

MIDWEST LIVING JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006 ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

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WINTER WAKEUPS -- Page 17

Don't let the cold keep you indoors. Come midwinter, it's easy to hibernate. But that's like admitting defeat. Pull on some layers, get out there and see how fun winter can be. Midwest Living's list of 20 cold-weather activities includes the best places to see eagles, skate outdoors, enjoy Olympic-style sledding, play on frozen ponds and walk in the woods. Once you hit that bracing air, you might hope spring takes its time arriving.

TIME FOR TEA -- Page 61

Tea is hot, even if you don't care for fancy tearooms with lacy tablecloths. The traditional beverage is being made over and infused with fresh flair - dresses and heels no longer required. Midwest Living provides tips to help you bring tea parties home with brewing advice and recipes for complementary food: Crab-Avocado-Cress Sandwiches, Cucumber-Dill Sour Cream on English Muffins, Gingerbread Tea Cakes and Early Grey Crème Brulee.

ALOHA! TROPICAL MIDWEST -- Page 46

Yes, you can grow your own tropical paradise in the Midwest! Midwest Living shares how you can grow warm-climate tropicals - Palm Trees, Banana Trees and more - in your own yard. With the right plant, location and a little TLC your own island oasis won't be very far.

COLORFUL CHARACTER -- Page 71

Midwest Living shows how you can mix bright, passionate colors, playful bargain buys and a hint of local history to create a home with an affordable, yet classy style. Some ideas? Create a dramatic point by painting one wall a bold color, hang inexpensive mirrors instead of pricey art, paint on simple slip-covered chairs or scatter circle bath rugs to add punch to plain carpet.

MIDWEST HOLLYWOOD -- Page 81

Forget L.A. More than 600 films can't be wrong: Chicago has stage presence. Midwest Living shows how you can step into the scenes of some all-time great movies on a trip to Windy City. Think: Miracle on 34th Street, The Untouchables, My Best Friend's Wedding, Batman Begins, The Blues Brothers and Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Also, we share famous Midwestern movie sites outside of Chicago and the best Midwest film festivals.

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