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Happy holidays from all of us at Cape Cod Life Publications. We hope you enjoy our Cape & Islands guide to the holidays! We know that Cape Cod and the Islands are special places year-round and wanted to share with you some of our favorite seasonal events, holiday shopping destinations, and great places to dine and stay. In the following pages you will find plenty of information to help plan the perfect winter getaway to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket. All of this information can be found in our November/December issue of Cape Cod LIFE. Should you find yourself looking to read more about the Cape and Islands, visit capecodlife.com
The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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In just a few short lines, Robert Frost aptly captures the spirit of a winter season – especially on Cape Cod. Along with quiet beauty, a Cape Cod winter holds a multitude of holiday wonders. This issue of Cape Cod LIFE takes readers on a journey of the many holiday traditions that make this season on the Cape and Islands so special.

By Allyson Plessner & Kristina Atsalis
Skip the stress of Black Friday by doing some local shopping. You’ll find one-of-a-kind gifts at the 21st Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Artisans Festival in West Tisbury, November 24 and 25. Meet artists from throughout the Vineyard, learn about their creative process, and pick up treasures from handmade sweaters and soap to furniture made from reclaimed wood.

On the Upper Cape, don’t miss Heritage Museums & Gardens’ event, “Gardens Aglow,” featuring nine miles of holiday lights. The 2,000 strands of lights are accompanied by music and dance performances, holiday crafts, and a model train exhibit made of natural materials. Running through December, the event is one of many in Sandwich’s month-long “Holly Days,” which includes breakfast with Santa, caroling, a tree lighting, and Shop Small Saturday in support of local businesses, among many other events.

Start off your holiday season in true Cape Cod fashion with the annual lighting of the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown, taking place November 22. Last year, the monument was decorated with more than 3,100 lights. A great accompaniment to this event has been the lighting of the Provincetown Lobster Pot Tree, which normally occurs Thanksgiving evening in Lope’s Square at the heart of town. With the recent passing of this event’s beloved creator, local artist Julian Popko, the future of this unique celebration is yet to be determined. Nevertheless, the 13 successful years of this event is a feat to be admired, with last year’s tree including over 100 borrowed lobster pots, 120 red bows, 58 buoys, 46 plastic lobsters, and over 3,000 lights.
If you just can’t get enough of holiday lights, check out Mashpee's annual Christmas parade on December 9. This evening parade features floats illuminated with festive lights and live music. The parade winds through Mashpee Commons and ends at South Cape Village.

Not to be left out of the holiday fun, Nantucket has its own special traditions. This Thanksgiving, the Nantucket Whaling Museum is hosting a Festival of Wreaths November 22, 24, 25 and 26, when the walls of the old candle shop will be adorned with handcrafted wreaths. From quilted wreaths and ring buoys to backdrops of fresh greens, the Nantucket community has busily crafted for this weeklong silent auction. It’s a great way to support the Nantucket Historical Association, and add some local décor to your holiday collection. Also be sure to check out the Nantucket Festival of Trees with over 80 creatively decorated trees, at the Whaling Museum from December 1 to 31.

In the Lower Cape town of Orleans, “A Seaside Christmas” kicks off on November 25 and runs through December 31. The town-wide celebration has all the holiday fun you could possibly want, from a pancake breakfast with Mrs. Claus to a holiday 5K complete with a costume contest.

For something relaxing between all these activities, check out “It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play” on Nantucket, playing from November 23 until December 9. Step back in time and experience the golden age of radio. The White Heron Theatre Company performs the beloved tale of George Bailey as a 1940s live radio broadcast with a touch of comedy. With a dynamic cast of only five members, this innovative show is sure to renew your holiday cheer.

The Holidays by the Sea Weekend in Falmouth, set for December 1-3, features caroling at the historic Nobska Lighthouse, a Jingle Jog 5K, lighting of the Village Green and Santa’s arrival by boat. The weekend wraps up with the biggest small-town Christmas parade in all of Southeast New England.
Need some holiday décor inspiration? On Sunday, December 3, head over to Barnstable, where for the second year, the Barnstable Historical Society has put together an afternoon of historic home tours along picturesque Route 6A. This event will feature six houses elegantly decked for the holidays, complete with interior tours and a brief history by homeowners and volunteers.

Nothing lifts spirits like music, so join the talented Nauset Regional High School Honors Chorus in singing your favorite holiday tunes on the Eastham Windmill Green, and warm up with refreshments from Hole in One Donut Shop, also on December 2.

