



Virtual and educational things to do/watch while quarantined.

Time to get your curiosity on!

Of Local Interest

Ringling – Art Projects: <https://www.ringling.org/learnfromhome>

Ringling Art Museum online: <https://emuseum.ringling.org/emuseum/collections>

Ringling Garden Tour: fun short video of local trees at Ringling by their arborist:

https://youtu.be/NJk_ojRioCw -- look for many of these trees on Bird Key!

Marie Shelby Botanical Gardens - 2pm Daily on Facebook and Instagram - The Living Museum

<https://selby.org/bringing-selby-gardens-to-you/>

SRQ Digital Library – for book recommendations, newspapers, magazines, e-books, etc.

<https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/library-resources/digital-library>

Virtual Field Trips

Smithsonian: The National Museum of Natural History's virtual experiences are self-guided, room-by-room tours of permanent, current, and past exhibits.

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Bring the iconic New York museum into your home! Experience The Met online with any of the **26 online galleries**, including Christian Dior: Ball Gowns and The Art of Music through Time.

Google Arts and Culture: Collaboration with over 1200 leading museums and archives, **Google Arts & Culture** is an incredible storehouse of monumental works of art. We recommend the Street View virtual tours as well as Art Zoom guided tours.

Birthplace of Music: Boise State put together this **fully interactive virtual field trip** with text, photos, audio, and video. The four featured music locations are: Vienna, Austria; New Orleans, Louisiana; Cleveland, Ohio; and Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia.

Monterey Bay Aquarium live cameras <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams/>

Museums you can visit online: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/75809/12-world-class-museums-you-can-visit-online> This includes peaks into the Vatican, Louvre, Guggenheim, National Gallery of Art, British Museum, The Dali Theatre Museum, NASA, National Women's History Museum, Air Force Museum and more...

Experience the best museums from London to Seoul in the comfort of your own home. (Note: this site includes some of the same museums listed above but others as well.)

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

The Great Wall of China – beautiful tour while making history come to life.

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/landmarks-monuments/virtual-hike-great-wall-of-china>

High Museum of Art, Atlanta: This museum's popular online exhibits include "Civil Rights Photography" — photos that capture moments of social protest like the Freedom Rides and Rosa Park's arrest. <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/civil-rights-photography/9wISPkiyouv-Lw?hl=en>

Detroit Institute of Arts: Mexican art icon Frida Kahlo is the focal point of two of the four available online exhibits. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/detroit-institute-of-arts?hl=en>

MoMA (The Museum of Modern Art): New York's extensive collection is available for **view online**.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston: The 16 virtual exhibits include a special section on 21st Century Designer Fashion. <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/museum-of-fine-arts-boston?hl=en>

San Diego Zoo – Check out these tours and videos -- <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/upgraded-experiences/inside-look-tours>

Yellowstone National Park Virtual Field Trip – Lots of tours from this site -- <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

Virtual Head Trip – The Happiness Project: Join us on our journey to understand how the regular practice of six sustainable happiness skills -- including purpose, generosity, and gratitude—can help set anyone on the path to sustainable happiness. <https://www.learnexperiencehappiness.com/virtual-experiences>

Online Educational Courses: Here is a link to 25 FREE and excellent educational sites – from Harvard, Stanford, MIT, YouTube U and more which offer courses in a multitude of subjects: <https://www.lifhack.org/articles/money/25-killer-sites-for-free-online-education.html>

And Then There's Christina's List of "Things to Do"

Here are Christina Shantz's suggestions for the upcoming days of social distancing:

- 1) Go to Home Depot and purchase 50 bags of mulch. They're on sale...\$1.67/bag. This should keep you busy for a time. (NOTE: this step is not feasible until our "stay at home" restrictions are lifted.)
- 2) When finished, consider digging out the pesky grass covering the sprinkler heads. Idle hands are the devil's playground (Mom said so)
- 3) You now probably would like a little R & R, so take a minute to sit on the patio and admire how beautiful your lawn and landscaping have become. Unfortunately, now the patio pales in comparison and could use some sprucing up so get out the pressure washer before it gets too hot.
- 4) As long as you're at it, might as well hit the driveway too. Cleanliness is next to godliness -- mom said that, too.
- 5) By now you may have had a bit too much fresh air and possibly some arthritic issues so treat yourself and take a break to enjoy the indoors. After all, there are taxes to be done. I highly recommend Turbo Tax! (I know the due date is extended but you still have to do it)
- 6) That can be tedious after only a few minutes and besides, the garage needs cleaning. A clean garage is the true measure of a well-kept home. (Direct quote from you-know-who.)

Follow these steps carefully and everyone will be safe, healthy and well on their way to possibly looking as good as Lynne Short and definitely ready for a signature cocktail.

Speaking of which, here are some recipes to try until we meet again:



South Seas Slings

- 1oz AMERICAN GIN
- 1oz ST. GERMAIN
- 1oz BENEDICTINE
- 1oz PINEAPPLE JUICE
- 1/2oz LIME JUICE

Combine all ingredients in a shaker filled with ice and shake gently. Strain into a highball glass filled with fresh ice & garnish with fresh fruit & flowers. Enjoy!

Piña Colada Milkshake

- 1oz SILVER RUM
- 1/2oz JAMAICAN RUM
- 1 1/2oz PINEAPPLE JUICE
- 1 1/4 CUPS COCONUT ICE CREAM OR GELATO

Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend. Pour into a milkshake or highball glass and top with toasted coconut flakes & Enjoy!



And here's some hope:

