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***A Joyful July!*** We've been busy having fun here at VW and want to send a little joy your way too! So this month's newsletter and VW Blog posts focus on local hotspots for relaxing & celebrating with your girls, or discovering a new place for a dinner date! And of course, you can always enjoy browsing our [ultimate online wedding location guide](#) for great ideas on where to hold your next special event.

***Venue Spotlight: San Buenaventura Mission***

Keep your eyes peeled for next month's Featured Venue: the [historic mission](#) in downtown Ventura! You might be surprised to learn that events at the Mission are not limited to Catholic ceremonies or even the mission grounds. The wedding and catering professionals of [Plated Events Catering](#) manage special events at the Mission, in Figueroa Plaza just across the street, at Serra Cross Vista in Grant Park (such beautiful views!), and even offer beach wedding ceremonies at Ventura's charming local beaches. Please check out their website's [photo gallery](#) for images of each location. You can reach Plated Events at (805) 525-5736, [info@platedevents.com](mailto:info@platedevents.com), or fill in their brief [contact form](#) and a wedding professional will contact you.

***Fun with Friends***

At VW we truly love all that is local, so when we find something too good to keep secret, we've got to tell our friends & fans! Our two most favorite places right now: Paradise Pantry and Spice-Topia, both on Main Street in downtown Ventura. Whether you are having a double date over wine or just meeting friends for lunch, [Paradise Pantry](#) is the place for great food locally produced with seasonal specials and an excellent selection of local wines. They offer up Italian style Panini with the awesome-est tasting pickles ever (for reals!), good ole mac-n-cheese with a twist, and amazingly sharable appetizers (the cheese plate is definitely a personal fav). Plus there is a little shop adjoining the dining room with a cheese market, wine, and other food items that make excellent gifts!

We've shared [Spice-Topia with](#) you before, but did you know that they offer cooking classes? No need to worry about kitchen skills either, since you don't have to lift a finger! For only \$35 a class you get to take in demos, get kitchen tips & menus, discounts for store items, and best of all TASTE EVERYTHING! It is the best!

For more fun local stuff check out our latest blog article: "[Local Day Trips or Fun with Friends: Ojai Edition.](#)"

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