What started as an attempt to keep islanders from fleeing to the mainland for holiday shopping has since become an integral part of the Nantucket holiday season for over 40 years. The Nantucket Christmas Stroll, on the first full weekend of December, features hundreds of decorated trees lining the streets, costumed carolers, and events such as art shows and special dinners at local restaurants. See a 20-foot-tall magic talking tree at the top of Main Street, and on Stroll Saturday, follow the town crier, dressed in full regalia, as he rings in the event and leads everyone to the wharfs to see Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive on a Coast Guard cutter.

Merge the holidays with history by experiencing seven beautifully decorated inns and museums on Chatham’s Historic Inn and Museum Tour, Saturday, December 9. It’s part of the annual Chatham Christmas by the Sea Stroll, which kicks off December 8 and includes caroling, tree trimming and more.
A sweet tradition in Yarmouth is the annual **Holiday Cookie Stroll** to support the South Yarmouth Library, this year taking place on Saturday, December 9. Ticket holders collect special cookies at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod and Bass River homes in the heart of the Old Quaker District, and then enjoy hot cider and cranberry bread at the South Yarmouth Library.

**The Hillport Gallery in Sandwich** was opened in 2015 by professional woodcarver Doug Amidon as a place for local artisans to display their work. On December 10, see the gallery for yourself at their open house. Try your hand at woodcarving, listen to fun music, and enjoy some tasty refreshments.

For your next favorite holiday tradition, hop over to the Vineyard and embrace being on island time. Every year, **Christmas in Edgartown** puts together a fun-filled weekend that raises money for island-wide charities and nonprofits. The event will celebrate its 36th year December 7 through 10 with lightshows, a “Bah Humbug Walking Tour,” a lighting of the Harbor View Hotel Lighthouse, a family dance, a cookie contest, a Christmas parade and more. It’s a great way to enjoy island holiday spirit and support the local community.

The end of the year has come, and you need to celebrate. **First Night in Chatham** is a great family event, and this year the theme is “Oh Those ’60s,” celebrating the infamous decade with 1960s-themed performances. Purchase a button that gets you into all the events, start your day at noon with the town photo at Chatham Lighthouse, then head out to enjoy music performances, storytellers and even circus acts throughout town. The event culminates at midnight with fireworks at Oyster Pond.

Imagine starting 2018 on an island 30 miles out at sea. Nantucket really knows how to ring in the New Year, with events like the lavish **New Year's Eve Snow Ball** at the glittering Nantucket Hotel. It’s a great reason to dress up in remembrance of the past year and in celebration of the one ahead. There’s a host of other events offered over the weekend, from nature walks to special menus at participating restaurants.

A brand-new year is finally here, and with it the **Cape Symphony’s popular New Year's Day Party**, led by Conductor Jung-Ho Pak. Accompanied by confetti, balloons, and no doubt a few surprises, this sparkling event will feature singer/songwriter Jimmy Webb and vocalist Ashley Campbell as they honor the memory of Ashley’s father and Jimmy’s musical partner and friend, the late Glen Campbell. Let these talented musicians show you what the Cape Cod spirit is all about – and start 2018 in style.

**Sandwich First Night** is a similar family friendly (and alcohol-free) affair, with button holders enjoying a variety of art and multicultural activities, music and dance performances. While you’re here, don’t miss glass artist Michael Magyar’s “Giants,” gorgeous oversize light-studded figures found throughout Sandwich and East Sandwich during the holiday season.
November 22, 5-7 p.m.
LIGHTING OF THE PILGRIM MONUMENT, PROVINCETOWN
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November 25-December 31
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December 9, 5:30 p.m.
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November 22, 24-26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(2 p.m. on Sunday)
NANTUCKET FESTIVAL OF WREATHS, NANTUCKET
nha.org/specialevents

December 1-31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
NANTUCKET FESTIVAL OF TREES, NANTUCKET
nha.org/specialevents

November 25-December 31
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orleanscapecod.org

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December 1-3
HOLIDAYS BY THE SEA WEEKEND, FALMOUTH
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BARNSTABLE VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, BARNSTABLE

December 2, 5-6 p.m.
CAROLS ON THE GREEN, EASTHAM
members.easthamchamber.com

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NANTUCKET CHRISTMAS STROLL, NANTUCKET
christmasstroll.com

December 9, 1-4 p.m.
CHATHAM HISTORIC INN AND MUSEUM TOUR, CHATHAM
chathaminfo.com/events

December 10, 12-4 p.m.
HILLPORT GALLERY OPEN HOUSE, SANDWICH
hillportgallery.com

December 9, 10 am.-3 p.m.
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yarmouth.ma.us

December 7-10
CHRISTMAS IN EDGARTOWN, MARTHA'S VINEYARD
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December 31, 12 p.m.-12 a.m.
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December 31, 4-9 p.m.
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firstnightsandwich.com

December 30-January 2
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January 1, 3 p.m.
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Susan Lister Locke’s life has been one of inspiration and creativity; she has always pursued a creative path. An early interest in fashion design, textiles and color led her to ultimately take up jewelry design on Nantucket.

