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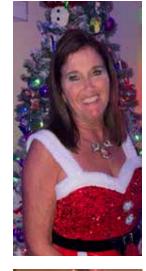
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As the holidays approach and another wonderful year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to say thank you. It's been such a joy getting to know so many of you, sharing your stories, your traditions, and the spirit that makes Harbor Bluffs such a special place to call home. From festive gatherings and community milestones to quiet

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moments of connection, this neighborhood continues to inspire us month after month. We're grateful for every reader, every featured family, and every friendly wave we've received along the way.

As we look ahead to the new year, we're so excited to meet and feature twelve more amazing families right here in Stroll Harbor Bluffs. If you'd love to be part of an upcoming issue — or know a neighbor with a story worth sharing, we'd be thrilled to connect!

Wishing you and your family a holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and all the things that make home feel truly special.

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE, and there's nothing we love more than celebrating the joy, traditions, and togetherness that make this time of year so special. In this December issue, we are thrilled to feature **Alison and Nufar**, our cover family, as they celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah — a beautiful reminder of the magic that comes from family, love, and cherished traditions.

We're especially grateful to Salty Roots Boutique, owned by the inspiring Lori Townsend, which you'll get to read all about this month. Lori has created more than just a boutique; she's built a space where women of all ages can feel confident, stylish, and seen. Her dedication to connection, community, and uplifting others mirrors the warmth and generosity of the holiday season perfectly.

As you flip through these pages, we hope you feel the festive spirit and the joy that comes from celebrating with loved ones. From our Stroll Harbor Bluffs family to yours, we wish you a holiday season full of laughter, love, and treasured memories.

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If you've ever seen two smiling faces out walking a pair of happy pups, or zipping around in a golf cart near the beach, there's a good chance you've spotted Alison and Nufar. The couple, who have called Harbor Bluffs home for nearly four years, share a life built on love, laughter, and a deep devotion to their dogs.

Fur Family & Loving Tributes

Alison and Nufar proudly refer to themselves as "dog moms" to two amazing pups: Hamilton, a five-year-old miniature long-haired dachshund, and Olive, a one-year-old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. Their home is full of wagging tails, splashing pool time, and plenty of treats.

This past year brought heartbreak, too, they said goodbye to their three beloved senior dogs, Hunter (16), Hayden (15), and Charlie (11). "They were such a huge part of our lives, and we miss them dearly," Alison says. Their memory lives on in the many dog-centered adventures Alison and Nufar continue to enjoy with their current pack.

Life Full of Adventure (and Dog Sports!)

From Scent Work and Agility to Dock Diving and Mantrailing, the couple spends much of their free time participating in all sorts of canine activities. "Anything dog-related, we're in!" they laugh. They also love being outdoors, hiking, swimming, and exploring local parks with their pups.

When they're not training or competing, you'll find them relaxing at Indian Rocks Beach, hanging by their backyard pool, or visiting Hallet Park in Belleair. They're selfproclaimed foodies, too, always up for sushi and frequent favorites like Guppy's, Cristino's, Jake's Coastal Cantina, Wildflower Café, and Backwaters.

How It All Began

Their love story began in Los Angeles, brought together by, no surprise, their mutual affection for dogs.



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Alison, originally from Buffalo, New York, had moved to California to pursue her dream of working with animals and soon launched her dog training business, **Progress 4 Paws.** That's when she met Nufar.

