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A Fresh Start

Did your house get a little more full over the holidays? Full of gifts, new clothing, household goods? Before you tidy all your goodies away, make room for them by deciding which items they'll replace. If you're taking your gently used clothing to a consignment store, it's better to do it now, while the pieces are still in fashion rather than wait until it's too late.

How nice to start the year with a fresh closet and fresh cupboards!



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Wow! January 2020!

Another decade flew by so fast. I like to reflect back on what's changed and look forward to upcoming events. It is exciting to think of all the new changes I expect, or should I say hope, the New Year will bring.

As time progresses we begin to notice the extra things we have that we either do not use or need to thrive. What truly makes us happy? After reflecting on the past, present and future, only one thing remains consistent: the importance of family and friends.

It is interesting how our views change year by year. I am starting to see a past trend emerge in the resale world, with more and more families wanting to spend their time together. Weekly family dinners are something we should be sharing – making food together builds special memories, and can be fun for everyone.



Caring for China

Did you know? Heating and air conditioning do more harm to fine china than breaking the odd piece.

Have you ever seen crazing on fine china? It happens when pieces dry out. China should be immersed in water a few times a year to keep the crazing at a minimum.

It's good for china to soak. For cleaning, leave it in soapy water in the sink for awhile instead of scrubbing it - it's better for the china and you'll save yourself some elbow grease.

Another tip is to use a mat or dishcloth in the bottom of the sink so the china doesn't get chipped.

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Consignment and second hand stores are a perfect place to buy new (old) dishes, side dishes, pot and pans and unique serving related items to enjoy each week. Just think of the different themes you can create!

I have seen an upswing of families enjoying game nights and people investing in family-oriented DVD's instead of watching mainstream TV. The cable companies are losing customers as we demand more control over what we watch. Jumbo Video in London just celebrated their 30th year in business. Congratulations to them!

Let's enjoy the little things life has to offer with our family and friends in the future. Take time to sit back and enjoy memories of the past, create new ones in the present, and plan ways to make more.

Enjoy Your Best Dishes

China cups and saucers are becoming more popular again. Teens and young adults are enjoying and experiencing tea time with their friends and family. During their first year at University, my daughter and her friends went to the toy store, bought very large bears, and had tea parties. So much fun and much better than the alternative of visiting the LCBO. Not that a glass of wine or beer can't be enjoyed during the family dinners too, there is a time for everything.

In the past, dishes and serving dishes were only used for special occasions. This is one tradition I disagree with. Why should these beautiful pieces only be enjoyed a few times a year? Dust them off, bring them out into the light and enjoy these wonderful treasures.

Beautiful to look at and more beautiful to use and treasure. The more you enjoy, the more you can appreciate them.

Also if a piece breaks consignment and second hand stores can be utilized to find a replacement. Everyone enjoys a good hunt.

