

# November 2023

## 5 Tips for a Festive Table

Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to come together, give thanks, and share a delicious feast. One way to make this special occasion even more memorable is by decorating a beautiful table. Here are five tips to help you get started:

- **Choose a Theme:** Select a theme or color scheme that sets the tone for your table. Traditional choices include warm autumn hues like deep reds, oranges, and earthy browns. Your theme will guide you and create a cohesive look.
- **Layers:** Layering different table linens and tableware can add depth and texture to your setting. Begin with a tablecloth or placemats, followed by charger, dinner, and salad plates. Mix and Match textures and patterns to make your table more visually interesting.
- **Create a Stunning Centerpiece:** A centerpiece is the focal point of your Thanksgiving table. Consider using a combination of seasonal elements mixed with candles, flowers, and greenery. Make sure it's not too tall.
- **Personalized Place Settings:** Make your guests feel special by writing their names on decorative place cards or attaching a small thank-you note.
- **Warm Lighting:** Lighting can make or break your table decor. Use soft, warm lighting to create a cozy atmosphere. Candles in various sizes, string lights, or lanterns can all contribute to a warm and inviting ambiance.

## Holiday Meat Carving Tips

Whether your family prefers ham, turkey, or another type of roast at the holiday table, the job of carving is a big responsibility. Use these quick carving tips to ensure that your dinner goes off without a hitch.

### Turkey:

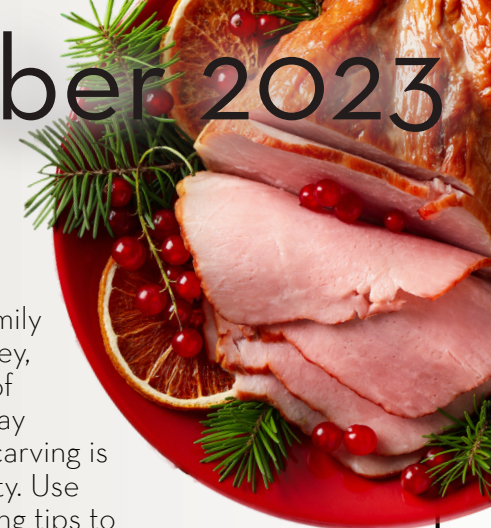
Let the turkey rest for at least 30 minutes before cutting through meat. Use a carving knife that's specifically designed for slicing meat. Ensure that the bird stays tender by slicing the meat against the grain.

### Bone-In Ham:

Trim one to two slices from the bottom of the ham to create a flat base. Utilize a carving fork, in addition to a knife, to help you stabilize the ham as you cut. Cut thick, even slices down to the bone, and work the blade to release the slices from the bone.

### Beef Roast:

Insert the carving fork firmly beneath the top rib, and begin to slice horizontally. Glide your way through each slice in one or two motions to avoid shredding the meat. Use the tip of the knife to cut along the rib bone to release the slice.

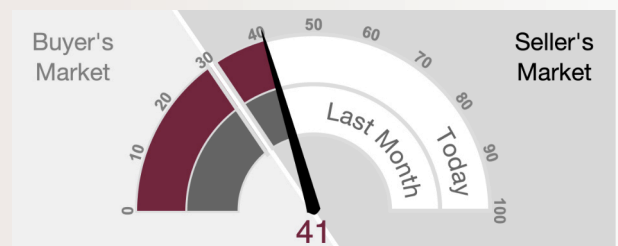


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## Slight Seller's Market

This week the median list price for Los Angeles, CA is \$1,575,000 with the market action index hovering around 41. This is less than last month's market action index of 42. Inventory has increased to 1,312..

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## Spread the Gift of Kindness

This holiday season consider hosting a “Grateful Gifts” gathering as a way to provide an opportunity for them to partner with you to help a local nonprofit.

**Here’s how it works:** Pick a time to have an open house at your home or office where guests can stop in for refreshments and drop off their donations. If they can’t make it, offer to pick up their donation so they still feel part of the efforts to give back. Here are some Grateful Gift Ideas:



**Grocery Cards:** Ask your guests to purchase gift cards from a local grocery store that can then be donated to food banks. Food banks can then use these to purchase items that are not normally donated.

**Shop for a Teenager:** Teens are often left out of holiday gift drives. Ask your guests to donate cards from department stores that can then be given to organizations that help teens in need such as the Boys & Girls Club of America.

**Help Homeless Dogs and Cats:** Animal shelters are always in need of used sheets and towels. It’s a great way to have your guests clear out old items and help homeless animals.

**Remember the Senior Citizens:** This is also a group often left out during the holidays. Check with your local senior center or local Council on Aging to see what some of the needs are for this group. World Kindness Day is November 13<sup>th</sup>

## Local Activities and Events

- Now - November 19: FJR & Associates Pet Donation Drive
- November 4, 11, 18: LA Sanitation Free Composting Class
- November 12: Heroes of Hope Race for Brain Tumor Research
- November 12: Alzheimer’s Los Angeles Making Memories Festival
- November 17: LA Auto Show Opening Day
- Now - December 8: “Here: Arts & Culture along the K” Metro Art Exhibition
- Now - January 7: Dinos Alive Immersive Experience
- Nov 10 - Jan 31: The Dr. Seuss Experience

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