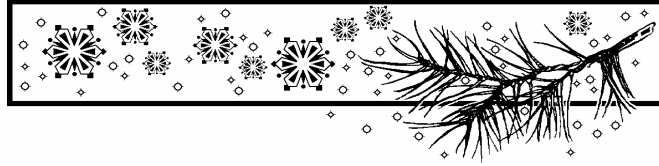
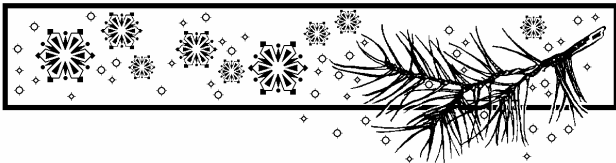


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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming.

It's about the choices you've just made, and the ones you're about to make, it's about the things you choose to say – today.

It's about what you're gonna do after

HOLIDAY DESIGNER NIGHT

Do you have some questions about decorating for the holidays? Well, our designers are holding an evening for you to pose your questions on how to decorate from the exterior of the house to the packages under the tree. We will have mini seminars about table setting and package decorating AND our designers will be here to answer any questions you may have. Reserve November 9th as your holiday



Each new day the Lord gives me the opportunity to be good, better, or best. Each day I say to the Lord, "I will not rest until my good is better and my better is best."

- Walter Payton used this verse for his daily inspiration

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Fall Events

PJ PARTY

September 29th
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Discounts, door prizes, breakfast

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH

October 17th at 6:00 p.m.
Joliet West High School

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Begins November 4th at 9:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY DESIGNER NIGHT

November 9th at 7:30
Come with questions, leave with answers

GUYS SHOPPING NIGHT

Make your list: November 24 thru
December 7th
December 8th – Send your guy shopping
WineStyles will have a wine tasting

BAD ORNAMENT CONTEST

Drop Off December 1st – 5th
Judging December 8th – 10th
Awards – December 11th

SEASONAL STORE CLOSING

Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd
Christmas Day, December 25th

Early Closing

BYE BYE SUMMER

What has happened to summer? We can tell you: In June we had a warehouse sale that was unbelievable, then we had an appraiser for the day, then we did the Dream Room for Three Rivers Realty Association and the Herald News, then it was July and we tried to catch our breath. We did what we love to do, go shopping at the mart, and look, now it's after Labor day. Whew. I know everyone's summer was just as crazy. So now, let's take some time to slow down



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Get ready for this! Maggie's will be closed Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd to ready ourselves for the holiday season. Don't come over to peak into the windows as our elves scurry around as the windows will be covered! But on Saturday morning, November 4th at 9:00 a.m. our Christmas offerings will be revealed. So, join us for our traditional unveiling. As always, cookies and cider will be part of the season. We have been planning for this big time. Our trees will be many, our nativity sets divine and



BAD CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST

We all have one, at least one. One ornament that hangs around year after year, it's so ugly, but yet you keep it. Well now it might be worth something. Maggie's is having a contest for the worst ornament. Bring in your ornament from Dec 1st through Dec. 5th. Judging will be Dec. 8th through 10th. There will be a box for you to write down the number of the ugliest ornament. The winners will receive gift certificates of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$75.00. It must be an

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

In honor of the fight against domestic violence, the Take Back The Night march is on October 17th at Joliet West High School on North Larkin Avenue and Glenwood in Joliet. The kick off time is 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this march to inspire others to fight back and stop domestic abuse. This march and candlelight vigil will honor more than 50 women and children who have been murdered in Will County over the last ten years. If you would like to



MAGGIE'S IN CHAMPAIGN

It will be a year October 13th that we opened our store in Champaign. During that year we have given over \$1000 in cash and furniture to our charity, The Center for Women in Transition. The center opened a new "unlimited possibilities" training center for teaching life skills. So if you are down there visiting your kids at the U of I, stop in

NEW STUFF COMING

We've been shopping as usual:

- Tyler candles—3 sizes of glass jars wonderful smells like Diva and High Maintenance
- French stuff is still coming, clocks, sideboards, wall clocks, cookies boxes, bee water goblets
- Iron for the yard
- Purses & Jewelry—every girls dream
- New Bee Balm hand moisturizer
- Very in style glass apothecary jars
- Floral arrangements

GIRLFRIEND NIGHT

It's that time of year for fundraiser and we have tons here are Maggie's. Here is how it works: You set a date for your club and organization to go shopping. That day or evening 10% of your sales go back to you. It sure is better than a cake sale. Just call the store at 815-436-0900 to set your date.

