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Fun Fact:

In an average hour, there are over 61, 000 Americans airborne over the United States!

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NEWSLETTER

Autumn entertaining made easy with fabulous fall décor ideas

(ARA) - The golden days of autumn are upon us, signaling a new direction in home decor and entertaining. What are your plans for updating your house? These easy tips will bring the feeling of fall into your home without a lot of money or extra effort.

“Fall marks a time for entertaining as friends and families come back together,” says Visual Merchandiser John Griffith. “The brilliant bursts of reds, oranges, and yellows mark the last vestiges of color until spring.

Industry insiders say manufacturers are answering the trend in autumn decorating by offering more seasonal ornaments and dinnerware patterns, especially for Halloween and Thanksgiving.

While most people think about using their dinnerware for its intended purpose, finding new uses for those pieces opens up fun ideas to style your table. For example, Griffith suggests turning a balloon wine glass upside down over your favorite fall foliage, small gourds, or seasonal ornaments, and then placing a votive on the inverted base. This creates a pretty accent on the dinner table or anywhere in the home.

Look out in your yard for pine cones, nuts, seasonal berries or magnolia pods to arrange on silver serving trays, compotes or various sized serving bowls. You can even create unique centerpieces by mixing various natural elements and candles on single cake stands.

You can set off each course, such as hors d'oeuvres or dessert, with seasonal accent plates. Favorite Thanksgiving patterns include His Majesty, Autumn Monarch and Wild Turkeys.

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Word of the Month:

Studies have shown that your income and wealth is directly related to the depth of your Vocabulary. Here is this month's word so you can impress your friends.

Alacrity:

\uh-LACK-ruh-tee\ ,
noun:

1. A cheerful or eager readiness or willingness, often manifested by brisk, lively action or promptness in response.

Example:

I am sure that I was thrilled when I got the letter offering me the fellowship and equally sure that I wrote back to accept with alacrity.

-Joan L. Richards, Angles of Reflection

Quotes to Live by:

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

-Theodore Roosevelt

Say What?

The bigger they are, the harder they fall

While the bigger and stronger opponent might be a lot more difficult to beat, when you do, they suffer a much bigger loss.

Family-friendly Fall Food Preparation

(ARA) - From fresh harvests to flavorful spices, the fall season is full of opportunity, especially when it comes to the foods we eat. With a little creativity, enjoying classic fall flavors can be delicious, fun and easy for the entire family. Here are a few fall food pairings that both kids and adults will love:

* Dress apples with delightful dip. Perhaps no fruit is more representative of fall than freshly picked apples; after all, an annual trip to the apple orchard is often a favorite family pastime. Sliced apples are an easy go-to snack for adults and kids alike. Delight your kids by pairing juicy apples with a creamy caramel dip. Marzetti Light Caramel Dip and available snack pack options of Marzetti Fat Free Caramel Dip are perfect for a delicious afternoon pick-me-up.

* Add a sweet and salty twist to popcorn. A bowl of freshly popped popcorn can be the perfect fall snack for the family. Now you can amp up the flavors of salty, buttery popcorn by pairing it with sweet, rich caramel. With Marzetti Sweet & Salty Caramel Dip on hand, simply pop the corn, add to a large bowl and drizzle caramel over the top. This snack satisfies sweet and salty cravings all at once.

* Pump up your pumpkin seeds. The pumpkin is truly the epitome of the fall harvest and pumpkin seeds make for a great snack. Kids love to carve pumpkins! Simply scoop the seeds and bake them in the oven. It's a tasty and savory treat. Get creative by sprinkling the seeds with a little Cajun seasoning for crunch and kick, or add a bit of garlic seasoning for extra flavor. You can even salt and sprinkle your seeds with lime juice for a refreshing twist on a classic.

* Re-invent classic comfort foods. Hearty soups are a fall staple that families can enjoy repeatedly by making a large batch and freezing extra for a later meal. Start with a chicken, turkey or beef broth base, then pair with the rich flavors of the fall harvest. Visit your local farmers market to select fresh ingredients. Vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, onion, squash and zucchini are plentiful this time of year and are delicious when cooked in broth. Simply heat broth with chopped veggies until they are soft, and serve.

For more family-friendly fall food ideas and to find information about other tasty dip pairings, visit www.Marzetti.com and search for "caramel dip."

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Movie Trivia: Who does Robin Williams play in the film *A Night at the Museum*?

