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ith social distancing still in effect, my recent visit to the dentist put a little more pep in my step as it was a chance to safely interact with people and be out of the house. However, for many, a dental visit can be more than a satisfying outing, it is fundamental support for their overall health. This month, our feature article, *Whole-Body Dentistry*, reveals a vibrant world of oral health options provided by biological, holistic and integrative dentists. This includes

an array of options to assist with healing and prevention of inflammation to treatments that can impact heart health, sleep related disorders, anxiety and other conditions. In *Whole-Body Dentistry* [page 20], author Linda Sechrist shares that children born tongue-tied may never expand the palate as it is supposed to, and chronic mouth-breathing can cause anxiety because the nitric oxide receptors located in the nose signal arteries and veins to relax.

"When considering parenthood, it's doubtful that anyone thinks far into the future to imagine a child's long-term health problems that might result from decisions made about their teeth even before they appear," shares Sechrist in *Dentistry's Bigger Picture* [page 22]

I recently discussed these issues and more with local integrative dental experts in our video series exploring how oral health is connected to whole body health. You can listen to these interviews at myNaturalAwakenings. com/OralHealthVideos.

Nutrition plays a role not just in oral health but overall health as well, explore ways to maximize your garden's bounty and try some new recipes in our Conscious Eating column [page 32]. Find five ways to strengthen kids' immunity in *Strong and Healthy* [page 26] and try some cool treat recipes for your cat or dog [page 28]. Then in our Wise Words interview, we share the perspective of an environmental justice and resource equity leader in *Healing America Through Social Justice* [page 30]. For more great articles, visit our website for this month's online exclusives and discover how the air is getting cleaner around the globe in the *Upside of Lockdowns*. Then enjoy meditative steps for well-being in *Mindful Walking*.

Here's to a healthy mouth and body!

Kris Urquhart, Publisher



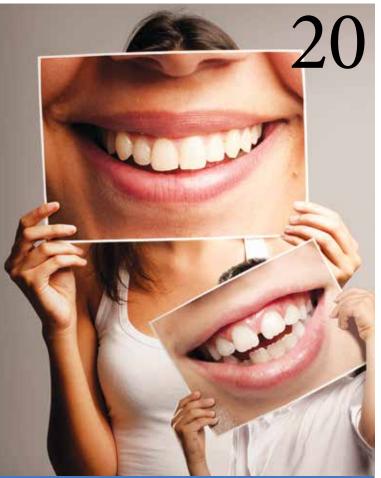
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hear the auctioneer selling as they make their bids.

"We're licensed to auction just about everything under the sun, even the kitchen sink," says Shuler. The auctions offer real estate, antiques, motor vehicles of all kinds, boats, firearms, tools, machinery, household goods, commercial equipment and more.

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For more information, call 321-267-8563 or visit SoldFor.com. Cliff Shuler Auctioneers & Liquidators, 422 Julia Street, Titusville. See ad, page 26.



Eco-Friendly Dome Home for Sale

ynn Ganster, Realtor with Morris Williams Realty, is pleased to announce an iconic, well-known custom dome home has come on the market in Brevard County. The home has only had two owners, has been updated and includes a bedroom/office with a front door entrance to allow for home-use or a business opportunity. The home includes a winding fir staircase with a teak handrail leading to the private master suite and access to additional bedrooms, bathroom and laundry room with washer and dryer.

This home offers large open gathering spaces, a living room with custom built-in, kitchen with a walk-in pantry, open cabinetry, new refrigerator, generous countertop space and island cooking.

The nearly two-acre parcel boasts an outdoor view with a guitar-shaped koi pond, pool, wrap around screen-enclosed lanai, pool, hot tub and tiki bar. Parking is available for multiple vehicles, toys and boats with a detached two-car garage and additional two-bay carport, outdoor shed/workshop, and a circular drive with room for an RV. There is also a chicken coop and room for plenty of animals if desired.

"You can feel the great care these owners have taken of this home," says Ganster. "There are so many options with this comfortable, memorable home."

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"The clinical benefits include pain relief in conditions such as carpal tunnel syndrome, bursitis, tendonitis, ankle sprain, and temporomandibular joint dysfunction, shoulder and neck pain as well as tissue repair in cases of diabetic ulcer, venous ulcer, mouth ulcer, fractures, tendon rupture, ligamentous, tear, torn cartilage, and nerve injury," says Myers.

Celluma low-level light therapy can be applied in conjunction with acupuncture for maximum benefits.

For more information or to make an appointment with Beth Myers, call 321-757-9731. Ni's Chinese Medical Center, 1250 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Suite L, Melbourne. DrBoNi.com. See ad, page 11.

Holistic Stress Detox Course and Oneness Deeksha Initiation

A quarian Dreams is pleased to host a two-day training course, *A Holistic Approach for Stress Release*, led by One Consciousness Trainer Maria Banas, certified in India at Oneness University.

The techniques taught in this course help to dissolve crucial problems presented by the mind and body on the path to wellbeing, love and achievement. Participants will learn five ancient meditative arts drawn



from the mystic traditions of India: relaxation to detox stress from the physical body, activating mystic power centers to detox the energy body, forgiveness to detox from the mind, intention to detox from the wisdom body, and joyful living and giving to detox the bliss body.

"Each of these arts will lead you towards a greater evolution in consciousness," says Banas. "We will also be drawing into ourselves the power of the Universe through a special process of Oneness Blessing or Deeksha, which will open up your consciousness to the transcendental dimensions of the specific art you are practicing."

The course will be held August 22-23, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$189 or \$160 in advance. For more information or to register, call 321-729-9495 or visit AquarianDreams. com/special-events. Class size limited for social distancing. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave, Indialantic. See ad, page 3.

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Kula Yoga is hosting a 200hour Teacher Training at their Merritt Island studio in October. The class will run on weekends from October 9 through October 25, plus 30 hours of yoga classes for a total of 232 hours. Virtual training is available as well.



Students in the program will learn to deepen their physical and spiritual practice; learn philosophy, anatomy, and asanas (poses) of yoga; connect with themselves in a deeper way; learn sequencing of classes to be prepared to teach upon graduating; and learn the basics of chakras, breath work, and Ayurveda.

"Kula Yoga offers a welcoming place to learn and explore the world of yoga," says studio owner Cassie Camp. "It is our mission to incorporate yoga into our community to live healthier and more fulfilling lives."

Kula Yoga is located at 230 E Merritt Island Cswy, Ste 102, Merritt Island. Cost: \$3100 (early-bird \$2800) with an additional discount if paying in cash. Early-bird deadline is August 15. Payments can be arranged. For more details, visit KulaYogaMerrittIsland.com or call 321-978-5116.Trainings will also be held this fall in Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach.

Laser Removal for Hair, Blood Vessels and Spider Veins



Dr. Rozana Sharma has added two new services: Laser Vascular Renewal and Laser Hair Removal for all skin types. Laser Vascular Renewal can precisely treat visible vessels, broken capillaries, "spider veins" and most common vascular lesions on the face and body. She continues to provide the same chiropractic care and other rehabilitation services as always and is offering complementary

consultations to determine the best treatment options.

Dr. Sharma also provides healthcare management for her patients. "I am the liaison between the medical care and wellness care that patients desire. Managing what supplements and medications patients are incorporating into their lives is important because, often, I find that patients are not taking enough or even the wrong herbs or vitamins because they read it was good for them," says Dr. Sharma. "For example, many patients are taking turmeric for its anti-inflammatory benefits but are taking the wrong dosage. Making minor adjustments can make all the difference."

"Healthy living doesn't have to be complicated as long as health management is established. Let me help guide you on your wellness path, so you get the most out of life," say Dr. Sharma.

Call 321-361-6869 to make an appointment with Dr. Sharma. Her office is located inside Florida Therapy Center at 1990 W. New Haven Ave, Suite 105, Melbourne. Follow her on Facebook at Facebook.com/ DrRozana for specials and updates. DrRozDC.com. See ad, page 25.

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Treasure Coast Medium Shares Message

 $T^{ess}_{pleased to share a message she has}_{received and channeled from Arch Angel Gabrielle. Tetrault explains that this time is one of transformation. The situation provides time to turn within while we$



are quarantined. The message she received advises that we use the time constructively. Engage in activities that facilitate an easy connection to your spiritual connection such as music, prayer, meditation, and journaling. Try being creative or outside in nature, engage in a favorite hobby or just doing what you love. "While our conscious mind is busy with the task at hand, our subconscious mind is free to connect to higher realms of consciousness," says Tetrault. "This gives us the chance to slow down and listen. From that point guidance comes from a higher realm, for our best and highest outcomes."

Based on her channeled communication, Tetrault recommends, "This is the opportunity to continue the Earth's transformation toward love! One soul at a time starting with the self and rippling out through the energetic planes of existence. Move away from the vibration of fear to a new one of love and the future."

To read the complete channeling, please contact Tess Tetrault, The Treasure Coast Medium, at 772-200-0016 or email TessTheHealer@gmail.com.

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Soul Garden Art and Qi Gong, Where Art Meets Nature

rtReach of Vero Beach owner and practitioner Marcy Purdy is excited to invite clients into her outdoor space. "Enter into our garden, intentionally created to inspire calm, introspection and creativity in a peaceful and safe space," explains Purdy.



Purdy, owner of Twin Oaks

Professional Center in Vero Beach, is a certified Qi Gong instructor, and has been a Nationally Board-Certified Art Therapist for over 35 years in Vero Beach. Purdy goes on to explain her newest offerings, "It's important that each of us find a way to feel more in control of our own lives right now. By creating this space where art meets nature, clients can dig deep into their souls, weed out what no longer serves their higher purpose and plant seeds for their futures."

Purdy's Soul Garden Sessions can include painting, clay, papermache, mosaics, garden stones, soul collage, painted bamboo and Qi Gong...or any combination thereof. "Art is transforming, it can help individuals trade anxiety and fear for peace and serenity," says Purdy.

ArtReach is currently offering 'bring a friend" specials for first timers and tailored experiences for individuals. To schedule or for more info contact Marcy Purdy directly at 772-538-5532.

Psychic & the Genie 5 Year Anniversary Celebration

Teanne Mehltretter and Christopher Johansen, co-founders of Psychic & the Genie Metaphysical Store, invite you to join them in celebrating their five-year anniversary on Saturday, August 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will feature raffles, \$25



psychic readings and 20% off all merchandise at Psychic & The Genie and Genie's Gems stores, both located in downtown Stuart. Visitors can also add a little glimmer to their look with "fairy hair" colorful iridescent strands, free with any purchase.

"I would like to personally thank our amazing community for all the love and support we have received over the past five years," says Johansen. "We are nothing without you all."