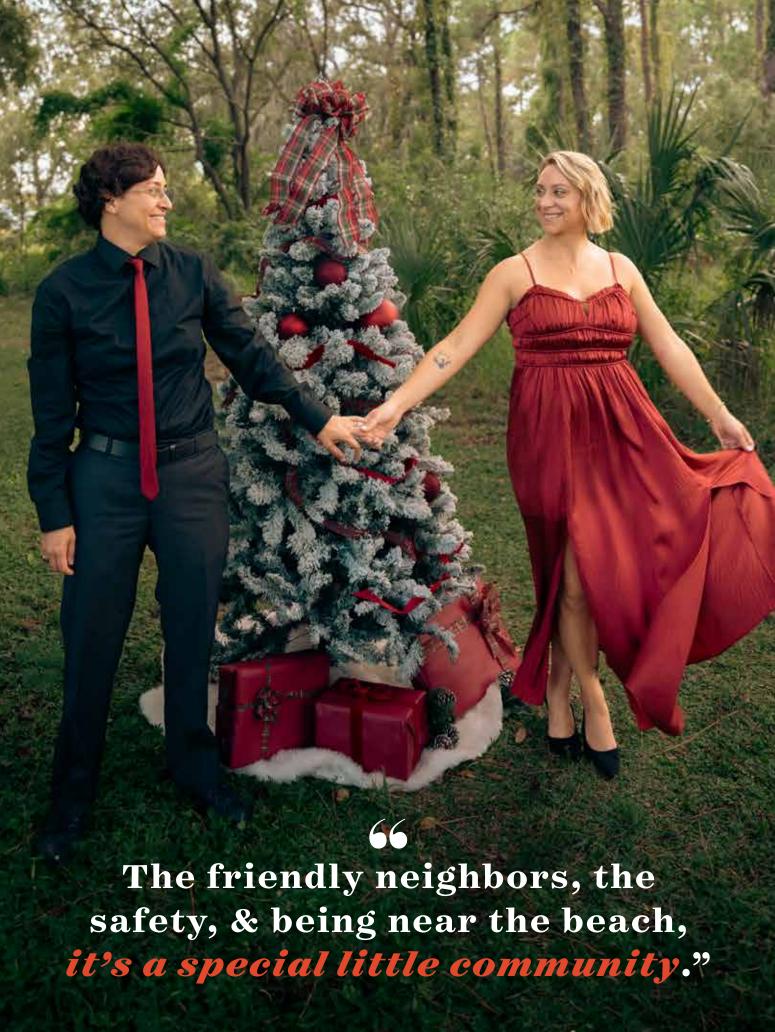
For Nufar, who was born in Israel and moved to Los Angeles at age 8, life took a different but equally inspiring path. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, followed by a Juris Doctor from the University of West Los Angeles. "Becoming an attorney was always a childhood dream," she says. "Even though I returned to school at 34, I was determined to make it happen." Today, she practices construction litigation and federal contracts at Smith Currie Oles LLP.

Building a Life in Harbor Bluffs

Four years ago, the couple decided it was time for a change. They packed up their four dogs, loaded two cars, and made the cross-country move from California to Florida. "I hadn't even seen the house in person before we moved!" Alison admits. "When we arrived that December and saw the holiday lights in Largo Central Park, it felt magical."

Harbor Bluffs quickly became home. "We instantly fell in love with the neighborhood," Nufar says. "It's friendly, safe, and close enough to the beach that we can take the golf cart right over the bridge." They also have family nearby, Nufar's dad and sister live in Belleair, just a short golf cart ride away.







Careers, Passions, & Community Connection

Alison's passion for animals goes far beyond her own backyard. Through **Progress 4 Paws**, she's helped many local families strengthen their relationships with their dogs. Her professional credentials speak to her dedication, she's a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), an Animal Behavior College graduate, an AKC Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog Evaluator, and a Certified Canine Strength and Conditioning Coach through North Carolina State University.

Traditions & Simple Joys

Every Friday evening, Alison and Nufar celebrate Shabbat, a meaningful weekly ritual that grounds their busy lives. Of course, their biggest traditions revolve around their dogs, complete with birthday hats, pupcakes, and road trips that always include the whole furry crew.

When it's time to unwind, Alison loves a good nap or reading by the pool with a dog (or two) by her side, while Nufar enjoys reading, sunset beach walks, vacations, and building Legos.

A Magical Mix of Heart and Home

Whether they're snowboarding in Big Sky, Montana, cheering on the Buffalo Bills, or watching the *Harry Potter* series (Alison's a proud Hufflepuff, while Nufar's a self-assured Slytherin), this couple radiates warmth and enthusiasm in everything they do.

Their license plate might say "My dachshund is smarter than your honor student," but what's really clear is how much heart Alison and Nufar bring to both their home and their community. "The friendly neighbors, the safety, and being near the beach, it's a special little community," Alison says with a smile.

