

Pin-Up: Wayne St. Vincent

What's your biggest pet peeve? I've got a lot of 'em. The biggest one is people on the phone when they're supposed to be working.

What's your favorite movie? The cartoon Disney version of Robin Hood

What's your favorite thing about Rhode Island in the fall? Hunting season; I mainly hunt for deer.

What do you like to binge watch when it's cold out? Right now I'm watching "Jack Ryan."

Tell us a secret! I've been growing my hair out and it's getting unruly, but I can't wear a man bun because I've made fun of them so much. I wish I hadn't.

What's new at Lang's? Mondays and Wednesdays are military appreciation days. Show your military ID and get \$1 games and shoes. And from 9pm till close on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we have college night. Unlimited bowling for \$7 per person!

Pin-up: Kayla Girard

What's your favorite part about fall in RI?

The color change in the trees.

What's your favorite book?

I'm an avid reader, so it would be hard to nail one down. I read about 60 books in a year.

What's your favorite TV show to binge when the weather gets cold?

I am very excited for "Game of Thrones."

What's going on at Lang's this month?

On September 22, we're going to do a breast cancer awareness event. We're asking people to come out and show their support — wearing pink or no pink — and 100% of the net proceeds will go to Gloria Gemma.

It's an important event for me, personally, because my dad died of breast cancer. A lot of men are uninformed that they can get it, and we hope to help Gloria Gemma bring more awareness to people. It's not just a woman's cancer. It can literally impact any person — young or old, man or woman.

Pin-up: Jenny Currier

You're a food writer and a food tour guide. Where does your passion for food come from? Traveling. It wasn't until I moved to New England for grad school (and started traveling) that I really developed a love for food.

What's the best thing you've ever eaten? Grilled octopus on Thassos, Greece (actually, anything in Greece)

What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten? Live sea urchins, or perhaps a 1,000-year-old egg.

Does the story/ situation/ emotion that surrounds a meal affect your memory of it? Of course. I still remember a baked potato I ate with my dad at the Plaza Hotel in NYC when I was 10. We'd just returned from Ellis Island where we climbed the Statue of Liberty in the dead of winter. It felt like the best potato I'd ever eaten.

What's your favorite movie? Any in which I've memorized all the dialogue (*Mrs. Doubtfire* may have been the first.)

What's your biggest pet peeve? Going out to eat with people who don't eat as much as I do. This actually became problematic for my dating life.

Tell us a secret! I'm currently writing a book — memoir / travel / humor — about Greece and why it captured me. I'm thinking to call it *Tasting Paradise*.



Pin-up: Maple Devine

You're pretty in pink, Maple!

I am a 12-year breast cancer survivor, so I like to give back to my community with the Save the Tatas Pink Pasty Show coming up on September 15. I usually donate to Women & Infants because they put me back together, but this year, all proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We're also doing a vintage car calendar with the House of Mood girls to raise more money for the hospital. You



could say I'm tickled pink!

Now for the important stuff — what's your secret behind those arms?

I've discovered the fountain of youth, and it's pole for life. It drives me and motivates me and it's given me power for life.

What's the best thing about House of Mood?

There are people out there who would like to perform, but don't know where to perform. If you are a performer or imagined performing, but you don't know where to perform, I give you the opportunity. And all the performers are in the community and so dedicated to the art form. It's a nice collection of cabaret — we have vocalists, pole performers, chair performers. Any talent you have you can put it in my show and it works.

I am very fortunate that this is my job; I just love what I do.

Pin up: The Catnip Junkies featuring Mike and Beth Silvia

Are you cat people or dog people?

We are all about the cat! But we love other people's dogs. They're the best because you get all the love,

none of the work!

How did you come up with your band name? We were snowed in during that winter a couple of years ago when it felt like we were always snowed in. We sat around our living room playing with one of those band name generators on the interwebs. We have three girls and one guy in our band, so we added words like lucky cat and kittens, but nothing really catchy came up. Later Mike threw it out there, Catnip! The Catnip Junkies. We loved it. It was really hard to pass on Twilight of the Cat Gods from the name generator!

Where's your favorite local place to catch a play?

We've seen some fantastic shows at the Stadium Theater. We have lots of theater friends performing locally and we love to get out and show our support!

What's your favorite local thing to do in the summer?

Kayaking is one of our favorite local summer activities! RI is packed with fantastic all day paddles. The Charlestown Breachway is a favorite but watch the tides! We once sat beached for about 20 minutes paddling like crazy thinking we were trucking along, but it was really just the tide coming in and we hadn't moved an inch! It's a cautionary tale.

We also get to play lots of outdoor town concerts during the summer and that's always a highlight.

Tell me about The SpeakEasy night at the House of Mood.

It's a cabaret style show that starts with our band and cocktails at 7:45pm. We are a bass, fiddle, banjo, piano and kazoo playin' band. Our music is old school gypsy jazz, and we love to have a good time warming up the audience with our interactive show. It can get quite rowdy!

The show continues at 8:30 with Miss Maple Divine and the Fringe Follies. It's a true variety act, with tap, drag, comedy, commentary, aerial acts, and pole dancing. The follies are so much more than pink pasties. We absolutely love playing and hosting the SpeakEasy. It's a dream job. We are excited to be working with House of Mood on all kinds of new projects in the near future, so stay tuned!

May '18 Pin Up: Valentino



What do you never leave home without?

A musical tune to get me through the day.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

Bad breath. Does anyone like it?

What's your favorite book?

The Magic of Thinking Big; it goes into how you perceive things and how you can stop limiting yourself through your beliefs.

What's your favorite TV show?

"Black Mirror;" I'm a Netflix kind of guy.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever gotten?

