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Santa Ynez Valley Christmas Newsletter

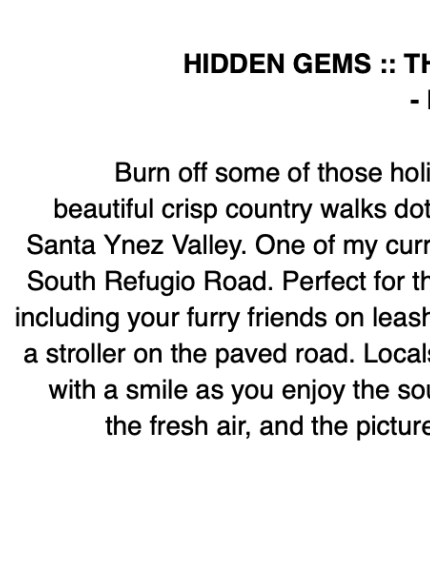
Joy to the World.

The holidays are here. And while we may not be traveling to visit loved ones, or having our traditional family meals tucked around the dinner table, there are still many things that can bring our hearts and homes joy. This month, I'm sharing with you some of my local favorites : stores to shop small, festive things to do around town, and a delicious family recipe.

I hope they bring you joy.

From my family to yours, I wish you peace and prosperity this holiday season.

Santa Ynez Valley (Holiday) Living



LOCAL TRADITIONS :: O CHRISTMAS TREE - Agin Family Christmas Trees -

Each December, you will find us at [Agin Family Christmas Trees](#) picking out our perfect tree, and chatting with Bill around the fire. The Agin Family have been selling Christmas trees in the Valley for almost 40 years! Find YOUR perfect tree at either of their two locations :

3450 Baseline in Santa Ynez (right off 154)
270 Industrial Way in Buellton (corner of 246)

HIDDEN GEMS :: THINGS TO DO - Local Walks -

Burn off some of those holiday treats with beautiful crisp country walks dotted around the Santa Ynez Valley. One of my current favorites is South Refugio Road. Perfect for the whole family including your furry friends on leashes, or pushing a stroller on the paved road. Locals will greet you with a smile as you enjoy the sounds of nature, the fresh air, and the picturesque hillsides.



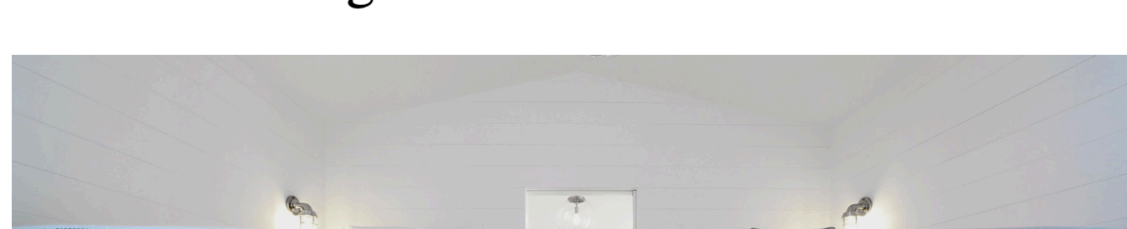
RECIPE :: CURRIED COCONUT CARROT SOUP - A Christmas Eve Tradition -



Heat 2 **tablespoon of coconut oil** in a large soup pot. Next add **1/2 chopped onion*** and cook until golden. Mix in **8-10 chopped carrots*** along with **1.5 teaspoons curry powder** and **1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger**. Add **2 cups of chicken stock**, reduce heat to medium, and simmer until carrots are tender. Blend together with **1 cup canned coconut milk**. Serve with a squeeze of **lime**. Enjoy!

