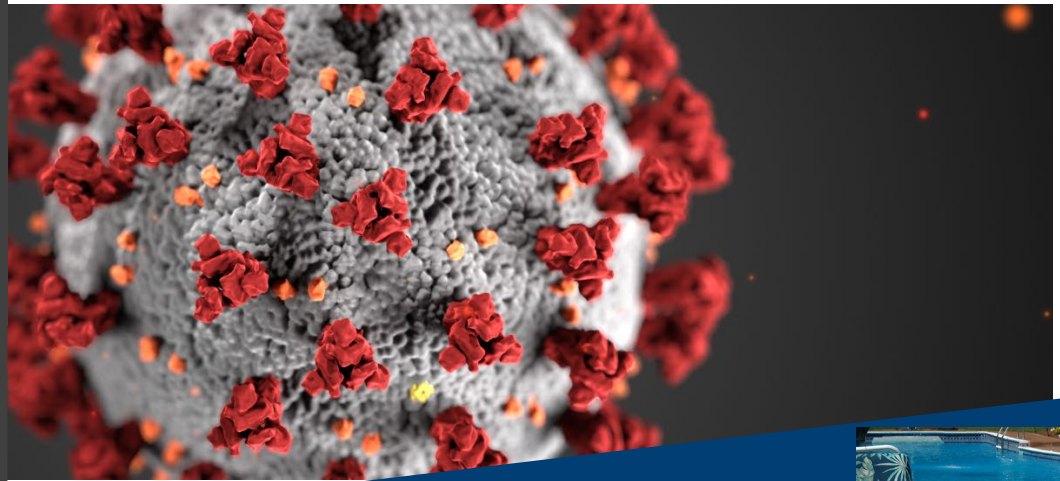


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Some make bread, we make Bloody Marys.

Steve and I started making Bloody Marys for our guest on the weekends. We are fortunate enough to have a large back yard with an inground swimming pool, so social distancing was not an issue. As you can see, as the weeks went on, the skewers got bigger and more creative. Having an outdoor living space has been the key to our sanity.

LAURIE BARRETT

When I ask my tiny human what's for lunch, the answer is now always "Art Surprise!". These creations represent a creative solution to multiple COVID challenges: satisfying a picky 6-7-year-old, creating a moment of fun when there's limited time to do so during the work day, and figuring out every possible way to repurpose sliced ham. These are some of the cuter ones I'm proud of, although the fail reel would probably be more entertaining.



Featured works (left to right): *Christmas in July*; *Fireworks*; *Cheez-it House*; *Bonfire*; *Clown*; *Us on a Slip n' Slide*; (bottom row) *Flowers*; *Flower Tractor*; *Palm Tree*; *Earth*; *Blueberry Monster*; *Sun*.

JACQUI BOUDREAU



View going up the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail.



Crawford Path trail along the Presidential Traverse.



Gemmae Fix taking a trail selfie.

One of my pandemic mantras is 'We're all having a hard time, but each in our own way.' My pandemic coping strategy has been to unplug and immerse myself in nature. Last weekend I completed the second half of the Presidential Traverse in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

GEMMAE FIX