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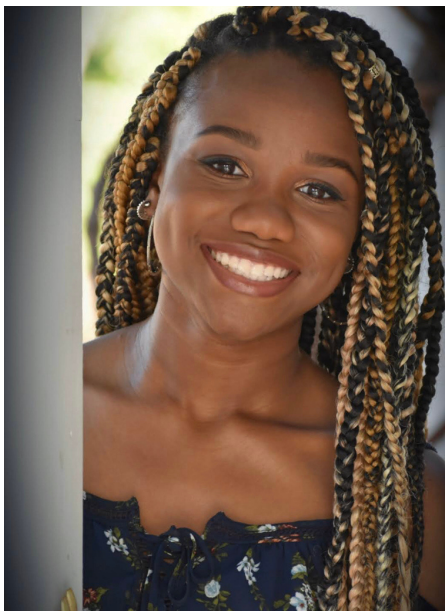

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THE Planner's CORNER

"Southern Charm"

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Planner Wedding Magazine.

The weather is cooler and the leaves are changing. My favorite season is finally here.

Being born and raised in the South is one I treasure. It is the reason I am who I am today.

I guess you can say, Southern Charm is in my DNA.

Everyone knows how much I love the Summer. But when it comes to Autumn there's absolutely no question how I feel about this season. I love everything about it...wearing sweaters and boots, celebrating Thanksgiving with family, sipping an amazing glass of red wine...Cabernet Sauvignon to be specific. But for me there's something special about the Autumn/Fall Season. Growing up, I absolutely loved this time of year for one reason in particular....my Alma Mata's Homecoming. I grew up in the small town of Huger, located in Berkeley County, SC right outside of Charleston SC.

Although our school, Cainhoy High, was a 1A school, we always had the best homecoming celebrations. As a child I looked forward to the parades and football games that would take place every October. Although our high school is no longer in existence, the elementary school remains. Last year was the first Cainhoy Alumni Homecoming Tailgate to raise money for the elementary school.

Not only was it a great way to support our community, it gave the Alumni the opportunity to connect with old classmates/ schoolmates, teachers and staff. Everything about this event reminded me of why I loved to be a Southerner and why I love Autumn. Cool Weather, Community and Connection.

Needless to say, I'm thoroughly looking forward to attending again this year. Class of 93 Forever! Lol!

In this issue, you'll find love, wedding stories and lifestyle tips that will celebrate the Southern Charm. Cheers to a Beautiful Life and Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Tamesha

Editor in Chief

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"LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHILE WE ARE MAKING OTHER PLANS."

~ALLEN SAUNDERS

Going To The Chapel

CHURCH, CHAPEL, OR NOT
Tamesha Kinloch-Carter, CWP

GOING TO THE CHAPEL
Church, Chapel, or Not
Tamesha Kinloch-Carter

Have you begun to discuss where your ceremony will take place?
If you're like many couples planning a wedding, you are probably undecided.
If you were born and raised in the Christian church like I was, you're probably feeling compelled or pressured to do so. I know that's what I felt.
Frankly, it doesn't matter your religion. If it's not the pressure of what you're feeling, it's the pressure from Parents or Grandparents. It may come from your Pastor or Priest.
Listen, do we want to please our closest family members? Sure.
Should you? I dare to say no.
At the end of the day, it should be YOUR decision.
How should you handle it?

- Be honest with yourselves. Talk it over with each other. What will make you happy?
- Have a conversation with your Parents after you've made a decision.
- Listen to your Inner Spirit.
- Remember to make a decision that you will be happy with ten years from now.

I hope you find these tips informative. For more wedding planning tips, check out some of my other blog posts.
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6 BEST POSES

"Taking an image, freezing a moment, reveals how rich reality truly is."– Anonymous

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These poses can be used as a starter pose to get the couple to warm up to being in front of the camera.

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What Does a Planner Do?

Insider

The Planner Wedding Magazine Tip

What does a Wedding Planner Do?
In general, a Wedding Planner/Consultant can provide the following services:

1. Listen carefully from the very beginning to learn your wedding vision, and then be your advocate for realizing your dream in the best way possible.
2. Assist you in setting up a budget, and committing to helping you stick to it.
3. Assist you with locating and reserving ceremony and reception sites.
4. Help you select and hire reputable vendors, such as the florist, the caterer, the musicians, the designer, the photographer and the videographer.
5. Advise you on vendor contracts and handle any negotiations.
6. Coordinate communication between vendors & suppliers, so that, for example, the designer knows when and how to obtain access to the ceremony site to decorate.