—REMEMBERING MAGGIE—

Maggie was my best friend who died in 1998 at the age of 50. Maggie kept a secret for many years, she was being abused. I saw the kind, funny, self-assured and articulate friend lose her confidence, become ill and secretive. This shop was opened to help women get back their voice.

THANK YOU

Thanks for making this little shop, born of a dream, a success. In making us a success we have been able to give back to the community in Maggie's memory. This year we were able to give \$1000 to a family at Lambs Fold for them to use exclusively to get restarted. Thank you for allowing us to help

GUY SHOPPING NIGHT

We are here to help; on Friday, December 8th we will host a "guys shopping night". Here is how it works; from November 24th through December 7th we will be giving YOU a card in your shopping bags so you can make a list of some of the things you like. Then you take your list and pin it to your guy. Send him off to Maggie's between 5 and 9 and we will take it from there. It will be painless for them; we will have refreshments and entertainment to put them in that shopping mood. We always wrap, so he can come right home and put it under the tree! WineStyles will be here for wine tasting that evening, so you could end up with some really good wine too! (If you want, you can tag along for the fun).



2ND ANNUAL PJ PARTY

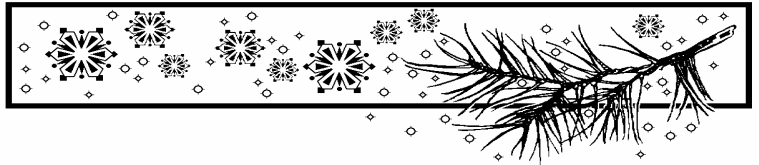
Don't feel like getting dressed for the day? Well, on September 29th, you can take your kids to school and then come on over to Maggie's for a little SHOPPING. Pj's are a must that morning. Draw for discounts, door prizes, have some breakfast and fun from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You must wear your pj's to receive the discounts. The same rule applies as last year, no Victoria Secret – we'd be jealous.

Chicken Picante

6 chicken breasts, boned and pounded
2 eggs, well beaten
1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
2 to 3 tsp. Oil
1/2 stick butter
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup white wine
2 tsp. Fresh parsley chopped

Pound chicken breasts. Coat each chicken in egg and the bread crumbs. In a frying pan, add oil and brown lightly the coated chicken breasts. Place in a microwave safe dish. Use same frying pan (if not to burnt) to melt butter. When butter begins to foam add lemon juice and wine. Boil for a minute or so and then add the parsley. Pour this mixture over the chicken and place in the microwave. Cook on high for approximately 5

TIPS FROM THE PROS



It's hard to believe, but fall is just around the corner and once the first cold snap sends you to embrace your warm blankets, you will know that the time has come to bring that cozy feeling into your home. Add warm layers to sofas and chairs using paisley or plaid throws; add runners to visually warm table tops and add hooked or oriental - style rugs on your bare floors. Slipcover your down comforter in cotton flannel and add colorful panels of fabric to the windows over your sheers. Rearrange your furniture away from cold window areas, drawing the sofa or table up to the fireplace. Stack books you've been meaning to read on the coffee or side table. Pull a small side table and chairs near the hearth for cozy games of checkers, or perhaps dinner in front of a roaring fire. Cluster candles around the room to add warmth. Borrow from nature and gather bouquets of fall leaves and fill wooden bowls with pinecones, colorful gourds and Indian corn. Decorate your front door with an autumn wreath and you can even place a pumpkin on each step leading up to your entryway. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa while reading your favorite novel or decorating magazine and relax before all the



The feeling of your home begins before you open the front door. Exterior lighting can be a wonderful way to highlight your home. Up lighting trees in the yard and architectural points of interest on your exterior, as well as your house number, can show off your home at night. The lights can be put on a timer so not to be on all evening. Also illumination of your walkways can begin to spark the interest of your home on the way up the walk. Lighting can be dramatic, so call an exterior lighting company for more information.

- Stephanie



Maggie's Place had the pleasure to work on the Dream Room 2006 makeover sponsored by the Tri-Realty Association in Joliet this past July. It all started with one lucky couple from Joliet winning a room makeover. Then the shopping, measuring, shopping, design concept and did I mention shopping began. It all ended beautifully after a long weekend of hard work and a great story in the Joliet Herald News. If you didn't get a chance to see the article stop by Maggie's and we will show you the before and after pictures of this amazing transformation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who volunteered or donated their services to make this project truly a success:

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Jack Hills 815-727-7928

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Smith Furniture and Flooring – Manhattan – 815-478-4036
Amanda & Michale Wajchert, Owners

Sherwin Williams – Plainfield – 815-254-3272
Matt Selmi, Market Manager

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