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## COVER ART

by SM Grant

Monticello wants to extend beaucoup thanks to the fabulous Nancy Lamb, for this marvelous cover art. We are all in love with her whimsical take on these traditional sweetheart candies from the Neco Company; trust Nancy to hit it out of the park when creating art for any & all occasions. This cover is part of a series she did last year for Carter Bowden Antiques that literally flew out of his shop upon arrival. We were lucky enough to persuade her to duplicate the images for us and look forward to many more collaborations with her. Nancy will be featured as contributing artist writer in upcoming issues. Nancy is currently exhibiting new works in



Artspace111's Rodeo Show that runs thru March 20th & we encourage you to pop down there and enjoy the show It will make you smile. Thanks again Nancy.

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## CRIME

### MAN PANHANDLING AROUND ALL SAINTS GOING DOOR TO DOOR REQUESTING MONEY OR WORK

A man, late 20's, African American, well dressed in sports attire has been approaching residents around All Saints Church asking for work or money. He has also been going door to door with the same request. He has not threatened anyone to date, but residents have felt very vulnerable. The police have been notified.

**ATTEMPTED DAYTIME BREAK IN ON CRESTLINE, POLICE CHASE** A few days ago residents reported an attempted break in on Crestline blvd. Two teens in an older blue car were spotted trying to force entry to a Crestline home, police were called & a chase ensued, no info to date.

**GUNFIRE REPORTED IN THE AREA SEVERAL TIMES** Neighbors have reported gunfire late at night in the past few weeks. Police have been called, but no info to date.

**MEDICATIONS STOLEN FROM NEIGHBORHOOD PORCHES** Several neighbors have recently reported packages stolen from their porches again; the sad part is several contained heart or high blood pressure meds. This is really getting old police say they are looking into it, but it continues yearly. Something needs to be done, maybe a sting operation by police. Replacing lost meds is a huge hassle & expensive to boot for seniors to add insult to injury.

**REPORTS OF CVS MISLABELING MEDS, DELIVERIES A MESS** Several neighbors have reported meds with addresses mislabeled. To date neighbors have returned mislabeled prescriptions to appropriate neighbors; check on your info if you use CVS.

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**CITY BUYS OLD PIER ONE BULDING FOR CITY HALL OFFICES** Ft Worth closed on the Pier One Building this week for a sale price of \$69 mill. With renovations the new digs will total out @ a cool \$100 mill & a 2022 move in date is projected.

**WHITE SETTLEMENT BRIDGE PROJECTED TO OPEN THIS MONTH.** Business on White Settlement are elated at the prospect of the White Settlement Bridge's completion & the reopening of the street to thru traffic again this month. The area has been beautifully landscaped & it will offer area residents a clear & attractive option to downtown. Congratulations to the TRV it has been a long hard road & we are nearly finished with it, thank God.

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**PARONE'S PHARMACY ALSO GIVING SHOTS** The Pharmacy has a line set up for Covid shot registration so call 817 738 2135 to be placed on the list.



**GALLERY NIGHT WILL BE GALLERY WEEK COMING THIS MARCH**  
Lasso by Nancy Lamb

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## TRAVELS WITH LULU

by Lulu Von Poodle

It's February, romance is in the air & the neighborhood is filled with love struck couples everywhere sharing glasses of fine champagne

and chocolate covered strawberries.

Fabulous dinners offered by our local eateries go untouched as lovers are more interested in each other than the fine dining they ordered. Good news for Sailor Max & me, doggie bags galore. Unfortunately Covid has cut down on our plate poaching days, but take out & door to door deliveries are working just fine for us. Oh the things people leave unattended while gazing into each other's eyes. LOL. Max is already staking out the kitchen at Paris7th as he & Bernard are friends & he figures

that gives him an edge. Sailor & I are camping out at Chicotskys hoping for a few stray fine wines to go with the dinner mom will undoubtedly bring home from Saturday night dinner for two on Piola's patio. She loves their menu & especially that patio, so elegant & comfortable ....a great option for safe dining during Covid. Speaking of Covid, what is going on with these vaccines? Mom is registered on 3 different sites & has been since December & nothing but a series of really confusing emails. Finding Waldo would be easier than disseminating the information on Tarrant County's Covid site. It would be almost humorous if it weren't so serious. Well sooner or later they will figure it out & if they don't none of us may be around to care anyway. I am so glad Poodles can't get this Covid thingie.