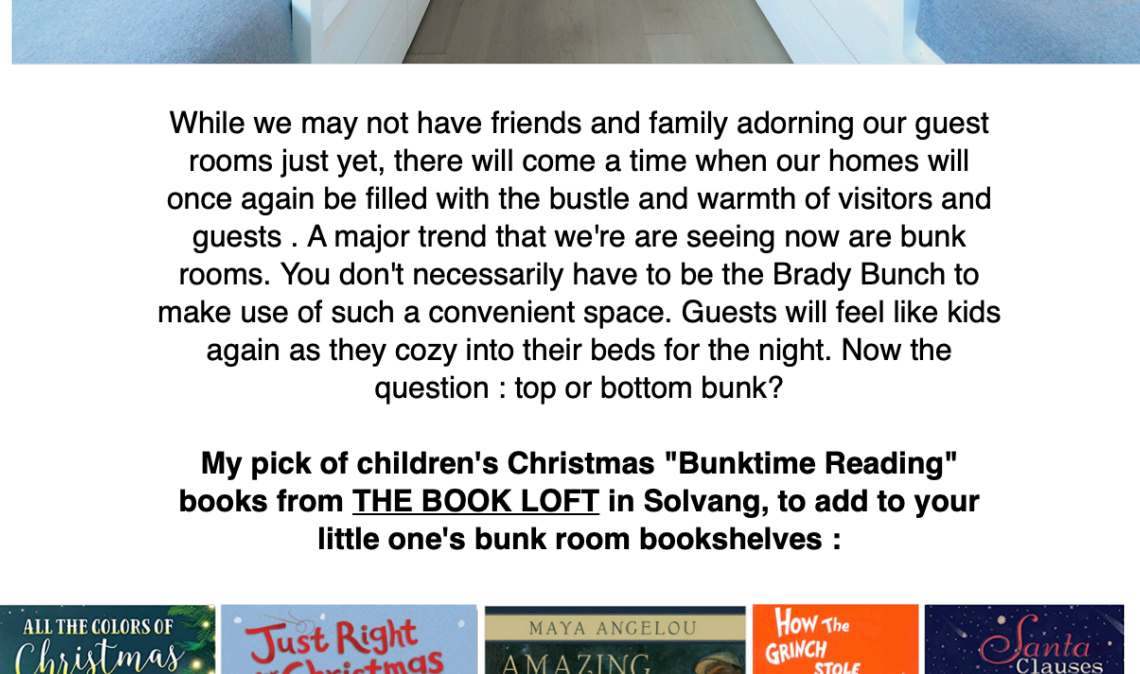
*Ingredients can be found at [Finley Farms Stand](#) or the Wednesday [Solvang Farmer's Market](#)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING :: SHOP LOCAL - A Few of My Favorite Places -



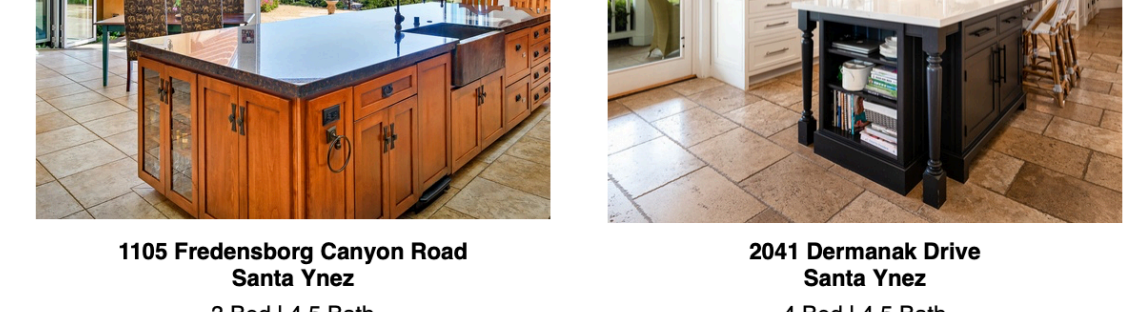
[The Giving Ink](#) / [Santa Ynez General Store](#) / [Wendy Foster, Los Olivos](#)

Design Trends : Bunk Rooms



While we may not have friends and family adorning our guest rooms just yet, there will come a time when our homes will once again be filled with the bustle and warmth of visitors and guests . A major trend that we're are seeing now are bunk rooms. You don't necessarily have to be the Brady Bunch to make use of such a convenient space. Guests will feel like kids again as they cozy into their beds for the night. Now the question : top or bottom bunk?

