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Issue 1

# MY LIFE AS A MOM

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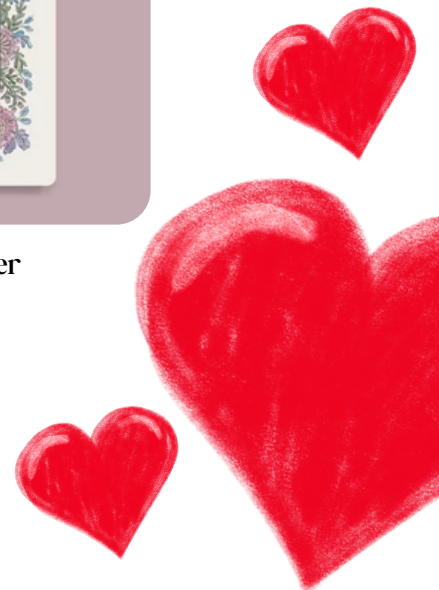
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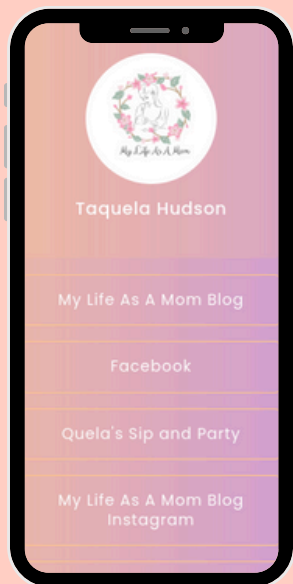


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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Happy New Year, everyone!

January has arrived, ushering in a fresh start and new opportunities for the year ahead. This year, I'm excited to share a variety of new content with all of you. In 2025, we will focus on planning ahead, staying proactive, and embarking on more adventurous pursuits. In this month's issue, I will cover topics such as spring planting, our book of the month, book reviews, delicious recipes, art, and some exciting activities that I know you'll enjoy, including crafting, organizing tips, and special guests. Come join me at My Life As A Mom and if you not following my blog scan the QR code to join.