From rings, charms and earrings to bracelets and necklaces, Locke takes great care in designing her original pieces to be both visually striking and wearable. “Jewelry should be worn and not left in a vault or safe deposit box,” she says. Locke is best known for using high-quality and oftentimes rare colored gemstones, such as Paraiba Tourmaline, Spinel, Australian Boulder Opal, Mexican Fire Opal, and Water Opal. “Sometimes the shape of the stone will inform what the piece is to become,” she says, “like an Australian Opal that became a whale brooch, or a Mexican Fire Opal that became a horseshoe crab pendant.”

Her latest collection, the Susan Lister Locke Nantucket Collection, is inspired by “all of Mother Nature’s glory,” she says, noting, “We cannot compete with Mother Nature—we can only carry her train. From my gallery on Easy Street, I look out on Nantucket Harbor with all of its marine activity, and I see the fabulous light and changing colors of the sun, sea and sky. I find this—along with the flora and fauna of the Island—truly inspirational and vital to my work and my very being.”

Whether a piece is sculptural or organic, highly polished or subtly burnished, Locke says she strives to incorporate her inspiring surroundings in all of her work. “It is almost like osmosis, living on this spit of sand surrounded by the ocean,” she explains. “All of a sudden, I am making sapphire-encrusted bluefish cuff links and pendants, 18-karat gold striped bass, a whale collection, labradorite starfish, turquoise nautilus shells, golden hand-engraved quarterboard bracelets, sand dollar earrings, and catboats sailing on top of an Australian Boulder Opal that looks like the sea and sky.”

The Susan Lister Locke Gallery is open daily until the week of Christmas. After the holiday, the shop is closed for the winter, reopening in April come Daffodil Weekend.

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The historic town of Sandwich is a vibrant coastal community, bustling with a rich arts culture and boasting a number of charming shops, eateries and inns. With so much to see and explore, a visit to Sandwich is sure to not disappoint.

At Collections Gallery on Jarves Street, you will find many beautifully handcrafted gifts created by a cooperative of 15 Cape Cod artisans. A variety of original paintings, photography, jewelry, quilting, pottery, stained glass, painted furniture, blown glass, textiles and more are available for your shopping experience. Every time you visit you will meet an artist. The gallery is now open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For a great place to rest and refresh while holiday shopping, visitors should stop in The Dan’l Webster Inn for a casual lunch or dinner. Guests can warm up by the crackling fire in the Tavern or enjoy the view from the glass-walled conservatory. The Dan’l Webster Gift Shop and the Beach Plum Spa shop offer a variety of gifts sure to suit anyone on your list. Come explore and feel the holiday spirit!

In East Sandwich, Furniture Re-Born, located at 685 Route 6A, specializes in giving new life to older, loved and well-made furniture by adding paint, stain, paper or special hardware to create functional furniture with a unique new look—and sometimes a new purpose. Learn more on facebook.com/furniturerebornonthecape.

Edward Hooper’s historic home, The Daniel Webster Inn, is a long-time mainstay of the town and a popular destination for a meal or a stay. The inn’s award-winning Castello di Puglia Ristorante features an authentic Italian dining experience with a view of the water. For a laid-back meal, Head to the Beach tavern or enjoy the view from the glass-walled conservatory. The Dan’l Webster Gift Shop and the Beach Plum Spa shop offer a variety of gifts sure to suit anyone on your list. Come explore and feel the holiday spirit!

Since the early 19th century, the town of Sandwich has been known around the world for its glass creations—and glassmaking history. Today, glassblower Michael Magyar and his team continue this proud tradition at the Glass Studio on Cape Cod, celebrating 25 years on the Cape and creating new hand-blown items daily. A multi-medium artist, Magyar also creates sculptures of steel and concrete and has many interesting ideas in the works!

