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Thanksgiving Guide

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A Note From Allison

Hi!

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I enjoy having the opportunity to spend time with those I love and give thanks for all of our many blessings. One of the many things I am always grateful for is living in this great community of Alexandria. This Thanksgiving, our team wanted to highlight the small boutiques, businesses, and organizations in our community you can support this Thanksgiving season. From essential places to buy wine, hostess gifts and centerpieces to where to burn off the holiday's extra calories, we've got you covered. Plus, we have our go-to places to support on the weekend after Thanksgiving as well as for Giving Tuesday.



Best,

Allison

PS - We are also so grateful for our friends, clients, and followers. If you have any suggestions for other things you would like us to provide, please feel free to let us know by sending me an email at allison@thegoodhartgroup.com or by messaging me on Instagram at [@allisongoodhart](https://www.instagram.com/allisongoodhart). You can also follow our team account [@thegoodhartgroup](https://www.instagram.com/thegoodhartgroup) for more content on life in Alexandria.

CENTERPIECES



If you're looking to take your Thanksgiving dinner to the next level, then a gorgeous centerpiece is a must-have! There are several local stores that do centerpieces for your big day, large or small. The three listed below are some of our favorites.

Enchanted Florist

139 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA

Enchanted Florist began more than two decades ago as a small floral atelier in Old Town. Since then, they've grown into a cutting-edge studio thriving on redefining the art of floral design. We recommend getting on their schedule in advance!

Helen Olivia Floral Design

1519 Leslie Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Like Enchanted Florist, Helen Olivia is another one of our favorite local florists. Established in 2005, Helen Olivia Flowers can help you make the perfect floral arrangement for any occasion, big or small. We also recommend getting on their schedule well in advance!

Toteable Tablescapes

Toteable Tablescapes is a local Alexandria company that will design an Insta-gram worthy tablescape for you. They're run by two sisters, Sara Raak and Collyn Capp, whose passion is building memories around the table. Check out their Instagram page [@toteable_tablescapes](#) to see some of their work.

WINE



Whether you're having a big gathering or just a small one, wine is an essential part of any Thanksgiving meal. It's also a great gift to bring as well! Below are local wine stores that we frequent.

Brut Champagne and Wine Bar 11 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA

If you are a fan of sparkling wine and champagne, Brut should be your go-to spot for Thanksgiving. They also have an impressive array of non-sparkling wines. With its intimate ambiance at the small but social bar, Brut is our long-standing favorite place to grab a glass of wine (and their amazingly yummy Raclette dish too).

Unwined

3690-J King Street, Alexandria, VA (Bradlee)
1600 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria, VA (Belle View)

Go to Unwined for an extensive collection of wines and a very knowledgeable owner! Unwined has two locations in Alexandria - one at Bradlee Shopping Center and one in Belle View Shopping Center. Both are fabulous!

Grape & Bean

2 E. Walnut Street, Alexandria, VA (Rosemont)
118 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA (Old Town)

Grape & Bean in Rosemont has a wonderful neighborhood vibe with a super friendly staff. The owner travels extensively to Europe, especially Spain and Italy, so their red collection from those countries is fantastic. Also notable is their large non-alcoholic beer selection.

THANKSGIVING PIES



Pies are a time-honored tradition of Thanksgiving. These days, you can get a pie at almost any grocery store. If you're looking to get your hands on some of the best pies in the area. Check out our local favorites in Northern Virginia below.

Mom's Apple Pie

220 Loudoun St SE, Leesburg, VA
126A Commerce Street, Occoquan, VA

We love Mom's Apple Pie! We've been giving away Mom's famous pies for our annual Pie Day before Thanksgiving for several years. While they have the usual Thanksgiving classics, you'll want to check out their other popular flavors including sweet potato and bourbon walnut.

Pie Gourmet

507 Maple Avenue W, Vienna, VA

Pie Gourmet has become a destination for pies and other baked goods in Vienna since they opened their doors in 1987. Like Mom's, Pie Gourmet offers hearty traditional fruit pies as well as some "sweet pies" like banana and chocolate cream.

Kiwi Kuisine

4550 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA

Kiwi Kuisine, located on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, offers both delicious sweet and savory New Zealand style pies. While they have traditional pie flavors like Pumpkin and Apple, you can also try their specialty flavors like cookies and cream and Pina Colada. Be sure to also try their savory pie flavors like roast lamb or chicken curry.

