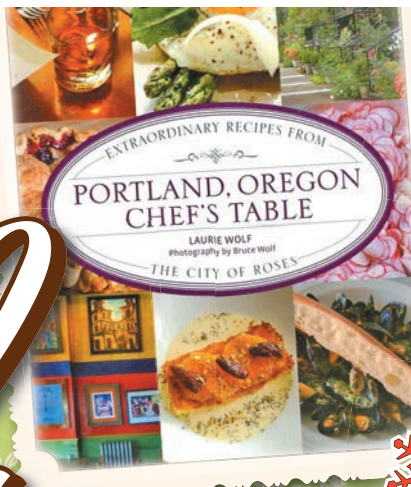


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# Gifts



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Giving Oregon-made gifts is a surefire way to show off the state to loved ones who live elsewhere. They also support local businesses.

Anyone can appreciate a gift from **Pendleton**, whether it's a sweet stuffed horse, a trendy dress from the hip Portland Collection or a twin-size Yakima camp blanket (\$88) with a leather carrier (\$25). Pendleton stores are in multiple locations, including downtown Portland at 900 S.W. Fifth Ave., and Lake Oswego at 385 First St. The Portland Collection is carried at places like Frances May, 1013 S.W. Washington St., Portland.

**Mag-Big**, 3279 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., carries the work of hundreds of local artists and crafters. Check out the desktop terrarium kits by Jpants (\$15 and

less), handmade dresses (\$55), art, jewelry, journals, soap and more.

For the younger set, check out **Thinker Toys**, at 7784 S.W. Capitol Highway in Multnomah Village. The shop carries a variety of children's gifts made in the Portland area, including Hummingbird Hoops, handmade hula hoops available in a range of sizes for about \$25 to \$30.

Give your cat or small dog a handmade designer collar by **Sweet Pickles' Designs**. They're typically about \$12 and are carried at various LexiDog locations and pet boutiques throughout the Portland area. Check [sweetpicklesdesigns.com](http://sweetpicklesdesigns.com) for detailed purchasing information.

Coffee lovers will celebrate a gift from **Clive**, 79 S.E. Taylor St. For \$195, you can give someone the elegant Clive Stand, a handmade pour-over coffee stand made of Oregon walnut scraps that comes with a glass cone and decanter. There are also craft-roasted coffee beans and additional brewing equipment available for purchase at the Clive store.

**A Pendleton Woolen Mills camp blanket gift will keep its recipient toasty.**



**New Deal Distillery** makes ginger and coffee liqueurs with

broad appeal. House Spirits also offers top-shelf, locally made coffee liqueur and other libations, including rum and whiskey. Both are carried at many Oregon liquor stores. For current pricing and locations, go to [oregonliquorsearch.com](http://oregonliquorsearch.com).

**J.W. Sadler Hardware and Supply** is a new Portland company aiming to bring the world well-made tools and

supplies that perform well in the field but also look great hanging on a wall. Vintage axes with heads forged in United States are restored to a useable state — the old bluing and rust is removed, the cutting edge is re-profiled by hand and a new hicko-handle is attached. The handles are then painted by hand and finished with boiled linseed oil. Buy one at Lizard Lounge, 1323 N.W. Irving St., in Portland, for \$150.

**Powell's** has the first two seasons of "Portlandia" as well as the new "Portlandia: A Guide for Visitors." On sale for \$11.89, the guidebook is reportedly "printed on 130 percent recycled paper in a peanut-free, smoke-free plant by local workers in a friendly but fair environment, free of sudden noises and



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unnatural light."

Also at Powell's is the recently released cookbook from Sugar Cube, the pink Portland food cart known for irresistible sweets. The 50 recipes are accompanied by enticing photos, sassy headnotes and illustrations. It's \$24.95.

— Kara Hansen Murphey



**Pictured here from Thinker Toys in Multnomah Village, Hummingbird Hoops are handmade in Portland.**

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# Earth-friendly

There are plenty of places to find healthy, ecofriendly gifts. The following are just a few:

**Canoe**, 1136 S.W. Alder St. in Portland, specializes in carefully selected housewares that are designed to last a long time. There are hand-forged garden tools from Red Pig Tools (\$22 to \$40), Portland-designed hand-cut rubber stamp sets depicting Douglas fir and Oregon white oak trees (\$78), and a hand-sewn collection of iPad,



iPhone and MacBook sleeves made from salvaged materials (\$30 to \$110).

**Mirador Community Store**, at 2106 S.E. Division St. in Portland, offers products for the “natural kitchen and home” that encourage living sustainably. Organic cotton and bamboo towels and blankets, ecofriendly office supplies, grain mills and food storage options are just a few items you might find here. Give someone the Urban Cheese Craft DIY Cheese Kit, \$29, so they can produce healthy food for themselves.



**Sur La Table** offers salad servers and other items made from easy-to-produce bamboo.

**Sur La Table**, carries a variety of ecofriendly bamboo items, including bowls and platters, cutting boards and a mortar and pestle. Salad servers, for \$14.95 to \$19.95, would make a simple and functional gift.

Give someone the gift of cheese-making with this kit by Urban Cheese Craft.

Even a trip to **New Seasons Market** or **Whole Foods** can net some great gifts. Both carry candles and soaps made with natural ingredients. You'll also typically find cloth napkins, a greener choice than disposable types, prettier options for storing food scraps between trips to the compost bin and regionally produced treats that didn't travel far to get to the store.

— Kara Hansen Murphey



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# A good read

Several local authors have released books this past year that are sure to be treasured for years to come. Take this list to your local bookstore and check off your gift list fast. The books are available at area bookstores unless otherwise noted.

## Books for children

■ **"Teeny Tiny Tina the Teeny Tiny Tooth Fairy," "Teeny Tiny Tina and Her Teeny Tiny Pet," "The Adventures of the Little Prince" and "The Little Princesses' Magical Party,"** written by Rosemary Evans of Lake Oswego. These books all have received gold awards from the Mom's Choice Awards and top prizes in the Dragonfly Awards program. The books are available online at TeenyTinyTina.com or at local retailers Frog Pond Toys and at A Children's Place in Portland.

■ **"The Santa Switch,"** by West Linn author Laura Lee Scott. This story is about Jessica Claus, Santa Claus' wife, who sheds her rather bland, wallflower image to become the role model she always had the potential to be. Jessica believes in equality, compassion and continued education. While she is the CEO (Chief Elf Optimizer) of the world's most successful, top-secret toy production facility, she also loves to kick off her shoes and spread some holiday joy to anyone willing to believe in a little Christmas magic. The book retails for \$17.95 and can be purchased online at jessicaclaus.com or at Dragonfly Gift Shop in West Linn.

## Poetry

■ **"The Voluptuary,"** by Paulann Petersen, Oregon's sixth poet laureate.

## Food-related books

■ **"Portland, Oregon Chef's Table: Extraordinary Recipes from the City of Roses,"** by Laurie Wolf, with photographs by Bruce Wolf.

The book celebrates more than 40 of Portland's best restaurants and eateries with recipes and photographs. It's a keepsake cookbook for tourists and locals alike, a book that celebrates Portland's farm-to-table way of life.

■ **"Roots: The Definitive Compendium with more than 225 Recipes,"** by Diane Morgan. Any of Morgan's cookbooks would be welcome gifts. More of her recent titles include **"Skinny Dips," "The Christmas Table"**

and **"Salmon."**

## Other books to consider

■ **"Ricochet River,"** by Robin Cody, a novel of rivers and Indian lore. The Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission recognized the book as one of the 100 essential Oregon books in 2005. **"Voyage of a Summer Sun"** is the story of Cody's 82-day solo canoe trip down the Columbia River from its source in Canada to Astoria. With "Voyage," Cody won the 1995 Oregon Book Award for creative nonfiction. His most recent book, **"Another Way the River Has,"** is a collection of short, true stories.

