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Natalie MacMaster lights up the holidays

Light up your holidays with the fiery brilliance of virtuoso fiddler Natalie MacMaster in a Christmas in Cape Breton at the Rochester Opera House on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. MacMaster's electrifying energy captures the audience with foot-tapping rave-ups, masterful step-dancing and phenomenal fiddling prowess.

Her majesty with the bow commands her fiddle to sing rousing Celtic melodies, heart-wrenching ballads and Christmas Carols that have her audience clapping, stomping and hollering for more. MacMaster has appeared with legends Yo-Yo Ma and Luciano Pavarotti, released ten albums with multiple gold sales and has won numerous Juno and East Coast Music Awards. This show is sponsored in part by Eastern Propane & Oil, L.Wynn Sound, Foster's Daily Democrat, Waste Management, Bernier Insurance and Hourihane, Cormier Associates with Tim & Sally Fontneau. Reserve tickets online at www.rochesteroperahouse.com or call/stop by the box office (603) 335-1992, M/W/F from 10-5 and before the show.

The Rochester Opera House is located in City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, Rochester NH. The season continues with A Christmas Carol 12/17&18 and Cabaret 1/20-29.

● **Tickets: \$42 and \$38**



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History of the Christmas Tree

● **1510** – The first written record of a decorated Christmas Tree comes from Riga, Latvia. Men of the local merchants' guild decorated a tree with artificial roses, danced around it in the marketplace and then set fire to it.

● **1530** – There is record from Alsace, France (then Germany territory) that trees were sold in the marketplace and brought home and set up undecorated.

● **1600s** – By the 17th century, it was common in Germany to decorate Christmas Trees with apples. This practice was a holdover from the 14th and 15th centuries when evergreen boughs hung with apples were the only prop used in the "miracle plays" that were performed at the churches on December 24.

● **1700s** – In parts of Austria and Germany, evergreen tips were brought into the home and hung top down from the ceiling. They were often decorated with apples, gilded nuts and red paper strips.

Edible ornaments became so popular on Christmas Trees that they were often called "sugartrees."

● **1800s** – The Christmas Tree was introduced in the United States by German settlers. It rapidly grew from tabletop size to floor-to-ceiling.

● **1851** – Christmas Trees began to be sold commercially in the United States.

● **1853** – Franklin Pierce is credited with bringing the first Christmas Tree to the White House.

● **Late 1800s** – The first glass ornaments were introduced into the United States, again from Germany. The first ones were mostly balls, but later chains of balls, toys and figures became more common.

● **1900s** – Due to overharvesting, the natural supply of evergreens began to be decimated. Conservationists became alarmed, and many magazines began to encourage people to substitute an artificial "snow" covered tree, consisting of a branch of a deciduous tree wrapped in cotton.

● **1901** – The first Christmas Tree farm was started in 1901 when W.V. McGalliard planted 25,000 Norway spruce on his farm in New Jersey. Also in 1901,

Theodore Roosevelt tried to stop the practice of having Christmas Trees out of concern about the destruction of forests. His two sons didn't agree and enlisted the help of conservationist Gifford Pinchot to persuade the president that, done properly, the practice was not harmful to the forests.

● **1966** – The National Christmas Tree Association began its time-honored tradition of having the Grand Champion grower present a Christmas Tree to the First Lady for display in the Blue Room of the White House.

● **Today** – Approximately 25-30 million Real Christmas Trees are sold each year in the United States. Almost all of these come from Christmas Tree plantations.

Timeline provided by The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm, Bethlehem, NH.



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At The Rocks Estate, it always feels like the holidays

BETHLEHEM, N.H. - The Rocks Estate, with its neat rows of Christmas trees and spectacular views of the White Mountains, gets visitors into the holiday spirit like no place else. This year The Rocks has added a few new twists to its tried and true holiday favorites.

For decades The Rocks has offered fragrant farm fresh Christmas trees and beautiful handcrafted wreaths. The Christmas tree farm, owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, also strives to keep things fresh by introducing new holiday ideas each season.

"Each year we try to bring something new to Christmas, while holding onto the traditions that people expect when they come to experience the season at the farm," said longtime Rocks Estate manger Nigel Manley.

Over the years, Manley and his staff have added new features to create an atmosphere of fun and festivity around choosing a Christmas tree. Visitors to the Christmas tree farm are invited to enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride through the picturesque estate and visit with The Rocks' own "Green Santa," who presents each child with a fir tree seedling.

