



Unleash Your Inner Flower!

Beautifully mounted on metallic bronze cardstock, Shadeflower's latest notecard line is sure to enliven your senses! Inspired by my mother, these cards can be personalized, made into thank yous or left blank. 9-card packs featuring three of each design are available for only \$14.95 and includes envelopes. Personalize your cards for a one-time fee of just \$5!

Design Trends

Oooh, Aaah, Glam-icious!

Scrap that boring old 80-lb white-coated paper and add some pizzazz for your next project! Specialty papers such as vellums, pearlescents, metallics and embossed add elegant, eye-catching glam to invitations, business cards, brochures, and more! And surprisingly, these scrumptious papers are affordable. And rest assured, many brands derive from eco-friendly practices.

Contact Shadeflower Designs to learn how you to put some "ooohs" into your next project!

Here Comes... the Holidays?!

As your trusted stationer, it is my duty to tell you it's time to start thinking about your holiday cards. No need to panic, or start writing your yearly form letter yet, but set aside those fantastic summer pictures. Instead of using just a single photo in your card, consider using several to create a collage story. Shadeflower Designs can help you with your selections, offering competitive pricing and unique designs.

Shadeflower Designs can also personalize your business greeting cards by incorporating your logo, products and more.

Order your holiday greetings by November 1st to take advantage of a 5% discount!

Going Green

What would you do for beauty? Allow cancer-causing toxins into your bloodstream? Put unborn children at risk for reproductive and developmental disorders? Intensify skin, eyes, and lung allergies?

Did you know that the average American woman exposes herself to nearly **168 toxic chemicals a day**? According to Organic Diva, nine out of ten ingredients used in personal care products have not been evaluated for safety. The European Union has banned over a thousand chemicals (including sodium laurel sulfate, found in most U.S. shampoos), yet our government has only banned the use of **ten**.

With the rise of the "metro-sexual" male, women aren't the only ones at risk. And it's not just cosmetics you should be concerned about. These chemicals are also found in shampoos, hair products, face washes and soaps, not to mention household cleaning products.

The cosmetics industry insists that such chemicals are okay in small quantities; however, considering that the average woman ingests anywhere between four and nine **pounds** of lipstick in her lifetime (which often contains lead and other toxic chemicals), it seems we are not using "small quantities". I don't know about you, but with the rise of cancers, birth deformities, and Alzheimer's, I'd rather not take the chance.

But who has time for reading all those labels? We're already bombarded enough with the labels on foods we're supposed to pay attention to!

That's where **Organic Diva**, comes in handy. **OrganicDivas.com** is devoted to helping you choose safe cosmetics and beauty products. You can order products directly through them and learn the essentials of choosing a safe product. And now you can learn how to start your tot off right by visiting their newly-launched division, **OrganicDivaBaby.com**. There's even a downloadable wallet card outlining the Top 12 worst (and most common) chemicals found in today's products.

I know, I know, I'm not ready to give up on my favorite perfume either, and who doesn't love painted toes in the summer? But do your body a favor - start with replacing at least four of your daily products and go from there. Your body will thank you! Below is a list of product lines I've really come to love!

To learn more about healthful cosmetics and personal products, please visit **OrganicDivas.com**.

Recommended Product Lines:

Burt's Bees

www.burtsbees.com

www.avalonorganics.com

Zum

www.organicdivas.com/shop.html

Tom's of Maine

www.tomsomaine.com

Afterglow Cosmetics

www.organicdivas.com/shop.html

Melissa's Marketplace

Melissa's Marketplace is my latest column addition, in which I wish to share my favorite vendors around the world.

Please note: these are my opinions only and are **not** influenced by any monies, discounts, friendships, favors, bribery, or blackmail! The businesses I feature are ones I've had good experiences with and wish to share such experiences with my ever-faithful readers! So without further ado, I wish to present...



The Maxwell House

Bed & Breakfast in Walla Walla Valley, WA

For a truly exquisite (and shockingly, affordable!) experience in one of the U.S.'s most delicious wine destinations, indulge yourself with a stay at The Maxwell House.

Innkeeper, Penny Maxwell Bingham welcomed John and I with fresh-baked cookies and iced tea. "Don't ever feel you are taking the last cookie," the vivacious middle-aged woman said. "I believe cookies should always be fresh, so I bake several batches a day."

This Victorian fantasy greets visitors with tasteful period decor. The cozy front porch beckons you for a cup of tea or wine. Soothing music plays in the background, fresh cut flowers fill the room, and candy dishes sit on the tables (and did I mention the cookies?!).

We stayed in "Ravishing Rose", named after Penny's mother. The room was decorated with antique furnishings, sprays of lavender, fine linens, and a bear-claw tub. Penny thought of everything - flower petals that dissolved into bath bubbles, a fresh-cut rose at the bedside, and his-n-her robes... we wanted for nothing!

What sets this B&B apart was the breakfast. Each morning our table was set with freshly-cut flowers and a gourmet meal! We delighted in a variety of dishes: crepes, southwestern egg "puffs", blueberry french toast - all garnished with fresh berries and mint leaves.

Have I tempted you yet? Contact Penny to plan your own experience!

The Maxwell House ~ www.themaxwellhouse.com ~ (866) 377-0700

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Call today for your **free** consultation.

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