FITNESS+HEALTH+DRINK+FOOD+TRAVEL+TY'S TIPS+MUSIC+BEAUTY THIS ISSUE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY: **JUNE 2016 Christopher Tenggren RE/MAX Great American** North BROKER/REALTOR 40W160 Campton Crossing/Unit E St. Charles, IL 60175 P: 630-513-0222 C: 630-408-2750 F: 630-313-4220 Christopher@HomesInTheFoxVallev.com HomesInTheFoxValley.com **TY'S TIPS** 4 Ways To Achieve the Ultimate "Person Cave" Canada, More Than Just Slapshots and Brews A New Way To Get Zen guaranteed Rate 。 and much more! The Home Purchase Experts® Vol 5 ISSUE: 1



Don't laugh, but I have a new hobby — coloring! Yes, I color. With my collection of Prismacolor Premiere colored pencils, I've created fantastical art pieces worthy of ... well, not worthy of hanging, but worthy of enjoying. Before you judge me, know that adult coloring books are all the rage. Read **Courtney Simmons'** story detailing the trend. It's a way to zone out, to reconnect with our inner child, and it beats watching reality TV!

Nature, in all its splendor, also beats a day of binge watching. This is summer. Save the Game of Thrones marathons for January! While we may think of Canada as our cold, snow-covered northern neighbor, it's a vision of beautiful colors this time of year. I'm obsessed with Lake Louise. You may have gone skiing in Banff, but Kurt Claus shows us there's more to Canada than slopes.

This month, we would like to re-introduce our resident fitness expert, Sarah Amundsen. She's a yoga instructor at *CorePower*. She knows her stuff and we're happy to have her give us free advice. Read her piece on hip openers. Every woman knows the importance of flexibility. Desk jobs tend to stiffen our joints. Sarah shows us how to work through the discomfort to achieve results.

As always, we hope you enjoy all the effort we put into each issue.



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June 2016

JUNE 6

Ramadan (start)

JUNE 8

National Best Friend Day

JUNE 12

Shavuot (start)

JUNE 13

Shavuot (end)

JUNE 14

Flag Day

JUNE 19

Father's Day

JUNE 20

Summer Solstice

JUNE 21

International Yoga Day

JUNE 23

International Widow's Day

JUNE 24

St. John the Baptist Day

JUNE 29

St. Peter's Day

Birthstone

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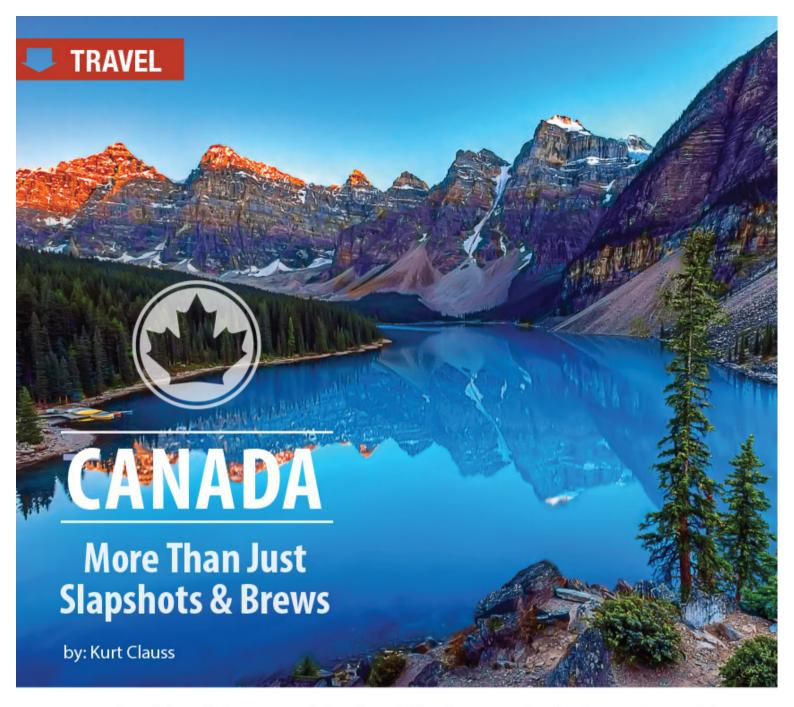
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Rose