MEET OUR PHOTOGRAPHER Sydnov

Sydney Lewandowski

HELLO EVERYONE! My name is Sydney Lewandowski and I am so excited to be the new photographer for Stroll Harbor Bluffs. I was born and raised in Buffalo, NY (Go Bills) and moved to Florida in August of 2023! I grew up with family in Indian Rocks Beach my whole life, and I absolutely love the area! I went to college for Visual Media where I specialized in photography, graphic design, and marketing! My love for photography comes from my love of people and capturing memories that will last a lifetime for my clients, whether that be a romantic couples beach session, documenting big moments for graduating seniors, or headshots for your websites and business cards! Graphic design is a way for me to take the ideas in my head and bring them to life. I love working with clients from projects big to small to fit your business's needs. I also work in the fine art field, making custom wall murals, handmade clay earrings, and textile wall art! Being an artist is my pride and joy and I am so ecstatic for this new journey with Stroll Harbor Bluffs! I look forward to meeting all of you and can't wait to get creative!

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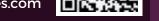
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Nuts, Berries & A Dash of Holiday Magic

BY JENNY AND BRIAN NICASTRO

ONCE UPON A TIME, down on sun-drenched Clearwater Beach, there stood a charming hotel called the Adams Mark—a beloved playground for the cool kids of decades past. If you were lucky enough to sip something sweet beneath the tiki deck, chances are you encountered this merry little number: the Nuts and Berries Cocktail.

Now revived for your holiday revelry, this creamy, dreamy concoction tastes like someone melted down a raspberry truffle and stirred it into a winter cloud. It's dessert in a glass with just enough kick to make you giggle through the gift wrap.

Nuts and Berries Cocktail:

- 1½ oz Frangelico
- 1½ oz Chambord
- 1½ oz heavy cream
- Ice

How to Make It:

- 1. Tumble some ice into your cocktail shaker—halfway to merry.
- **2.** Pour in the Frangelico, raspberry liqueur, and cream.
- 3. Shake it like a snow globe—about 20 seconds, or until the shaker feels like a snowman's backside.
- 4. Strain into a rocks glass..
- 5. For extra pizzazz: top with whipped cream, a flutter of nutmeg, and a Chambord drizzle.

Tinsel Tips:

- Some recipes call for double the cream!
- Feeling festive? Swap in a bourbon cream liqueur instead of the heavy cream for a merry twist.
- Watching the waistline? Use half & half, milk, or go full Grinch and nix the cream for a sassy little martini.

So whether you're cuddled up by the fire or sneaking a sip in the kitchen while the cookies bake, this vintage charmer is guaranteed to bring a wink of nostalgia and a whole lot of holiday cheer.

Cheers to clinking glasses and creamy kisses under the mistletoe!

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brings loving reflection. The couple recently said goodbye to their senior dogs Hunter, Hayden, and Charlie, who each played a special role in past holiday memories. Their legacy lives on in every tradition Alison and Nufar carry forward, and in the joy they share with their new fur family.

This season, as the neighborhood sparkles with lights and laughter, one thing's for sure: At Alison and Nufar's house, the holidays are going to the dogs, and it's pawsitively perfect.









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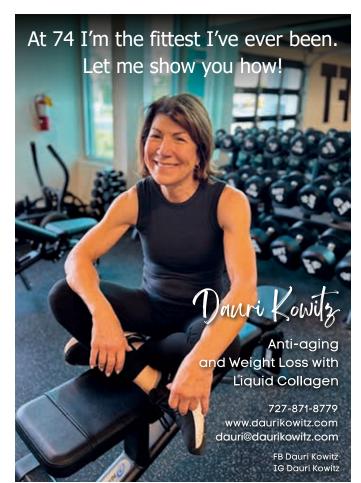
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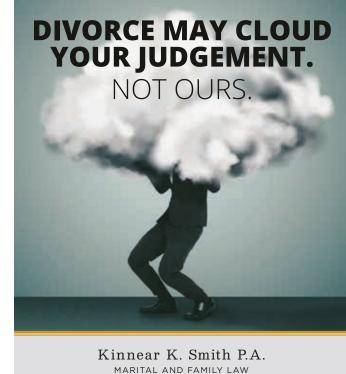




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From Harbor Bluffs To The **Holiday Spotlight: Chloe Lowery Returns Home**



hen the stage lights shine bright in Tampa this December, one Harbor Bluffs native will feel especially at home. Chloe Lowery, who first found her voice on the Largo stage as a child, now commands the spotlight as lead singer for the legendary Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

Roots in the Neighborhood & Early Stardom

Growing up in Harbor Bluffs, Chloe's musical journey began close to home. As a child she frequently performed at Largo Cultural Center (now known as Central Park Performing Arts Center, or **CPPAC**). In those early years, she was often seen with a local performing group called Entertainment Review, but several times she was tapped to appear solo or as an opening act -impressive, given she was still so young. Her powerful voice and stage presence even then drew astonishment: many recall thinking, "How can someone so small command so much presence?"

