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**Brush, pen or pencils sold individually or in sets, sketch pads of varied sizes, and instruction and practice books for calligraphy or illuminated lettering are gift options for accomplished or budding artists; Fred Meyer in The Dalles and Tokki's art supply and Hood River Stationers in Hood River provide ample choices. Kirby Neumann-Rea photos**

# art supplies

## Art/home office supply ideas

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*Columbia Gorge News*

Many of us have artists in our lives, or people we know who are inspired to create art or explore new media, be it sketching, scrapbooking, or calligraphy. Another way to look at it is that these stores are also sources if you are thinking of gifts to help a loved one outfit or update supplies in that home office they set up in the pandemic.

Fred Meyer in The Dalles is a many-sided source for scrapbooking or any other pursuit. Take a left inside the west entrance of the store and find pencils, pens, crayons of all kinds, (at presstime, the classic big 96-color box was on sale for \$4.71), colorful Duck Tape, yarn, paints, brushes, dual tip markers, watercolor pencils, acrylic water color paints, watercolor paints and brushes, sketch books (including one trademarked "Visual Journal"), glue sticks, glue guns and glue, colored paper of all kinds, tape, stickers and glitter — as well as glitter crayons, glitter glue and glitter paints.

Browse for pens, pencils, and notebooks of all sizes and shapes at Hood River Stationers in downtown Hood River, which carries many books and gifts, as well as supplies for the artistically — or business — inclined.

At Tokki in Hood River, the list of art supplies is long and highly specialized, yet with numerous items from \$1 to \$10.

Do you know what your artist or crafter needs most? There's notebooks, pencils or pens, inks and paints of just about any type.

Surprise them with bound notebooks of numerous shapes and sizes or a set of paint brushes, super-narrow micron pens, or new pallet knives.

Know someone looking to get out of the house to do art? Get them a portable easel, or any number of pen and pencil cases in metal, canvas or wood.

Want to introduce someone to one or more ideas for expressing themselves?

Tokki features calligraphy pens and sets, colored paper, dual brush pens, stamps and stamp pads, colored pen and pencil sets, cards, and stickers.

Books are available on holiday hand lettering, Christmas projects, and sketching and doodling techniques.

Know anyone interested in origami? Tokki offers sets ranging from \$5 to \$20.

For any aspiring artist, there's "Unmistakeables," a set of 12 erasable colored pencils — and Tokki has a wide selection of erasers and pencil sharpeners.

Hood River Stationers stocks books and pens, paper and other supplies for calligraphy as well as a hobby that came on the scene a couple of years ago: Creating dot or bullet planning books. These are interactive journals and personal planning books that allow each person to employ graphed or dot-patterned paper to come up with their own design. You could set someone up for around \$35.

Related gift suggestions at Hood River Stationers are the books "Illuminated Letters" and "Brushlettering A to Z," and the pens to go with them for exploring traditional hand-lettering techniques using bold, bright colors.

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cheengo yarn rattles, at center right, with Mary Meyer stuffies and microwave-friendly Warmies animals. Kirby Neumann-Rea photos

# Gifts for kids

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**Let's just deal with this right off the bat: "Pandemic." Yes, that's the name of a game, and if you are looking for a timely interactive experience that calls upon its players to think and cooperate, the Z-Man games have been around since 2008. Expansions include *On The Brink*, *In the Lab*, and *State of Emergency*. Find them at HR Hobbies or G. Williker's Toy Shoppe in downtown Hood River.**

*Looking for more of an escape?*

You probably are.

Here are recommendations from Gorge businesses, working our way from infants up.

Along the way, some cool stocking stuffer ideas (what better way to take your mind off the pandemic than stocking stuffers, right?).

Owner Christina Lopez of Emma's Bowtique in downtown The Dalles said among the more popular sellers this year are the Melissa and Doug "Mine To Love Twin set" in various skin pigments, \$39.99 for the twins.

Ee-boo scratch stickers come in six or 10 sheets, \$9.99 or \$14.99, at Emma's Bowtique.

Super-Soft blankets (\$39), from Novedades de Potrillo on the Heights in Hood River, are a big seller, according to owner Humberto Calderon.

Stocking stuffer one: Scratch mini-notes \$1.99, from Emma's. Soft Shapes books, \$9.99, mix reading and bath time with Counting, Farm, Ocean and other themes, \$9 at Emma's. "The Yukkiest Alphabet Book," \$9.99 at Klindt's Books in The Dalles: Margaret Novak's toddler-friendly, fuzzy-jacketed ABC book promises "Kids Will Never Forget Their Letters." (Here's an example: B is for Boogie.)

If the book "Goodnight Moon" is "been there done that," then check out the Northwest-themed board books, "Good Night

Oregon" and "Good Night Washington" at G. Williker's in Hood River. More books at G. Williker's with an Oregon theme, for kids 3-6, include "10 Little Monsters Visit Oregon," "Let's Count Oregon," and "Row Row Row Your Boat Oregon."

Speaking of soft: Lucky Littles in downtown Hood River specializes in comfy toys, including cheengoo soft yarn rattles for \$20 and Mary Meyer stuffies for about \$20, and Warmies — you put them in the microwave to warm up, \$22.95.

Huggalug head knitwear, \$22.95, comes in various styles (and all kinds of colors) also at Lucky Littles. Stocking stuffer number two — Wildly Noisy Wooden Things (\$4) at Klindt's.

You want more noise? Take the Wildly Noisys and combine them with a Tin Whistle or Jangly Jingles.

Or give them to the whole family for stocking stuffers — they're all \$4 or \$5, at Klindt's.

They could crawl inside an Air Tent to enjoy some of those: The \$49.95 inflatables give kids a space of their own, 50 inches tall by 77 inches wide, available at Lucky Littles.

Grandparents looking for books to connect with their young-grandkids can find good-natured fun in "How to Babysit Your Grandpa" and "How to Babysit your Grandma" at Lucky Littles (\$15).

G. Williker's has ee-Boo memory games in several sizes, from \$5 to \$9: Kids and grandparents can both have fun and benefit from brain-stretching games they play together.

Fun games for kids and adults to play? "Milk and Moustache and other Compound Words Coloring Game" at Tokkis in downtown Hood River, is an innovative interactive game, that introduces kids to combination words such as "rain-bow" and "jelly-fish" and lets them color the diagrams in their own way (and it's just \$2.99).

Stocking stuffer number three: Snazaroo face painting sticks, for more indoor fun when we need it the most. \$7.99 at Tokkis. Also at G. Williker's a bulging rack of memory, alphabet, word games and classic card games, such as Bellz! Go Fish, Bananagrams, Rummy, and more, \$9 to \$18.

One more memory game, for older kids, the elegantly-designed "Celebrate Oregon" ABCS of the state flash card game, \$20 at Klindt's.

Stocking stuffer number four: Magnetic personalities, small

cloth figurines of Americans including Langston Hughes and Virginia Woolf, \$6.99 at Klindt's.

Pre-schoolers and up will enjoy any of the following from Tokkis: Rainbow Craft Kit, Scratch and Scribble, Mystic Jewelry Kit, Enchanting Craft Kit, all from Tokkis, in the \$6-10 range.

Stocking stuffer number five: Pride stickers, \$5, made by Brighter Future Creatives, at Tokkis, with a portion of proceeds going to the "It Gets Better Project" to support LGBTQ youth.

Emma's owner Christina Lopez said her favorite new toys include ones employing reusable stickers with multiple scenes. For less than \$10 choose from a variety of sets that give kids dozens, or hundreds, of reusable stickers to place and replace as they imagine their own scenes.

Her store also has a consignment section with plenty of variety: Infant and toddler and some older's clothing, along with books, games and dolls.

