

## ERIC-ISMS

"Where's there's Smoke..."

When I left you last month – I started sharing some of my earliest memories growing up in St. Anthony, Indiana on the KLEM Factory plant site. As a child, living and growing up in the trailer was like living in a wonderland! My dad parked the tiny trailer on the back of the KLEM lot and installed a fence around the whole perimeter so my and I sister could roam. I loved our small yard where we would play and watch the daily events around the factory, neighboring farms, and my grandfather's garden.

My Mom – ever fearful of us getting out of the fenced area and into the factory – always kept a keen eye on us. Except one day when my sister decided to swing as high as she could – ignoring my mother's warning about me being outside as well - and kicked me in the head – intentionally. Well – a trip to the doctor's office and five stitches later – I was fine. My sister found it her mission in her young life to torment me as much as possible. Even to this day – my Mom remembers that she could never get me out of my playpen for fear that Christine would steal my toys or bottle!

Life was grand until my baby brother arrived. Greg's arrival added chaos to our quiet life. Can you imagine – a small mobile home with three small children? I guess that is why my Mom kept a bottle of Excedrin close at hand with a couple of packs of cigarettes as back up for daily survival.

One day – we were all in the car jumping around in the back seat (no car seats or seat-belts) coming back from the IGA grocery store. My mom stressed as always was cruising down the road with all the windows open – playing some loud music and smoking. She tossed her cigarette out the window, then proceeded back home. Upon parking and letting us kids out she returned to the fetch the groceries – and found the back seat was on FIRE! It was a close call – but a small burn mark in the back seat of the station wagon was the only real damage. We all survived another day!

- Eric

## MONTHLY MUSE: STUDIO-AT

Recognized as a global leader in the luxury market, Studio-AT exemplifies the balance between quality product and impeccable design. From Lobby to Ballroom into the Corridors... Studio-AT can handle it all. The combination of our in-house design team + skilled craftsman that work to make each light fixture a statement - set Studio-AT apart from all other lighting companies.

## FEATURED ALGER-TRITON INSTALLS:



THE GWEN - Chicago



SHERATON BAY POINT - Panama City, FL

## FEATURE PRODUCT of the MONTH

H COLLECTION by BROWN JORDAN

Designed by Toan Nguyen

HOT Off the Design and Production Line! Brown Jordan's Newest outdoor collection, The H COLLECTION, is unlike any other of our outdoor seating collections. Named for the first letter of the word "hoy"—"today," in Spanish—the H Collection by Toan Nguyen takes a classic mix of materials for a new spin by adding enticing curves and finishes, for a completely fresh look. Its 3-inch diameter rope create a dramatic, sculptural effect against the collection's streamlined aluminum frames.



## JILL'S SPRING BUCKET LIST

YAY! for SPRING! and Vaccines! and with Positive Vibes flowing... here are a few of Jill's Favorite SPRING To-Dos!

### Go Pick Berries

April and May are PRIME Berry Szn in the South. I love picking berries - then making the fruits of our labor into Jam. A full experience that everyone loves each year.

### Picnic in the Park

Pack a Basket + Grab some Wine, Cheese & a Baguette and Spend the Day at your favorite Park with a few of your favorite people.

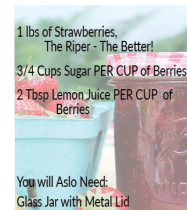
### Bike Rides

Dust off the ole Quarantine Bikes and Go for a Spin!

### Plant a Garden

Start with Herbs - Basil, Rosemary and Mint are my Must-Haves for summer. Make sure to only plant Mint in a contained Planter! Rosemary is great for grilling and Keeps the Mosquitos at bay!

### Making Berries into Jam



- Cut ENDS Off and 1/2 the Large berries.
- Add Berries + Sugar + Lemon juice into MED Saucepan and stir to combine. Place on H-Med heat until BOILING.
- Reduce heat to Med-LOW and Simmer about 15-20mins.
- Remove from heat and transfer to WARM Glass Jars - Leaving 1/2" of Space at the top of jar for expansion.
- Cool on Counter - Refrigerate or Freeze up to 3mos!