

# DREW

Every Day Beautiful

## The Happy Place Issue

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AND MORE!

Happiness often  
comes in through a  
door you didn't know  
you left open.  
—JENNIFER  
BARNWELL



**GRILLS  
GONE WILD**  
BBQ  
SEASON  
IS HERE.



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BEAUTY**  
**SUMMER  
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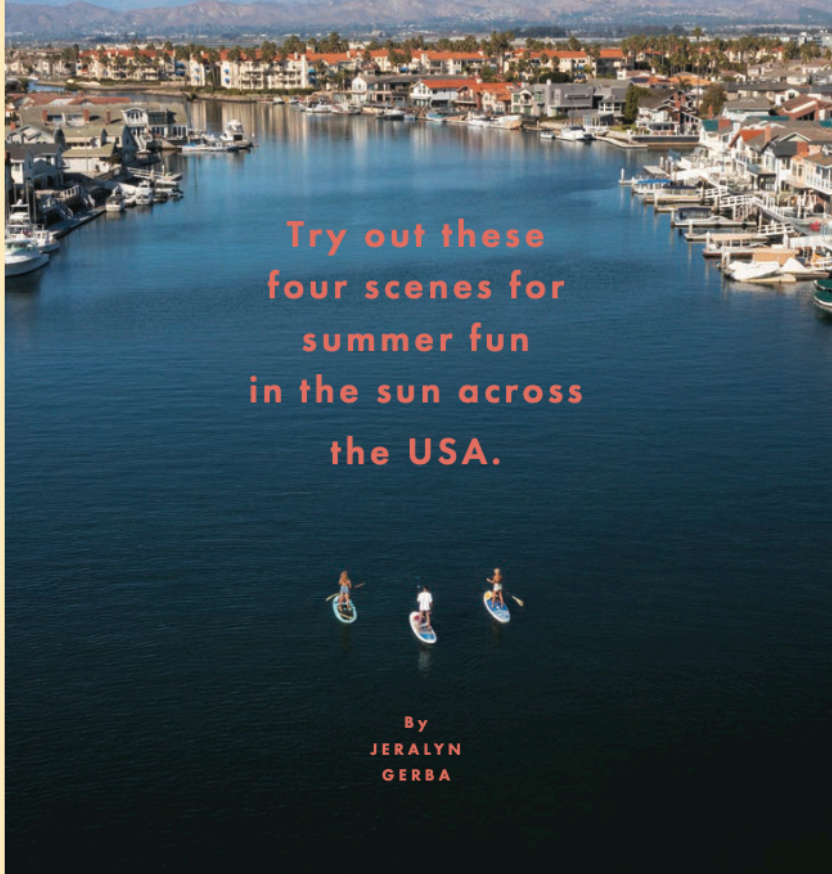
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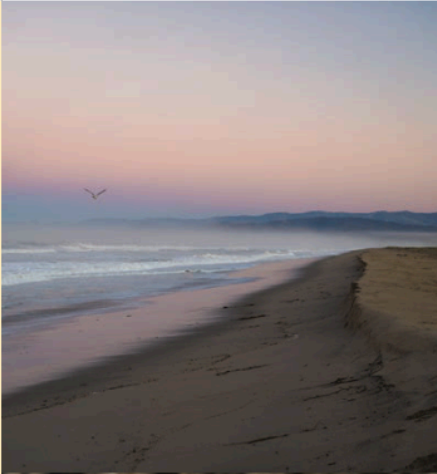


Try out these  
four scenes for  
summer fun  
in the sun across  
the USA.

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**ACROSS FROM TOP LEFT:**  
 Sunset hues in Oxnard, California; a tasty trio found on the Oxnard taco trail; Hollywood Beach in Oxnard; Great Lake kayaking in Door County, Wisconsin; a technicolor Oxnard sunset; the aurora borealis seen from Wisconsin's Newport State Park, a designated Dark Sky Park; a hearty brunch offering at Beach Plum in Cape May, riding the waves 90 minutes from LA; a cute sampling of treasures from Givens Shop in Cape May, New Jersey; sunset seen from Washington Island, Wisconsin; goats grazing the roof of Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant in Wisconsin's Sister Bay. Opening page: A bird's-eye view of the seaside city of Oxnard, California.



## Seaside streak

CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

Being that the South Jersey landmark is one of the oldest seaside resort towns in the United States, Cape May has had plenty of time to nurture its cultural establishments — theaters, mom-and-pop shops, restaurants — among clustered painted lady Victorians and ocean-facing hotels. It only takes 90 minutes driving from Philadelphia to reach quintessential beachy bliss: dockside raw bars, T-shirts and flip-flops, surf and turf, and a promenade that runs parallel to the beach.