GIFTS AND ENTERTAINING

If you're trying to spruce up your entertaining game with new and unique trinkets, furniture or perhaps looking for hostess gifts, you've come to the right place. The last two years we've been entertaining less and less, so why not go all out this year?

Boxwood

128 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA

Boxwood is centrally located in Old Town and has a wide array of hostess gifts and serving ware, a great stop whether you are hosting or a guest. They also carry beautiful paper hand towels and napkins that are several notches above your typical paper hand towels!

Patina Polished Living

605 Franklin Street, Alexandria, VA

Patina is conveniently located right across the street from Balducci's - so very easy to pop in before getting the groceries for your feast! This jewel box of a shop is lovingly curated and has small hostess gifts as well as furniture and design services.



Goldfinch

806 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA

Goldfinch is located on the North end of Old Town and has decor items as well as a variety of fun items like candles, linens, jewelry, barware, and gourmet food and drink items.

Random Harvest

814 King Street, Alexandria, VA (Other locations in Georgetown and Bethesda)

If you need some last-minute furniture try Random Harvest on King Street. With locations throughout the DC area, Random Harvest carries an exceptional handpicked selection of furniture and accessories. From one of a kind and limited edition pieces to their own line of handmade upholstery and pillows. They feature many items that cannot be found anywhere else.

The Hour

1015 King Street, Alexandria, VA

The Hour is one of Old Town's most unique shops! They are known for their vintage cocktail glass collections. Think punch bowls from the 50's, cocktail shakers from the 60's or martini glasses from the 70's. The store is a delight and worth checking out!



LOCAL FITNESS STUDIOS

If you're looking to burn off some of that Thanksgiving turkey, there are several locally-owned fitness studios that are worth checking out. Below are three of our favorites. Or if you're looking to get your workout on Thanksgiving morning, strap on your running shoes and head to a local Turkey Trot.

Barre 3

715 Duke Street Alexandria, VA (Other locations in Arlington and DC)

Barre3 promises a full-body balanced workout combining strength conditioning, cardio, and mindfulness that will leave you feeling balanced in body and empowered from within. Barre3 studios also emphasize body positivity and inclusivity. They're offering a new client special for three classes for \$45.

Ascend Cycle

2413 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Ascent Cycle is a cycle studio in Del Ray that promises to help you reach peak performance. Their rides are very intentional with interval training working between aerobic and anaerobic zones to help their riders leave the studio a stronger version of themselves. Their instructors know how to push you beyond perceived limitations, empowering you to build physical and mental stamina. Ascend Cycle also offers \$5 off for your first cycle class with them.

Sculp'd

1103 Queen Street, Alexandria, VA

Sculp'd, located on Queen Street in Old Town has been voted the #1 Pilates studio for four straight years. The instructors at Sculp'd focus on controlled, resistance-based movement with a focus on slow, mindful movement. Their popular today body workout will help you work your entire body and target specific muscles, all while challenging your core and balance.

TURKEY TROTS

Alexandria Turkey Trot

What better way to start the Thanksgiving holiday than with a Turkey Trot. The Alexandria Turkey Trot in Del Ray has been running for 46 years strong. The five-mile trot begins and ends at George Washington Middle School. The Alexandria Turkey Trot helps support Alive!, a group that supports local families in need in Alexandria. Head to alexandriaturkeytrot.com to register.

Arlington Turkey Trot

Arlington also has a popular 5k turkey trot in South Arlington. The Arlington Turkey Trot has been running strong for 16 years now and attracts runners from all over. Proceeds from the Turkey Trot benefit six local organizations in the Arlington area. You can register online at arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org.



THANKSGIVING OUTFITS



Whether you're heading to Grandma's house or just downstairs to your kitchen table, having the perfect Thanksgiving outfit is key can be super stressful. We've listed below local boutiques that sell festive our favorite local boutique stores that all sell festive attire for any occasion, formal or casual.

Bishop Boutique

815-B King Street, Alexandria, VA

Bishop Boutique is an adorable shop on King Street that focuses on women's shoes, fashion, and accessories. We love that the price ranges vary at Bishop, with a mix of designer as well as more affordable pieces. Don't miss their earring collection - it is to die for!

