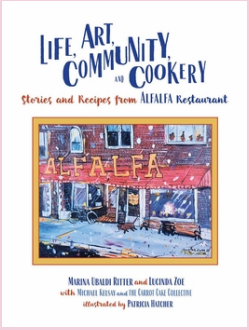
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Lexington

A gift walk for the people you love.



193 SHOP / FROM THE WALK

A restaurant you can take home

Alfalfa's recipes and the people behind them.

See the cookbook

Alfalfa cookbook cover from Butler Books. Illustration by Patricia Hatcher.

Hi, gift friends,

Think of the friend who orders dessert for the table, or the one who stays through the credits. Keep their name in your head for this walk. Lexington has a cookbook with a whole restaurant tucked inside it, and a box office where you can buy the two of you another night together.

Start at noon on Friday or Saturday

1. Artists' Attic 2. Lussi Brown 3. 193 SHOP
4. Friends Book Cellar 5. Kentucky Theatre

Reach the Book Cellar before 4 p.m. Check 193 SHOP's retail hours before leaving.

Open the walking map

WEST MAIN / CHURCH STREET

Silk and a second cup

STOP 01

The Artists' Attic

401 W Main St, suite 401 • Friday and Saturday, noon–4

Take the elevator beside Tony's up to the fourth floor. Susan Smith-Sargent fell for silk painting as a University of Kentucky art student. She brushes French dyes onto stretched silk, then steams it for hours to set the color. The tide pools she explored as a child still find their way into how she sees nature. Her studio is part of this artist-supported nonprofit.

For the friend who always stops to look closer, ask which silk works are available. Write Susan's name on the back of your gift note so they can find her again.

Plan a visit **Susan's shop** **Artist Instagram**



IN THE STUDIO

Susan Smith-Sargent

Artwork from Susan's studio website. Explore the color and movement up close.

STOP 02

Lussi Brown Coffee Bar

114 Church St • Tuesday–Sunday, coffee 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Olivia Lussi and Sarah Brown met working barista shifts at Coffea. The drinks they shared after work helped inspire their own coffee and cocktail bar. Lexington regulars backed the Kickstarter that helped open its doors.

For the friend who keeps saying "we need to catch up," get a coffee gift card and write an actual date on the envelope. From noon, indoor seating is 21+. Younger visitors can order a nonalcoholic drink to go.

Coffee bar **Send an e-gift card** **Instagram**

NORTH LIMESTONE / EAST MAIN

Recipes, reads & a movie

STOP 03

193 SHOP at Institute 193

Institute 193

193 N Limestone • Confirm shop hours ahead

Alfalfa's cooks and diners helped make a Lexington restaurant into a community. Life, Art, Community, and Cookery gathers its recipes and stories in a hardcover illustrated by Patricia Hatcher and co-published by Institute 193 and Butler Books.

For your recipe swapper, tuck in a dinner invitation. The publisher lists it at $35. Ask about shelf stock at 193 N Limestone. The gallery is at 215.

Institute 193 · Order the cookbook · Instagram

STOP 04

Friends Book Cellar

Friends of the Library, Lexington Public Library

140 E Main St • Central Library, lower level • Mon–Sat, 10–4

A donation of carpet and 75 wooden shelving units helped this shop get started. It opened in 1998, and its secondhand shelves now help the Friends support Lexington's public library.

For the reader who raised you, hunt for a used copy of a book you read together. Slip in a note telling them which scene you still remember.

Visit the Book Cellar · Shop their used books

STOP 05

The Kentucky Theatre

tkt the kentucky theatre — YOUR TICKET TO THE BEST IN CINEMA

214 E Main St • Check showtimes for your visit

End at the nonprofit cinema's box office. Gift cards start at $10 and are also sold online for delivery by mail.

For the person who stays for the credits, put this in the card: "You pick the movie. I'm getting the popcorn."

Showtimes · Buy a gift card · Instagram

THE TAKE-HOME PAGE

Send a little Lexington

Five ways to give from home

For their walls

Browse Susan's available work or read about her silk process.

Artist shop In her words

For a coffee date

Send a Lussi Brown e-gift card with a date to meet.

Choose a gift card

For Sunday dinner

Order the illustrated Alfalfa cookbook from its co-publisher.

Butler Books

For their nightstand

Browse the Friends' own used-book listings. Selection changes.

Friends on eBay Friends on Amazon

For a night together

Order a physical Kentucky Theatre gift card by mail.

Theatre gift cards

With thanks

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Cookbook and credits