Well on that note it is time for my grooming appointment with Amy & maybe a pedicure for Valentine's Day; Sailor loves hot pink nails it makes him crazy. Oh L'amour Toujour

Lulu, Maxie, and Sailor



## THE MONTH OF LOVE

by Christy Dunaway Smith

February is finally upon us...the month of romance and my very favorite time of the year! The freshness of love is in the air. I'm not talking about that scent you get

when your sweetheart pulls the covers over your head in bed after eating Mexican, but the fresh scent and love that makes your heart flutter and eyes water because you are on the receiving end of gifts, gifts and more gifts!!!

doesn't have to be one day. Why not celebrate all month long?! You can and should make your sweetheart feel special everyday but go all out in February! With these planning tips and suggestions, you'll surely be the most astonishing romantic in Fort Worth.

### Dinner Reservations

If you haven't made them by now, your pickings are getting slimmer and slimmer....BUT thankfully you have all month! If you are looking for a fine dining experience, you better hop on it because those fill up on any normal weekend. Now, if you're looking for a night out with your whole family, I have the perfect place for you.



Opening this month is FW's newest restaurant Delucca's Guacho Pizza and Wine!

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As exciting as this day is for most of you, Valentine's Day

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# ARTS BEAT

by Doug Blagg

Dear art fanatics, there are three terrific shows in our fair city this month that are well worth donning a mask for to enjoy an

afternoon of splendid art. Let's start with "The Rodeo Show" at Artspace (111 Hampton St. Ft.Worth TX. 76102).

The curators have chosen four uniquely talented women artists to celebrate the annual Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show & Rodeo, cancelled this year, unfortunately, due to the Covid cloud. However, the idea of selecting these artists is a brilliant stroke of genius given the mostly male-dominated sport (rodeo) and this fresh-eyed interpretation. Truly interesting. For starters, a large canvas beautifully framed by Jo Lemay Rutledge is a jaw-dropping stunner that captures the soft glow of the rodeo arena. You may recognize some of the VIP's as the rodeo opens. One can practically smell the cotton candy and spilled beer, and taste the tangy lick of mustard off one of Nancy Lamb's corn dog paintings in the next room. Rima Canaan Lee's large-format photographs of the cowboys and broncos are packed with energy, and full of action and emotion that is so vibrant and visceral, my adrenaline levels went up! Donna Howell-Sickles pulls no punches in several biographical paintings that radiate with the joys and simple pleasures of a hard-working cowgirl's life. She wields a brush like a six gun. Delightful! And Linda Blackburn with several wry, witty, and disarming scenes, charm the viewer in the same way an old black and white Western movie might. They're so smart and rife with tongue-in-cheek humor, you'll find yourself smiling.

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RODEO SHOW RIMA CANAAN LEE



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# CHOCOLATE THE FOOD FOR LOVERS

by Jackie Reyes

What's more synonymous with chocolate than Valentine's Day?

Chocolate has a deep history as a truly luxurious food spanning from it's start as a Mesoamerican commodity as valuable as gold to Marie Antoinette brought her personal chocolate maker to Versailles! Chocolate also is known for it's feel good properties.

One of the chemicals found in our favourite treat is phenylethylamine, a neurotransmitter. It is the same molecule that is secreted by the brain when in the throes of passion and in moments of excitement. This rush is replicated when eating chocolate, so there is little wonder it is widely considered the gift for Valentine's Day.

## Chocolate Truffles

- 2 cups of heavy cream
- 21 ounces of dark chocolate (high quality is best!)