Sincerely,

*Paquela Hudson*

Blogger & Editor



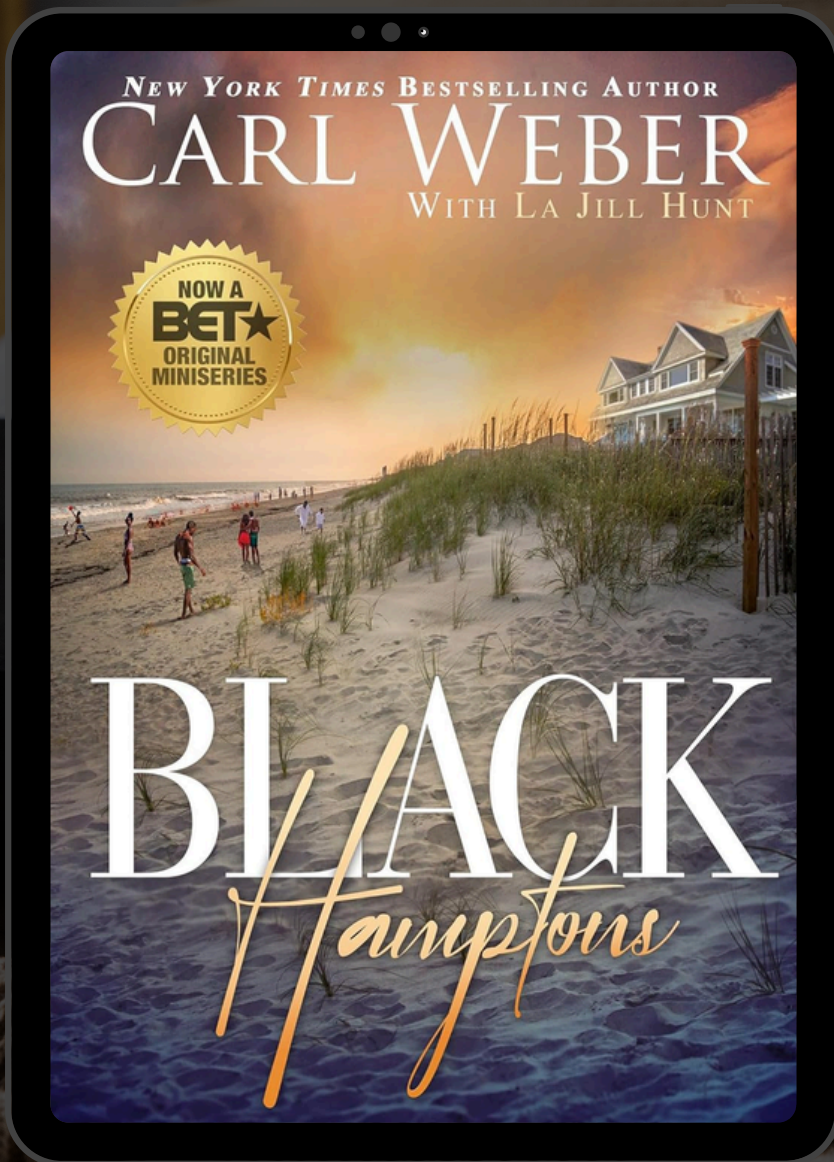


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# BOOK OF THE MONTH

## *Black Hamptons*



Now a NAACP-nominated Limited Series on BET!

Hidden away near the end of Long Island, New York, is a community where affluent African Americans, their friends, and the wannabes have secretly vacationed for more than 75 years. Unlike the bluffs of Martha's Vineyard, black folks here own five miles of prime beachfront. With a mix of legacy families, new money, hangers-on, and thirsty developers, drama can never be far behind in a place called . . . the BLACK HAMPTONS.



# DAUGHTER'S CHOICE

## *Legend of the Star Runner: A Timmi Tobbson Adventure*



Following the clues concealed within a centuries-old family legacy, Timmi Tobbson and his friends hope to save a dear friend. But only twenty-four hours remain to unravel the legend of a long-lost pirate ship, buried somewhere deep beneath the city streets. Unbeknownst to them, their search awakens a mystical dark power, sworn to protect what is hidden on board the once famous Star Runner.

## COOKBOOK OF THE MONTH

### *New Year's Cookbook*

*The new year is when to welcome the new and say goodbye to the old year, old memories, and old habits. People always look up to new years to improve themselves, glorify themselves in a way to make their life better for the upcoming years. You want to enjoy the holidays with your dear ones with complete ease. People do the party outside during the time, but in all honesty, people want to party with their family and friends at home and enjoy homemade food.*



