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## Hi Woodstocktel.net Subscribers

There's always a little magic in the air during December, whether it's from glistening snowflakes or simply the sparkle of the holidays. Our gift to you is an issue filled with ideas for making this season even more magical.

In the Pinterest section, find inspiration for a whimsical **Christmas tree cupcake**, a fragrant **stovetop potpourri**, and a dazzling centerpiece made from old bulbs. In Sites of the Month, check out **holiday presents to make in your kitchen** and too-cute photos



of **snowmen (and snowwomen) to create in your yard**. In Two to View, take a minute to enjoy a **heartfelt love song** performed by a husband for his wife.

This December issue also contains more serious Internetrelated information. Take a few minutes to read the **warning about CryptoWall 2.0 ransomware**, discover the difference between **phishing and whaling**, and learn how to **delete or edit your Facebook posts**.

The goal of each of our eNewsletters is to keep our subscribers informed regarding their Internet connection and to improve their Internet experience. We think you'll find this information interesting.

To see what's inside this issue, simply scroll down the eNewsletter or click on the links within the index to the left. Thanks for reading!

# Scam Alert - Threatening Ransomware Is Going Around

What is CryptoWall 2.0? It's a form of ransomware, which means malware that infects a computer and then perpetrators demand the victims pay a ransom in exchange for the decryption keys necessary to make the computer useable again. If victims don't pay, and they don't have backups of their files, those files will be lost ... CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS.

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## Hope Your Holidays Are a Ho, Ho, Ho Lot Of Fun

All of us at <u>Woodstock Telephone</u> wish you a very jolly holiday season filled with wonderful celebrations with family and friends. As you plan your activities, remember our office will be closed on the following days:

- Closed on Thursday, December 25
- Closed on Thursday, January 1

In case of a service emergency, please call us at 800-752-9373.



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## Go Pinterest-ing! - Cool Stuff To Pin On Your Pinterest Boards



Christmas Tree Cupcake Will Light Up Your Table



Stovetop Potpourri Makes Scents For The Holidays



Turn Burnt Out Lights Into A Dazzling Centerpiece

You haven't started pinning on Pinterest yet and you want to get started? If so, click here.

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## Sites Of The Month - Great Sites To Check Out In December



### **Smart Year-End Tax Moves**

<u>bankrate.com</u> – Before you ring in the New Year, set aside some time to see if there are tax moves you should make before the end of 2014. This site covers 10 such moves including deferring your income, being generous to charities, and adding to your 401(k).



### Holiday Gifts From Your Kitchen

<u>sunset.com</u> – Food always makes a welcome gift and when it comes from your kitchen, it's even more meaningful. Take a peek at these 16 delicious recipes, ranging from Salted Chocolate-Pecan Toffee to Peppermint Stick Cocoa in a jar.



### **Escape To A Calming Oasis**

<u>calm.com</u> – When the hectic holiday pace leaves you feeling frazzled, this site offers soothing images and music. You can use the timer to set the number of minutes you'd like to enjoy the scene or choose a timed "guided calm," which offers a voice-guided relaxation session.



### **Creative Ideas For A Snowman**

hallmark.com – Want to make a snowman packed with personality that will capture the attention of your neighbors? Browse around this site and get ready to impress. You'll find a list of handy tools, inspiring photos, and step-by-step instructions.

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### This Month's FAQ - I've Heard Of Phishing, But What Is Whaling?

**Question:** I've heard of phishing, where scammers masquerade as a trustworthy entity in an email and try to get my usernames, passwords, or other personal data. But what is whaling?

**Answer:** Whaling is a specific form of phishing that's designed to target upper-level managers in private companies. A whaling email is designed to look like a critical business message sent from a legitimate business authority such as the FBI or the Better Business Bureau. The scammers often use the person's correct title, direct line phone number, and the names of other key people in the business – information probably bought from other criminals online.

The message is designed to trick the recipient into clicking on a link that will compromise the recipient's computer, potentially giving the criminal access to confidential company information on their hard drives. Since the target is a "big fish," this scam is called "whaling."



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### Two To View - A Couple Of Amazing Videos You Don't Want To Miss



**Boosting Bees By "Flower Bombing"** This beautifully crafted short film shows organic food brand Cascadian Farm use a crop duster to spread wild flower seed balls in an agricultural community to help increase its bee population. Marty Brown On America's Got Talent Get your tissues ready for this touching expression of love on the stage of America's Got Talent. Marty Brown sings the same Bob Dylan song he regularly sings to his wife at home.

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### Short Tutorial - How To Delete Or Edit A Facebook Comment You Posted

You meant to post "thing" and it ended up "thong." Mistakes happen, including on Facebook. But don't worry if you realize your Facebook post has a typo or an embarrassing auto-correct situation. You can easily delete or edit your Facebook posts using the steps below.

Edit or Delete

#### To delete a comment on Facebook:

- 1. Hover over the comment and click.
- 2. Select Delete.
- 3. Click Delete.

#### To edit a comment:

- 1. Hover over the comment and click.
- 2. Select Edit.
- 3. Edit your comment.
- 4. Press Enter or Return to post your updated comment, or Esc to cancel.

When you edit a comment, you'll see a note under your comment showing the time it was edited. Anyone who can see your comment can see that it was edited and click the link to see what was changed.

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We hope you found this newsletter to be informative. It's our way of keeping you posted on the happenings here. If, however, you'd prefer not to receive these bulletins, click <u>here</u>.

Thanks for your business!

Best regards

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