Skip the chips and go for chunks or bars)

- 2 cups of cocoa powder or powdered sugar

1. Add the heavy cream and chocolate disks to a large microwave safe bowl and microwave for 3 minutes then let sit for 3-4 minutes before whisking for 2 minutes until the mixture is smooth and shiny.
2. Place saran wrap over the mixture and refrigerate for at least four hours.
3. Using a tablespoon scoop make 1 tablespoon sized balls that you drop into either cocoa powder or powdered sugar and rolls into smooth balls.



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**CHRISTY DUNAWAY  
SMITH & JASON SMITH**

Married for 20 years and have two sons Reed, 12 and Winn 15, the couple met in 1992 thru friends then started dating in 1996 and married in 2000.

Valentine's Day usually consists of a romantic dinner at a nice restaurant and often a fun getaway too as it is also Christy's Birthday.

This Year's Valentines will be family dinner at Paris7th and a Sunday breakfast in bed.

Secrets for a Happy Marriage include frequent date nights, open lines of communication and a good sense of humor.

## VALENTINES IN THE TIME OF COVID

Meet neighborhood sweethearts who have gone the distance and find out how they are coping with Valentines during Covid.

Got the lockdown doldrums? Everyone in the world does. Do you daydream of running off to a quaint little B & B in the mountains or flying down to the Caribbean for lazy romantic days on the Beach? Champagne Dinners under the stars accompanied by the strains of romantic guitars or nuzzling with that special someone and enjoying decadent brunches in bed are but a faint memory these days. Well get a grip, life has its ups and downs; so remember that when you are feeling sorry for yourself. Just think of the mileage you will get in future years from your Covid stories. Valentine's Day celebrates the love and affection people have for one another so as long as you are sharing it with that special someone seems to me you are ahead of the game. The couples featured in this article are all smart enough to know this secret and It has kept them together and helped them grow no matter what life throws at them.



**CHRIS AND MARK SMITH**

Married for 31 years the couple was introduced by a mutual friend. Chris said, Mark courted me with Gary Larson's "Far Side" Collections & that did it. They have two dogs.

Valentine's Day usually involves a romantic dinner at a great restaurant, St Emillions traditionally.

This year's Valentine's Day will be takeout from Paris 7th as they love Bernard's menu. Also they will get some fine wines from Chicotskys per Robert's recommendations

Secrets For a Happy Marriage include dog walks, nature hikes, world travel, shared faith and a dry sense of humor.



**SHELLY SEYMOUR AND  
BUD KENNEDY**

Married for 13 years, the couple met thru a mutual friend at a Book Festival in Austin. They returned to Ft Worth dated for two years then married.

Valentines' Day usually involves fine dining in a romantic DFW restaurant with great food and wines, a no brainer as Bud is well versed in area eateries. This year's Valentine's Day will be takeout from Paris 7th as it is one of their favorites. They usually patronize local restaurants like Righteous Foods, Paris or the Wicked Butcher.

Secrets for a Happy Marriage include knowing the value of time together, sharing laughs - sharing good food.



**ANNE AND  
DANNY ABSHIRE**

Married for 45 years this summer, they have two children Ashley Alexander and Mason Abshire and four grandchildren Charlotte, Caroline, Mason and Phillip. The couple met in high school dated thru collage then married.

Valentine's Day usually involves a romantic dinner out or often at home as Danny is a master at the grill.

This year's Valentine's Day will be at home with a grilled cut of prime beef in the garden and assorted side dishes. Fine wine will be on the menu also and maybe some jack for the chef

Secrets for a Happy Marriage include a strong shared faith, devotion to family, open lines of communication, shared interests, date nights, and the ability to laugh together.



**TINKER GOGGANS  
AND RUSS SIKES**

Married for 34 years the couple has three daughters, Chloe in Austin, Robin in Dallas and Eva in Brooklyn. They are eagerly anticipating the birth of their first grandchild this spring. The couple met in East Dallas where they were neighbors; they dated for six months and knew this was it and married in 1987.