Never let your dog wander. Your dog represents your brain and sometimes we let it wander off track, but the dog has to stay on the porch. You have to bring it back.

Do you wear hats in your everyday life?

I like fedoras. I have an old soul. I like the classic things, courting, all that type of stuff. I like that old style.

What does House of Mood have coming up this month?

The Motown show is coming up on June 16. It's going to be a collection of different songs from that era.

Pin-Up: Ivory Brulee



What do you never

leave home without?

Lipstick! Sometimes just wearing it can be enough to perk up my day. I think may I need a support group though, I have almost three dozen!

What's your biggest pet peeve?

People who continue driving with their directional on after they've turned or switched lanes. I'm that person behind you making gestures trying to get you to turn it off.

What's your favorite book?

Any vintage cookbook, I love picking them up at yard sales and have a collection. I'm a personal chef and food educator during the daytime, so I love diving into a little bit of culinary history.

What's your favorite movie?

Such a tough question. Currently, the new Avengers: Infinity War! Always, Breakfast at Tiffany's. It's one of those movies you can curl up with some popcorn when you have a case of the mean reds. For a laugh, Super Troopers.

What's your favorite TV show?

Anything on Masterpiece Theatre. I'm a bit of an anglophile like that.

Have you ever been arrested or had a run-in with the law?

I wish I could say I did, just for a good story. I was on the other side of the law enforcement fence. I used to want to be a police officer and went on ride alongs. Must've been something about the uniforms and handcuffs.

Tell us a secret!

I'm a huge sci-fi geek! I'd fit right in on The Big Bang Theory. My car is named "River Song" and is a shade of TARDIS blue and I taped my fingers together in the 3rd grade so I could do the Vulcan salute.

What does House of Mood have going on in May?

It's our "Salute to Legends" on Saturday, May 19! Tickets are available on EventBrite.com. Come see performances to songs by musical legends old and new. From classic song writers like Willie Nelson to more recent rockers Bon Jovi or Guns and Roses. This month proves to be another sequin shining, tassel teasing, feather flying night of fun!

Pin Up: Kelsey Underwood



Finish this sentence: April showers ...

Bring May flowers? Well yeah, but I'm hoping for sunny days and my feet in the sand.

Which season is your favorite and why?

The summer! I love being outside, going for hikes, fishing, kayaking, biking, swimming... Cookouts with friends and lounging on the beach! I mean what's not to love about the summer, driving around with the windows down; listening to some good music! Summertime and the livings' easy!

Favorite book?

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert. During my month-long travels to Bali, Indonesia, Cairns and Australia I read this book. It opened my eyes to a lot, I felt connected to the woman who wrote the story! If you're embarking on a solo travel around the world, pick up a copy - you won't regret it!

Favorite TV show?

"Power!" It's a crazy good show... let's just say I'm addicted and binge watching! Definitely worth a watch.

Favorite movie?

Inception! Such an intense movie, and it makes you think. Plus Leonardo DiCaprio isn't so bad to look at, if you know what I mean ☐

Do you have an opinion on cannabis legalization? (this is our cannabis issue)

My opinion is this. As a society, "we" consume alcohol, aspartame, tobacco, nicotine, high fructose corn syrup ... the list goes on. So why is it legal to consume so many harmful things but not cannabis which has been proven to help with certain health issues and can bring in revenue? All in all, I'm for the legalization of cannabis!

What does Lang's have going on this month?

All of April is Autism Awareness Month - we are selling Blue Autism Bracelets for \$2 each and all proceeds are going to the cause, we are also doing Roundup for Autism on all of our guest checks! April 19th we are hosting a Girls Night Out for Autism Awareness in the Nelson Event Center, and April 21st we have the Strike Out Sarcoma Fundraiser. We always have something going on, whether we're supporting a great cause, hosting events, live music or black light bowling with a DJ.

Pin-up: Osceanna Rose



What do you

never leave home without? I never leave the house with an iced coffee (yes I am a Rhode Islander to the core), a bottle of water and a smile.

What's your biggest pet peeve? People who cannot follow through with their word and commitments

What's your favorite book? I will let you know when I'm done writing it.

What's your favorite movie? *Alien* because Ripley is one bad ass chick and her orange cat Jonesy is even more bad ass. (I love cats, I have 3.)

What's your drink of choice? Chianti!! C'mon I'm Italo-American, my blood is the consistency of red wine.

Do you have a favorite local specialty cocktail? I am allergic to hard liquors; I break out in handcuffs. So, that would be a no.

What's going on with House of Mood this month? This April, the House of Mood's show theme is "The Spy Who Loved Me." We have so many talented acts: Lana Laine and her chair class will be performing stunning leggy choreography, Sophia Minx and the Mighty Aphrodite will be dynamically awing us with their pole choreography, Maple Devine is definitely going to surprise the crowd as always. And I will be performing an eclectic striptease to "Nobody Does it Better" and yes, there will be some pasties involved! Always a power-packed, energetic and unique show!

Pin-Up: Karen



Many of the articles in this issue are about empowering women. Are there things you do regularly to help ensure equality or promote female empowerment?

I'll share events and groups with ladies that I think might be interested. I try to not tear anyone down, but instead encourage them in their goals.

We're also celebrating local musicians in this issue. Do you have a favorite local band?

My favorite local band is Sybil Disobedience Rock Dance Cover Band.

What's your favorite book?

I am a fan of Rob Sheffield. My favorite of his is *Love is a Mix Tape*.

What do you never leave home without?

A book and my iPod.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

Rudeness; there isn't really any reason for it. You see and hear stories of all these people being nice and then others saying how great that is. Well, stop looking at the examples and become one. I know that everyone has a bad moment, but stop, count to 5 (if you have to), go back in with a smile and just be nice. Be kind. It is just that simple