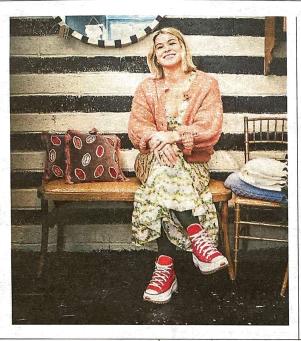
Weekend Loves

Ruth O'Connor's guide to inspiring ideas and beautiful things

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Get nesting in **Waterford City**

Sinead Palmer recently opened Nest in Waterford — a unique and eclectic independent store stocking new and vintage accessories and furniture for the home. Inspired by House of Hackney's fearless approach to colour, pattern and texture, Sinead uses the brand's fabrics when reupholstering vintage finds and also stocks a brilliant range of tablescaping and home styling items. Due to debut the week lockdown was enforced, Sinead has finally opened her doors to the public and hopes to bring her eye for design to the people of Waterford City and beyond. Find her at 127 The Quay, Waterford or on @nestwaterford on Instagram.





Lace up your look with Irish design

A statement top is a great wardrobe investment as some of us venture out to bars and restaurants again and while many of us continue to work from home and communicate via our screens. Natalie B Coleman's new Victorian-style lace blouses come in a variety of colours including classic black, electric blue and this vibrant pink. Handmade to order in Coleman's Dublin studio, the blouses cost €300. www.nataliebcoleman.com



Get fruity with Flying Flamingo

Hard seltzers are the coolest new drinks around and are set to make a real splash on the scene this summer. Perfect for picnics or back garden barbecues, hard seltzers are sparkling fruity drinks which are low in calories and alcohol. Flying Fla-mingo is a new brand of hard seltzer produced at the Pearse Lyons Brewery & Distillery in Dublin's Liberties. Currently available in two flavour options - Pineapple Punch and Peach Fizz, Available in Tesco stores at €3 per can or four for €9.

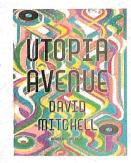


Skincare goes natural with Nunaia

Nunaia is one of the most exciting Irish-founded beauty brands around right now for both its eco credentials and its bioactive properties. Founder Nicola Connolly has spent over a decade researching wellness with local communities, biologists and healers in Peru and Ecuador and has created a range of products which resonate with thousands of years of plant wisdom along with the latest science. Pictured here is the 100% natural Superfood Cleansing Balm which naturally removes makeup and debris from the skin. Available at Avoca, Arnotts, Kilkenny, The Clean Beauty Edit and Seagreen. €59. nunaia.com



Considered one of the greatest British novelists of his generation, David Mitchell depicts the dark end of the 1960s in his first major novel in 16 years - Utopia Avenue. In this new book, the best-selling author of Cloud Atlas and The Bone Clocks, tells the story of the most improbable band you've never heard of. It's a tale of a ragtag band's blazing journey from the clubs of London's Soho to the promised land of America just as the Summer of Love is unravelling and a dark underbelly of drugs, sex, madness and grief is exposed. Available 14th July. Published by Sceptre. Paperback £14.99.



Wear a classic design by Rory Hutton

Irish designer and artist Rory Hutton is known for his beautiful unique prints which are created using a lino cut technique and then printed onto the finest of products from silk scarves to porcelain to stationary. Having lived in Scotland for a number of years, Rory has collaborated with Westminster Abbey, The British Museum and The Royal Ballet among others to produce unique collections. His designs, while modern, retain an elegance and a classical sensibility which has a timeless appeal. Pictured here is his lovely Green Garden' scarf inspired by renowned gardeners of the 20th Century, including Vita Sackville-West. Made in Italy from pure silk it measures 90 x 90cm and costs €99. www.roryhutton.co.uk



Bag a fashionable bargain at Arnotts

Arnotts summer sale has just begun and is the perfect opportunity to refresh your wardrobe now that many of us are moving beyond the lock-down uniform of pjs and loungewear. With 50% off many items both in store and online now is the time to invest in a beautiful piece of Irish design from labels such as FeeG or Aideen Bodkin. If Scandinavian brands are your go-to fashion favourites then you'll find great reductions across la-bels such as Samsoe&Samsoe and Storm & Marie too. There are also incredible deals to be had in the home-ware and beauty departments. Dress. FeeG at Arnotts. Was €255 now €153. www.arnotts.ie



Cian's at Hotel Westport

From yesterday, chef and proprietor Cian Hayes of Cian's on Bridge Street in West-port is popping up with his award-winning menu at Hotel Westport providing an even greater reason to visit the hotel and its fantastic surroundings. The menu at Cian's at Hotel Westport will evolve on a weekly basis to incorporate seasonal ingredients from reputable local suppliers including Cuinneog's dairy, Joe Kelly's organic vegetables, Calvey's lamb and Killary Fjord's seafood. Think seared scallops and glazed pork belly, gin and beetroot cured sea trout and succulent lamb roasted and served with lamb shoulder, carrot and cardamom puree and you get the drift. Prices start at €32 for two courses and 644 for three. Call 098 25122 or visit www.hotelwestport.ie for more information.