Valentine's Day usually involves a nice dinner out in a favorite restaurant and time together.

This year's Valentine's Day will be take out for two from Paris 7th and a romantic evening at home.

Secrets for a Happy Marriage include time together, luck and a sense of humor.



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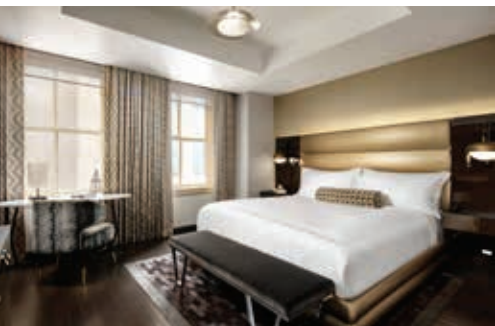
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There's nothing better than hotel cuddles, am I right? No time like the present to call your favorite roadhouse.

On several occasions, Jason and I have stayed downtown Fort Worth but as of late one of my favorites is The Sinclair. The Sinclair is a newly restored and beautifully appointed boutique hotel featuring a refined, rugged style with a sophisticated, casual atmosphere. And their restaurant, Wicked Butcher, is a must try!



Pampering

For that "CALGON, take me away" moment, Bella Retreat Spa & Salon is running amazing specials for the month of Love. Kay, the owner of this

spa & salon, has given me facials for years and even taught me how to apply my own make at 12 years old....in the heydays, she was the lead Esthetician at the salon in Neiman Marcus.

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Flowers

No Valentine's Day should ever go by without the giving or receiving of flowers. Ever! These make great gifts for teachers, daughters, friends and loved ones, plus Darla, owner of Blossoms on the Bricks, will deliver anywhere in Fort Worth for just \$10.



Baked Goods

Valentine's Day is never complete if it doesn't include lots of sugar. Cookies by Design will cook up these sweet treats for your little sweets! Everyone will

be overjoyed when they get one of these yummy nibbles as a gift from you. Specialty cookies for events such as weddings, showers and birthday parties can be packaged individually and customized for party favors.

Now that your mouth is watering, you're dying to spend a day at the spa, and you've decided you deserve some much needed rest at a hotel, go out and make this month extra special for the ones you love!

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## MY ROMANCE WITH OYSTERS

by *Brenda Ciardiello*

My fascination with oysters goes back to a tender age. As a curious five-year-old at a banquet at the Fort Worth Hilton, I insisted, despite my father's incredulity, that I wanted to eat those strange looking things in a shell. (Raw oysters, of course, at the raw bar.) He was shocked, and warned me I wouldn't like them (parents, don't do that!), but despite his protestations, I never forgot that first briny taste - and I've been in love ever since.

Many wonder why, especially if they haven't grown up near the ocean, I love an otherwise unattractive, slimy little creature hell-bent on keeping itself tucked inside a shell in the muckiest parts of oceans and estuaries. In some ways, it's just that - the wild grittiness of it all, that direct connection to the earth and ocean all at once. But mostly, for me, it's the romanticism of oysters.

When I eat an oyster I am in awe of nature. In their shells and within their tiny, muscular bodies lies the unique ability to transport you to an exact place and time in the wild outdoors, a time and place where the oyster grew. We ostraphiles call this merroir, much like the terroir of a fine wine. One taste of a Nonesuch Oyster ([www.nonesuchoysters.com](http://www.nonesuchoysters.com)) and POOF - I'm back on our favorite beach in Pine Point, Maine - or on the rocky coasts of Oregon (@nevorshellfishfarm), or in the warm waters of the Texas Gulf coast. As a landlocked ocean-lover, this is an ideal way to travel to the sea with those I love.

