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Mark Bouquet



Mark Bouquet, Jr.

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Dear Creative Friends,

Here we are, in the thick of the holiday season! As I write this, the fall foliage is looking as beautiful as it can. The air is crisp and all the holiday get-together plans are in the works- all the things I love about this time of the year. You know, as rough as things are in this country and even with the everyday problems we all face, something about this time of the year, for this writer, anyways, seems to make it all easier to deal with. It's a time when I hope and pray you all have family and friends to get together with to celebrate everything that made us a great country and will make us GREAT again. The American spirit is alive and well! I feel so blessed that this is the country I was born in and frankly, even with all its problems, where else would be a better place to live? We have a country built on the principles which the founding fathers really got right. We live in a country that accepts everyone regardless of their religious viewpoints or lack thereof. No other country in the world allows such a range of freedom to worship or not to worship at all as the good ol' U.S.A. That is a *wonderful* thing at holiday time.

I hope that we can all recognize these blessings, and in turn, bless those around us this holiday season. Please consider giving to a local food pantry and maybe inviting that friend of yours, who you know doesn't have any family, over for a dinner. You never know just what that invitation could do for someone who is feeling lonely at this time of the year. Count your blessings. Share your blessings. Reach out if you are able. I know for a fact you will be the one who is truly blessed.

Sincerely,
Mark Sr.



Thank You for the Kind Words!

"Mark and his staff did everything they could to ensure all areas along the way were addressed. Financing, options in terms of availability and quality differences. The whole experience was smooth and without issue. We are and will refer all of our friends to them. It was a great experience overall. Most of all, the carpet looks and feels great.

-Ed & Carolyn from Crest Hill

**Attention
Marlene
Pena**

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Mystery Winner!
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Holiday Blues:

Tips For Adults with the Kid Inside Us!

*"Roses are things which
Christmas is not a bed of."
- Ogden Nash.*



It is estimated that 90% of us suffer from some kind of holiday fear or stress. This means children, as well as adults. The children are fearful that Santa won't bring what they asked and the parents are fearful they can't afford the cost of the gifts each year as they go up.

Beside the material element of Christmas stress, most holidays and family events put more of a deeper emotional strain on most of us. Why does being with families cause stress if they are supposed to love us? And what do we do?

First, let's look at common causes of stress during the holidays. This is the time of year when we often reflect on our lives, families, status and accomplishments. In doing so we pile stress on ourselves about things like:

- How we look or how we've aged
- Success or failure
- Fear of faking love or joy
- Fear that we got the wrong gift!
- What happened to this year? Where did the time go?
- Work-a-holic Let Down
- Fear of crowds

Solutions:

Change your expectations! Accept that you aren't going to change anyone else, so there's no need to stress about facing distant family or friends and worrying about unwanted comments.

Don't blame yourself! You aren't perfect, but you are also not terrible. And you are not responsible for making everyone else happy – so stop trying.

You always have the option to say "No." If it comes down to being completely miserable at a holiday event or not going, why bother? You have the choice of your happiness.

Set rules of discussion and dress code before events. If family get-togethers have gotten out of hand in the past due to touchy subjects or inappropriate attire, set the expectations ahead of time so attendees know the rules.

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Mega Trivia Contest!

Congratulations to last month's winners:

RAY WAGNER!

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(Answer to last month's quiz:

B. Margaret Mitchell)

Who else wants to WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD towards dinner at TGI Fridays or Olive Garden?

This month's Mega Trivia question:

In the popular 2003 Christmas movie "Elf," Will Ferrell's character, Buddy, answers his father's business phone by saying, "Buddy the Elf, what's your favorite _____?"

- A. Movie C. Color E. Food
B. Toy D. Restaurant

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 Adnan Bohri
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 Bob Haiduk
 Bob Concannon
 Daniel Izzo
 Shirleen Mas
 Lyn Blaskovitz
 Joyce Wahl
 Kristi Glascott
 Laura Cradeur
 Judy Maranto
 Marian Higgins
 Arvy Dailide
 Mike Gulick
 Margaret Rafacz
 Laura Schulte
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RECIPE CORNER:

Holiday Peppermint Bark

Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) package NESTLE® TOLL HOUSE® Premier White Morsels
- 24 hard peppermint candies

Directions

- **LINE** baking sheet with waxed paper.
- **MICROWAVE** morsels in medium, microwave-safe bowl on **MEDIUM-HIGH** (70 percent) power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
- **PLACE** peppermint candies in heavy-duty plastic bag. Crush candies using rolling pin or other heavy object. While holding strainer over melted morsels, pour crushed candy into strainer. Shake to release all small candy pieces; reserve larger candy pieces. Stir morsel-peppermint mixture.
- **SPREAD** mixture to desired thickness on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with reserved candy pieces; press in lightly. Let stand for about 1 hour or until firm. Break into pieces. Store in airtight container at room temperature.



JOKE CORNER:



What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic.

Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

So he can ho-ho-ho.

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had low elf esteem.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Snowflakes.

What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wrapper?

Ribbon hood.



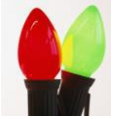
Welcome Back to Our RETURNING CLIENTS:

Lisa Petrarca
Carol Griffith
Mary Johnson
Heather Swanberg
Linda Meyer
Bob Kroll
Kim Peters
Jim Murphy

Bob Velcich
Dave Mahaffay
Mary Ann Morrison
Mark Berchman
Dick Mole
Margie Sevening
Kathy Clausing
Jody Thieman

SO NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! ☺

10 Expert Tips for Dazzling Christmas Lights

1. Start out small. If you're a Christmas lights novice, light just two or three items, such as trees or bushes, to serve as focal points. Add new displays each year.
2. Stay safe. Only use lights with the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) label and be sure you're using lights designed specifically for outdoor use.
3. Know your lights. There's a type available for every nook and cranny of your house and yard. Whether you want blinking rope lights outlining windows or net lights blanketing bushes, wising up on your holiday light knowledge will help you get the most bang for your buck.
4. Check for burned-out lights. Burned-out lights drain power from the entire light string, and the other bulbs will grow dimmer. 
5. Out with the old, in with the new. Avoid old-fashioned nails, staples, screws, or hooks when mounting your display. Electrical tape is a quick and easy alternative -- it won't destroy your roof, and it's a good tool for protecting electrical connections. Clips hold lights to surfaces by applying simple, safe pressure.
6. Work your way up. To string trunks of deciduous trees, start at the base and wrap the lights around in a spiral. If you want to illuminate an evergreen, however, start at the top and zigzag lights through the center of the tree, getting wider with the tree's shape.
7. Consider the location. If your evergreen can only be seen by passersby from the front, save lights and work by decorating the tree front only.
8. Add some dimension. Consider ground and stake lighting for extra holiday oomph. Multicolored lights work well for outlining walks, paths and driveways.
9. Avoid bright light overload. Include no more than 1,400 watts on a circuit. If other lights in the house dim when you turn on the holiday lights, your circuit is overloaded.
10. Look around for added sparkle. Find illuminating inspiration in unexpected places- perhaps a birdbath or decorative porch columns would look pretty with a little extra light.

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Alta Shutter	Bernadette Benson
Don and Kathy Weiss	Gayle & Jeff Kuzmuck
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Mike Callahan	Chuck Hadad

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