

New Jersey Teams Trade Holiday Parties for Candle-Making and Moss-Art Workshops That Double as Gifts

Kind Hive's creative workshop sessions turn upcycled coconut shells and preserved moss into a shared experience employees actually keep

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EINPresswire.com/ -- As New Jersey companies plan end-of-year employee appreciation, many are looking past the traditional holiday party. Rising costs, hybrid teams, and a growing preference for experiences that feel personal rather than obligatory are pushing HR and office leaders toward something more meaningful - and something people don't forget the next morning.

Kind Hive, a New Jersey maker of eco-friendly goods and creative workshops, is answering with guided [corporate workshops](#) built around two things a team can't source from the usual paint-and-sip vendor - real hand-poured [coconut shell candles](#) and preserved moss art. In 60 to 120 minutes, participants make something with their hands and leave holding a finished piece to use or display.

"In a recent survey, I found that employees are tired of events that feel like an obligation," said Jill Caren, founder of Kind Hive. "When someone shapes a candle out of an actual coconut shell or creates a stunning moss art piece - and walks out holding it, that's not a night they forget. It's a couple of hours of really being together, connecting, laughing and at the end leaving with a beautiful gift for themselves or someone they love."

The candle sessions use real coconut shells, often discarded as agricultural waste, filled with



Kind Hive Fall Workshop Sample - Moss Base with Coconut Shell Candle

coconut-apricot wax that burns cleaner than conventional paraffin and phthalate-free fragrance. Seasonal holiday scents can be selected, and sessions can be customized to a company's colors, logo, or a signature scent. Moss-art sessions guide participants in designing botanical pieces with preserved moss and natural elements that need no watering or upkeep.

Both formats are beginner-friendly and low-pressure, no artistic experience required. Kind Hive supplies all materials, handles setup and cleanup, and brings the workshop to an office, conference room, or chosen venue. Hybrid options with shipped kits keep distributed teams included. Group sizes start at 10, with pricing typically starting at \$75-\$125 per person depending on format and customization.

For the people writing the check, the workshops covers two budget lines at once: it's the [appreciation experience](#) and the thank-you gift, so there's no separate gift spend and no branded swag that ends up in a drawer. It also gives companies a sustainability story they can stand behind - upcycled materials, minimal waste, and a locally made keepsake - rather than a claim they have to dress up.

Kind Hive is booking November and early-December sessions now. Organizations can request a custom proposal or schedule a short planning call at teamkindhive.com/corporate-workshops/.

About Kind Hive

Kind Hive creates sustainable, handcrafted goods and experiences rooted in natural materials. Based in New Jersey, the company specializes in upcycled coconut-shell candles and preserved moss art, along with corporate and group workshops that blend creativity, connection, and environmental awareness. Learn more at teamkindhive.com.

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