But back to romance! Why not a romantic dinner at home featuring oysters (a rumored aphrodisiac) this February 14th? Matt and I prefer eating them raw with just a touch of mignonette, a delicate vinegar-based French sauce that pairs perfectly with the oyster's natural salt and meatiness. My favorite mignonette is a sour elixir of three acids: proscoco vinegar, lime juice, and lemon juice with plenty of black pepper and finely chopped shallots. But for those of you who enjoy grilling, I have the easiest Oysters Rockefeller recipe of all time. It comes together in 10 minutes, post-shucking. Recipes below.

Speaking of shucking, in my home, we mostly shuck our own

oysters - having a New Englander as a husband helps - but if you're a newby, there are many wonderful products that make shucking easy and safe, including my favorite: The Kraken Oyster Grip ([www.krakenoystergrip.com/](http://www.krakenoystergrip.com/)), handmade in Maine. Oyster knives are readily available at Central Market. It's a perfect date-night activity. It's hard to get interesting oysters to shuck at home here in Fort Worth. Central Market almost exclusively carries no-name Gulf Coast or Connecticut Blue Points, decent options but ubiquitous and slightly uninspiring. Happily, I did discover recently that Jon Bonnell of Waters ([www.waters.com](http://www.waters.com)) was willing to sell some of his unique varieties of high-end oysters from Maine, Massachusetts and Prince Edward Island by the dozen, to-go. I could get used to that! Happy shucking.

My Swoon-worthy Mignonette  
Good for 1-2 dozen raw oysters

- 1/2 shallot, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp Prosecco Vinegar
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- A few drops Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- A tiny pinch of sea salt
- Several generous grinds of black pepper

Mix all ingredients and serve to accompany raw oysters; include a small spoon for ease of serving.

How to romantically eat a raw oyster: Preserve as much of the "liquor" - the clear juice in the oyster - as possible when shucking. Make sure to loosen the adductor muscle on the live animal with a fork or spoon. Using the concave shell to help, gently tip it into you or your lovebird's mouth, liquor and all. Chew, taste - enjoy the texture. Then admire the beautiful shell it came in.

Easiest-Ever Oysters Rockefeller  
Serves 2 lovebirds

- 2 dozen of your favorite oysters, shucked
- 1/2 stick of butter, chopped into small squares
- Grated parmiggiano reggiano cheese
- 1/2 cup baby spinach, torn into small pieces
- A touch of nutmeg
- Salt & Pepper

1. Place the shucked oysters on a platter carefully, making sure to preserve as much of the liquor in them.
2. One by one, add bits of torn spinach, 2-4 small squares of butter (depending on the size of the oysters), a sprinkle of cheese, a tiny sprinkle of nutmeg, salt & pepper
3. Place on a medium-high grill and close the lids for 2 minutes. Once the butter is bubbling and the oyster looks opaque remove the oysters to a platter and enjoy. Serve with fresh lemon wedges.





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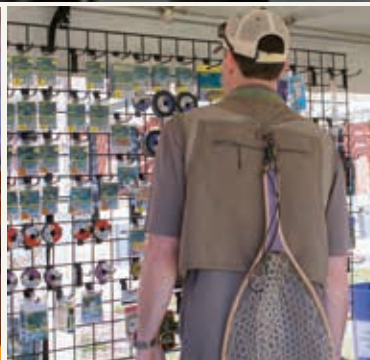
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# ROSES FOR YOUR VALENTINE

by Dotty Woodson, PhD

On Valentine's Day, a bouquet of fragrant roses, a box of delicious chocolates and a heartfelt

valentine card on appreciated by all. Many colors, flower size and stem length are available everywhere you go. Thank all the cut flower rose growers for their knowledge and skills for flowering roses just in time for Valentine Day!