■ **"The Necessary Grace to Fall,"** a collection of short stories by Gina Ochsner. She has been awarded a John L. Simon Guggenheim grant and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. She is the author of the short story collection that received the Flannery O'Connor Award for short fiction, and the story collection **"People I Wanted to Be."** Both books received the Oregon Book Award.

Her newest novel, **"The Russian Dreambook of Colour and Flight,"** has been called "heartbreaking and funny and deeply moving."

■ **"Murder in the Steens"** is the ninth book in Ron Lovell's series of mysteries. The books feature Thomas Martindale, a college journalism professor and amateur sleuth.

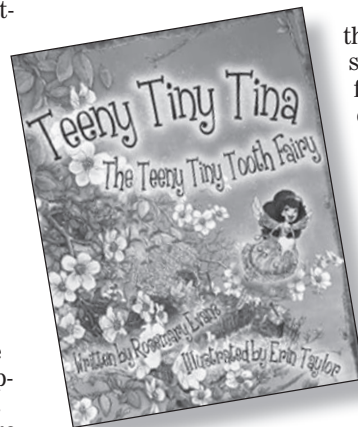
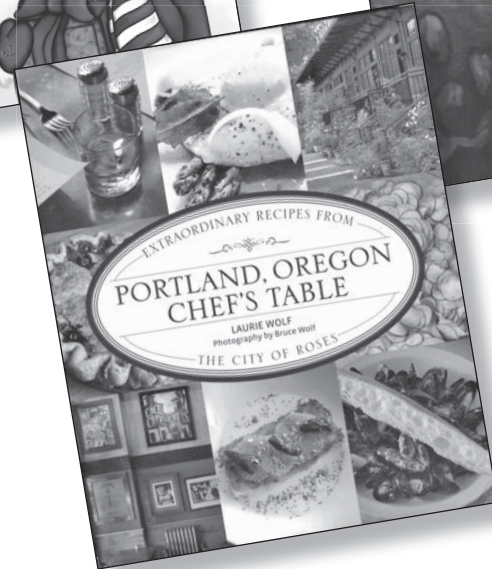
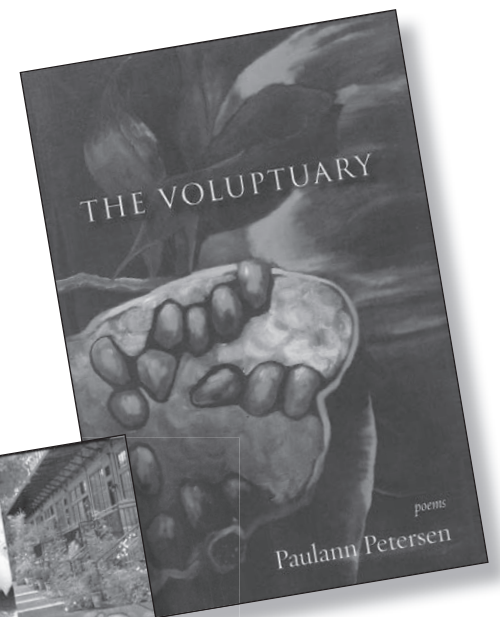
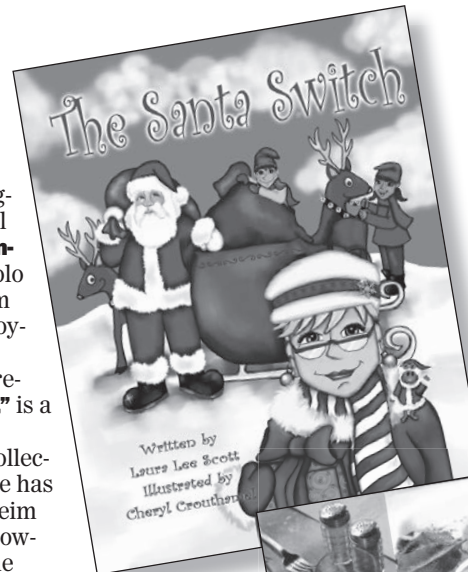
■ **"Heartstone,"** by Phillip Margolin. Margolin grew up in New York state and graduated from New York University School of Law. His first job after law school was a clerkship with Herbert M. Schwab, chief judge, Oregon Court of Appeals. From 1972 until 1996, he was in private practice in

Portland, specializing in criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels. "Heartstone," which was his first novel, was nominated for an Edgar for best original paperback mystery of 1978. His second novel, **"The Last Innocent Man,"** was made into an HBO movie. Since 1996, Margolin has been writing full time, and all of his novels have been New York Times best-sellers. His latest novel, **"Capitol Murder,"** was published in April.

■ **"Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon,"** by R. Greg Nokes. After a 43-year career with the Associated Press and The Oregonian, Nokes began a second career as a writer and lecturer on the experience of immigrant Chinese in the Pacific Northwest. His book is the first authoritative account of the long-forgotten 1887 massacre of as many as 34 Chinese gold miners in Oregon's Hells Canyon. Nokes now is working on a book dealing with the treatment of African-Americans in the Pacific Northwest in the early days of the region's settlement. He lives with his wife, Candace, in West Linn.

■ **"Mink River,"** by Brian Doyle. This book is considered by many as a must-read for all Oregonians.

— Barb Randall



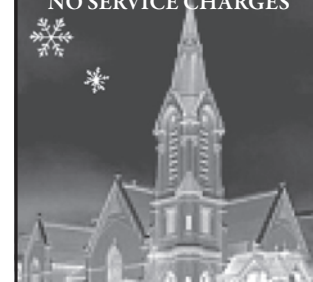
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# Gizmos, gadgets

We are all looking for that next great gadget that will make our lives easier, faster and more productive. And if there are lots of buttons and flashing lights, that makes it even better. Here are some of our top choices for the tech guy and the gadget girl you are shopping for this year.

A camera to go — For the adventure-bound person, try the **Pentax Optio Wg-2** camera. From rock climbing to mountain biking to downhill skiing, this camera will capture it all. It is shockproof to 5 feet, coldproof to 14 degrees Fahrenheit, waterproof up to 40 feet and crushproof handling up to 220 pounds of force. This camera is easy to hold even with gloves on, has a carabiner strap for attaching to a backpack and some models include a built-in GPS. Prices range from \$179.99 to \$300 depending on the model. The Pentax Option can be found at area Targets and online at Amazon.com.

Record all the action — For the adrenaline junky who wants to film her own brushes with death, look for mountable video cameras, such as the **GoPro wearable camcorders**. The GoPros record in full HD video and takes still digital photos. The GoPros range from \$199.95 to \$399.95 and can be found at local REI stores.

A new eye for your phone — For your iPhone addict, check out the **Oloclip**. The Oloclip is a lens that connects to the iPhone and gives three lens in one — fisheye, wide angle and macro. The lens easily slips over the iPhone's rear camera lens. The Oloclip is at camera stores, such as Pro Photo Supply (1112 N.W. 19th Ave., Portland) and is around \$69. Or, keep them all charged up with a portable cell-phone charger like the **Powerocks Super Magicstick**, which comes in a variety of fun colors and costs \$40 at area Verizon Wireless stores.

Is it hot in here? — For the environmentalist in the family, the **Nest Thermostat** could

save dollars and the Earth. At \$249, the mountable smart thermostat learns your household patterns and programs itself. You can even control the thermostat from your iPhone or iPad using an app. When you make a temperature the Nest considers energy saving, a green leaf appears on the screen. Perhaps one of its coolest features is the auto away. Because it senses motion, it will shut down heating or cooling when no one is home.

Gently used goodies — Also for the environmentalist techie, check out the selection of recycled electronics at **EcoBinary**, 8240 S.W. Nimbus Ave., in Beaverton. This enterprising family operation has more than 2,500 square feet packed with tons of items like printers, wiring, servers, routers and circuit boards.