WHAT DOES A WEDDING PLANNER DO?

7.Serve as a referee, friend, budget advisor, etiquette expert, shopper, detailed manager and organizer.
8. Draw up a timeline to keep everyone on schedule, both pre-wedding and on the day of the wedding.
9. Supervise all the last minute details of your wedding day.
These are just a FEW things that a professional wedding planner does for her clients. When in-fact the list is endless.

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Happily Ever After,
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Start with the Checklist.

9-12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

#1 - GET INSPIRED

Let inspiration guide you. Magazines, Blogs, Instagram & Pinterest Boards are a great place to begin. The goal is to get the inspiration juices flowing but not to duplicate. after all your wedding should reflect your personalities and style.

#2 - DISCUSS YOUR BUDGET

If money Management is important to you....and it should, sit down and discuss how much you want to spend REALISTICALLY on your Wedding. There's nothing worst than over shooting your shot! Your wedding is an investment no matter the size.

#3 -CHOOSE A WEDDING DATE

Yes, you may be thinking...."That's a No Brainer. The fact is, your wedding date is one of the most important decisions you'll have to make. If you have guests traveling from out of town, be respectful in choosing a date that will give them enough time to schedule. Also, if the venue you want to use is popular, you may have to choose your date based on their availability.

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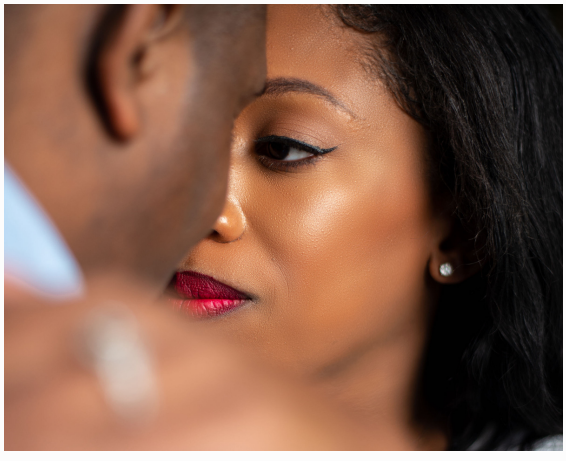

WHERE DID THE **TUXEDO** COME FROM?

Pierre Lorillard IV, of the tobacco fortune, started the fashion.

The Tux was inspired by the traditional scarlet English hunt coat.
It was first worn by Pierre's son Griswold and his friends. They were the firsts to wear this fashion to a ball in Tuxedo Park, New York in 1886. The tux got its name from the town. They wore scarlet vests under their daring new coats.

Although, those styles are no longer the "it" fashion. The modern day groom usually chooses a well designed tailored suit for their wedding attire.
No matter what you choose to wear on your wedding day, be sure to keep the wedding theme in mind. I'm sure your bride to be will keep you focused.

FALL

IN LOVE

Choosing an outdoor ceremony during the fall provides its own natural decor.

The definition of " Autumn Style "

There's something about the
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Wedding Stories

Your Wedding Story Should Be Shared.

James + Keosha

May 21, 2022

Oakbrook Farms Ridgeway, SC

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Our Love Story

Our story almost seems like something from a movie. We became friends in 2007 but knew of each other from early childhood. We had no idea then that we'd be and have what our Union is now. In 2016 we began dating and things transitioned so smoothly because we knew a lot about each other from being friends. This just made us love each other a whole lot easier. It made wanting to grow together a lot easier because we both had goals, a positive mindset, and were highly determined. We both agreed we could be a help mate to the other which seems to be missed nowadays. We then combined understanding, communication, and a willingness to try which led right into our engagement.

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Our Engagement

"The engagement was nothing shy of what the two of us always shared and that was to be unexpected and surrounded by family and friends!"

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The Wedding Day

How would you describe your Wedding Day?

Loving, Caring, Spirit-Filled, and one to remember for a Lifetime and as stated the Wedding of the Year!

"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."
– Lao Tzu

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Keosha & James

Words of Advice

If you had to share some advice with engaged couples planning their wedding what would it be?

Keep God the head in everything you do and pray together for direction as to what you need to do! Please do your planning together! Both sides should have an input and work together financially to handle any obligations for that day. Try to keep each other calm and surround yourself with those who are positive and willing to help. It does take a village.

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How We Met
July 20, 2017 Charleston International Airport

Both heading to NYC for different family functions, Kira sat across from Maurice & his parents in the waiting area as they all waited to board their flight. Kira caught one look at Maurice, noticed the beard and in true Kira fashion snuck a video and posted it to Instagram with the caption "Big, Bearded & Chocolate".