Looking for some unusual footwear? Talk to Humberto or Silvia at Novedade de Potrillo about their selection of boots and pull-on boots, some with snakeskin or distressed denim, available in kids' sizes, starting at \$49.

Mirror Dome, \$20 at G. Williker's, casts a gentle illumination and could serve as a cool night light or adornment for any kid's room.

Kids of any age, or adults who like to sketch or keep track of their ideas, would enjoy Field Notes books with images of Zion, Grand Canyon and other national parks — at Tokkis, \$12.95 for a packet of three,

Imaginative kids can get into two gifts from Kids Made Modern: Comic Book Set ("Create Your Own Comic Book"), \$20, and a Giant Crayon (a foot long and two inches wide) made from neon graffiti, \$8, all at Tokkis.

Preschool and elementary age kids can explore and get creative with "Count and Color Sheep" and "Thank You" books (\$10) by Parkdale author Charlene Rivers, at Lucky Littles. For older kids, the multi-book outdoor-themed set "Columbia Gorge Field Guide," \$15 at Lucky Littles. It includes the booklet "Super Natural Adventures."

Our last stocking stuffer is one with lots of half-inch pieces — so it's not for small children: Plus + puzzles come in slender tubes, \$7.99 each, at Emma's.





**Mirror Dome, held by Rosa Cuevas, casts a comforting glow, along with "Good Night" books, left and right. Air Tent, above, is a fun inflatable indoor shelter (box fan not included.) At top, stocking stuffers include five-inch-tall Magnetic Personalities and Plus + puzzles for older kids.**



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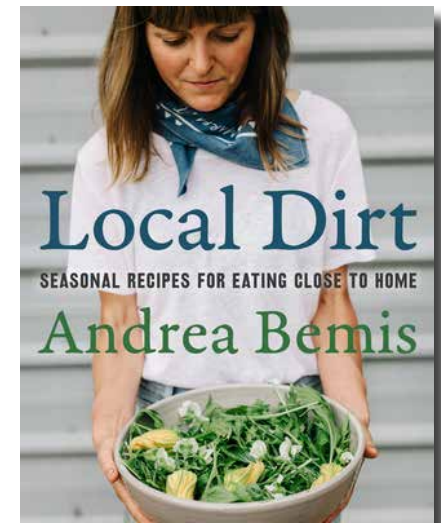
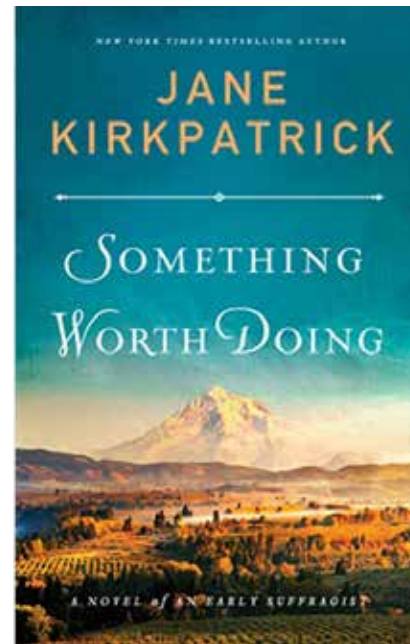
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**Local bookstores, like Klindt's in The Dalles, are encouraging customers to shop early this holiday season due to limits in the supply chain.**

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# Local books recommendations

TRISHA WALKER  
*Columbia Gorge News*

**Local businesses, including bookstores, are encouraging customers to shop local and early in this year of COVID-19 — because supply chains are unreliable and shipping times may be delayed.**

But the good news is that, when you're shopping locally, you can go at off-times, such as mid-week, when crowds are few and parking is plentiful.

And books always make a good gift. Here is a selection, mostly by local authors and photographers, recommended by booksellers in the Gorge: Waucoma Bookstore in Hood River, Klindt's Booksellers in The Dalles, and The Book Peddler ("Used But Not Abused Books") in White Salmon.

**Local Dirt: Seasonal Recipes for Eating Close to Home** by Andrea Bemis (October 2020), \$32.99

Bemis is a Parkdale author who owns Tumbleweed Farm with her husband, Taylor, and can be regularly seen at the Hood River Farmers Market. This is her second cookbook — her first, "Dishing Up the Dirt," was published in 2017 (\$29.99). The cookbook contains more than 80 recipes, "recreating a

not-so-distant world when the ingredients cooked and eaten were produced within local families," said a press release. The book is organized by season and can be adapted to utilize any local fare. Signed copies are available at Waucoma Bookstore.

**Rough house** by Tina Ontiveros (October 2020), \$18.95

Ontiveros is a Hood River author — who grew up in The Dalles — and teaches writing at Columbia Gorge Community College. Previously, she was the book buyer at Klindt's Booksellers. The book was a Top 20 Pick on the October Indie Next List, a listing of new books recommended by booksellers across the country. "Tracing her childhood through the working-class towns and forests of Washington and Oregon, Ontiveros explores the themes of love and loss, parents and children, and her own journey to a different kind of adulthood," said a press release.

**Something Worth Doing** by Jane Kirkpatrick (September 2020), \$15.99

Kirkpatrick now resides in Redmond, but she is a former Sherman County resident. This historical fiction novel follows Abigail Scott Duniway, Oregon's "Mother of Equal Suffrage" and "the pioneer Woman Suffragist of the great Northwest." The book "explores issues that will resonate strongly with modern women: The pull between career and family, finding one's place in the public sphere and dealing with frustrations and prejudices women encounter when they compete in

male-dominated spaces," said a press release.

**A Whale of the Wild** by Rosanne Parry (September 2020), \$17.99

Portland author Parry has several Oregon Battle of the Books titles. In this children's novel, "a young orca whale must lead her bother on a tumultuous journey to be reunited with their pod," said a press release, and explores the themes of "family bonds, survival, global warming and a changing seascape." Her previous book, "A Wolf Called Wander" (2019, \$16.99) is based on the wolf named OR-7 who traveled 1,000 miles across the Pacific Northwest.

**Douglas Fir: The Story of the West's Most Remarkable Tree** by Stephen F. Arno (October 2020), \$21.95

This is a good choice for naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts, said Jenny Cohen, co-owner, Waucoma Bookstore. "Westerners familiar with their forests may think they know the Douglas fir — but how well do they? ... Incredibly hardy, this tree adopts various strategies to occupy more kinds of habitats than any other native tree, even becoming an uncontrollable invader in some regions, crowding out ponderosa pines, western larch, aspen groves and mountain grasslands," said a press release. "Most intriguing of all, perhaps, is that the story of the Douglas fir has gone untold."



**Oregon, My Oregon: Land of Natural Wonders** by Photo Cascadia (October 2020), \$30

Local photographer David Cobb is part of the Photo Cascadia team; this book contains the work of seven photographers from the Pacific Northwest who “have dedicated their careers to sharing its natural beauty while encouraging stewardship and conservation efforts,” said a press release. “Oregon is a big, beautiful state filled with mountains, valleys, deserts, cities, towns, an amazing coastline and much more. From the high desert of Central Oregon and the scenic vistas of the Columbia River Gorge to awe-inspiring Crater Lake and the forests and farms of the Willamette Valley, its natural wonders abound.”

**The Mount Adams Country: Forgotten Corner of the Columbia River Gorge** by Keith McCoy (out of print)

Joyce FitzSimmons of The Book Peddler said this is a book she tries to keep in stock at her used bookstore. McCoy, she said, is a “historian of the formative years of White Salmon and western Klickitat County. Published in 1987 and out of print, but I continually search the internet for used copies.”

**Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe** by Theodore Gray (2009), \$29.99

FitzSimmons said this book is “a visually stunning original collection of gorgeous, never-before-seen photographic representations of the 118 elements in the periodic table ... If you have never been interested in the members of the periodic table this book might just change your mind.” She has used copies available for around \$17.50.

**White Fragility: Why it's so hard for White People to Talk about Racism** by Robin Diangelo (2018), \$16

This is another book FitzSimmons tries to keep in stock at The Book Peddler. A New York Times bestseller, the book explores “the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.”

## About the bookstores

**Waucoma Bookstore**, 212 Oak St., Hood River, is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is open for browsing with a limit of six customers at a time. Masks are required over both the nose and mouth, and hand sanitizer is required upon entry. No food or drink is allowed in the store.

Curbside pickup is available — place orders via telephone, 541-386-5353, email, [books@waucomabookstore.com](mailto:books@waucomabookstore.com), or website, [www.waucomabookstore.com](http://www.waucomabookstore.com). Waucoma also has gift certificates that never expire and can be used on any item sold in the store (valid for in-store purchases only, as they do not work on the website) and are available for purchase in-store and online (minimum \$10 and maximum \$100). Gift certificates can be mailed to any U.S. address specified by the purchaser for free.

**The Book Peddler, Used But Not Abused Books**, 154 E.

Jewett, White Salmon, is open 10:30-ish a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and is following the State of Washington's Phase 2 guidelines. One customer is allowed in the store at a time (two if a couple is together), or, for households, four family members total at one time. Masks are required and hand sanitizer provided before and after browsing.

Those looking for a specific used book may call the store at 509-493-4644 or fill out a form at [www.bookpeddler.net/services](http://www.bookpeddler.net/services). Questions can be emailed to owner Joyce FitzSimmons at [jbfitz@gorge.net](mailto:jbfitz@gorge.net).

**Klindt's Booksellers & Stationers**, 315 E. Second St., The Dalles, is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Klindt's offers curbside assistance and, for The Dalles residents, also offers front porch delivery service.

Orders can be placed by phone at 541-296-3355 or online at [www.klindtsbooks.com/shop](http://www.klindtsbooks.com/shop). Gift certificates are available in any denomination.



# dog spas

## Because they deserve to be pampered, too

EMILY FITZGERALD  
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Many pet owners will hang up little gift stockings or hide new toys under the tree so that their pups can join in the holiday cheer, but why not make this year extra special for the doggos on your list with a trip to the spa?

**Pink Poodle Grooming Salon** in The Dalles provides breed clips, specialty clips, puppy grooming, cat grooming and creative grooming. Owner Morgan Heiser has been grooming professionally in The Dalles since 2007 and now works with three independent groomers: Jeanne of Gorge Us Grooms, Shyanna OpBroek of Grooms by Shyanna and Ashley Murphy of Murphy's Muddy Mutts. Prices are determined on a case by case basis, so reach out via Facebook @ThePinkPoodleGrooming or call 541-397-0600 for an estimate.

**Dirty Paws Grooming** offers a wide variety of dog grooming services, including baths, nails, ears, anal glands, haircuts, brushing and blowouts. Full grooms typically cost \$50-130, and bath and brushes or tidy-ups cost between \$25-160 — depending on the size of the dog and grooming time. You can also book your dog for individual services, such as a nail trim, for \$10 to \$25. Call or text 541-380-0200 to book an appointment or purchase a gift certificate.

### Toys and Treats

**Dog River Pet Supplies** and **Gorge Dog** in Hood River carry anything and everything your pet could desire this holiday season, so be sure to check them out while you're out doing your holiday shopping: Dog River Pet Supplies is located at 118 12th St., Hood River (541-490-0646); open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Gorge Dog is located at 412 Oak St., Hood River, (541-387-3996); open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

**West Paw** dog toys are designed for tough chewers, so hopefully they'll survive long enough to become your dog's new favorite toy. (\$13 to \$22 at Gorge Dog)

**Tall Tails** plush squeaky toys are made of reinforced fabric and will last longer than your standard plush toy, but let's be honest: Odds are, your dog will still demolish these plush toys pretty quickly. But they'll have a great time doing it. (\$11 to \$16 at Dog River)

Sometimes, a new ball is enough to get a dog's tail wagging (\$1.60 to \$2.20 at Dog River); and you can't go wrong with a standard KONG for mental stimulation and enriching play (\$6 to \$15 at Gorge Dog.)



Pictured are, from top, Pink Poodle's namesake, Swayze, posing with owner Morgan Heiser and groomers Jeanne, Shyanna OpBroek and Ashley Murphy; a happy client; and soft (but tough) Tuffy squeaky toys from Gorge Dog (\$13-25).



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# Gifts for cooks

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If you didn't have an avid home-cook baker on your holiday gift list before quarantine started, it's likely that you do now. Cooking and baking are great ways to pass the time at home, and whether the foodie on your list is new to the hobby or a long-time aficionado, help them take advantage of their time eating at home with some cookware or specialty ingredients from the Gorge.

## Cannon Packer Gift Shop

Cannon Packer Gift Shop carries a wide variety of novelty and functional items for the kitchen, such as the Grate Plate (\$30), a ceramic grating plate that offers cooks a convenient way to grate ingredients like garlic, ginger and

nutmeg without putting their fingers at risk — and it's pretty enough to double as a serving platter. (The package also comes with a garlic peeler and a brush.) And those who like to indulge in a glass of wine while they're cooking would enjoy Cannon Packer's stemless glass (\$20), made of stainless steel and printed with an artistic image of Oregon. The gift shop is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and is located at the roundabout on the east end of The Dalles (1006 E. Second St., The Dalles). Call 541-296-3038 or email [canonpacker@gorge.net](mailto:canonpacker@gorge.net) for more info.

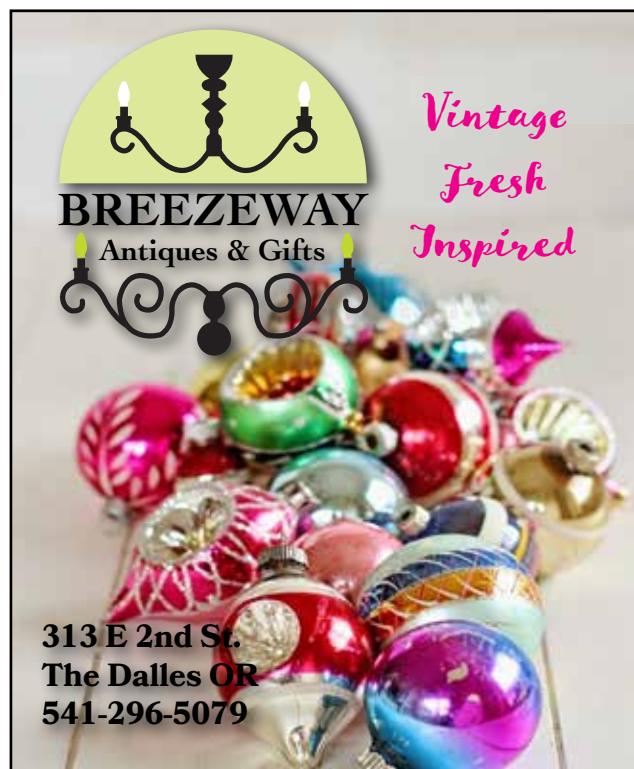
## Feast Market and Delicatessen

Owners Shawn Simmons and Jenessa VanDeHey founded Feast Market and Delicatessen with the goal of creating a neighborhood spot for people in their community to find fresh, local and organic food. They carry a wide variety of specialty products in their grocery section, such as Matiz Gallego sardines and octopus, packaged in Spanish olive oil and available in a variety of flavors for roughly \$5 a can. In addition to the grocery store and deli, Feast offers

a menu of made-to-order food, beverages and cocktails. Visit them at 151 E. Jewett Blvd., or visit [featmarket.org](http://featmarket.org) to browse their selection, or call 509-637-6889 to ask about buying a gift certificate.