Lauren and Caroline Grainger create handmade ceramic fish, shells, and starfish that can be hung on the wall as unique and creative décor pieces. A family owned business, Grainger Pottery Sandwich offers realistic, nautical-themed products you can’t find anywhere else. The company’s fish and shells are the perfect gift for the fisherman in your family—or a loved one who has everything.

Doug Amidon, a renowned woodcarver and longtime Sandwich resident, is the owner of the Hillport Gallery at 91 Route 6A in Sandwich. In addition to the beautiful work of Doug Amidon, the gallery features bird carvers, furniture, paintings, glass, pottery and jewelry. For hours and directions, visit hillportgallery.com.

Nonna Elena is dedicated to bringing Italian food and culture to Cape Cod. Specializing in Italian cheeses and handmade pastas, this shopping/grocery boutique, located on Old Kings Highway in East Sandwich, also offers a wide variety of antipasto items and authentic Italian cannoli and other desserts. A large variety of imported sauces and dried pastas, including gluten-free and organic, are available.

Sandwich’s master woodcarver Paul White has honed his craft for more than 40 years and has built an international reputation for craftsmanship, creating custom signs, sculptures, and beautiful wood carved eagles. These unique and handsome items make great presents for those who appreciate handcrafted beauty.

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Steve Sherman, owner of Sandwich Lantern, has handcrafted onion lanterns on location since 1988. Made of solid brass and solid copper, the lanterns withstand New England’s harsh climate without corroding. Chandeliers are now being handcrafted on location as well. Stop by the shop, or visit sandwichlantern.com for more information.

Thornton W. Burgess Society is a nonprofit educational organization founded to carry on the pioneering conservation work of author/naturalist Thornton W. Burgess (1874-1965). Born and raised in Sandwich, Burgess achieved national and international recognition for his children’s stories that teach lessons of conservation and love of wildlife. TBS operates the Green Briar Nature Center and Jam Kitchen at 6 Discovery Hill Road (off Route 6A) in East Sandwich. Jam tastings and gift shop!

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Finding the extraordinary in the ordinary

Cape photographer Richard Hilgendorff brings fresh approach to landscape photography

Photography and text by Richard Hilgendorff
While my photography journey started with my father’s old Minolta, shooting sunsets on Cape Cod during vacations when I was a kid, my professional journey is still relatively new. After more than two decades working in the field of construction, my architecture background and my photography hobby finally found each other.

Architectural photography became my new career and facilitated the move out of construction, but landscape photography has always been my true passion. Being an avid traveler, I draw inspiration from the world around me. I try to capture the natural beauty of our world through a simple yet unique perspective, selective color, and motion techniques. My desire is to create an ethereal image that draws others into the excitement and desire to travel, while introducing new styles and perspectives to the otherwise ordinary image. I’m continually searching for new ways of bringing the usual to people from an unusual viewpoint.

All of my work is printed on large format aluminum. I enjoy how the aluminum heightens the viewing journey by intensifying colors, lines and details. Images need no additional framing when mounted on aluminum, thus allowing the experience of the full frame of the photograph to engulf the viewer in the moment.

To see more of Richard Hilgendorff’s work, visit richardgaylephotography.com.

“Rock Harbor Burgs” – Not Alaska but a Rock Harbor scene that most don’t see! Shot after the January 2015 blizzard. I used a polarizer filter to really bring out the blue of the sky and its reflection in the water. The late-afternoon light really highlights the white of the ice and creates beautiful contrast to the serene blues.

“Reflecting” – A beautiful sunset over the Brewster Flats. The two chairs caught my eye, and I found myself reflecting on the reflection!
“Dune And Done” – My one and only “dune shot.” Not my usual subject matter, but I just couldn’t resist when we came down to watch the sunset on the Brewster Flats and I saw this sky color.
“Nobska Light” – A rare film shot these days. I used an old Fuji GX617 panoramic camera to capture this shot of Nobska in order to get enough resolution on a digital scan. We enlarged the image to 36 feet wide by 12 feet high for my corporate client’s office wall.

“Another Time” – I love how the composition and subject matter just transports the viewer to a different, simpler time. Shot during a heavy, wet snowstorm, I’m even happier with how the shot came out knowing I was standing in thigh-deep snow!
“Finding Dory” – The seagull cooperated and held still to create a nice juxtaposition with the iconic Brewster yellow dory. Shot minutes before sunrise, the sky and reflection on the water was a beautiful pastel color.