After boarding the flight Kira decided to "shoot her shot" by approaching Maurice and giving him her number. Being that Maurice & his parents were several rows ahead, Kira silently prayed that she would be able to catch up to them.

As fate would have it, Maurice was standing in the middle of a sea of people waiting on his parents.
Kira approached him, numbers were exchanged and 5 years later here we are.

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"Love has wings, not anchors."

~T.F. Hodge

Maurice + Shakira

The Engagement
March 27, 2021 The Pineapple at the Waterfront Park

Earlier that day Kira was sharing in an online women's conference. Afterwards Maurice asked if Kira wanted to go out to dinner. Maurice being who he is was super picky about where to have dinner, and just couldn't seem to decide. Finally after trying a few different places, they ended up at Sol in Mt. Pleasant, SC. After dinner they went downtown for desserts and there in Waterfront Park in front of the pineapple (with the help of Kira's sister), Maurice asked if Kira would be his wife, and of course (after the shock wore off) the answer was YES!

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Peace
that was the
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~Kathleen Norris

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NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE, INSTINCT TELLS YOU TO GO HOME.
~LAURA MARNEY

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Give Thanks

SHARING THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Roasted Turkey

Ingredients

- 1 (18 pound) whole turkey
- 8 cups prepared stuffing
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
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- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 ½ quarts turkey stock, divided

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- **Step 1**
- Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Place a rack in the lowest position of the oven.
- **Step 2**
- Remove turkey neck and giblets. Rinse turkey and pat dry with paper towels.
- **Step 3**
- Place turkey, breast-side up, on a rack in a roasting pan. Loosely fill turkey cavity with stuffing. Rub skin with butter, then season with salt and pepper.
- **Step 4**
- Pour 2 cups of turkey stock into the roasting pan. Loosely tent turkey with aluminum foil.
- **Step 5**
- Roast turkey for 2 1/2 hours, basting with pan juices every 30 minutes. When drippings evaporate, add remaining stock to the pan, 1 to 2 cups at a time.
- **Step 6**
- Remove foil and continue roasting until a meat thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh reads 165 degrees F (75 degrees C), about 1 1/2 hours more.
- **Step 7**
- Transfer turkey to a large serving platter. Let stand for 20 to 30 minutes before carving.

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BRUNSWICK STEW

AS THE AIR BEGINS TO COOL DOWN, THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN A HOT & DELCIOUS BOWL OF STEW

RECIPE CREDIT: RAKESTRAW

ARE YOU READY TO DIG IN?

Recipe Summary
Prep:
30 mins
Cook:
3 hrs
Total:
3 hrs 30 mins
Servings:
16
Yield:
16 servings
Nutrition Info

Ingredients
Decrease Serving
16
Increase Serving
Adjust
Original recipe yields 16 servings
Ingredient Checklist

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 ½ pounds ground pork
- 1 ½ pounds ground beef
-
- 1 (3 pound) whole cooked chicken, deboned and shredded
- 3 (14.5 ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes with liquid, chopped
- 1 cup ketchup
- ½ cup hickory flavored barbeque sauce
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce to taste
- 1 green bell pepper
- 3 (14.75 ounce) cans cream style corn

FEEL FREE TO ADD SOME POTOTOES TO THICKEN

Directions Instructions Checklist

Step 1
Heat the olive oil in a large skillet, and saute the onions and celery until soft. Mix in the pork and beef, and cook until evenly browned. Do not drain.

Step 2
Transfer the pork and beef mixture to a large stock pot over low heat. Stir in the shredded chicken, tomatoes and their liquid, ketchup, and barbeque sauce. Season with salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Place the whole green pepper into the mixture. Cook, stirring occasionally, 2 hours, or until thickened.

Step 3
Stir the cream style corn into the stew mixture. Continue cooking 1 hour, or to desired consistency. Remove the green pepper; chop and return to the stew or discard.

Pairing Anyone?