Observances

National Safety Month Men's Health Month I GBT Pride Month



anada may be known for ice hockey, moose and great beer, but it has so much more to offer. Our northern border neighbor is a multi-cultural destination. For a cheap peek at French culture, a trip to Montreal is in order. For shopping with favorable exchanges rates, Toronto may be a good option.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world. At 5,500 miles long, the Canadian/U.S. border allows for quick access to this international destination. Passport required. Whether flying or driving, Canada is perfect for a family road trip to Niagara Falls, or a long romantic weekend on Vancouver Island.

Best of all, its spectacular scenery of the Canadian Rockies, and its clean cities offer a different perspective on urban living. Canadian cities are often cited as some of the best places to live. For a summer vacation that won't break the bank, search Air Canada, West Jet and Porter Airlines for the best rates to and within Canada.

Canadian Rockies

If you're an outdoor adrenaline junkie, or just want to view some of the most jaw- dropping mountain scenery in the world, head to the majestic Canadian Rockies of Alberta and British Columbia. Start in Calgary then head north to Banff. Take in the awe-inspiring colors of **Lake Louise** with its glacier blue waters. Instagram photos required! Next, head to **Jasper National Park**.

Wildlife abounds here. You can hike, mountain bike or road trip up Routes 1 and 93. Look into a safari or wildlife tour for a chance to see bears, elk, bighorn sheep and deer. Mid-July to mid-August explodes with color during the brief bloom of the mountain wildflowers.



Niagara Falls/Toronto

Even after dozens of visits, (I grew up near Buffalo), I am still in awe each time I stand at the railing at the top of Niagara Falls. Crowds from all over the world come to take photos of the thundering waters, and enjoy the growing entertainment and casinos of both the US and Canadian sides of the falls. The best views are from the Canadian side, however. If you don't mind getting wet, the kids will love wearing a cheap plastic rain poncho and boarding the iconic Maid of the Mist boat tour that cruises the base of the falls. If you're a daredevil, hike the Cave of the Winds up a wet wooden staircase through the swirling spray of mist. There is also a cool 'Journey behind the Falls' tour where you can see the Falls from the underneath. Niagara-on-the-Lake is an adorable, historic town nearby that has the finest restaurants and wineries in Canada (in my opinion). Make sure you try Ontario's treasured ice wine, Inniskillin. It's a delightful take on white wine.

When visiting Niagara Falls, it makes sense to visit nearby Toronto. It's just a

90-minute drive from the falls. With its world class theatre, restaurants, arts and shopping, Toronto is always buzzing with activity. Toronto is also known as, 'North Broadway'. There, "Broadway" shows sell-out just as fast as hockey games, so plan ahead. Of course, no trip to Toronto would be complete without a trip to **The Hockey Hall of Fame** to visit The Stanley Cup.

Vancouver

For a west coast mix of urban style and nearby wilderness, head to Vancouver. The Gastown area has a cool mix of restored Victorian buildings, cobblestone streets, galleries and shops. You can take a Vancouver harbor tour or even schedule a sea plane ride for a different perspective of the skyline.