Psychic & The Genie supports the community's small businesses by carrying their jewelry, books, local honey, home remedies, art and other local items. The store carries a variety of products and gifts for mind, body, and spirit including salt lamps, candles, essential oils, crystals, stones, incense and more.

Appointments for readings are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Location: Psychic & The Genie, 313 Colorado Ave in Stuart. For more information, call 772-678-6170 or visit PsychicNTheGenie.com. Near more from about psychic medium reading from Christopher Johansen in our video series at my-NA.com/Metaphysical.



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"Join me for this 12 -week workshop that will help you refocus your direction by addressing issues like boredom, excitement, feeling untethered, irritability, enthusiasm, and depression," says Baxter. "Using a simple set of mindfulness tools, you'll discover that everyone is creative, and that age is just a number."

The workshop uses Julia Cameron's latest book, *It's Never Too Late to Begin Again*. "Laura Ingalls Wilder published Little House In the Big Woods when she was 64. In 2015 Sam Waterston, Martin Sheen, Lily Tomlin, and Jane Fonda opened with the Netflix original: Grace and Frankie. Five years later, they entered their seventh season at ages 79, 79, 80, and 82, respectively, showing that it's never too late to find joy, passion, creativity, and direction," says Baxter.

The 12 -week program is offered on Tuesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. over Zoom, starting August 11. Tuition \$225. For more information, call Rev. Carol at 772-359-8924, email RevCarolBaxter@gmail.com or visit TheInspiredLivingCenter.com.

Calm and Empowered Hypnotic Recording Available on YouTube



Hypnotists from the Treasure Coast Chapter of the National Guild of Hypnotists are pleased to offer a hypnotic experience via YouTube for anyone who needs to feel less fear, calmer or even to feel more empowered. The group decided to share their skills by creating a recording to help create a more positive outlook

during the time of the pandemic.

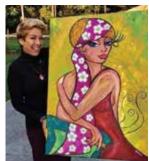
Organized by Elizabeth Campbell, president of the chapter and owner of TranceformU in Stuart, the hypnotists pooled their ideas during a virtual Zoom meeting. They each recorded their portion on whatever devices they had on hand, in their individual places of isolation. "Thanks to the internet, they could all be collected so that I could then put them into a useful recording," says Campbell. Her son, a composer, wrote the background music and helped her with the technical aspect of getting it onto YouTube.

"We are pleased we could create something useful to share with the world," says Campbell. "We invite you to listen and enjoy, taking from it what you like, and then to listen again and again, to reinforce whatever you like the most in the recording."

The recording can be found on the homepage of TranceformU.com. Elizabeth Campbell, TranceformU, 611 SW Federal Highway, Suite K-1, Stuart. 772-215-2985. TranceformU.com.

Ubuntu Fish Gallery Celebrates One Year Anniversary

Dana Sardano, owner of Ubuntu Fish Gallery (UFG), invites you to the One Year Anniversary Celebration of Ubuntu Fish Gallery on September 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. Meet featured artist, Dana Sardano, local artists, workshop facilitators, enjoy artwork, artwork giveaways, live music, and light refreshments.

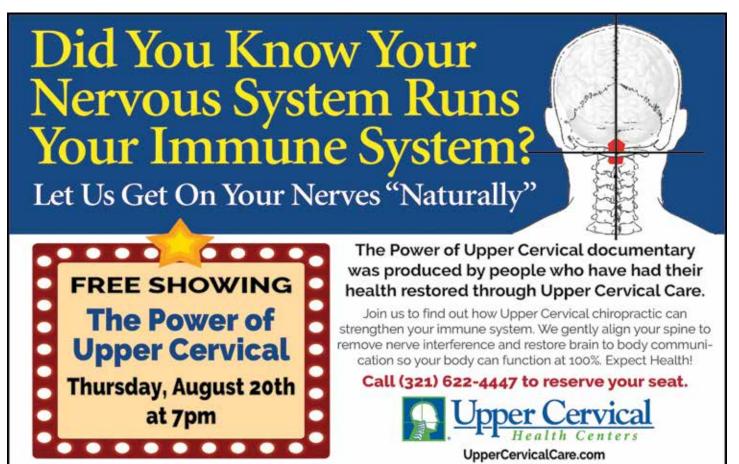


Ubuntu Fish is an artists' gallery created by artists for artists with the intent to provide a safe and comfortable environment to cultivate personal, creative and spiritual growth. Walk into UFG mystified and enamored by the space; walk out better off for having been there.

Ubuntu Fish offers individual spiritual readings, intuitive guidance, and hosts a variety of workshops and events designed for the development of spiritual and creative gifts including painting workshops, holistic wellness workshops, art in nature and personal growth workshops for children, and more.

"What we have learned through our own personal journeys is that spiritual connectedness and creativity go hand in hand. One may argue which came first, the chicken or the egg, but we contend that it doesn't matter. What does matter, however, is that these gifts flourish in tandem," says Sardano

Ubuntu Fish Gallery is located at 508 Osceola St. in Stuart. For more information, call 772-201-2931 or visit UbuntuFishGallery.com. See ad, page 41.



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"Write Your Cancer Story" Essay Contest Winners

cal Nonprofit Complementary Cancer Care honored cancer survivors for National Cancer Survivors Month by hosting a "Write Your Cancer Story" essay contest. Members of the general public were invited to submit an original essay inspired by a personal experience with cancer. The community was invited to vote and has selected the winners. Congratulation to first place winner: Norma Best Boucher, second place winner: Theresa Morrow and third place winner: Jani Stone.

"Thank you to all our courageous cancer survivor writers," says organizer Christina Tecson. "All cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers are invited to participate in Complementary Cancer Care's free support programs and activities."

Complementary Cancer Care partners with community experts and local resources to provide much needed support services to complement medical treatmentsuch as yoga, tai chi, meditation, art classes, educational speakers, peer support groups, and mental health counseling-at no cost to clients. These programs-designed to focus on movement and relaxation practices, creative expression, information, and support, among other benefits-are designed to help relieve the cancer burden and improve total quality of life. The goal is to connect people going through similar circumstances, to foster emotional support, and to provide tools and resources to educate and empower them on their journey to healing.

Read the essay stories online at CompCancerCare.org/cancer-stories.

business spotlight

LifeWorks Wellness Center Offers a Smorgasbord of Therapies



LifeWorks Wellness Center in Clearwater, Florida, co-owned by Dr. David Minkoff, M.D., and his wife Sue, a registered nurse, is one of the leading alternative medical clinics in the U.S. Since 1997, the clinic has been offering a comprehensive A to W menu of complementary therapies.

Starting with allergy elimination, Bio-Energy testing and bioidentical hormone replacement, the alphabet of services includes ultraviolet blood

irradiation therapy, the Vibra-Plate and well woman care, as well as hyperbaric oxygen therapy, IV therapy, ozone therapy, enhanced external counter pulsation, pulsed electromagnetic field therapy and many others in one facility. This means that patients don't have to be referred out to other healthcare practitioners that only specialize in individual modalities. That provides convenience not only for locals, but also for those that must travel from outside the area or state for Minkoff's optimal health approach.

A complementary and alternative healthcare expert, guest lecturer, writer and radio show guest and host, Minkoff's definition of optimal health is "a person whose body is in excellent condition, with plentiful energy and freedom from pain. The body of a person with optimum health should be able to deal with routine environmental stressors without breaking down and should be able to recover quickly after physical insults. Optimum health should allow a person trouble-free performance so that he or she can enjoy the maximum lifespan of his or her genetic endowment."

From years of experience, Minkoff, the clinic's medical director, knows that health is not a static state, but rather, "It is determined by the daily lifestyle choices you make and the inherited strengths and weaknesses of your body. All individuals have their own unique optimum health for their body. This optimum state is a condition that can be measured by both objective and subjective indicators."

LifeWorks is especially suitable for individuals with undefined and unresolved underlying health issues and has been successfully treating patients with a variety of stubborn conditions including Lyme disease, cancer, chronic fatigue, inflammation, thyroid issues and cardiovascular disease.

Minkoff is the author of *The Search for the Perfect Protein: The Key to Solving Weight Loss, Depression, Fatigue, Insomnia, and Osteoporosis* and writes the Optimum Health Report to empower individuals about their health.

LifeWorks Wellness Center is located at 301 Turner St., in Clearwater, FL. For more information or to make an appointment, call 727-466-6789. To sign up for a free subscription to the report, visit LifeWorksWellnessCenter.com/ Dr-David-Minkoff-Md-Health-Blog. See ad, page 47.

product spotlight Volcanic Ash Clay Masque Addresses Loose Skin and Cellulite

The Volcanic Ash Face and Body Masque by Volcanic Origins contains an earthly treasure of volcanic clay ash consisting of natural ingredients that help balance the skin's level of hydration. Suitable for all skin types, it provides an all-natural facelift that tightens loose skin and reduces puffiness, dark circles, crow's feet, fine lines under the eyes and sagging under-eye tissue.

Popular since 1988, the product is showcased worldwide at high-end spas, skincare clinics and beauty salons. Previously only available at beauty and health expos, the COVID-19 crisis has challenged Volcanic Ash Face and Body Mask creator and owner Bob Johnson to demonstrate for website viewers the immediate results expo attendees experience firsthand.

"Visible results—firmer, tighter and brighter skin from the simple test of applying the mask on one hand—sold the



product on the spot," says Johnson, who encourages individuals to see untouched before-and-after photos online. "We've appeared at over 1000 trade and consumer shows worldwide and have sold over 300,000 treatments and reorders."

The detoxifying masque heals the skin, improving conditions such as eczema, acne and psoriasis. "Super-penetrating, microscopic, absorbent particles, including zeolite, draw up damaging toxins and impurities. This instant surface detox shows actual face-lifting effects to loose skin on frontal neck, chin and jaw line areas," says Johnson. "Made with bentonite (volcanic ash clay) and kaolin clays, regular use also combats wrinkles, age spots, discolorations, melasma, large pores, acne and cellulite.

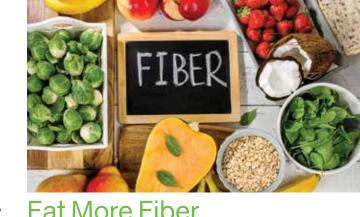
Good for the whole body, Johnson says, "With full body use of either the CBDinfused masque or the original, superabsorbent particles support an instant suction action on thighs and other surface cellulite-prone areas, promoting actual inch reduction appearance." Volcanic Origins, a cruelty-free company, never uses artificial colors, perfumes, dyes or other harmful chemical additives.