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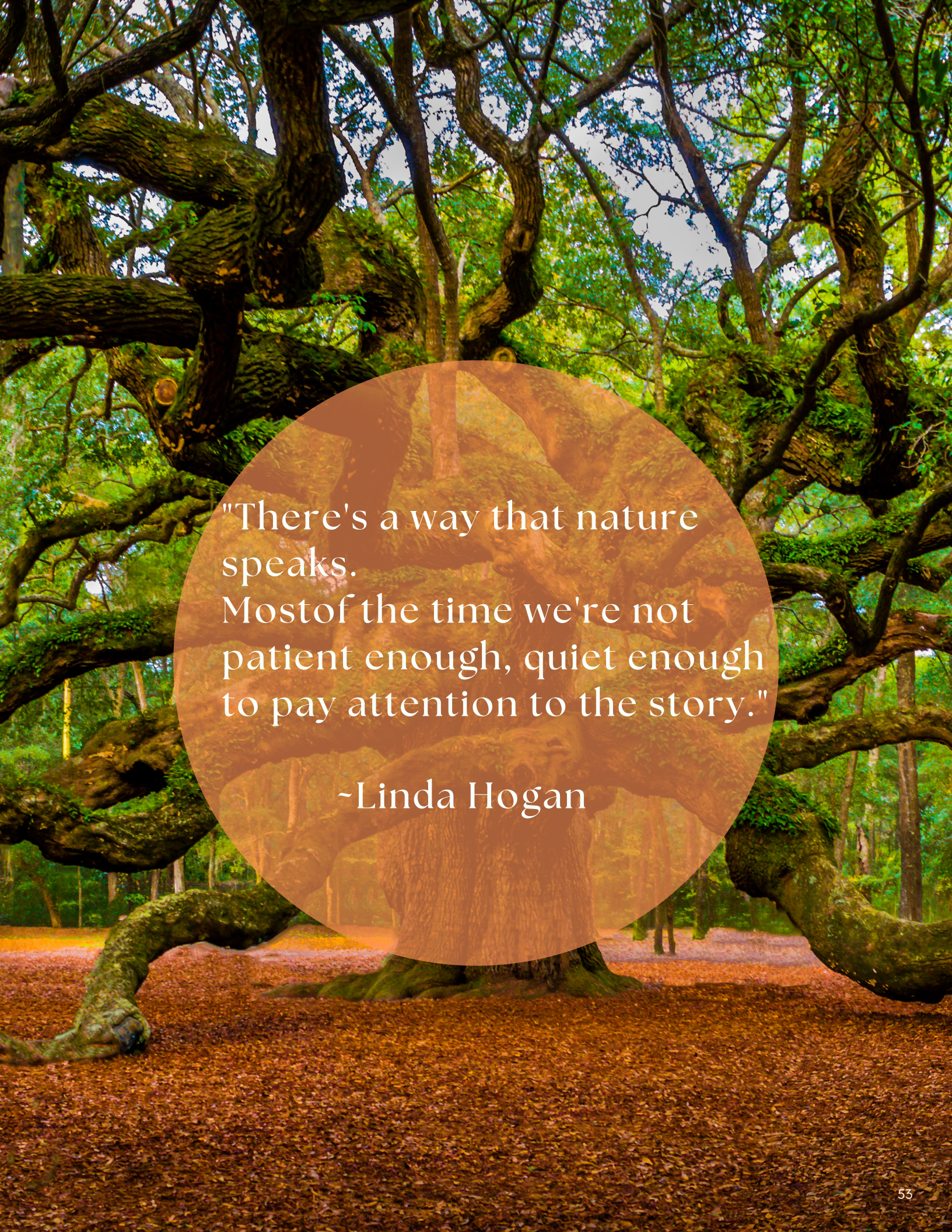
"There's a way that nature speaks.
Mostof the time we're not patient enough, quiet enough to pay attention to the story."
~Linda Hogan

MENTAL WELLNESS *Guide*

~Exercise. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week. Anything that you enjoy and gets your heart pumping will do wonders for your mental health.

~Practice mindfulness. Mindfulness can reduce stress, anxiety, depression, and chronic pain. Building mindfulness can be as simple as repeatedly bringing yourself back to the present throughout the day.

"THERE IS SOMETHING SO SPECIAL IN THE EARLY LEAVES DRIFTING FROM THE TREES-AS IF WE ARE ALL TO BE ALLOWED A CHANCE TO PEEL, TO REFRESH, TO START AGAIN."
~Ruth Ahmed

The Mental Health of Southern Charm

" I've slowly come around to the idea of Southern Charm living in my life."

~Kristy Simpkins

Kristy Simpkins

The idea of Southern Charm goes back centuries and can be defined in a myriad of ways. Some define southern charm as being kind and considerate to others while possessing a wit and poise in all situations. Some would say it's a natural quality of Southerners and part of a Southerner's DNA. Whether you agree with that or not, the concept of Southern Charm is one that in my opinion can play a profound part in someone's mental health.

