

# JUST BE

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The Latest in Style, Warmth, & Details for the Brookfield Enthusiast



## WHAT'S HOT NOW!

- ▲ Tasty Wines Under \$10
- ▲ Gifts That Give Back
- ▲ Uncommon Scents

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HOMES

# Welcome!

Leaves have begun to change color and blanket the ground. The air is a bit crisper and sunset comes a bit earlier. It's that time of year when the colder temperature outside makes you want to savor the warmth inside. It's also the time when we seem to reflect a tad more on the importance of those we love and the special place that our family chooses to call home. The recent tragic Southland fires affected many people and our hearts go out to those who lost so much during such a devastating time. A home is the place that houses your memories, the things that bring you comfort, and the people and animals that you value the most.

It's sometimes easy to forget during this time that your presence is always the best present to give and that the holiday frenzy of consumerism doesn't bring the meaning of the holidays to rest in our hearts. A favorite photo simply framed or a handwritten personal letter are examples of priceless gifts that reflect the true spirit of giving. This issue is dedicated to simplicity for this holiday season—entertaining with great wines under \$10, gift giving that gives back to our planet, and style ideas for your home that inspire and beautify yet only look like they cost a fortune. May you find many excuses to celebrate cherished traditions and start new ones with friends and family during the holidays.

Everyone at Brookfield Homes would like to warmly wish our Enthusiast homeowners, team members, trade partners, consultants, and friends a peaceful, safe, and joyful holiday season.

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Gatehouse at Edenglen



Mulberry at The Preserve at Chino



Paloma at Portola Springs

From the master bath to the fireplace mantel, candles create a soft, intimate ambiance anywhere in your home, which is why they're perfect gifts for the holidays. Have a few extra readily available throughout the season, so that you're not empty-handed when an unexpected visitor arrives or when a hostess gift is needed. These hot, new "scentsational" and eco-friendly candles with gift-ready packaging will surely light up anyone's holiday.



## Uncommon Scents

- **SHARE YOUR FLARE** Not only are Flare candles chic and incredibly aromatic, they're made with soy-based wax, a 100% cotton/paper wick, and exotic oils from across the globe, which means they're environmentally friendly, smell terrific, and burn evenly without building up a residue. The addition of soybean oil allows for cool-burning candles that quickly disperse their intoxicating scents for 50 fragrant hours. Retail cost: \$22.00.
- **HONORABLE AROMAS** Whether you know someone who'd enjoy the spicy scent of Ginger Mango or the new Fireside aroma, each Elton John Candle features his favorite flowers blended into a bouquet that simply sings. This unique gift also gives back—a portion of the candle-sale proceeds benefits the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Retail cost: \$34.00–\$54.00.
- **MADE IN THE U.S.A.** Featuring premium fragrances and essential oils, Ergo soot-free soy candle collections are made from soybeans farmed right here in the U.S.A. They're also personally hand-poured by American candle craftsmen. All natural and completely clean burning, Ergo candles don't contain any petroleum byproducts or color dyes. Choose Ergo candles for the perfect patriotic present! Retail cost: \$20.00.

Everywhere you look this time of year you're seeing red and green. Why not go a little greener and give back to our environment? Start small, then think bigger. Take a look at these 10 easy tips for saving time, money, and the planet!

# Give Back to the Globe

**1** Replace your incandescent bulbs with long-lasting, low-energy, compact fluorescent bulbs. You can now find them everywhere from your local drug stores to home improvement centers.

**5** Close air vents in areas of your home where you don't spend considerable time. Your air conditioner and heater will work less, which conserves energy and money.

**2** Leave the bottled water at the grocery store. Instead, use a filter for your tap water and store it in a reusable bottle. Sigg Swiss-engineered water bottles are lightweight, recyclable, and super stylish. Pick one out today at [www.MySigg.com](http://www.MySigg.com).

**6** Turn off lights and unplug appliances when you're not using them. Also, turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth—one gallon goes down the drain for every minute that you leave the water running.

**3** Change your "what's for dinner tonight?" routine by eating one meatless meal per week. This small change could lead to a long, healthier life. For recipe tips, visit [www.MeatlessMonday.com](http://www.MeatlessMonday.com).

**7** Keep your car well maintained.

A simple tune-up and tire-pressure checkup can double your car's fuel efficiency!

**4** Cut your everyday product usage by half. The less detergent, shampoo, and cleaning supplies that you use, the less time you spend shopping, the less you end up buying, and the fewer pollutants will enter our environment.

**8** Wash your clothes with cold water whenever possible. They'll last longer and you'll conserve resources.

**9** Instead of using dryer sheets with your laundry, purchase a pair of dryer balls to naturally soften your clothes without harsh chemicals. Nellie's nontoxic dryer balls are hypoallergenic, reduce drying time by up to 25%, and can last up to three years.

**10** Stop receiving unwanted junk mail and credit card offers by visiting [www.OptOutPreScreen.com](http://www.OptOutPreScreen.com) You'll save time, trips to the trash can, and trees.



We always like to make sure our **Enthusiasts** are ahead of the curve when it comes to **stylish** interiors. Check out the latest trends in home décor and you'll **"BE"** in the know for the New Year!

