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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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Open House
November 4th-5th

Annual Holiday
Open House
November 10th-12th

Ladies Night Out
November 17th
5pm-8pm

12 Days of Christmas
December 3rd-16th

Couples Night Out
December 8th
6pm-9pm

Byers Choice Colonial
Christmas
December 10th

Creative Designs

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Double Timing

You may think you are seeing double the first weekend in November this year. From Wilson to Greenville Creative Designs will be represented at two separate events in a single weekend for unique holiday shopping. This year, for the first time ever we will be participating in the **Down East Holiday Show November 4th-6th**. Kick off your holiday shopping Friday and Saturday from 10am-7pm and Sunday 10am-5pm at the Greenville Convention Center. Come see us at booth #70, pick up some great gift items, *and* receive an additional discount for our Annual Open House the following weekend. While some of our “elves” are in Greenville others will be at Showplace Manor for our annual *Falling Into Christmas Open House*. **Friday, Nov 4th and Saturday, Nov 5th** receive **50% OFF** All Fall and Halloween purchases. The back of the house will be decorated for Christmas including our famous Byers’ Choice carolers and gingerbread houses. Pick up one of our famous dips or breads from our kitchen and enjoy some cider while you shop. Two locations, one festive weekend!!



Charles V. Lively Charity Event

We have been blessed for many years to have known such a wonderful person as Charles V. Lively. Our precious Santa went to be with his Heavenly Father this past Winter. On **Saturday, December 3rd**, the weekend always reserved for Claus for a Cause will go on but in a different way. Charlie would not want to disappoint a single child. He taught at the School for the Deaf and children with disabilities had a special place in his heart. On this Saturday, we will host the **Charles V. Lively Claus for a Cause Charity Event**. Bring your child between the hours of 10am to 4pm for story time with friends and family of Charlie. Every thirty minutes a children’s classic will be read then they will enjoy cookies and cocoa just like year’s past. All we ask is each child bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots or you give a donation to the Charles V. Lively Foundation. Let’s help a child less fortunate than us. “Santa” will be smiling down from Heaven!!



New Holiday Hours Begin November 5th
Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturdays 10am-5pm

Annual Holiday Open House

It's the most wonderful time of the year!! The time is here to unveil the spirit of Christmas as only our "elves" at Creative Designs can. The biggest event of the year, our **Annual Holiday Open House** will be held **Thursday, and Friday, Nov 10th & 11th from 9am-5pm and Saturday, Nov 12th from 10am-5pm**. Three days of discounts, door prizes and gourmet delights!! An atmosphere warm enough to make Scrooge want to be here. Shop with us during our Open House and choose a Secret Santa Discount to receive up to 50% OFF your entire purchase (Aromatique, Byers' Choice & food items excluded). Our 2011 tree themes include "Santa's Helpers", "Backyard Friends" and "Romantic Evening". We are sure there will be something for everyone. Our ever popular Elves, Snowmen, Nutcrackers, Byers' Choice Carolers and Showplace Manor gourmet dips and breads selections will once again be among our 2011 collection for your annual gift giving needs. Be sure to remember us for ornament exchanges this year. We have searched long and hard to bring you a variety of unique tree decorations at a desirable price point for everyone. An ornament wrapped in our signature style is sure to excite whoever is lucky enough to receive it. Invite a friend and make a point not to miss the Holidays with us this year or we will miss you.

We will be closed Monday, November 7th thru Wednesday, November 9th to prepare!



DIY DESIGN CENTER

Another way Creative Designs is meeting the needs of our customers is by opening our brand new DIY Design Center. In an effort to better serve you, we have transformed our Master Bedroom and Bath into your resource for fabrics, wallpaper, upholstery and bedding. No appointments are needed to use the design center. Our house decorators will be available to check stock, answer questions and make appointments if necessary. Sit down, flip through books, create a space that is your own and save money by receiving a 20% discount on all DIY orders. If a design service in the home is what you need, we will be glad to talk to you about your project and schedule a complimentary in home consultation. It is our desire to meet the needs of all our customers by providing this new space. All kitchen and bath design and commercial design will remain in the upstairs offices. We are excited to share this with you and hope that the center will be ready for you to enjoy by the Holiday Open House.