A speedy thermometer — Getting high-tech in the kitchen can be fun for the cook in the family. The **Kintrex IRT0421 infrared laser thermometer** (\$80) can sense the temperature of anything within one degree. From the grill to the oven to the stovetop, this easy-to-use thermometer will make sure everything is cooked to perfection. But, the thermometer is not only useful in the kitchen, the handy person in the family will find other uses for it, too, like testing heating vents, identifying engine misfires and detecting if electronics are overheating. Heck, the kids will have fun with it for science experiments!

Mind if I smoke? — For the guy who loves to grill but hates standing in Portland's rain to do it, the **Smoking Gun** is the perfect gift. This hand-held food smoker lets the cook infuse smoke flavor into foods and drinks with flavors of apple wood and hickory without adding any heat. Users load the gun with woodchips, light it and then blow the smoke into a covered container. The Smoking Gun is \$99.95 and can be found at local Sur la Table stores.

Doctor my wine — For the wine enthusiast, the **Wine Doctor** will help preserve any precious leftovers. The device creates a vacuum in an open bottle of wine, which keeps out oxygen and keeps flavors and aromas true for up to one week. At \$24, the Wine Doctor is at Kitchen Kaboodle.

The home bean roaster — For the hipster coffee snob, a home coffee roaster allows



The Pentax Optio Wg-2 camera is for the outdoors person on the move. Shockproof, coldproof and waterproof, take it on your next adventure.

beans to perfection. Try a model like the **Fresh Roast SR300**, which is priced just more than \$100. Then, get a retro coffee grinder, like the **Camano Coffee Grinder** priced at \$59, to hand-grind the beans.

Born to run — Do you have a family member who hits the snooze button too many times? How about getting him the **Run-away alarm clock**? This device gives you only one chance to get up. After that, it actually rolls away and you have to get out of bed to turn it off. This item is priced around \$39 and can be found at EWF Modern, 1122 N.W. Glisan St., Portland.

Regardless of the hobby, gadgets and gizmos are sure to please almost any member of the family this holiday season.

— Lori Hall



The Smoking Gun injects smoke flavor without the heat into foods and beverages.



Attach the Oloclip to an iPhone to expand picture-taking options.



The Wine Doctor keeps oxygen from destroying an unfinished bottle of wine, allowing you to enjoy every last drop.



# On the road

We love our cars. We start the ignition and bask in true privacy, or as much privacy as possible if we happen to have a cell phone. Whether you have an Aston Martin, a Lamborghini or simply an old jalopy you keep nursing along with frequent oil changes, it's fun to buy a new accessory for your vehicle, every now and then. The following are some last-minute gift ideas for your automobile. Prices were as of early December.

**VW and Volvo caps and T-shirts** — Drop by **HM Motorsports** in Beaverton, and in the lobby, you'll see a fun collection of these clothing items in a range of prices. HM Motorsports is located at 3920 S.W. 141st Ave., in Beaverton (503-619-3361).

**Silver Detail Package** — While at HM Motorsports, consider giving an auto detail to your favorite friend or relative. In this package, they will vacuum the complete interior carpet, wash interior windows and mirrors, vacuum the trunk and luggage area. Many other services are offered in the Silver Detail Package. The price is \$99.95. HM Motorsports also offers the Gold Detail Package and the Platinum Detail Package.

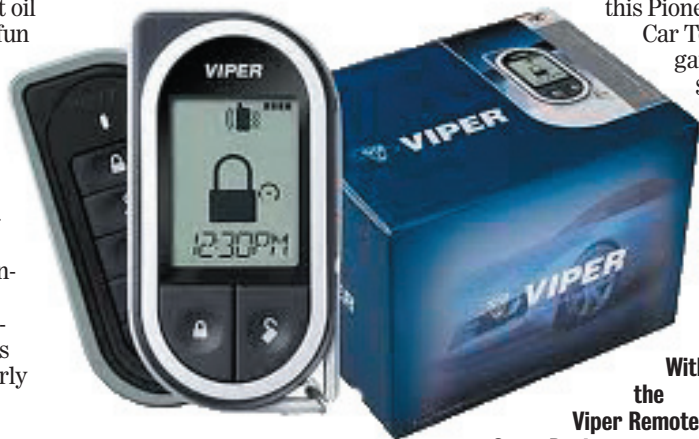
**Meguiar's New Car Kit** — This item, great for new cars, features Wash and Wax (foams away dirt and grime), Ultimate Liquid Wax for a terrific gloss and Endurance, which is a tire gel. This kit is available at Ace Hardware at Progress Ridge TownSquare in Beaverton for \$17.99.

**Alpine 2-din CD Receiver** — Car radios have changes since the 60s, when you would

twist the dial to find your favorite radio station. Car radios have now embraced technology. This fun radio, found at **Stereo King** in Aloha, has AM, FM, CD, Bluetooth and iPod capabilities. Find this neat stocking stuffer at a price of \$197. Stereo King is located at 19299 S.W. Tualatin Valley Highway.

**Parrott Minikit hands-free Speaker phone** — If you need to use the phone, this device will make traveling much more enjoyable. Available at Stereo King in Aloha. Price: \$59.

**Pioneer DVD/CD Receiver with built-in navigation** — Navigation devices are quite popular these days, and this particular model has touch screen, customizable menus. Built-in Bluetooth. You can find this Pioneer unit at Car Toys in Tigard. Price: \$629.96.



With the **Viper Remote Start Device**, you can turn the ignition from the comfort of your home and get into a toasty car with frost-free windows.

**Parrott Bluetooth Car Kit** — With this kit, according to the package, you can easily make and answer calls with steering wheel controls. This connects to MP3 players

via additional cable for easy music portability. The price, not installed, is \$239.99. Available at Car Toys in Tigard.

**Escort Passport 8500 radar detector** — If your idea of fun is to install a radar detector, you'll find this unit at Stereo King in Aloha.

You'll be able to communicate with other drivers who have this system. Price: \$287.

**Viper Remote Start Device** — Let's face it, winter weather in the Pacific Northwest can be brutal. Just remember the recent stretch of heavy rains we've had. If you happen to encounter a heavy rain storm as you leave the shopping mall, a Viper Remote Start Device can help. It's a two-way, one-button remote start. This unit is \$114 (\$230 installed). Available at Stereo King in Aloha.

**Car stereo accessories** — On a back wall at Car Toys in Tigard, you'll find an impressive collection of car stereo accessories. Among the many items, you'll find a **JL Audio Amplifier Power Connection System**, an **Xtreme Dynamat Sound Deadener with thermal barrier**, a **Dynamat License Place Kit** and a **Sound Quest Amplifier Wiring Kit**.

— Scott Keith

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# Grab a bite

Whether you're preparing to set out for a day of holiday shopping, or ready to relax and let someone else do the cooking, tasty food always makes the day better. This winter gather with family and friends and celebrate the holidays by eating out. Try something new.

Portland and its surrounding communities host a gamut of primo eating spots. The level of cooking and mixology is outstanding, and the range of choices, almost endless. Naturally, the holidays are a busy time and the crafters behind the ingredients create one recipe after another so we all can momentarily sit down and enjoy being served.

Here's a few places to whet your whistle and grab a bite. Bring your appetite.

**Iconic Peruvian flair — Andina Restaurant**, 1314 N.W. Glisan St., Portland (503-228-9535). Stop by Andina for contemporary novo Peruvian cuisine. The traditional dishes are nurtured by chefs who add modern touches and prepare them with sophistication.

