

Crafty Christmas Gifts

If you haven't found that perfect holiday gift, the Winter Craft Fair may have just what you're looking for

By Simone Ripke
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For those students whose stress level is about to boil over as they search for the right Christmas or Hanukkah present for their families and friends, life might get just a little easier today.

The EMU Craft Center and the Cultural Forum are co-sponsoring the annual Winter Craft Fair today and Wednesday. Local artists and crafts people, including some University students, will display their work in the EMU concourse between 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., giving students

plenty of time to shop for just the right present or simply enjoy the items on display.

Frank Gosar, a local ceramics sculptor and potter who received a master's of fine arts degree from the University in 1988, has exhibited his work at the craft fair for 12 years.

"I have got some familiarity with the customers," he said.

Gosar said he returns to the craft fair year after year because students and faculty on campus expect to find his work there.

The artist said he brings only his market line of products ranging from \$13 bowls and mugs to \$100 pieces of pottery to the fair to meet students needs and budgets.

Bill Allord, who makes photo frames out of Venetian glass, will display his work at the fair for the third time.

"I like the college atmosphere and the young people," Allord said. He said students seem to like his work and it sells well on campus.

Georgia Vargo, a designer and seamstress, is coming to the craft fair for the first time this year. Her products range from women's dresses and skirts to flannel night gowns. As a member of the Saturday Market, Vargo said she hopes to reach students and faculty who do not come and see her work there because they might not like the Saturday Market.

"If they don't come to you, you go to them," Vargo said. While Vargo offers a variety of self-designed clothing, she also gives customers the opportunity to design their own specialty dresses.

While browsing the displays, students will be entertained by local musicians including Ken Tompson and Eagle Park Slim with blues, guitar and harp music, said Chris Spinelli, a junior sociology major and regional music coordinator for the Cultural Forum.

Protestors march in downtown Seattle

By Rebecca Cook
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Sierra Club held its "Boston W Tea O" march, religious organizations scheduled prayer services and a "nonviolent human chain," and a French farmer passed out free Roquefort cheese outside a McDonald's as protests began in earnest Monday against the World Trade Organization meetings.

Downtown Seattle was a street bazaar of social issues, with leaflets being passed out on corners, demonstrators chanting slogans and crowds of young people taking it all in. Police in riot gear and on horseback were stationed at key intersections, but no major conflicts broke out.

Julia Harrison, 32, of San Francisco, walked with her 7-year-old daughter and pushed her 3-year-old son in his stroller among at least 1,000 noisy but peaceful demonstrators in the downtown Sierra Club parade.

"I'm marching to protect the environment for them and to protect other children in the world from unfair labor practices," she said.

She was here, she added, to show her children "I believe in something strong enough to come and get involved."

Although a feared morning traffic mess failed to materialize, the conference was thrown off schedule by a security threat that closed the meeting's primary venue, the Washington State Trade and Convention Center.

Police spokeswoman Christie-Lynne Bonner said an officer inside

the building spotted evidence of a possible security breach at about 5 a.m., and the building was evacuated. Bonner would not say what the officer found suspicious, but did say nothing dangerous had been found by a police SWAT team or the Secret Service, which swept the building.

The convention center finally opened around 10:30 a.m., four hours late. That delayed the start of a symposium in which environmental, labor and other organizations were to voice concerns about world trade policy to organization officials.

At noon, conference attendees still queued to pass through the center's metal detectors were greeted by the freeform Sierra Club parade, which included other environmental groups, animal rights activists and members of labor unions. The chanting marchers carried banners, flags and signs, such as "WTO — Fix it or Nix it."

"I'm here because I don't like what the WTO stands for," said Freda Knott, 63, of Victoria, British Columbia, a member of the singing group "Raging Grannies." "I want society to be for the people, not the corporations."

Earlier in the day environmental protesters tried to hang a banner from a construction crane. The Rainforest Action Network claimed responsibility for that protest.

An estimated 50,000 anti-WTO activists — with interests ranging from Tibetan rights to sea turtles — are expected here this week for what's being called "The Battle in Seattle" or "Carnival against Capitalism."



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Nov. 22: Criminal Mischief II, 1584 Alder Street, car damaged.

Nov. 22: Theft II, 1400 Block of Moss Street, items stolen from car.

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