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Pay Pals

This Mother's Day, support mothers in impoverished areas around the world through **Kiva.org**. This person-to-person microfinance website connects people, through lending rather than donations, for the sake of alleviating poverty by matching lenders to budding entrepreneurs (82 percent are women). You can lend in increments of \$25 and choose the recipient of your loan. Browse entrepreneur profiles by gender, region or business sector, including health, the arts, green business and agriculture. The best part is, once the loan is repaid, you get your money back to loan to another entrepreneur, donate to Kiva for operational costs or keep for yourself. Visit kiva.org to get started.



loans that change lives



Viva Vino!

Take a few hours for yourself, and enjoy an afternoon at the most "tasteful" outdoor party in Maryland. Head to **Wine in the Woods**, held at Symphony Woods in Columbia, on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, noon-6 p.m. Sip your favorite wine, listen to live musical entertainment, stroll through artisans' displays, watch wine demonstrations and more. Tickets are \$25 at the gate and \$20 in advance or for designated drivers. For tickets and information, visit wineinthewoods.com.



We've Got Art

More than 140 artists from all over the country will showcase paintings, drawings, photography, furniture, jewelry, mixed media and ceramics at the **Bethesda Fine Arts Festival**, May 8 and 9. Shop for unique works of art, jewelry, clothing and more in downtown Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Enjoy live entertainment, children's activities and restaurant specials. For more information on the festival, as well as a list of participating artists, visit bethesda.org.

Get Growing

Fresh herbs are a wonderful addition to any dish. Grow your own right in your kitchen in the **3 Herb Planter** from Ten Thousand Villages' Elemental Living collection. These small ceramic pots are handcrafted and painted in Vietnam by artisans who use traditional, time-honored techniques. The planters sit in a long saucer that fits perfectly in your windowsill. The planter retails for \$28 at Ten Thousand Villages and online at tenthousandvillages.com.



Recharge It!

We've all been there—you're at your daughter's T-ball game and your digital camera dies just when she gets her first hit. Or you're giving someone directions to the neighborhood block party when your cell phone's on its last battery bar. Whether you're at the ball field, on a family camping trip or throwing a backyard Memorial Day BBQ, you'll never have to worry about running out of juice with Energizer's brand-new **Energi To Go SP Series** of portable, solar-powered rechargeable power packs. Power up cell phones, MP3 players, GPS systems and digital cameras. The series of chargers range from \$49.99 to \$99.99 at Energizerpowerpacks.com.