I was born and raised in California, but my family lived mostly in Louisiana, so I got the chance every summer to live the southern charmed life. I admit living in California and spending summers in Louisiana was a very different way of living. I often questioned why southerners did what they did and found some customs just plain odd.
For example, one of the things I noticed when I spent summers in Louisiana was that everyone spoke to each other. Whether they knew each other or not, there was always a "hey how are you doing? "

> "
> HEY HOW ARE YOU DOING?
> "
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There was always a simple wave from the car as you drove through the neighborhood. It could be a simple acknowledgment of another person passing through the aisle in the store. This always seems strange to me because in California you don't do that. If you don't know the person you keep on moving. But the one thing I noticed in all these interactions was that it always brought a smile to a persons face. Sometimes even a quick conversation led to a laughable moment.

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THE SOUTHERN WAY

I never realized this until I got older but these interactions were a quick mood booster and one that most people probably needed without realizing it themselves. I don't live in California anymore. I live in Georgia and I appreciate the southern charm way of living and how it has made a profound shift in my overall state of being. Speaking to a stranger is something that I've lately really enjoyed doing. I've had the best funniest profound conversations just by talking to a stranger in the grocery store. I was at the store a few weeks ago and I was wearing a Purple Rain Prince t-shirt. What started as a simple acknowledgment of two strangers turned into a 20-minute conversation about Prince and old-school music in general. We had a great laugh as we discussed music from the 80s and 90s. It was such a great conversation and I left the store feeling so good. It was a great way to start my day.

I recall another time helping an older lady find a specific brand of milk. She seemed a bit confused and what started as me wanting to help, turned into a quick banter between us. And again, my mood was instantly elevated which I carried the rest of the day.
Now, I'm fully aware, this type of behavior is not limited to the South. Most people would say this is just good manners. But this style of behavior was certainly foreign to me living in the West. Living in the West and waving to a stranger could get you a confused look or a flip of the bird.

Since, my time in Georgia, I've slowly come around to the idea of Southern Charm living in my life. I've genuinely found it to be a great thing for me. I'm happier, less defensive, and overall relaxed. I never realized having a stranger ask, "how are you doing or are you good today?" could mean so much in feeling seen as a human being. People need it and people want it, whether they know it or not. I never know whose day I'm brightening but I know that one kind gesture always comes back to me with something just as beautiful in return. And for that, I am most grateful. 😊

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FALL IS OFFICIALLY HERE

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Fall Style

With fall around the corner, I think it's safe to say we are not shying away from color!
It looks like florals, prints, sequences, and different shades of green, and yes, vegan leathers are in for the season..

When you think of seasons changing from Summer to Fall a lot of things can be remixed, not just colors. Meaning these days a simple slip dress that you may have worn alone during the summer can now be paired with a collared shirt worn inside or outside of your dress and still be accommodating for the weather. You may have worn sandals with the dress in the Summer and now you can simply switch out to those sandals for the cute booties you love so much! It's all about how you wear it!

Have you ever had those moments in fashion when you watch these runway shows with all these amazing designers and see these " Out of the box" styles and ask yourself where am I going to wear this? Could I pull this look off in my city? Then BOOM! You're meeting a friend for drinks and she's wearing something similar to what you just saw on the runway. In the back of your mind or I don't know, if you're vocal like me you're going to compliment them and reference the inspo that comes to mind!

We look at things and even if we don't quite understand the significance of them at that moment, we still remember them! Believe it or not, that's where your fashion Inspiration comes from. We need to see things in a different light to be a part of the experience. Once you understand that part and you have your next outing you may take something from that same "Out the box" fashion show and incorporate it into your new look. Trust me, it will all make sense. Remember sometimes it's not always how it's presented, but what you can take away from it. That's usually when you find your style. Even if it's chopped and screwed YOU are the creator of your look.

Mercedes B. Kinloch
Stylist

Here are a few items from 3 categories you will see, and if you don't have them as part of your fall wardrobe be prepared to "add to cart".

Tops (crop style)
- oversized blazers
- cropped blazers
- denim jacket
- soft cotton tops/sweaters
- Oversized Puffer jackets

Bottoms
- wide-leg jeans
- mini skirts
- and sheer (for the fun girls)
- high-waisted midi skirts

Accessories
- Thick chunky bangle bracelets
- Chain belt
- Multi-wear cross body with removable straps.
- Fedora Hat

Fashion that inspires
you this Fall!
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BEAUTY

Makeup Tip

SHAPE YOUR EYE BROW

Shaping your brows doesn't have to be difficult, just follow these steps.

