

Truely Unique News and Community Events for December 2025

2006 US HWY 301 South Wilson NC 27893

Remember; You can call and make an appointment 24 hours in advance and we will open for you.

The holiday season is here!

Holiday hours.

Tuesday thru Friday 10AM to 7 PM. Sat. 10 AM to 5PM SUNDAY: Noon to 5 PM

Small business Friday, Saturday and Sunday will have in store announced sales.

Reasons why you should shop with us during the Holiday!

- Shop relaxed, safe, and enjoy your shopping experience.
- We are where you can find unique gifts for everyone.
- We will have whatever you need for everyone for the Holiday gift shopping.
- We will have games, weekly sales, and contest.
- Weekends, we will serve refreshments like teas, cider and goodies.
- Remember to buy from our local artist in the store.
- We have the **BEST** and **most stocking stuffers** in the area.
- We do gift wrap! See last page of the newsletter.
- Come in and get a gift basket or a gift certificate, they make great gifts.
- With 48 hours' notice we will make a special gift basket just for you.
- We have all of your **cooking spices** for the holiday meals.
- Our merchandise is up to the ceiling; it gives you so much to choose from.
- Bring a friend, bring a group, and bring in your reward cards.
- Why go anywhere else to find your holiday gifts.
- Get some **mulled cider blend**, or **Yule Tea** for your events.
- We have **Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh**.
- Come and paint your own **Santa, Wise Men**, or other **holiday Ceramic**.
- If you can't make it because you are too far away. Go to **kettlespot.com** and order online.
- We also have incense and teas at **Dancing Moon** in Raleigh.

Ask Me About Special - Did you know on certain days (usually announced on Facebook as (#DontTellKay Sales) we have special sales? Ask us about some of the specials you might be missing out on and you might uncover 10% off for your purchase today.

Remember if you pay with cash, you get 10% off of your entire order.

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**Weekly and Monthly Games:
We will be giving away 10 gift certificated this month.**

We hope you are one of the lucky ones.

Gingerbread Cookie Guessing Game.

Guess how many gingerbread men and women are in the jar. (Legs and arms separated do not count)
Fill out paper with name, and phone # and the total you guessed and put in bucket. The winner with the closest amount wins this jar and a \$10.00 gift certificate. Winner will be called on Yule, Sunday, December 21st
(Winner must pick up prize by December 31 2025)

Holiday Sweater Ugly Sweater month:

Come in the store let us take your photo and post it and get an additional 10% off anything in the store.

Nov 28, 29, 30:

Small Business Weekend Coupons and prizes.

**When entering the store you will receive an envelope with a coupon to help you with your Holiday shopping.
One envelope will have a gift certificate. (Each day)**

December 1st thru 7th

Candy Cane Coupons:

Get a candy cane with a coupon attached when entering our store. Follow the directions and save money!
Consignment and sales are included in this sale.

December 9th thru 14

Holiday stocking stuffer free gift week.

With any purchase of \$20.00 or more you can reach into the Holiday stocking and get a free gift from us.
Free gifts will range from 4.00 to 20.00.

December 15 thru 21

Holiday Scavenger Hunt:

Selected items in the store will have coupons on them stating how much each item will be for you. Two items
in the store will be FREE.

Dec 22, 23, & 24:

Holiday Quizzes.

Come in and answer the questions and turn it in. You will get 20% off of your order. Put you name and phone
on the paper and put it in a jar for a \$25.00 Gift Certificate.

Our Community Events:

Every Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 PM to 7 PM Sundays 1 to 4 PM

Painting Ceramics: Kettle Spot Ceramics at Truely Unique

We have Christmas and Yule ceramics to paint.

Come in and buy bisque piece or statue to take home and paint. Or you may come in pick your pieces and paint yourself you'd like to glaze your pottery we have 2 kilns to seal your pieces. Tickets will be sold for **Tuesdays and Thursday Evenings**, in which for \$20.00 dollars you'll be allotted a 2.5-hour, paint period. All pieces priced with \$20.00 dollar ticket in mind, liability waiver required. We supply the paint and sealer if you buy a ticket. Feel free to paint a collection of small pieces or one big ones, since the shop is after hours; please bring your own snacks.

