

The background of the entire page is a warm, painterly illustration of a winter night. On the left, a fireplace is filled with a bright orange and yellow fire. Above the mantel, three stockings hang, and several candles are lit. To the right, a Christmas tree is decorated with warm white lights and gold ornaments. In the foreground, a small red bird stands on the left, and a fluffy orange fox wearing a grey sweater and tan pants is curled up on a plaid blanket, looking towards the fireplace. The scene is lit with a soft, warm glow from the fire and lights.

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# Winter Accessories

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*Looking for the perfect gift to keep your loved ones warm (and fashionable) this winter season? You can't go wrong with a warm winter accessory to help keep them bundled up and looking great. Whether you are looking for something cozy and functional, classic and fashionable, or fun and whimsical, these local businesses have got you covered!*

## Pistil Designs

**316 Oak St., Hood River**

Pistil Designs retail shop designs and sells high-quality, sustainable accessories including hats, scarves, gloves, headbands, visors and more. They are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. To contact them, call 641-732-3798 and press #2 at the prompt. Find them on Instagram @pistildesigns or on Facebook. You can also shop their website at pistildesigns.com.

## Lucky Littles Boutique

**201 Oak St., Hood River**

Lucky Littles is a boutique that sells clothes, accessories, products and toys for newborns through children size 10/11, as well as essentials for expecting mothers. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached at 541-436-3514, by email at luckylittlesllc@gmail.com, on their Instagram @luckylittlesboutique or their Facebook page. You can also shop their website shopluckylittles.com.

## The Ruddy Duck

**504 Oak St., Hood River**

Ruddy Duck is a store that carries a variety of clothing, shoes, accessories, gifts, textiles and home décor for women, men and kids. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. They can be reached at 541-386-5050, info@shoptheruddyduck.com, on Instagram @theruddyduck and their Facebook page. You can also view their website, ruddyduckhoodriver.com.

## Doug's Hood River

**101 Oak St., Hood River**

Along with being a complete, full-service ski and snowboard shop, Doug's Hood River sells a variety of men and woman's fashion, outdoor apparel, gear, accessories, luggage tools and more. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., they can be reached at 541-386-5787. Find them on Facebook and Instagram @dougshoodriver. Shop their website at dougshoodriver.com.

## Shortt Supply

**116 Oat St., Hood River**

Shortt Supply is a locally owned outdoor recreation shop that sells a variety of outdoor apparel, shoes, gear accessories and supplies. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 11-4 p.m. They can be reached at 541-386-5474. Find them on Facebook, and on Instagram @shorttsupplyco. You can shop their website at shorttsupply.com.

## Willow + Bark

**203 E. Second St., The Dalles**

Willow + Bark is a boutique specializing in the selling of women's and infant's clothing, accessories, shoes and home décor, along with gifts and bath and body products for women, men and infants. They are open Tuesday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can reach them at 541-409-3101, on Facebook and on Instagram @willowandbarkb. You can also shop their website, willowandbarkboutique.com.

## Terra Cotta Gorge Co. Boutique

**111 E. Second St., The Dalles**

Terra Cotta specializes in modern boho fashions; accessories; décor; and gifts for women, children and infants. They are open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can reach them at 541-769-0550, on their Facebook and their Instagram @terraccottagorgeco, or shop their website at terracottagorgeco.com.

## Lines of Designs

**107 E. Second St., The Dalles**

Lines of Designs offers ready and custom-made women's clothing made by designer and shop owner Luise Langheinrich, along with accessories, shoes, gifts and bath and body products. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can be reached at 541-296-4460. Find them on Facebook or on Instagram @figureflatteringfit. You can also shop their website at linesofdesign.com.

## The Workshop

**116 E. Second St., The Dalles**

The Workshop Gift Shop and DIY bar offers an array of unique handmade and artisanal gifts as well as crafting experiences with their crafting kits and DIY projects. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They can be reached at 541-300-8088. Find them on Instagram @Thedallesworkshop or on Facebook. You can also visit their website at www.thedallesworkshop.com.

## Makalya's Boutique

**300 E. Fourth St., The Dalles**

Makalya's Boutique offers a variety of youth-oriented toys, accessories, drinkware, backpacks and more. They are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. They can be reached at 541-705-7817 or at Makaylas.boutique23@gmail.com. Find them on Facebook at facebook.com/p/Makaylas-Boutique-100089834697207/.





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Accity Coffee Colored Retro Winter Scarf from The Ruddy Duck for \$26.

Minky Accessories youth one size fits all fuzzy socks from Makayla's Boutique for \$3.50.

Matching Shiraleah beanie (\$30) and touch-screen gloves (\$25) from Terra Cotta Gorge Co.

Hestra size 8 Voss CZone waterproof Alpine Pro gloves at Doug's Hood River for \$125.

Love of Fashion dog print gloves in beige and burgundy from Lines of Designs for \$29.

The North Face men's Sierra Etip gloves, size small in Shady Blue from Shortt Supply for \$40.

Binky Bro Jupiter brown pom pom beanie for newborns ages 0-4 months from Lucky Littles for \$24.

Matching blue striped pom pom beanie (\$40) and mittens (\$38) at Pistil Designs in Hood River.

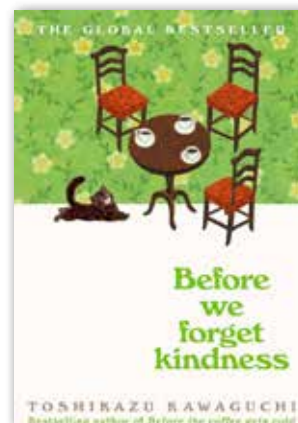
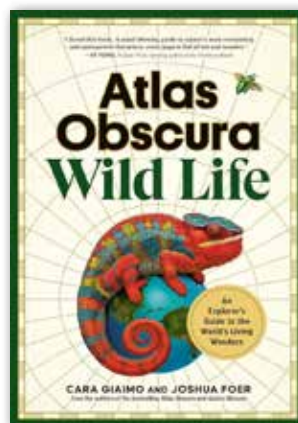
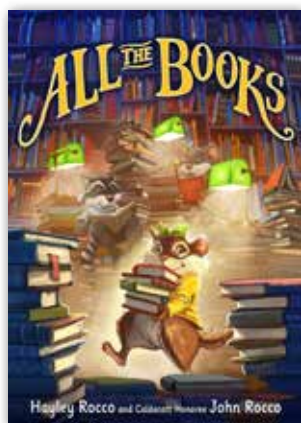
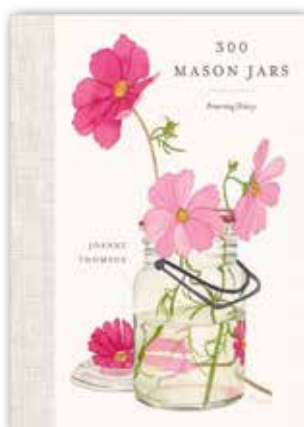
Barebones Kunar Utility Gloves in size medium from The Workshop for \$44.

LMB Basic ribbed pom pom beanies from The Ruddy Duck for \$26.

Feelgoodz Artisan Project embroidered viola fingerless gloves from Willow + Bark for \$34.

Echo New York Cable Knit ear warmers in ivory and green (\$39) and cheetah print Happy Cat ear warmer headband (\$35) from Lines of Designs.





# The Gift of Books

AZIZA COOPER-HOVLAND  
Columbia Gorge News

As a “reader,” books were always at the top of my Christmas list, but the question always remained, “which book will she like?” Lucky for those asking the same question of their loved ones, the wonderful bookstores in this area are chock full of amazing choices for every reader.

The titles listed on pages 6-7 are just some of the Best Books of the Independent Northwest 2023 gift guide — for children, tweens, teens, and adults, fiction and nonfiction. If you don't find quite the perfect match you were hoping for, head down to one of our Gorge-area local bookstores and simply ask 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.