~Start by brushing your eyebrows with a spoolie, so the hairs sit naturally.

~Then, use a soft, waxy brow pencil to shape the outside of your brow with the thinner side of the tip.

~Using the flatter angle of the pencil, fill in your brows using short, hair-like strokes.

~Finally, blend some highlighter just below your brow bone for lift.

HARVEST TIME

The pink and yellow of summer shifts to the burgundy and gold of fall, the flavors deepen. As you prepare to share a feast with family and friends don't forget to take those warm and welcoming tastes and colors to your home.

RED

Cabernet Franc

Strawberries and plums among the dominant flavors.

WHITE

Sémillon

Bordeaux-borne grape is often blended with Sauvignon Blanc.

2 Girls and a Glass

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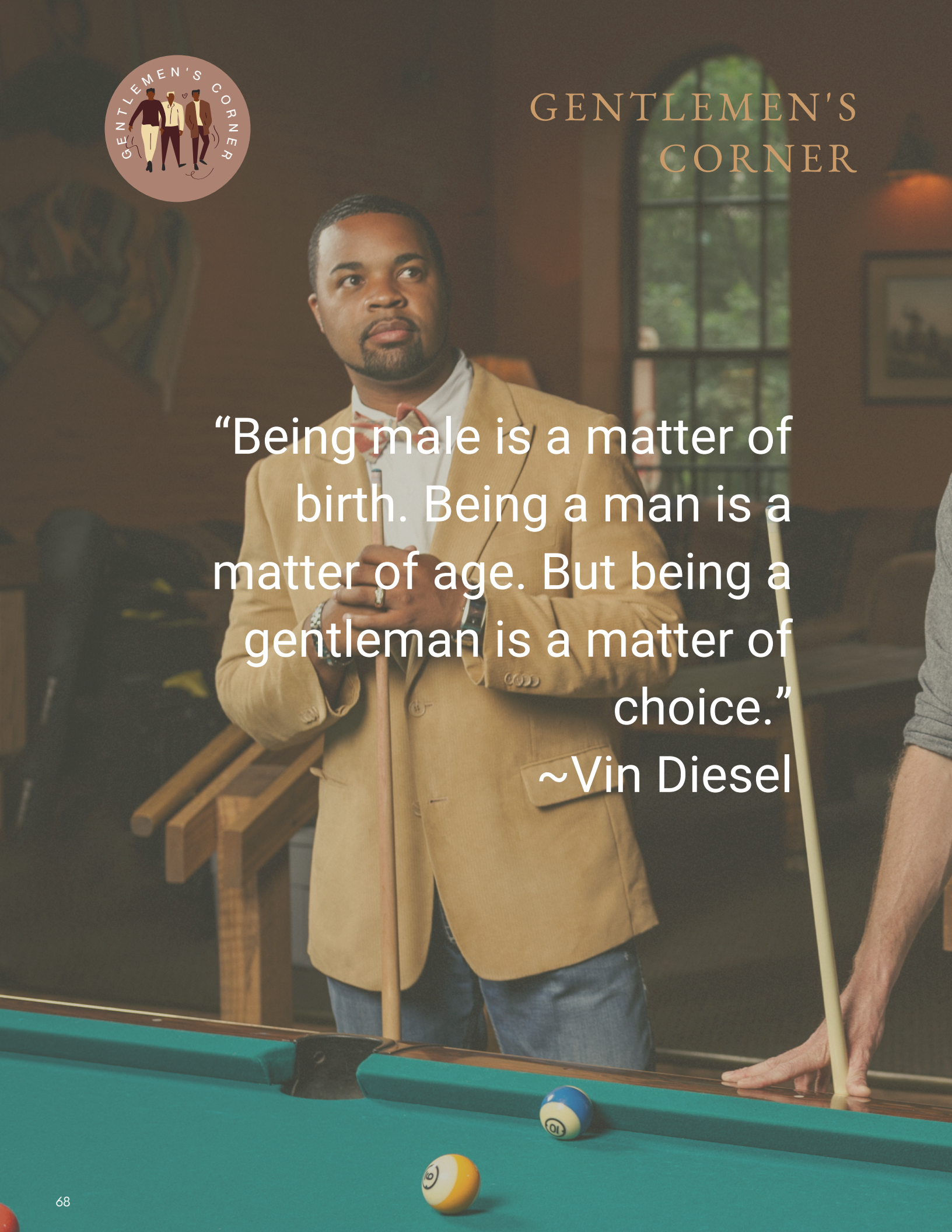

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~Vin Diesel

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STEPPING INTO FALL

GENTLEMEN'S CORNER

Just A Taste

CAMPFIRE OLD FASHION COCKTAIL

The Gentlemen's drink of the Fall Season...Campfire Old Fashioned

According to https://www.olivemagazine.com/drink/campfire-cocktail/

Curl up at home an recreate Bonfire Night with this sweet and smokey bourbon cocktail from the brilliant team at London whisky bar Black Rock.

