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Your guide to shopping local



Sternwheeler's captain on the lookout for local gifts

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Dear Reader,

We live in a consuming generation, where we have everything at our fingertips. With a click on our phone, all the items we desire can be shipped and arrive on our doorstep tomorrow morning. Shopping from big-box corporations hurts not only "mom & pop" businesses, but our local economy, too.

When we shop local, we stimulate our local economy, and we help jobs stay in the Gorge. When we buy locally, we reduce our community's carbon footprint. Most importantly, we meet people, foster a sense of community, and build relationships with local artisans and shop owners.

Studies show when you shop local, for every $100 spent, approximately $68 stays here in our local economy, compared to just $43 when spent in a chain store. When you shop hyper-local (right in your town), you are not helping a CEO buy a third vacation home; you're helping a little girl get her first team jersey, a little boy sign up for singing lessons, a mom make her mortgage payment, a dad put food on the table, a student pay for college, or a grandparent buy a Christmas gift.

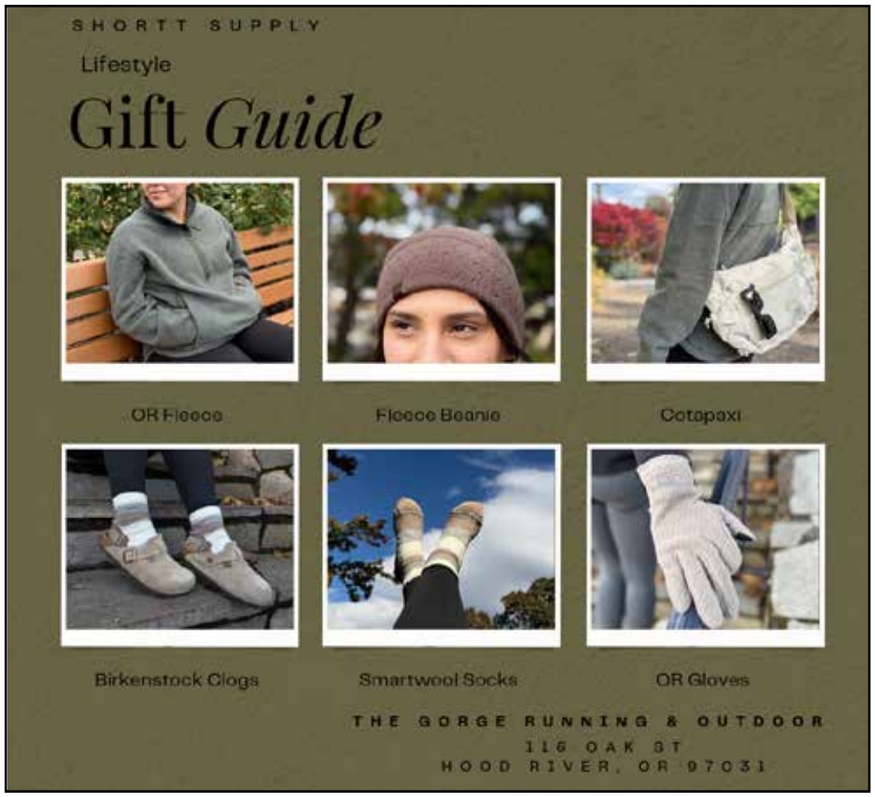
Especially with AI, now it is more important than ever to celebrate human creativity.

So shop local this year! You'll find something for every budget, ideas for every Christmas list desire, and gifts to make or take to your neighbors. Because that is where it all starts, just right here among us, sharing the magic of the season together.



Happy holiday shopping, Gorge friends!

Jennifer Sperry
Writer







GIFTS OF SUSTAINABILITY



Winter finds can be found among the different vendors at Breezeway Antiques & Gifts

Being kinder to the planet is a fun way to celebrate the holidays.

Giving treasures a new home is just one way to practice sustainable gifting. Switching to reusable everyday essentials made with less waste in mind are another. It's about choosing gifts that last, appreciating what we already have, and remembering that something doesn't have to be new to be valuable.

Breezeway Antiques & Gifts, 313 E. 2nd St., The Dalles, hosts multiple vendors, each bringing their own unique tastes and styles to the shop. You can discover vintage home décor, antique furniture or collectibles, holiday decorations, and even unexpected treasures. There are so many different antique vendors, who all have a different eye for what makes something special, eclectic, or from the eras you were looking for. It's the kind of place where you might walk in looking for one gift and leave with something you never knew you needed.

There's something wonderful about giving old clothing a new purpose. **Lines of Designs, 107 E 2nd St., The Dalles** upcycling class teaches you how to transform two men's shirts into a skirt, giving forgotten fabric a second life, or loved items a new memory. You can learn how to sew reusable shopping bags or start creating clothing that reflects your own style.

Now, think how fun stocking stuffers, gifts for neighbors, teachers, and work friends could be with reusable household essentials that encourage small changes in your everyday habits. At **Columbia Gorge Janitorial Supply Co., 2920 Cascade Ave., Hood River,** you can find fun, quirky, unique items, like brushes made from recycled fishing nets, plus an in-store refillery.

There's something wonderful about giving old clothing a new purpose. **Sew Much More, 506 E. 2nd St., The Dalles**, has an upcycling class that teaches you how to transform two men's shirts into a skirt, giving forgotten fabric a second life, or loved items a new memory. You can learn how to sew reusable shopping bags or start creating clothing that reflects your own style.



Breezeway Antiques & Gifts is ready for the holidays

A glimpse inside the store at Breezeway Antiques & Gifts

A Vintage sewing machine with fun prints at Sew Much More

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Left to right, clockwise:

On a shelf at 301 Art Gallery, Statue by Ann Fleming, "Giving doesn't have to be loud. It can be thoughtful and quiet; wings wrapped to comfort a heart full of caring."

Local artist Sally Reichmuth is a founding member of the 301 Art Gallery

Locally made mug for winter drinks at Made in the Gorge

GIFTS FROM *the Gorge*

The most special Christmas gifts aren't found in big-name stores or mass-produced collections. There is something very personal about giving a gift made by human hands. Let us show you how you can share a piece of the Gorge with someone you love.

Art lovers know that **301 Gallery, 301 Oak St.**, is no ordinary stop along Hood River's historic downtown streets. Housed in the beautifully restored 1924 Butler Bank building, this artist-owned gallery showcases the Gorge's creative talent. In the historic bank near the vault door, visitors discover original paintings, photography, sculptures, and fine arts created by accomplished regional artists. When you shop here, you can meet the artists, hear the stories behind their work, and choose a piece that speaks to someone you love.

A little unexpected and unmistakably **Northwest, Traverse PNW Market, 240 1st St., Stevenson**, celebrates creative minds. Tabatha Wiggins founded it in 2022, and since then, the eclectic gift shop has brought together the work of more than 100 regional artists and makers, giving Christmas shoppers a large collection of locally inspired finds. When you enter the shop, you will discover handcrafted jewelry, original artwork, artisan candles, natural soaps, apparel, specialty foods, and plenty of surprises. Every shelf offers another opportunity to discover an independent maker making it easier to shop for the art collector, the free spirit, or that notoriously difficult person on your list.

For 25 years, this artist-owned cooperative gallery has been a local favorite destination. **Made in the Gorge, 108 Oak St., Hood River**, brings together a collection of original work of handcrafted jewelry, pottery, photography, watercolors, metalwork, and woodworking. The artists themselves help run the gallery, giving shoppers a chance to meet the creative minds behind the gifts.





Give them something they won't find anywhere else, like these handmade plates at Made in the Gorge

Glass water balloons that reflect the light naturally when placed on a hard, solid surface, by Dylan Martinez, 301 Art Gallery



GIFTS OF CREATIVITY



Anyone can buy a gift. But there is something really special about receiving a gift from someone who took the time to make it with their hands.