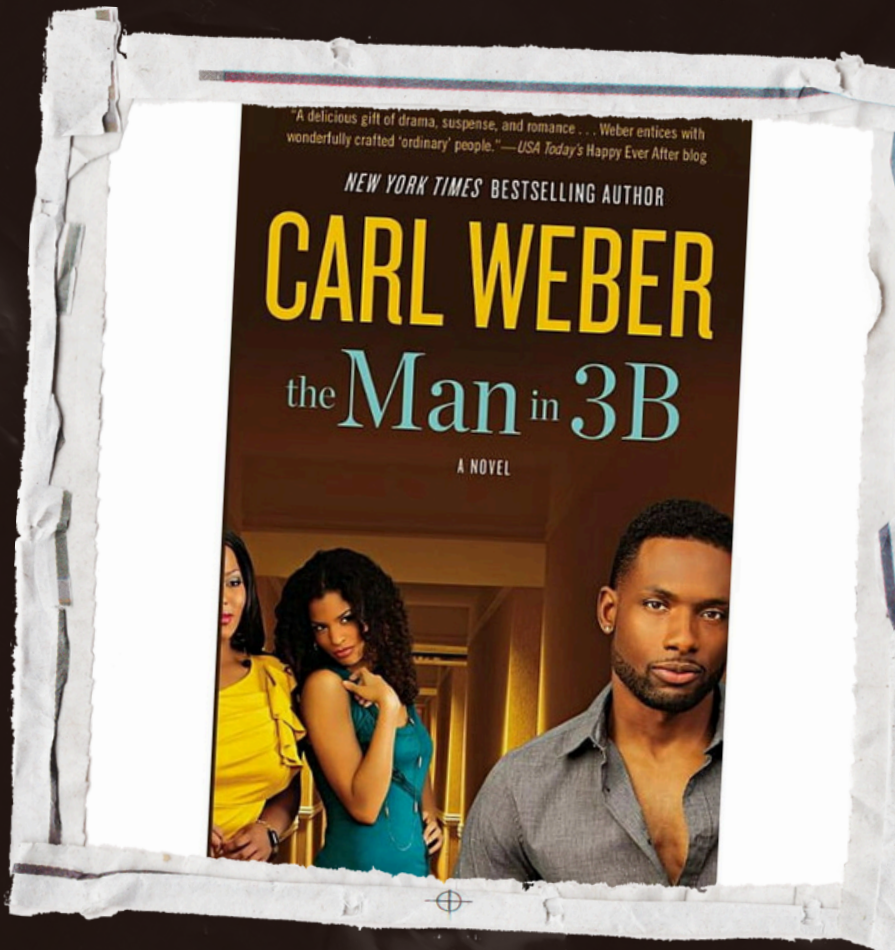


# Book Review

## *The Man in 3B*

I wanted to share with you all the book that my book club has been reading: "The Man in 3B" by Carl Weber. If you haven't picked it up yet, I highly encourage you to do so! If you have read it, I'd love to hear your opinions. Additionally, I found out that there's a movie adaptation of this book on my watchlist. The main character, Daryl, lives in apartment 3B and draws the attention of women in their early 20s to late 70s. Every woman longs to be with him, while every man admires or resents him.

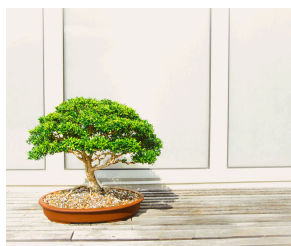
Daryl carries a past that no one is aware of, but he arrives in the neighborhood seeking a fresh start. After moving in, he befriends a young man named Bennie and Connie, who is still married at the time but eventually falls in love with him. I have thoughts on the book, as do my friends and I. To learn more about what I thought about the book, look for an upcoming post on my blog.



Join me for some crafting lessons. I love to make things in my spare time, as it allows me to express my creativity and unwind from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Crafting offers a wonderful opportunity to explore different materials and techniques, whether it's through knitting, woodworking, painting, or any other form of art that speaks to you. It's a chance to immerse yourself in the process, finding joy in the act of creating something with your own hands.

In these lessons, we'll not only focus on the technical skills needed to bring your ideas to life but also on the importance of infusing your personal style into each project. Crafting is about more than just the final product—it's about the journey, the experimentation, and the satisfaction of making something uniquely yours.

Whether you are a beginner eager to learn the basics or an experienced crafter looking for new inspiration, these sessions will cater to all skill levels. Together, we will explore a variety of projects that you can customize to suit your taste and home decor. So gather your supplies, bring your enthusiasm, and let's embark on this creative adventure together!



# CRAFT WITH ME

It's a beautiful way to blend creativity with emotion, resulting in pieces that hold personal significance and tell a story. Each handmade item becomes a cherished keepsake, a tangible reminder of the love and effort poured into its creation.

In our crafting sessions, we'll explore how to infuse heartwarming sentiments into your projects, transforming everyday materials into extraordinary expressions of affection. Whether you're crafting a gift for a loved one or creating something special for yourself, the process allows you to slow down and savor the moment, making each stitch or brushstroke a celebration of love and creativity.

So, let's gather our tools, let our imaginations run wild, and create beautiful pieces that not only enhance our surroundings but also touch our hearts.