By age 12, Chloe's talent had already attracted serious attention: she signed

her first record deal with RCA Records. launching a professional career at an age when many are still dreaming of big

Over the years, Chloe's resume has expanded rapidly. She's toured with Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO), worked with Yanni, starred in the Broadway show Rocktopia, and appeared in PBS specials.

Notably, on October 12, 2025, CPPAC welcomed her back for a homecoming performance as the opening act for Grammy-winning star **Sheena Easton.** It was a moment rich in nostalgia and pride, not only for Chloe, but for the Largo arts community that nurtured her early growth.

The Latest Chapter: New Music & Tour Highlights

Chloe is keeping her momentum strong. Her official website announces her latest releases: "Get Through The Night" (2024) and "Girls Like Me" (2023). Her debut full solo album, The In-Between, is a deeply personal work, crafted from years of emotional experience, loss, self-discovery, and acceptance. The album features

collaborations with Nathan James (of Inglorious and TSO) and guitar legend Al Pitrelli.

While some may call her work with TSO her "day job," Chloe's voice has become one of the defining elements of the orchestra's live shows since she ioined in 2010.

TSO Returns to Tampa: A Holiday Spectacle

For fans in Florida, the wait is nearly over. Trans-Siberian Orchestra has announced that its 2025 Winter **Tour,** titled "Ghosts of Christmas Eve: The Best of TSO & More", will stop in Tampa on Sunday, December 14, with performances at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Benchmark International

These shows promise the signature blend of rock, classical, and theatrical spectacle that TSO is known for.



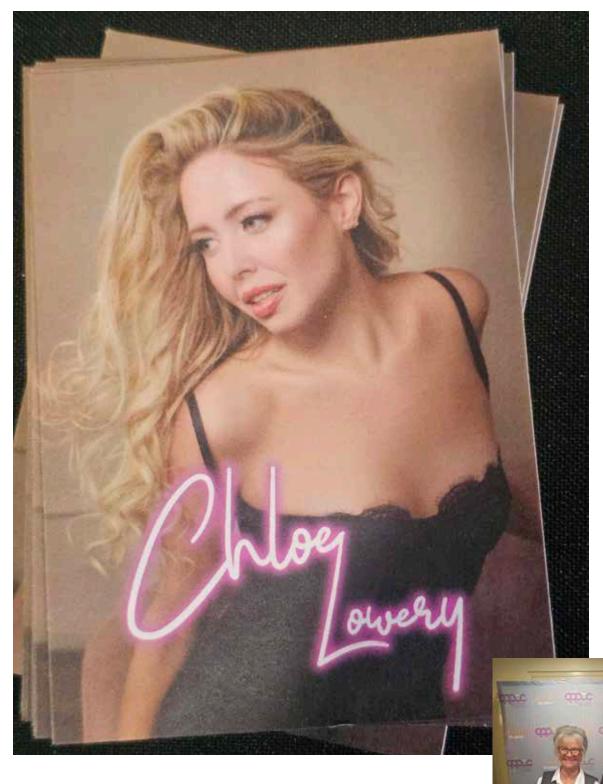












complete with pyrotechnics, lasers, and their famed visual storytelling.

In fact, the 2025 tour will include a 25th-anniversary tribute to Beethoven's Last Night and will revive fan-favorite traditions like free signing lines after evening shows.

A Local Success, A Global Voice Chloe Lowery's story is more than just a music career, it's a testament to the power of local arts and early

opportunities. CPPAC and the Largo arts community helped give her a stage in childhood. Decades later, she returns, on that same stage, and on grander stages across the country, to share her voice and her art with the world.

And this Christmas season in Tampa, she'll be bringing that voice, her story, her heart, her artistry, to fans old and new. It's not just a concert; it's a homecoming in song.

