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# RUTH CASPER DESIGN STUDIO & COLLABORATIVE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to issue three! Our goal each month is to provide some design and lifestyle inspiration as well as recommendations, stories, and a peek into the lives of our amazing community. This month we have a special tablescape feature for Thanksgiving!

## *Thanksgiving table*



Without a doubt, Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I am fortunate to love all of my extended family and look forward to seeing them every year. It is a huge celebration for us without all of the added stress that Christmas tends to bring for me. I also love side dishes, and they really are the star of our table each year.

We were so lucky this year to partner with Epiphany glass to bring a gorgeous fall table. Here we highlight three of their amazing hand-blown glass offerings. First the incredible acorns. Available in three sizes and are shown here at place settings, on the table, and in the gorgeous centerpiece. The featured bowl is from Epiphany glass. The last highlight is the Abundant Turkey. Each one is accompanied by a card explaining their symbolism of the many blessings we receive from Mother Nature.

Large, medium, and small acorns, bowl and turkeys on sale. [patty@ruthcasperdesign.com](mailto:patty@ruthcasperdesign.com) 313-212-8620

# Favorite Thanksgiving "side" dishes

## Ruth Mom's stuffing

### A few days ahead-

4 different loaves of assorted breads

### Day of-

3 cups diced celery

1 tbs sage

1 large box raisins

4 sticks butter

5 Vidalia onion

1 tsp celery salt

1 qt chicken broth

salt and pepper to taste



## Aimee GF Pecan Pie

Gluten free pie crust

3/4 cup maple syrup

3 tablespoons butter melted and cooled

3 large eggs

1 3/4 cups chopped pecans

(Raw pecan halves for decoration)

1 cup sugar

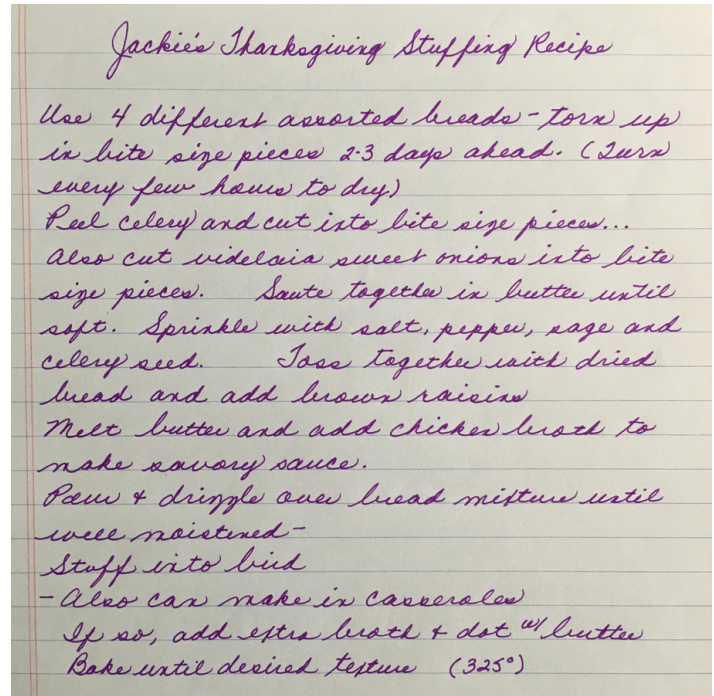
1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1. Preheat to 400 degrees
2. Whisk together all ingredients except pecans and crust; then stir in chopped pecans
3. Pour the filling in the pie crust and decorate with pecan halves.
4. Bake on a baking sheet for 20 min then reduce temp. to 350 for 30 more minutes. It should be golden and not jiggle when done.
5. Cool completely before serving.

## Patty

To most people this is going to sound like a crazy fruit salad, but on my dad's side of the family it was a festive "fight" every year at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The dispute was about dates. Do you or don't you include dates. I was team NO along with most of "the kids". After my Grandma died, we realized there were only three people out of 65 who actually liked the dates. My grandma was one of them which is why, to this day, it is always discussed with nostalgia and no dates anymore.



My favorite sides are prepared by someone else, so we often buy our sides already made. Mashed potatoes are the absolute worst to make, My husband grills our turkey every year, and he loves doing that. I would much rather bake. I do make pecan and pumpkin pie. My girls like to put the pecans in a perfect design on the top. It is one of the few homemade items during the meal. The best gluten-free crust is from Whole Foods frozen section I go early so they don't sell out.



## Dehn fruit salad

3 bananas sliced

4 apples cored and chopped into cubes

1-2 cans of drained pineapple tidbits

1 lb red grapes halved

1/2 bag mini marshmallows

homemade whipped cream (amount is based on personal taste)

Handful chopped soft dates (if you want to argue)

Mix all together in a large bowl.

VERY easy to adjust for size of crowd



# Holiday drinks

Some people love to celebrate the holidays with a festive drink, others feel like they need them to survive the holiday. Whichever camp you fall into, here is a fall drink to add to your repertoire.

## Adult cocktail

### Fall Spiced Old Fashioned

This fall version of the classic cocktail is perfect for holiday entertaining. We used orange bitters for one version and bourbon barrel aged bitters for another. Don't be afraid to experiment-not a Bourdon fan, use Rum instead! [full recipe with variations](#)

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### Ingredients

#### For the Simple Syrup:

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 star anise
- 6 thyme sprigs
- 6 cardamom pods

#### For the cocktails:

- 1/2 ounce (15ml) simple syrup
- 1/2 ounce (15ml) water
- 2 dashes aromatic bitters
- 2 ounces (59ml) bourbon

#### To garnish:

- orange peel
- cinnamon sticks
- ice cubes

### Instructions

Combine the simple syrup ingredients, bring to a boil and let them steep on the stove for 30 minutes.