## Craft Made by You

Together, we'll dive into a world of color, texture, and form, discovering innovative ways to bring your creative visions to life. With each lesson, you'll gain confidence in your abilities and uncover the joy of experimentation, all while developing a style that is distinctly yours.

Our sessions are designed to be interactive and engaging, encouraging you to share your ideas and draw inspiration from fellow crafters. We'll explore a range of materials, from traditional to unconventional, and learn how to combine them in unexpected ways to create stunning results.

Whether it's mastering the basics of a new medium or perfecting advanced techniques, you'll find that each project is a stepping stone towards greater artistic expression. So, let's get started on this exciting journey of discovery and creativity. Your masterpiece awaits!



# TOOLS FOR CRAFTING

## My Crafting Tool

Cricut Explore 3



Cricut Heat Press

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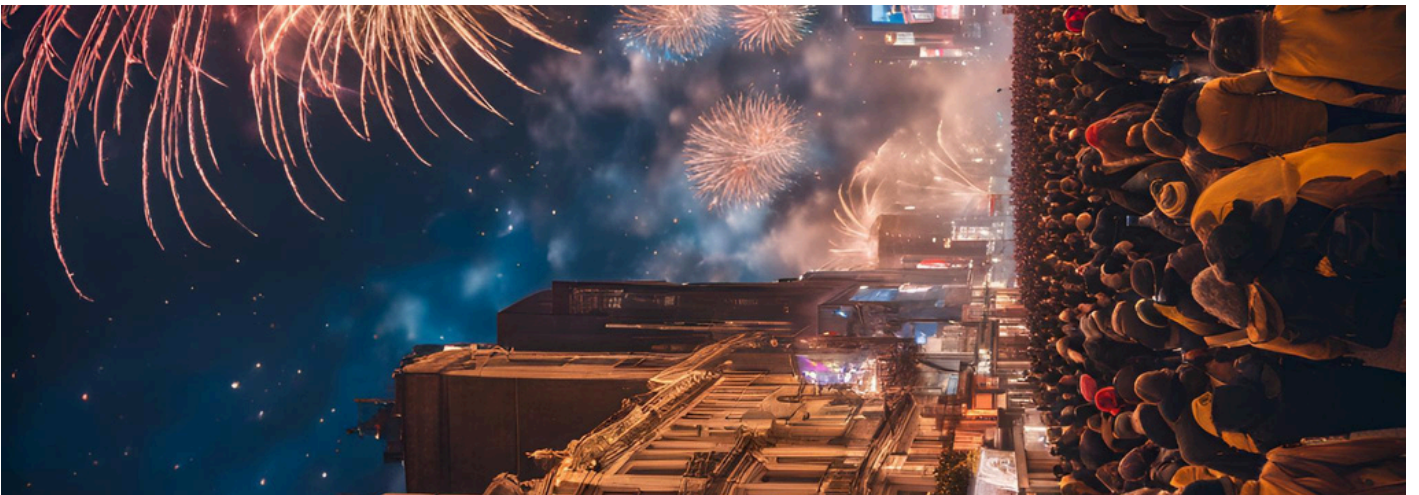
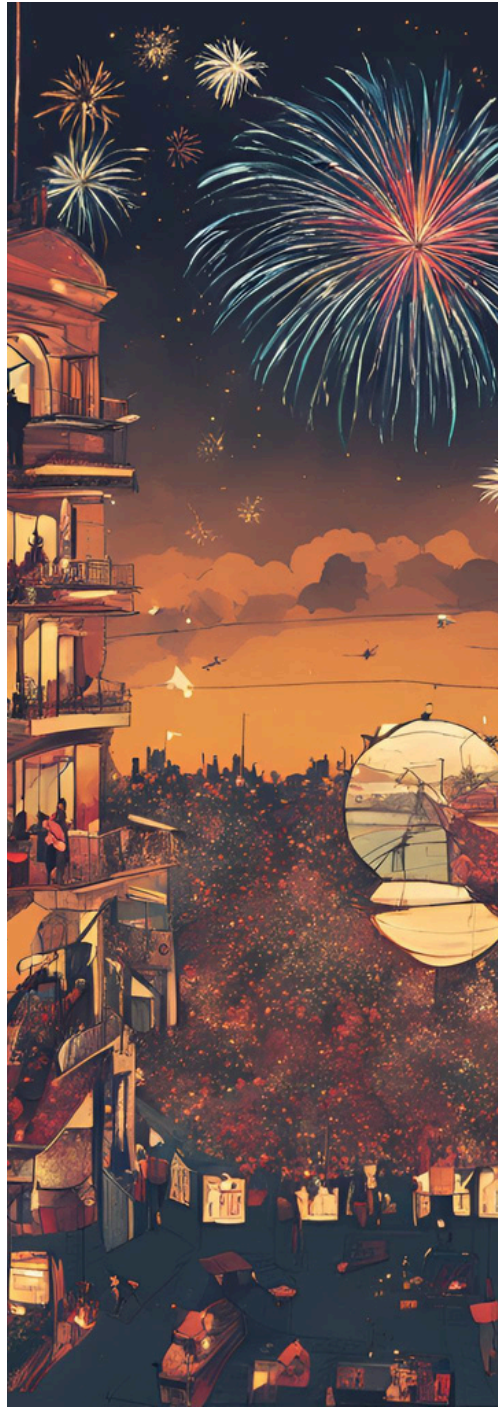
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# 2025 Garden