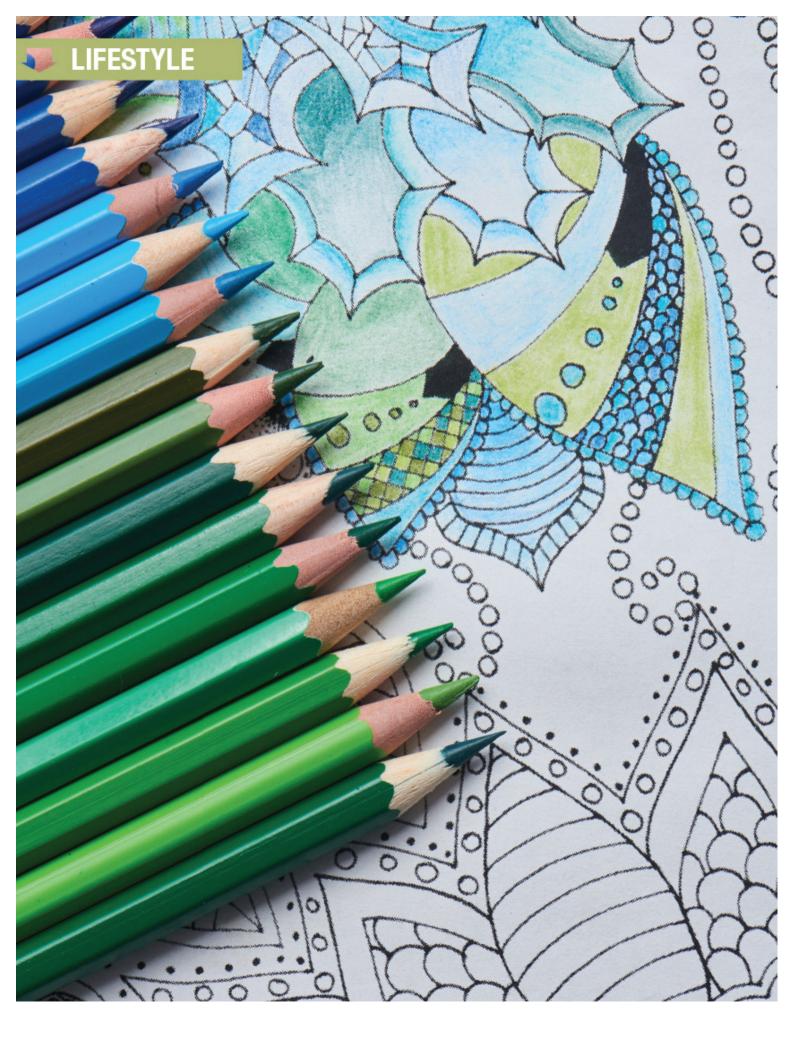
For something special, head to Vancouver Island where the summer months are the best time for whale watching. Just 20 minutes outside of town is Grouse Mountain for panoramic city views. Take the Gondola to the *Peak Chalet* to zip line, hike, or dine. Stanley

Park, on the edge of town, is one of the city's most popular attractions. A huge green space with gardens, trails, pools, beaches and an aquarium are the highlights.

Quebec

If history and European charm appeals to you, Quebec City, and its historic sites, are a little slice of France right across the border. Old Quebec, on the banks of the St Lawrence River, has open air galleries, horse drawn carriages and the famous Chateau Frontenac, the most photographed hotel in the world.

Founded in 1608, Quebec City is like going back in time. Visit the oldest neighborhood in North America, Quarter Petit Champlain, along the river. It was the original port of Quebec. Eight miles outside of town is the impressive Montmorency Falls, it's more than 98-feet higher than Niagara!



A NEW WAY TO GET ZEN

by: Courtney Simmons

It's easy to get caught up in the everyday hustle and bustle of life. Back-toback office meetings followed by after school commitments with the kids, we rarely take the time to rest, breathe and be. So how do we deal? We all find ways to decompress whether we realize we're doing it or not. Some attend group yoga, others take the opposite route and binge-watch Netflix. No matter your road to mindfulness, there's a new approach that is great for every shape, size and COLOR.

The hottest growing 2016 trend for getting Zen involves a resurgence of a childhood favorite: coloring books...for adults. This throwback is more than just a way to pass time. It's a stress busting, decompressing, coping mechanism that allows you to tune in and zone out.

There are a number of coloring books for adults. Try searching Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local bookstore.

1. DECOMPRESS

Studies have shown that coloring has therapeutic benefits and can reduce anxiety. Particularly when coloring in *Mandalas*. A Mandala contains repetitive geometric patterns, which encourages one to be mindful of the task at hand, thus reducing external stresses.

2. RECHARGE

If you can't make it to that yoga retreat in Bora Bora, adult coloring books are a cost-effective way to recharge your batteries. The "Posh Adult Coloring Book of Soothing Designs" can be found at Barnes & Noble or Target for under \$10.

3. CONNECT

Coloring parties: They're a thing! The popularity of adult coloring books has spawned a new type of happy hour where groups meet up for wine and coloring. This new way of socializing is great for friends and family and also as teambuilding for co-workers.

