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The Warmth of Wintertime

The Beauty of a Sleigh Ride

"The first fall of snow is not only an event, it is a magical event."

~ J.B. Priestley ~



Imagine taking a step back into simpler times. Take a sleigh ride through the beautiful snow covered country side. It can be a time to breathe in the fresh air, see the gorgeous scenery and experience a peace and quiet not found at home.

The most popular sleigh in America is known as the cutter. It is functional, lightweight and inexpensive. These

sleighs were invented in 1930 and designed to be drawn by one horse and carry two people.

Sleigh bells are an important part of the experience. Their purpose was to warn other sleigh drivers. The bells were made of bronze in various sizes that made a very distinct sound. They could not be confused with anything else.

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"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

~ Maya Angelou ~



Give Back to the Community

Be a Bell Ringer for the Red Kettle Campaign

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

Calvin Coolidge

In 1891 the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign began in San Francisco. It is the organization's best known fund raiser. This yearly event helps the Army provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people at Christmas time. Nationwide they assist more than 34 million Americans during the year. This program provides many social

services ranging from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach for the ill and elderly, clothing and shelter for the homeless and opportunities for the underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar donated goes to support these various services found in over 9,000 communities nationwide.
(www.salvationarmyusa.org)

It is easy to be a bell ringer for the Red Kettle campaign. Think about making it as a group activity with your family,

friends or co-workers. A person can sign up online. They offer many options in terms of times and locations. There are opportunities to fit everyone's schedule. The shifts are a mere two hours and some locations are indoors as well as heated. So if cold and snow are not for you do not worry you can find a cozy indoor spot and contribute your time. Give today simply for the joy of it.





A Traditional Williamsburg Holiday Wreath



Holidays ~ Colonial Williamsburg Style

Williamsburg is located in the eastern part of Virginia near Virginia Beach. The historic town is over 300 years old and the America's first planned city.

A visit to Colonial Williamsburg is a step back in time to an exciting 18th century community. Today, Colonial Williamsburg's authentic character and elaborate town plan is the pride of the nation. The Historic

area interprets the life and excitement of Colonial Virginia history.

In the 1930's the tradition of wreaths and garland adorned with fruit began. It was started by Reverend Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin, a rector in a church in Colonial Williamsburg.

Pine, holly, magnolia, fruits and berries were used to create the natural holiday decorations.

These beautiful creations were found on front doors, window sills, antique tables and fireplace mantles. Prizes are awarded for the finest decorations.



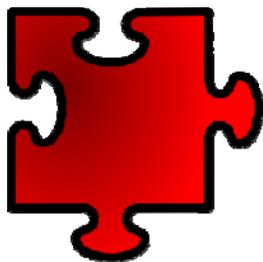
The Red Carpet Treatment

The Color Red Has Many Meanings



"Colors must fit together as pieces in a puzzle or cog in a wheel."

~ Hans Hofmann ~



Red is the warmest of all colors. The color red affects us physically and emotionally. It increases our energy and enthusiasm, encourages movement, promotes confidence and gives us a sense of protection from fear and anxiety.

Red is a popular color in fashion, home décor and automobiles. It never goes out of style. There are many shades and names to describe red. Here are just a few; brick red, fire engine red, cardinal, Venetian red, Persian red, crimson, cinnabar and burgundy. How many names can you think of? Red has the distinct honor of being the highest arc in the rainbow and in Feng

Shui a red front door invites wealth to the occupants. If you love the color red and it works with the exterior color of your home it might be an interesting experiment to try and see if wealth and money come your way.

Popular Phrases with Red and their meaning:

Red carpet treatment: giving privileged treatment to an important person

Red in the face: to become embarrassed

Caught red-handed: clearly guilty

Seeing red: to be angered

Red flag: a warning of danger

Red letter day: a memorable, joyful day

Red tape: excessive formalities in governmental process



Thank you for reading my winter edition.

Call today for an appointment to freshen up your home or office. Winter is a great time to make changes.

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