## *Planning Your Spring Garden*



### **Plan Your Garden**

With the New Year comes fresh plans and a new garden! This month, I'm excited to map out all the plants I intend to cultivate. I enjoy strategizing the layout of my garden, deciding where each plant will thrive and where they won't. Over time, I've discovered which plants grow well together and which do not. Having a clear plan for where everything will be planted ahead of time makes spring planting so much easier. Join me on my journey of planning and planting!

### **Seed Collection**

If you have a seed collection similar to mine, take the time to review it and ensure that none of the seeds are open, sprouting, damp, or moldy. For any seeds exhibiting these issues, seal them properly, dispose of those with mold, or plant any that have started to sprout roots.



### **Get Your Seedlings Ready for Planting**

I prefer to categorize my seedlings into groups such as vegetables, flowers, fruits, and herbs, and then plant them together in sections. To prepare your seedlings for planting, you'll need the following items:

- Soil
- Seedling containers
- Plant food
- Water
- A sunny and warm location



### **Plan Your Garden Layout**

One important lesson I've learned over the years is to carefully determine where to position your plants. Identifying the right spots for your plants is crucial, as each one requires specific amounts of sunlight, water, and nutrients to thrive.





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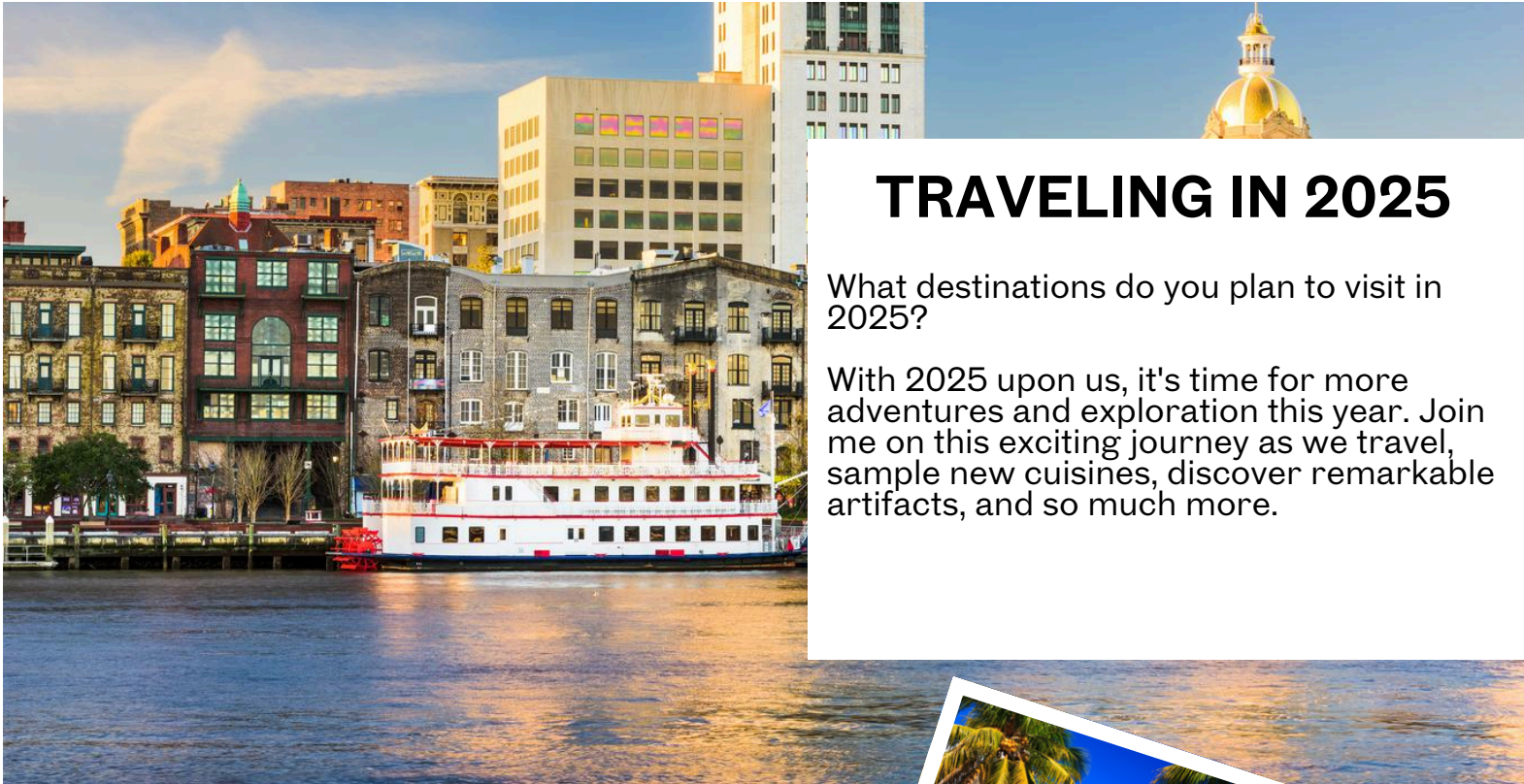
### Coffee Beans & Grounds

Whether it's whole bean, pre-ground, pods, or capsules, your coffee machine needs coffee as much as you do. Learn more about coffee, and buy coffee beans online with 1st in Coffee. We feature Lavazza and Illy coffee beans for sale, two of the top names in Italian coffee and espresso.

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# VACATION

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## TRAVELING IN 2025

What destinations do you plan to visit in 2025?

With 2025 upon us, it's time for more adventures and exploration this year. Join me on this exciting journey as we travel, sample new cuisines, discover remarkable artifacts, and so much more.

Top travel destinations for 2025 include<sup>12</sup>:

1. Slovenia: Hidden gem of Europe.
2. Egypt: Ancient wonders and Nile cruises.
3. Greece: Mythical history and island escapes.
4. Costa Rica: Biodiversity and eco-adventure.
5. Italy: A tapestry of culture and cuisine.
6. Japan: Tradition meets innovation.
7. India: Diversity of culture and landscapes.
8. Cuba: Caribbean charm and timeless beauty.