Online product discounts are available. No coupon required. No limit on the number of discounted masques. Wholesalers can contact the company. For more information, call 888-745-6806 or 305-776-5865 or visit VolcanicOrigins.com and Facebook. See ads, page 6 and 33.



Hug a Mate for a Happy Relationship

The more a couple shares affectionate hugs, kisses and cuddles, the more satisfied they are in the marriage, a new study from the State University of New York at Binghamton shows. It tested 184 heterosexual couples on the effects of non-sexual intimate touching like holding hands or cuddling while watching TV rather than actions intended to lead to sex. The more affection the couples routinely experienced, the more they felt satisfied with their partners' touch, even if they had "avoidant attachment styles" and ordinarily were more reserved with physical displays of affection. "Interestingly, there's some evidence that holding your partner's hand while you're arguing de-escalates the argument and makes it more productive," says lead author Samantha Wagner.



Eat More Fiber for a Longer Life

Eating the right kind of fiber lowers the risk of death from multiple causes, reports a new study in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Researchers from the University of Toronto followed more than 92,924 Japanese people 45 to 74 years old for nearly 20 years and found men that ate higher levels of dietary fiber had a 23 percent reduced risk of death compared to those that ate the least dietary fiber; the figure was 18 percent for women. The more dietary fiber people ate, the less likely they were to die from cardiovascular or respiratory diseases and injuries; it also protected against cancer mortality in men, but not women. Fiber from fruits, beans and vegetables, but not from cereals, was linked to lower mortality.

Avoid Toxic Chemicals to Prevent Celiac Disease

Children and young adults diagnosed with celiac disease have been found with elevated blood levels of toxic chemicals found in pesticides, nonstick cookware and fire retardants, reports a new study from the New York University Grossman School of Medicine published in Environmental Research. Researchers analyzed levels of toxic chemicals in the blood of 30 children and young adults ages 3 to 21 after being diagnosed with celiac disease. They compared those results to those of 60 other young people of similar age, sex and race.

Girls with higher than normal exposure to pesticides known as dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylenes were at least eight times more likely to have celiac disease. If they had elevated levels of perfluoroalkyls (nonstick chemicals found in products like Teflon), they were five to nine times more likely to have the disease. Boys were twice as likely to receive a celiac diagnosis if they had elevated blood levels of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (fire-retardant chemicals).

Find Calm Through Mediation

by Andrea Pearson

Worldwide people are adjusting to new norms that feel anything but normal. Many are having a difficult time with change which can lead to feelings of fear and anxiety. Meditation is a scientifically proven practice that can help calm the nervous system and boost the immune system. Meditation helps you focus on the present, which helps you gain perspective and feel safe. When you are in the present moment, you are not stressed out about the past or worrying about the future. Often people will say they can't meditate, or they don't know how. Here are some practical tips to help you get started.

Meditation is a practice, the more you do it, the easier it will become. It requires some patience and no expectations on yourself.

1 Get in a comfortable position. Some people like to sit upright, with hips slightly higher than knees. others prefer to lay on their backs.

2 Take a few deep breaths. Inhale through the nose, and then exhale out through your mouth. Your stomach should inflate like a balloon on the inhale and deflate on the exhale. Observe how your body feels. Relax your

- muscles. Allow your body to get settled in. Mindfully direct your breath to any areas of tension or tightness.
- Imagine your thoughts as clouds. Blow them away with each exhale and focus on your breath. Don't judge your thoughts. If you find it helpful, repeat a mantra to stay focused.
- 5 Inhale for 4 counts, hold at the top for 2, exhale for 4 counts, hold at the bottom for 2. Continue through this cycle.

Start with small increments and gradually add up to 20 minutes, twice a day, for optimal results.

7 Start reaping the rewards!

Andrea Pearson has a background in fitness and wellness. In March of 2020, following her passion to help others she opened Tranquility Haven Center in Stuart, with the intent to provide a safe community space for those interested in finding peace and balance in their lives. Visit TranquilityHavenCenter.com for class schedules or call 772-210-5172. Hear more tips to stay balanced in our video interview with Andrea Pearson at my-NA.com/ FindBalance.

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Bug Bites

Bumblebees Chew Leaves to Hasten Pollen Production When trying to establish colonies in early spring, bees rely on flower pollen as a protein source for raising

their young. Consuelo De Moraes, a chemical ecologist and entomologist at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich, in Switzerland, reported in Science that at least three species of bumblebees use their mouth parts to snip little confetti bits out of plant foliage, and that the biting gets more widespread when there's a pollen shortage. Experiments show that mustard and tomato plants nibbled by Bombus terrestris bees bloomed earlier than unbitten plants by days or weeks. In a caged-bee test, bumblebees trapped with non-blooming plants were more likely to poke holes in foliage after three days without pollen than a bee group buzzing among plentiful flowers. When researchers switched the bees' situations, those trapped without blooms started nibbling leaves, too. Professor of Biology Dave Goulson, at the University of Sussex, in England, says, "I can imagine that hungry bees unable to find flowers might try biting leaves in desperation."

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Hot Topic

Tropical Forests Face Climate Change Risk Tropical forests remove and absorb carbon from the atmosphere as they grow, and researchers estimate that despite current deforestation levels, they still hold more carbon than civilization has generated by burning coal, oil and natural



gas over the past 30 years. But as trees stressed by heat and drought due to global warming die and release their carbon, their ability to act as reservoirs will diminish. A global team of more than 200 researchers led by tropical ecologist Oliver Phillips, of Leeds University, measured more than half a million trees in 813 forests in 24 countries to calculate how much carbon the different forests now store, based on the height, diameter and species of each tree. Their research, published in Science, also looked at how carbon storage varied from place to place using data from 590 long-term monitoring plots. If warming reaches 2° C above preindustrial levels, the study found huge swaths of the world's tropical forests will begin to lose more carbon than they accumulate. Already, the hottest forests in South America have reached that point.

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Cooling Towers

More Nuclear Reactors on the Way

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is spending \$230 million this fiscal year to start building two new prototype nuclear reactors over the next seven years as part of an Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program. Both will be built in equal partnership



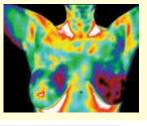
with an industrial firm and could receive up to \$4 billion in funding from the DOE. Commercial nuclear generators supply 20 percent of U.S. electrical power and 50 percent of our carbon-free energy. The inventory comprises 96 reactors, down from 113 in the early 1990s. More reactors are slated to close, and the nuclear industry's share of the electricity supply is expected to fall, yet engineers continue to develop designs for reactors they say will be safer and more efficient. Proponents of nuclear power doubt the program will spur construction of new commercial reactors as long as natural gas and renewable energy remain relatively cheap. Robert Rosner, a physicist at the University of Chicago, says, "New builds can't compete with renewables."



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WHOLE-BODY DENTISTRY Biological Dentists Get to the Root Causes

by Linda Sechrist

hile the majority of individuals may consider oral health as separate from overall health, the mouth and body are very much connected. Until the late 1970s, this was rarely acknowledged outside a circle of dental professionals, physicians and allied researchers involved in organizations such as the International Academy of Biological Dentistry and Medicine, The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT) and the Holistic Dental Association.

Dentists associated with these groups favor the use of preventive measures, a minimally invasive approach to dentistry and biocompatibility testing for all materials used in oral health procedures. Their individualized methodology and systemic health method of addressing the root causes frequently includes nutrition and lifestyle, providing patients with a less-toxic and safe experience for their overall health.

An important newcomer to this area is the myofunctional treatment system used in orthodontics for children 5 to 15 years old. Research in this field now points to the real causes for crooked teeth and incorrect jaw development—mouth breathing, tongue thrusting, reverse swallowing and thumb sucking (known as incorrect myofunctional habits), in addition to allergies, asthma and an openmouth posture.

Early interventions beyond conventional solutions

Iean Marie Nordin, DDS, co-owner of Groton Wellness, in Groton, Massachusetts, added pediatric orthodontics to her practice after learning about early innovative interventions from her mentor, James Bronson, DDS, of Bronson Family Dentistry, in McLean, Virginia. "Our program for children involves a comprehensive evaluation on the first visit. We look at breathing habits, the way their tongue swallows and the function of the muscles. In medicine, we believe that form follows function: therefore, we observe what muscles around the mouth actually do when the individual swallows. It is really the way you breathe and swallow, as well as how the muscles work, that plays a significant role in where teeth end up and line up," explains Nordin, who identifies problems in patients between 2 and 5 years old.

"We can start them on a removable Myobrace mouthpiece that can be worn at night and an hour during the day. The mouthpiece begins to change the way the tongue works, waking it up and strengthening it. If a child is born with the physiological problem of a tongue-tie that can't swallow properly or get up onto the palate, that tongue will never expand the palate like it's supposed to," she clarifies.

For chronic mouth-breathers, the face grows long and narrow, which in the long term can cause cardiovascular disease. In the short term, it can cause anxiety, because the nitric oxide receptors located in the nose signal arteries and veins to relax. "A cardiologist knows about this phenomenon," says Nordin, who notes that the dysfunction can be unwound before a child turns 9.

While early interceptive myofunctional orthodontic treatment methods such as Myobrace appliances have proven effective for children, there's also good news for adults that suffer from breathing problems which cause sleep apnea, says Nordin, who employs a myofunctional gallego morell/Shutterstock.com



therapist. Orofacial myofunctional therapy is neuromuscular reeducation of the oral facial muscles via a series of exercises that work with the muscles of the lips, tongue, cheeks and other parts of the face.

Early intervention and role modeling

"Parents can begin playing a pivotal role in how their children care for their teeth, as well as how they feel and behave in the dentist's office, as early as age 1. I encourage every mother to bring their child to an appointment. They can hold the child in their lap so they can watch me caring for mom's teeth. Generally, by the time they are alone in my chair, they aren't frightened," advises Pentti Nupponen, a doctor of dental medicine and owner of the Halifax Center for Holistic & Cosmetic Dentistry, in Halifax, Pennsylvania.

Chris Kammer, a doctor of dental surgery and owner of Gums of Steel Oral Hygiene Transformation, in Middleton, Wisconsin, also suggests early interceptive treatments for young children. "Early treatments with removable appliances which expand the arch in the roof dome, influence bone growth and make room for incoming teeth can be performed by general dentists," says Kammer, who notes that a proper diet may help prevent crowding of teeth, as well as malocclusion, or misalignment, of upper and lower teeth.

Gum and heart disease

Doctors practicing functional medicine are more likely to refer patients to biological and holistic dentists. Cardiologists are particularly aware of a 2014 American Journal of Preventive Medicine study in which researchers looked at individuals with gum and heart disease. Individuals that received adequate care for gum disease had 10 to 40 percent lower cardiovascular care costs than those who didn't get proper oral care. Another study revealed that gum disease increases an individual's risk of heart disease by approximately 20 percent. Given such evidence, the American Dental Association and American Heart Association have acknowledged the relationship between the two diseases.