## Trend Watch

### THE LOOK FOR LESS

A twist on traditional décor is here to stay as hip homeowners are gravitating toward a classic look with a contemporary spin. Achieving this polished style is easy with the emergence of high-end designers offering modern lines of home goods at major retailers. For luxurious bed and bath linens that provide style plus affordability, take a look at Vera Wang's discount line, Simply Vera Wang Home, offered exclusively at Kohl's.

### FEELING PRETTY

Don't just look at home décor, feel it! From intricate weaves to traditional suedes and leathers, woven fabrics, sleek satins, and modern metallics, incorporating texture is a sophisticated approach to add a substantial flair without a rash of pattern.



Legacy at Colony Park

### ENTHRALLED BY WALLS

Forget hanging all those picture frames on every wall of your home. Using wall treatments, including hand-painted murals, text from a favorite poem or song, textured wallpaper, tufted or blocked upholstery walls, wood paneling, or a grid of tiles or mirrors, is the next big trend for your walls and an innovative way to dramatically change the look of any room.

### GREEN IS ALWAYS GOOD

This season is focused on sustainability. To create chic interiors while minimizing your environmental footprint, shop for mattresses made of natural latex, pillows made from natural fibers, fabrics made of hemp or cotton, and natural paints, such as clay paints made from real clay.



Vantage Luxury in Diamond Bar

# 10 Wines Under \$10

Don't worry about breaking the budget during this time of year when everyone maxes out on gift giving. These 10 fabulous wines all cost less than \$10, which means you can enjoy them, share them, and give them without a worry. If you don't find the wines that you're looking for at local grocery or beverage stores, try shopping online at sites such as wine.com or wine-searcher.com and have them delivered to your door—one less errand to run during the busy shopping season!

- 1. Flagstone Western Cape "Noon Gun" Wollaston, South Africa 2004, \$9.99**  
Six different grape varieties combine for one fabulous blend with hints of peach, nectarine, and apple. This wine complements any salty dish that you serve for the holidays.
- 2. Vina Sila, Spain 2005, \$9.99**  
You might not be familiar with the Verdejo grape, but you'll favor this wine's citrus and honeysuckle notes that pair wonderfully with light appetizers.
- 3. Ironstone Vineyards, Obsession, California 2004, \$9.99**  
This golden blend of Grenache Gris and Muscat of Alexandria presents a lovely bouquet of grapefruit, orange blossom, and pear that will delight you. Serve with a spicy dish.
- 4. Folie à Deux Ménage à Trois California Red, California 2005, \$9.99**  
The fruity perfume will first attract you to this nicely balanced wine, while the spicy finish marries well with vegetable sides or barbecue entrees.
- 5. Red Flyer California Red Table Wine, California 2003, \$8.99**  
This award-winning blend of Syrah, Mourvedre, Grenache, and Carignan features spicy black pepper and toasty oak flavors that are perfect for your cheese platter.
- 6. Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa 2004, \$7.99**  
Plum coloring combines with an oak aroma and berry essence for a silky wine that balances out any dish with intense flavors.
- 7. Trentadue, Old Patch Red, Sonoma County 2004, \$9.99**  
Presenting a soft palate, this peppery blend reveals layers of brown sugar and earthy undertones. Try pairing it with soups and stews.
- 8. Doña Paula Los Cardos Malbec, Argentina 2004, \$8.99**  
This robust red showcases an enchanting chocolate-coffee finish and a dark violet hue. Serve with your main entree.
- 9. Wyndham Estate Bin 333 Pinot Noir, Australia 2003, \$9.99**  
The muted fruity aromas and long, savory finish of this well-priced pinot noir will wow your guests at Thanksgiving dinner.
- 10. 14 Hands Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington 2004, \$9.99**  
This super smooth wine has a delicious lingering finish of flavorful cherries.



# Holiday Happenings

In October, the holidays arrived in style with a furry Halloween haunting at Edenglen in Ontario, where a Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest was frightfully fun for every member of the family, especially the four-legged ones. Neighbors, friends, and dogs alike had a monster of a good time watching Cuddles take the top prize as the best in the pack!



Sandy Dee and owner Madelyn Zaragosa, Gatehouse Enthusiasts.

## SPECIAL OCCASION

Now is the merriest time to update your registration. If you're one of the first five to register, you'll receive a chic holiday decoration that's ideal for all of your celebrations, such as the elegant Pottery Barn bay leaf centerpiece candleholder. Register now by emailing [justbe@brookfieldsouthland.com](mailto:justbe@brookfieldsouthland.com) with the subject line

"I love my Brookfield home" and see if this is your special occasion to win a festive present from your friends at Brookfield Homes Southland.



Win this Pottery Barn centerpiece for FREE!

## ENTHUSIAST REWARDS

When you refer your friends and family to Brookfield Southland, you'll receive a **\$5,000** thank-you reward in return after they register upon their first visit to a Brookfield Southland sales gallery and close escrow on their new home. The best way to keep your Brookfield family closer than ever is to refer someone you know today! Visit [www.BrookfieldSouthland.com](http://www.BrookfieldSouthland.com) to learn about our new neighborhoods and communities.