The more adventuresome visitors may try a dogsled ride courtesy of the dogs from Muddy Paw Kennel in Jefferson. Those looking for the perfect gift or a one-of-a-kind ornament will find plenty of options at the new Rocks Estate Market Place, introduced last winter and featuring unique offerings from dozens of New Hampshire artisans.

New this year, The Rocks has added Canaan Firs to its traditional Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir

Christmas trees. Guests may cut their own tree from the extensive fields around the estate, or choose a fresh-cut tree in the lot. Families visiting The Rocks this holiday season will also find a large birch deer – made of birch logs and nature's other offerings – which makes a perfect perch for children for a family photo.

Among the beautiful holiday wreaths, handcrafted right at The Rocks, are a Chris Moose wreath decorated with cones, canella berries, static flowers and a whimsical stuffed moose. The Christmas Star wreath is adorned with pepper berries and static. A limited Trees For Troops wreath features a stuffed bear in military fatigues and dog tags, with proceeds benefitting the Trees For Troops program, which delivers thousands of trees each Christmas to military service members and their families.

The Rocks Estate opens for the Christmas tree season Nov. 20 and will remain open every day from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Wagon rides and dog sled tours are offered Nov. 20, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, and 18. Reservations are recommended for both. The Rocks' Green Santa will be at the farm each Saturday, joined most days by a family of beautiful and friendly Bernese Mountain dogs.

Owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the landmark 1,400-acre Rocks Estate includes numerous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, extensive walking paths, and 45 acres planted with Christmas trees. For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.therocks.org.



Tips on selecting a real tree at a choose your own farm

Remember, the Christmas trees purchased from local Christmas tree farms are as fresh as a Christmas tree can ever be.

Evaluate your needs before departing for the farm.

- Measure the ceiling height in the room where the tree will be displayed. The trees in the field look small when the sky is the ceiling. Don't overbuy.

- Measure the width of the area of the room where the tree will be displayed. Most trees on tree farms are trimmed to an 80% taper. So a tree that's 10' tall will be 8' wide at the bottom. A tree that will fit in the room vertically may be entirely too big horizontally.

- What decorating theme will be used? Some species have more open foliage, stiffer branches or longer needles. Research the characteristics of the different species on the NCTA website www.realchristmastrees.org, then find a farm near you that has the species you are looking for.



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Finding gifts for every person on your list

Gift giving is an art. Done well, you can not only see your loved one's face light up with joy, but you can get through your holiday shopping without overspending.

Here are some ideas from the gift experts at Bed Bath & Beyond, to delight the special interests of those on your list:

● **For the Bookworm:** If you have an avid reader on your list, it's a safe assumption that topping their list is an e-reader. This year you can grant that wish and radically change the way they curl up with a good book. For instance, Bed Bath & Beyond offers several options to choose from, including the Pandigital Novel Color eReader that gives your loved ones access to millions of books, newspapers and magazines right at their fingertips.

● **For the Connoisseur:** Connoisseurs love gifts that speak to their passions. For example, seasoned wine aficionados will appreciate Skybar's Wine Preservation and Optimization System.

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temperature while an innovative vacuum technology naturally preserves the wine's flavor for up to 10 days.

● **For the Family:** Sometimes it's easier (and cheaper) to buy one gift for a family instead of individual ones for each member. Good family gifts are gender neutral and enjoyed by all, such as board games, gadgets or cookware. One great family gift is SodaStream's Genesis Soda Maker, which turns water into soda in seconds. The entire family can have a variety of their favorite regular and diet fizzy flavors on demand, without lugging home and storing lots of different sodas.

● **For the Multi-taskers:** Since you can't give your most hurried loved ones extra time, give them a gift that will. For example, the Sharper Image Shower Mirror has a fog-free mirror and razor compartment that lets the man-on-the-go save time by shaving in the shower. It also gives him a morning pick-me-up with its wireless and waterproof radio and iPod compatibility. (StatePoint)



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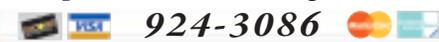
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We crave the simpler, slower holiday seasons we recall from childhood, when Mom and Grandma both entertained with style, grace and good food.

It is possible to recapture some of that simple, happy holiday spirit. Meals that feature timeless traditional foods like classic fruitcake, peppermint chocolate bark and spiral sliced ham not only bring loved ones together, they can evoke the spirit of a less harried era.

