realize how lucky I am that I only have that to worry about. I pray for all those who are not well. I can't imagine what it must be like, and I pray that those whose health suffers find relief.

#7 My Businesses: I am so thankful for all three of my businesses. My baby, The White Heron, will always be nearest and dearest to my heart. It's the first thing I ever took a chance on, that I created from the ground up, and love to this day. I love my Salt Room, where every day I can see the benefits of assisting with others' respiratory wellness. The stories I could tell! And I love the brewery because, even though it's not really my thing, it brings life to people, and my husband truly loves it.

#8 My Guests: I am so thankful for my guests. The ones who have visited us once and

those who visit us frequently. You are my support and without you, none of what I do would matter. None of what I do would be a success. You make me, and our entire team success. I hope you know how important you are to us. Many of you have become friends. We are so eternally grateful.

#9 My Friends: My friends.... Both close and distant, are so important to me. You tell me I'm crazy, or support my ideas, you comfort me and guide me and even though I may not see all of you often, I appreciate your love and support.

#10 My Future: At this point in my life I am thankful about having a bright future. See, I didn't always know what I wanted to do or what I wanted out of life. But today, between my husband, my mom, Dawne, my family (Ava and Deidra, Bernice, Dad and Beth, and so many others), my guests and my friends, I know my future is bright and that whatever comes my way, whatever I decide to take on next, I will be successful because of you!

Now that you know my list, what is on yours? Being thankful and acknowledging the good things in our lives makes living that much better.

I encourage you to take a few minutes this Fall season and write down up to 10 things that you are thankful for. Then, make a plan to sit down throughout the season and enjoy a delicious cup of tea and reflect back on your list. It will truly put you in the Fall spirit.

FUN DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21
National Chai Day

September 26
Love Note Day

October 5
World Teacher's Day

October 5
Yom Kippur

October 6
Mad Hatter Day

October 14
National Dessert Day

October 15
Sweetest Day

October 31
Halloween

November 1
All Saints Day

November 2
All Souls Day

November 6
Daylight Savings
Ends

November 8
Election Day

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 13
World Kindness Day

November 24
Thanksgiving Day

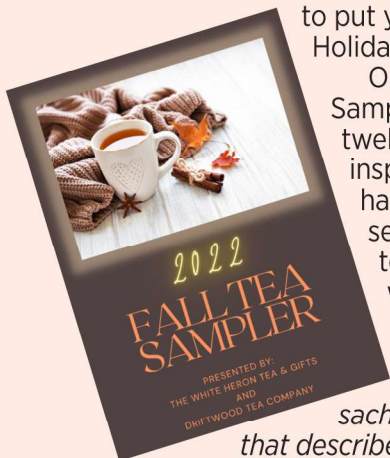
November 26
Small Business
Saturday

Fall Tea Sampler NOW AVAILABLE

As the seasons begin to change and we look forward to cooler Fall weather, we are excited to have curated 12 teas for you to enjoy to put you in the Fall and Holiday mood.

Our new Fall Tea Sampler includes twelve (12) Fall inspired teas that have been hand selected by our team, especially with you in mind. Each sampler includes 12 single serve teas (in tea sachets), and a booklet that describes each tea.

Fall Tea Samplers are \$16.95 each and will be available at The White Heron or online at DriftwoodTeaCompany.com



Enjoy Afternoon Tea At Home

Enjoy all the delicious tea fare from the comfort and safety of your home when you order our Tea To Go.

Afternoon Tea to Go includes:

4 tea sandwiches, 2 scones with Devonshire Cream and Strawberry Preserves, 3 petite desserts, and 2 tea sachets for you to fix and enjoy.

\$18.95

Call and place your order today, 727-203-3504. Orders must be placed 1 day in advance.

Tea To Go can be picked up Wednesday - Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm.



Did You Know?

Our current day Thanksgiving is modeled after the 1621 harvest feast that was shared by the English colonists of Plymouth (we often refer to them as the Pilgrims) and the Wampanoag People. Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States and will be celebrated this year on Thursday, November 24.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WHITE HERON