Weather you purchase roses from a florist, garden center or the local grocery store, keep the roses looking good for many days by mixing the 'Flower Food' packet that comes with the bouquet with water. This packet has sugar, bleach and Ph buffer. Sugar/carbohydrates are normally provided to the rose during photosynthesis. Once cut from the rose bush, the flow of water and carbohydrates stop. You have to provide these ingredients to maintain the beautiful roses. Bleach helps keep the water bacteria and fungus free. The Ph buffer helps maintain the Ph. The other important step is to cut the stems at a slant more surface area to absorb water. Cutting every few days provides fresh tissue to absorb water. Remove more any lower leaves from the stem. Leaves soaking in water will grow bacteria or fungus.

I will sometimes use three different height

vases to keep the roses for a week or longer. Tall vase first. After three days, I cut the stems about an inch which may require a shorter vase. The I repeat cutting stem in another three days. Nine plus days of roses!

HAPPY VALENTINES!!!

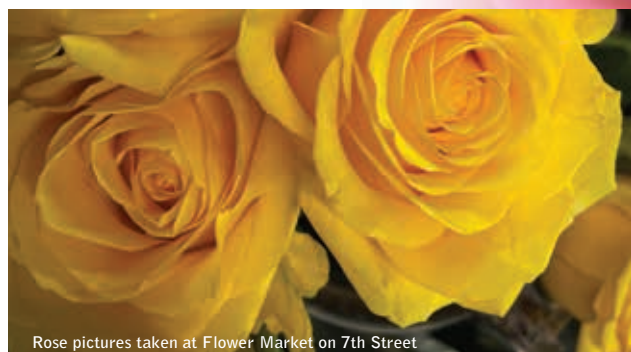
## The Meanings of Rose Colors

Red for Valentine is so appropriate because red roses signify love, romance and passion.

Yellow signify friendship and caring.

Pink roses signify elegance, sweetness and refinement.

White roses represent innocence, youthfulness, love and loyalty.



Rose pictures taken at Flower Market on 7th Street

So hitch up the wagon and go have a look. Now, onto the Amon Carter Museum!

Anyone who's a fan of great 19th century American artists (and who isn't?) will be delighted to the point of drooling (but please resist that temptation) at the sight of this jewel of show: Mythmakers: The Works of Frederic Remington & Winslow Homer. Now appearing at the ageless and always gorgeous Amon Carter Museum, please make time for this show. It's an absolute knockout. For Homer, easily one of the greatest American watercolorists, there are several seminal and important works that reinforce that opinion. And Frederic Remington, the cowboy painter from Upstate New York, is well represented with significant large works and smaller landscapes that will captivate you with their color and beauty. In fact, there are so many hit paintings in this fabulously curated exhibit, I can't wait to revisit. Interesting tidbit: Both artists were East Coast urbanites

who spent a large amount of their time in nature. This is a seriously important exhibit, right around the corner, don't miss it.

Yet another important exhibit by a legendary long time Ft.Worth artist, the late James Blake, at William Campbell Contemporary Art, is well worth a look, a most interesting auteur with a certainly disciplined approach, Mr.Blake explored a broad milieu of landscape and still life works, several of the latter are masterful, not just to see, but to meditate on..the Italian still life artist Morandi, comes to mind..terrific., not to discount the trees, clearly the man knew his way around one. An interesting back story of long stays in Paris and European travels adds to this most international man of mystery. This artist took his work seriously, the results are apparent in this gorgeous and well curated exhibit, Ft. Worth benefiting from this acknowledged, richly, and worldly artist. D.B.

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60th Anniversary year, the museum galleries are open & a series of classes, seminars, educational programs for toddlers & younger kiddos are also online as well as some entertaining programs about Black History, Art, literature & more if interested go to [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org)

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

MYTHMAKERS, The art of Winslow Homer & Fredrick Remington

## THE MODERN

Magnolia @ Modern RETURNS

Two of Us .....2/12 thru 2/14  
 Blithe Spirit.....2/19 thru 2/21  
 Supernova.....2/26 thru 2/28  
 Minari .....3/5 thru 3/14

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 Museum Gift Shop open daily for some great shopping

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

FOCUS: Leidy Churchman, Shirin Neshat: I Will Greet the Sun Again, & Works from the Permanent Collections