A gift made from scratch takes thought, time, and effort. And we are so lucky to live in the Gorge where you don't even have to be an artist to give it a try!

First, let's admit that some of our favorite memories have been made in the kitchen. Just the smell of fresh cookies can trigger a memory of your grandmother's generation-old recipe. Cooking is its own kind of creativity. It brings us together; we cherish it and pass it down to the next generation. But life is busy in 2026! And sometimes the thought of cooking feels more stressful than joyful.

At **Dani's Kitchen Shop,1545 Osprey Dr., Hood River,** owner Dani Annala offers online cookie decorating classes, but she handles the mess! She makes the cookies from scratch and packs all the fun holiday shapes, with premade royal icing, neatly into a box. Now you can enjoy the memories without the stress. Dani's online cookie classes will teach you how to decorate the perfect cookie for holiday lunchbox surprises, neighbors, teachers, or holiday gifts for loved ones far away. She also offers hands-on cooking classes, including pizza or pasta-making nights, where you can learn something new and experience making food together with friends or family. Cookie kits start at $30; classes start at $60.

The Rabbit Hole Jewelry, 13 Railroad St., Hood River, is a studio offering hands-on metalsmithing classes where beginners can learn to shape their own one-of-a-kind jewelry and experienced jewlers can have a space to create. Think of the smiles when they open a gift of jewelry you made!

Have you ever wanted to try throwing clay on a pottery wheel? **The Clay Commons, 616 Industry St., Hood River**, offers hands-on classes for beginners and experienced artists. Create a bowl for their table or a plate for their holiday cookies.

At Gorge MakerSpace, 32 NE Pioneer Pl., White Salmon, hands-on workshops let beginners (and experienced makers) get creative. There is instructor guidance through the whole process. We think you might just surprise yourself. And who wouldn't love receiving a gift you built with your own two hands?

At **Wild Arts Workshops + Retreats, 100 Ash St., Bingen**, artist Kim of Wild Heart Wares teaches metalsmithing and welcomes other local artists to share their crafts. Explore workshops in pottery, linocut, textile dyeing, stained glass, leatherwork, and more. It's okay to get a little messy to take home something made by hand. Visit www.WildHeartWares.com for upcoming classes and registration details.









Create a spa night at home with items from Kingsley Supply Co.



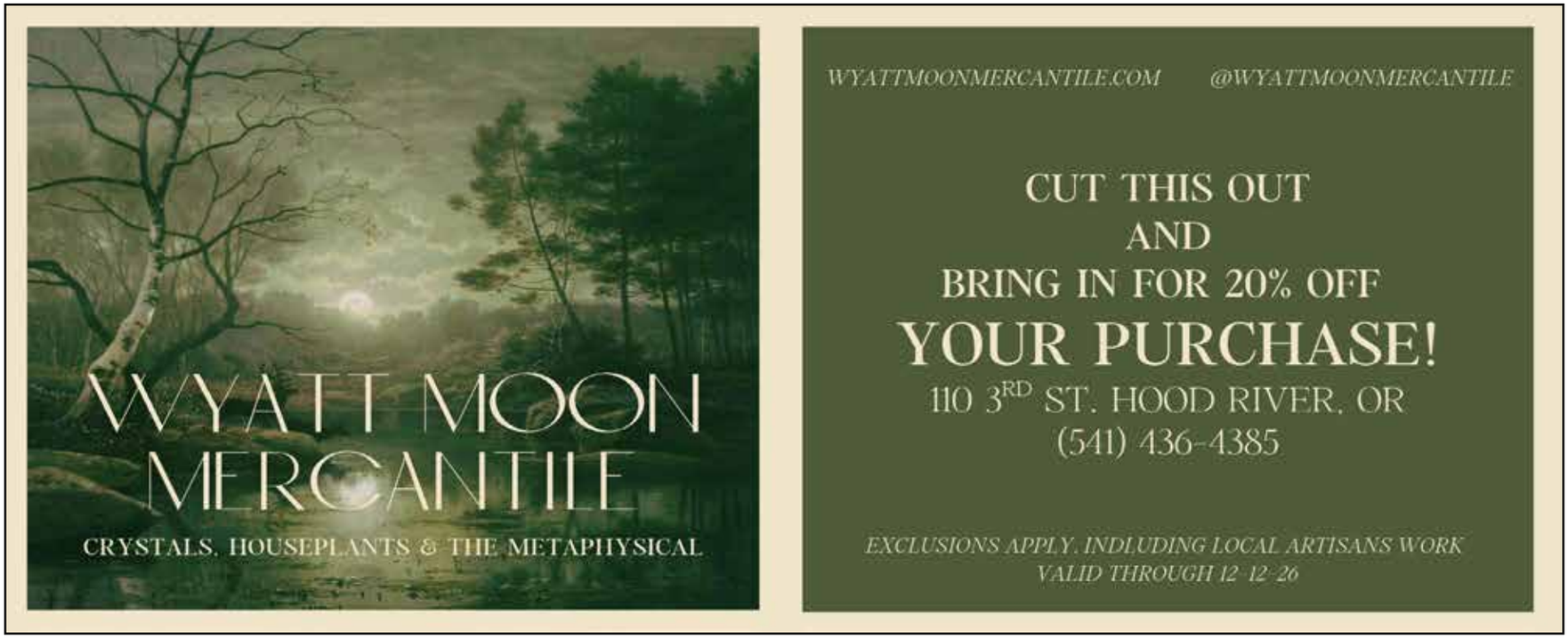
One of the many classes at Rabbit Hole Jewelry

Sterling silver ring class: come in for 3 hours at the Rabbit Hole Jewelry

Owner Dani from Dani's Kitchen Shop teaches a class on how to make the perfect pizza

Necklaces that are made locally and are sold at Made in the Gorge

Wyatt Moon has amethyst-inspired gifts





GIFTS FOR
THE ADVENTURER



Wet Planet, White Salmon River Rafting
Popular ski boot color from the brand Tecnica at Doug's

Living in the Columbia Gorge means adventure is basically our backyard.

There's no shortage of places to explore. And for the people on your Christmas list who would rather spend their weekends outside, the right gear can make all the difference.

Doug's Hood River, 101 Oak St., is the store for those who spend their winters chasing fresh powder or their summers on the water. Doug's is known for being the area's only full-service ski and snowboard shop, with professional boot fitting. They also have a full wind sports department for those who love getting out on the Columbia River and a skate shop for adventures on wheels. They are also growing their bags and accessories department. Doug's has plenty of gift ideas for the outdoor lovers on your list.

Footwise, 413 Oak St., Hood River, is part of a regional chain, but it's independently owned and family-run, not a national corporate chain. They carry some of the most sought-after footwear brands, with plenty of options to keep you stepping out in style.

If you are looking for personalized shoe fitting, stop by Shortt Supply, 116 Oak St., Hood River. They help customers find footwear suited for different sizes, widths, and foot conditions. They specialize in athletic footwear. Extra comfort and support can make all the difference when you are on an adventure or walking around town.