Fortunately, you don't have to unearth Grandma's handwritten cookbook or rely on Mom's memory to create nostalgic meals this holiday season.

Many favorite holiday foods - such as fruitcake, red velvet cake, spiral sliced



ham, cheese logs and peppermint chocolate bark - are available online, already prepared, and even packaged to send as gifts. If you're craving a calm, classic

Christmas, it may be time to "nosh nostalgic." You can find more classic holiday foods and gift ideas at www.SwissColony.com. (ARA)

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INSIDE NEW ENGLAND by **JUD HALE**
 Originally published by Harper and Row in 1982, Inside New England offers a timeless warm and delightful tribute to what it means to be a Yankee: clambake and tea party etiquette; Lizzie Borden's breakfast; how to avoid driving the town fire truck; the six responsibilities of being a Vermonter, who actually landed on Plymouth Rock. This handsome gate-fold edition features wood engravings by the New Hampshire artist Randy Miller, and has been refreshed by the author with a new introduction, as well as updated references.

TURN & JUMP: HOW TIME AND PLACE FELL APART by **HOWARD MANSFIELD**
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Entertain with ease with these 8 tips

'Tis the season to be jolly. Hang the mistletoe, deck the halls and let the party planning begin. To help make your holiday gatherings a stress-free experience, here are some tips for easy entertaining from Deborah Locke, product manager and test kitchen director for RiceSelect, makers of Texmati rice.

- When entertaining family and friends, make plans to cook the entree and let your guests bring sides, salads and desserts.

- Save time in the kitchen by purchasing breads and desserts from your favorite bakery.

- Keep your pantry stocked with specialty rice, couscous or orzo products as the base for quick go-to dishes to boost your menu when last-minute guests show up for holiday meals.

- Choose a menu with foods that can be partially or completely prepared in advance. Save as little as possible to prep at last minute.

- Shop for non-perishables as far ahead as possible.

- When entertaining holiday guests, everyone typically ends up in the kitchen, so assign kitchen duties and let them help.

- Make a list of everything you may need help with. When guests call to offer their assistance, don't hesitate to give them something to do.

- With the multitude of dishes served at holiday gatherings, it's easy to run out of serving dishes if you don't plan ahead. Determine in advance which dishes you will use. Set these out with sticky notes reminding you what goes in each dish.

"Shopping, parties and the general hustle and bustle leave many families short on time and ideas for everyday family meals," says Locke. "To get you through those days, count on serving hearty one-dish meals that can be made in advance, like soups, hearty salads and casseroles." (ARA)





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Decorating for a trendy Christmas on a non-trendy budget

We are all watching our wallets closely as we begin to prepare for Christmas. If you're like most homeowners, you were planning to simply pull out the lights, ornaments and adornments that you've been using for the last couple of years. But what if you could have all new decorations without the expensive price tag?

There are creative, cost-effective ways to spruce up your existing decorations with the season's trendiest colors without breaking the bank. Here's a look at some inspired holiday project ideas:

● Make your interior merrier

Your Christmas tree sets the stage for the holiday theme and feel of your home. Refinishing ornaments is one of the fastest and easiest ways to update your look. Grab a couple of cans of spray paint from your local craft or hardware store to create an entirely new color scheme on which you can build.

Remember, though, that your newly transformed ornaments can be used for more than just your tree. You likely have



clear glass vases and bowls hiding around your home. Bring them out and add the painted ornaments to create a clever centerpiece on your kitchen table or in a guest bathroom.

Inexpensive terra cotta pots can easily be transformed into glowing accent lighting for your coffee table, fireplace mantel or buffet. Spray the pots and bases with me-

tallic spray paint and just add candles.

To add even more sparkle to your decor, accent fresh greenery and pine garland with glitter spray. Combine with the terra cotta pots for a distinctive centerpiece or easily hang around a door frame, mantel or entertainment center.

● Spice up outdoor festivities

Why not add some more color and distinctiveness to the outside of your home? Instead of the white icicle lights that have adorned your house for the last couple of years, break out those colored lights buried in that dusty box marked "lights of Christmases past." Red, green or even blue will help you expand your holiday color palette.

The trees in your front yard were meant to hold more than just lights during the holiday season. Jazz them up with oversized Christmas ornaments painted in complementary colors to your new lighting scheme. For more Christmas and holiday project inspiration, visit www.yourholidaystyle.com.