## Children:

*Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* by Christy Mandin. Ages 4–8; \$18.99. Millie Fleur La Fae builds her new garden one strange plant at a time, reminding us all to embrace the things that make us wonderfully weird.

*In Praise of Mystery* by Ada Limón, illustrated by Peter Sis. Ages 4–8; \$18.99. From the U.S. Poet Laureate and a Caldecott Honoree, a transcendent picture book featuring the poem that will travel into space aboard NASA's Europa Clipper.

*Simone* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, illustrated by Minnie Phan. Ages 5–9; \$18.99. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author comes an unforgettable story of a Vietnamese American girl whose life is transformed by wildlife.

*All the Books* by Hayley Rocco, illustrated by John Rocco. Ages 4–8; \$18.99. Join an adorable chipmunk as she gets her first library card and unlocks a world of books in this charming ode to reading, sharing, libraries, and librarians everywhere.

*West Coast Wild ABC & West Coast Wild Baby Animals* by Deborah Hodge, illustrated by Karen Reczuch. Ages 0–3; \$12.99 each. Babies and toddlers everywhere will delight in these two lovely companion books. In gorgeous watercolor scenes, *West Coast Wild Baby Animals* offers a sweet introduction to names and behaviors of wild babies and their parents, while *West Coast Wild ABC* showcases the beauty of the coastal landscape and the creatures who call it home.

## Fiction:

*Before We Forget Kindness* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. \$21.99. The fifth book in the international bestselling *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* series, about a café in Tokyo where customers can travel through time.

*Libby Lost and Found* by Stephanie Booth. \$27.99. The heartwarming journey of Libby Weeks — a bestselling author with Alzheimer's — and a young superfan, as they band together to complete her epic fantasy series.

*Family Family* by Laurie Frankel. \$28.99. Not all adoption stories are filled with pain and regret. A propulsive, sharply funny, and strikingly tender novel from the New York Times bestselling author.

*The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich. \$32.00. From the award-winning author, a stunning novel of love, natural forces, spiritual yearnings, and the tragic impact of uncontrollable circumstances on the lives of ordinary people.

## Nonfiction:

*300 Mason Jars: Preserving History* by Joanne Thomson. \$34.95. The fragmented history of one family's hopes, challenges, failures, and persistence is beautifully depicted in watercolor images by artist Joanne Thomson. Combining still-life painting with visual storytelling, Thomson presents

everyday artifacts — from flowers to fruits, tools to toys, photographs to farm equipment — preserved in glass jars that explore gender roles, food security, renewal, hope, heirlooms, and family secrets.

*Atlas Obscura: Wild Life* by Cara Giaimo and Joshua Foer. \$40.00. From bestselling authors of *Atlas Obscura* comes a nature book like no other — a dazzling, over-the-top collection of the world's most extraordinary wilds species.

*The History of Information* by Chris Haughton. Ages 9–12; \$24.99. A comprehensive journey through the history of information and its communication, from ancient symbols to the digital age. Packed with vivid illustrations and engaging narratives.

*Hidden Libraries* by DC Helmuth. \$24.99. Discover 50 of the world's most magnificent hidden libraries, each with a unique and uplifting story to tell. Features a foreword by Nancy Pearl.

## Teen/Tween:

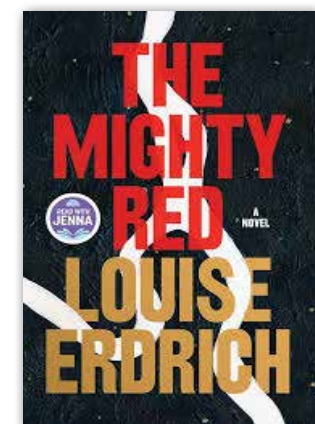
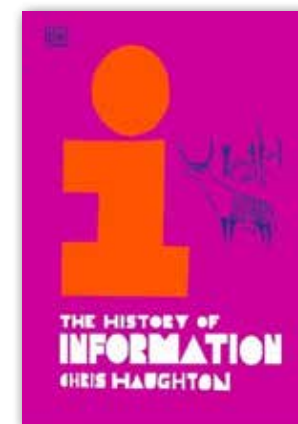
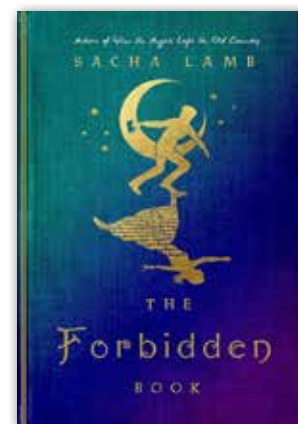
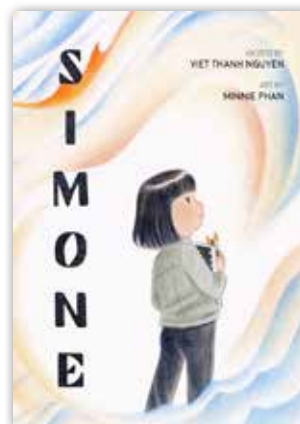
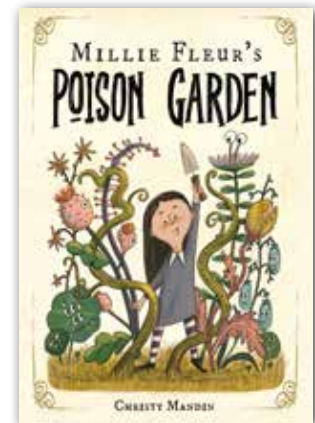
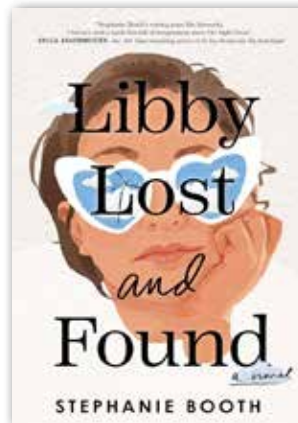
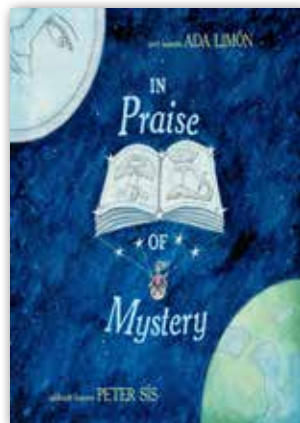
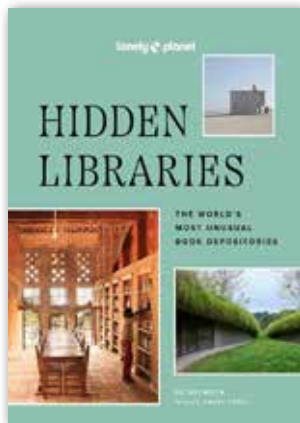
*Library Girl* by Polly Horvath. Ages 9–12; \$18.99. After growing up in the public library, Essie must adapt to a world that's not as perfect as the stories she's used to in this heartfelt middle grade novel. With her signature warmth and offbeat humor, Newbery Honor author Polly Horvath invites book lovers to enjoy a cozy, whimsical adventure.

*The Forbidden Book* by Sacha Lamb. Ages 12+; \$19.99. Set against the backdrop of literary censorship and growing Jewish political consciousness, Stonewall award-winning Sacha Lamb's sophomore novel is a soaring exploration of identity, survival and ultimately, hope.

*The Wild Huntress* by Emily Lloyd-Jones. Ages 12+; \$19.99. A thrilling fantasy about three unlikely allies bound together in a deadly, magical competition — perfect for fans of Holly Black and Erin A. Craig.

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**Artifacts — Good Books & Bad Art**, 202-A Cascade Ave., Hood River (inside Mall 202), open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week selling used books. No phone or email; [artifactsbookstore.com](http://artifactsbookstore.com).

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**North Bank Books**, 74 SW Russell Ave., Stevenson, is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Orders can be placed via telephone 509-219-0602, email at [onorthbankbooks@gmail.com](mailto:onorthbankbooks@gmail.com), or online [northbankbooks.com](http://northbankbooks.com).