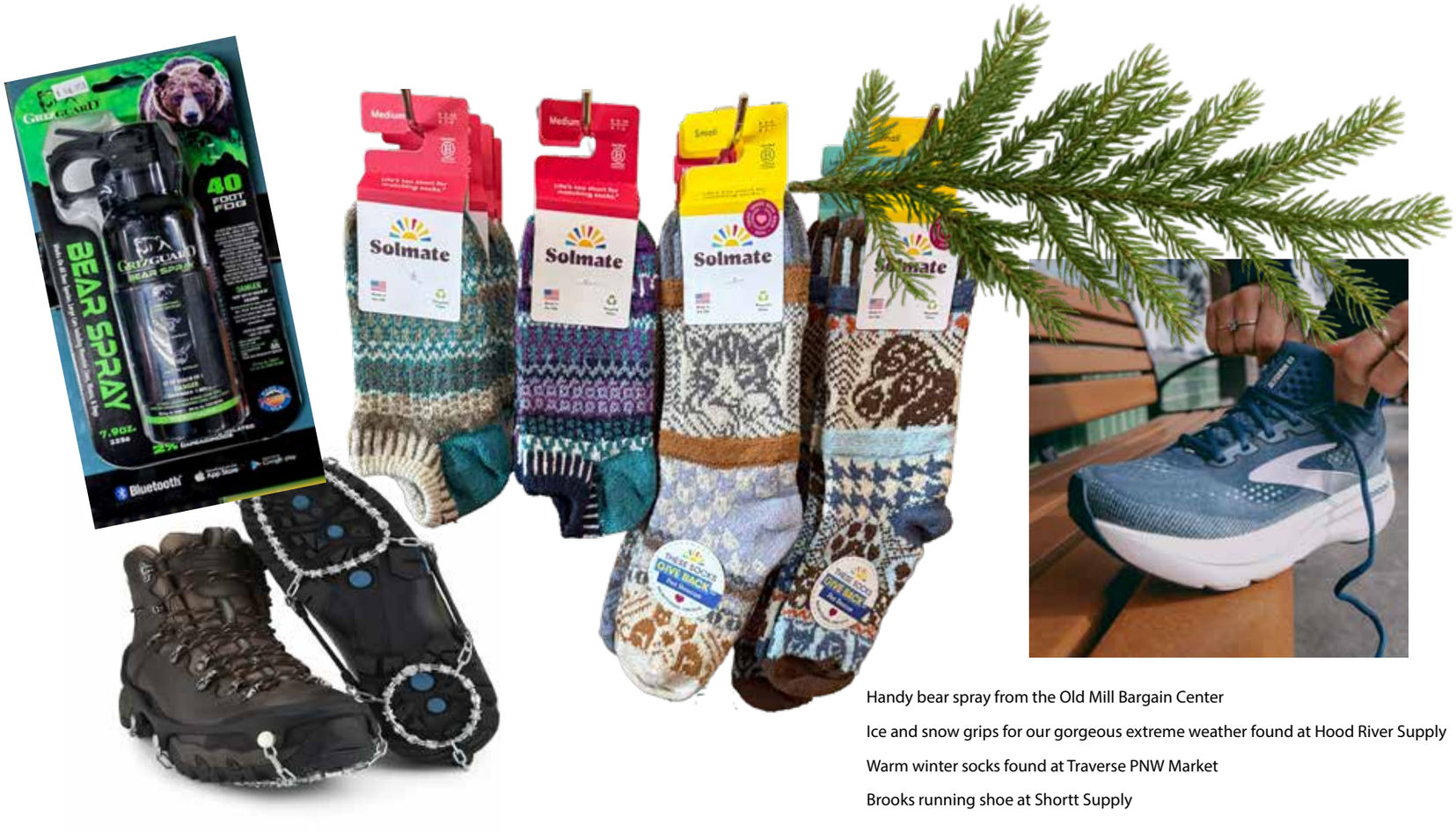
Celebrating 40 years in business, **Old Mill Bargain Center, 2917 E 2nd St., The Dalles,** has been part of The Dalles community since 1986. What began as a secondhand store has grown into a family-owned specialty shop serving hunters, sport shooters, and firearm collectors. They carry new and used firearms, ammunition, scopes, and shooting accessories for those interested in shooting sports. Their staff provides gunsmithing services, repairs, and custom work. For a holiday list that includes outdoor enthusiasts, this is another chance to shop local and support a longtime Gorge business.



Warm UGG boots at Footwise



There are different snowboard shapes, sizes, and art available at Doug's



Handy bear spray from the Old Mill Bargain Center

Ice and snow grips for our gorgeous extreme weather found at Hood River Supply

Warm winter socks found at Traverse PNW Market

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GIFTS FOR KIDS





There is no shortage of fun things to do with our kids in the Gorge.

We are surrounded by nature's playground. But remember when you were a kid and couldn't wait for Christmas morning? We all have memories of having our eye on a toy for months and the feeling of seeing presents under the tree. Kids haven't changed much in that department; they still love the excitement of a surprise.

It's time to create the magic for our littles! And you can shop local, because who needs FAO Schwarz when we have **G. Willikers Toy Shoppe, 202 Oak St.**, right here in Hood River? This family-owned toy store has been making kids, and grown-ups alike, happy since 2002. It has two floors filled with toys, games, puzzles, books, stuffed animals, and this year's most popular gifts, like NeeDoh. You can also find many childhood classics on their shelves. There is something absolutely magical about walking around a real toy store and supporting a local business that's been part of our community for more than two decades.

Who says gifts have to come wrapped in a box? Let's look at giving the gift of movement. **NK STUDIOS, 417 W Steuben St., Bingen,** has something for every age. Come find your rhythm for the first time, or help your child discover their love of dance. NK STUDIOS offers a fun, welcoming space to get moving and stay active! Drop-in dance and fitness classes are just $18, with discounted packages starting at $14 per class.

What? Is this a skateboard for ants? Almost! Fingerboards are tiny skateboards with a big trend. You ride with two fingers, flipping tricks and turning flat surfaces around your home into a skatepark. They're a pocket-sized challenge for kids (6+), teens, and adults. Fair warning: you may buy one for the kids and end up wanting one for yourself. **Doug's, 101 Oak St., Hood River,** has a supply of them.



Left to right: You can find remote control cars at Hood River Hobbies

Fingerboards, miniature skateboards are available at Doug's

Wet Cookie art from an online class at Dani's Kitchen Shop

Popular trends, like NeeDoh and other classic favorites at G.Willikers Toy Shoppe

Give them a reason to kick up their heels! NK Studios offers dance classes

Shop fun, vintage children's clothing at Breezeway Antiques

For the kid in all of us, games for all ages at Kingsley Supply Co.







For the kid who stops to inspect every bug and the teen who would rather be out on a trail, put a little Oregon under the tree. **Oregon Wildlife Foundation's Gift Shop, 204 Oak St., Hood River**, offer cuddly companions for little animal lovers, plus apparel, books, and gifts for the teens on your list.

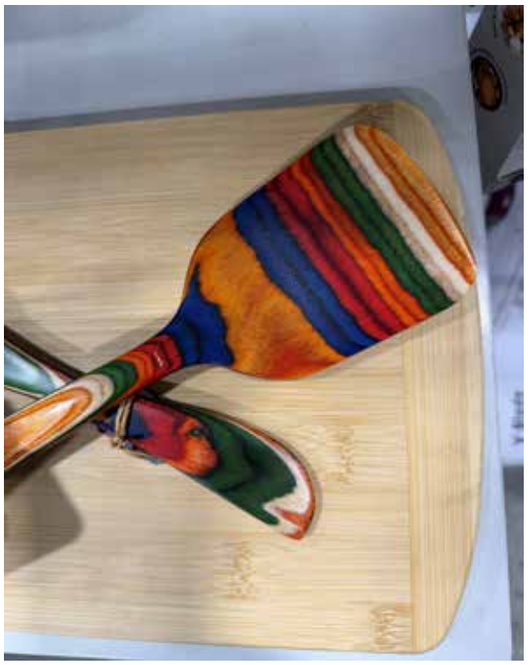
And the best part about it, all purchases help support wildlife and habitat conservation across Oregon.

Christmas is looking good at **Hood River Hobbies, 110 4th St., Hood River**. You can pick up a remote-control car, find Pokémon cards to stuff into a stocking, or choose a science kit. They have family board games, puzzles, robotic kits and games for kids up to teens. And think of how fun a kite can be for a gift with all the wind in the Gorge!