Ingredients

- **50ml Bulleit bourbon**
- **5ml Lagavulin malt whisky**
- **5ml marshmallow syrup**

MARSHMALLOW SYRUP

- **100g mini marshmallows**
- **400g caster sugar**

Method

- **STEP 1**
- To make the syrup, boil the marshmallows with 500ml water. Once they have dissolved, add the sugar and stir to dissolve this until fully combined.
- **STEP 2**
- Stir all ingredients over ice and serve with a toasted marshmallow (optional).

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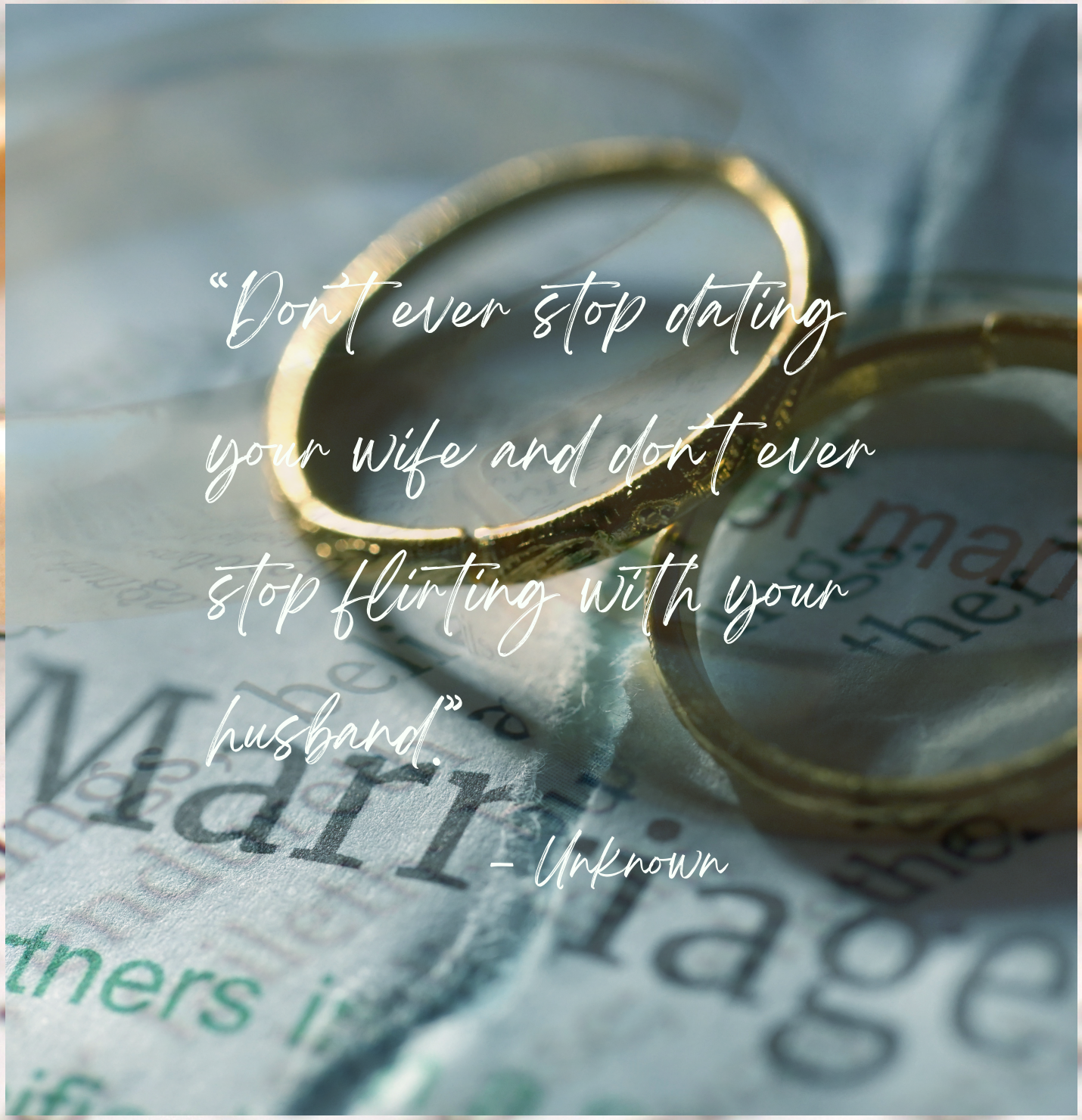