Many people come in for the tapas served in small, medium and large plates starting at



**Mai Asia Restaurant in Tualatin offers a tasty beef pho. Beef meatballs and well-done brisket are served in a slow simmered beef broth infused with star anise and cinnamon chips. A generous portion of fresh basil and sprouts come with the soup. Also pictured here is a black teriyaki dish.**

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\$10.50. The rich fusion of tastes and aromas are created to complement the Pacific Northwest. The freshest, most authentic ingredients available are used. Here's just one example from the current menu of traditional main courses: Arroz con Pato, a gourmet version of an iconic Peruvian dish with duck served two ways: crispy duck confit and duck breast pan-seared to order. The poultry is paired with cilantro-infused rice, a savory-sweet passion-fruit sauce and baby carrots. The food and ambience is designed to give guests a glimpse

of Peru and Latin America in a comfortable setting of bright colors, earth tones and Incan architecture. Enjoy daily live music by a host of Peruvian artisans.

**Lunch is now served — Bugatti's Ristorante**, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn, (503-636-9555). There are four Bugatti's restaurants in the area (West Linn, Tanasbourne, Beaverton and Oregon City) but only one original Italian dinner house in West Linn's Robinwood neighborhood.

New corporate executive chef Rodney Duncan plans on leaving all the great fan favorites on the menu including the extensive selection of goodies and an ambitious assortment of cocktails and Italian wines. "Customers will continue to find traditional Italian recipes that are homemade and consistent, and great value dishes," he says, referring to the ravioli dish of the week.

One of the big changes in West Linn: For the first time, lunch is being served. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., an afternoon menu is being offered. Look forward to sandwiches, such as turkey with dried tomatoes and pulled braised lamb with feta and roasted garlic aioli, and a luncheon spin on some serious dinner entrees. Stop by for a drink and experience happy hour every day from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you like, choose a seat, year-round, on the bright, warm patio. To cap off a meal, try one of Maria Koenig's housemade desserts.

**Brunch and better — Bar Carlo**, 6433 S.E. Foster Road, Portland (503-771-1664). Come experience food and drinks in a comfortable, laid-back atmosphere. Open six years this February, the two-room eatery offers tasty specials and delectable cocktails. Brunch is served until 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. All dishes are made from scratch, including the salsas and chorizo, a spicy cured Spanish sausage. (The owners take particular care in ordering local, natural meats.) The great use of seasonal ingredients and meaty flavors makes this restaurant a pleasant surprise. Try the savory crepes, anything made with

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carnitas (slow-braised pork), corned beef hash, or the vegetarian selections. And listen carefully to the daily specials — you'll be tempted by the mouthwatering combinations. Wash it down with a watermelon margarita or bloody mary. Closed Tuesdays.

**Fresh Vietnamese — Mai Asia Restaurant,** 8489 S.W. Warm Springs St., Tualatin (503-691-9304). This small, family-run operation offers a variety of dishes including grilled pork and shrimp, sesame beef, peanut chicken satay, red coconut curry, lemongrass marinated beef fillet, and gluten-free entrees. The “Wok Yourself,” or make-your-own combination, can inspire a number of Asian fusion dishes such as red curry with basil, ginger and vegetables for \$5.95 (or add shrimp for \$8.50). Many guests stop by for the flavorful slow-simmered soups. The beef brisket pho (soup) has tasty hints of anise and cinnamon and is served with a generous portion of tangy sweet basil and sprouts. The food is real fresh, simple and reasonably priced. Pull up a chair at one of 10 modest tables. Call ahead for a quick to-go order. Closed Sundays.

**Happy hour hot spot — McCormick's Fish House & Bar,** 9945 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Beaverton (503-643-1322). The menu, printed daily, reflects seafood, pastas, aged steaks, gourmet salads and house-made desserts such as chocolate espresso cake. Local ranches, farms and wineries supply some of the ingredients for the regionally inspired dishes.

Happy hour here is a neighborhood favorite with a bar that features hand-crafted cocktails (including \$6 margaritas) using fresh-squeezed juices, \$3.50 draft beer, \$4 well drinks, \$5 glasses of wine and \$7 martinis. The \$2.95 to \$5.95 food menu includes a full-size cheeseburger and fries, calamari, spinach dip, Baja fish tacos and shrimp skewers. Gath every day from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close, and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily with the exception of no lunch on Sundays.

**It's about the love — Mother's Bistro & Bar,** 212 S.W. Stark St., Portland (503-464-1122). Lisa Schroeder, owner and chef at Mother's, offers American home-style, slow-

cooked food prepared with love. Her recipes are inspired by moms and resemble the dishes lovingly cooked by mothers for their families. Pot roast, meatloaf, the pasta of the day, Caesar salad, vegan stir-fry, sautéed seasonal vegetables and creme brulée are some of the menu favorites. Each month a recommended mother's, from anywhere around the world, specialty recipes are featured. This month's “Mom of the Month” is Therese Dieringer from Hungary. Dieringer's menu includes hearty stuffed cabbage rolls, Hungarian pork goulash and a comforting layered version of apple pie served warm with housemade rum raisin ice cream and caramel sauce. Schroeder says everything matters — every flavor, every layer, including the rich mixtures in her classy infused cocktails and winter drinks. Consider a happy hour drink in the lounge from the \$5 “house-infused cocktail” menu. Or, sip a hot toddy. Naturally, not any ol' toddy, but one made with black currant tea, house-infused cinnamon and clove bourbon, and muddled orange and lemon. Feeling warmer already? Closed Mondays.

**Celebrating family, Italian style — Tucci Italian Restaurant,** 220 S.W. A Ave., Lake Oswego (503-697-3383). Unwind in the dining atmosphere that embodies the importance of spending time with family and friends. Celebrating its 10th-year anniversary, from the kitchen comes the flavors of Italian-style foods made with fresh Northwest ingredients.

Entrees are complemented by a selection of artisanal Italian wines. Pasta favorites, organic, quality meats (including burgers), fresh prawns and crab, pizza and pork tenderloin are among the dishes prepared in the open kitchen. Starting at 9:30 a.m., Tucci serves Saturday and Sunday brunch. Naturally, benedicts, omelets and pancakes are on the menu. Lunch is prepared Tuesdays through Fridays. The creative dinner menu includes popular pan-seared sea scallops with sunchoke-marcona puree and signature lamb pappardelle.

“Our goal is to always celebrate family, food and friends,” says Greg, a member of the Tucci family and the restaurant's general manager. Closed Mondays.

— Gail Park



For the sake of a photo, Bugatti's new corporate executive chef Rodney Duncan (left) prepares a dish of butternut ravioli, while Paul LaLone, the executive chef at West Linn's Bugatti's Ristorante, seasons the popular entree.

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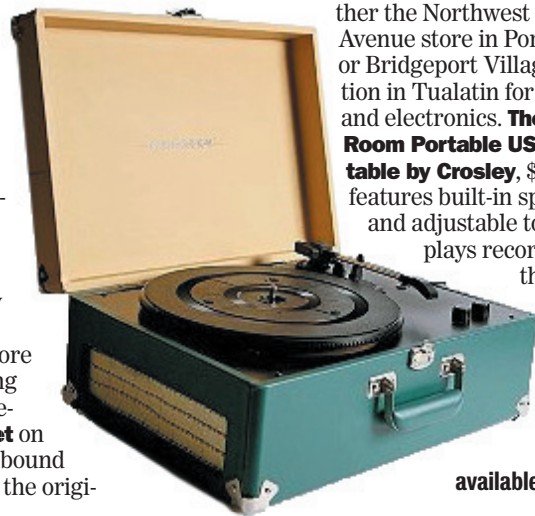
Check out the new **Grizzly Bear** album, or help someone get into the holiday spirit with the new Sufjan Stevens box set, "Silver & Gold." It features about three hours of seasonal songs influenced by oratorios, hymns and sacred harp music, among other things. For a more traditional holiday soundtrack, check out "This Christmas" by Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. The album features the "Grease" co-stars performing Christmas classics as well as a new original track.