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Design tricks to make your home a holiday hotspot

You may enjoy a rousing rendition of "Deck the Halls" when the carolers come a calling. But many time-starved hosts struggle to get the house decked out for the holidays while still having money left over for gifts.

These five simple design tricks from the decorating experts at Country Door, an online and catalog retailer offering affordable, contemporary country decor for all seasons, can help you take your home from modest manger to holiday hotspot in no time.

- 1. Minor, near-effortless seasonal decor changes can usher in a fresh new look for any room in minutes.
- 2. Make that ribbon do double duty - create simple bows and sprinkle them in key locations in your living space.
- 3. Small stones and pinecones might seem common, but with a little imagination they make great holiday decor.
- 4. Anyone can create a breathtaking holiday table setting with their existing dinnerware by adding some



festive touches.

- 5. You probably have a junk

drawer in your home, but that's where you can find decorations in the rough.

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★ Herbs and spices offer creative holiday gift solutions

If you're looking for easy but thoughtful gifts for holiday giving, herb, spice and tea baskets offer a solution for just about anybody on your list.

With just a little thought about the person the gift is for and a few supplies, you'll be able to design a personalized presentation. Some tips:

- Choose containers to define your theme. Baskets are lovely, but a mixing bowl, cake pan, serving dish and colander are more surprising and fun.

- Repackage bulk herbs and spices in small jars or sacks tied with a festive ribbon. Frontier Natural Products offers hundreds of herbs and spices in bulk - as well as in small containers - on their website at www.frontiercoop.com.

And some specific gift basket ideas:

- Tuck loose-leaf teas like chamomile and peppermint (or your favorite spice blend) in a teacup, along with a tea strainer. Tie a ribbon on the handle.

- Combine a pizza cutter, a wedge of Parmesan, some baking yeast and an



array of pizza seasonings in a mixing bowl lined with a red-checkered cloth or potholder.

Frontier Natural Products Co-op offers many more tips and suggestions for specific gift baskets made with herbs, spices, seasonings, mixes, tea and cooking accessories at www.frontiercoop.com/giftbaskets. (ARA)



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Secrets to making perfect holiday cookies ★

The holidays are fast-approaching and chances are you'll soon be receiving invitations to a cookie exchange or other requests for baked goods. Consider these simple tips for making homemade cookies you'll be proud to share.

- Get organized. "Before anything else, read the recipe thoroughly so there are no unpleasant surprises when baking," says Ginny Bean, publisher of Ginny's catalog.

- Keep it simple. Bean recommends starting with this good, basic dough recipe and adding different ingredients to customize the taste and texture to personal preferences:

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Directions:



Cream butter and sugars until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat until well mixed. In separate bowl, whisk flour and baking soda together, then add slowly to creamed mixture, beating until combined. "There's almost no end to what you

can do to this dough," says Bean. "Get creative and experiment with different mix-ins like lemon peel, pumpkin pie spice, even instant coffee, or substitute toffee or peppermint chips for traditional chocolate and butterscotch." (ARA)

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Layaway: It's back and easier than ever

In decades gone by, layaway was a staple for budget-conscious customers in retail stores across the country, but its popularity waned as credit cards became more available and consumers sought alternate finance methods to buy clothing and necessities. With household budgets tighter than ever due to the recent recession, layaway is once again emerging as a viable shopping tool.

The holiday season is typically the time of year that most people shop ahead, however, many consumers are now taking advantage of layaway year round at retailers like Kmart and Sears. Whether shopping for a wedding gift, a baby shower gift or any other incremental spending occasion, layaway allows people to manage and stick to a budget.

Back-to-school is another peak shopping occasion where using layaway can be beneficial. For parents, who want to plan and budget ahead, layaway is the perfect vehicle for purchasing the latest back-to-

school essentials, such as backpacks, sneakers, school supplies and electronics. And for those who stick to a monthly budget, paying for items gradually can make planning a lot easier. Plus, it allows for other budget additions - like contributing a bit more to the family savings account each month.

For busy consumers who rarely have time to shop, websites like Kmart.com and Sears.com offer online layaway programs. Consumers can simply add items to a virtual shopping cart, schedule and make payments online, then quickly pick up their layaway in-store, hassle-free.

Even with the economy on the upswing, many consumers are hesitant to revert back to old spending habits and in most cases have changed how they approach shopping forever; thus, retailers have had to get more creative in order to lure consumers back to shopping. Layaway, it turns out, has value for both - retailers can turn a profit, and customers can stick to their budgets. (ARA)





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