## KIMBELL

Online & some in person activities available as well as an open café for lunch or a glass of wine, for information on upcoming events see [www.kimbellart.org](http://www.kimbellart.org)

## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Queen Nefertari's Egypt

## COWGIRL MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME

Museum open to public & a series of online tours & events available [www.cowgirl.net](http://www.cowgirl.net)

## FT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY

A series of online & in person events for children of all ages & grownups see a few scheduled highlights [www.fwmuseum.org](http://www.fwmuseum.org)

Mars Landing Watch Party .....2/18  
 Earth Optimism Drive-in Theatre .....2/19  
 Engineer's Week .....2/22 thru 2/26  
 Omni Is currently closed

## BRIT

A marvelous series of in person & online classes, lectures & gardening experiences available for children & adults @ [www.brit.org](http://www.brit.org)

Stickwork by Patrick Dougherty  
 a marvelous organic sculpture is being constructed in the gardens & it provides a great learning experience for kiddos of all ages. Garden visits are also open & a easy way to be out with others in a safe way during Covid. [www.brit.org](http://www.brit.org)

## CLIBURN MASTERPIECE

At home Spring Programs

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Cowboy dog by Nancy Lamb from the RODEO SHOW @ ARTSPACE 111 open thru March 20th

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# REFRESHING ROSE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

by Robert Chicotsky

As the Valentine's Day approaches, rose wines are a very festive drink.

These wines derive their light color from the grape skins, but not enough to qualify it as a red wine. Rose wines can be made still, semi-sparkling or sparkling with a wide range of sweetness levels. These levels vary from bone-dry Provencal rose to sweet White Zinfandels and blushes. Rose wines are made from a wide variety of grapes and are found all across the world. These wines are now enjoyed year round.

Some of my favorite rose wines are:

Olema Rose 2019 - \$13.99

The website states that this wine is, "Made in the Côtes de Provence in the village of Vidauban in a true Provence Rosé style, this wine is smooth and elegant, a lovely pale copper-salmon color in the glass. Soaring aromas of fresh strawberry, cranberry, watermelon rind and honeysuckle lead into flavors of white peach, Meyer lemon, Kafir lime and hints of jasmine on the palate. The wine shows delightful balance between richness and refreshing acidity through the finish, a testament to the outstanding 2019 vintage in Côtes de Provence." It was rated 91 points by James Suckling by a prominent wine critic.

Cotes des Roses 2019 France - \$19.99

This is a wonderful French rose from Languedoc that is very light and refreshing. It has nice fruit flavors of citrus, melon and strawberry. The bottle is a work of art and perfect for this holiday celebration. The bottom of this bottle has an impression of a rose.

Chandon Brut Rose NV - \$21.99

The website says that, "our aromatic, dry Sparkling Rosé reveals a gorgeous shade of pink in the glass with aromas of fresh strawberry, watermelon and cherry that proceed through the palate and finish."

Gruet Brut Rose NV – New Mexico - \$17.99

This is a wonderful sparkling wine that is made from the method champagne process. It is made in New Mexico by a French family. They also make a brut, Blanc De Noir and a vintage sparkling wine. The web site states that this sparkling wine is, "A beautiful garnet in color, this Rosé NV has a delicate, fine mousse and rich, fruit flavors. This full-bodied sparkler starts with floral and berry aromas which introduce flavors of cherry, raspberry and wild strawberry, finishing delicately with zesty acidity." This is also one of my favorite sparkling wines and would be wonderful for this Valentine's Day.

Veuve Clicquot NV Rose - \$84.99

The web site states that the champagne is, "Coppery-orange color. Expressive aromas of strawberry and very ripe wild strawberries. A full-bodied, structured, vinous palate which stays fresh. Length and character define this champagne." This sparkling wines exhibits a very fruit forward style and displays a beautiful deep rose color.

Come try a refreshing rose for your Valentine's Day enjoyment.