## Local Authors

Lana Fox, Cascade Locks (Through Frozen Eyes:  
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Cassie A.H. Moore, Hood River (A New Wild: Books Two, The Gallivanter Saga)

Amy Hawk, Hood River (The Judas Effect:  
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Julie Beeler, Trout Lake (The Mushroom Color Atlas)

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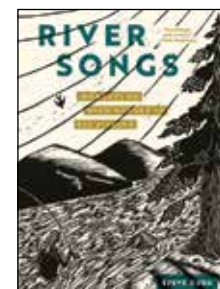
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## Outdoor Gear

Baby, it's cold outside — but these gifts from Shortt Supply, downtown Hood River, will help keep you warm while playing in the great outdoors. Because recreation doesn't stop in the winter.

NAPA Bingen/Stevenson  
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# Gifts for Seniors and everyone else

TRISHA WALKER  
*Columbia Gorge News*

According to the quick internet search I just completed, the “senior citizens” classification begins somewhere between ages 60-65. Although the older I get (52, solidly Gen X, thanks for asking), the more I understand the phrase “age is just a number.”

Anyway, even if I’m not technically a senior, I do have seniors in my life (hi Mom, Dad and favorite Mother-in-law!). I want to emphasize, however, that this list isn’t exclusively for seniors. I like to think it’s ageless, really.

## Experiences

Carson Hot Springs, 372 St. Martin’s Springs Road, Carson, has a full-service spa. Which means you can give a soak in the hot springs or a massage. There’s also an option of an overnight stay in one of their 28 rooms. They offer a variety of specials as well; visit [carsonhotspring-swashington.com/specials](http://carsonhotspring-swashington.com/specials).

There’s also Tenzen Springs, 932 Berge Road, Stevenson, which features six cabins on a 100-acre property. Each has a wraparound deck, queen size beds, small kitchenette, indoor steam sauna shower and a geothermal hot spring water soaking tub. Cabin reservations require a 2-day minimum and 7-day maximum. For more information, call 509-540-3260 or email [booking@tenzensprings.com](mailto:booking@tenzensprings.com).

Massages: I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but it’s a stressful world out there. Again, there are many licensed massage therapists in the Gorge — send your recipient to any one of them for a self-care session.

Our local museums are still recovering from COVID-19 closures. Memberships help keep their doors open, and all have gift shops with unique merchandise you won’t find anywhere else. When was the last time you visited? Here’s your chance — and a list to get you started:

- Cascade Locks Historical Museum
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, The Dalles
- Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale

- Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum, Stevenson
- History Museum of Hood River County, Hood River
- Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, Hood River

## Activities

The Workshop in The Dalles has beautiful 1,000-piece puzzles by Lantern Press — of the Columbia River Gorge, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest (prices vary). You can also find great puzzles at both Waucoma and Klindts bookstores (Hood River and The Dalles, respectively).

Concert, theater, movie and art tickets: There are so many different music, theater, movie and art gallery options in the Gorge. Pick your favorite. Find an upcoming event. Purchase the necessary tickets. Then go have fun.

Professional portraits: There are many photography studios in the Gorge, as a quick internet search will tell you. Gift a photo package — let the recipient pick the date and time.

## Consumables

One of my parents’ favorite gifts to give comes from Muirhead Canning Co., 5267 Mill Creek Road, The Dalles — canned pears (halves), peaches (halves or slices) and cherries (light or dark sweet), though they also have plums, apricots and applesauce. Cans are sold in boxes of 12 and prices vary from \$54-\$80. Muirhead Canning Co. also offers a gift pack, \$46, that includes one can each — pears, peaches, cherries, apricots, plums and applesauce (and there’s also apple butter and maple syrup). You can order online at [muirheadcanning.com](http://muirheadcanning.com) or call the office at 541-298-1660 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White Salmon Baking Co. in White Salmon has gorgeous treats — and a holiday menu that includes breads (like Rosemary Olive, \$7, and chocolate-hazelnut Babka, \$10), cookie boxes (\$22 for a box of 20), quiche (classic ham and gruyere or mixed vegetable, \$28) and cinnamon rolls (\$18). While it’s closed Christmas Day, it is open Christmas Eve.

The Fruit Company, Hood River, has beautiful gift boxes

filled with everything from fruit to nuts, crackers to candy. You can stop by the packing house to pick something out in person (they have a truly lovely gift shop) at 2850 Van Horn Drive or place an order online at [thefruitcompany.com](http://thefruitcompany.com). Prices vary.

Sigman’s Flowers in downtown The Dalles has lots of offerings under this category: Pumpkin Spice Quick Bread or Chocolate Whoopie Pie mixes (\$11.99 each), lemon curd (\$9.50) and traditional scone mixes (\$8.50), as well as fresh flowers (always a hit) and Moonstruck chocolates (prices vary).

Waucoma Bookstore, downtown Hood River, has books, of course, but they also have Wavertree & London natural plant oil soaps enriched with pure shea butter. They come in a variety of scents — including Strawberry Shake, Cosmopolitan, White Orchid and French Pear — for \$9.99 each. These are identified as a staff favorite, so you know they’re good.

Meraki Beauty PNW Salon and Boutique, downtown The Dalles, has scented lotions like cardamon-vanilla and apricot bloom for \$25. Also in downtown The Dalles, The Workshop has all sorts of jams (pictured above, \$10), barbecue sauces, hot sauces, salsas and teas.

Coffee cards: Give a gift card from one of the many cafés in town. Tie it to a bag of locally roasted beans and you are guaranteed a smashing success. Coffee shops also have tea options for those who are less coffee-minded.

## Keep warm

Vibe in downtown The Dalles is a curated consignment shop with lots of jackets, sweaters and coats. Be warned, though, that if you go in there, you’re also going to find something for yourself, too. Prices vary.

In Hood River, try Dream Street Boutique (women’s fashion), Doug’s (men’s and women’s fashion and outdoor gear), and the Ruddy Duck (men, women and kids) — all in downtown. Prices vary.

And in White Salmon, check out Blackbird + Ivory, 115 N Main St., suite 119, where you’ll find a curated collection of women’s clothing, including a growing line of ethically made, fairtrade and made in America products.





Canned fruit gift pack, \$46 at Muirhead Canning. Contributed photo

Traditional Scone Mix at Sigman's Flowers. Trisha Walker photo

Vintner's Kitchen Cherry, Lavender & Pinot Noir Jam, \$10 at The Workshop. Trisha Walker photo

Canned fruit gift pack, \$46 at Muirhead Canning. Contributed photo

Lemon Curd at Sigman's Flowers. Trisha Walker photo

Hats, sweaters and purses (and more) at Vibe (prices vary). Trisha Walker photo

Wavertree & London soap, \$9.99, Waucoma Bookstore. Aziza Cooper-Hovland photo

Pumpkin Spice Quick Bread and Chocolate Whoopie Pie Mix (\$11.99 each) at Sigman's Flowers. Trisha Walker photo

Lantern Press 1000-piece puzzles include Oregon, Pacific Northwest and Columbia Gorge (\$30) at The Workshop. Trisha Walker photo

Soaking spa at Tenzen Springs (prices vary). Noah Noteboom file photo

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# Stocking Stuffers

AZIZA COOPER-HOVLAND  
Columbia Gorge News

**"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care," said the classic Christmas poem, and those stockings need to be filled with something fun! Stocking stuffers can be more than an orange in the toe, and for those of you who are responsible for filling stockings yourself, the Gorge has amazing gifts to include.**

For knitters and crafters, every imaginable color of yarn and a range of useful knitting notions are available at the House of A La Mode. A skein ranges in price from less than \$10 to about \$30. Plenty are small enough to go into a stocking. House of A La Mode: 215 Court St., The Dalles; houseofalamode.com.