By neglecting important ongoing research regarding new and old dental practices, as well as orthodontics, mainstream media has largely left the public in the dark regarding problems associated with root canals, mercury amalgam fillings and some dental implants.

Root canals, tooth extractions and gum disease

Iveta Iontcheva-Barehmi, owner of Boston Dental Wellness, in Brookline, Massachusetts, takes a holistic and biological approach to dentistry founded on the philosophy that everything within the whole body is connected. "Teeth are related to organs, tissues and glands along the body's meridians, energy channels through which the life force flows," says the integrative periodontist, who prefers extracting teeth when necessary and using zirconium implants rather than performing a root canal.

Iontcheva-Barehmi explains, "It's logical that the connection between the meridians and teeth can indicate an individual's overall health and wellness. Tooth extractions protect patients from tooth-related disease and systemic infections that can be harmful to overall health. A failing root canal is a chronic abscess around the root of the tooth. It has a direct connection with the bloodstream and disseminates infection through the whole body. This is the reason why holistic dentists recommend extractions." She believes the best research on this was done by Weston Price, a Canadian dentist and pioneering nutritionist.

Treating gum disease

To treat gum disease, Amparo David, DMD, owner of Dentistry by Dr. David and the founder of the TMJ & Sleep Therapy Center of New England, in Bolton, Massachusetts, refers patients to the periodontist she keeps on staff. "I can tell that a patient has internal inflammation by looking at the gums and tongue. Gum disease has been linked to health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and premature births or low-birth weight babies," says David, whose preventive and healing suggestions for healthy gums includes chewable oral probiotics, daily coconut oil pulling, consisting of swishing a tablespoon of oil in the mouth for 15 to 20 minutes to reduce harmful bacteria there and on the teeth. She also recommends flossing with an electric toothbrush and a Waterpik. "I suggest adding one or two drops of tea tree oil and iodine to the water in the pick," notes David, who urges patients to eat less sugar and carbohydrates and more vegetables, proteins and fruits.

"We treat gums with ozone after a deep cleaning because it kills bacteria on contact. Patients maintain healthier gums using ozonated oils twice a day and by using a good toothpaste with no glycerine or fluoride," says David, who notes that temporomandibular mandibular joint (TMJ) problems are tied to sleep disorders. "Many adolescents have TMJ problems, and sometimes experience this after extraction or retraction orthodontics."

Despite the slow trickle of related information to the public and the lack of acknowledgement by the majority of dental professionals, these new philosophies and biological dental protocols are definitely improving overall health and wellness. According to the IAOMT, a dentist that chooses to put biocompatibility testing first can look forward to practicing effective dentistry while knowing that patients are being provided with the safest experience for their overall health.

Linda Sechrist is a senior staff writer for Natural Awakenings.

DENTISTRY'S Bigger Picture

by Linda Sechrist



Reading through a list of titles for today's TV shows and watching movie trailers, it obvious that viewers love watching professionals solve crimes with forensic science that analyzes physical evidence piece by piece. While 'forensic scientist' is a broad term reserved for crime scene investigators, it might be applicable to holistic and integrative dentists, who know how to collect clues and fit together the pieces of a patient's health puzzle, starting with the mouth. From their holistic perspective, dentistry is a whole-body, whole-person experience.

In the hands of skilled holisticallyoriented dentists such as Chris Edwards DDS ND, of the Smile Design & Wellness Center in Rockledge, or Claire Stagg, DDS MS FAACP, owner of Health Connections Dentistry in Indian Harbour Beach, patients feel confident knowing that beyond dental school and many years of hands-on practice, much time and money has been invested in continued education. Their form of non-toxic dentistry integrating mind, body and mouth requires that they stay abreast of the latest research.

Smile Design & Wellness Center

"The general public is somewhat aware of the connection between mouth and body, especially that an unhealthy mouth presents a greater risk of heart attack and stroke. Many can't relate it to themselves, as there is no pain. Trouble starts with the silent killer – inflammation," says Edwards, a biological dentist also known as Dr. Xylitol. Inflammation under the gum leads to "leaky gum" which allows bacteria to enter the bloodstream.

After 42 years of practice, Edwards is still passionate about dentistry, particularly the subject of the microbiome, a collection of trillions of microbes living on and in the body. "Streptococcus mutans, an acid producing bacteria in the oral cavity, causes tooth decay. Xylitol is my number one game changer because it changes the ecology of the mouth rendering streptococcus mutans unable to replicate well, secrete acid, and dissolve tooth enamel," advises Edwards. "A favorable pH, good diet and hygiene can reverse the beginning breakdown of the enamel. Patients are fascinated to look at their Live Plaque Analysis on a Darkfield Microscope, when they see the activity of their own bacteria swimming through their saliva."

For precision, Edwards works with a surgical microscope and a high definition monitor situated above the patient. "It's all about illumination and magnification. When performing an extraction, any pathology is perceptible all the way to the bone. This allows me to be certain that my laser clears away all infected tissues," he says.

During examinations, Edwards educates patients with a video tour of the mouth. He slips a periodontal probe under the gum. If the gum bleeds, he points out that this is inflammation and explains that the gum is the first protective barrier against inflammation in the body. He helps patients get to the root cause of their conditions and disease. "I have a lot of other technology, such as ozone, air abrasion, Platelet-rich Fibrin (PRF) and Cerec to better serve patients," he remarks.

Health Connections Dentistry by The Smile Professionals

When considering parenthood, it's doubtful that anyone thinks far into the future to imagine a child's long-term health problems that might result from decisions made about their teeth even before they appear. Stagg and one of her early mentors, Dr. Darick Nordstrom, creator of the Advanced Light Force (ALF) appliance concept and founder of the ALF InterFACE Academy, do understand the impact. "Darick is the genius who developed the functional dental appliances that I also use. His intention and mine is to improve a patient's overall health, beauty and functions such as smiling, eating and breathing for a higher quality of life. The ALF designs simulate forces to the jaws and head that nature intended, and deals with the root causes of TMJ, sleep

apnea and other sleep related breathing disorders. One of the reasons that holistic oriented dentists, such as myself, can see the need for early craniofacial intervention is because we see patients, from childhood to adulthood, and know from our hours of continued education courses how everything is connected," advises Stagg.

"Without the development of proper nasal breathing, swallowing and balanced cranial function, teeth will crowd and faces as well as necks and bodies may grow crooked. Once you know this you can't go back. The journey becomes one of figuring out the best options for the patient rather than applying cookie cutter solutions," explains Stagg, who notes that patients frequently have the potency of their prescriptions reduced and the pressure on their CPAP machines changed after she orally treats the root cause of their health challenges.

Stagg's patients have the convenience of an onsite Complex Motion Cranial Tomographic (CMCT) Imaging unit that allows practical, positional and highly

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diagnostic 2D radiographic images of jaw joints and head, as well as a Cone Beam Computed Tomography unit for 3-D imaging to see and measure how closed a patient's airway volume is, and what type of treatments and appliance therapies are best suited to allow proper air intake.

Stagg has written a book detailing her professional journey as well as how oral health connects to overall health in language that lay people can understand. "When the public has a better understanding of the benefits of this kind of dentistry, there will be more demand for it."

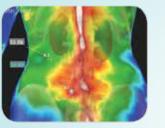
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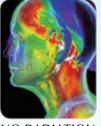
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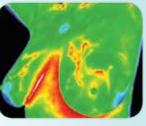
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HEALING WATERS Hot Baths Rejuvenate Body and Mind

by Marlaina Donato

own to our very cells, water is the foundation of life. In the ancient Greco-Roman world, bathing in hot mineral springs and cool saltwater was a common ritual for better health, and spaces dedicated to baths were considered sacred. Stepping into a warm tub harkens back to the safety of the womb while offering abundant health benefits. Opting for a bath instead of a shower can not only help minimize headaches, insomnia, menstrual cramps, depression and chronic pain, but soothe a burnt-out nervous system. It can also enliven stagnant blood and lymphatic fluids, enabling metabolic waste to be carried out of the body through perspiration.

"Hydrotherapy is used in many natural health systems for a wide variety of ailments from inflammation to nervous system dysfunction and skin conditions. Whether you have access to a bathtub or not, there are many ways you can apply these traditional practices to your own self-care routine," says Marlene Adelmann, herbalist and founder of the Herbal Academy, in Bedford, Massachusetts.

Whether we step into a full-body tub or a foot basin, water is a balm for the modern spirit bogged down by information overload and world events. "Taking time away in the sanctuary of warm water allows us to slip into a different state of mind and to release the energetic armor we defend ourselves with, as well as recuperate and heal internally," says Kiva Rose Hardin, herbalist and co-editor of *Plant Healer* magazine, in New Mexico.

Insulin Sensitivity, Pain and Depression

A good bath can lower chronic systemic inflammation associated with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia. It can also impact how the body uses insulin. A 2018 study published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology* shows that immersion in hot water counters low-grade inflammation and increases glucose metabolism in individuals unable to exercise.

Hot baths relax muscles by promoting blood circulation through the tissues and prompting the nervous system into a calming parasympathetic mode. Coldwater soaks—preferably in the morning provide perks that include boosting immunity and increasing depressionzapping endorphins such as dopamine.

A Handful of Nature

The skin is our largest organ, and what we put into the bath affects us from the outside-in. Bentonite clay for detoxing and Dead Sea salts for pain are great choices. Studies going back to the 1990s show significant, lasting effects of Dead Sea salts on those with osteoarthritis of the knee, as well as rheumatoid arthritis.

Fortifying the bath with Epsom salts, evaporated sea salt or Himalayan pink salt is highly beneficial. "Himalayan salt has 84 valuable trace minerals, including potassium, magnesium and sodium. It draws out toxins, cleanses the skin and helps cleanse the body energetically," says Hellen Yuan, founder of the bath product company Hellen, in Brooklyn.

Adding bundles of fresh or dried herbs or snipping them into sachets can strengthen immune response and provide a welcome antidote to workrelated stress. "Aromatic herbs and essential oils are inhaled through our olfactory system and make a beeline to our brains, signaling that it's time to relax or feel energized," says Adelmann, who emphasizes practical common sense. "Although flowers and leaves floating in the tub make for lovely social media posts, most household plumbing cannot handle big, bulky plant material. The simplest way to add herbs to a bath is by making a super-concentrated tea." Hardin concurs, recommending fresh or dried lavender, flowering goldenrod tops, holy basil leaves (tulsi, Ocimum tenuiflorum) or calendula blossoms.