“Rock Harbor Super Moonset” – I’ve shot dozens of sunsets at Rock Harbor, but never a moonset! The timing of the super moonset of November 2016 was perfect—it set just before dawn during “the blue hour,” the hour before sunrise when you can get awesome blue colors in your photographs.
“Foggy Sunrise” – Shot before dawn with a long exposure, I composed this shot to highlight the primary-colored boats and let the viewer get lost in the fog.

“Truro In Motion” – I used a slow exposure and a camera pan technique to capture this peaceful and serene water image. The camera movement is obvious when looking at the sand.
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Of all the memories the holidays invariably invoke, the scent of freshly baked goodies instantly sets the mood. Whether it is plump loaves of baked bread, luscious pies or endless varieties of cookies, these holiday treats are more than just nutritional sustenance; they revive our memory of traditions and celebration through the generations. The following bakeries boast Cape Cod LIFE’s “Best of” recognition for good reason, and loyal customers rely on their holiday offerings for both tried and true classics and something new to spice things up.

Danielle Nettleton, owner of Eat Cake 4 Breakfast in Brewster, home of the popular Brewster Bun (croissant dough rolled with cinnamon, sugar and spices), says that the holiday demand for their number one seller rivals their sales in the heat of the summer. “I think people just want to connect with their family and friends over the holidays, so they love sitting around the breakfast table with this special indulgence,” Nettleton says. The busy bakery features a pie of the month throughout the year, but November sees all of the pies stepping into the spotlight for a command performance, with apple being star of the show. Specialty cakes featuring flavors like caramel mousse are in high demand for a special Christmas Eve indulgence.

AMIE Bakery in Osterville is known for beautifully decorated, scratch-baked cakes and cupcakes that taste as good as they look. Owner Amie Smith pulls out all the stops during the holidays with her specialty cakes. In addition to the traditional Yule log, Smith crafts a “Window Box” cake centerpiece that overflows with buttercream flora and fauna and is sure to impress your guests. “We offer a wide range of classic and unique cake flavors as well as homemade fillings such as pastry cream, ganache, and lemon curd,” Smith says, “but the blooming flowers all piped in Swiss meringue buttercream surely will be the star of your holiday dessert table!”

For those who want to infuse authentic French flavor into their celebrations, Maison Villatte on Main Street in Falmouth offers rolls made from their popular baguette dough as well as many other flavors of their sourdough-based breads. A traditional favorite gets a French spin with a pumpkin tarte that acknowledges its American cousin, but French-born owner Boris Villatte translates his version with French touches like meringue and a classic tarte crust. Manager Allison Manning says that Villatte’s French background is truly evident with the Buche de Noel, which is offered in many traditional as well as unexpected flavor pairings.

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Nothing tops a cozy inn for a holiday season getaway. The Cape and Islands are blessed with many such retreats, and here we highlight one on either end of the Cape, both winners in our annual "Best of" reader survey.

The Dan'l Webster Inn & Spa in Sandwich is named for a 19th-century lawyer who was a regular guest for decades, and has a restaurant that is an authentic replica of the tap room Daniel Webster used to frequent. The fireplaces of The Dan'l Webster Inn add unique charm to each room they warm. Some are grand with dark wood frames, while others have white frames with ornamental detailing. Intricate bedposts, grand furniture and rich drapery add to the inn's old-world character. “Decorating the inn is a balancing act,” says co-owner Debra Catania. “We try to keep it charming, but with a feel of country elegance.”

Family owned for 45 years, The Dan'l Webster Inn is currently managed by Debra Catania and her brother William Catania. In 2004, The Dan'l Webster Inn was enhanced by the addition of the Beach Plum Spa, which prides itself on using natural and organic products and is open to guests and locals alike.

As children summering on Cape Cod, both John Wooldridge and Patrick Flaherty discovered the diverse, compassionate and exciting community of Provincetown. Now, as owners of Provincetown's Inn at Cook Street, they strive to give their guests the same enchanting experience.

The inn is known for its Greek Revival façade, pristine gardens, and stellar breakfasts enhanced by a communal atmosphere. Chef Andrew Carter has been with Wooldridge and Flaherty for the last four years, and happily shares tips of the trade with guests.

“Often at the kitchen table we’ll see people exchanging emails and phone numbers, hoping to see each other the next summer at the same time,” says Wooldridge. At the same time, the Inn provides a peaceful retreat. Many of the cottage accommodations have private entrances and private access to the manicured gardens and koi ponds.

The dynamic owners strive for an interior of vibrant colors with a high-end touch, all while keeping the house true to what it is: a home.

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