Come by and see what pottery and ceramics we have to purchase and paint.

Every Friday All day: Chakra Healing/Balancing with *Darlene*.

By appointment or walk-in. Tuning forks, crystals, and/or Reiki energy are used to help clear and balance the energy of the 7 main chakras. A thirty-minute session is \$30.00. Also available is a chakra oracle reading session that can focus on a specific chakra. Approximately 10 minutes for \$5.00 per Oracle card. Darlene is a Reiki master/teacher with a chakra certification and 30 years of experience in healing energy. Email dcandrey@hotmail.com or contact Truely Unique for an appointment.

Friday Dec 5: Spiritual Night Out: Game night and holiday traditions. 5 to 7 PM

Saturday Dec 6th: Noon to 6 pm Reiki 1 with Reiki Master/Teacher Osvaldo Soto. This 6 hour course teaches you to be a Reiki Practitioner 1. *First Degree Reiki* or *Shoden* This is a full class served with lunch. \$120.00. You will receive: •FOUR first degree Reiki attunements. •History & Origins of Reiki. •The Reiki precepts •Grounding, Centering, Protection. •Hand positions on the self. •Introduction to the chakra system and the endocrine system •Practice time, study manual, certificate of completion awarded. **Call Osvaldo at 252-373-2035 for more information and times. 104 North Pender St Elm City**

Saturday Dec 6: Stitch and Bitch Gathering. All Day! Do you need one little stitch? Do you need friends to tell you what to do with your yarn? Back from last year's event calendar it is Stitch and Bitch. Pack your needlepoint, your patches and your embroidery and come sit in our comfy family room to socialize.

Friday Dec 12: Game night: Cards against Humanity. Shop Rules everyone gets 7 cards, first person to 5 black cards wins. If too many people show, we'll split into groups! FREE! 5 to 7 PM

Saturday Dec 13: Making a Blessing Box with Jess. 1 to 3 PM. Come in and we have all of the tools to make your blessing box for next year. \$15.00

Friday Dec 19: 6 PM to 8 PM: Burning of the Yule log. Learn how to make a yule log and other traditions. Free event around the fire.

Saturday Dec 20: Cooking Demonstrations with Sam: All day. Tips appreciated.

Wednesday Dec 24: Open all day till 7 PM. Holiday cooking and eating while shopping.

Thursday December 25: Closed

Friday, Saturday December 26 and 27: After Holiday Sales.

Three Kings Day Open House: Sunday January 4th: 1 PM to 5 PM
At Osvaldo's and Kay's home. 104 North Pender St. Elm City NC 27822

Come and enjoy our holiday with us. We will have dominos tables set up and plenty of goodies. Stay an hour or the whole day.

Bring can goods and toiletries so we can fill up our small food bank.

(Bring chairs if you have them, our chairs are limited) (No gifts for us please.)

Notes from Toad Song Farm

The last event for 2025 at Toad Song Farm is our annual Stone Soup Party. This year it will be held on Saturday, December 20, starting @5:00PM. Guests are asked to bring something for the pot or for the table. You should also bring a clean container to take soup with you when you leave to share with a neighbor or a friend who can't join us for the evening. (It's a great way to break the ice with new neighbors or reestablish good relationships with old ones.). There are usually door prizes for those who find a stone in their soup bowl. Come early and stay late around the fire. Bring your hand drum or other instruments, BYOB, even bring a tent and camp out for the night if you want. Look for more information on the stone soup party Facebook event page.

For more information about :Toad Song Farm, our herbs, our therapeutic massage services, apprenticeships, or our end of life consulting services, contact Mary by email: toadsongfarm@earthlink.net, or by phone or text: (919) 815-6090.

Herb of the Month: Mulling Spice by Living Green

Cinnamon chips, orange peels, allspice, cloves.

The word "mulled" simply means heated and spiced. Many liquids can be mulled - mead, cider, and of course wine. Mulled cider and wine is a traditional favorite in cooler locations, and goes well with the various celebrations that come around the end of the year.