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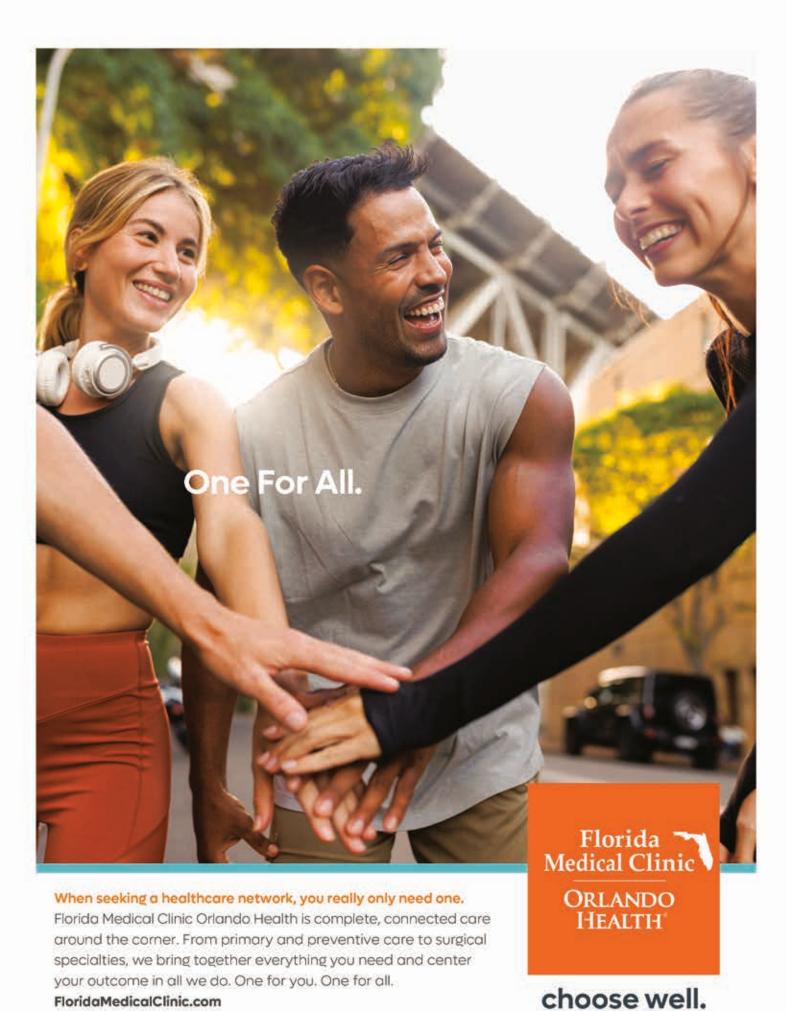














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Pearce returned to Clearwater at age 22 and quickly became a civic leader, serving as the city's tenth mayor by 1910. But his true passion was the land. He cultivated citrus, especially grapefruit, and kept a few animals—wild chickens, deer, foxes, and a handful of peacocks that would soon become the farm's signature attraction.

A Flock Like No Other

By 1934, citrus profits had declined, but the peacock population had soared. What began as a hobby had grown into a sanctuary for over 50 peafowl. Faced with rising costs, Pearce began charging 25¢ admission. That year, over 8,000 visitors came—nearly matching Clearwater's population of 8,800.

Guests were enchanted by the birds, which gathered at feeding time, ate from visitors' hands, and proudly displayed their plumage. By 1940, the farm boasted over 500 peafowl and other birds, claiming the largest population of peacocks in the world.

From Farm to Landmark

Through the 1950s, Seville Peacock Farm became a local landmark. **School buses used "Old Peacock Farm Road" as a stop,** and the grove continued to thrive despite occasional freezes. Pearce proudly recalled harvesting just three boxes of fruit in his first season—compared to over 50,000 boxes in 1958.

After Pearce's passing in 1963, Clearwater's rapid growth transformed the landscape. Developers William and Wallace Blackburn built the Morningside neighborhood in 1968 and later developed the Seville Apartments and Clearwater Mall. In a nod to the past, the mall's original peacock logo honored the farm's legacy, and many of the grove's trees were preserved or relocated.

Legacy in the Leaves

Today, the echoes of Seville Peacock Farm live on. Peacocks still roam neighborhoods like Greenbriar and Woodgate near Moccasin Lake Park—descendants of Pearce's original flock. Ancient trees, some over 300 years old, stand as silent witnesses to Clearwater's transformation from citrus groves to suburban sprawl.