The Shoe Hive & The Hive

127 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA (The Shoe Hive)

315 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA (The Hive)

The Hive actually has two shops - The Hive, which is mostly clothing (and an amazing collection of designer jeans), and The Shoe Hive, which aptly named, mainly features their shoe collection along with some accessories. The Hive tends to be mostly designer brands while The Shoe Hive does have a larger variety of price points. Both shops are women's fashion.

The Lucky Knot

101 King Street, Alexandria, VA

For men, we like The Lucky Knot, right at the foot of King Street by the water. It has well-known “preppier” brands such as Barbour, Peter Millar, Sperry, Vineyard Vines, and Smathers and Branson. The Lucky Knot also has women’s clothing next door!

Monday’s Child

218 N. Lee Street Alexandria, VA

Our favorite children’s shop in Old Town is Monday’s Child, where Sue shopped for Allison as a child! Monday’s Child is known for its smocked items and monogramming. Kissi Kissi and Beaufort Bonnet Company are just a few of the brands they carry.

Purple Goose

1005 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

Purple Goose is our go-to kids shop in Del Ray. It is known for monogramming outfits and they have a large selection of Christmas pajamas and special occasion clothes. They also have children’s shoes and a large toy selection!



TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES



Whether you're looking to give small gifts on the Thanksgiving Holiday to your young family members or friends, there are plenty of local stores to check out throughout Alexandria for gifts appropriate for all ages. Below are some of our favorites.

Penny Post

1201 King Street, Alexandria, VA

Penny Post is a card and stationery store, but they also have a fun selection of quirky gifts and board games!

Hooray For Books

1555 King Street, Alexandria, VA

Hooray for Books has an extensive selection of books, games, and toys for children of all ages. They've been open in Old Town since 2008. They also carry adult books too!

Robcyns

3660 King Street, Alexandria, VA

Robcyns in Bradlee Shopping Center is a great place to buy gifts and games for kids!

Old Town Books

130 S. Royal Street

Old Town Books is a picturesque corner book shop in the heart of Old Town. We love having an independent bookstore in our town.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

As a local small business ourselves, we encourage supporting local businesses in Alexandria and the rest of the DC and Northern Virginia area. Local businesses are still trying to recover from the financial losses they took in the spring and summer of 2020. All of the businesses we've mentioned in this guide are great places to check out as are other local businesses in our area. If you're looking for local boutiques, head over to oldtownboutiquedistrict.com/directory.

If you're planning to do some shopping after Thanksgiving, visit a local business and see what they have to offer!



GIVING TUESDAY



Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, really connects the spirit of being thankful and the spirit of giving for the holiday season. We believe the easiest way we can make a difference in our community is by giving back to it. Below are some local charities and organizations we love supporting.

The Campagna Center

This local center offers programs to children, through Head Start and Wright to Read. The Campagna Center provides resources such as English classes, recreational activities, and after-school care for those in need. Sue is an active member of the Supporting Friends of The Campagna Center and Allison is on the board of Junior Friends.

St. Coletta of Greater Washington

Sue is the President of the Board of Directors at St. Coletta of Greater Washington, an organization that provides support and services for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Fund for Alexandria's Child

Allison and Sue are on the advisory committee at The Fund for Alexandria's Child, an organization that supports foster children and at-risk children of abuse and neglect by offering them activities, outings, and athletic opportunities. They also provide support and promote awareness throughout the community.

Carpenter's Shelter

Carpenter's Shelter works to support those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk, to achieve sustainable independence through shelter and housing placement, education and advocacy. In the last year Carpenter's Shelter has helped more than 624 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults in the last year. They work to address the issues which led them to homelessness and provide the tools to achieve lasting independence.

Senior Services of Alexandria

Sue and Allison received the Generation to Generation award from the Senior Services of Alexandria, which is a non-profit organization that offers educational programs, Meals on Wheels, and support for seniors in the area.

Together We Bake

This program offers a second chance to women through empowerment and job training. They gain the real-world experience, education, and self-confidence they deserve in a safe and supportive environment. Our team receives deliveries from Together We Bake every month; we always look forward to their delicious treats, and are happy to support such a transformational program.





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