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| a. Abraham Lincoln | b. George Washington |
| c. Teddy Roosevelt | d. Thomas Jefferson |

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Economy at a Glance:

Data Series	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012
<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	8.1	7.8	N/A
<u>Change in Payroll Employment</u>	96	114	N/A
<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>	23.52	23.58	N/A
<u>Consumer Price Index</u>	0.6	0.6	N/A
<u>Producer Price Index</u>	1.7	1.1	N/A

Information from <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.us.htm>

US Population Clock

314,690,180

World Population Clock

7,049,441,386

-November 1, 2011

Beautiful Rooms are meant to be lived in

(ARA) - Fall is the time of year when thoughts turn back toward the home. With kids back in school and the holidays approaching, many homeowners look for ways to make their rooms more stylish, but struggle to find the balance between beautiful and livable.

Redecorating a space with a few key elements can completely transform the look and feel of the room without breaking the budget. "When starting the room refresh process, keep the livability of the design elements in mind to make sure you have a balance that works within your lifestyle, but still gives the room personality and a special flair for style," notes Valencich.

One of the easiest ways to breathe new life into a room is by refreshing the floors. A dull or scuffed floor can make a room look tired. Selecting the right flooring will create the perfect canvas to help tie all a room's design elements together. Flooring is one of the key design elements that will bring both personality and livability together.

Adding personality- "Great rooms have a personality ... a mix of vision, style and inspirations from everyday life, all while being comfortable and easy to live in," says Valencich.

Blending a variety of influences will add distinction to a room. Start off by having a clearly defined color palette. One option Valencich suggests is selecting a rich-toned floor to serve as a warm background for furniture. "I like the Burnished Walnut planks from Quick-Step's Veresque collection to really help ground a room," says Valencich.

To add contrast to a warm floor, add a subtle color to the walls. Then, incorporating a collection and variety of prints and frames will help break up the wall color and add visual interest. Once all these elements are brought together, Valencich recommends adding a few pieces and accessories that will add dimension, such as a chandelier or colorful accent pillows to tie the entire room's personality together.

Livability within design- Authentic style that works in real life is key to achieving a beautiful and comfortable room.

Valencich's recommendations include: Keeping both comfort and style in mind when selecting furniture pieces, Consider how much maintenance will be required to keep the pieces in your room looking fresh, and don't let the room get too cluttered so that it becomes uncomfortable for guests to relax.

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Food Fact:

-The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 lbs.

-About 45 million turkeys will be eaten this Thanksgiving!

Weird Laws:

Alaska- No one may tie their pet dog to the roof of a car.

Hawaii- Coins may not be placed in one's ear.

Maryland- It's illegal to throw bales of hay from a second-story window.

New Hampshire- It is illegal to pick seaweed up off the beach.

U.S.A. Facts

- The first US capital was in New York City.

- Maine sees the sunrise before any other state in the United States.

And... Whether you are thinking of buying, selling, or financing real estate, or stop by and say "hi", I'd love to hear from you...

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Home renovations before the holidays

(ARA) - Fall is a great time to tackle some of those home improvement projects. Now that the summer vacations are over and children are back in school, you're ready to make your home all comfy and cozy before the deep freeze and holiday guests arrive.

Consider starting with your bathroom first, since this is a room frequently used both by your family and guests. If your bathroom is dated in decor, aged in function and behind the times in energy efficiency, you'll be doing your home and your pocketbook a good service by upgrading some features.

Here's how:

* Beautiful visuals: The bathroom vanity is the first feature in the room people will see. Incorporate a contemporary new look in your bath that will earn admiring glances from your guests.

* Warmer flooring: There's nothing worse than bare feet on a cold floor - especially in the morning. Tile flooring looks beautiful in bathrooms, but can leave the feet feeling a bit chilled. Place a soft and decorative rug in front of the sink, the shower and the toilet to help alleviate cold toes. Look for rugs that match the color and decor of the room. Or use the rugs as an accent color to brighten up the space.

* New linens: A quick and simple upgrade for your bathroom includes replacing towels and the shower curtain. To introduce a calm and restful spa-like ambiance, find new linens in colors that blend with the colors on the walls. Or go bold with vibrant accents and splashes of color to give your room a sense of energy.

* Elegant tiling: Prefab showers are easy and convenient, but they can look aged and stained after long use. To really spruce up the look of your shower area in the bathroom, consider tiling the surround, or installing large glass pieces painted to match the color of the room. You'll be amazed at how beautiful the shower will appear, and you may decide that you won't want to hang a curtain to block the view of the beautiful surround, and instead opt for a sliding glass door.

Once you see how beautiful your renovated bathroom appears, you'll probably want to get started sprucing up the rest of your house. In the meantime, enjoy the bathroom, as well as the compliments you'll receive from your visiting guests.

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