Sacred Waters

Baths are good medicine for both genders. "Men carry so much stress in their bodies and typically hold in a lot of tension. A good bath brew eases the muscles and replenishes the mind and soul," says Yuan.

Bathing can be the ultimate sacred offering to the body. From her woodfired outdoor tub at the edge of a starlit mesa, Hardin advises, "Efforts need not be expensive or time-consuming. Just focused intent will inherently return a sufficient degree of sensuality, magic and beauty to the bath."

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Essential Oils and Safety Tips

From Hellen Yuan: Foot baths are a great alternative to a full-body bath because of the 72,000-plus nerve endings in our feet and the six acupuncture meridian points.

From Marlene Adelmann: Essential oils should always be properly diluted and dispersed in oil, thick aloe vera leaf gel, Castile soap or a dispersing agent such as Solubol. Water, alcohol and hydrosol are not safe carriers, as they do not disperse the essential oils.

For aromatherapy bath salts, dilute essential oils in a small amount of oil before stirring into the salt. For nut allergies, avoid almond oil.

Nourishing Additions Add Zing to Bath Waters

Organic apple cider vinegar: 1 cup to a bath to balance skin pH levels, combat yeast infections and soothe sunburn

Himalayan salt: 1/2 cup to bath water for acne, eczema and psoriasis

Dead Sea salts or sea salt: 1/2 cup to bath water for psoriasis and arthritis pain

Chamomile flowers or organic, dried rose petals:

1 extra-strong cup to bath water for relaxation and better sleep or use herbs gathered in a muslin bag or sock and steep in the bath

Ginger: ¹/₂ cup shredded fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon ginger powder to bath water for increasing the body's chi, boosting immunity and relieving pain. Follow-up with a shower to rinse off perspiration (contraindicated in the presence of high blood pressure, diabetes or a history of heart disease)

Epsom salts: ½ cup added to the bath to fortify magnesium and boost serotonin, which can increase energy and stamina, decrease irritability and adrenaline, lower blood pressure, increase concentration and improve sleeping habits

Essential oils: 5 to 7 drops mixed well into bath salts—lavender (for nervous system support), eucalyptus or tea tree (congestion, colds, flu), geranium (adrenal and reproductive hormonal support), pine or fir needle (adrenal and nervous system support)

Marlene Adelmann's Go-to Bath Recipes:

Herbal Bath De-Stress Tea

¹/₄ cup lemon balm leaves¹/₄ cup peppermint leaves

¹⁄₄ cup chamomile flowers ¹⁄₄ cup rose petals

Combine herbs together in a 2-quart jar. Pour 2 quarts boiling water over herbs and let steep for 15 minutes. Strain tea and discard or compost herbs. Pour tea into bath and enjoy.

Herbal Bath Salts

2 cups Epsom salt ½ cup baking soda 1 cup sea salt 2 Tbsp carrier oil 20 drops lavender essential oil

Put salts and baking soda in a bowl and combine thoroughly. Combine essential oil with carrier oil in a small bowl. Add essential oil mixture to salt mixture. Store in a glass jar for 6 to 12 months. Use 1 to 2 cups per bath.



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healthy kids



Strong and Healthy Five Ways to Strengthen Kids' Immunity

by Ronica O'Hara

ith American children increasingly afflicted with asthma and allergies, it's critical to help them build up their natural immunity. Microbial ecologist Jack Gilbert, Ph.D., of the University of California San Diego School of Medicine, co-founder of the crowdsourced American Gut Project, advises, "Furry pets, the outdoors, dirt in the backyard, forests-life!"

As the co-author of Dirt Is Good: The Advantage of Germs for Your Child's Developing Immune System, Gilbert is part of an emerging scientific consensus called the "hygiene hypothesis", which posits that excessive sterility-being overzealous in protecting our children from germs and other microbes—can dampen the ability of their bodies to fight off allergens and infections. "As a species, we have evolved in a world full of microbes, and our immune systems have developed to cope with that," he says. "The immune system needs to be used and trained by exposure to the world around it." From birth onward, here are some proven strategies that strengthen kids' immune systems.

Start off right with natural birth and breastfeeding: One

in three babies in the U.S. is born by caesarean section, and about half the

time it's optional rather than necessaryperhaps because parents don't understand that babies born in this manner have been shown to have altered immune development, reduced gut microbiome diversity and a higher risk of developing allergies, atopy and asthma in the short term, with a long-term risk of obesity, according to a study published in The Lancet. Likewise, breast-feeding protects against the likelihood of viruses, eye and urinary tract infections, inflammatory bowel disease, gastroenteritis, lymphoma, leukemia, and Type 1 and 2 diabetes, reports the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Feed them the right foods: Provide lots of antioxidant-rich fruits, veggies and fiber—organic when possible—while avoiding processed foods. "The intestinal lining of the gastrointestinal tract serves as the body's first line of defense against many pathogens. Through certain strains of probiotics and prebiotics found in whole food, we can help landscape our child's intestinal microbiome to create a positive effect on their innate and adaptive immune responses," says Krystal Plonski, a Seattle naturopathic physician with a pediatric focus.

Avoid cleaning toxins: The COVID-19 pandemic has many of us reaching for virus-zapping bleach disinfectants, but Gilbert advises not to overuse them. Once the viral threat is past, it's wise to go back immediately to natural cleaners like vinegar and baking soda. A 2015 study in Occupational & Environmental Medicine of more than 9,000 children ages 6 to 12 in Spain, Holland and Finland found the incidence of infections such as flu, tonsillitis, sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia was more prevalent in homes where bleach was used.

Get them outside around dirt:

Whether toddlers are making mud L pies, older kids are growing gardens or teens are kicking up dust on the sports field, childrens' immune systems thrive when they meet the microbial richness of dirt and the vitamin-D boost of the sunny outdoors. In a study in *The New* England Journal of Medicine that focused on two technology-free communities, Amish children that lived and worked at old-fashioned family dairy farms had a quarter and a fifth the rate of asthma and allergies, respectively, as Hutterite children that lived off-site from their community's large industrialized farms. Georgetown University researchers report that sunlight, besides producing vitamin D, energizes infection-fighting T-cells in the skin that play a central role in human immunity.

Get them a pet: The dirt, germs and fur that dogs and cats bring to a house may be just what young immune systems need. Finnish researchers following 397 babies found those that grew up in homes with pets were 44 percent less likely to develop an ear infection and 29 percent less likely to receive antibiotics than pet-free babies. Canadian researchers found that babies from families with pets—70 percent of which were dogs-showed higher levels of two types of microbes linked to lower risks of becoming allergic and obese. They theorize that exposure to dirt and bacteria early in life-for example, in a dog's fur and on its paws—can create early immunity.

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COOL TREATS FOR CATS AND DOGS

by Tonya Wilhelm

Spending quality time with our pets is always a win, especially if it's in the kitchen. Pet treats can be more than tasty; if we use the right ingredients, they can be downright nutritional. Stop at a favorite local health store to pick up the ingredients to prepare these easy and cool pet treats.

Berry Delicious

Basil isn't just a culinary herb—it improves digestion, delivers anti-inflammatory properties and antioxidants, strengthens the immune system and helps to detoxify the liver. It's perfect for this summertime frozen snack.

Blueberries aren't the only healthy berries. Blackberries are full of vitamin C, high in fiber, manganese and antioxidants, are a good source of vitamin K and offer antibacterial and anti-inflammatory attributes. Coconut oil provides vitamins and minerals, is antibacterial, antiviral and has antifungal properties, making it a good choice for yeasty dogs. It also aids in digestion, although too much of a good thing can cause diarrhea. Berries are a great treat for pets. Raspberries contain quercetin, a naturally occurring flavonoid that reduces inflammation.

Yields: Depends on size of molds

1 cup coconut oil ¹/₂ cup blackberries ¹/₂ cup raspberries 1 Tbsp basil leaves

Place the coconut oil in a pan over low heat. Stir until melted and set aside. Place the blackberries, raspberries and basil leaves into a mixer and blend.

Add the melted coconut oil into the mixer and blend ingredients together.

Place a silicone ice cube mold on a cookie sheet for support. The smaller the cavities, the better.

Pour the mix into the molds and place in the freezer.

Once frozen, pop out treats and store in a glass container in the freezer.

Serve one frozen treat to each pet every few days.

Sardines and Milk

This frozen pet treat will delight both dogs and cats. Not only will they enjoy this treat, but it offers a powerhouse of nutrition. Sardines provide pets with healthy fats such as eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), otherwise known as omega-3 fatty acids. They also provide vitamin D_3 , B_{12} , coenzyme Q_{10} and amino acids. Not bad for a small fish.

Cow's milk for pets is pretty much a no-no. They do not tolerate its high level of alpha-s1-casein protein. Goat's milk, on the other hand, contains extremely low to no amounts of this protein, and so allows better absorption of the nutrients. Goat's milk also supplies essential nutrients such as iron, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, vitamin B_5 and A, as well as healthy fats, enzymes and minerals, making it a good choice for the liquid component in this frozen treat.

Yields: Depends on size of molds

1 can (3.75 oz) wild-caught sardines in water

1 cup goat's milk, raw or fermented is best

Place the ingredients into a mixer and blend. Place a silicone ice cube mold on a cookie sheet for support. The smaller the cavities, the better.

Pour the mix into the molds and place in the freezer.

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Cooling and Soothing

Blueberries are quite popular as a healthy fruit for good reason. They are the most antioxidant fruit around. Because they contain natural compounds called anthocyanins, which are flavonoids, blueberries help protect against cardiovascular disease. They also have high amounts of EPA and DHA, making these little berries quite the superfood.

Carrots offer a great crunch. They also are a fine source of betacarotene, vitamin A, fiber and potassium. Not just a calming herb, lavender is also anti-inflammatory and even aids in digestion. Strawberries are fragrant and tasty, and also provide vitamins C and B_o, magnesium and potassium. These sweet fruits are rich in antioxidants.

Yields: Depends on size of molds

¹/₂ cup blueberries ¹/₂ cup carrots ¹/₂ cup strawberries 1 Tbsp dried lavender

Place the ingredients in a mixer and blend.

Place a silicone ice cube mold on a cookie sheet for support. The smaller the cavities, the better.

Pour the mix into the molds and place in the freezer.

Once frozen, pop out treats and store in a glass container in the freezer.

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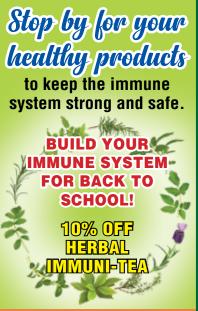
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Mustafa Santiago Ali on Healing America Through Social Justice

by Sandra Yeyati

We stafa Santiago Ali has dedicated his career to fighting for environmental justice, public health, resource equity and political empowerment to uplift the most vulnerable communities in America. For 24 years, he served at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is currently vice president of environmental justice, climate and community revitalization for the National Wildlife Federation. He is a renowned public speaker and has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, VICE TV, Black Entertainment Television, Democracy Now! and other networks.