My pick of children's Christmas "Bunktime Reading" books from **THE BOOK LOFT** in Solvang, to add to your little one's bunk room bookshelves :



Featured SVY Homes with : Ideal Kitchens for Holiday Baking



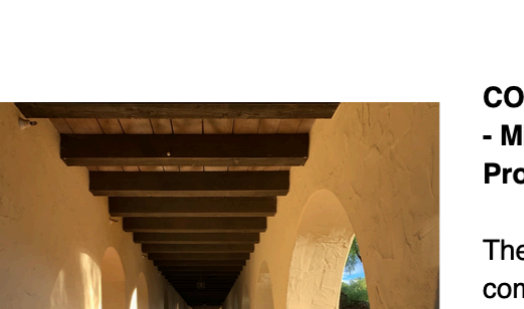
1105 Fredensborg Canyon Road Santa Ynez 3 Bed | 4.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Wayne Natale - Village Properties



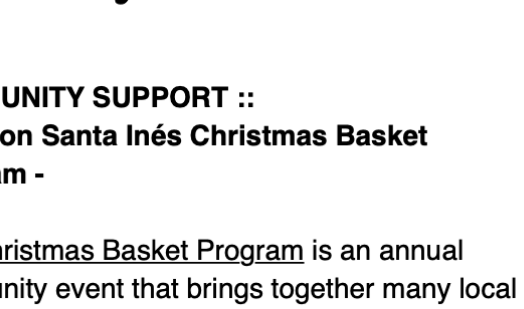
2041 Dermanak Drive Santa Ynez 4 Bed | 4.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Joe Ramos - Berkshire Hathaway



4465 White Pine Lane Santa Ynez 3 Bed | 2.5 Bath

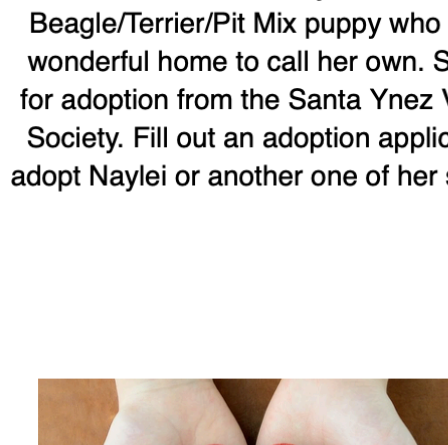
Listing Courtesy of :: Carey Kendall - Village Properties



3249 Short Road Santa Ynez 4 Bed | 4.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Jodi Williams - Coldwell Banker

Community



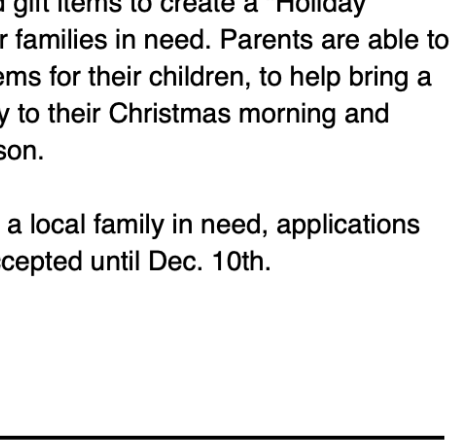
COMMUNITY SUPPORT :: - Mission Santa Inés Christmas Basket Program -

The [Christmas Basket Program](#) is an annual community event that brings together many local organizations, businesses, churches, and individuals to provide "Christmas" for struggling Santa Ynez Valley families who might otherwise go without.

If you would like to "adopt" a family you can do so by selecting one from the "Jesse Tree" in the back of the church.

HOMES FOR LOCAL SHELTER DOGS :: - SANTA YNEZ VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY ::

Meet Naylei! She is a 2 month old Beagle/Terrier/Pit Mix puppy who is looking for a wonderful home to call her own. She is available for adoption from the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Fill out an adoption application [HERE](#) to adopt Naylei or another one of her shelter friends!



GIVING BACK :: PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - Fulfill A Wish Program / Toys for Tots -



Once again this holiday season, [People Helping People in the Valley](#) is collecting unwrapped toys, clothing, and gift items to create a "Holiday Boutique" for families in need. Parents are able to "shop" for items for their children, to help bring a little extra joy to their Christmas morning and Holiday season.

*If you know a local family in need, applications are being accepted until Dec. 10th.

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