RELATIONSHIPPING WHILE SOUTHERN

BY TAMMI & CHRIS GRISSETT

Growing up in the south is one thing but for those who are not accustomed to the everyday southern hospitality being called “ma’am” and “sir” often, entangled with a southern drawl, can take some getting used to.

Manners are huge for both men and women. Some often ask “What did you first notice about your mate?” Was it his smile or handsome features? Was it her pretty face or curves that made you weak? Perhaps those were the things that caught your attention but once you began to get to know the person, I am willing to bet that their manners and the way they carried themselves totally grabbed your attention.

Family comes first, typically in the south. You may find yourself being invited, rather quickly, to Sunday dinners, family reunions and family gatherings so that your mate can proudly show you off. Lately, social media has displayed videos of many surprise proposals which include the bride-to-be’s entire family.

One thing is for sure, chivalry is not dead when it comes to southerners. There are guys who still believe in opening doors and ladies who still believe in preparing her man’s plate at dinner time. Regardless of the role you play, southerners are dedicated to making you feel comfortable, and they want you to always feel welcomed. Are you hungry? Is it too warm in here? Are you cold? Can I offer you something to drink? Sweet or Unsweetened?

Whether you are dating or married in the south, or someone from the south, you will feel comfort in knowing that considerate gestures do not imply that you cannot do things on your own, they simply mean, I care for you and wish to show it by doing things that make us both feel good inside.

"LOVE IS WHAT MAKES THE RIDE WORTHWHILE."
– FRANKLIN P. JONES

Southern Charm Values-Based Success

By, Edward Wilson
WFG CONNECTS

Having been raised in the South and developed around the world, there are certain presumptions when it comes to Southern Charm. People from the South in many situations are looked upon as uneducated, uninformed, unrefined, and unprosperous. Oh but, when others of a different region hear that Southern Drawl or Southern Twang when we speak, I can tell that assumptions formulate about who we are that result in how we are treated. The Southern Charm that I embrace is uniquely different from how we are categorized.

The Southern Culture moves at a slower pace. We say, “Morning, how are you?” and take the time to care about the answer we receive. We also say thank you, please, may I, yes ma’am, yes sir, etc. Respect is ingrained in our Southern Culture. Southern Charm can be simple and extraordinarily complex. For example, when we say, “Bless your heart” that saying can have various meanings. There is a complex meaning hidden in the simplicity of speech. With Southerners, it is not always about how much you know, but who you are as a person and who are your people (can we verify your integrity)? Southern Charm is an advantage for us because we have ways of communicating that not all people can understand, but we understand each other. We let others think what they think about us while knowing and understanding the entire situation. Southern Charm is all about beauty in its most simple form in all aspects of life.

Here is the meat and potatoes (taters), in the financial industry at our core (in our gut) is trust. Whether you are from the South, North, Mid-West, or West, people do business with people that they trust. Notice business is person-to-person transactions based on relational experiences. Southern Charm is rooted in building relationships. As a financial professional, who also specializes in building generational wealth, building relationships through trust is my business. My business success is not so much about what I know but who I am and with whom I am affiliated (who are my people). Although the financial industry is highly regulated with applications, verifications, and confidential medical and financial documents. The acceptance and closing of a financial plan with me is wrapped with Southern Charm. My Southern Charm is expressed by taking time to make sure we achieve understanding and the satisfaction of knowing you, your family, and/or business will be taken care of for generations to come. My clients achieve success because Southern Charm demands that I care about you.

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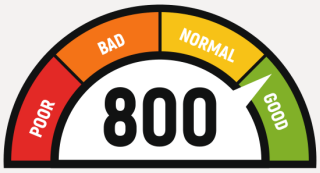

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Lenders need to know your source of income. Generally, a 2-year employment history is required for W-2 employees. If you are self-employed, 2 years of your most recent tax returns are required. Disability, retirement, and social security incomes are also considered.

A-ASSETS

Most loan programs require a down-payment. When down-payments are considered, lenders need to know the source of your down-payment. This can come from your checking or saving accounts, 401k, or a downpayment assistance program.

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