Does the Black Lives Matter movement feel different than other moments in our history?

Yes. This is a transformational moment. So many different types of folks are coming together in large numbers, not just in our country, but across the planet, saying that change has to happen and



we have to eliminate systemic racism and discrimination. They want the 21st century to look like the 21st century, and not something from the 1950s or the 1940s or even the 1960s.

How can we keep the momentum going?

By bringing all kinds of different folks together, building authentic coalitions that are rooted in change, harvesting the energy



of this moment and making sure that the right types of legislation—whether at the federal, state, county or local level—are reflective of what people are asking for. Then we focus on getting engaged in the civic process—voting.

Dr. King said, "I cannot pass legislation to make you love me, but I can pass legislation to stop you from lynching me." When we fast forward that to today, we can pass legislation that addresses social ills, disparities and other egregious types of behaviors. We can also make sure that our organizations are representative of what America looks like—in our hiring practices and on our boards—and make sure that our philanthropic organizations are moving in the right direction where they are helping to fund and support folks who are doing this transformative work. It really is a holistic set of actions.

How do you remain hopeful in light of America's turbulent history?

I see many artists and entertainers who are getting engaged in an effective way, and they have the ability to reach so many folks. Even more critical are the thousands upon thousands of incredible young leaders who are pushing, willing to put their bodies on the line, creating their own organizations and investing their time to make real change happen.

I see people at the local and state level changing laws that have been entrenched for decades. I see organizations that would not normally see themselves in these types



of conversations or actions saying, "You are right. I apologize for not being here sooner, but we're going to do everything we can now to stand in solidarity with this change that's happening." My hope is anchored in the fact that people are already doing the work and we're seeing fruits from the seeds that people planted sometimes hundreds of years ago, but definitely decades ago.

What kind of justice are you fighting for?

We're fighting for housing, transportation, economic and public health justice, and of course, the environment.

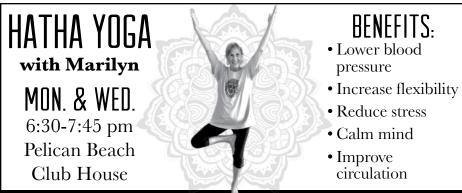
Which vulnerable communities are you fighting for?

I fight for communities of color. I fight for lower-wealth white communities. I fight for indigenous brothers and sisters. And I fight for the planet. I know that disproportionately, these are the communities that are often unseen and unheard, and I know if we can give voice to those communities, then it will benefit everyone. Social justice gives us the opportunity to make America whole—to be stronger and better, as we become anchored in real justice. We have to be focused on moving our most vulnerable communities from surviving to thriving.

What is your contribution to the National Wildlife Federation?

I sat down with President Collin O'Mara to have real conversations about what a 21stcentury organization and their 6 million members would look like. I thought that if I could get 10 or 20 percent of those members to embrace environmental justice and to stand in solidarity with folks, then that could help the movement and make real change happen. The National Wildlife Federation board has just approved a full environmental justice analysis of all of its programs, policies, activities and budgeting decisions. No other organization in our country does that, and it sends a clear message to all the other organizations that are out there that these are the types of things you have to do to be a 21st-century organization.

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No-Waste Garden Edibles Ways to Maximize Your Garden's Bounty

by April Thompson

ost gardens are loaded with delicious, nutritious food that goes uneaten and overlooked, from edible greens like sweet potato leaves to flavorful flowers like tulips, marigolds and wisteria. Getting better acquainted with the edible parts of common backyard plants opens up a world of culinary possibilities. With continued concerns around potential exposure to COVID-19, maximizing a garden's bounty while minimizing trips to the grocery store is an added benefit.

"Food foraged from your backyard is fresher, tastier and cheaper than storebought food," says Ellen Zachos, the Santa Fe author of *Backyard Foraging: 65 Familiar Plants You Didn't Know You Could Eat.* "There is also the novelty factor. People don't expect to be served a BBQ sauce made from crabapples or a curd made with flowering quince fruit. You simply can't buy those flavors."

Many plants and trees commonly thought of as being ornamental have edible parts. Hostas are a common one that Zachos loves to nibble on as much as the deer do. "You can harvest at a couple stages: First, when spears are poking up and the leaves have not unfurled. A little later in the season, you can blanch them and put in a stir fry or quiche, or roast them as you would asparagus," explains Zachos.

Roses are another multipurpose ornamental, with organically grown rose

petals making aromatic additions to sweet or spicy treats. Leaving the roses to decay after the first frost rather than dead-heading them yields rose hips rich in vitamin C for teas and jams.

Tip-to-Root Eating

Several common vegetables are edible from leaf to root, including broccoli, beets, chard and radishes, says Josh Singer, a garden specialist with the U.S. Department of Parks and Recreation, in Washington, D.C., who teaches classes on "alternative edibles" from the garden. "One of my favorite recipes is a hummus made with chard stalks in place of chickpeas. It's so creamy and delicious."

Singer also cites borage, passionflower and squash flowers as favorite floral foods. "Unfortunately, it does mean making a hard choice between having beautiful flowers in your garden and eating them," he adds. "It can also mean the plant not producing fruit or vegetables, but you can hand-pollinate female flowers in the case of squash and just use the male flowers for cooking. They make delicious fritters."

Marie Viljoen, author of *Forage, Harvest, Feast: A Wild-Inspired Cuisine* cookbook, has one tip for daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*) that overagressively multiply: eat them. "Daylilies are nose-to-tail eating: their tender, cooked shoots are as melt-in-yourmouth as leeks, and their firm, underground tubers are delicious snacks, raw or cooked. I like to roast them with olive oil, like mini-home fries," says the New York City forager, instructor and chef. "Their buds are juicy snacks and their open, fresh flowers are edible—and stunning in a salad—but so are the older, dried flowers, the so-called 'golden needles' that one can sometimes find in Chinese stores." Viljoen cautions that a small percentage of people have a bad reaction to daylilies, and they should be eaten in moderation, especially when trying them for the first time.

Lindsay-Jean Hard, a food writer in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and author of *Cooking with Scraps: Turn Your Peels, Cores, Rinds, and Stems into Delicious Meals*, points out some common fruits with edible greens. Strawberry greens can be used to make a pesto or flavor water. Tomato leaves can flavor a tomato sauce (sparingly, as they pack a strong taste)—a tip found in Harold McGee's On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen.

Carrot tops and celery leaves also make great pesto, says Tama Matsuoka Wong, a New Jersey forager, chef and author of *Foraged Flavor: Finding Fabulous Ingredients in Your Backyard or Farmer's Market.* While pea shoots have gotten to be a trendy item on many menus, Wong says they have long been an off-menu item at Chinese restaurants. "You won't find it on the menu, but Chinese people eat pea shoots instead of beans all winter long, often stir fried with sesame oil, garlic and bamboo shoots."

Many scrappy cooks know to use garden produce that fails to ripen before the season ends or bolts too soon. Singer uses unripe tomatoes to make green tomato chili, muffins and bread, whereas Hard likes working with flowers from bolted herbs and greens, including arugula, basil, chives, chervil, kale, sage, rosemary and others. "I mainly use them as garnishes, but every year, I make a batch of chive blossom vinegar," she says.

Leaving a plant like cilantro to bolt and flower not only feeds pollinators, but also provides free spices at the season's end, says Singer. Simply let cilantro dry on the stalk, then gather the seed pods for homeharvested coriander seeds. Letting annuals go to seed (and saving the seeds) provides the start for next year's food plot.

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Flower-ful Feasts

photo by Penny De Los Santos



Kale Stem Hummus

Yields: 6-8 servings 1 cup dried chickpeas 1 tsp baking soda Stems from 1 bunch kale 3 garlic cloves, minced ³ cup tahini 1 tsp fine-grain sea salt ³ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice Ice water Extra-virgin olive oil for serving

The night before making the hummus, put the chickpeas in a large bowl, cover them with at least twice their volume of water and leave to soak overnight at room temperature.

The next day, drain and rinse the chickpeas. Put them, along with the baking soda, in a medium-size pot over high heat. Stir constantly for about 3 minutes.

Add 6 to 8 cups water until the chickpeas are covered by a few inches, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, cover the pot and simmer until the chickpeas are very tender—45 to 60 minutes—checking on them occasionally to skim off any foam on the surface.

Skim off any chickpea skins that float up as well, but there's no need to try to remove the skins if they don't come off. They were softened by the baking soda and will blend smoothly into the hummus. Meanwhile, fill another medium-size pot with water and bring to a boil. Add the kale stems and cook until they are very tender, 30 to 45 minutes. Drain them.

Blend the kale stems, garlic and tahini in a food processor, scraping down the sides as necessary until well blended.

Once the chickpeas are cooked, drain them, add them to the kale stem mixture in the food processor along with the salt and lemon juice, and process until smooth.

Add 2 tablespoons of ice water and process until the hummus is very smooth and creamy, about 5 minutes. Add up to 2 additional tablespoons, one at a time, and process again as necessary.

To serve, spoon into a shallow bowl and drizzle with olive oil.

Note: The hummus can be stored in the refrigerator for 3 to 5 days or frozen for up to 3 months. After thawing frozen hummus, we might need to adjust the seasoning—taste and add salt and lemon juice as necessary. Also, try this hummus with other scraps like Swiss chard stalks or cauliflower cores. Follow the same cooking method as outlined, boiling until very tender, 15 to 30 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Cooking with Scraps, *by Lindsay-Jean Hard*.

Natural Awakenings recommends using organic, non-GMO (genetically modified) and non-bromated ingredients whenever possible.

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Daylily Salad

This strikingly beautiful salad marries the sweet crunch of pea pods with crisp orange daylily petals and creamy cheese. Eat the flowers in moderation.

6 daylily flowers (Hemerocallis fulva)
2 cups snap peas or fresh garden peas in pods
2 Tbsp soft goat cheese (can substitute vegan cheese or leave out for a vegan version)

- 2 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp aged balsamic vinegar

2 field garlic flower heads, separated

With a sharp knife, slit some of the flowers down the middle. (Remove the anthers and the pistil if following traditional Chinese preparation.) Top and tail the peapods if they have strings. Split half of them down the middle to expose the peas.

Arrange the peas and flowers on a plate. If using cheese, crumble and scatter across the salad. At this point, the salad can be covered and chilled to make it ahead of time.