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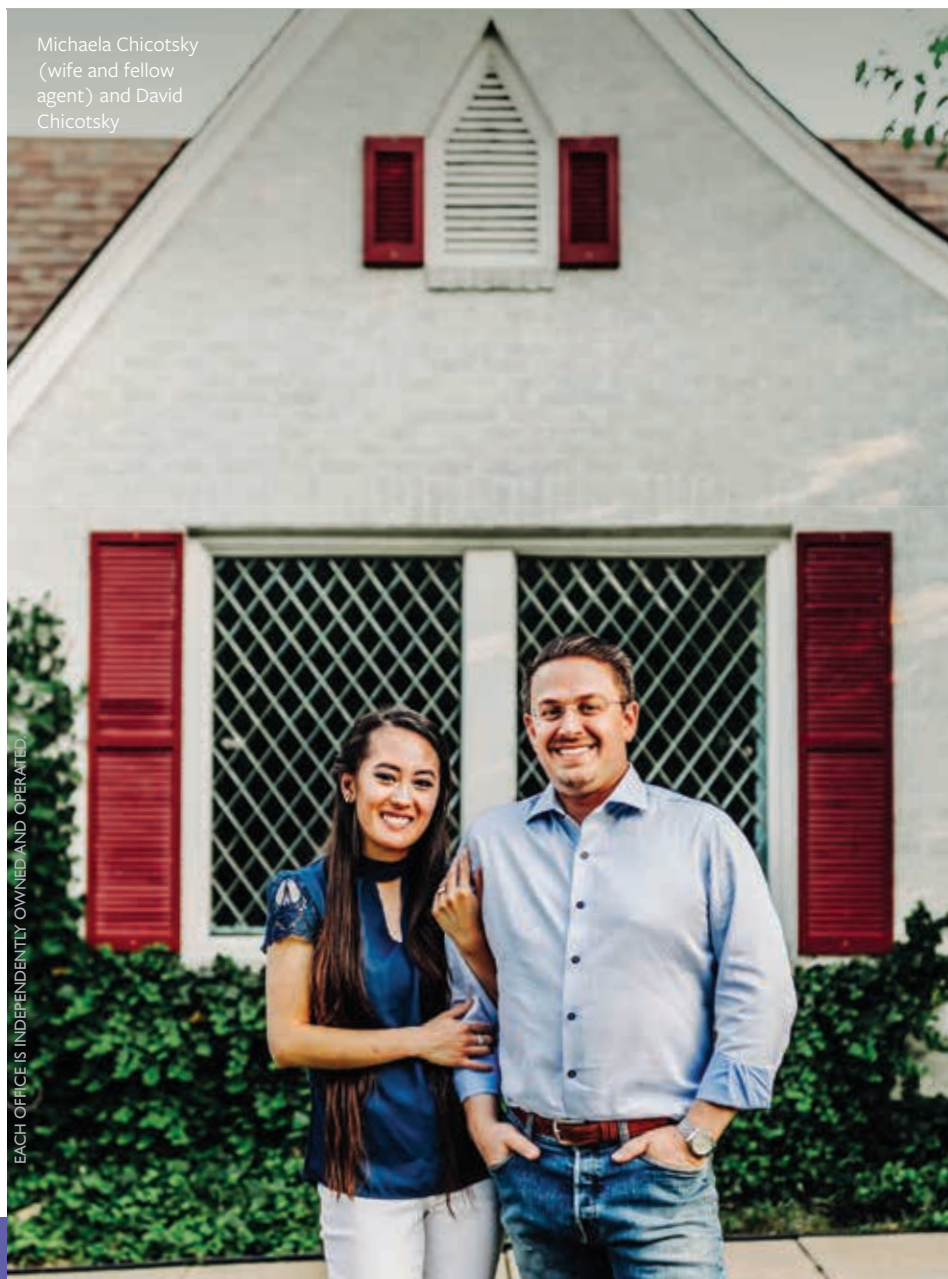
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