## Arome

Arome carries the perfect mix of fun gifts, hard-to-find spices, premium olive oils and vinegars, and quality kitchenware. Their most popular item during the holiday season is their oil and vinegar gift packages, where customers get to pick out flavors of oil and vinegar from the store's wide selection, or choose from pre-selected pairings, and have them gift-wrapped in-store. (Each bottle costs between \$6.50 to \$40, depending on size and flavor. Bottle sizes range between 60 ml and 750 ml). Visit their website at [www.aromehoodriver.com](http://www.aromehoodriver.com) or visit the store at 105 Oak St., Hood River.



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# gifts

## One to \$1000

MARK GIBSON  
*Columbia Gorge News*

### \$1,000

Well, not quite so much as that, it's priced at \$969. Big, comfortable, and made entirely of genuine leather, this is a gift built to last a lifetime — which happens to be how long the mechanisms hidden inside are fully guaranteed. Those values are also found in smaller leather chairs — all “touch-able” services are real leather and the mechanisms strong. Size and skirting materiel can bring the price down as low as \$799. Upholstery chairs start at \$399. Find your La-Z-Boy at Downey Furniture, 601 E. Third St., The Dalles.

### \$700

After resting up on the easy chair, one is certain to be full of energy — and what better way to burn it off than with a Free Wing Air foil, starting at \$799. It's the latest trend in water sports, and you can find it at Big Winds, located at 207 Front St., Hood River.

### \$300

If you are working from your kitchen table due to the pandemic, a small table and chair may well come in handy, set well away from the papers and computers. A Wine Barrel table and chair may suit, priced at \$325 for the table, \$295 for the chair.

### \$150

“We sell a lot of the higher end liquor around the holidays,” noted Jordan Taphouse, one of three managers at The Dalles Liquor Store. The high end starts at about \$150 a bottle, and go as high as \$300. At \$150 bottle is Maestro Dobel 50 extra Anejo Tequila, aged in barrels for three years and packaged as a gift with a fancy bottle. “It makes a nice gift, and is part of the holiday for a lot of people,” Taphouse said.

### \$125

A porcelain boy whistles innocently while guarding a wealth of cookies, a vintage Hull cookie jar priced at \$125 at Breezeway Antiques and Gifts.

### \$100

Stuck at home and getting tired of your space? A decorate “bull skull” may be just the thing to add a bit of mystique to your room, its bone-whiteness catching the wandering eye. Up close, it has a great deal of detail to be admired. Price is \$95 at Downey Furniture, The Dalles.

### \$70

That big wind foil can be mastered in comfort with a ION Wet-suit top. Manufactured locally, price starts at \$69.99. Available at Big Winds in Hood River.

An insulated jacket makes a great mid-winter gift, and Pure Stoke offers Boulder Gear insulated jackets priced at \$70 for boys, \$80 for men. An insulated vest, sized for men and women, is priced at \$70. All can be found at Pure Stoke, 202 State St., Hood River.

### \$50

An antique toy flatbed truck, priced at \$49, may well appeal to those “Farmers at Heart” in your life. The display includes an “Eat Beef” sign behind is priced at \$24, both at Breezeway Antiques and Gifts, 313 E. Second St., The Dalles.

### \$35

If your little rug rats have cold feet, a pair of Pendleton Baby Booties could be just the thing. Made locally and available at Lucky Littles, located at 201 Oak St. in Hood River.

### \$20

Classic wooden tops spring from a birch log, combining detailed beauty and classic playfulness at the Art On Oak

Gallery, 210 Oak St., Hood River. The tops are priced at \$18.

Give the gift of a comfortable shave with “She Who Washes” shaving soap. Available in a variety of scents, the soaps contain clays and oils designed for smooth blade travel. Made in Hood River, the soap is priced \$20 and under at Art On Oak.

### \$15

Hood River is featured on a \$12 belt buckle at Breezeway Antiques and Gifts. Another buckle featured Fort Dalles Days. Both offer a bright piece of local history.

### Under \$10

A huge collection of vintage postcards, categorized in a dozen trays and ranging from \$2-6, feature Oregon, Washington and California. Hood River, The Dalles, the Columbia River and Old Oregon Trail are among the categories. Plan on taking some time, the entire collection can be explored at Breezeway Antiques and Gifts in The Dalles.

Winter doldrums can't compete with gifts from Gameopoly, located at 314 E. Second St., The Dalles. In addition to a wealth of video games, new and used, the store offers a large selection of Blu Ray movies priced at only \$5 apiece.

Is your loved one tired of face masks pulling at their ears all day as they work? Yarn and button mask straps may be the perfect gift — they are positioned at the back of the head, bypassing the ears. Priced at \$6 at Art On Oak, Hood River.

### \$1

A careful search will certainly find you a gift for under \$1. But perhaps the best option is to slip that dollar — or two bits, a couple of dimes, or a few quarters — into the Salvation Army bucket as you shop this holiday season.



Pictured on previous page, clockwise, La-Z-Boy recliner at Downey's Furniture; antique truck at Breezeway Antiques; insulated jacket at Big Winds; barrel table and chairs at Hood River Supply.

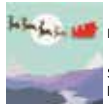
This page, clockwise from top left, Free Wing Air from Big Winds; mask straps from Art on Oak; Shaving soap from Art on Oak; Pendleton booties from Lucky Littles; and post cards from the Breezeway.

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Friday – Sunday, December 4-6

**Christmas in the Gorge**

Kick off the holiday season with a starlight parade, nativity displays, cookie faire, open houses and other community events in Stevenson. [www.facebook.com/ChristmasinTheGorge](https://www.facebook.com/ChristmasinTheGorge)



Friday—Saturday, December 4-6

**Christmas in Carson**

Visit downtown Carson for the annual tree lighting with Santa and a variety of holiday activities at participating businesses. [www.facebook.com/Wind-River-Business-Association](https://www.facebook.com/Wind-River-Business-Association)



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**Christmas on the Farm**

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# makers in the gorge

JAKE BERTRAM  
*Columbia Gorge News*

Those of us who are online may have seen a trend going around the social media websites recently, and some may describe this trend as “going local.” There is a massive push this holiday season to buy local and avoid the big box stores — after all, it is local artisans and mom-and-pop stores who have been hit hardest by the economic downturn. What better way to show you care about local artistry and craftsmanship by gifting your friends, family, and those close to you some handcrafted gifts, straight from the hands of the local artists who made them?

Dylan and Kristen Martinez are two glassmakers who run their own glassworks operation in the downtown commercial core of White Salmon. In ordinary times, the couple would host a “Blow Your Own Ornament” event, which, like the name implies, allows curious visitors to the shop to hand-make Christmas gifts. This year, the event has been suspended, but visitors to the studio can still order their very own Christmas gifts, handmade and created right here in the Columbia River Gorge.

Glass pieces line the studio, including glass pumpkins to mark the fall season, as well as glass candy canes and blown ornaments in a variety of colors to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. The studio is located at 105 E Jewett Blvd., White Salmon. The Martinez’s request that you call ahead before your visit.

Made In The Gorge is an artist cooperative and retail store based in downtown Hood River. Stop by any day from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. to chat with one of the seven member artists featured in the store, who also take turns running the store.

