



Oh My!
 is that a SOUK on the sidewalk
 or are you just HAPPY to see me?!

BELLA

Oct. 7th & 8th
BIGGEST
SALE of
the YEAR

October

How can that be?

A beautiful summer and we've enjoyed every bite! Our friends at Eagle Creek Orchard had a bountiful harvest. Crisp pears & sweet apples will keep my peach bliss hanging on for a good while.

The biggest news is Carpathian Walnuts from the Snake River. Don't miss out on these AWESOME BIG NUTS! More details about all things BELLA on page 2.

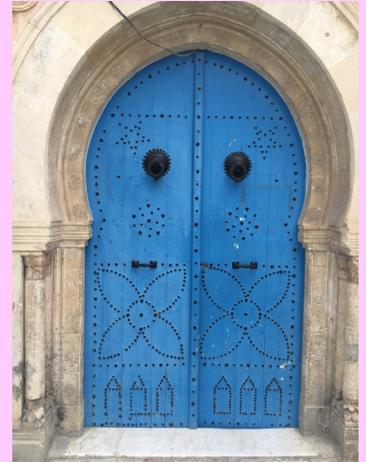
But for now, get ready for the best weekend in Baker City, Oregon!!

Friday October 7th
Souk on the Sidewalk
 begins 9am @ BELLA
First Friday Art Walk
 begins 5 pm

Copper Belt Winery is featuring Slade Elbert!

Saturday October 8th
Souk on the Sidewalk
 begins 9 am
Cast Iron Chef Contest
 begins 9am @ NHOTIC
Artist Open Studio Tour
 begins 10 am
Taste of Baker City
 begins 4 pm downtown

Sunday October 9th
Artist Open Studio Tour
 begins 10 am
BELLA Free Wine Tasting
 9 am 'til 5 pm



It's been 5 months since I returned from Tunisia and the colors of the place infuse my dreams. As a little girl, I was enchanted by the turquoise discovered in Yellowstone Park. Once upon a time, the crystal clear turquoise waters of Morning Glory pool were framed by only the purest white walls. The geyser has tragically changed but I found that color, and that sense of calm beauty everywhere I looked in Tunisia.

My journey there was to learn more about the handmade and hand-painted stoneware made at Le Souk Ceramique (LSC). This small artist owned studio started up the same year as BELLA, nearly 20 years ago, and we have proudly showcased their work for most of that time. The footed serving bowls, oval platters and traditional tagines were the first pieces I brought back to Baker City.

As the studio has grown, the patterns have become bolder and more colorful. One of the highlights of my time in Tunisia was discovering elements represented in LSC ceramics in tiles, draperies, and carvings everywhere I looked. I found patterns, flowers and shapes on ancient tiles in the walled marketplace (the souk), in carved stone pillars at Carthage and inside the Hammam (bath houses). That and seeing a family moving... with all their belongings strapped onto a camel!

However, the best part of the story was picking out SIX PALLETS of ceramics to bring back. **Take advantage of this bounty and stop by my Souk on the Sidewalk this weekend. We'll start with 50% OFF each piece, buy 5 and the 6th is FREE and the deals will get even better as the day goes on.**



October 4, 2016

I've been thinking about inspiration, about the people and events that make us improve our game, help us see the bigger picture and give us a lift to get out of boxes or off the hamster wheel.

I've also been thinking about art, my art. I was in a class last week; I'll never be too old or stubborn to learn. We talked about cooking and writing and celebrating a lifestyle that is really all about sharing.

BELLA is so much more than the best little kitchen, wine, chocolate and good food store; it's a place where we gather and share and learn. It's a place to celebrate the choices we've made and the valley we settled in. It's a place I find comfort in, where I feel loved and free to create and explore. My job (hope) is that it may do the same for you.

Yesterday I read this quote from Fernand Leger, one of my favorite Cubist painters and I loved the way it fit me like a tailored jacket...

"Beauty is everywhere, in the arrangement of your pots and pans, on the white wall of your kitchen, perhaps more than in the official museum."

As fall unfurls, and the temperature encourages us inside, near the stove, I'm planning to cook with wild abandon and to write about it often. I'll be sending more news, more often and with a bigger smile on my lips! Let the soup season begin!



Finex Cast Iron from Portland, OR for cooks that like it HOT!

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save the date!
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&
Champagne
Bubbles

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holiday open house
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