GIFTS FOR THE *Foodie in Your Life*



There are different ways to celebrate the palate, because every single taste can transport us! Like a passport, it allows us to experience another culture, reconnect us with the land, or introduce us to flavors we never imagined pairing.

We are so lucky to live where the Columbia Gorge's culinary experience stretches from vineyard to orchard and back into our very own kitchens. Giving the gift of flavor is an invitation to be curious, adventurous, and even a little indulgent. After all, some of life's most memorable experiences begin with a single bite or sip.

At AniChe Cellars, 71 Little Buck Creek Rd., Underwood, a mother and daughter are making their mark on Gorge wine country, blending European influences with artistic expression, feminist ideals, and respect for the land. This family winery puts a lot of intention into the wine as it celebrates women in winemaking.

Come explore their tarot-inspired wines! They include; *The Fool, The Devil, and The World,* three expressions of Grüner Veltliner harvested at different stages of ripeness. Or give someone an afternoon at their Underwood tasting room, where a $25 flight includes five wines paired with seasonal tapas and views across the Columbia Gorge.

A little culinary curiosity makes a wonderful Christmas gift from **Arome, 105 Oak St., Hood River.**

- For the bread lover: A bottle of infused olive oil paired with balsamic vinegar and a fresh loaf of artisan bread
- For the adventurous cook: A collection of spices and rubs to experiment with in favorite recipes
- For the tea lover: A selection of loose-leaf teas paired with a favorite mug or tea infuser
- For the dinner-party host: A complementary oil-and-vinegar pairing for dressings, marinades, and dipping sauces.

Shoppers can sample infused olive oils and balsamic vinegars, explore spices from around the world, and discover loose-leaf teas. Don't be afraid to create your own gift pairing.

Across the country, people order gourmet fruit baskets and gift towers from **The Fruit Company, 2850 Van Horn Dr., Hood River**, a nationally recognized brand. And its home is right here, so we know each gift is hand-packed in Hood River Valley. You can shop premium fruit, chocolates, cheeses, nuts, and other gourmet treats.

For Christmas 2026, choose from packaged holiday gift towers, orchard fruit baskets, or a HarvestClub™ subscription that delivers fresh fruit year-round. Just think, you can send Christmas wishes to your family across the country and still share something from our corner of the PNW.



At left: Colorful wooden spatulas found at Hood River Supply

Take the stress out of your holiday baking and let Dani's Kitchen Shop bake for you

Freshly canned goods from Dani's Kitchen Shop

Arome has many infused olive oils to choose from





Locally made peach shortbread cookies and Oregon Marionberry spread, both sold at Traverse PNW Market

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Kids viewing the Hood River tree lighting from their parents' shoulders, 2025. Photo credit: Helen H. Richardson

The magic of the holidays is here throughout the Columbia River Gorge.

We have twinkling tree lightings and festive parades. We can also shop local at the many artisan markets throughout the Gorge.

With so many holiday options this year, we have compiled a list of festive happenings to help you get into the magical season.

Nov.1- Six Weeks of Holiday Cheer: Bonneville Hot Springs Resort and Spa, Thanksgiving through the New Year, 1252 E. Cascade Dr., North Bonneville. Seasonal activities, warm drinks, holiday meals, and simple moments together. Come for an afternoon or make it a getaway. Full calendar can be seen on www.BonnevilleResorts.com

Nov. 13- Dec. 23- Artist Market, Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Ave, Hood River. Handmade for arts and crafts under $200.

Nov. 13- Holiday Preview at Kingsley, 5-7 p.m., 120 W Steuben St., Suite A, Bingen. Unveiling holiday items and festivities with sips and bites.

Nov. 25- Skamania Lodge: Tree Lighting, 5:30- 6 p.m., Gorge Room,1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson. Live music, wine and beer available for purchase, and special gift shop discounts.

Nov. 25– Village Fair at Skamania Lodge, 4-7 p.m., 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson. Regional artisans and merchants, live music, cookies, coffee, and cocoa.

Nov. 25– Walking Man Brewing's 26th Anniversary, 6-10 p.m., 240 1st St, Stevenson. Celebrating craft beer, community. Live music, special release brews, prizes & more. Always Thanksgiving Eve.

Nov. 26- 11th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal, noon to 2 p.m., Riverside Community, 317 State St., Hood River. In the Riverview Room, with support from Gorge Ecumenical Ministries. Traditional Thanksgiving meal. Free, open to all.

Nov. 26– Twin Tunnels Turkey Trot, 8:45 a.m., Mark Hatfield Visitor Center (west/Hood River side of the Twin Tunnels trail). Along the historic Columbia River Highway's iconic Twin Tunnel trail. Paved road, closed to vehicular traffic. Views of the Columbia River Gorge.

Nov. 26- The Dalles Turkey Trot Benefit Run & Walk, 8 a.m., Lewis & Clark Festival Park, W. 1st St., The Dalles. Costume contests, music, and family activities.

Nov. 26- Stevenson Turkey Trot 5K, 8 a.m., Skamania County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 710 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson. Participants of all abilities. Donations of nonperishable food or cash are encouraged.

Nov. 27- Dec. 24- The Dalles Art Center: Holiday Artisan Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 220 E 4th St, The Dalles. Fine art and handcrafted goods by makers from across the Mid-Columbia Gorge. Black Friday Shopping: Friday, November 27, 2026, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Exhibit Opening Party: Saturday, November 28, 2026, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (free to enter)

Nov. 27–28- Free Fishing Weekend, Oregon.

Nov. 27 to mid-January– Dock Grade Ornament Display (daytime drive) SR14 to Jewett, White Salmon, WA.

Nov. 27- Plaid Friday in Downtown Stevenson. Black Friday alternative, relaxed, focused on supporting small businesses. Wear your plaid.

Nov. 27- Jan. 3- Holiday Light Walk, 5- 9 p.m., 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson. Illuminated forest trails.

Nov. 28- Sleigh Bells on Steuben, 3-6 p.m., Steuben St., Bingen. Stroll Steuben St. for shopping and dining. Several retailers will have events and experiences that day in their own shops. A few new businesses that haven't opened yet will be popping up to announce their arrival. In the Surf Mill parking lot, the Bingen Business Alliance/Mt. Adams Chamber will host a festival from 3-6 p.m. with Santa, fire pits/s'mores, hot cocoa, carolers, and crafts/activities for the family. We'll have a pedestrian light parade down to the tree lighting at 6 p.m., where we'll ring our sleigh bells to light the tree!

Nov. 28- Small Business Saturday; Support your local shops, call for details, and watch for special offers and events.

Nov. 28- Dec. 6- Christmas in the Gorge Cocoa Crawl. Pick up your commemorative Christmas in the Gorge mug for $5 at the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, 167 NW Second Street in Stevenson. Visit participating businesses throughout the Cocoa Crawl to fill your mug with complimentary hot cocoa. Cocoa Crawl cup icon at participating businesses.

Nov. 30- Dec. 6- Holiday Magic in the Gorge at Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa, 3-7 p.m., 1252 Cascade Dr., North Bonneville. Photo corner, holiday coloring pages, paper snowflakes, letters to Santa, and complimentary cocoa.

Nov. 30- Dec. 13- Christmas in the Gorge Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt entry form at participating locations throughout Skamania County. Look for hidden Bigfoot, then record each location you find on your entry form and turn in your completed form for a chance to win a prize.

Dec. 1-Crazy Craft Club: Clay Snowflakes, 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. A Craft Club for children ages 8 to 12.

Dec. 2- Jan. 2- Christmas on the Farm, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Cedar Creek Alpacas, 182 McNichols Rd, Cook. December 12th: Santa from noon to 2 p.m. Santa will read a story.