### ADD TO THE AGENDA

#### Beach Plum Farm

[beachplumfarmcapemay.com](http://beachplumfarmcapemay.com)  
A sustainable working farm with an Amish barn, farm kitchen (serving breakfast and lunch), picnic tables in the sun, a popular dinner series, and lovely cottage rentals 2 miles from historic downtown.

#### Louisa's Cafe

[louisascapemay.com](http://louisascapemay.com)  
A tiny, seasonal, and sunny farm-to-table icon (from the '80s!) serving local fish, fruits, and veggies. Its year-round chocolate shop is right next door.

#### Givens Circle

[givenscircle.com](http://givenscircle.com)  
A thoughtfully curated indie shop with dresses, swimwear, books, bandanas, neat gifts, and cool creature comforts.

## Lake love

WASHINGTON ISLAND  
AND DOOR PENINSULA,  
WISCONSIN

Travelers from Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, the Twin Cities, and beyond flock to Wisconsin's northeastern coastal gem. It's known as the Cape Cod of the Midwest for its 300 miles of shoreline (jutting into Lake Michigan), quaint cliffside communities, and vibrant agricultural scene — from growers to chefs and cider makers to cheesemongers. A ferry to Washington Island reveals rock beaches, remote parks, and lavender fields. The area was long ago settled by Scandinavians, and there are plenty of Nordic traditions in nature to go around.

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#### Pelletier's Restaurant & Fish Boil

[doorcountyfishboil.com/home](http://doorcountyfishboil.com/home)  
A unique local spot with a nightly Nordic tradition of cooking whitefish from Lake Michigan over a giant open fire. Dinner ends with a slice of cherry pie.

#### Woodwalk Gallery Contemporary

[woodwalkgallery.com](http://woodwalkgallery.com)  
An 1890s dairy barn showcasing paintings, metalworks, pottery, and other goods from nearly 100 regional artists.

#### Fragrant Isle

[fragrantisle.com](http://fragrantisle.com)  
Sprawling lavender gardens in bloom from June until August, with walking fields, a demonstration gazebo, and French-inspired lunch on a new garden terrace overlooking tens of thousands of purple plants.

## Maritime mindset

OXNARD, CALIFORNIA

To get a sense of what California beaches looked like a century ago, nature enthusiasts can head to the waterfront between Malibu and Santa Barbara, about 90 minutes from L.A. Eleven miles out to sea, the isolated Channel Islands (considered the Galapagos of North America) preserve unique types of flora, fauna, and marine life — as well as diving, snorkeling, kayaking, hiking, and camping. On the coast, travelers will find quiet, pristine stretches of beach with dunes and wetlands. The seaside town of Oxnard has an interesting pedigree — the place is a breeding ground for world champion boxers — and a very laid-back attitude.

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#### Zachari Dunes on Mandalay Beach, Curio Collection by Hilton

[zacharidunes.com](http://zacharidunes.com)  
A new oceanfront all-suite hotel with a sophisticated hacienda feel and a one-stop beach shop where guests can borrow boogie boards, Hoverboards, scooters, beach games, Polaroids, and GoPros to explore the coastline as they like.

#### Channel Islands National Park

[nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit](http://nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit)  
A handful of rugged islands and their ocean environment inhabited by whales, seals, and dolphins. It's reachable by boat, rustic, and somewhat off-grid. Be sure to plan ahead.

#### Oxnard Taco Trail

[visitoxnard.com](http://visitoxnard.com)  
A guide to the town's varied taco offerings — all mom and pop, down to earth, and delicious.

## View finder

ESTES PARK, COLORADO

Ninety miles northwest of Denver, more than 7,500 feet above sea level, this small Colorado mountain town offers scenic drives, award-winning fishing rivers, historic landmarks, and one wildly popular Rocky Mountains National Park. The lucky bunch with timed entry permits and a plan will be privy to majestic peaks as far as the eye can see. Make Alpine lakes, hiking trails, river rafting, and stargazing part of your plan.

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#### Trailborn Rocky Mountains

[staytrailborn.com](http://staytrailborn.com)  
A new design-focused and environmentally conscious hotel at the entrance to Estes Park; its sister hotel sits farther up the road and has a more modest price point.

#### Kind Coffee

[kindcoffee.com](http://kindcoffee.com)  
A relaxed, light-filled local hang that's been brewing excellent organic cuppas for the last 20 years.

#### Rapid Transit Rafting

[rapidtransitrafting.com](http://rapidtransitrafting.com)  
The homegrown go-to for family-friendly and group rafting trips on the Upper Colorado River and scenic drives across the national park's Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved road (soaring to an elevation of 12,183 feet!) in the United States.





**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

Alpine sunflowers and other showy bloomers in Estes Park, Colorado; Beach Plum Farm's dinner party series in Cape May, New Jersey; Fragrant Isle's sea of lavender in Wisconsin; pool, palms, and pines at Zachari Dunes in Mandalay Beach; summer bounty at Beach Plum Farm; a picturesque hike in Estes Park.