For year-round enjoyment the store offers a variety of box sets, including collections on vinyl and on CD. A recently released **The Beatles box set** on vinyl comes with 14 albums, a hardbound book, plus replicated artwork from the origi-

nal dozen-plus albums, including the poster from the White Album and cutouts from Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Or, your gift could highlight **Portland musicians**, such as **Typhoon**, **The Builders and Butchers**, **Blind Pilot** and **Menomena**, to name a few standouts.

Another option: **Portland Cello Project**. You could package one of the cello project's albums with the preorder of the cello project's forthcoming release, "Homage," due out this spring. The preorder, available through [portlandcelloproject.com](http://portlandcelloproject.com), includes the CD, a poster of the album art, some "I Heart Cello" stickers and an immediate download of one track.



**Urban Outfitters** isn't just about clothes and kitsch these days. Check out either the Northwest 23rd Avenue store in Portland or Bridgeport Village location in Tualatin for music and electronics. **The AV Room Portable USB Turntable by Crosley**, \$160, features built-in speakers and adjustable tone, plays records at three

**The AV Room Portable USB Turntable by Crosley is one of multiple computer-compatible record players available at Urban Outfitters.**

speeds and can be plugged in anywhere. This vintage-style turntable is also fully compatible with Macs and PCs, and it's available in multiple color combinations. UO also sells record racks (\$39 and up) and albums.

**Handmade microphones by Ear Trumpet Labs** look as good as they sound. They're built from repurposed materials in Portland and run \$350 and up. Order one at [eartrumpet-labs.com](http://eartrumpet-labs.com).

Another updated take on a retro concept: **Restoration Hardware's Gramophone for iPod and iPad** (\$249 and \$299, respectively). Go to [restorationhardware.com](http://restorationhardware.com) or visit the store for more information.

For a variety of instruments and accessories, check out **Guitarfish Music**, which has stores at 15955 S.W. 72nd Ave. in Tigard and 1300 N.E. 48th Ave., in Hillsboro. The shop carries guitars, digital pianos, drum kits, recording equipment and accessories. A studio retail store with a focus on music education, Guitarfish is also a good place to buy a package of music lessons for any age.

Some new books are sure to please music fans. In "**How Music Works**," former Talking Heads frontman David Byrne touches on "the joy, the physics and



**Sufjan Stevens' and Portland Cello Project's latest are just two of many gift choices for your music lover.**

even the business of making music" to create "a brainy, irresist-

ible adventure and an impassioned argument about music's liberating, life-affirming power," according to the publisher, McSweeney's. The book comes highly recommended by reviewers, including one that noted "anyone at all interested in music will learn a lot from this book." The hardcover is listed for \$32 but is on sale at Powell's, which has locations in downtown Portland, on Hawthorne Boulevard, at the Portland airport and in Beaverton.

Another recent release for music fans: "**Bruce**," the first biography in 25 years written with Bruce Springsteen's cooperation. It's by Portland author Peter Ames Carlin.

You can also now preorder from Powell's "**Unknown Pleasures: Inside Joy Division**," by Peter Hook, bassist for the legendary band. It comes out in January 2013.

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# Outdoor fun

While Portland has an array of large stores for outdoors enthusiasts — **REI**, **Columbia Sportswear** and even **Filson**, to name a few — smaller operations fill in some of the gaps.

Head to **Next Adventure** to take someone's hiking skills up a notch with a new pair of trekking poles, or get started with a new bag for springtime backpacking excursions. If you're feeling lucky, check out the basement, which features a huge selection of used clothing and gear. Small gift items include **polar fleece gloves** for about \$5 and warm **hats** for about \$10 and up. **Klean Kanteen water bottles** and moisture-wicking wool socks also are popular. **Snowshoe kits**, listed for about \$150 for snowshoes, telescoping poles and a carry bag, make great gifts for winter hiking. The store is at 426 S.E. Grand Ave. in Portland.



Stephen Green offers a multitude of gifts for those who like the outdoors at Alpine Outfitters in Lake Oswego. PHOTO: VERN UYETAKE

**Alpine Outfitters**, 461 Second St. in Lake Oswego, offers access to great outdoor gear without a trip downtown. In addition to **sunglasses, hats, water bottles, packs and shoes**, you'll find helpful **tools** like knives. Grab some locally produced backpacking **food by Hungry Hikers** (under \$10 a pack) for a stocking stuffer. **Murray's Hurried Curry**, a



blend of couscous, curry, coconut and chicken, won Backpacker magazine's 2012 editors' choice award.

**Royal Treatment Fly Fishing Shop**, 21570 Willamette Drive in West Linn, offers plenty of gift options for the fly fishers and anglers on your list.

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When it comes to stocking stuffers, the options are unlimited as long as you can get the gifts to fit inside those stockings. So we've made it easy: We scoured the Portland area and came up with stuffers that should please even the most picky person on your list.

Tea for two (or more) — Have a tea lover you're shopping for? If so, you can knock out a good portion of that stocking without draining your pocketbook at **Stash Tea** (7250 S.W. Durham Road, Building J, Tigard, 503-603-9905, or at 3972 N. Mississippi Ave., Portland, 971-717-6370). Stash offers 10-count herbal, green, organic, assorted, white or decaf **mini samplers** for \$3.50 apiece. Devin Kelly, Stash's retail operations manager, quipped about the popularity of the sampler: "It's getting to be like a running joke around here," she said. "We almost get tired of stocking those things because they go so quickly." Stash also offers **infusers** starting at \$2.90, **swizzle sticks** at \$3.50, and honey sticks at \$4.95.

Keep it cool — There are several interesting and unique stocking stuffers we suggest, but you better keep this one away from the fireplace if you intend to spark a flame. **Chocolates By Bernard** (440 Fifth St., Lake Oswego, 503-675-7500) stays in the holiday spirit by offering **chocolate Santas**, which are exclusively made in Calgary, Canada. Available in dark or milk chocolate, these chunky bundles of joy start out at \$4.75 and range to \$50. "We have such a wide variety," store co-owner Laura Adler said. "We also have assorted boxes that are holiday gift-wrapped." If Santa isn't your style, you should check out the **white chocolate snowmen** to meet your needs.

For the cyclist — Who doesn't have a cyclist on their Christmas list living in the Portland area? Need to put a smile on that person's face? Visit **Cayuse Cycles** in West Linn (21560 Willamette Drive, 503-342-6168) where you can pick up a pack of **mini tools**, starting at \$14, or **mini pumps**, starting at \$18. Keep that cyclist safe at night with **lighting packages**, which start at \$28.

Singin' the brews — Nothing can be more frustrating than trying to fill a stocking for someone who shrugs their shoulders when you ask him or her what they want for Christmas. But if that person has a taste for fine beer, you might want to visit **The Hoppy Brewer** (328 N. Main Ave., Gresham, 503-328-8474). Owner Steve Krause concedes you might want to start stretching that stocking now if you want to pick up a **growler**, but if you do, there are 13 options. His best seller is the **RPM IPA**, which is brewed by Boneyard Beer in Bend. Growlers traditionally run \$13 to \$20.

Handmade goodies — **Alder & Co.** offers a variety of items for the holiday shopper. Store manager Rebecca Westby said some of the hotter stocking-stuffer items at Alder & Co. are **honey dippers**, which are handmade in a Vermont mill, or **natural soaps** (\$14 apiece), by Jaboneria Marianella. It also offers a set of 78 **tarot cards** by The Wild Unknown (\$40), designed for seasoned readers or those new to tarot. Alder & Co. is at 537 S.W. 12th Ave., Portland (503-224-1647).

Natural soap  
fits nicely into a  
stocking and keeps your  
loved ones clean.