The story of Seville is more than a tale of birds and oranges. It's a reminder of a simpler time, when a grove by the bay could become a sanctuary, a spectacle, and a symbol of a community's roots.



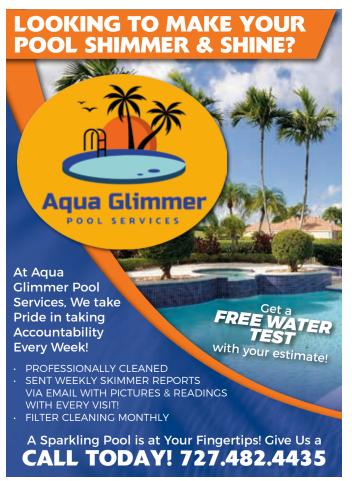




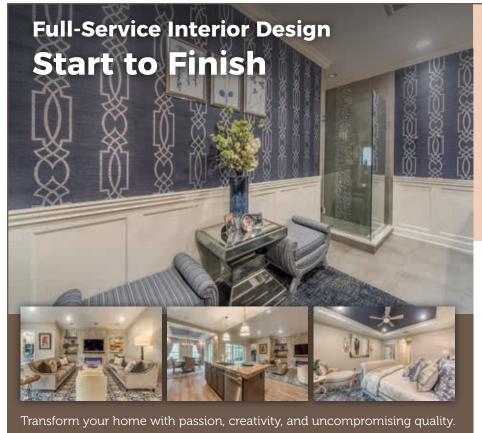


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At 58, Dawn had weathered more storms than most hearts could bear. She had buried her husband. She had lost her eldest son. And after a devastating car accident left her disabled, the woman who had once cared for everyone else now found herself with no one to care for her. Her car had been her home before—and she feared it soon would be again.

Dawn had already reached out to every agency she could find. Each door had closed. Funds were gone. Programs had ended. Her name was lost in the shuffle of waiting lists and unanswered calls. Alone, exhausted, and out of options, she was **falling through the cracks**—the kind of place where too many good people quietly disappear.

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We covered her essential bills, repaired dangerous wiring, and installed new AC units so she could face Florida's heat without fear. When a hurricane swept through the area, we made sure Dawn was safely evacuated—and when she returned, we stood beside her once again.

The storm hadn't destroyed her home, but it had damaged her roof badly enough that every rainfall brought new leaks and new worry. For someone who'd already lost so much, even a small drip felt like a breaking point.

We immediately reached out to one of our **community** partners, who generously donated and installed a brand-new roof—completely free of charge. Within days, the leaks were sealed, the fear was gone, and Dawn could finally sleep through the rain instead of praying it would stop.

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How We Do Our Work

At Crisis Connect, we believe no one should face a crisis alone. We meet people in the middle of their storm—offering emotional support, practical help, and long-term stabilization. Through trusted partnerships with churches, nonprofits, and service providers, we restore not just homes but hearts.

Our commitment doesn't end when the crisis does. We walk with people for life, ensuring they never again feel abandoned or unseen.

As our founder **Dr. Terry Collier** says, "God has provided resources all around us. If we can make the right connections, solutions will emerge, and hope can be reborn."

How You Can Help

At Crisis Connect, we don't just repair homes—we rebuild lives. We don't just meet needs—we restore faith, dignity, and hope. You can help write the next miracle.















FOR LORI TOWNSEND, owning Salty **Roots Boutique** isn't just about selling clothing — it's about creating a space where women feel confident, stylish, and connected. Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Lori has deep roots in the Tampa Bay community and a passion for offering fashion that's both

From Small Start to Boutique Owner

affordable and fun.

Lori's journey in the boutique world began over a decade ago when she opened a small shop with her sister and best friend. She later ran a successful online boutique before launching



One of Lori's favorite parts of running Salty Roots is seeing moms and daughters shop together. She works hard to keep prices accessible, making it easy for customers of all ages to leave with something they love.

Beyond the Boutique

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Outside of work, Lori loves to dance and volunteers her time at hospice, where she provides reiki healing for patients. She also has a loyal circle of childhood friends and a dedicated team of employees who help bring her vision to life. In the future, she plans to expand Salty Roots into a space where women can not only shop but also feel empowered through special events and gatherings.

Community Connection

While Lori's family isn't directly involved in the business, they're among her best customers and biggest supporters. That encouragement, along with the relationships she's built in the community, keeps her motivated to grow and evolve.