Featured items made by each of the member artists (Ashley Nelson, Linda Steider, Charlene Fort, Terina Sorensen, Kevin Bligh, Donn Hopkins, and Melissa Scherlie) included water-color paintings, photography, custom glass, jewelry, metal works, handmade wooden pieces, and herbal supplements.

The store is multi-generational as well. Zoë Hopkins, daughter of Donn Hopkins, also occupies the store with her father. Most recently she has put up two recent pieces of hers on display. Taking after her father, she has crafted wooden bowls, burnt into the pieces are intricate designs of bees, dragonflies, and mushrooms. They are her first pieces put up for retail; normally, she works on commission.

“My dad and I, we always do art together,” Zoë said. “It’s a really slow process. That’s what I like about it.”

Visitors to the Hood River shop will feel the sense of wonder and natural amazement at the artworks which depict natural sceneries and flora and fauna, among other pieces, simple and complex.

In The Dalles, you can find crafted items, made locally, at The Workshop, a new shop downtown which features local arts and crafts items, as well as fashion items, gifts and trinkets. Located at 201 E. Second St., The Dalles, The Workshop brings together local brands from artisans in the area to highlight the community’s finest wares. A special series of items to note that The Workshop offers is DIY kits (do-it-yourself). As owner Lindsey Giamei said during a short interview, “people are looking for stuff to do while we’re stuck at home.” The DIY kits, which young ones especially may enjoy, feature woodcut ornaments to paint or color at home, each of which are priced at \$35. Take a gander at all the custom ornaments available, greetings cards and the various other trinkets in stock. Open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (noon to 3 p.m. on weekends).



During the month of December, look out for the Holiday Show, hosted by The Dalles Art Center. This year, The Dalles Art Center is making a change to support local artists from the eastern Gorge who do not have the holiday craft shows available to them, such as the Mosier Holiday Show and Makers Northwest Holiday Show, said Executive Director J. Scott Stephenson.

The Dalles Art Center (TDAC) is featuring six artists over three weeks as an edition to the Holiday Show. Each artist will be featured for a week (Tuesday to Saturday) and will have their own 10x10 display area like a craft show. The artists will be present at the center, located at 220 E. Fourth St., on the Saturday to talk about their work and to offer a demonstration, Stephenson said. See below for a schedule of artist galleries.

## Dec. 1-5:

**Cynthia Arnett — jewelry artist**

**Jenny Loughmiller — painter**

## Dec. 8-12:

**Rebecca Brochu — potter**

**Sandra Choate — mosaic and fiber**

## Dec. 15-19:

**Judy Larson — jewelry artist**

**Rebecca Bashara — jewelry artist**



Pictured are, clockwise from previous page, a metal fish wall hanging at Makers in the Gorge; a tree ornament from Dylan and Kristen Martinez; wooden bowls at Made in the Gorge; a painting at Made in the Gorge; Earrings at Made in the Gorge; tree decoration at The Workshop; and jewelry by Judy Larsen at The Dalles Art Center.





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Fireworks return to Hood River on Dec. 31, courtesy of Hood River Eyeopeners Lions club.

# holiday happenings

**Saturdays thru Dec. 19** — Pop-up Holiday Market, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 417 E. Second St. (next to The Dalles Wedding Place), The Dalles. New vendors each week; bring two cans of food or \$3 to be donated to the local food bank. Face coverings required and social distancing observed.

**Now thru Dec. 25** — The Dalles Main Street Shop Local Now promotion. Do your shopping at participating downtown merchants in The Dalles and enter to win prizes. A winner will be drawn every Tuesday through Dec. 29. For details, sarah.dallesmainstreet@gmail.com or call 360-328-0820.

**Nov. 26-29** — Spread the Light, downtown Hood River. Annual lighting of trees along downtown; “Share the Light” campaign highlights local businesses and organizations. Stores will be open on Black Friday with shop-ping specials through the weekend.

**Nov. 27** — “Reverse” Starlight Parade, 6-9 p.m. Floats will be parked on Third Street, The Dalles; drive past to view. Theme: Oh, Christmas Tree. Call 541-296-2231 or email marketing@thedalleschamber.com

**Nov. 27-28** — Country Bazaar, 2-7 p.m. at the Maupin Legion Hall. Bake sale fundraiser for women in need. Clothing exchange (your old is her new; please donate). Info at keyofsea78@gmail.com.

**Nov. 27 thru Dec. 26** — Hood River Holidays, downtown Hood River. Hood River Market-place, [www.support.visithoodriver.com](http://www.support.visithoodriver.com), additionally features local picks and gift cards.

**Nov. 29 thru Dec. 6** — Trout Lake Wash. Class of 2021 Online Auction Fundraiser, beginning at noon Nov. 29 and ending at 5 p.m. Dec. 6. View items at [classof2021tls.wixsite.com/online-auction-items](https://classof2021tls.wixsite.com/online-auction-items); auction at [www.facebook.com/TroutLakeSchoolSeniorsFundraiser](https://www.facebook.com/TroutLakeSchoolSeniorsFundraiser); All proceeds support scholarship charities.

**Nov. 28** — St. Peters Landmark, The Dalles, Christmas music played on pipe organ by Caroline Homer; 1-3 p.m., masks required. Donations accepted for the Landmark. **Repeats at the same times Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19.**

**Thru Nov. 30** — Cascade Locks City Hall Giving Tree signups. For those in the Cascade Locks/Dodson-Warrendale area. Sign up slips are available on the top floor of the City Hall building; please sanitize before you enter the building and bring your own pen. Gift cards will be delivered via the mail on Dec. 14. More at 541-374-8484.

**Dec. 4** — Hood River Holiday Kick-off Party and Fire Truck Parades. Three nights of lighted fire truck parades thru a different part of Hood River County in collaboration with local fire departments; first night is Dec. 4 at 5 p.m., prior to the annual (virtual) community holiday tree lighting at 7 p.m. More information at [business.visithoodriver.com/events](https://business.visithoodriver.com/events).

**Dec. 4-6** — Christmas in the Gorge, downtown Stevenson. Kicks off Dec. 4 with a static “Starlight Parade” at the fairground, 6-7:30 p.m. (drive through the displays in your vehicle). Community events, business open houses, Nativity displays, more ([www.facebook.com/ChristmasInTheGorge](https://www.facebook.com/ChristmasInTheGorge)).

**Dec. 4-6** — Christmas in Carson. Will include a traditional tree lighting with Santa, business open houses and other holiday festivities ([www.facebook.com/WindRiverBA](https://www.facebook.com/WindRiverBA)).

**Dec. 4-24** — Columbia Center for the Arts Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River. Opening celebration Dec. 4, 6-8 p.m. Original art and fine craft from local artists.

**Dec. 5-6** — U-Pick, We Cut Christmas Trees, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mt. Hood Town Hall, 6675 Highway 35, Mt. Hood. Proceeds benefit the Town Hall’s building and restoration fund.

**Dec. 5** — Virtual Storytelling Fundraiser, 7-9 p.m., presented by Front Porch Sessions; tickets at [www.cultureseed.org](http://www.cultureseed.org). Proceeds support year-round outdoor immersion and outdoor mentorship programs. "Winter-time story" tellers are Yesenia Castro, CultureSeed Outdoor Leadership ambassador; Miguel Vazquez, Youth Cohort Logistics manager; and Kimberly Cuevas-Marquez, Youth Council chair. Audience will also have an opportunity to share and connect.

**Dec. 7** — Last Day to Register for Hood River County Christmas Project. To register or provide financial support, visit [hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com](http://hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com).

**Thru Dec. 7** — Mt. Hood Railroad Christmas Train, Hood River. There are four departures daily; tickets start at \$40 per child, \$50 per adult. Visit [www.mthoodrr.com](http://www.mthoodrr.com) or call 541-399-8939 for more details and booking.

**Dec. 3-31** — 2020 Holiday Show at The Dalles Art Center, 220 E. Fourth St., The Dalles. Original art and fine crafts from Columbia Gorge artists. More at [www.thedallesartcenter.org/events/2020-holiday-show](http://www.thedallesartcenter.org/events/2020-holiday-show). Visitors must wear face masks and maintain social distancing.

**Dec. 10** — Anderson's Tribute Center Tree of Remembrance Service, 5:30 p.m. via Facebook Live.

**Dec. 12** — Premiere of Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association's Stay at Home Holiday Spectacular. Pay-what-you-will tickets available; see Columbia Gorge News for details. Show will include musical contributions by Sam Baker, Texacana Mamas, Bre Gregg, Tony Smiley, June Bug Boys, Happa Hillbillies, Erick Hayne, GALS, ensembles from the Sinfonietta, a carol singalong and much more. The YouTube only program will premiere on Dec. 12 and be available through Dec. 31. Pay-What-You-Want tickets will be available starting Dec. 1 and even paying nothing at all will get viewers a link to the program. Tickets will be available via CGOA's Facebook page and website at [gorgeorchestra.org](http://gorgeorchestra.org).

**Thru Dec. 15** — 2020 Tree of Joy Donations Accepted. Donor shopping lists available. Gifts should be wrapped and clearly indicate the family and children numbers assigned. Deliver to Bingen Food Bank; families will start to pick up gifts on Dec. 17. Organizations sought to help with the effort coordinated by Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) Food Bank. More at [clerk@wagap.org](mailto:clerk@wagap.org) or call 509-493-2662 ext. 200.

**Dec. 18-19** — Country Bazaar, 2-7 p.m. at the Maupin Legion Hall. Bake sale fundraiser for women in need. Clothing exchange (your old is her new; please donate). Info at [keyofsea78@gmail.com](mailto:keyofsea78@gmail.com).

**Dec. 19-20** — In Car Pick-up of Christmas Baskets sponsored by Lyle Lions Club. Sign up and arrange pickup at 509-365-2872; donations may be sent to Lyle Lions Club POB 383, Lyle, WA 98635.

**Dec. 24** — Third Annual Eggnog Jog, 7 a.m. beginning at Shortt Supply, 116 Oak, Hood River. 5K walk/jog/run, all ages and paces welcome. Free.

**Dec. 31** — Goodbye 2020 Fireworks Display, 8 p.m. at the Hood River Event Site. Sponsored by Hood River Eyeopeners Lions Club. Donation link can be found at [www.facebook.com/eyeopenerslions](http://www.facebook.com/eyeopenerslions). "For those who have lost their jobs, loved ones, investments, and minds, let's rally together and say goodbye to 2020 with Hood River's first ever New Year's display!"

#### **Canceled due to COVID-19**

Mosier School's Turkey Trot Fun Run and Mosier Holiday Fair, both fundraisers for Mosier Community School, are canceled. Donations are accepted on the school's website, [www.mosier.k12.or.us](http://www.mosier.k12.or.us).

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Riverside Church, Hood River, is canceled.

The annual Thanksgiving and New Year's rocket launches, sponsored by Hood River Hobbies and Columbia Gorge Rocket Club, are canceled.

The annual Dreaming of a White Salmon Holi-Day event, including the library Wassail and community tree lighting, has been canceled.

The annual Santa Social event in Cascade Locks is canceled.

Mt. Hood Town Hall's annual holiday market and Santa visits have been canceled.

The annual Last Chance Holiday Craft Show at the Hood River County Fairgrounds has been canceled.

The Cascade Singers Christmas "Hum-Along" performances in The Dalles have been canceled.

**See [columbiagorgenews.com](http://columbiagorgenews.com) for events and updates submitted after publication deadline; updated holiday events will also be featured in the What's Happening listing in each weekly edition.**

**Santa brings Christmas greetings to the downtown corridor in 2019 during the Starlight Parade. This year's parade will be static, with cars driving past to view. File photo by Mark Gibson**



**Hood River Holidays returns to the downtown area Nov. 27 through Dec. 26. File photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea**



**Christmas in the Gorge, pictured at right, and Christmas in Carson happen Dec. 4-6. Contributed photo**



**Mt. Hood Town Hall has canceled its traditional holiday events this year due to COVID, but its U-Pick, We Cut Christmas Tree event will happen Dec. 5-6. File photo by Trisha Walker**



# pay it forward

## *Gifts for those in need*

TRISHA WALKER  
*Columbia Gorge News*

There are numerous social services nonprofit organizations in the Columbia River Gorge, and while monetary donations are always welcome, physical items are also needed.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a greater demand has been placed on nonprofits across the board, but their ability to fundraise has been limited. This year, while shopping and hitting up local sales, make it a point to pick up a few basics for those in need — or take care of a bigger ticket item in the name of someone on your holiday list.

### Food Banks

FISH Food Bank, 1130 Tucker Road, Hood River, has a list of its most needed items on its website, [www.fish-food-bank.com](http://www.fish-food-bank.com) (click the DONATIONS tab and scroll to ITEM DONATIONS). Keep in mind that FISH cannot accept rusty or unlabeled items, frozen or refrigerated items from individual donors, open or used items (with the exception of dry pet food), medicines, homemade food or alcohol.

The food bank also distributes non-food items such as soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and personal care items (feminine hygiene products, wipes, deodorant and toothpaste). Travel sized items are also welcome.

“You can help by adding a few items to your weekly shopping trip and then dropping them off at FISH,” reads the website. Donations can be brought to the office from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; those who do not need a tax receipt may leave items in the donation bin at any time.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, 505 W. Ninth St., The Dalles, is open Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.; the food bank accepts canned food, dried items, unopened products that are current-dated, pet food and diapers. Additional donation information can be found at [svdpthedalles.org/donate](http://svdpthedalles.org/donate).

And those who shop at Fred Meyer can help SVdP by linking your reward card to the nonprofit — they then earn a donation from Fed Meyer (listed as St. Vincent de Paul Society of The Dalles, #85313).

Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) Food Bank has a network of food banks in Klickitat and Skamania counties; for more information on locations or donations, visit [www.wagap.org/food-banks-nutrition](http://www.wagap.org/food-banks-nutrition).

Other nonperishable items in need at food banks this year are canned tuna, chicken and salmon; baking mixes and supplies; gluten-free and low sugar products; cooking oil; peanut and nut butters; dried fruit such as raisins and apricots; and coffee, tea and spices. Unopened dry pet food, snacks and treats are also accepted.

### Giving Trees

WAGAP is looking for help with its 2020 Tree of Joy program that provides gifts to children and families in need in Klickitat and Skamania counties. The project links children’s wish lists with donors from business and community organizations, coordinated by WAGAP.

The number of families and children who can be served this year will be determined by the capacity of participating donor organizations, said Patty Gallardo, project coordinator. And she expects the need will be greater this year due to the pandemic. Gallardo has been reaching out to previous donors to request participation, but is also looking for new donors.

For organizations interested in joining this year’s Tree of Joy effort, contact Gallardo at [clerk@wagap.org](mailto:clerk@wagap.org) or call 509-493-2662 ext. 200 for further questions or instructions, and to let her know how many children your organization can support. Gifts should be wrapped, clearly indicate family and child numbers and be returned to the Bingen Food Bank by Dec. 15, in time for the families to pick gifts up starting on Dec. 17.

In Cascade Locks, city hall staff are again sponsoring at Christmas Giving Tree for children in need, ages 0 to a senior in high school, who reside in the Cascade Locks/Dodson-Warren-dale areas. This year’s Giving Tree looks a little different due to COVID-19, but its spirit remains the same.