4. DEVELOP

The days of mastering penmanship are long gone. There's something about trading our keyboards and tablets for an old-fashioned, colored pencil that just feels right. On top of working out old muscles, the act of coloring activates both hemispheres of the brain which helps improve motor skills and vision.

5. MEDITATE

Most working adults find themselves wearing many hats and juggling 10 things at once. Coloring is the perfect task to let go for a period of time. It's meditation for those who don't meditate, and helps one be with his/her thoughts.

PRO TIP:

Forgo the crayons and go straight for colored pencils. It's said to help with the "flow" of coloring.







Tip 1: Scout out a spot

First things first: You need a place for your cave. The word implies that it has to be in the basement or somewhere below ground level, but don't feel restricted. An attic, unused spare bedroom, cluttered utility room or even part of a garage can all fit the bill.

Tip 2: Pick your theme

Before you start slapping on the paint and hanging lighting, you'll need to decide what kind of room you want. Will it be a place to admire your collection of sports memorabilia? A home theatre with movie-themed prints and big seats? Perhaps you want to showcase your passion for music with your treasured vinyl and guitar collections. Maybe a meditation room or something similar where you can just get away and chill.

Whatever your chosen theme,

the best way to nail down your ideas is to sketch them out. Don't worry about artistry, just get your vision out on paper. Outlining your thoughts will start to bring your ideas to life and will help you see possible challenges up front with your layout or design.

Need inspiration? Hop on the internet – there are tons of websites dedicated to cave designs!

Tip 3: Don't scrimp on the extras

Now that you've pinned down a theme and a sketch, what are you going to fill the room with?

Serious gamers need specific chairs (casual gamers can get by with beanbags). Movie buffs can make the most of their surroundings with a popcorn machine and a fridge for drinks. Music enthusiasts can't forget about the sound system (audiophile quality is optional).

A proper sitting room needs a cool coffee table and a soft sofa, possibly a daybed for dozing.

You want your cave to be awesome out of the gate, so try to avoid excluding something that later on you'll wish you had.

Tip 4: Make it all-inclusive

We all dream of a room that's dedicated to just our stuff and is off limits to everyone else. But the reality is, when you're cohabitating with others, it's best to make your cave (or at least a portion of it) welcoming to everyone. Feel free to announce to the household that you'll be spending the most time in there! Also, avoid the temptation to put locks on the doors unless it's in the interest of child-proofing an area with a lot of fragile, valuable items.

I hope these tips were helpful in guiding you in the right direction.

Happy spelunking!





Chili Lime Shrimp Skewers

by: Chrystal Caruthers

INGREDIENTS

2 - 2.5 large shrimp

MARINADE

1/2 cup fresh lime juice
3 teaspoons fresh lime zest
1/4 cup olive oil
4 tablespoons fresh cilantro,
finely chopped
2 jalapeños, finely chopped
1-inch fresh ginger, minced
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon honey
2 teaspoons sea salt
1 teaspoon ancho chili powder

METHOD

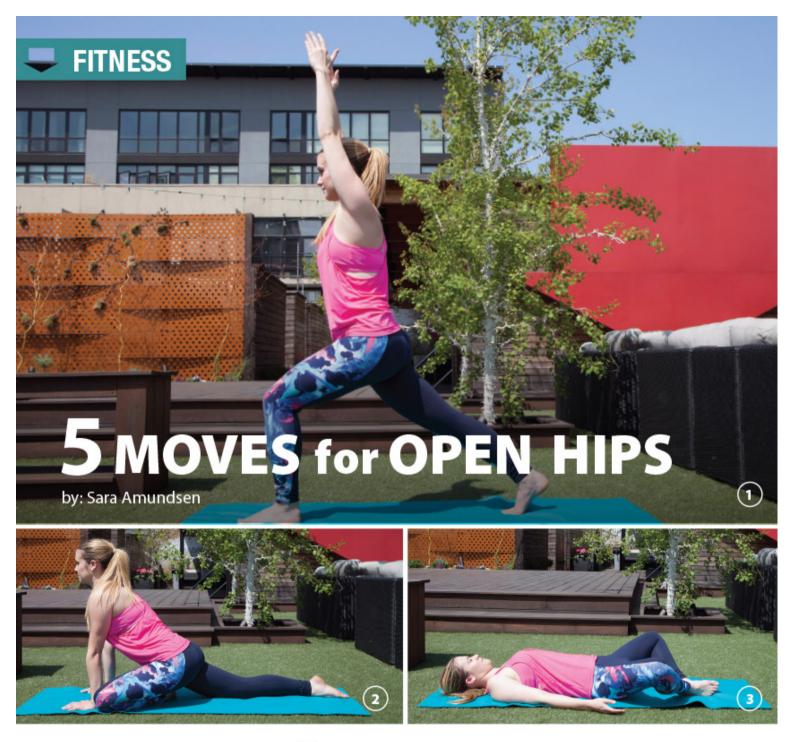
- 1. Peel and devein shrimp, Set aside.
- In a large mixing bowl, whisk all marinade ingredients together.
- Add shrimp and refrigerate for an hour.
- Fire up the grill, brush a little bit of oil on the surface. Grill shrimp until they turn golden pink and charred on both sides.

