



Holiday Hints

Sharing The Joy Of The Season

(NAPSA)—Sharing the joy of the season can be done in many ways. According to a recent survey conducted on behalf of Lands' End and Every Day with Rachael Ray magazine, respondents overwhelmingly plan to share the joy by performing random acts of kindness (75 percent), sending greeting cards (82 percent) and buying gifts, with 71 percent planning to spend the same as or more than last year.

But giving and giving back isn't the only way to celebrate the season. Following are a few tips to make your holidays merrier and more festive.

• **Welcoming holiday houseguests?** Nearly 40 percent of survey respondents plan on hosting out-of-town guests this holiday season. From a festooned family room to a welcoming guest bed, a few seasonal touches can help your guests feel right at home. Greet houseguests at the front door with fresh, fragrant greenery. The survey also revealed that 86 percent plan to hang holiday garland or wreaths. A traditional and festive arrangement includes fragrant Noble Fir, Incense Cedar, Juniper and Princess Pine. When hosting guests, you can also make them feel right at home with a festive and tasteful goodie bag, such as a small monogrammed canvas tote with soaps and guest towels.

• **Dashing through the snow?** The survey found that more than a third of respondents will travel out of town for the holidays. And if you are one of the millions who board planes and trains to see loved ones, make sure your luggage meets the latest TSA



Favorite gifts this season include festive scarves and colorful sweaters.

guidelines. Look for a lightweight bag that will fit overhead, such as Lands' End's FlightWise Carry-on Upright. If flying with gifts, place them in your carry-on unwrapped. Pack an extra bag so you can bring back gifts or items purchased while traveling.

• **Dressing for the season?** More than 95 percent of those surveyed said they plan to attend at least one, if not multiple, holiday gatherings this year. What to wear? Women can transition from their daytime look to a festive evening look without a complete fashion overhaul. Start with a classic layer, such as the little black dress, and accessorize to meet the occasion. Add embellishments such as a fine-gauge ribbon cardigan for feminine charm. For men, look no further than a classic blazer to create an easy, pulled-together look.

For more ideas and information, visit www.landsend.com.