Those wishing to purchase a gift card (\$45 limit) or donate funds to the Giving Tree may do so through Monday, Dec. 7. Gift cards and donations can be brought to the City Hall Office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — place in the drop box — or mailed to PO Box 308, Cascade Locks, OR 97014. Hood River County Christmas Project is providing gift cards this year to families in need; for more information on how to donate towards this annual event, visit [www.hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com](http://www.hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com).

### Human services

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is always in need of warm coats, hats, gloves and sleeping bags, said Executive Director Dave Lutgens. They also receive requests for belts, underwear and thermal wear, but “virtually everything is requested at one time or another; we turn it over quite quickly.”

Donations can be brought to St. Vincents Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please bring items into the store; do not leave items in the parking lot during off hours. For more information on the

SVdP program, visit [svdpthedalles.org/shelter](http://svdpthedalles.org/shelter).

At Hood River Shelter Services, requests include warm, waterproof gloves, long underwear in all adult sizes, belts, handwarmers or charcoal-activated packets, granola and energy bars, clothing, sleeping bags and tents — used items can be accepted if they are in good condition.

To schedule a drop off, contact Hood River Shelter Services Director Sarah Kellems at email [info@hoodrivercares.org](mailto:info@hoodrivercares.org).

Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Place, Hood River, is accepting warm socks and toiletry items for Meals on Wheels holiday gifts, an annual tradition. Call 541-386-2060 to set up a drop off time or for more information.

In Klickitat County, Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers are needed. Volunteers must pass a criminal background check, have a current drier’s license and insurance; drivers are reimbursed for mileage. For an application, call 509-493-3068 or 509-773-3757.

**This is not a complete list of area nonprofits; a complete listing will appear in Columbia Gorge News in an upcoming edition.**

## Most requested items

**Warm socks**

**Warm Gloves**

**Long underwear**

**Warm coats**

**Sleeping bags**

**Non-perishable food items**

**Toiletries**

**Cleaning supplies**



Joel Nieto, Hood River Valley High School student, center, delivers food donated by local elementary schools to FISH volunteer Dave Radley in 2019, while fellow volunteer Craig Terry unloads a brimming cart with HRVHS student Joe Reitz. File photo by Trisha Walker

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# best dressed

MARK GIBSON  
*Columbia Gorge News*

**Gorge fashion boutiques feature popular styles and Gorge residents have a lot of options when it comes to finding gifts of clothing and accessories, many of them made in the USA and even Oregon.**

## Willow 'n Bark

Willow 'n Bark is a small boutique in The Dalles, well stocked with clothing, gifts accessories and more. Owner Traci Griffiths noted most of the brands she carries — Habitat, Liverpool, Jag, Hobo — are moderately priced. Sweaters, blouses, denim and purses are displayed in a variety of colors and styles, most of them made in America. "I try to support U.S. companies," she said.

She also has a variety of bath products and accessories — including shaving products for men priced \$8 to \$30 — and added a rack of baby products this year as well. She also sells candles — like Voluspa coconut wax boughie parfume candles with scents like "Santiago Huckleberry," which are popular gifts during the holidays. Another popular candle is Oregon made by Landmark Fine Goods in Springfield, their soy candles sporting names like Oregon, The Dalles, Columbia River and Mount Hood. These candles are priced at \$12 to \$22, depending on size.

Another popular item is Hobo brand purses. "The Hobo brand has a really strong following," Griffiths said. Prices range from \$58 for a small purse to \$325 for the large red purse pictured.

Willow + Bark is located at 203 E. Second St., The Dalles.

## Dream Street Boutique

Dream Street Boutique in Hood River is a fashion, decor and spa accessories boutique, with plenty to offer by way of gifts as well. The shop caters to women age 30 to 80, with sizes

that range from small to Triple-X, said Brenda Roark, who has worked in the boutique for 23 years.

The shop features a lot of Made in the USA goods, including their most popular brand, Color Me Cotton. "If we had just one brand, that would be it," said Roark.

She displays the clothing — often matched with accessories like hats and jewelry — according to color. "We like to set vignettes," Roark said of the many displays. "We have a cool tone area and a warm tone area, so depending what you like you can go right to it," she said. She also displays items that go well together wherever she can.

The shop also has good price points, she said. "Anybody can afford to shop here."

Dream Street Boutique is located at 209 Oak St., Hood River.

## Terra Cotta Boutique

If your gift shopping for a young woman — or your special someone is simply young at heart — then Terra Cotta Boutique in The Dalles is a great place to find some stylish clothing and gifts. Terra Cotta caters to the "modern bohemian woman who has a city's sense of style and a small town heart."

Kenya Kramer, owner and buyer of the small boutique at 214 Wash. St., caters to young women 25 to 40, although she has older clients as well. "It's younger styles, but some people want to dress young because they feel young," she explained. Her stock is eclectic, currently featuring a collection of Panama hats, made from a wool blend, in a variety of colors priced at \$45, in addition to clothing and underclothing. She even carries shoes, including "booties," small shoe-like boots. One popular gift item is reed scent diffusers. A long reed is placed in a small bottle of scent — she carries teakwood & tobacco, pinon, and Sandlwood & Rose scents — which dissipates slowly into the air. Every couple of weeks, the reed can be flipped to refresh the aroma. The small bottles and reed are \$24.

## The Ruddy Duck

The Ruddy Duck prides itself in bringing fashion, comfortability and sustainability to its customers. The Oak street store in downtown Hood River currently carries men's and women's clothing and accessories, as well as an expanding textiles and furniture section.

Their merchandise reflects a relatable, practical style and according to Amy Vandenbos, marketer and women's accessories buyer, "It's a place to shop for everyday clothing, but elevated."

The store is filled with gifts, from jewelry, sunglasses, hair accessories, purses, lotion, cards, socks, scarves and beanies to lounge wear, jackets and shoes. The Ruddy Duck also has a men's department with shoes, tops, pants, jackets and accessories.

The Ruddy Duck takes pride in offering quality, but also affordable, goods. A necklace costs from \$21-\$23, and beanies and scarves range from \$23-\$26.

Ruddy Duck makes an effort to keep their "sale floor," the second floor of their business, well stocked.

Along with clothing and accessories for both men and women. The Ruddy Duck also sells small furniture, home goods and colorful textiles from India. You can find items such as vintage hand-stitched Gudri blankets and throws, an extensive copper tableware collection, and "poofs," decorative floor cushions to sit on, priced from \$65-\$98.

The Ruddy Duck will be relaunching their website in December and will have gifts and accessories available to purchase online, for those who don't wish to shop in the store due to COVID-19.

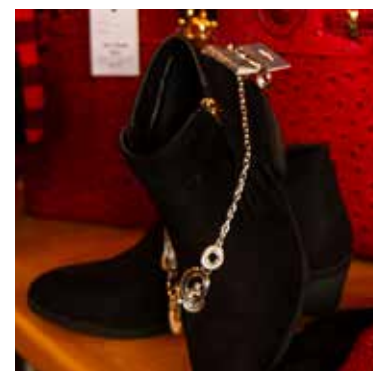
They will also have a private shopping hour for customers from 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Monday thru Friday, by appointment. "We try to make it easy to shop local," said Vandenbos.

## Dream Street Boutique

Orange is the color theme of this shelf display, featuring orange gloves (\$9.95 and a small purse \$24.95).

A warm-toned rack of Color Me Cotton sweaters (\$149) is displayed with stylish hats (\$14.95) and a purse (\$31.95) at Dream Street Boutique in Hood River.

