

SPECIAL BONUS ISSUE

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THE ULTIMATE
**MUST
HAVE
LIST**
FOR 2022

LUXURY HOTELS,
CUTTING EDGE
FASHION, DRINK
TRENDS, BEAUTY
& SO MUCH MORE!

Plus
RESTAURANTS
WHERE FOODIES
FLOCK



Pure Grit BBQ

SERENDIPITY **MUST HAVE LIST** 2022

**For the new year, we created the
ultimate list featuring
amazing things to do, buy, see, eat and
enjoy in our area.**

Be sure to keep it and reference it throughout the year!

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Pure Grit BBQ
VERSATILE BARBECUE BLEND
puregritbbq.com

Kerry Fitzmaurice debuted her Pure Grit BBQ brand at the Beer Bourbon and BBQ festival in Brooklyn, NY, just two years ago to rave reviews. While she hopes to open a vegan barbecue restaurant in Mahattan in the future, she's currently focusing on her line of barbecue fixings to help people make amazing vegan barbecue at home. Put her BBQ Blend rub on your must-have list for cooking year-round. "I think people love it because it is so well-balanced," says Fitzmaurice of her blend of spices mixed with smoked salt, lemon peel, cloves, spearmint and demerara sugar. "It goes way beyond a normal rub. The rub is light enough to to beautifully season almost everything you are cooking." Try it on roasted veggies, in dressings, as marinade or on your chips and popcorn. The blend is sold in three half-pound bags (\$36). In addition to their website, Hamptonites can find Pure Grit at Sylvester & Co. Modern General in Sag Harbor, NY.

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The Poppery
**POP
CULTURE
CAKE**
the-poppery.com

"The Poppery came from my love of being creative and my desire to use my background in art in a unique and fun way," says owner Alexa Esposito of the bakery she founded in 2017. "I started out making custom cake pops (\$3.50 and up each) for friends and family at their various events, and never dreamed that it would one day turn into the business that it has!" And those cake pops truly are works of art. Think pops shaped like sushi, the Beatles and cute jungle animals in flavors like funfetti, red velvet, churro, and chocolate chip. "We have made a wide variety of cake pops, from your favorite cartoon characters to elegant wedding favors," says Esposito, whose brick-and-mortar shop opened in 2019. And while the pops are super popular, the bakery has lots more on offer, including custom cakes. "We also provide other treats such as macarons, sugar cookies, sugar cookie tarts and cupcakes that partner well with our custom dessert table packages," she says. In store, you'll find 10 flavors of mochi, celebratory add-ons like candles, cards and sprinkles, and a selection of cakes coming soon.



Jane's Good Food
JUST-LIKE-THEY-USED-TO-BE DILLS
janesgoodfood.com

Next time you mix up a Bloody Mary or put together a charcuterie spread, add these Dilly Beans (\$18) from Jane's Good Food. The old-fashioned snack can be found at The Pantry in Fairfield, CT, the Harbor Harvest in Norwalk, CT and directly through founder Jane Costello. She grew up in Pennsylvania playing among the rows of beans and learning how to cook. Now, she is sharing her family's recipes with the next generation through her company Jane's Good Food, based in Westport, CT. To create the dilly beans, she takes garden beans and pickles them in a classic dill and garlic brine with a few red pepper flakes. "I hope my handmade locally sourced preserved food creates mouthwatering never-forget-how-good-it-is memories," Costello says.