Mulled wines have a long history. In medieval times these wines were called Ypocras or Hipocris, named after the physician Hippocrates. They were thought to be very healthy, and indeed, with wine at the time being far more sanitary than water, these heated drinks probably did keep people healthy through the cold winters.

Moving forward to the 1500s, cookbooks listed methods of mulling "Clarrey", or Bordeaux. Recipes involved honey, cinnamon, cardamom, galingale and of course French wine. Mulled wine was a favorite in Victorian England, and Negus - a type of mulled wine - was even served to children at their birthday parties. Today, mulled wine is a staple at many holiday parties.

Glögg is the Scanavania form of mulled wine, similar to Glühwein in German-speaking countries. Glühwein is usually prepared from (not too expensive, sometimes outright cheap) red wine, which is heated and spiced with cinnamon, clove, sugar, and other spices. Almonds and raisins are often added. In Romania it is called *vin fiert* ("boiled wine"), and can be made using either red or white wine, sometimes adding peppercorn. In Moldova the izvar is made from red wine with black pepper and honey. Wassail is also a similar mulled drink. If orange juice is added, it becomes a form of punch.

Mulled Cider

1/2 gallon of Apple Cider

1 quart of Apple Juice

½ cup dark brown sugar or honey.

3 teaspoons of mulling spices put in teabag or tea balls.

Put in slow cooker and warm, and serve.

December Moon Magic by Jess

December 4th is the full moon, December 11th is the 4th quarter, December 19th is the new Moon, December 27th is the 2nd quarter.

December Turquoise

Meaning: turquoise is believed to bring luck and good fortune.

Energy: this healing stone heightens your spiritual attunement and promotes clear communication

Hold a turquoise and say quietly or aloud: "The Full Moon and turquoise in harmony blend, to sing sweet a song of the siren. Listen. I pray, you'll hear what they say, and sway to the message in rhythm.

Zodiac for December

Sagittarius November 23- December 21 THE CENTAUR: FIRE SIGN

Let shine in the Full Moon's Glow: Adventurousness, generosity, intelligence

Allow to Dim as the Moon's Light Set. Impatience, rudeness, overpromise.

Associated Essential Oil: Black Pepper (best used as part of a blend) – helps keep you alert and on your toes.

Yule Log Traditions

Burning a Yule log is probably the oldest Christmas tradition there is. It started even before the first Christmas. Celebrating Yule means no work as long as the special log burns. The Yule log is a central part of Yule festivities. The log is kindled from the remains of the previous year's Yule fire (This piece was kept in the home throughout the year for protection. The Yule log symbolizes the light returning to conquer the darkness. According to tradition, the log must either have been harvested from the householder's land, or given as a gift. Once dragged into the house and placed in the fireplace it was decorated in seasonal greenery, doused with cider or ale, and dusted with flour before set ablaze. The log would burn throughout the night, then smolder for 12 days after before being ceremonially put out. It is traditional to light a special 'Yule' log on Christmas Eve and keep it burning through the 12 nights of Christmas until Twelfth Night. Traditionally, a huge log would be selected in the forest on Christmas Eve, decorated with ribbons, and dragged back home. The magical properties of the Yule Log were said to ensure good luck in the coming year to all those who lent a hand at pulling it over the rough ground.

In Scandinavia, Yule ran from several weeks before the winter solstice to a couple weeks after. This was the darkest time of year, and the people celebrated because days would start getting longer after the solstice. There was quite a bit of ritual and ceremony tied to the Yule log, for it marked the sun's rebirth from its southern reaches. The Yule log gets its name from the Scandinavian tradition, but the ritual burning of a special log during winter solstice took place as far west as Ireland, as far south as Greece, and as far north as Siberia.

In the fourth century AD When Pope Julius I decided to celebrate Christmas around the Winter Solstice, the Yule log tradition continued, but the fire came to represent the light of the Savior instead of the light of the Sun.

In England the log was supposed to burn for the twelve days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve on December 24th to Epiphany on January 6th. Some English Yule logs were large enough that teams of horses were required to drag it to the castle or manor. Some English preferred a log from an ash tree. In the Slavic and other countries oak was the wood of choice. Almost everywhere, the fire was started with that bit of the last year's log, to symbolize continuity and the eternal light of heaven.

The log with candles may be painted or sprayed with varnish or shellac to keep it from drying out. When the varnish is dry, insert candles and decorate it with holly, evergreens, and mistletoe. Candles may be green, red, and silver or white to represent the Oak King, the Holly King, and the Goddess; or white, red, and black to represent the Triple Goddess.

Yule Log Magick

An oak log, plus a fireplace or bonfire area is needed for this form of celebration. The oak log should be very dry so that it will blaze well. On the night of Yule, carve a symbol of your hopes for the coming year into the log. Burn the log to release its power. It can be decorated with burnable red ribbons of natural fiber and dried holly leaves. In the fireplace or bonfire area, dried kindling should be set to facilitate the burning of the log. The Yule log can be made of any wood (Oak is traditional). Each releases its own kind of magick.

Ash -- brings protection, prosperity, and health

Aspen -- invokes understanding of the grand design

Birch -- signifies new beginnings

Holly -- inspires visions and reveals past lives

Oak -- brings healing, strength, and wisdom

Pine -- signifies prosperity and growth

Willow -- invokes the Goddess to achieve desires

You have a choice. You can burn your Yule log like the English. Or if you don't have a fireplace, you can eat it like the French. If you don't need any more Christmas goodies around the house, you can light a special candle as they do in Denmark and Norway. Or you can use a decorated log as a centerpiece like the Italian "ceppo". However you mark your Yuletide, the spirit of the tradition requires gathering family and friends for a warm and cheery celebration.

Then the Yule Log fire is lit. As it begins to burn, each family member throws in one or more dried holly sprigs and says farewell to the old calendar year. Farewells can take the form of thanksgiving and appreciation and/or banishment of old habits or personal pains.

Once the Yule Log itself starts blazing, then the facilitator invites family members to contemplate the year ahead and the power of possibilities. Each member then throws in an oak twig or acorn into the fire to represent the year ahead, and calls out a resolution and/or a hope.

Families using a Yule Log with candles each family member can write a bad habit and/or a wish for the upcoming year on a slip of paper and burn it in the candle flame.

Let the Yule Log burn down to a few chunks of charred wood and ashes (or candles burn down). Following an ancient tradition, save remnants of the fire and use them to start the Yule Log fire the following year.

<http://thecronescottage.tripod.com/thecottagedecyule2001/id16.html>

<http://www.noelnoelnoel.com/trad/yulelog.html>

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Xmas/yule.htm>

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**May the log burn" May the wheel turn"
May evil spurn" May the Sun return.**

Supporting Businesses and Local Artist we work with.

Many carry our products: Supporting and visiting them supports us. Want to be added to our collective list? We are looking for other stores to carry our handmade incense and teas. Stop and shop supporting businesses.

Create Your Dreams (<https://createyourdreams.com/>) Shares our news with all. Shamanic Training/Medicine Wheel Program (Certification Program) at chris@createyourdreams.com for more information.

Dancing Moon at 1840 Wake Forest Rd Raleigh, NC, <https://www.dancingmoonraleigh.com/> they carry our incense and teas.

KettleSpot .com is now selling our creative tea and incense online. Go to the site and see all of the new items they have. <https://www.kettlespot.com/> providing home goods, kitchenware and goodies with less plastic! Did you know the Shop offers Urn services? In partnership with [KettleSpot.com](https://www.kettlespot.com/) we now have the ability to create custom ceramic designs. Bring us the ashes, and we will seal your loved one inside with the color of your choosing. Sample Urns available for viewing in the shop. I also do **Tarot readings** at the store.

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VEE HERB TEA at Tar River Flea Market. 1820 S Wesleyan Blvd, Rocky Mount. veeherbtea@gmail.com they are now selling some of our teas and incense.

Our local artist in our store:

Citali Kawaykla Magical Wolves ,Ron Taylor Stonemage, Hexaquin stickers, Highland Lather LLC soaps, Knights Haven, Nyx Jewelry and Creations, Deb Flippini jewelry, Ravenfur honey and eggs, Spiritual Lift Creations incense, Baba Yaga Candles.

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