There's a lot to explore at Dream Street Boutique in Hood River, where products are displayed in small vignettes throughout the store. In addition to clothing, they also sell body and bath products.



### Ruddy Duck

The Ruddy Duck offers an extensive copper tableware collection, and “poofs,” which are decorative floor cushions to sit on, that range in price from \$65-\$98.

A wide variety of blankets, such as vintage, hand-stitched Gudri blankets and throws, are available at the Ruddy Duck. All are under \$100.

The Ruddy Duck has plenty for men as well, from Pendleton beanies to travel kits, along with shoes, shirts, pants, jackets and other accessories.



### Willow 'n Bark

A red Hobo purse, priced at \$328, is displayed with other brand products. The leather Hobo purses start around \$58. Willow + Bark also sells “vegan” purses by Bag in a Bag, priced around \$62.

Willow + Bark offers a variety of body care and bath products, including shaving soaps, creams and deluxe shaving kits ranging from \$8 to \$30.

A selection of Soy candles from the “1859 Collection” by Landmark Fine Good of Springfield, Ore. Prices are \$12 and \$22, depending on size.



### Terra Cotta Boutique

Reed scent diffusers, priced at \$24, catch the light in a window display at Terra Cotta Boutique.

“Booties,” or small boots, at Terra Cotta Boutique. The style here is “Beige Black Snake.” Or you could try a “Posh Lilac.” They are priced between \$50 and \$60 a pair.

A Boheme Paisley top (\$59) and a Panama hat (\$45) are displayed against the wood board wall of Terra Cotta Boutique in The Dalles.



# winter car care

## WINTER DRIVING

**5 things to check before you go**  
Roads can be dangerous in the winter, especially in extreme weather. Stay safe by checking the five following things every time you get behind the wheel.

### 1. FUEL

Fill your gas tank as often as possible to prevent condensation from forming. While it's not an issue when the temperature is warm, condensation can freeze and create blockages in the fuel lines in the winter.

### 2. WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

Sloppy weather conditions may force you to use more washer fluid than usual to keep your windshield clear. To ensure you can always see the road ahead, check fluid levels often and keep an extra bottle in your trunk.

### 3. SNOW REMOVAL

Not removing snow from your car before getting behind the wheel puts you at risk of incurring a driving infraction. Besides, failing to do so is extremely dangerous. Snow can slide down your roof and obstruct your view, and chunks of ice may fly off your car and hit vehicles behind you, potentially causing a serious accident.

### 4. WEATHER FORECAST

While few of us are able to plan our comings and goings around the weather, checking the forecast before leaving will allow you to account for potential delays caused by bad weather. In difficult conditions, leave earlier to ensure you can drive at a safe speed and, if possible, stay home during severe storms.

### 5. ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Stay informed about local road conditions and try to avoid hazardous, icy and poorly plowed areas. Take a longer route if it allows you to avoid a dangerous commute. Finally, if your car is showing signs of deterioration or is performing poorly, be sure to visit a local mechanic as soon as possible.

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# Gifts for seniors

JACOB BERTRAM  
*Columbia Gorge News*

As you prepare for your holiday gift shopping, do not forget about grandma and grandpa and the seniors in your life. Below we share a few ideas to gift those special people in your life who have mentored you, raised you, and shared their wisdom with you. Now is your time to give back.

At the Herbal Remedies Apothecary in downtown The Dalles, you can find many various items and gifts that suit your needs for natural and herbal remedies, as well as fun and gifty trinkets to purchase for your friends and family.

Take time out of your busy schedule with self-care items, all put together in baskets they offer, such as the Sore Throat Soother Basket, which includes bronchial wellness syrup, tea, lozenges, a diffuser and a mug for less than \$65. Any sinus issues, surely to be expected this time of year, can be addressed with the Breathe Deep Sinus Basket, which includes a respiratory health essential oil pack, succulent diffuser, sea coral diffuser or gardenia diffuser(your choice), breathe deep herbal chest rub, breathe deep extract, and eucalyptus steamers for \$80.

Stop at locally owned Herbal Remedies Apothecary, open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well to see the Holiday Pop-Up market from @savvygoosedesigns. Located at 402 E. Second St., The Dalles.

A couple blocks away from the apothecary, you will find Sigman's Flowers and Gifts. Walk into the shop, located at 200 E. Second St., The Dalles, and you will enter a winter wonderland, adorned with various Christmas-themed gifts and trinkets. Ornaments galore, as well as diffusers, hand lotions, baked goods, centerpieces and a plethora of flower arrangements line the shop as the store has gone all out on the holiday decorations. Almost everything is for sale, the workers reminded me, except for Wasabi, the dog who roams around the store looking for someone to pet him. Open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday).

In White Salmon sits Tea Lyn's Tea Shop, offering hard-to-find loose leaf teas and tisanes, herbs and spices, as well as fun trinkets and gifts to explore. The shop, located at 121 Main Ave. in downtown White Salmon, now features Terre Femme Tea Talks every Saturday noon to 1 p.m., presenting several teas to taste, accompanied by snacks.

Set out to find natural beeswax candles, diffusers, cigars, or various CBD products for your relaxation? Look no further — Tea Lyn's has got what you need. Open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.



## Around the region: new businesses

KIRBY NEUMANN-REA  
*Columbia Gorge News*

*Businesses throughout the Gorge deserve a look for holiday giving, whether they are just getting started or pushing through a pandemic during their first year in business.*

Established or new, shops and restaurants are continually emerging in our local communities. The years 2019 and 2020 — despite the pandemic — have been no exception.

We mention them here with the modest suggestion that you look to them for goods or services. (If we have missed or forgotten any recently-opened business, our apologies; please call co-editor Kirby Neumann-Rea at 541-386-1234.) We include restaurants, as these are prime sources of gifts, either for dining (inside or take-out as the case may be) or for gift certificates. Note that restaurants are subject to dine-in closures (indoors and out) and able to do take-out only, through at least Dec. 2, as per the governor's orders.

### **The Dalles**

The Wine Library, 306 Court St.  
Discount Plus, 212 E. Second St.

### **Cascade Locks**

Thirsty Coffee Bar, 504 WaNaPa Ave.

### **BZ Corner**

The Logs Inn, 1258 Highway 141

### **Bingen**

Murphy's Family Dining, 216 W. Steuben  
Society Hotel and cafe, 210 N. Cedar

### **White Salmon**

ArrowLeaf workshop and gallery,  
150 E. Jewett Blvd.  
Pizza Leona, 100 E. Jewett Blvd.  
LeDoubble Trouble wine bar,  
111 Jewett Blvd.  
TeaLyn's Tea Shop, 121 N. Main Ave.  
Chesser Roe tea and gifts, inside Harvest  
Market, 77 N.E. Wauna Ave.  
Blackbird and Ivory boutique, 115 N.  
Main Ave.

### **Parkdale**

Lady Fern gallery and gifts,  
4959 Baseline Drive

### **Mosier**

Randonnee Coffee Co.  
1104 First Ave.

### **Hood River**

Empowered Movement, aerial trapeze,  
Mall 202, Cascade Ave.  
Psychic Readings, Mall 202, Cascade Ave.  
Tokki art supply, 409 Oak St.  
Spruce Gifts and Provisions, 204 Oak St.  
Roam and Shelter, 114 Third St.  
Mugen Noodles, 212 Fourth St.  
Brimstone climbing gym, 616 State St.  
Modern Taco, 103 Fourth St.  
Tilly Jane's, 1803 12th St.  
Treebird Family Market, 106 Highway 35  
(Button Bridge Road)  
Pescatarian cafe-Smok Hous 9,  
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Pistil gear (retail), 316 Oak St., Hood River  
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