Deck the Halls

Our Deck the Halls service is booking fast! Only a few dates left for Christmas decorating by our exceptionally talented team of "elves". At only \$150/hour *you* have time to do the shopping and daily activities of the season while *we* take care of the "dirty work". Don't waste valuable time fluffing garland, hanging wreaths and putting up the tree, let our team elves do it for you. Using your décor or ours we will transform your home into the magical wonderland that you and your family deserve this holiday season. **Call 252-291-5843 today, space is limited!**

Night Out Events

Mark your calendars now girls, our ever growing **Ladies Night Out** is right around the corner.

Thursday, Nov 17th 5pm-8pm join us for food and spirits, discounts and surprises that only you will know about. It is a night of laughter and shopping bliss. Grab a girl-friend or two and come on over after work for a couple of hours of fun. This is always one of our favorite times with the girls just doing what we do best...shopping. When you are done shopping for family and friends don't forget to join our *Wish List* and we'll make sure "Santa" brings just what you want for Christmas this year.

Better yet, bring your "Santa" with you for our first ever **Couples Night on Thursday, Dec 8th from 6pm-9pm**. We never get to see the guys!! And we know who writes the checks (most of the time). Girls, grab your guys and give us your wish list. We'll do the rest!! Couples only discounts

tonight and double discounts on any purchases of 2 or more of the same item. Enjoy heavy hor d'oeuvres, spirits, great music and even a kiss under the mistletoe during this couples only shopping event. For your convenience, we'll be here late for the serious shoppers who just can't get here during our regular shopping hours.



Byers Choice Colonial Christmas Event

We're celebrating our Byers' Choice Carolers Collection in true Colonial style this year. For one



day only **Saturday, December 10th**, come and enjoy hot was-sail, gingerbread cookies and listen to the beautiful sounds of the Tar River Dulcimers. We are so excited to have them here, their music is a must for the holidays. All Byers' Choice Carolers and accessories will be 20% Off during this one day only sales event. This is a great time to add to your collection or buy a gift for another collector at a great price. While here Register to Win a caroler from this years collection.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS DEC 3RD-DEC 16TH

On the 12th Day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a \$100 Shopping Spree!

The First Day of Christmas will be Sat, Dec. 3rd ending on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, Fri, Dec. 16th. Come in to register for a daily door prize, take advantage of "Secret Santa" specials and be entered in the drawing.

You never know what surprise is in store!

Each and every time you register your name stays in the pot for more chances to win. **On Saturday, December 17th at 10:30am we will draw (5) lucky names for (5) \$100 Shopping Sprees.**

Enter every day you visit and win up to \$500 to spend with us this Christmas. You do not have to be present to win, all prizes must be redeemed by December 23rd.



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RECIPE CORNER



Holiday Fig Cake

1 3/4 C fig preserves
3 large eggs
1 C sugar
1 C vegetable oil
2 C all purpose flour
1 tsp each baking soda, salt, ground cinnamon, ground allspice
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 C buttermilk
1 C chopped pecans, toasted
1 C prunes, finely chopped
2 T fresh rosemary, chopped
1 3/4 C pecans, coarsely chopped

Honey Cream Cheese Frosting 1 1/2 (8oz) pkg cream cheese, softened; 1/3 C butter, softened; 1 1/2 T honey; 4 C powdered sugar Beat first 3 ingredients at medium speed with a mixer until smooth. Gradually add sugar, beating at low speed just until blended

Chop large pieces of fig preserves, if necessary, set aside. Beat eggs, sugar and oil at medium speed with electric mixer until blended. Combine, flour and next 5 ingredients; add to sugar mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour. Fold in the preserves, 1 C chopped pecans, prunes, and if desired chopped rosemary. Pour batter into 2 greased and floured 8" round cake pans. Bake at 350 for 42-45 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Run a knife around edge of pan. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool on rack. Spread frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Press pecans around side of cake. Store in refrigerator.

Taken from Christmas with Southern Living 2005; by Oxmoor House.