To serve, drizzle first the sesame oil, then the soy and balsamic vinegar, across the top. Finish with the field garlic flowers. Serve within 10 minutes.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Forage, Harvest, Feast: A Wild-Inspired Cuisine by Marie Viljoen, (Chelsea Green Publishing).

Daylily and Zucchini Curry with Sweet Potato Shoots

This comforting vegan curry sings with the flavors of summer's vegetables, herbs and garden scraps.

Yields: 2 servings

- 2 Tbsp avocado oil
- 3 Tbsp microplaned or very finely chopped fresh ginger
- 2 heads green garlic and cloves, separated
- 3 mature garlic cloves, crushed fine
- 1 can coconut milk
- 2-3 Tbsp fish sauce (or soy)
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 Tbsp thinly sliced fresh turmeric rhizome
- 1/2 cup chopped green garlic leaves
- 1¹/₂ cups cubed butternut squash
- 2 lb baby zucchini or older ones cut into chunks
- 8 dry daylily flowers
- *4 fresh daylily flowers* (Hemerocallis fulva), *anthers and pistil removed*
- 8 daylily buds
- 1 makrut (Thai lime) leaf, sliced thinly
- 1 tsp chile flakes or a large fresh chile, chopped
- 2 cups loosely packed tender sweet potato shoots
- 4-6 sprigs Thai basil

In a wide skillet that can accommodate the zucchini in a single layer, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the ginger and all the garlic.



Cook for a couple of minutes, stirring so it doesn't stick. Add the coconut milk, fish sauce, lime juice, fresh turmeric, green garlic leaves and dry daylily flowers. Increase the heat to high. When the liquid boils add the butternut and enough water to bring the liquid just over the vegetables. Cook covered, at a simmer, for 10 minutes.

Remove the lid and add the zucchini, the rest of the daylilies, the lime leaf and the chile. Cover and cook for another 10 minutes.

Remove the lid, increase the heat and cook at a gentle boil for 10 to 15 more minutes. The sauce will reduce and concentrate in flavor. Taste for seasoning and add a little more fish sauce or lime if necessary.

Stir in the Thai basil and the tender sweet potato shoots and cook until they have wilted into the sauce, about 4 minutes. Serve in shallow bowls.

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SPACE COAST EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1-SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Spirit Fest: Metaphysical and Holistic Fair – 11am-6pm. Enjoy 30+ booths with vendors, practitioners, intuitive readers, artists, and demonstrations. Something for everyone. Speakers throughout both days, Entrance fee: \$5. Children 12 & under free. Vendor opportunities are still available. Visit SanctuaryFL.com or call 407-850-8440 for more details. Azan Shriners Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne. Will adhere to CDC guidelines.

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

Energy, Frequency, & Vibration – 1-3pm. Along with meditation teacher, Anthony Profeta, explore: the nature of reality and how everything is vibration, how energy effects energy, how we have

the ability to raise and lower our vibrational rates. Includes a sound bath meditation using healing frequencies of crystal & Himalayan singing bowls to align, balance, and "re-tune" our energetic centers. \$25. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/ special-events/Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

Transformation Meditation Experience – 4-5:30pm. Participate in a transformational trance experience led by Bruce Orion while receiving healing frequencies through Maria Banas's Reiki healings and crystal bowls. \$20. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/ special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Full Moon Ocean Meditation – 7-8:30pm. Full moon meditation is powerful for releasing things from your life, old negative emotions and thinking, and transformation. Session begins with a Crystal and Tibetan bowl meditation and if weather permits will go across street to the ocean for silent meditation under the moon. Bring a mat or towel. \$25. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/ weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

Astrology for Personal & Spiritual Transformation - 5:30-7pm. Learn how astrology has influenced most of the world's religions, and how the planets influence our personality and predict the time and type of challenges we face in life. Explore how the powerful outer planetary transits are intensely affecting you and others. Call in advance with your birth data and Bruce will have your chart prepared for the workshop. For more information, visit BruceOrion.com. \$20, chart included. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.



SATURDAY AUGUST 8

Reiki 3/Advanced Reiki Certification Course – 11am-6pm. The student receives the Master Reiki Symbol to be included with the three previous symbols received in Level II. This will increase the student's connection with the Universal Life Force and open the doorway to work in different levels of spirit and karma. Instructor Maria Banas. Bring a yoga mat. \$235. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/specialevents/Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Deeksha Healing: The Oneness Blessing with Crystal Bowl Meditation - 5:30-7pm. Includes powerful Soul Sync and crystal bowl meditation and Deeksha Blessing, which is a transfer of energy to initiate higher states on consciousness. Brings a shift in perception resulting in clarity and spontaneous feelings of love, joy, peace and inner silence, dissolving negative life patterns and releasing cellular and energetic level traumas facilitating healing with Maria Banas. \$20. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended, visit AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Turtle Krawl 5k Run/Walk – Brevard's largest 5k race. Participants will receive beautiful Turtle Krawl tech shirts (guaranteed for first 2000 registrants.) Virtual race provides for unlimited race locations and flexible packet pickup or packets mailed to you for safe participation. 100% of race proceeds benefit Sea Turtle Preservation Society. Online giveaways from generous sponsors. Register online at TurtleKrawl.com.

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

Donation Reiki Healing Session - These healing techniques work with helping the physical, mental, emotional, and karmic conditions of the individual. Experience your body shifting toward deeper relaxation and becoming filled with clarity and awareness as emotional issues dissolve With Maria Banas. Register online or call 321-729-9495. Suggested Donation \$20. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A) Indialantic.

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

New Moon Guided Meditation – 7-8:45pm. During this meditation, you may lie on a mat, sit in a chair, or sit on a cushion. Anthony Profeta takes us on this meditative journey of healing, relaxation, & connection. The Crystal & Himalayan Bowls will be played during the entire meditation. Suggested: Bring yoga mat or pillow. \$20. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/specialevents/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19

Introduction to Buddhist Tantra – 5:30-7:30pm. During this workshop with Anthony Profeta learn; what is Tantra, how one can practice and what are the results of the practice. You will learn a visualization meditation technique to augment your spiritual practice. Bring a pillow. \$25. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Preregister at AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22-SUNDAY AUGUST 23

Stress Detox and Oneness Deeksha Initiation – 10am-7pm (Sat) 10am-5pm (Sun) 2-day training course with Maria Banas. The Stress Detox is a relaxing meditation experience drawing from 5 ancient meditative arts. Includes a special process

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MONDAY AUGUST 24

Healing Reiki Journey: Reveal our Soul History & Sound Healing – 5:30-7pm. Set the intent to heal the layers in our soul history. These layers hide our wholeness from our own view and cover our authentic self our Divine nature and our human nature. As the layers are lifted from us and our wholeness is revealed, our gifts, brilliance, beauty, grace, and talents are unified with our Divine and human nature. Includes the River of Life healing experience to let go what is no need it any longer and receive the give of Empowerment. Led by Maria Banas. Bring: yoga mat, pillow, blanket and water. \$25. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26

The 5 Mindfulness Trainings - 5:30-7:30pm. How To Apply Mindfulness Into Our Daily Lives Workshop with Anthony Profeta. The Five Mindfulness Trainings are based on precepts developed during the time of the Buddha but have been translated for modern times by the great Zen Master Thich Nhat Hahn. With mindfulness, we are aware of what is going on in our bodies, our feelings, our minds, and the world, and we avoid doing harm to ourselves and others. Bring a pillow. \$25. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

MONDAY AUGUST 31

Healing Reiki Journey: Ancestral Healing -5:30-7pm. A Reiki journey is a technique we use with the intention to obtain spiritual and inner guidance, information, healing, and empowerment from higher sources of consciousness. This will guide us to River of Life and help to release genetic, cultural, cellular memories thought forms, old beliefs and suffering and we will go to the Hall of Ancestors to let go of ancestral trauma ,meet our ancestors and receive the gifts and talents from them. Crystal bowl and vibrational sound healing included. Led by Maria Banas. Bring: yoga mat, pillow, blanket, and water. \$25. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Pre-register at AquarianDreams.com/special-events/ Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

TREASURE COAST EVENTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 1-SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Karuna Reiki Levels I, II and III Weekend – 9am-3pm. This Course immerses us in the energy of compassion for ourselves and everything around us. While not technically Reiki as it comes from someone other than Usui, these symbols and the techniques are very powerful and unique. Level I \$300, Level II \$300 Level III \$400 (take one, two or all three). Beth Franks Healing, 1789 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. 772-559-8895. Check out our events on facebook.com/Spark.of.Divine/.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

Truth and Reconciliation Service – 10am. This service is in support of the BLM movement and shows how racism, sexism and all forms of oppression are the opposite of love. A more perfect Union is Spiritual healing and transcends all domination models held together through white supremacy, separation, and violence. Join us in the sanctuary or this service can be viewed through Facebook Live Stream at www.facebook.com/unity. fortpierce. Unity of Fort Pierce, 3414 Sunrise Blvd, Fort Pierce. 772-461-2272. UnityOfFortPierce.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Energy 101 – 2-4pm. Wendy Becerra helps participants to understand: How the law of attraction is at play in our lives; how energy can be manipulated to manifest the life you desire; techniques to create an energy ball; how and why crystal and energy healing works. \$33. Ubuntu Fish Gallery, 508 Osceola St, Stuart. Register at UbuntuFishGallery.com.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8-SUNDAY AUGUST 9

Reiki Level I and II Certifications Weekend 14 CEUs available – 9:30am-4:30pm. Learn the Art of Healing using Japanese techniques and ancient symbols. These techniques enhance the immune system and promote healing. Class includes book, certificates, attunements, and plenty of practice. Take one or both levels. \$175 for Level I \$250 for Level II Must pre-register call 772-257-6499 Take one or both Levels. Spark of Divine, LLC Healing and Learning Center 1789 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. 772-257-6499. Check out our events on facebook.com/Spark.of.Divine/.

MONDAY AUGUST 10

Friends After Diagnosis – 2-3:30pm. 2nd Mon. Offering support and educational meetings four times per month for women with cancer and others with breast cancer, along with their caregivers and loved ones. Free. Friendship House, 3404 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. 772-970-7700. friendsafterdiagnosis.com.

TUESDAYS AUGUST 11-OCTOBER 27

It's Never Too Late to Begin Again, 12-Week Workshop – 7-9pm. Discover creativity and meaning at midlife and beyond. Answer 'What's Next'? As you proceed through this process- a distillate of Julia Cameron's 25 years of teaching. Access your creative flow and find life fulfillment. 12-week program beginning Tues, 8/11 online. Fee \$225. Contact Rev Carol, 772-359-8924 or email revcarolbaxter@gmail. com. \$225. Zoom Online Event, Online, Online. theinspiredlivingcenter.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Ubuntu Weekend Camp – 10-11:30am. UFG is offering a 90 min program on Saturday mornings for children 9-13yrs that inspires creativity, includes the elements of nature, and focuses on helping children to recognize and integrate social personal skills such as accountability, self-reflection, communication, kindness, compassion, clarity, and more. \$40. Ubuntu Fish Gallery and Intuitive Lounge, 508 Osceola Street, Stuart. 772-210-2931. ubuntufishgallery.com.