For tea lovers — or for a refreshing drink to revive you, after all this shopping! — Lines of Designs' Travelers Tea Nook has you covered, with everything from oolong teas to Earl Grey. Prices range from about \$4 to \$5 for a small box or bag of tea. Lines of Design also features jewelry, handbags, delicate scarves, and original lines of women's clothing.

Lines of Designs: 107 E. Second St. (inside the clothing store), The Dalles; travelersteanoek.com.

The bookstores all carry an assortment of cards, games, charms, and small art perfect for stockings. Klindt's books provides Pride-themed seed mixes, Waucoma is excellent for someone who loves stickers, or amazingly fun socks with cheeky quote and bright patterns for about \$15. Artifacts also has some weird and wonderful gifts that would be perfect to fit in a stocking.

Klindt's Booksellers & Stationers: 315 E. Second St., The Dalles; klindtsbooks.com/shop.

Waucoma Bookstore: 212 Oak St., Hood River; waucoma-bookstore.com.

Artifacts — Good Books & Bad Art: 202-A Cascade Ave., Hood River (inside Mall 202); artifactsbookstore.com.

If you're looking for some colorful décor, Hood River Stationers is the perfect place. Vibrant magnets, candles, earrings and stickers, for as little as \$10, as well as pens, cards, and ornaments, can all be found at Hood River Stationers: 213 Oak St., Hood River.

For those who love to accessorize, sister stores Ice Cream for Crow and Precious Drab have bright vintage pieces as well as socks, barrettes, and hair ties under \$20 that would be a wonderful gift for anyone looking for a little more dazzle in their life.

Ice Cream for Crow Vintage: 402 Oak St., Hood River.

Precious Drab Vintage: 110 Third St., Hood River.

The outdoorsman among you may like the recycled gear at Alpine Sea Co. where they have carabiners, bags of all sizes, apparel, and blankets. Alpine Sea Co.: 311 Oak St, Hood River; alpineseaco.com.

Those with artistic interests will find a treasure trove at Tokki Art Supply. Notebooks for under \$20, craft kits for \$17, and festive stamps for \$3. An artist will be able to find just about anything they could want in that store. Tokki Art Supply: 409 Oak St., Hood River; tokkiartsupply.com.

No stocking is complete without chocolate! Sigman's Flowers and Gifts in the Dalles has a delightful collection. They've got treats and bars, and every flavor of truffle from huckleberry to hazel. Prices start at around \$4 per truffle. And while you're at it, throw in some lovely hand soap for \$15. Sigman's Flowers and Gifts: 200 E Second St., The Dalles; sigmansflorist.com.

The Workshop has hands-on crafts experiences, as well as wonderful things for your favorite cook, including spicy Hot Mama Salsa for \$36, and Bobbie's Boat Sauce for \$23.50. The Workshop: 116 E Second St., The Dalles; thedallesworkshop.com.

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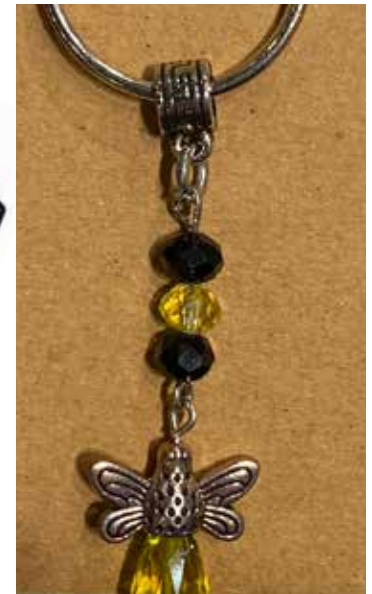
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From tree lightings to shopping events, the Gorge is a fun place to spend the holidays.

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# Holiday Happenings

See [columbiagorgenews.com](http://columbiagorgenews.com) for events submitted after publication deadline. Updated holiday events will also be featured in What's Happening in each weekly edition of Columbia Gorge News.

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**Nov. 28 — Turkey Trot Fun Run**, 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Mark Hatfield Visitor's Center on the (west) Hood River side of the Twin Tunnel trail. For admission prices, more info and to register online, go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/twin-tunnels-turkey-trot-fun-run-tickets-1039902364967](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/twin-tunnels-turkey-trot-fun-run-tickets-1039902364967).

**Nov. 28 — Third Annual Turkey Twerk Out**, 9:30 a.m. at NK Studios, 417 W. Stuben St., Bingen. Special Thanksgiving dance fitness class. All fitness levels welcome; bring water. Preregister at [NKStudiosbingen.as.me/turkey](http://NKStudiosbingen.as.me/turkey).

**Nov. 28 — Free Community Thanksgiving**, noon to 2 p.m. at Riverside Community Church, UCC, 317 State St., Hood River.

**Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving Potluck**, 1-4 p.m. at 56826 Wamic Market Road, Wamic. Community event.

**Nov. 29 — Trout Lake Holiday Market**, 4-7 p.m. at the Trout Lake Hall.

**Nov. 29 — Starlight Parade: Toyland on Parade**, 6-8 p.m. downtown The Dalles. Begins at W Sixth and Webber streets and ends at The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce. Hot cocoa and the annual community tree lighting to follow.

**Dec. 6 — Hood River Holiday Tree Lighting**, 5:45-6:15 p.m. at Overlook Memorial Park. Streets closed to vehicles 4-8 p.m. for shopping downtown.

**Dec. 6 — Free family Movie: A Muppets Christmas Carol**, 6 p.m. at the Granada Theatre in The Dalles, 221 E. Second St. Event by the Wasco County/The Dalles Public Library.

**Dec. 6 — Festival of Trees**, 6-9 p.m. at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. Hosted by Adventist Health Columbia Gorge Foundation; annual fundraiser. Tickets at [mcmc.net/foundation/events/festival-of-trees](http://mcmc.net/foundation/events/festival-of-trees).

**Fridays beginning Dec. 6 — Riverside Advent Concert Series**, noon at Riverside Community Church, Hood River. Free, all welcome.

**Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 — A Christmas Story**, 7 p.m. at The Bingen Theater. Matinee performances Dec. 8 and 15 at 1:30 p.m. Directed by Joe Garoutte; family friendly. Tickets at [www.bigbritches.org](http://www.bigbritches.org).

**Dec. 6-8 — Dallesport Christmas Bazaar**, Friday noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dallesport Community Center. Raffle table, Christmas gift donation box for local schoolkids.

**Dec. 6-8 — Nativities in The Gorge**, noon to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Located at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 650 NW Gropper Road, Stevenson. For info, contact Dan Black, 360-975-2799 or [dblack8@gmail.com](mailto:dblack8@gmail.com).

**Dec. 6-8 — Holiday Makers Market**, 6-10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at The Ruins, 13 Railroad St., Hood River. Gifts, food and merriment.

**Dec. 7 — I'm Dreaming of a White Salmon Holiday**. Community caroling, s'mores fire circle, and a community tree and Menorah lighting will be taking place. Businesses will be holding open houses. More info to be released at a later date.

**Dec. 7 — Santa Breakfast 2024**, 8-11 a.m., West Side Rockford Station, 4250 Barrett Drive, Hood River. Pancakes, sausage and eggs; \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children. To benefit Leo Phillips Scholarship fund.

**Dec. 7 — Innovations Academy Holiday Bazaar**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at The Dalles Wahtonka Campus, 3601 W. 10th St., The Dalles.

**Dec. 7 — St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 400 11th St., Hood River. Proceeds support community outreach ministries.

**Dec. 7 — Fort Dalles Riders Annual Holiday Bazaar**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Dalles Riders Club, 1023 Irvine St., The Dalles. Variety of vendors and goods.

**Dec. 7 — Christmas in the Gorge**, 1-4 p.m., at the Columbia Gorge Museum, 990 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson. For more info, contact 800-989-9178; [www.columbiagorgemuseum.org](http://www.columbiagorgemuseum.org).

**Dec. 7 — Youth Ornament Making Class**, 2-4 p.m. at The Dalles Art Center, 220 E Fourth St., The Dalles. Students grades 2-8 will learn the art of glass fusing. Ornaments will be ready for pick-up by Dec. 14. To register, contact Ellen Potter at 541-296-4759.