Comically speaking — How can you forget about children when you think about Christmas presents? The short answer is: You don't. If you're looking to fill a stocking for a child, check out **Things From Another World** (10977 S.E. Main St., Milwaukie, and 2916 N.E. Broadway, Portland, or 4390 S.W. Lloyd Ave., Beaverton). "We have a whole row for stocking stuffers," said Sean Winn, the Milwaukie store manager. Winn said **mini figures** have been in large demand. They start at \$2.99 and top out at \$7.99. A few of the top sellers are the **E.T. minis** and "**The Nightmare Before Christmas**" figures.

— Lance Ogden

# Fun and games

The Portland area offers easy access to toy stores that are as fun for adults to explore as they are for children.

Games and puzzles abound at **Frog Pond Toys**, 310 N. State St. in Lake Oswego, known for its selection of products that encourage kids to use their brains. Frog Pond's experts recommend giving art supplies to any age group, and packs of crayons, markers, paints, colored pencils and activity books can each be purchased for less than \$10. Uglydoll toys, another staple, range from about \$10 to \$20.

The **Doodle-Track Car** is a new take on racecars that lets kids dream up their own course of twists, turns and loop-de-loops. The battery-powered car uses optical sensors to follow any bold black line drawn on a white background; customizable racetracks can also be designed online and printed at home. The cars are \$17.99 each.

**Suspend**, a hanging balance game that

looks a bit like a sculpture, offers fun for the entire family. It's \$16.99 at Frog Pond.

**Myachi**, a modern take on the hacky sack — using hands instead of feet — is fun for individuals and for groups. With battle paddles, players can do more complex tricks, tossing hand sacks to much greater heights and distances, or playing catch with a friend. The hand sacks are \$5.99; with battle paddles, they're \$22.99.

Portland's **Kids at Heart**, 3445 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., has plenty of science kits to thrill young explorers. For \$15.95, **Copernicus Toys' Cool Blue Light Experiment** offers fun lessons about chemiluminescence and how fireflies glow, and you can use the **Edible Chemistry Kit** to make soda pop and polymer pudding. You can also buy whole "break your own geodes" as stocking stuffers. Up to 80 percent of the rocks have hollow centers with crystals inside. They're suitable for ages 8 and up so long as adult supervision is provided.

Tots have a tough time destructing sturdy board books, and adorably illustrated **BabyLit** counting and color primers

introduce toddlers to classic literature by the likes of Jane Austen, William Shakespeare, Charlotte Brontë and Lewis Carroll. Books in the series cost \$9.99 each.

**Kids at Heart** also has a huge selection of **stuffed toys** and **soft puppets** suitable for



Uglydoll toys are always a popular gift item at Frog Pond Toys in Lake Oswego.

PHOTO: KARA HANSEN MURPHEY

youngsters. There's even a **plush grilled chicken** for \$19.95 with removable drumsticks and wings held on by Velcro.

**Paxton Gate**, purveyor of treasures and curiosities at 4204 N. Mississippi Ave. in Portland, offers oddities for kids who are into natural science or the bizarre. The store has **volcano-making kits**, **sparkling geodes and fossils** as well as **knit dissection kits**, which feature crocheted animals — a rat, frog and bat, to name a few — pinned to boards and spread open for "dissection." They even have tiny felted organs. At \$124 and up, the price point might seem high, but these handmade pieces can be used over and over again.

Another fun gift is a **human body coloring**

**book**, \$21.95, which offers detailed anatomical illustrations for the entire human body. There's also a slimmer version especially for kids for \$4.99.

Short on time? Stop by Best Buy, Target or anywhere else you can buy DVDs and pick up a copy of **"The Lorax,"** the 2012 animated adaptation of Dr. Seuss' book. The eco-friendly tale holds appeal for all ages and features the voices of Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Zac Efron, Taylor Swift and Betty White. You could even include a copy of the book, published in 1971, to go along with it. You can get a Blu-ray and DVD combo pack with a wearable Lorax mustache at Target for about \$25.

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Materials and advice for the following plant gifts are available at **The Gardener's Choice** on Highway 99 in Tigard, except for the **hanging glass terrarium ornament**, which is available at **New Season's Market**, Progress Ridge in Beaverton as well as other New Season's locations.

**Mini-terracotta pot with paperwhite narcissus**, \$2 — Plant a narcissus bulb in a bit of potting soil inside a tiny terracotta pot. Place pot over a saucer. If you have a pot without a drainage hole, use pebbles instead of soil. Tie a ribbon around the pot and add a holiday gift card.

**Antiqued porcelain teacup with paperwhite narcissus**, \$6 — Antiqued teacup crackle-painted with a frog, butterfly, or dragonflies gives this gift personality. Add smooth pebbles and a



Plant a paperwhite narcissus (left) in December and it will bloom in the new year. Assembling your own sedum wreath (right) will take a little time, but is worth the effort and can live indoors or out.

single paperwhite narcissus bulb. A drain hole is not needed if the narcissus is planted in gravel. Make sure gravel only covers about one-half of the bulb. The narcissus will bloom in four to six weeks from planting.

**Decorative holiday arrangement in a pot**, \$25 — Start with a red pottery container and then add florist foam as a base. Purchase, or snip from your garden, evergreen stems and arrange upright by "planting" in the foam. Add pine cones or ornamental balls with wire or bows. Arrangement is suitable for inside or outside and will last weeks with watering.



**Hanging Glass Terrarium Ornament**, \$13 — Green thumb experts at New Seasons at Progress Ridge in Beaverton offer a class to teach how to assemble a small pear-shaped terrarium with sedums and sand for \$13, all materials included. If you miss the class, the experts are available to advise you.

**Hanging conical basket with cut arrangement**, \$20-40 — Rustic weave "ice cream cone" base includes handle-hook and a plastic liner. Insert soaked florist foam in bottom of basket. Select cuttings of red twig dogwood, juniper, holly, and arrange in foam. Attach pinecones,

ornamental balls, and birds with wires.

**Evergreen holiday wreath**, \$10-30 — Start with a 16-inch wire wreath form. Add evergreen cuttings from your garden or the local garden shop. Combine two or three stems into a bundle and insert into an opening in the wire grid. Fill each wire grid with bundles, overlapping bundles to add fullness. Stephanie of The Gardener's Choice, Tigard, suggests using juniper, rosehips, camellia, nandina, and holly stems. Add pinecones and a ribbon.

**Day at the beach in a fish bowl terrarium**, \$16-60 — For a whimsical gift, make a fish bowl terrarium a miniature vacation location. Just add sand and dollhouse beach furniture. Multiple sizes of terrariums and assorted dollhouse furniture are available at The Gardener's Choice.

**Living sedum wreath**, \$30-100 — The living sedum wreath will be a cherished gift that may take a few hours to assemble. Start with a 14-inch living wreath wire form. Line the bottom of the form with sphagnum moss and add potting soil. Make small planting holes in the soil with a screwdriver, and insert the root balls of small sedum plants into the holes. Use a variety of sedum colors and textures distributed evenly about the wreath. Cover all exposed dirt with sphagnum moss. Soak bottom of wreath in a garbage can lid filled with water for about half an hour. Let the wreath lie flat for a week before hanging up. Hardy succulent wreaths are suited for either indoors or outdoors.

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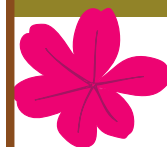
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**Wok** — For tasty, nutritious stir-fries cooked fast over high heat, a wok can't be beat. Electric stove owners should choose a flat bottom, and handles should be long and heavy. Consider avoiding nonstick surfaces, which damage easily and may rub off on food.

**Juicers** — These are all the rage, from small, inexpensive appliances for citrus to the king Hurom which handles fruit, vegetables, nuts and soybeans. Check washing instructions before you buy.

**KitchenAid blenders, food processors and stand mixers** — The workhorses for those who love to cook come in every shade of the rainbow. If you already own a mixer, attachments can open a world of recipes and techniques from grinding wheat berries for fresh flour to making ice cream.