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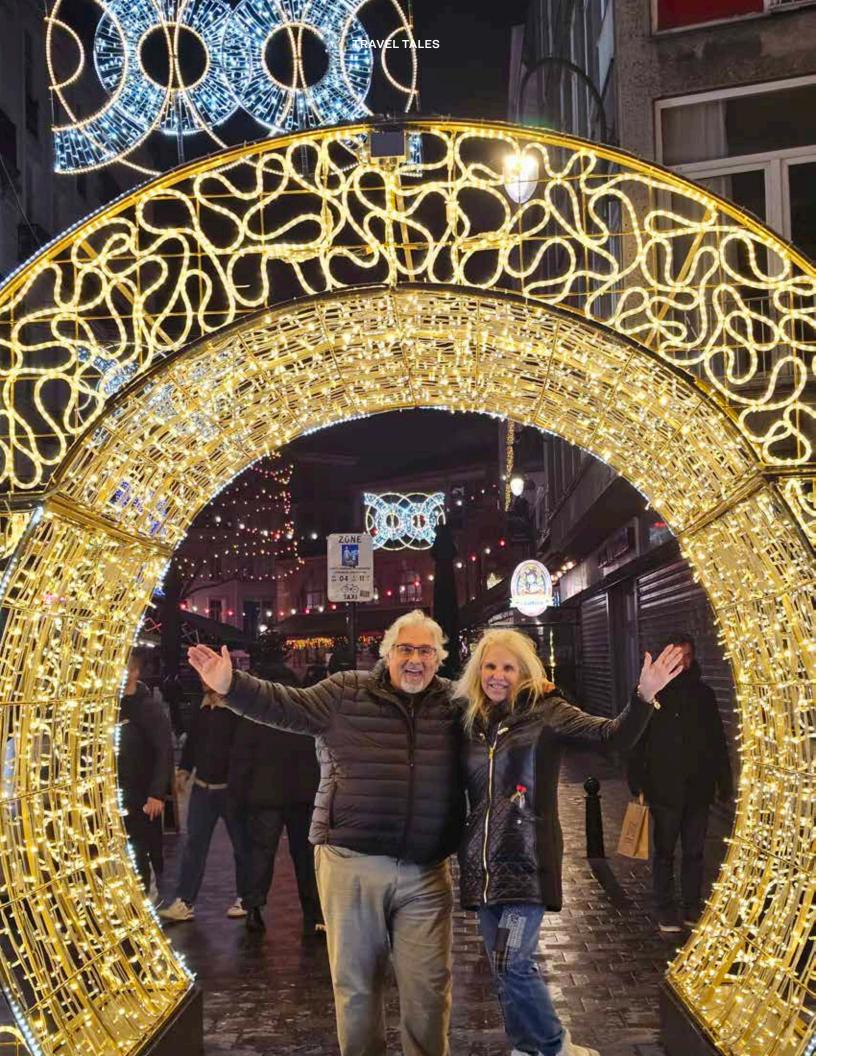
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Journeying Through European Christmas Markets: An Eight-Year Tradition

BY DEVIN AND MARC PAPPAS



Around eight years ago, Marc and I began our cherished tradition of exploring the enchanting European Christmas Markets. Over the years, we've ventured to 10 countries and nearly 40 cities, each offering its own unique holiday charm. These festive markets typically open in mid-November and carry the holiday cheer through late December or early January.

Every market brings a delightful mix of sightseeing, sparkling lights, the comforting aroma of **mulled wine**, live music, majestic cathedrals, evocative nativity scenes, handcrafted gifts lovingly made by locals, and mouthwatering seasonal treats. The frosty weather only adds to the charm, making hot chocolate an essential companion.

A few practical tips from our years of experience: always avoid using hotel **USB ports to charge your phone**—we learned the hard way that some public USB ports can be compromised and steal personal data. Frustrating, right? Keep your devices safe with your own charger and a power adapter.

Interestingly, in Europe, the main celebration traditionally occurs on Christmas Eve, meaning many shops close early that day. December 25th,

each town showcases its unique holiday spirit, featuring gingerbread, hand-carved wooden ornaments, and festive cheer.