Friends After Diagnosis – 10-11am. 3rd Sat. Offering support and educational meetings four times per month for women with cancer and others with breast cancer, along with their caregivers and loved ones. Free. Friendship House, 3404 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. 772-970-7700. friendsafterdiagnosis.com.

Know Your Chakras – 2-4pm. Wendy Becerra will guide participants to an exploration in the 7 main chakras. Teachings: How to tell if your chakra system is balanced, how to align your chakras, crystal work to balance chakras and other tips, tools and techniques to keep your chakras in alignment allowing for a sense of empowerment and vitality that can enable you to fulfill your life purpose. \$33. Ubuntu Fish Gallery, 508 Osceola St, Stuart. Register at UbuntuFishGallery.com.

MONDAY AUGUST 24

Friends After Diagnosis – 2-3:30pm. 4th Mon. Offering support and educational meetings four times per month for women with cancer and others with breast cancer, along with their caregivers and loved ones. Free. Friendship House, 3404 Aviation Blvd., Vero Beach. 772-970-7700. friendsafterdiagnosis.com.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Soul to Soul An Intro to Trance – 9am-1pm. This class will teach you how to quiet your body, mind and emotions so that you can connect with who you are at the deepest level. We invite you to experience your Soul. Your soul is that eternal part of yourself. You will learn techniques that you can practice. \$77. Beth Franks Healing, 1789 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. 772-559-8895. Check out our events on facebook.com/Spark.of.Divine/.

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5-Year Anniversary Celebration – 11am-4pm. Celebration includes raffles, \$25 readings, Fairy hair, 20% off all merchandise, Walk-ins welcome, appointments recommended. Also 20% off at Genie's Gems. Psychic & the Genie, 313 Colorado Ave. Downtown Stuart. 772-678-6170. PsychicNTheGenie.com.

Indigo, Crystal, Rainbow - Which Are You? – 2-4pm. This workshop gives insights to: Identifying the characteristics and evolution of each group; how to navigate your group's "skill set" for better comprehension of yourself, your children, family and offers tips and tools to empower yourself. Ubuntu Fish Gallery, 508 Osceola St, Stuart. Register at UbuntuFishGallery.com

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sunday

TREASURE COAST

Unity of Ft. Pierce – 10am. Practical spiritual teachings that empower abundant and meaningful living. Unity teaches the transformational spiritual teachings of Jesus which are spiritual tools to support you in overcoming and transforming challenges into spiritual growth. Our sanctuary is open and sanitized. Masks are recommended and available. Masks are recommended and will be available. The service can also be viewed through Facebook Live Stream at facebook.com/unity.fortpierce/. Uni-tot program with Spiritual Curriculum also offered. Unity of Ft. Pierce 3414 Sunrise Blvd. Fort Pierce. 772-461-2272. UnityofFortPierce.com.

monday

SPACE COAST

Gentle Hatha Yoga – 11am-12:15pm. A gentle approach to Hatha including asana (postures) and Yoga Nidra meditation with Patti Akers. \$10 or Yoga Memberships accepted. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Peaceful Family Yoga for Children & Parents - 12:30-1:30pm. Yoga for the entire family. Focus on peaceful, playful yoga fun with yoga forms, engaging healthy games and songs, music, and relaxation. For parents and children ages 3 & up. Led by Brooke Daratany Goldfarb. \$10 (or Yoga Membership) includes 2 family members. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weeklyyoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and preregistration is recommended.

Free Neuropathy Seminar – 3-3:45pm. Do You Suffer with Neuropathy? Learn about the latest breakthrough that can relieve pain and numbness caused by peripheral neuropathy. Non-surgical, Drug-free Treatment. 90% of treatment done in the comfort of your own home. Our program has helped hundreds, nationwide gain their life back. Stephen H. Canuel, D.C. American College of Physical Medicine Board Certification Neuropathy. Free. Melbourne Chiropractic Spine and Injury Center. Attend in person or call to sign up for the virtual seminar at 321-499-4608. WestMelbourneChiropractor.com/peripheral-neuropathy-relief. Yoga for Beginners – 4-5pm. Support and instruction about foundation poses, proper alignment in the poses, breathing techniques and meditation. Class will provide the tools you need to walk into any yoga class and feel comfortable with Aisling. \$10 or Yoga Memberships accepted. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Hatha Yoga with Marilyn – 6:30-7:45pm. This gentle form of yoga combines physical well-being and balances body, mind, and spirit using guided yoga postures, stretching, and breathing. Bring your own mat. \$5 per class, paid at door. Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Hwy A1A, Satellite Beach. 321-773-6458.

TREASURE COAST

Psychic Medium Readings & More – 10am-3pm. Psychic Medium & Aura Readings with Christopher Johansen Daily. 15-minute only readings in the store with social distancing masks required. Readings also available via Skype, FaceTime, Zoom and Facebook messaging. Psychic Medium Readings, Tea Leaf Readings, Tarot & Aura photography. Walk-ins Welcome - limiting to only a few in the store at a time with chairs outside to wait. Psychic & the Genie, 313 Colorado Ave. Downtown Stuart. 772-678-6170. PsychicNTheGenie.com.

A Course in Miracles Study Group – 7-8:15pm. Conference call facilitated by Kathryn Joy, everyone is invited, newcomers welcome. Come study, learn, practice, and share experiences. (Love-Offering appreciated). (Call in 5 minutes early) Join Me Conference call Number to Dial: 408-418-5040. Conference ID: 167-346-787#. Unity of Fort Pierce, 3414 Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Pierce. 772-461-2272. UnityofFortPierce.com.

tuesday

SPACE COAST

Yoga for Beginners – 11am-12pm. Support and instruction about foundation poses, proper alignment in the poses, breathing techniques and meditation. Class will provide the tools you need to walk into any yoga class and feel comfortable with Debby Jefferies. \$10 or Yoga Memberships accepted. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams. com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495. Yin Yoga – 12:15-1:30pm. Yin Yoga is a profound, meditative approach to yoga with a physical focus on accessing the connective tissue and fascia and regulating the flow of energy in the body. Led by Debby Jeffries. \$10 (or yoga membership) To preregister visit: AquarianDreams. com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Hatha Yoga – 5:30-6:30pm. Multi-level class for beginners and intermediates. Led by Ellen Cameron whose experience allows her to modify asana to the students' ability, so they get the benefits of the practice without strain. \$10 (or yoga membership). To preregister visit: AquarianDreams. com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

TREASURE COAST

Drum Circle – 6-7pm. Come be a part of this Community Rhythm Experience. Our circle will assist you to raise your personal vibration and release inner blocks. We offer a judgement free environment, and all are welcome! Donation. Scented Dragon 6992 Hancock Dr. Port St. Lucie. 772-877-2102.

Reiki Healing Circle– 6-7:30pm. Is life too busy? Too Stressful? Experience the many benefits of Reiki. This Japanese technique reduces stress and brings balance to the body and mind, promoting healing on all levels. with Tina. Love Donation. Spark of Divine, LLC Healing and Learning Center, 1789 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. 772-257-6499. Check out our events on facebook.com/Spark.of.Divine/.

Reiki Meditation Circle - 7-8pm. Experience our Reiki Meditation Circle for an hour of peace, comfort and harmony. Feel yourself shift into a peaceful place. Practitioners welcome. Donation. Scented Dragon, 6993 Hancock Drive Port Saint Lucie. 772-877-2102.

wednesday

SPACE COAST

Free Neuropathy Seminar – 10-10:45am. See description Monday 3pm.

Yin Yoga – 12:30-1:30pm. Yin Yoga is a profound, meditative approach to yoga with a physical focus on accessing the connective tissue and fascia and regulating the flow of energy in the body. Led by Cindy Jovanovich. \$10 (or yoga membership) To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weeklyyoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and preregistration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Inner Peace - Yoga & Meditation – 4-5pm. Learn various simple techniques to access the breath, quiet the mind and turn into the sublime radiance of our hearts. Gentle movement will calm and relax the body. Led by Cindy Jovanovich. \$10 (or yoga

membership) To preregister visit: AquarianDreams. com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Hatha Yoga - 6:30-7:45pm. With Marilyn. This gentle form of yoga combines physical well-being and balances body, mind, and spirit using guided yoga postures, stretching, and breathing. Bring your own mat. \$5 per class, paid at door. Pelican Beach Clubhouse, 1495 Hwy A1A, Satellite Beach. 321-773-6458.

TREASURE COAST

Insight Meditation on Zoom - 11am-Noon. Cultivate resilience and calm with Rev. Janice Cary. Join via Zoom with meeting ID of 871-601-1586. Unity of Fort Pierce, 3414 Sunrise Blvd. Fort Pierce. 772-461-2272. UnityofFtPierce.com.

thursday

SPACE COAST

Kundalini with Meditation & Healing Gong -12:30-1:45pm. Kundalini class with pranayama, stretching poses, kriva, meditation, mantra and relaxation with gong. All levels. \$10 or Yoga Memberships accepted. To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weekly-yoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

Gentle Hatha Yoga - 5:30-6:30pm. Gentle Hatha yoga classes with a focus on healing and meditation. Instructor Teren Nichols is a licensed intuitive massage therapist. \$10 (or yoga membership). To preregister visit: AquarianDreams.com/weeklyyoga-calendar. Due to current social distancing protocol, class size will be limited, and pre-registration is recommended. Aquarian Dreams, 414 N. Miramar Ave. (Hwy A1A), Indialantic. 321-729-9495.

TREASURE COAST

Joanne's World of Nutrition - 10-11am. Listen to radio station WPSLAM 1590 every Thursday morning to learn about holistic health and wellness with Joanne owner of Nutrition World in Ft. Pierce who has 30 plus years of expertise. JoannesNutritionWorld.com.

Pilates Mat Class - 9-10:30am. Mat class offered by certified instructor, Barbara Lengen. Held inside with social distancing. For information visit AtlanticPilates.net. \$10 drop in or \$48/6. Unity of Fort Pierce, 3414 Sunrise Blvd., Fort Pierce. 772-461-2272. UnityofFortPierce.com.

friday

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Free Neuropathy Seminar - 10-10:45am. See description Monday 3pm.

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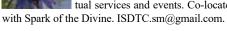
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