



# Spring Fever

After historic blizzards blanketed the region this winter, spring is perhaps even more welcome than usual. As the ice has thawed and daffodils add some colorful cheer, winter-weary souls may be itching to get outside and celebrate the season. To help in your feverish frolics, here are a few stellar items from our local artisans...

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**Garden Greats**  
Spruce up your garden with an elegant metal gate forged by artisan blacksmith Greg Price. A Fauquier County native, Price turns metal into quality works of art-- whether fireplace tools, wine cellar grilles, or garden gates. Among his commissioned pieces, he's even outfitted an entire residence in ironwork. [www.gregpriceblacksmith.com](http://www.gregpriceblacksmith.com)

**Berry Bowls**  
Pick your own strawberries at a local farm and display them in a berry bowl made by Juba Mountain Pottery's Susan Dienelt, featured on the annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio Tour. From her studio outside Sperryville, Dienelt creates beautiful pots that are as much about function as form. Warning: your kitchen table centerpiece may be too pretty to touch, much less eat. 540-987-8041

**Co-licious**  
Lola's award-winning treats—sold from the bakery in historic Leesburg—have become a national phenomenon. Stop by 109 South King Street for a sweet indulgence, or special order some springtime cupcakes, decorated with pastel flowers. Made fresh from scratch daily. [www.lolacookies.com](http://www.lolacookies.com)

**Picnic in the Piedmont**  
Grab a blanket, hit the trail, and lay out a picnic spread among the wildflowers. Didn't finish your bottle of Virginia wine? Wine stoppers by Rappahannock Mudworks to the rescue. Guaranteed for life, custom-made with your logo, pet, or barn colors. [www.rapmud.com](http://www.rapmud.com)