**6. Pasta machine:** Try homemade pasta, and you'll never love store-bought again. Pick up a book with illustrated directions or search "pasta machine" on YouTube. Note, flour matters. Bob's Red Mill Unbleached White is available in many stores and is highly recommended. Specialty flours like whole wheat and buckwheat are tasty but hard to work with, so try adding a little to un-



PHOTO: POLINA OLSEN  
Vince Carbone of Hillsdale checks out the coffee-makers with Shelly Johnson (right) and Erika Eggo of Kitchen Kaboodle.

bleached white at first.

**Bread maker** — Love the smell and taste of homemade bread, but not the time it takes to make? Pop your ingredients into a bread machine at night and wake up to fresh rolls and coffee.

**Bagel guillotine** — Those who cut bagels with knives clog hospital emergency rooms on Sunday mornings. Every bagel lover needs a bagel guillotine.

**Chocolate fondue set** — For a Christmas treat and family fun, check out these deli-

cious concoctions.

**Gingerbread mix and cookie cutters** — Kids love making gingerbread men. Pick up some M&Ms for the eyes.

Visit [www.kitchenkaboodle.com](http://www.kitchenkaboodle.com) for Lloyd Center, Northwest 23rd Avenue, Hall Boulevard (near Washington Square), Clackamas Town Center and Orenco Station locations. Open daily at five locations. Call 503-288-1500 for holiday hours.

— Polina Olsen

## Gifts for the adventurous cook

Kristl Bridge loved making her own cheese, fermenting sauerkraut and pressing apples. The trouble was that gathering supplies meant online shopping across the country. She and husband Doug solved the problem by opening **Portland Homestead Supply Co.** in Sellwood. Now do-it-yourself homemakers and adventurous cooks have one-stop shopping close to home.

"We have a huge range of customers from people who grew up on farms to those just starting to learn," Bridge said. What sells most varies by season. Bring the kids, and visit the exotic chickens, goats and ducks in the cozy back barn. Stop for lunch at Grand Central Bakery across the street, and save time for browsing antique shops along Southeast 13th Avenue.

**Classes** — Offerings vary each month, but always make a great gift. From fresh pasta to cheese-making and coffee roasting to bath bombs, bar soaps and backyard gardening, experts drop by to teach, and all

supplies are available. Hint: Kids love the bath bombs class.

**Garden tools and supplies** — Ready to grow your own vegetables? Find all the tools you'll need, along with chicken manure, worm compost, kelp extract and more.

**Cheese-making kits** — Treat the family to homemade queso blanco, fromage, ricotta or goat cheese. Warning: You may get addicted.

**Yogotherm yogurt maker** — Cut the cost of yogurt in half by making your own. Heat the milk, add a starter, pour it into the specially designed tub, and it's ready the next day. Starters are available, or try a few tablespoons of store bought yogurt to generate a half-gallon more.

**Sourdough starters** — The finest French bakers have generations-old sourdough starters. Keep yours in the fridge, feed it each week, and you'll never need dry yeast again. These under-\$25 kits will jump-start your expert bread-baking experience. Recipes are included.

**Pickling** — Make your own sauerkraut

with a beautiful crockpot. (Cabbage and salt are not included.)

**Wine and beer-making kits** — Find everything you'll need to concoct your own.

**Canning supplies** — Try picking berries in the summer and canning them for the winter. Nothing beats fresh raspberries on a gray, rainy day. Check out the assortment of jars.

**Soap** — Fragrant soap bars make a great gift. Buy one off the rack or choose a scent and have the store make a batch. Do-it-yourselfers will enjoy all manner of essential oils, plus classes on making their own.

**Aprons and other knickknacks** — Who can resist a timer that looks like a rooster or a pig-shaped cast iron bacon press? Find old-fashioned aprons for cooks of any age.

**Portland Homestead Supply Co.**, 8012 S.E. 13th Ave., Portland, 503.233.8691, [www.homesteadsupplyco.com](http://www.homesteadsupplyco.com), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday.

— Polina Olsen



PHOTO: POLINA OLSEN  
Sarah Bennett visits with Portland Homestead Supply Co.'s resident chickens.



# Beads, baubles

While the holiday season shines, why not let a little of the sparkle linger with the gift of fabulous jewelry? Local shops throughout the area are brimming with gift ideas which will make your season merry and bright.

## Lake Oswego Jewelers

Since 1937, Lake Oswego Jewelers has helped locals celebrate special occasions — and it's a family affair.

Company Vice President Travis Lavespere, a fourth-generation member of the family business, said that **Alwand Vahan's** line adds timeless sophistication through Vahan's **14K gold bracelets** — with or without diamonds — and are available with other gemstone selections. Starting at \$750, the bracelets have been spotted on such celebrities as Jennifer Lopez,



Brooke Burke, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Eva Mendes, Jennifer Hudson and countless others.

**Debbie Brooks** will put pop in your loved ones' wardrobe this season through original, colorful **artwork on purses**. Starting at \$98, this line — in a variety of patterns and designs — adds interest to any outfit.

This long **"Iris" clutch**, in black satin with silver hardware, features silkscreened artwork and is embellished with diamond dust and glitter. It also comes with a 38-inch snake lace chain that folds into the bag. With an inside pocket for lipstick and packaged in a velvet storage bag, grab this purse and make dinner reservations.

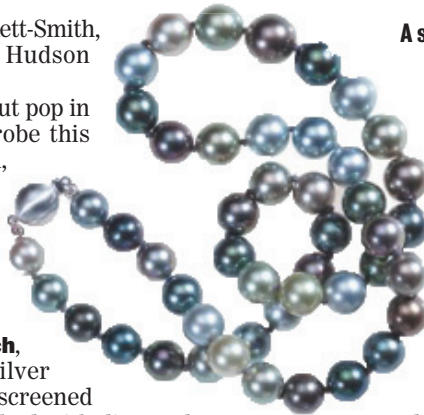
Lake Oswego Jewelers is located at 333 S. State St., Suite Z, in Lake Oswego, 503-636-4994, and online at lojewelers.com.

## Judith Arnell Jewelers

— between Everett and Flanders streets in Portland — offers an assortment of creative gifts this holiday season.

"My clients can feel confident that each and every piece they purchase from Judith Arnell Jewelers is both a solid investment and an excep-

**Metal.CH of Switzerland makes oversize watches for men or women.**



**A strand of pearls is a classic that never goes out of style.**

tional work of wearable art," owner, Judith Arnell, said.

Their line of **oversize watch styles** for both men and women by **Metal.CH of Switzerland** are a more affordable alternative for the luxurious look.

"There are 52 watch styles, all with Swiss movements and Swiss components with a price range from \$495 to \$1,450 — very hot," Arnell said.

**Pearls** also are a popular trend this season — a timeless classic.

"We have pearl strands from \$100 — for a beautiful freshwater strand of pearls — to \$10,000 for a South Seas strand," Arnell said. "Pearls are the No. 1 necklace choice for movie stars this year, and a classic for all age groups. **Bangle bracelets** also are popular this season, Arnell said.

"They are back in a big way. Some of my favorites are these three sterling silver bangles oxidized black with 19K bezels and diamonds," she



**Good things come in small packages. An opal or sapphire ring are gifts that won't be returned.**

said of the bracelets costing between \$1,925 and \$2,450.

The shop carries a large selection of bangles in sterling silver and gold — with or without diamonds — and are well-known for their **colored diamonds, Asscher cut diamonds, and natural, unheated and untreated sapphires.**

Judith Arnell Jewelers is located at 320 N.W. 10th Ave., in Portland, 503-227-3437, and online at juditharnell.com.

## Dyke Vandenburg Jeweler

Nestled in picturesque downtown Lake Oswego, Dyke Vandenburg Jeweler is your stop for **colored gemstones**, along with **ideal cut diamonds.**

Its owner, Dyke Vandenburg, has showcased his one-of-a-kind gold and platinum jewelry in the shop since 1977.