Refernece: <https://smartours.com/blog/travel-inspiration/2025-travel-bucket-list/>

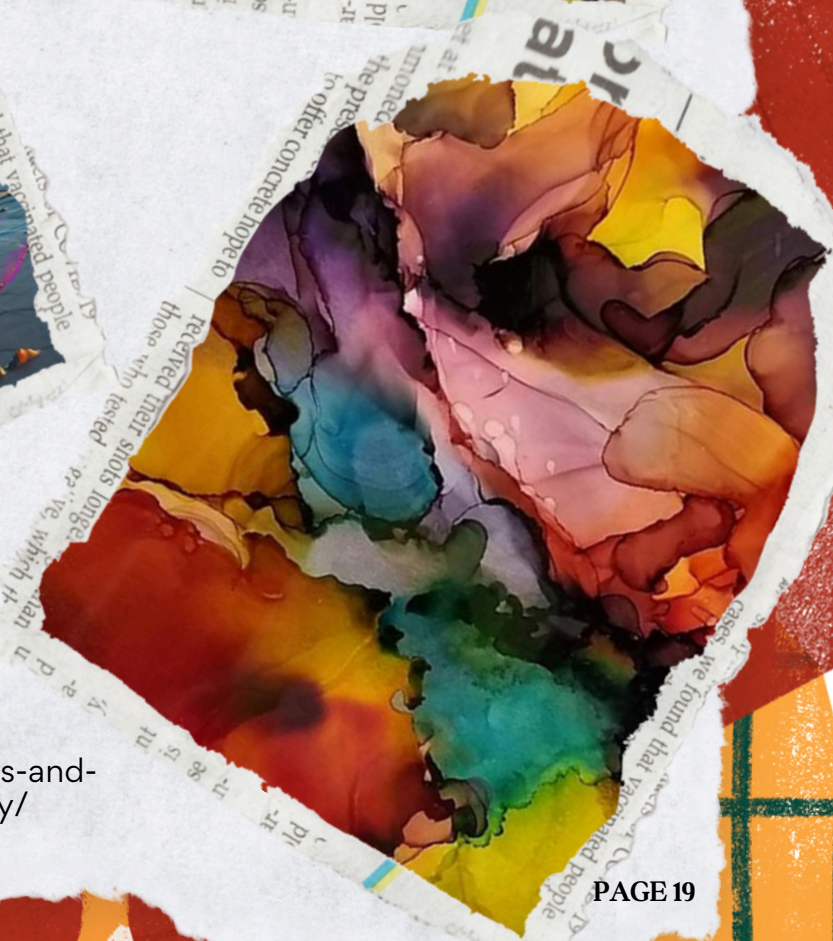




# ART OF THE MONTH

## MOST FABULOUS AND MESMERIZING

Visual Art Photography



Reference:  
<https://www.liveenhanced.com/fabulous-and-mesmerizing-visual-art-photography/>



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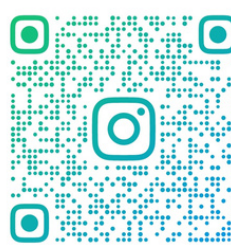
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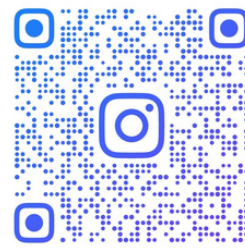
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			1 <i>Happy New Year</i> 	2	3	4
5  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	6 	7	8 WINE WINE WINE 	9  BOOK REVIEW	10  GET READY WITH ME FOR SCHOOL	11  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
12  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	13 	14	15 WINE WINE WINE 	16	17	18  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
19  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	20 <b>MLK DAY</b> 	21	22 WINE WINE WINE 	23	24  BOOK REVIEW	25  PLANT SEEDLINGS WITH ME
26  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	27 	28	29 WINE WINE WINE 	30	31	



# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						 PLAN MY GARDEN WITH ME
2  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	3 	4	5 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	6  BOOK REVIEW	7	8  RESTOCK MY GREENHOUSE MATERIALS
9  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	10 	11	12 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	13 	14	15  SHOP WITH ME FOR NEW SEEDS
16  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	17  PRESIDENT'S DAY	18	19 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	20  BOOK REVIEW	21	22  MAKE SOME GARDEN SIGNS WITH ME
23  SKIN CARE  BIBLE STUDY	24 	25	26 WINE WINE WINESDAY 	27	28	



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