Today’s Highlights: October 22nd, 2022

• Market-Wide Sale TODAY!!!
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Sustainable Corner

My son got married last week, and it was beautiful and perfect! While planning for the wedding, our family kept sustainability in mind. We purchased compostable cutlery/recyclable supplies, and I made almost all of the decorations with my dried flowers and things I already had around my house. To be honest, I spent less than $25 on materials. Her family also repurposed items to help out, like candle holders, bud vases and lace for table clothes. We got many compliments for the decor, and it combined well with their outdoor wedding!

I wanted to share this because Halloween is right around the corner, and sometimes it can be hard to minimize waste during celebrations. So here are some sustainability tips for a greener Halloween. My source this week is the World Wildlife Fund, and they offer these ideas:

1. Reuse decorations from the previous year instead of buying new and make creative decorations from things you might throw out otherwise, like old stockings for spider-webbing.
2. Make your own costumes by keeping old clothes that can be used for pieces or parts and shop at thrift shops for items to save money. Then let the imaginations run wild!
3. Use regular dishes or buy biodegradable ones when having a party.
4. Buy locally produced foods, candies and treats. Look for goodies with minimal packaging and/or those made packaged in recycled materials.
5. Instead of buying trick-or-treat bags, use and decorate household items to collect candy in, like a bucket or pillowcase.
6. Buy pumpkins from local farms or farmers’ markets. Better yet, grow your own because kids love to watch them grow!
7. Don’t throw away all the goodies from inside your pumpkin. Toast the seeds for tasty treats. Make pumpkin pie or purée with the fruit – or compost it.
8. Trick or Treat by walking around your neighborhood instead of driving to another destination. Get to know your neighbors, reduce your carbon emissions and help keep the streets safe for other walkers.
9. From party food to treats to pumpkins, consider composting all organic matter and recycling other items.
10. Reuse as much as you can from year to year and have a safe and happy Halloween!

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“Without order nothing can exist, without chaos nothing would evolve.”
— Oscar Wilde

Sonia Says

Hello My Friends,
As you all know I am almost done booking Holiday Market. Last year we were lucky enough to acquire the Holiday Hall (where the Farmers Market was). Since it was the first year last year, and we got it so last minute, we were unable to book it to its capacity. Because it was so “empty” last year, I hear a lot of negative comments about how “good” or “bad” Holiday Hall is. This has made it very difficult for me to get anyone to want to be in that room this year, even though I can list just as many cons for the Main Hall.

Although I understand the fears, I don’t agree with the sentiment that Holiday Hall is bad in ANY WAY. Right now the Holiday Hall is a blank canvas for anyone to make their own, we have wider walk ways so that customers aren’t rushed by your booth, and the Main Stage always draws a crowd. So instead of discouraging new members, maybe suggest that they help create a comfortable and artistic new space with their own spin on things.

I believe that you just have to take the time to get what you put out in this world and speak negatively creates a self-fulfilling prophecy, if you tell everyone it’s not worth it because it’s empty, it will never fill up. You can’t continuously speak negatively about the Holiday Hall and just expect it to magically get better. So with peace and love please STOP. Thank you for your positivity and I’ll see you all at the Events Center!

Peace & Love,
Sonia
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Envelope Art by Shayla Smith
Happy Birthday to all our Fall friends! Patti the tie dye artist and Tert the jeweler celebrated their birthday last Sunday, Oct. 16th. Brooke of Oregon Jewelry celebrated their birthday last Sunday, Oct 16th. Kate of the Tenth Muse and Jay of Light Works Candles celebrated their birth last Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Meredeth of Light Works Candles celebrated their 17th. Kate of the Tenth Muse and Jay has some b-day cake last Monday, Oct. 16th. Patti the tie dye artist and Teri the jeweler have any questions, comments, concerns, repost your work! October please let me know. We will gladly prompt lists/challenges for the month of October. Pay Me to do Your HM Work Task Hey I'm sure you noticed that work tasks are out. I am offering to do those tasks on your behalf! Please contact me at (458) 210-0718 with your details so we can get started. You get $10 and one less work task to do, and I get $30. Thanks. -Silver

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