And this holiday season, he suggests special gifts at a variety of price points — such as quality **sterling silver bracelets** from \$350 to \$450 and **custom designed rings**, such as his favorites made using diamonds, 18K gold and sapphire with platinum and retailing from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Custom-designed **opal rings** feature 18K white and yellow gold and retail from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

Dyke Vandenburg Jeweler is located at 27 A Ave. in Lake Oswego, 503-636-4025, and online at vandenburgjewelers.com.

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# What's cooking

Have someone on your gift-giving list who would appreciate receiving specialty food? Here is a list of 12 specialty food items, one for each of the 12 Days of Christmas, all of which are sure to please even the pickiest of eaters. These are perfect to use as stocking stuffers or hostess gifts. You might even tuck a few under the tree for yourself.

**The Oilerie's 25-year-old balsamic vinegar**, \$20. Actually, all of the items sold at The Oilerie make impressive gifts. Their imported olive oils and balsamic vinegars range in price from \$14.50 to \$20; spice blends and other products also are available. The Oilerie is located at 438 First Street in Lake Oswego and is open daily. Call 503-675-6457 or visit [oilerie.com/store-location/lake-oswego](http://oilerie.com/store-location/lake-oswego).

**Hand-harvested sea salt from Jacobsen's Salt Co.** This company uses traditional methods to hand-harvest sea salt from Oregon's cold ocean waters. "We're

the first company to harvest salt from the Oregon coast since Lewis and Clark," said Ben Jacobsen, the company's founder. Jacobsen's Salt Co. offers **flake finishing salt**, **Oregon truffle salt**, **Oregon pinot noir flake salt** and **Oregon pinot blanc flake salt** online at [jacobsensalt.com/](http://jacobsensalt.com/) and at many locations locally, listed on the website. Cost is \$10 for a 4-ounce bag and \$3.50 for a pocket-size take-along tin.

**Kelly's Jelly** signature **Habareno Pepper Jelly** with a **Spode Christmas dish and spreader**, \$20. Kelly Calabria, owner and creator of Kelly's Jelly, offers free shipping everywhere in the United States on case orders received by Dec. 12, so consider ordering a case or two of Kelly's Jelly choice jams and jellies, which are hand-made here in Oregon. Go to [kelly-jelly.com](http://kelly-jelly.com).



Olive oils from **Oregon Olive Mill**. Or-

**A jar of Kelly's Jelly, with a Spode dish and spreader, makes a festival gift.**

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egon Olive Mill at Red Ridge Farm in Dayton is the largest commercial olive mill in the Pacific Northwest. The folks at Red Ridge Farm currently are growing 13,000 olive trees on 17 acres in the heart of the Willamette Valley. Offered this season are **Arbequina**, **Koroneki** and **Tuscan extra-virgin olive oils** at \$18.95 per 12.7-ounce bottle. Online at [oregonolive-mill.com](http://oregonolive-mill.com) or visit them at 5510 N.E. Breyman Orchards Road, in Dayton. Call 503-864-8502.

Wine from **Ardiri Winery and Vineyards**. You should note that Ardiri's **2009 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir** was named one of Oregon's Top 50 Best Wines. A gift from Ardiri Winery just keeps on giving. A percentage of all December sales will be donated to Family Bridge, a local organization that helps homeless families get back on their feet. Customers bringing



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**The Oilerie's 25-year-old balsamic vinegar would make a great stocking stuffer or hostess gift for many on your list.**

call 503-628-6060.

**Savory Spice Shop.** You really need to visit this unique spice shop located in Sellwood. They have **themed gift sets** such as **Barbe-**

an unwrapped gift by Dec. 16 for the KGW Toy Drive will receive a free pre-view tasting of the 2010 Due Stati, a unique blend of pinot noir grapes from the Willamette and Napa valleys. The 2009 vintage received Sunset magazine's Silver Award in the International Wine Competition. For those who really like to do their shopping at the last minute, Ardiri will stay open until at least 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. The winemaker and owner invite you to come celebrate with them. Ardiri Winery and Vineyards is located at 35040 S.W. Unger Road, in Cornelius. Visit [Ardiriwine.com](http://Ardiriwine.com) or

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Have someone on your list who loves adventure? Then perhaps a food tour is perfect for them. **Chef Surja Tjahaja's** (pronounced SIR-jah cha-HI-ya) **Asian Food Market Tours** unlock the secrets of creating fine Asian cuisine at home. He takes you to his favorite shops for fish, spices, vegetables and more. You get to enjoy the tour and then enjoy it all over again each time you cook dishes inspired by the junket. Tjahaja offers tours of markets on Portland's east and west side. He also offers cooking classes and gift certificates for in-house personal cooking instruction and tours. His February tour is timed to coincide with the Lunar New Year — learn all about the special food traditions involved in preparation for the feast. Tours range from \$30 to \$45. Visit [chef2go.biz](http://chef2go.biz) or call 503-656-8910.

**Forktown Food Tours** also offers tours of Portland's Alphabet/23rd Street area, North Mississippi Avenue area, and a unique food and theater experience celebrating the life of James Beard. Costs range from \$65 to \$90. Visit [foodtown.com](http://foodtown.com) or call 503-234-3663.



**Jacobsen's Salt Co. extracts sea salt from Oregon's cold coastal waters.**

Truffles from **Tempress Truffles**. Finding a truffle in a Christmas stocking might seem a bit unusual, but odds are it will be the most appreciated and unforgettable gift given. Elan Hagens, owner of Tempress Truffles, sells a wide variety of mushrooms at Portland State University's Farmers Market,

open through Dec. 15, and other farmers' markets. She also leads mushroom-gathering classes and can train your dog to hunt truffles. Find her on [facebook.com/temptresstruffles](http://facebook.com/temptresstruffles).

**Sauces by NW Elixirs.** Crafted by Chef Andrew Garrett, described as a "mad scientist in the kitchen," and entrepreneur Mitch Miller, these sauces are made using whole roasted vegetables, spices, vinegars and all natural sweeteners. **Hott Sauce 1** is made of roasted habenero peppers and dry arbol chilies combined with just the right amount of northwest honey and southern spices to create the ideal balance of sweet, smoky and spicy. It's the perfect sauce for just about anything. **Hott Sauce 2** is a fresh take on **Green Hott Sauce** with tomatillos, fresh cilantro, serrano and poblano peppers and sweet agave nectar. It's a great accompaniment to all types of foods. Both sauces come in 9-ounce bottles and sell for \$12.25. Buy online at [nwelixirs.com/store/products](http://nwelixirs.com/store/products).

**Beaver Classic Cheese.** New to the public this fall, Beaver Classic Cheese was developed by Oregon State University students, using milk from the university's dairy herd, in the tradition of alpine cheeses made in

Switzerland, Italy and France. It has a subtle, nutty taste with creamy, buttery and caramelized flavors. Beaver Classic Cheese is available in quantities of one to 10 wedges per box. (Each cheese wedge weighs 5.3 oz.) Take advantage of the flat shipping and handling rates; up to four wedges ship for \$9.95 per box, up to 10 wedges ship for \$15.95 per box, and up to five gift packs ship for \$15.95 per box. Order online at [oregonstate.edu/ustores/web/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=27](http://oregonstate.edu/ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=27).



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— Barb Randall

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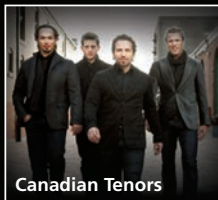
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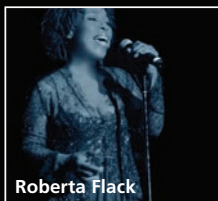


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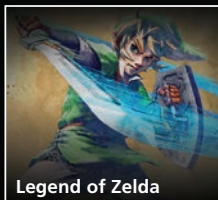
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