Strain the syrup and store in the fridge until ready to serve.

Combine the cinnamon-spiced simple syrup with water, bitters, and bourbon in an ice-filled glass.

Top glass with orange peel and a cinnamon stick.

### Notes

Strain your simple syrup through a fine-mesh sieve or cheesecloth before refrigerating.

But don't toss those spices! Add the leftover spices and some sliced citrus to a small pot filled with water and simmer on your stove for a wonderful and frugal simmering potpourri.

Combine all of your cocktail ingredients in a glass and give them a stir. Then add the ice last.

# ON THE JOB SITE

This lower-level family room was the most lived in part of the home and was in need of a refresh and some brightening up.



Photography by Beth Singer Photographers  
Stone from Hard Rock Stone Works  
Area Rug McLoed's Carpet One

**This beautiful space is now  
the highlight of the home**

Before



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# GET ORGANIZED

EACH MONTH: STEP CLOSER TO LESS CLUTTER



woman owned, Michigan brand



## Time to update and replace:

Candles can be purchased at Ruth Casper Design Studio.

**Looking for a corporate gift idea?**  
Candles can be bulk ordered now in  
with your company logo.

Organization is often a goal in homes, but it can be overwhelming! Each month we will suggest one item to go through and toss in your home. Hopefully by working in small categories, it will help you on your journey to a less clutter. It shouldn't take long, and if you are inspired to do more, let us know. We can help with a more advanced plan for organizing any space in your home.

## THIS MONTH: Candles and candle holders

Fall weather is often when our candles come out and fill the air with wonderful scents of the season. We are more likely to have a candle burning non-stop in the fall than any other season. However, where is your stockpile of partially burnt candles? Often we have candlesticks whose colors have bled onto others, are broken, and really need to go. We also need to purge those we don't like the scent of and the holders that are outdated or damaged.

**Fresh Coast Candle Company** is in Holland, Michigan. Designer Becky Dubois is committed to her family and your family. Fresh Coast Candles is, and will remain, one of the healthiest candles you can buy. Becky witnessed first hand the damage that burning synthetic candles can cause, and will produce only the best, toxin free candles on the market.

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# Is it an Original?

**What is the difference between original and print?**

**We have several Weatherly Stroh original pieces in studio...**

## Original artwork:

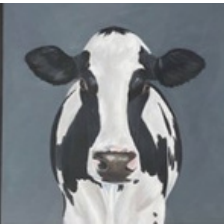
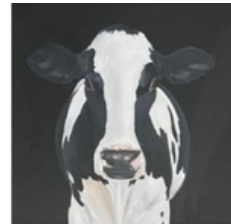
- Created by the artist hand on canvas or other surface. It can also include digital art created by the original artist. This definition excludes mechanical or digital copies, prints, and other reproductions.
- Paintings can be somewhat similar in subject as long as it is clear that they are different from other another, each painting is a one of a kind original painting. If however the artist is painting, not printing, the same painting over and over again essentially he is creating multiple copies of the same image or an edition.

## Prints:

- A print is any work of art that is copied/reproduced by some kind of machine or someone other than the artist hand. This technique has come a long way and often can appear to be an original to the consumer eye.



These top four are original oil on linen. Cows are oil on panel



**...and we have prints too!**

**All ready for immediate delivery!**

We will be carrying in store several different prints, additionally Weatherly Stroh has several one-of-a-kind pieces and commissioned work for those looking for something original or to meet certain specifications.



These are giclee canvas prints. To learn more about the artist, please visit her website [weatherlystroh.com](http://weatherlystroh.com) or follow her on Instagram @weatherlystrohstudio.



# Furniture Feature

## let's talk reupholstery

If you have tried to order furniture in the last three years, you know it is a waiting game. Sure, you can get some, but the high quality manufacturers are on a serious timeline of months to years. One solution is to take a much loved piece that has a shape you like and have it reupholstered. It is a huge timesaver and is much more customized to your tastes and needs. Fabric durability, texture, and style can all be chosen by you! No more wait and a one of a kind piece.

Here is an example at Ruth Casper Design Studio. While we loved everything about this ottoman, it didn't fit the colors of the new Studio. Changing out the fabric and painting the base was all it needed. Not only did we save money, but it only took 1-month! Contact us if you would like to update furniture- we can assist in fabric selection and procurment.



MAY WE  
RECOMMEND



**Looking for a corporate gift idea?**  
Blankets can be bulk ordered now, with or without monograms- but monograms make it personalized and gives that extra Je ne sais quio!  
Contact [patty@ruthcasperdesign.com](mailto:patty@ruthcasperdesign.com) to play orders

**Best Friend Energy Podcast.** This is a brand-new podcast started by The Home Edit co-founders Clea and Joanna who are now best friends and have less than organized lives:)

**The Home Edit: A Guide to Organizing and Realizing Your House Goals** by Clea Shearer and Joanna Teplin. If you are ready to work on organization, this is a great color guided book that is easy to follow and has products to help you.

### Visit our studio

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