Come spend a winter night around the fire at AniChe Cellars sipping wine



Shop Christmas ornaments from Sigman's Flowers and Gifts



Don't forget to grab a gift card from Casa El Mirador for your adult stocking stuffers

Dec.3- Family Sweets and Stories Night, 6-7 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. Family night of treats and coloring as you sit back and listen to a librarian read.

Dec. 4-13 (select dates)- Scrooge's Big Hood River Christmas Show, Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River. December 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th at 7pm & December 6th and 13th at 2pm.

Dec. 4- Fun Friday: Hot Chocolate Bar, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. A series of fun activities for elementary school-aged children.

Dec. 4- Beginner Tap Dance, Ages 7-11 Special Holiday Edition, 5:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. Perform at the Civic Auditorium alongside the The Dalles Ukulele Players and Victor Johnson in a joyful community holiday show.

Dec. 4- Festival of Trees, The Dalles, 7- 10 p.m., The Dalles Civic Auditorium | Ballroom, 323 E 4th St, The Dalles.

Dec. 4- Stevenson Tree Lighting: Courthouse Lawn, 6:55 p.m., 240 NW Vancouver Ave., Stevenson. Caroling, free cookies, cocoa, and cider, followed by the Starlight Parade.

Dec. 4- Starlight Parade, 7 p.m., Stevenson downtown. Festive floats, decorated vehicles, community groups, as the parade winds through downtown.

Dec. 4- Hood River Tree Lighting and Festival, 5-7 p.m., 2nd and Cascade Ave. Hood River. Tree: 5:45-6:00 p.m. Festival: 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Oak St. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus by the community tree: 5:00-6:30 p.m. Streets closed 4:00-7:30 p.m. to vehicles on Oak St., 1st to 6th; 2nd St., State St. to Cascade Ave.; State St., 1st to 4th St.

Dec. 4- The Dalles First Friday: Downtown merchants and restaurants, live music, extended opening hours; for more details, www.DownTownTheDalles.org.

Dec. 4- 6- Christmas in Carson: Tree Lighting, 6:30 p.m., Gator Creek Gardens, 81 Hot Springs Ave., Carson. Photos with Santa and free cookies and cocoa.

Dec. 5- Cascade Singers Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 101 W. 10th St., The Dalles. "No Place Like Home for the Holidays," conducted by Ann Scherzinger. Free admission; donations appreciated.

Dec. 5- A Very Merry Violin Duel, 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. Performance is for all ages.

Dec. 5– Dreaming of a White Salmon Holiday. Washington's business open houses, Friends of the Library Wassail, Community Caroling, Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Menorah, S'mores Fire Circles. For more details www.MtAdamsChamber.com/events

Dec. 6- Cascade Singers Holiday Concert, 2 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 101 W. 10th St., The Dalles. "No Place Like Home for the Holidays," conducted by Ann Scherzinger. Free admission; donations appreciated.

Dec. 6- Rock the Holidays with Aaron Meyer, 4 p.m., The Hood River Inn: Gorge Room, 1108 East Marina Way, Hood River. Concert: Rock Violinist. Get tickets.

Dec. 6– Maupin Holiday Festival, 1 – 5:30 p.m., 507 Grant Ave., Maupin. Santa, hay rides, family crafts, refreshments, and a tree-lighting ceremony. www.MaupinOregon.com

Dec. 10- Colonel Wright Troubadours Choir Performance, 10:15 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles.

Dec. 11- Fun Friday: 2D Snow Globes, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. Elementary school-aged children.

Dec. 11- Beginner Tap Dance, Ages 7-11 Special Holiday Edition, 5:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. Elementary school-aged children.

Dec. 12- Candy Cane Lane Parade & Festivities, Downtown Goldendale. Parade. Gather at The Lodge for a heartwarming hometown event.

Dec. 12- Hood River History Museum Holiday Open House, 2-4 p.m., 300 E Port Marina Dr., Hood River. Live Music with Harmony of the Gorge & Holiday Brass.

Dec. 12-13- Last Chance Holiday Craft Show, Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sun: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 3020 Wy'east Rd., Hood River.

Dec. 13- Second Sunday Skate Night, 6 – 8 p.m., at the Underwood Community Center, 951 School House Rd., Underwood. All ages. Bring your gear.

Dec. 14- 20- Winter Wonderland at Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa, 4-7 p.m., 1252 E Cascade Dr., North Bonneville. Holiday scavenger hunt, games and puzzles, complimentary cocoa.

Dec. 18- Fun Friday: Winter Slime, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles. School Age

Dec. 22- The Dickens Carolers, 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles.

Dec. 23- Cozy Crochet Buddies, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Library: 722 Court St., The Dalles.School-age, crocheting cozy crafts for winter.

Dec. 23- Movie Day at the Granada - Frozen, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Offsite; contact The Dalles Public Library for location. Come in costume! The best prince or princess costume wins a prize!

Dec. 28- Jan. 3- New Beginnings at Bonneville Hot Springs Resort & Spa, 1252 E Cascade Dr., North Bonneville. Complimentary sparkling cider or wine toast at midnight on New Year's Eve.

January- February– The Frosty Trail, The Dalles, Oregon. Local scavenger hunt over the winter, with fun challenges to support The Dalles businesses. Participants are entered into our grand prize drawing with the chance to win amazing prizes!



THE GIFT OF BOOKS

When it comes to reading, many still love picking up a book and flipping through the pages. The gift becomes even more special when the author calls the Columbia Gorge home.

You can browse books by local and regional authors in our great local bookstores, and you may find that even if the book isn't world-known (yet), you might just fall in love with indie writing.

This holiday season, consider putting a little local talent under the tree.

The titles in this section are just some of the local authors. If you don't find quite the perfect match you were hoping for, head down to one of our local bookstores and ask them for a recommendation. Booksellers are a wealth of knowledge and rarely are they reticent to talk about books! If you're still having trouble deciding, gift certificates are available and equally welcome.

White Salmon: The Book Peddler

The Dalles: Klindt's Bookstore

Hood River: Waucoma Bookstore, Artifacts

Stevenson: North Bank Books

Children's Local Authors
Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest for Kids
Author: Ashley Erdely, White Salmon
Ages: 8–12
A colorful field guide introducing children to more than 50 Pacific Northwest wildflowers, with identification tips, science, and facts about pollinators. It was a finalist for a 2026 Washington State Book Award.

Loowit's Legend
Author: Erin O'Connell, Hood River
An illustrated children's book inspired by the legend of the Columbia River Gorge and its mountains. A fitting gift for children growing up surrounded by the landscapes featured in the story.

Teen/Tweens
The Speed of Falling Objects
Author: Nancy Richardson Fischer, Hood River
Ages 13–18
After a plane crash in the Amazon rainforest, a nearly 17-year-old girl must confront her fears and survive the wilderness alongside her estranged father and a teen movie star. A coming-of-age survival adventure.

Fiction
Orphans of the Living
Kathy Watson, Hood River
Historical fiction
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Bumblebee Season
Eileen Garvin, Hood River
Contemporary fiction
Set in a fictionalized Hood River, this novel follows a beekeeper, a Mexican teenager, and an entomology student whose lives intersect.

My Sister's Keeper
Lana M. Fox, Hood River
Crime | Mystery
The first book in her Hood River Valley Mystery series. Fox was born and raised in Hood River and writes mysteries set throughout the Gorge.



The Silver State
Gabriel Urza, Hood River
Adult fiction | Legal thriller
A public defender receives a letter from a death-row client that forces him to reconsider a decades-old murder case.

Nonfiction
Crisis on Mount Hood
Christopher Van Tilburg, Hood River
Outdoor adventure | True rescue stories
Real-life mountain rescues on Mount Hood spanning a century. A great gift for hikers, climbers, and outdoor enthusiasts.

Mushrooms of Cascadia
Michael Beug, Trout Lake
Nature | Field guide
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From Thorns to Blossoms
Mitzi Asai Loftus, Hood River
Memoir | Japanese American history
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Pages for Passions
The SMASH Cookie Cookbook
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Dani Annala, Hood River
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Who Am I? A Mind-Body Wellness Series
Jennifer Sperry, White Salmon
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The Prophetess
Chelan Harkin, White Salmon
Poetry | Spirituality
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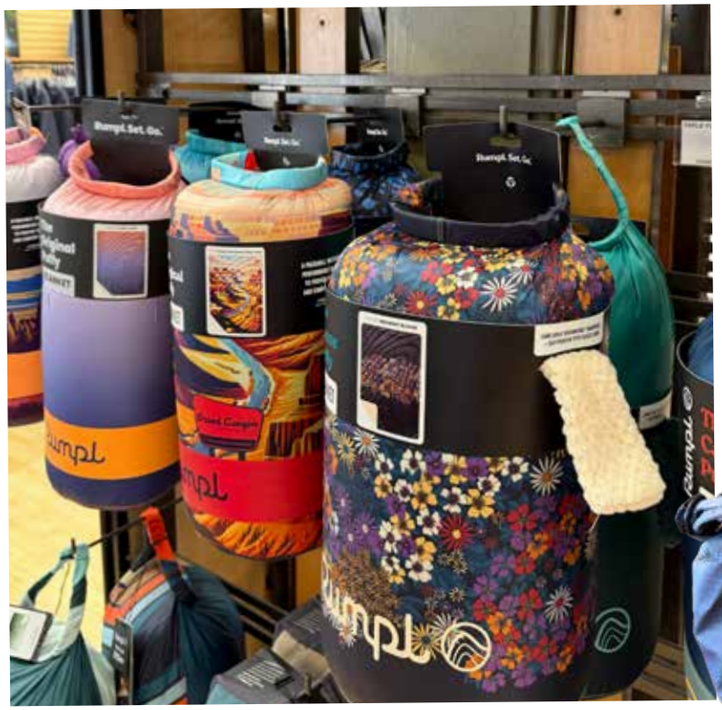
Award-Winning
Yellow Bird
Sierra Crane Murdoch, Hood River
Nonfiction | True crime | Award-winning author
An investigative account of an Indigenous woman's search for a missing oil worker on a North Dakota reservation. Murdoch is an Oregon Book Award winner and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

Children's Holiday Books

Too Many Tamales
Author: Gary Soto
Age Range: 4 - 8
A story about a family treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; a desperate, funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all. *Available in Spanish

We Celebrate the Light
Author: Jane Yolen
A celebration of seven different winter holidays observed in the US and the traditions that unite them all.

Bear Stays Up for Christmas
Author: Karma Wilson
Ages: 4-8
Bear's friends are determined to keep Bear awake for Christmas! Bear stays up and discovers that giving is one of the best Christmas presents of all.











GIFTS OF THE OUTDOORS

Many different color choices to choose from in Rumpl blankets at Shortt Supply

A fun stocking stuffer could be a PETZL headlamp from Pure Stoke

Patagonia accessories and clothing for outdoor adventures are well stocked at Dougs

Shortt Supply has an endless supply of all the trending colors in Hydro Flask

Atomic boots are available at Pure Stoke

The Gorge is where many of us spend our weekends. We love making memories on our land, and some of us even refer to it as "a way to unwind." If you're shopping for someone who is happiest on the mountain or tackling a backyard project, check out our ideas for Gifts for the Outdoors.

Mountain journeys call for cozy essentials. **Shortt Supply, 116 Oak St., Hood River**, has plenty of gift ideas for the outdoor lifestyle. They carry the latest Hydro Flask colors, Rumpl Travel Puffy Blankets ($89.95), Rumpl Original Puffy Blankets ($99.95), and Rumpl Backcountry Puffy Blanket ($149.95). They are great for cozy evenings at the cabin or even at outdoor concerts. You can find outdoor apparel from The North Face, including warm layers for chilly Gorge days. Shortt Supply makes it easy to bring a little outdoor adventure into everyday living.

Are you shopping for someone who loves to get their hands dirty? Maintaining a few acres, tending an orchard, or tackling a long-awaited project? **Sheppard's Equipment, 440 Riverside Dr., Hood River**, has the tools to get the job done. Sheppard's is your go-to for STIHL chainsaws, leaf blowers, and trimmers, and they even carry brands like Kubota tractors and other outdoor equipment. They have more than a century of experience helping local farmers and property owners and their team is ready to help you find the right equipment for the job. Shop at Sheppard's for your special someone who takes pride in caring for their little piece of the Gorge. Often, a practical gift is the best gift of all.

Pure Stoke Sports®, 202 State St., Hood River, is a great spot to shop for your Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, and splitboarding. You will find backpacks, winter gear, and essentials for changing mountain conditions, along with new and gently used equipment through their consignment program. And don't forget the stocking stuffers! Ski and snowboard wax, gloves, hats (Swix $35), headlamps (starting at $29.95), and other accessories make great little gifts for anyone who spends their winter chasing snow.



You can find bright colored Deuter backpacks at Pure Stoke



For the slope lovers, you can shop many stocking-stuffer-sized items, like these, at Pure Stoke



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UNEXPECTED GIFTS *for Tricky Lists*



Every once in a while we have that loved one who leaves us staring at a blank wish list. For some of us, it is our aging parents who are currently downsizing, a partner with very particular preferences, the friend whose answer is always "I don't need anything," or even the aunt whose tastes we admire but cannot begin to shop for. Before you wrap another candle or surrender to the gift card rack, take a look at what we have found right here in the Gorge.

Sense of Place is a series of lectures and conversations about the Columbia River Gorge. It shares the people, history, cultures, and natural world that shape life here. Mt. Adams Institute (no longer SOP; it is now its own nonprofit) presents the series at Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River.

The name "Sense of Place" means understanding what makes a place distinctive and feeling connected to it. You can give this gift to someone who has lived here for six months or for sixty years. It will make a wonderful evening for someone who's curious about where they live. www.ColumbiaArts.org/events

Museum memberships could be a great fit for someone who loves supporting the art and history of the Gorge, or has a family that enjoys outings together.

Oregon:

- **WAAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum), Hood River:** Antique airplanes and automobiles
- **The History Museum of Hood River County, Hood River:** Local history and the people who shaped the valley
- **Hutson Museum, Parkdale:** Rocks, minerals, historical artifacts, and local memorabilia
- **Cascade Locks Historical Museum, Cascade Locks:** River, railroad, and community history
- **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum, The Dalles**: Gorge geology, natural history, and cultural history
- **Fort Dalles Museum & Anderson Homestead, The Dalles:** Historic buildings, period rooms, and early local history
- **National Neon Sign Museum, The Dalles:** Vintage neon signs and American advertising history
- **Original Wasco County Courthouse, The Dalles:** A restored 1859 courthouse with historical exhibits
- **Harlow House Museum, Troutdale:** Historic home and local history
- **Barn Exhibit Hall, Troutdale:** Historic Columbia River Highway exhibits
- **Depot Rail Museum, Troutdale:** Railroad history in a historic depot
- **Crown Point Museum. Corbett:** one of the oldest historical societies west of the Mississippi, working to preserve and share the local history

Washington:

- **Columbia Gorge Museum, Stevenson:** Gorge history, cultures, and natural history. Formerly the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum
- **Gorge Heritage Museum, Bingen:** Western Klickitat County history in a historic church
- **Maryhill Museum of Art, near Goldendale:** Rodin sculpture, Indigenous art, international collections, and outdoor sculpture
- **Presby Museum, Goldendale:** Klickitat County history in the historic Presby Mansion.
- **Two Rivers Heritage Museum, Washougal**: Camas–Washougal history and cultural heritage

*Some smaller museums operate seasonally or by appointment.

Give them a reason to wish for snow! **Mount Hood** offers several ways to treat your favorite skier or snowboarder, by purchasing lift tickets at **Mt. Hood Meadows** and **Timberline** or for a beginner outing at **Cooper Spur** or **Summit Pass** in **Government Camp**.

Is there really anything better than adventures after dark? Consider night skiing at Mt. Hood Skibowl. You could purchase a lesson package to help a newcomer find their footing or help someone polish their techniques. Or give a gift card toward a season pass to keep your favorite skier smiling long after the holidays.

*Check each ski area's website for current prices, ticket options, and special offers. And don't forget the **"Wild Mike's Wednesdays"** at **Mt. Hood Skibowl:** buy a participating pizza and scan the package's QR code for $10 off a Wednesday night lift ticket.

Even a **Sno-Park permit** can be an incredibly thoughtful gift. This parking permit is for designated winter recreation areas where people go **sledding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and winter hiking**, depending on the location.

- **Washington:** $50 for the season or $25 for one day. Some specially groomed locations require an additional $70 seasonal permit.
- **Oregon:** including Mount Hood: $25 for the season, $9 for three consecutive days, or $4 for one day. Required at designated Sno-Parks November 1–April 30.

If you are looking for a gift to wrap and place under the tree, **Hood River Supply, ACE, 1945 12th St., Hood River,** has bird feeders starting at $28.99. An EcoFuego wax fire pit is woodless and completely portable and would be a great gift for someone who loves backyard gatherings, toasting marshmallows, or just to have a reason to linger outside. A barbecue or smoker is always a great gift. It gives them something to fire up on Christmas Day and enjoy all year. Or Yaktrax Diamond Grip footwear for snow and ice ($64.99) to use during our winter.

And somewhere in the Gorge, an artist is brushing clay from their apron, untangling silver wire, or deciding if a painting needs just one more touch. So your next gift could be sitting on their workbench, right now. Find something with a little more personality at **Artist Market, Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River.** Handmade arts and crafts under $200.







A bird feeder from Hood River Supply can be a fun gift for any age

We are so lucky to live so close to the snowy mountains. Shop the Sno-Park Permit for an unexpected winter gift

Escape through the seasons of Hood River by train on Mt. Hood Railroad.

Climb aboard an afternoon on the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge and enjoy relaxing views as you float down the river on the historical paddle boat

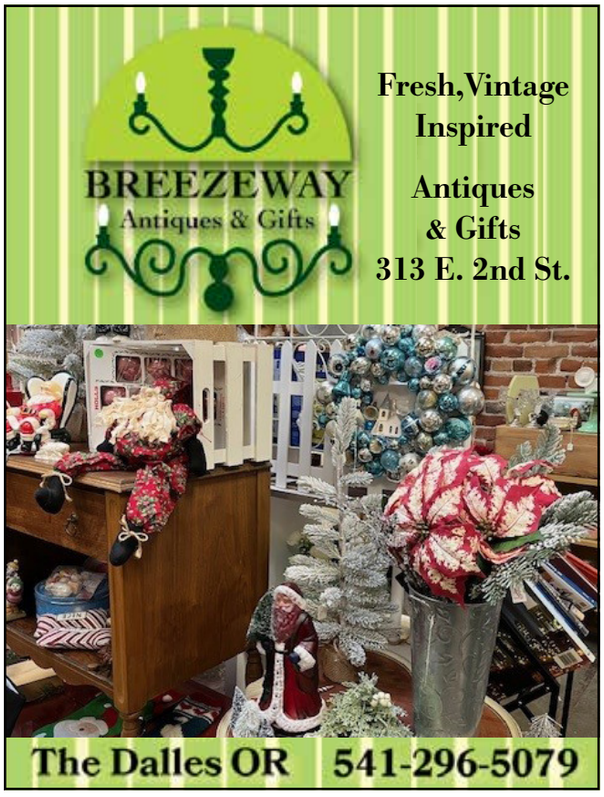
EcoFuego wax fire pit promises plenty of visits around a portable campfire from Hood River Supply





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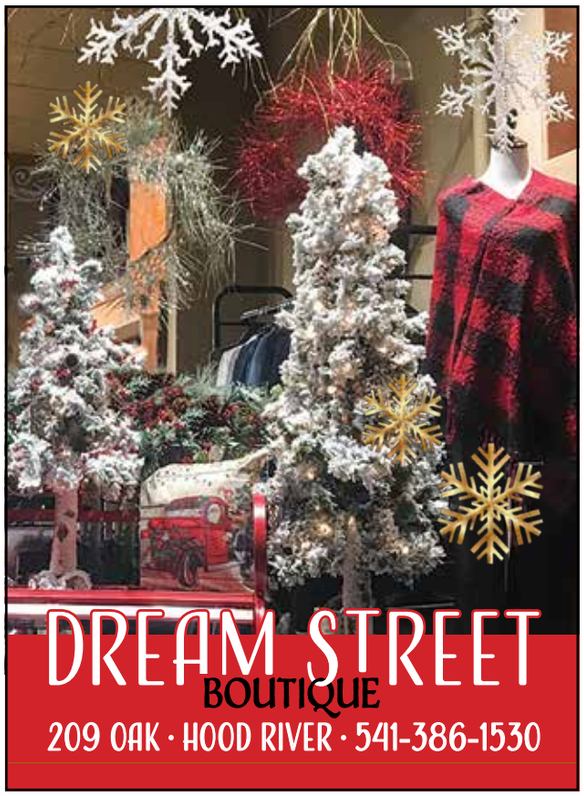




Winter threads for him at Communion
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Far left: Wyatt Moon has layers made for a little rain



Vibes rooted in the Northwest, at Dream Street

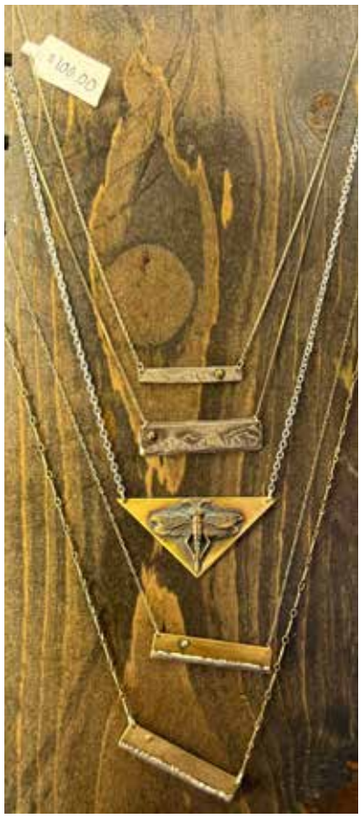


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GIFTS *Around the Gorge*

There is something wonderfully unconventional about the Gorge. The landscape inspires all of us, the people who call it home have an independent spirit, and creativity doesn't always follow the rules because individuality isn't something to hide. Here in the PNW, we celebrate it.

Our community is filled with artisans and imaginative souls who turn their passion into pottery, paintings, jewelry, and handcrafted treasures. Every piece carries personality from the person who made it, and every purchase supports someone who dared to make a living doing what they love. This year, give something as wonderfully original as the Gorge itself.

Fashion is an expression of who we are and how we live. **Communion Hood River, 212 4th St.**, is a men's and women's lifestyle clothing boutique that is founded on the belief that quality fashion should be accessible and affordable. Communion features labels from around the world alongside local favorites. They carry everything from essentials to statement pieces. Communion believes in giving back, supporting local artists, makers, small businesses, and nonprofits. Give the gift of personal style while supporting a boutique that believes our community never goes out of fashion.

It's always classy to pair an arrangement with chocolates for a hostess gift, surprise someone with a festive bouquet, or bring home a centerpiece for your table. Christmas traditions are passed down through families; however, Claudia Leash of **Sigman's Flowers and Gifts, 200 E 2nd St., in downtown The Dalles**, has spent nearly 50 years creating a town's tradition. Floral arrangements make perfect holiday centerpieces. Or carry on the tradition of gifting poinsettias to someone you love, you can even pick out a little something from the gift shop. Shopping at stores like Sigman's means supporting a woman whose life's work has helped shape the community around her.

Kingsley Supply Co., 120 W Steuben St., Suite A, Bingen, was founded by John Cody, who was born and raised in Hood River. His passion for hosting and entertaining sparked his wedding design business. He enjoys helping couples create and execute their own unique vision of how their day will look and feel. His retail space is an extension of this concept, but for everyday life. He offers giftable items for the home, Gorge lifestyle, a boutique market, with an emphasis on local and regional brands. *Hours are Tue-Sat 10-5 p.m. with extended holiday hours in the works.

Let's step into the metaphysical boutique of **Wyatt Moon Mercantile, 110 3rd St., Hood River**, where you will find gemstones, jewelry, tarot, astrology, spiritual practices, and gifts that reflect people's personal beliefs and interests. For free spirits, moon watchers, crystal collectors, and spiritually curious people on your Christmas list, Wyatt Moon Mercantile offers fun gifts. Curiosity is welcome, individuality is celebrated, and a Christmas gift can be as personal as the person receiving it.











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GIFT OF EXPERIENCE



Mt Hood Winery has incredible views of Mt. Hood to enjoy while you sip on local wine

We all have that one person on our holiday shopping list who has everything. They don't need anything, and some even insist that they don't want a gift. So the age-old question is, "What do I give the person who has it all?"

You could give the Gift of Experience! An adventure they have never tried or a moment they would never give to themselves. Sometimes, the best gift is time tied to a memory. Because let's be honest, the most meaningful "gifts" in our lives are usually something we can't hold. It's really the moments we get to experience with the people we love.

Some gifts are meant to be savored. **Mt. Hood Winery, 2882 Van Horn Dr. in Hood River**, is tucked into the picturesque Hood River Valley. The wine is for sure memorable, but so are the views. On clear days, settle into a beautiful tasting room where floor-to-ceiling windows frame the landscape, with Mt. Hood as a backdrop. On sunny days, the patio beckons you to enjoy a gentle breeze, filled with the sound of talented local musicians and singers. A wine-tasting flight starts at $20.

With a Gift of Experience, you don't have to make memories when the holidays arrive. Of course, you can ride the **Mt. Hood Railroad, 110 Railroad St., Hood River**, from November to January on the Polar Express. But you can also enjoy a leisurely ride through seasonal scenery year round. As you ride, you are served light refreshments and you can just sit back and relax to the train's rhythmic clickety-clack. Why not give them a gift certificate so they can choose their journey.

For the thrill-seekers on your holiday list, give them a gift that makes a splash! Take an unforgettable adventure on the wild, scenic **White Salmon River with Wet Planet at 860 Highway 141, White Salmon. G**uides will help you paddle through basalt canyons, navigate Class IV whitewater rapids, and plunge over Husum Falls, a 12-foot vertical waterfall drop rated Class V. This will be a Christmas present they'll look forward to long after the decorations come down. Gift certificates start at just $50.

Don't give them another pair of Christmas socks; give them an adventure that gets their heart racing. At **Skamania Lodge Adventures, 1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson**, you will fly through towering Douglas firs on ziplines and experience the Columbia River Gorge from a new perspective. You can also find more adventure by testing each other's aim in a friendly competition: axe throwing is $40/person, with a two-person minimum for one hour. Ziplining is $110. Gift cards are available for both experiences.

There is something magical about experiencing the Gorge from the water. The towering cliffs, waterfalls, and landscape feel even more majestic from the deck of the **Sternwheeler at 299 SW Portage Rd., Cascade Locks.** Sit with a warm apple cider or your favorite IPA as you watch the landscape unfold. Prices start at $45.

Newly opened in the historic **View Point Inn**, a therapeutic spa offers restorative bodywork. You can stimulate your senses in a warm Oil Dispersion Bath, then continue unwinding in the Salt or Charcoal Meditation Rooms, and sip Chinese herbal tea while looking out over the river at **The Healing Order, 40301 E. Larch Mountain Road, Corbett.** Here, guests unplug from the world to deepen their connection with their body, each other, and nature. Forest abounds as you heat up your cold winter muscles in the Pacific Northwest's only Cedar Enzyme Bath, a fermenting blend of cedar, fir, and rice bran. By appointment only; call 503-695-2977 or visit thehealingorder.com to book.

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Gorge Giving highlights local nonprofits and ways to support them

There is something about the holidays that always leads us to think about the less fortunate. Perhaps because it is a season of hope and a time to spread love worldwide. That's why things like Secret Santa, Angel Trees, and Toys for Tots exist. Neighbors bake treats, and communities gather to sing or watch the neighborhood tree light up. But many of us want to give without the "pat on the back." Like Santa, we want to quietly leave a gift without needing a thank you.

Many organizations throughout the Gorge work year-round to keep our neighbors warm, safe, fed, and enjoying moments in life. Some even protect our environment while others care for animals or support local youth.

Instead of searching for a big non-profit online, where you may not even see the impact your donation made, why not find one right here in the Gorge that aligns with you?

Books for Kids Columbia Gorge, Wasco County: PO Box 82, The Dalles, OR 97058, Hood River County: PO Box 221, Hood River, OR 97031, Klickitat & Skamania Counties: PO Box 34, White Salmon, WA 98672; booksforkidscg@gmail.com | www.BooksForKidsCG.org

Increasing educational equity and promoting literacy by providing new, high-quality books to kids in the Columbia Gorge who need it most.

Hood River Latino Network (HRLN), 1595 Nunmaker Rd, Hood River; 541.436.4756 | www.HoodRiverLatino.org

Supporting Latino and immigrant families through social services, advocacy, events, and resource navigation, offering assistance with food access, health information, legal resources, and community engagement.

Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP), 115 W. Steuben St., Bingen; 509- 493-2662 | wagap.org

Helping those in need, supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, providing emergency housing, working to uplift youth mental health, running several food banks, and more. WAGAP also accepts non-perishable goods for its food banks, including canned meat, fruit, and vegetables, as well as shampoo, dish soap, and toothpaste.

Gorge Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1711, Hood River; 509.637.7997 | www.GorgeCF.org

Connects donors with local causes, supporting nonprofit programs, community grants, and scholarships across six Gorge counties.

The Friends of Sunshine Club, 1140 Tucker Road, Hood River; 541.399.2384 | www.FriendsOfSunshineClub.org

Provides daytime activities and social connections for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, while giving their caregivers much-needed respite. Its nonprofit support organization, Friends of the Sunshine Club, accepts donations to help sustain the program. They also need donations of time in the form of volunteer hours.

Cherry Blossom Respite, CherryBlossomADP@gmail.com

Newly formed in The Dalles, offering support and respite care for individuals with Alzheimers and dementia.

Gorge Giving Guide: The Columbia Gorge News.

Find local nonprofits and ways to give in Columbia Gorge News' Gorge Giving Guide at www.ColumbiaGorgeNews.com/special_sections. The Columbia Gorge offers multiple ways to give your time through volunteering, as well as donations and fundraising.

*To see more online non-profits, visit **www.GorgeGiving.org**



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