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The art and craft of hazelnuts

Rachel and Ryan Henderson are on a mission to make Oregon hazelnuts readily available for local folks — as one of the few tree-to-table hazelnut producers in the U.S.

Their farm, Hazelnut Hill near Eugene, is where the Hendersons craft truly artisanal hazelnut specialty products from roasted nuts to hazelnut-and-chocolate confections. Each order is roasted on demand, and candy is handmade in a commercial-grade kitchen. Rachel tests and develops all recipes, and she's recently created new hot-and-spicy nut flavors and new flavors of toffee. The tree-to-table approach provides Hazelnut Hill customers with high-quality, delicious nut-based products with a full chain of control that assures source and sustainability.

"I think it's important to know where our food comes from, who's growing it, and how it grows," Rachel said.

The hazelnut is Oregon's state nut — but, as Rachel points out, most of the product available here is — strangely enough — grown in Turkey. By enjoying Hazelnut Hill's products, you are supporting a family farm operation with wholesome and sustainable practices.

Adding Caribbean spice to life

Zoe Ditmore has built a business and a way of life around bringing the flavors of the Caribbean to Central Oregon.

"I grew up in Barbados," she told *The Nugget*. "So my childhood memories were eating spicy food."

Moving to Bend in 2003, "one of the things that I noticed was that there was an absence of Caribbean cuisine."

Ditmore moved to fill that void with The Jerk Kings — a food truck operation serving Central Oregon. The trucks featured Jamaican-style jerk dishes on a Caribbean-themed menu, which grew to be popular. Their marinade and sauce were key components of the flavor.

Now local folks can create such Caribbean-themed dishes at home — because The Jerk Kings buttoned up their food trucks and turned to producing and bottling hand-crafted, artisanal Jerk Marinade and Jerk Sauce.

"These recipes were honed over a five-year period and they're very unique to The Jerk Kings," Ditmore said. "The feedback has been tremendous."

Jerk Marinade and Jerk Sauce will soon be available in retail locations in Sisters. Order online at www.thejerkkings.com.

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An ancient art form thrives in Central Oregon

Stained glass is an ancient and revered art form in Western civilization. In the Middle Ages, it added beauty, light, and majesty to medieval cathedrals.

Artisans today bring that beauty into peoples' homes, with windows, door panels, and imaginative installations.

Working with glass is a nearly lifelong passion for Brad Logan, who started working in stained glass in the 1980s. Logan, who has a day job as the operations manager at Bend Broadband, has turned his passion for this venerable art form into a creative artisanal business, High Desert Stained Glass.

Logan perfected his craft in a stained glass studio in southern California through the 1980s, before shifting into a career in telecommunications. Moving to Bend in 2012, he has created glass for homes in Central Oregon and is working to move back fully into the creative field.

"Stained glass is what I would like to do for the remaining part of my career," Logan told *Bend Magazine* last year. "I want to get back to what's comfortable and what I'm passionate about."