**Dec. 7 — Holiday Ribbon Wreath Craft making**, 2 p.m., at The Dalles Public Library, 722 Court Street Event is for ages 11-18-plus. Registration required.

**Dec. 7-8 & 12 — Mid-Columbia Community Choir Concert**, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at Hood River Valley Christian, 975 Indian Creek, Hood River; also showing Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 1280 W. Jewett Blvd., White Salmon. Freewill donation for FISH and Washington Gorge Action Programs food banks. Choir conducted by David Kelly.

**Dec. 13-15 — White Salmon Christmas Bazaar**, 4-10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the White Salmon Masonic Center, 146 W Jewett Blvd., White Salmon.

**Dec. 14 — Holiday Gift Workshop**, noon to 2 p.m. at The Dalles Public Library meeting room, 722 Court St., The Dalles. Holiday gift related crafts. Event is all ages.

**Dec. 15 — Patrick Lamb's Charlie Brown Christmas**, 6:30-8 p.m., at Hood River Middle School auditorium, 1602 May St., Hood River. Admission is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-patrick-lamb-charlie-brown-christmas-tickets-1064480322299?aff=oddttdcreator](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-patrick-lamb-charlie-brown-christmas-tickets-1064480322299?aff=oddttdcreator).

**Thru Dec. 22 — Handmade for Holidays** at Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Ave., Hood River. Artists market; small art pieces of many types on display and for sale in the gallery.





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*Art in the Gorge ...*

Local galleries are filled with unique items that make great gifts. Those pictured here are from The Dalles Art Center, but Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River also has a gift-friendly show through December.

Art from Jen Smith \$575, Arrowleaf Workshop, White Salmon  
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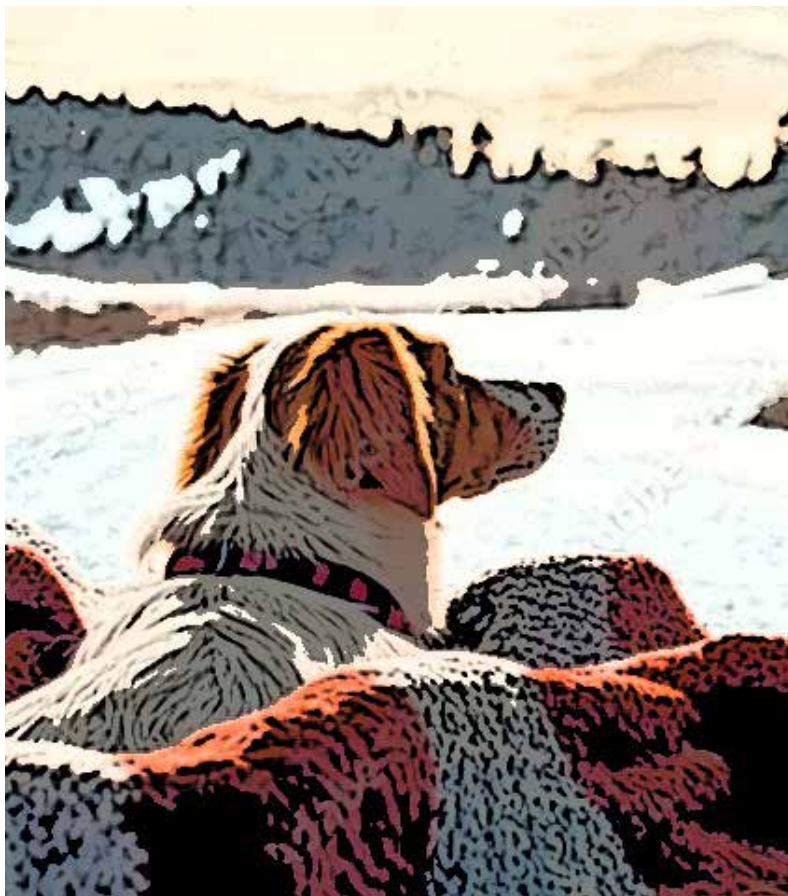
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**Left:** Pendleton Wool Collars are locally made, and proceeds go toward buying essential supplies for Hood River Adopt a Dog.

**Right:** Dog River Pet Supplies Advent Calendar of Treats and Grandma Ada's Turkey and Yams.

One of Gorge Dog's Pacific Northwest-themed toys.

Gorge Dog's specialty treats made by Bubba Rose Biscuit Co. in Florida. The treats are made with all natural ingredients, including oat flour, cheddar cheese, bacon, honey and more.

Catnip for sale, \$5, at Dog River Pet Supplies.

Nathan Wilson photos

# Gifts For Pets

NATHAN WILSON  
*Columbia Gorge News*

**Some may balk at excessively pampering your pets, but I'm all for it. I mean, dogs and cats are basically like children, right? They need nutritious food to thrive, benefit from enrichment activities and just look so cute in new clothes or booties. Spread some love to your furry friends by checking out Dog River Pet Supplies, located on the Heights at 118 12th St., and Gorge Dog in downtown Hood River at 412 Oak St.**

If you're looking to feed your dog or cat better food, Dog River is the place to go. Owner Molly Lewis takes special care to avoid brands that use hormones, antibiotics and genetically modified organisms. She looks for the best quality meats and vegetables, valuing fresh over processed — and

remember, only wet food for the felines.

There are shelves upon shelves to choose from, but if you want some Christmas flavor, grab a bag of Portland-based Grandma Ada's Turkey & Yams (\$7). Made with 11 natural ingredients and slow-cooked in small batches, the supplement is healthier than more traditional kibble. Lewis also stocks advent calendars for cats and dogs (\$22), an assortment of 12 treats made with ingredients like cod skin, chicken breast and peanut butter.

Gorge Dog is a great spot for treats too. Sam Gross, who bought the store last summer, sources gourmet natural dog treats from Bubba Rose Biscuit Co. in Florida (\$1-4.50) that not only have fun designs but are baked with care. Other nutritious options include pig ears (\$4), tracheas (\$1.50-4.50) and No-Hide long-lasting chews (\$8-11).

Even with fur, dogs and cats can get chilly over the winter, and snow is harsh on paws. Supplied by Ruffwear, Dog River has snow boots for paws of all sizes (\$40-50) and clothes for essentially any weather condition: Rain jackets (\$60), sweaters (\$80) or insulated jackets (\$90). Cats can fit in some of the clothing too depending on their size.

Don't forget about a new collar, either. Gorge Dog has several different brands, such as Pendleton Wool Collars (\$40). Locally made, proceeds go toward buying essential supplies for Hood River Adopt A Dog, one of few animal shelters in the Gorge — plus your puppy will feel so confident.

According to Lewis, enrichment for cats and dogs can be in the form of play or how they eat. Cats love to play with their people, so Lewis suggested the classic laser pointer or wand toy (\$12), but she also has interactive scratchboards (\$38). If you sprinkle some of Lewis' catnip (\$5-10) in one of her rocket-shaped, three-level hideouts (\$80), I'm sure your kitty would be pretty pleased as well. To spice it up further, both stores sell lick mats and puzzle feeders (\$14-32), which make eating more mentally stimulating.

As for dog toys, Gross said her Pacific Northwest-themed collection has been popular, with folks jumping at the opportunity to throw around plushy salmon (\$16.50-22). Conscious that some pets struggle with anxiety — or have too much energy — Gross also has calming hemp chews on hand (\$70), perfect for those big holiday gatherings.





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# Charitable Gifts

NATHAN WILSON  
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*The holidays are a season of giving, but let's be honest — all of us probably have too much stuff. Do you really need another wind foil? For that reason, I'm a strong advocate of donating to the vulnerable and marginalized, whether it be money, food or your time, in place of a physical gift either for you or someone else in your life.*

Luckily, organizations throughout the Gorge are working to ensure everyone's safe, warm and fulfilled. I promise the joy of contributing to a good cause feels better than receiving a random trinket, and if it doesn't, let's just say that might require a longer conversation. But enough of that, here are some options.

## Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP)

WAGAP is essentially a one-stop-shop for helping those in need: The nonprofit supports victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, provides emergency housing, works to uplift youth mental health, runs several food banks and more. Founded in 1966, WAGAP has been a critical pillar of Klickitat and Skamania counties for decades. Visit [www.wagap.org/donate](http://www.wagap.org/donate) to make a one-time or monthly donation of any amount, which you can direct to a specific program.

WAGAP also accepts non-perishable goods, specifically canned meat, fruit and vegetables, for its food banks, along with things like shampoo, dish soap and toothpaste. Visit [www.wagap.org/food-banks-nutrition](http://www.wagap.org/food-banks-nutrition) for a list of drop-off locations and other items to bring.

## Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI) and The Next Door, Inc. (TNDI)

Nearly 8,000 children spent at least one day in foster care across Oregon in 2022, according to the Child Welfare Data Book. This included 96 kids in Hood River and Wasco counties, but there were only 36 foster homes.

Through their Therapeutic Foster Care program, GOBHI and TNDI certify new foster homes and, according to GOBHI's website, they offer a higher level of service than traditional options by training new parents on trauma-informed care, de-escalation techniques, collaborative problem solving and cultural awareness.

Help GOBHI and TNDI continue this program by donating at [www.gobhi.org/donate](http://www.gobhi.org/donate) or [www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations](http://www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations). If you're willing and able to take the next step, contact [ARodakowski@gobhi.org](mailto:ARodakowski@gobhi.org) or [fosterinfo@nextdoorinc.org](mailto:fosterinfo@nextdoorinc.org) to learn about becoming a certified foster parent.

## Mid-Columbia Community Action Center (MCCAC)

While the holidays bring cheer, they also bring colder temperatures — a reminder that housing is a basic need often taken for granted. MCCAC fills that gap by operating a seasonal warming shelter in Hood River along with two other facilities in The Dalles. The Gloria Center serves as another warming shelter in the winter, but also connects unhoused folks with healthcare professionals, employment services and provides housing placement assistance. The Annex delivers a longer-term shelter option and offers a similar array of services.

If you'd like to help those experiencing homelessness, visit [www.mccac.com/donate](http://www.mccac.com/donate) to make a one-time, monthly or yearly donation of any amount, or contact [info@mccac.org](mailto:info@mccac.org) if you're interested in volunteering. MCCAC could also use warm clothes (gloves, hats, socks hand warmers, etc.) hygienic products (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash etc.), pillows, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags and two-person tents.

In Hood River, deliver your donations to Hood River Valley Christian Church at 975 Indian Creek Road on Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. MCCAC does not have a drop-off location for The Dalles, but if you're interested, reach out to Community Engagement Coordinator Miriam Starrett at 541-965-8402 or [mstarrett@mccac.com](mailto:mstarrett@mccac.com) to set up a time and location.

## One Community Health (OCH)

Migrant farmworkers play a vital role across the Gorge by harvesting produce we all love to indulge, and they deserve support even outside of the picking season. OCH was established in 1986 for that exact purpose. Along with five locations scattered throughout the Mid-Columbia, their La Clinica and Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum mobile clinics bring healthcare to farmworkers, Indigenous peoples and other isolated, rural residents. Bilingual staff also operate a dedicated farmworkers clinic every summer, offer assistance navigating health insurance and several other services.

In 2023, OCH served more than 22,000 patients. About half of those patients were far below the federal poverty level, 15% were uninsured and 10% identified as a farmworker. Visit [www.onecommunityhealth.org/donate](http://www.onecommunityhealth.org/donate) to make a donation, or mail your donation to 849 Pacific Ave., Hood River, OR 97031. In addition to OCH, TNDI helps farmworkers secure housing, healthcare and wellness information, and the nonprofit facilitates many other programs specifically designed to support Latino residents. Again, please visit [www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations](http://www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations) to support the largest social service agency in the Gorge.

## Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance

The warmth of fires, days off work and tradition brings families together over the holidays, but for queer people, it can be stressful existing in a space where they might not feel completely comfortable or accepted. The Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance, facilitated by TNDI and part of the broader Pride Northwest network, hosts events where the LGBTQ+ community can connect and thrive.

Support Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance by donating to TNDI at [www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations](http://www.nextdoorinc.org/individual-donations) or mail a check to 965 Tucker Road, Hood River, OR 97031. For either, write "In support of the Columbia Gorge Pride Alliance" to direct your donation. For business owners interested in hosting a community event or fundraiser to benefit the Pride Alliance, email [development@nextdoorinc.org](mailto:development@nextdoorinc.org) to get started. You can also check out their upcoming events through Facebook at [www.facebook.com/columbiagorgepride/](http://www.facebook.com/columbiagorgepride/).

## Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)

The Columbia River Basin, and the rest of America, has been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. CRITFC, which represents the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Nez Perce Tribes, not only seeks to bolster Tribal fishing rights, but also improve native fish populations that we all depend on through monitoring, restoration and more. Over the past two centuries, the number of salmon, lamprey and sturgeon in the Columbia has precipitously declined, jeopardizing Indigenous cultures and livelihoods. We're all one interconnected community in the Gorge, so if you'd like to support CRITFC, visit [critfc.org/donate/](http://critfc.org/donate/).

## Columbia Riverkeeper and Comunidas

Like CRITFC, Columbia Riverkeeper is actively working to keep what makes Hood River, White Salmon and The Dalles special — our beautiful river — healthy and thriving. From cleaning up the Hanford Nuclear Site to teaching kids how they can prevent different types of pollution, Columbia Riverkeeper works around the basin in local governments, courtrooms and along the shores.

Columbia Riverkeeper also sponsors Comunidas, an organization based in Hood River that's amplifying Latino voices for environmental and social justice. Comunidas does so by training people of color in community journalism, leadership development and civic engagement.

You can support Columbia Riverkeeper and Comunidas by becoming a member (for \$35 annually you'll receive newsletters, free programming and event invitations) or donating at [www.columbiariverkeeper.org/donate/](http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org/donate/). You can learn about how to get more involved with Columbia Riverkeeper at [www.columbiariverkeeper.org/engage/](http://www.columbiariverkeeper.org/engage/), or with Comunidas by filling out a form at [comunidades.org/contact](http://comunidades.org/contact).



### Columbia Gorge Humane Society and Hood River Adopt A Dog

Last but certainly not least, we can't forget the furry companions that make us smile and keep us grounded. The Columbia Gorge Humane Society, located in The Dalles, and Hood River Adopt A Dog shelter stray or lost animals, and they're looking for additional support.

Visit [www.columbiagorgehs.org/](http://www.columbiagorgehs.org/) or [hoodriveradoptadog.org/](http://hoodriveradoptadog.org/) to donate or volunteer. If you're ready for a bigger commitment, and one that will brighten up your holidays, you can also explore foster or adoption options.

### More options

The Gorge is filled with charitable giving opportunities, and *Columbia Gorge News'* Resource Guide online at [columbiagorgenews.com](http://columbiagorgenews.com) is a good place to peruse options.

Additionally, *Columbia Gorge News* is planning a special nonprofit charitable donation guide for its Christmas issue. Online giving is an option for many, or you can send a check by Dec. 31 for end of the year giving.



Lorri Epstein, water quality director, and Juan Montje, community organizer lead a school presentation at the Nichols Natural Area. Columbia Riverkeeper's Engaging Communities program aims to connect people to the river and celebrate the diverse, vibrant cultures within river communities. Photo courtesy Arturo Levya



Washington Gorge Action Programs staff take part in a community resource fair held in Goldendale. WAGAP is an umbrella program for those in need, providing emergency housing, mental health support, and food through its food banks, among others. Contributed photo







Motorsports

Whether it is two wheels or four, these fine motorsport products can fill the ATV-sized hole in your heart. Practice safe riding with proper equipment and headgear. Electric bikes are all the rage and Hood River Power Sports and Marine offers a quality e-bike: The Yamaha Crosscore.