Austria: A Symphony of Elegance

Austria transforms into a winter wonderland during the holidays. Vienna dazzles with its Christkindlmarkt at Rathausplatz and the Belvedere Palace Christmas Market, offering sparkling displays, delicate handicrafts, and classical music performances. Innsbruck, Salzburg, and Graz each bring their own flavor to the Austrian holiday experience.

Germany: The Epitome of Christmas Markets

markets and attractions open to continue

however, remains festive, with many

the holiday celebrations.

Germany remains the undisputed champion of Christmas markets, boasting over 2,500 gatherings. Iconic markets like Christkindlesmarkt in Nuremberg and Cologne Cathedral Christmas Market dazzle visitors with twinkling lights, traditional crafts, and steaming mugs of mulled wine. From Bavaria to Berlin.

Eastern Europe: A Hidden Christmas Gem

Eastern Europe offers unique and authentic Christmas experiences. Budapest's **Christmas Fair at** Vörösmarty Square shines with sparkling lights and traditional Hungarian treats. In Prague, the Old Town Square is home to a magnificent Christmas tree, while Krakow, Poland, enchants visitors with illuminated stalls and caroling choirs. CONTINUED ▶

Spain: A Mediterranean Twist on Christmas

Spain adds warmth and flair to the Christmas market tradition. Barcelona's Fira de Santa Llúcia celebrates Catalan traditions, while Madrid's Plaza Mayor comes alive with lights, stalls, and street performances. Seville's Feria del Belén offers a journey through Andalusian holiday customs.

Croatia: Adriatic Magic

Croatia's Christmas markets are an emerging delight. Zagreb hosts a bustling Advent market, repeatedly voted Europe's best, adorned with lights and festive stalls full of gifts and seasonal treats. Other cities, like Split and Rijeka,

also offer charming holiday events with local cuisine and artisan crafts.

After eight years of visiting European Christmas markets, one thing is clear: each country adds its unique thread to the rich tapestry of holiday traditions. From Germany's iconic markets to Austria's elegance, Eastern Europe's authenticity, Spain's Mediterranean twist, and Croatia's emerging charm, these markets continue to inspire and enchant.

Whether it's the frosty air, the warm camaraderie, or the magical lights reflecting off cobblestone streets, something truly special keeps us returning year after year — and we can't wait for next December's adventure.















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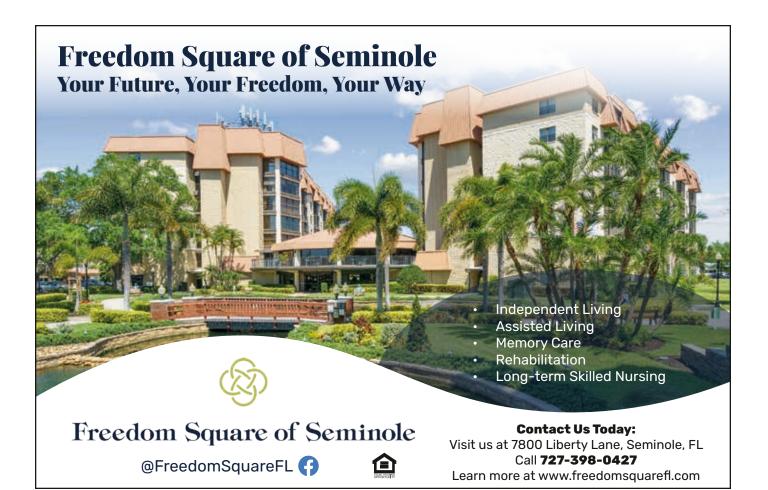
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Style, Sips & Sunshine: A Night Out at Salty Roots Boutique

BY JEWELS CHANDLER









One evening in June, Stroll Harbor Bluff/BeLocal held a Neighbors Night Out at Salty Roots Boutique on Walsingham Road in The Peach Plaza.

Beverages, snacks, and lots of raffles were enjoyed by residents, friends, and sponsors, who enjoyed shopping and networking. Speaking of raffles, **two people won a 50.00 gift certificate to the store.** I won the certificate donated by Roof Source and used it that night on a

beautiful jumpsuit. The unique and coastal clothing was fun to peruse.

It is always fun to see and feel the excitement around these great events and connect and reconnect with people.

Salty Roots Boutique has such a large array of items. They have such cool clothing, jewelry, kids' items, and more in one convenient location. Check it out for yourself. Your local Florida Lifestyle Boutique.



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