

ON OUR RADAR

From GOOD FOOD to GOOD FUN, HERE'S WHAT WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT *this* MARCH



where we're shopping...

Our editors have long considered John Derian's eponymous home store in New York City an inspiration, as well as a go-to for ceramics, rugs, and other home furnishings. Now, no matter where you are, you can shop the recently launched Web store, which features a unique selection of small goods such as knit stuffed animals, vintage-inspired greeting cards, and handmade pocket mirrors, as well as paintings and drawings by Hugo Guinness. You'll also find the shop owner's whimsical découpage designs, available on plates, wall hangings, cake stands, and more. johnderian.com.

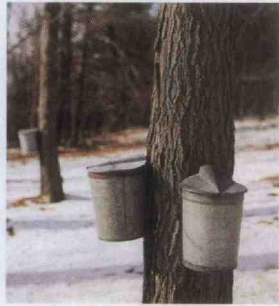


secret weapon

Executive editor Yolanda Edwards's travel motto: Do what the locals do. Which is why she loves Herb Lester city guides—they're devoid of the typical tourist traps. Instead, you'll find where to eat chili in Austin, Texas, get a proper shave in New York City, or buy old records in Chicago. Each offers about 30 unexpected recommendations. Best of all, the two-sided one-sheet maps fit perfectly in a pocket. \$6 each, herblester.com.

must-reads

Lucinda Scala Quinn couldn't wait to get her hands on Slow Food advocate Deborah Madison's *Vegetable Literacy* (Ten Speed Press; on sale March 19). "It details the connectedness of vegetable families," says Scala Quinn. "I was interested to discover how vegetables in the same family complement each other when paired."

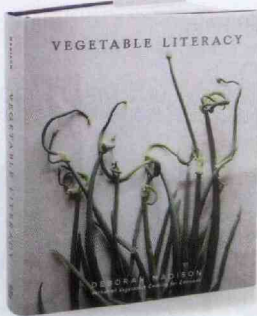


in season

March marks the start of sugaring season, and we just can't get enough of that maple flavor. Our food department is already addicted to Vermont Butter & Cheese Creamery's Cultured Butter with Sea Salt & Maple, which they suggest eating on toast and over oatmeal. From \$4, at [Whole Foods Markets](http://WholeFoodsMarkets.com).

American treasure

The 114-year-old Weekapaug Inn in Rhode Island has just reopened after a five-year, \$20 million renovation. Situated on a living estuary, the grounds are ideal for tapping into your inner nature lover: Go bird-watching, crabbing, or clamming with its on-staff naturalist; then take a moonlit beach walk along tranquil Quonochontaug Pond. weekapauginn.com.



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