Serve immediately.

You can make this chili lime

TIP:

shrimp with a cast-iron grill pan or regular skillet, or bake in the oven. Preheat the oven to 400°F and bake it for about 10 minutes or until the shrimp turn pink.



Working out usually makes you feel energized, strong and accomplished — but sometimes it can also make you feel sore! The most common place is in the hips. Luckily, there are several yoga poses that are great hip openers to ease and add flexibility. Try these poses to get the most out of your workout.

CRESCENT LUNGE

This pose stretches your hip flexors, as well as your legs, front torso, chest and shoulders.

To get into crescent lunge, begin on your hands and knees. Align your wrists directly under your shoulders and your knees directly under your hips. Spread your fingers wide and press firmly through your palms. Then tuck your toes and lift your

knees off the floor, making your way into downward dog. Gently begin to straighten your legs and equally press down through your heels and palms of your hands.

From downward dog, lift your right foot high off your mat, then step it forward between your hands into a low lunge position. Bend your right knee 90 degrees, then come onto the ball of your back foot, lifting and pressing through your back heels.





can stay here, or if you would like a deeper hip stretch, place a yoga block under each thigh. Once you're situated, let your arms relax with your palms facing up, close your eyes and breathe naturally.

Straighten your left leg so it's strong and active, then lift your arms over your head. Make sure both hips are squared towards the front of the room. To modify, you can always lower down to your back knee. Stay for a few breaths, then repeat on your left leg.

2 HALF PIGEON

In addition to being a great hip opener, this resting pose improves your overall posture and alignment. To get into Half Pigeon, start by kneeling on the floor. Stretch your right leg behind you. Bend your left knee such that your left foot comes close to your right pelvic bone with your toes pointed out. Lean slightly forward to puff out your chest. Use your hands for balance and keep your gaze forward to stay in balance. Hold for 30 seconds, then repeat on your left side.

3 RECLINED BOUND ANGLE POSE

Reclined Bound Angle Pose (also called Supta Baddha Konasana in yoga classes) is a great way to cool down from a tough workout. It stretches your hip muscles, and opens your chest, which helps your body to relax.

Begin in a seated position with your legs extended in front of you. Arms at your sides. Bend your knees, and draw your heels in toward your pelvis. Bring the soles of your feet together and let your knees drop open to both sides. Press the outer edges of your feet together and onto the floor.

Next, lean backwards and bring your elbows to the floor. Then slowly lower down onto your back. You

4 FROG POSE

Frog pose is a great hip opener for cardio-enthusiasts, because it stretches your lower back and inner thigh muscles. Begin on all fours on your hands and knees walk your knees as far apart as they will allow comfortably. Touch the knife edge of your feet to the ground, and bend your knees to a 90-degree-angle. Then while engaging your core, lower down to your forearms, with your elbows stacked right below your shoulders.

5 НАРРУ ВАВУ

Lie on your back and bend your knees towards your stomach. Grip the outsides of your feet with your hands. Open your knees wide, then gently bring them in towards your armpits. In this stretch, rock the length of your mat to massage your lower back. In addition to stretching your hips, Happy Baby also calms your mind, and relieves stress.







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