For the off-road adventures, the TTR50 kids Yamaha Dirt Bike or CF MOTO 600 is the way to go. Splash through puddle and climb rocky hillsides with these products also for sale the Hood River Power Sports located at 3335 Cascade Ave., Hood River.

From Hood River Power Sports and Marine: Electric Bike is: Yamaha Crosscore, \$1,119  
Small Blue Bike is: TTR50, Yamaha Kids Dirt Bike, \$1,899  
4 Wheeler is: CF MOTO 600, \$7,899

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## Gifts For Birders

FLORA GIBSON  
*Columbia Gorge News*

About 47 million people were watching birds in the U.S. in 2011, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Chances are you know someone whose best friends have feathers. What do you give them for Christmas?

Well, a lot of us feed birds at home, so we'd probably like a hummingbird feeder, or a big bag of black oil sunflower seeds from Coastal in The Dalles or Cascade Farm and Outdoor in Hood River. (Millet is unpopular and peanuts attract beautiful, pestersome jays who'll stay until spring and then eat other people's eggs and caterpillars.)

**Coastal Farm and Ranch: 2600 W Sixth St., The Dalles**  
**Cascade Farm and Outdoor: 1801 12th St., Hood River**

Next, a field guide to identify what we find. David Allen Sibley's books are the gold standard, and "Sibley Birds West" is pocket-sized and localized. Second-hand bookstores are fun sources of birdy memoirs and adventures and esoteric treatises. And Skookum Outfitters has a nice selection of bird books, too.

**Klindt's Booksellers: 315 E. Second St., The Dalles**  
**Waucoma Bookstore: 221 Oak St., Hood River**  
**Artifact Books (second-hand): 202-A Cascade Ave., Hood River**  
**Skookum Outfitters: 109 W. Second St., The Dalles**

Next, binoculars to observe the birds we identify. Good, usable binoculars come in around \$100 at Walmart or Big Five Sporting Goods. This can be a highly personal choice, with some preferring 8x10 magnification, some very steady-handed people using 12x10, preferences for different brands, and so on. You know what sounds like real fun though? A monocular, with an attachment that turns it into a magnifying lens. Get one at Skookum Outfitters for examining mysterious found feathers — identifiable with a copy of "Bird Feathers" by Casey McFarland, ordered from a local bookstore.

Some birders venture farther afield. They might like a coat with lots of very big pockets, to hold all these field guides you gave them, and a \$30 hat with an embroidered chickadee from Skookum's to keep the rain off their new monocular. Warm scarves in inconspicuous plain colors, practical fingerless gloves; slicks coats to which rain and seedpods don't adhere; and warm, waterproof shirts with birds on them (also from Skookum's!). Waterproof ... well, waterproof anything, trust me on that one — so many fun birds live in messy places!

**Shortt Supply: 116 Oak St., Hood River**  
**Pistil's Designs: 316 Oak St., Hood River**

In art, some birders are fine with charming anthropomorphisms, like a charming owl-shaped jar from The Dalles Art Center.

Others like anatomically accurate birds who come in realistic colors, with no extra swirly bits. Linda Steider, co-owner of Made in the Gorge, shares everything from \$80 metal prints of local owls and hummingbirds, to \$6 or \$7 magnets and metal-print ornaments of same, and \$4 art cards sorted by species.

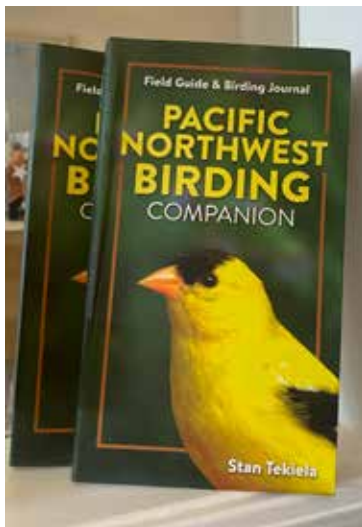
And if you can afford Nick Miles' rainbow-sheened metal art of great blue heron or California quail, I'm sure it'll be treasured.

**The Dalles Art Center: 220 E. Fourth St., The Dalles**  
**Made in the Gorge: 108 Oak St., Hood River**  
**Art on Oak: 210 Oak St., Hood River**

For small presents, hilarious or thoughtful, Hood River's several gift stores are great. Profits at Spruce Gifts and Provisions benefit Oregon wildlife conservation — also a gift to people who love birds! Here you can find a nest of colorful eggs (just don't ask me what species laid them), a mug covered with iridescent insects (not technically avians but hey, super cool and birds eat bugs, right?), a hat with night scope built in (maybe good for finding owls?), and Birds of America playing cards (so lifelike, I'm afraid my cat might hunt them down — so don't worry, they're still on the shelf).

**Spruce Gifts and Provisions: 200 E. Second St., Hood River**









# Thrift & Vintage

FLORA GIBSON  
*Columbia Gorge News*

Shopping on a budget? How about an old but exquisite item from the back of a second-hand shop? Or, wondering what to gift somebody who's got everything? How about a strange, wonderful, vintage object neither of you ever heard of before? Don't underestimate thrift stores: they hold treasure you can't often find elsewhere — like decades-old, hand-embroidered quilts and dresses, or shelves of music's most unusual CDs that have been out of production for ages.

**Goodwill The Dalles:** 1812 West Sixth St., The Dalles  
**Goodwill Boutique Hood River:** 304 Oak St., Hood River  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** 505 W. Ninth St., The Dalles

In Hood River, Cajun and Clover holds some unusual displays including vintage glass that glows delicate colors under black light. And Itty Bitty Thrifts specializes in items for youngsters.

**Cajun and Clover:** 903 State St., Hood River  
**Itty Bitty Thrifts:** 216 Columbia St., Hood River

In The Dalles, Breezeway shares everything from old editions of bird books and children's classics to a copper music box, shaped like a little house and complete with doorknobs. Vibe Consignment retails the really high-end, elegantly besparkled items. Habitat for Humanity Restore is a good option if you think an old Victrola or a terrifying

power tool would be just the ticket (or you want to support an important charity recovering from a structure fire). I've found some of the best '80s music and tiny miniature forest creatures at Buy Right. And Red Wagon Antiques adds a special display of vintage postcards, sorted by holiday — some truly old and elegant. Oh ... and anyone need a muffin tin of 25-cent scrabble letters? Someone must — it looks like the letter Y was popular. Searching for gifts in the backrooms of second-hand shops was so much fun, I'm beginning to think the very best present would be a mutual Christmas-gift thrift-hunt, undertaken together. Who needs gift-wrapping and secrecy when any present found in a second-hand shop is so surprising?

**Breezeway:** 313 E. Second St., The Dalles  
**Red Wagon:** 515 E. Second St., Ste. B, The Dalles  
**Vibe Consignment:** 416 E. Second St., The Dalles  
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# Gifts \$1-\$1,000

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## **\$0.50-\$1 - Emergency Poncho (Outpost - The Dalles)**

Don't get caught in a rainstorm empty handed. Outpost in The Dalles has all the emergency ponchos you need at a super affordable price.

## **\$2 - One weekly edition of the Columbia Gorge News**

Shameless plug for your favorite print newspaper.

## **\$5 - Small WD-40 (Outpost - The Dalles)**

Got a squeaky somethin'-er-other? Always handy to have some WD-40 around.

## **\$10 - Board games (Outpost - The Dalles)**

Can't decide who does the dishes? Buy a board game from the Outpost and let the game decide for you. Loser does the dishes.

## **\$25 - Socks/toe warmers (Outpost - The Dalles)**

Anyone who lives in the Gorge knows cold feet are the worst. To avoid hypothermia and keep your toes, head to the Outpost in The Dalles.

## **\$35 - Queen blanket (Outpost - The Dalles)**

This plush blanket will keep you warm during the coldest times — not to mention the cool designs.