Fall Tea After Dark

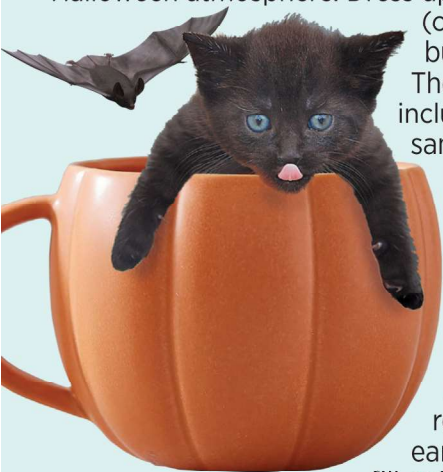
Thursday, October 13, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Celebrate the arrival of Fall with a festive Tea After Dark. Enjoy delicious tea fare, including: salad, tea sandwiches and savories, scone, and petite desserts. This evening we will feature two of our Fall teas for guests to enjoy. \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Advance reservations required. Please call in advance as our events fill quickly. (727) 203-3504

All Witch's Halloween Tea

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Join us for a night of ghoulish and spooky fun in our tea room. The tearoom will be transformed into a "haunted mansion" and guest will enjoy our fun Halloween atmosphere. Dress up for even more fun (costumes encouraged but not required). The evening's menu includes: salad, tea sandwiches and savories, scone, and petite desserts. Guests will also enjoy two of our delicious Fall teas. \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Advance reservation required. Please call early as spaces tend to fill quickly. (727) 203-3504



Give Thanks Tea After Dark

Thursday, November 10, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Join us in November for our monthly Tea After Dark. Enjoy delicious tea fare, including: salad, tea sandwiches and savories, scone, and petite desserts. This evening we will feature two of our Fall teas for guests to enjoy. \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Advance reservations required. Please call in advance as our events fill quickly. (727) 203-3504

Brunch and Holiday Open House

Sunday, November 20, 2022 • 10:00 am – 12 pm

Join us for a relaxing and delicious brunch. Our friends at Arlisa's Catering will provide a delicious brunch menu, including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, waffles and hashbrown casserole. We will provide the tea. After brunch there will be plenty of time for shopping our beautiful gift shop, where we can help you get a start to your holiday gift shopping. Seating times: 10:00 am – 12 pm. Please call to schedule your seating time as space is limited. Walk in available only if room and is not guaranteed. \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Advance reservation strongly suggested. Please call early as spaces tend to fill quickly. (727) 203-3504.

A Tea To Fall In LOVE With



Pecan Pastry*

Aside from being Debbie's favorite, this tea provides so many things. First, being a green tea provides high antioxidants, something our bodies need to stay healthy. Couple that with low caffeine and we have a great tea with optimal health benefits. Second, the nutty and warm flavor epitomizes what we think fall should be, wrapping up in a nice warm blanket and sipping some nice warm tea. Finally, this tea is often underrated when it comes to guests trying it, but once they enjoy a few sips, they love it. We hope you will give it a try and love it too.



Tea Profile: A nutty character that tends sweet, with delicious lingering pecan profile that beckons you back for more. ****Allergan Alert****

Luxury Ingredients: Green Tea, Papaya Pieces, Orange Pieces, Natural Flavors.

Tea(s) From: China

Antioxidant / Caffeine Level: High / Low

*This delicious tea is only available at The White Heron Tea & Gifts and available online at www.driftwoodteacompany.com

Come Downtown and Enjoy Cotee River Bike Fest

**Join us on Saturday, October 8, 2022
as Farrell Cares presents Cotee River Bike Fest**

Bike Fest Lunch Special

Enjoy our Happy Hour Lunch Special

Our almost famous chicken salad on cocktail croissant,
2 cucumber sandwiches, homemade pasta salad,
and iced tea....\$13

Our Gift Shop Will Be Open

Friday, October 7 from 11 am to 4 pm &
Saturday, October 8 from 10 am to 5 pm

***Please note that The White Heron Tea & Gifts will be closed for formal tea service on Saturday, October 8 for the 10th Annual Cotee River Bike Fest taking place in historic downtown New Port Richey.**





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Small Business **Saturday**



Saturday, November 26, 2022 • 11 am to 4 pm

Small Business Saturday is the perfect day to shop Downtown New Port Richey. We have lots of great places and when you shop at our store or others in town, you are helping out our local owners and families so we can continue to create unique and fun shopping destinations for you all year long.

Our Small Business Saturday specials include:

- 🌐 Spend \$25 and receive a complimentary 3 pack of a seasonal favorite tea to enjoy at home
- 🌐 Spend \$50 and receive a complimentary reusable shopping bag
- 🌐 10% all loose leaf tea (excludes 3 packs and tea bag sachets)
- 🌐 \$1.99 hot tea (choose from 2 of our premade teas for the day)

We can't wait to see you on Small Business Saturday and we thank you for shopping local.



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Reservations required for tearoom services.

**Please call a minimum of
48 hours in advance.**

**Large parties are encouraged to call well
in advance as the tearoom fills quickly.*