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Well, it's no secret–2020 hasn't exactly been off to the smoothest start. But if anything, it's been an exercise to see the brighter side of things. During times of uncertainty, I catch myself hearing my mom's advice: "It's not 'I have to,' it's 'I get to.'" While this advice usually came in the form of turning "having to do chores" into "getting to take care of a home," it's travelled with me in my adult life, and taken up residence as this year's motto. For example: instead of worrying about work, it's an opportunity to be more at rest. Instead of succumbing to fear, it's an opportunity to seek knowledge (the real kind from actual experts, please), and instead of mourning what you don't have, it's an opportunity to be grateful for what you do have.

While we've all been adjusting and putting the health of our loved ones and ourselves first, it's imperative that we don't forget the incredible independent businesses in our community. Show your support for Greater Palm Springs businesses and thumb through our Shoppe Guide (pg. 53), where you'll see the artists and makers who are creating goods that'll lift your spirits and add life to your home and wardrobe.

I feel so blessed to have such incredible people in this magazine. Among them are a chef who's bringing delicious Vietnamese fusion to Palm Springs (pg. 86), a young and brilliant artistic director for the Palm Springs International Film Festival (pg. 110) and an interior stylist who is restoring a historic home back to its former midcentury glory (pg. 134). Actor Clive Standen, a personal hero of mine, is also gracing the cover of this magazine, and I truly hope you love his kind, impactful words as much as I do (pg. 38).

In times like these, please remember to think and be conscious of those around you. As cliché as it sounds, we truly are all in this together. Stay healthy, support one another and choose joy. For now, I hope this magazine brings a smile to your face and an opportunity to escape any worries you may have.

As always-happy reading,



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