## **\$45 - Locally stitched hats (Alpine Sea Co. - Hood River)**

Put together by Summit Embroidery (Bingen), Alpine Sea Co. caps have special designs, and each hat fits differently.

## **\$140 - Travel laptop case (Mosko Moto - White Salmon)**

Designed to be packed in your Mosko duffel/tail bag, this laptop case provides impact, abrasion, and vibration protection using specially made materials. Fits 2021 and newer MacBook laptops.

## **\$175 - Backpack (Alpine Sea Co. - Hood River)**

This very versatile pack can be the tote to carry groceries or the backpack for the beach.

## **\$240 - Readywise Emergency Backpack and Food Supply (Old Mill Bargain Center - The Dalles)**

Your chances of survival increase heavily with the Readywise Emergency backpack and food supply packs when the zombie apocalypse arrives. Packs sold separately.

## **\$370 - Swagman, Semi 4.0, Hitch Mount Rack (SPR Bikes - The Dalles)**

Designed to accommodate up to two premium carbon fiber and other high value bikes, SPR's newest bike mount allows unparalleled access — to the bikes and your car trunk. SPR Bikes is offering the discounted price until the end of the year.

## **\$575 - Art pieces from Jen Smith (Arrowleaf Workshop - White Salmon)**

Several of Smith's art pieces are on display at the Arrowleaf Workshop in downtown White Salmon. This particular piece features bird eggs nesting and crafted with charcoal and pastel pencil on a custom cradled birch panel.

**\*see artwork on page 18\***

## **\$590 - Ware Rustic Ranch Chicken Coop Starter Kit (coop + feed) (Ace Hardware - Hood River)**

Start your own little farm with the Ware Rustic Ranch Chicken Coop. The coop provides dual inside/outside access for a few chickens to roost. Also purchase a bag of food and feeder for \$27.97 and \$29.99, respectively. Available in-store while supplies last.

## **\$750 - EGO Battery Powered Snow Blower (Ace Hardware - Hood River)**

This battery-powered snow blower uses its 21-inch clearing width to throw snow up to 40 feet away from your driveway. According to Ace Hardware, the machine can "clear a 12-car driveway with eight inches of snow on a single charge."

## **\$1,000 - 2024 Kayo 60 EKMB (Hood River Power Sports - Hood River)**

This electric motorbike is a perfect fit for young riders looking to expand their powersports horizon. The automatic transmission comes in high and low speed settings. For rough terrain the bike also features front and rear suspension systems. Usually there are freight and setup fees associated with a purchase of the bike, but Hood River Powersports is offering a holiday deal and waiving the additional fees with the mention of this Gift Guide. For more information head to [www.hoodriverpowersports.com](http://www.hoodriverpowersports.com) or call 541-386-2477.





Clockwise starting in the top left: Emergency ponchos range from \$0.50 to \$1 at The Outpost in The Dalles.

Readywise emergency rations are available at the Old Mill Bargain Center also in The Dalles. The Tripod hanging grill, far right, is multi-functional, serving as a lantern hanger as well as a grill that can be suspended over a fire.

At center, the hard travel laptop case from Mosko Moto can be used for all-terrain travel on your bike or hike. They are being sold for \$140 at the downtown location on Jewett St.

At bottom right, the 2024 Kayo EKMB is a youth motor bike that is available at Hood River Power Sports in Hood River. The bike is sold for \$1,000 and is perfect for your little ones eager to get on the trails!

At bottom left, the poultry feeder completes the Chicken Coop Starter Pack from Ace Hardware in Hood River.





# RECREATION

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**SPR Bikes, 408 Washington St., The Dalles**  
**- Youth mountain bike: Fuji Dynamite 20**

Designed for young kids looking to start exploring trails, parks and dirt lots and for parents introducing their children to the world of mountain biking, the Dynamite is the gateway bike. Family outings are most successful when everybody is on the same page equipment-wise. The Dynamite is a real bike that can grow with kids as they fall in love with riding. Price: \$320 +15 Tax (Oregon Excise Tax for all new bikes sold).

**Outpost, 2917 E. 2nd St No. 2, The Dalles**  
**- Snowtrax snowshoe attachments**

A money-saving alternative to traditional snowshoes, the SnowTrax fit onto your every day shoes. The tungsten carbide spikes provide a degree of stability on slick surfaces. They come in small and large sizes, so be sure you are getting the right size. Price: \$21.99.

**- Safety supplies**

It is always good to be prepared when outside of your house. The kit comes with: alcohol pads, sting relief wipes, soap wipes and more than 35 bandages in different shapes and sizes. Price: \$2.



**Mosko Moto, 186 E. Jewett Blvd., White Salmon**  
**- Wildcat 12L Backpack**

For all our moto-heads, head to Mosko Moto for their Wildcat Backpack collection. The pack's straps are adjustable and can accommodate a chest rig for easy access. The molded back panel and adjustable/removable sternum strap create maximum comfort and support for riding rough terrain in the backcountry. Price (w/o chest rig): \$239. Price (w/ chest rig): \$299.

**Old Mill Bargain Center, 2917 E. 2nd St. No. 1, The Dalles**  
**- Tripod hanging lantern holder**

Standing 34-inches tall, the tripod can help heat your meal and warm your water while away from home. The grill also serves as a lantern hanger. It is ideal for cookouts and camping trips. It stores easily but serves a crucial purpose out in the wild. Price: \$25.

**- Camillus American Hickory Camp Hatchet**

A popular choice among hunters who visit the Old Mill Bargain Center, the camp hatchet features a 16-inch, forged carbon steel head and 14-inch hickory handle. Good for chopping wood and light hammering, the hatchet should be used by anyone who goes outdoors. Price: \$33.95.

**Arrowleaf Workshop, 150 E. Jewett Blvd., White Salmon**  
**- Handcrafted pocket knives**

Handmade knives that have been crafted by Idaho-based company Titan International. These elegant pieces are sold by Arrowleaf Workshop in downtown White Salmon. Each knife is sold with its own waist attachment to safely house the tool. Price range: \$45-\$100.



**Outpost**

Sale info: 20% off all games, toys, puzzles and more starting on Friday, Nov. 29. The Outpost is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m to 4 p.m. To learn more, call longtime shop manager Rose Davis at 541-296-6989 or email dallesoutpost@gmail.com.



Products listed clockwise starting top left: Titan Intl. Pocket Knives at Arrowleaf Workshop (WS). Fuji Dynamite 20 Youth Mountain Bike from SPR Bikes (TD). Wildcat 12L Backpack from Mosko Moto (WS). Snowtrax attachments from The Outpost (TD). At bottom, the Camillus American Hickory Hatchet is available at the Old Mill Bargain Center in The Dalles.

Noah Noteboom photos







# Home for the Holidays



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Gorge Style

CHELSEA MARR  
Columbia Gorge News

Kings and Daughters Brewery, a local home brewer business who had branched out to soap and candles. The soap is hand cut with pressed flowers such as peony, lavender or hops and each is a unique design. The soaps are enhanced with shea butter and rose clay for moisture and have a rich, soothing lather. \$12.00 [www.Kingsanddaughters.com](http://www.Kingsanddaughters.com)

photos by Kings and Daughters  
and Chelsea Marr

Bombshell Bath Company offers locally made products out of Dufur, Oregon. They have a large variety of colorful soaps with jewel tone finishes made to accent local favorites such as fresh cherries. Best of all they are rich in goat milk for that extra moisture that your skin will soak up. Check out the Orchard Breeze available at Breezeway Antiques in The Dalles. Soap starts at \$8.00

Mosier Valley Lavender Company has a soap for just \$8.00 that smells like a lavender field in your bathroom. The company is said to have the same latitude and altitude in Mosier where the lavender is grown in the well-known area of Provence, France. Maybe that's the difference but the Mosier company does a fine job producing the scent here in The Gorge. Buy it at Lucy's Informal Flowers in Hood River. [www.mosiervalleylavender.com](http://www.mosiervalleylavender.com)



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