

Holiday Gift Guide

Gai-Pied
2544 N.E. Broadway
503-331-1125

This venerable homo destination has a lot more going for it besides gay-specific books, videos and DVDs (which, incidentally, they rent as well as sell). The laid-back atmosphere is perfect for browsing the choice tchotchkes for faggy fa-la-laying. Gai-Pied is the source for the requisite beefcake calendar, with more than 40 incarnations from Bel Ami boyz (\$12.95) to Colt's hairy-chested studs (\$15.95).

Gay Play game \$19.95

Packaged in a handy plastic tote, this game "for lovers" from Kheper Games (created, incidentally, by native Oregonians Brian and Tony Pellham) rolls out a 40- by 60-inch red carpet of love. (Don't worry, it's washable.) Take turns throwing a die and moving from space to space, performing such tasks as "rub something, your choice," "nibble nipple" or "cold hands, start over." The first person to reach the final space gets to select the first lovemaking position, so, really, everyone wins!



Tom of Finland wins the prize for a present with the best package

Tom of Finland doll \$69.69

Boys like to play with dolls, too. And this Helsinki homo is hot, hot, hot. Based on Touko Laaksonen's classic homoerotic art, this articulated 13-inch action figure features interchangeable hands, feet and penis (cut and uncut). Kitos, Touko!

Dress-up refrigerator magnets \$19.95

Who says playing dress-up is for kids when the fella you're dressing—or, perhaps, undressing—is a dude named Jonas Morecock? He's 7 inches of pure play and has four other buddies to choose from, depending on your taste in men (or clothes). Try 'em online at www.xodus-usa.com/magnets.shtml, where you can have a little virtual vamp.

—TK



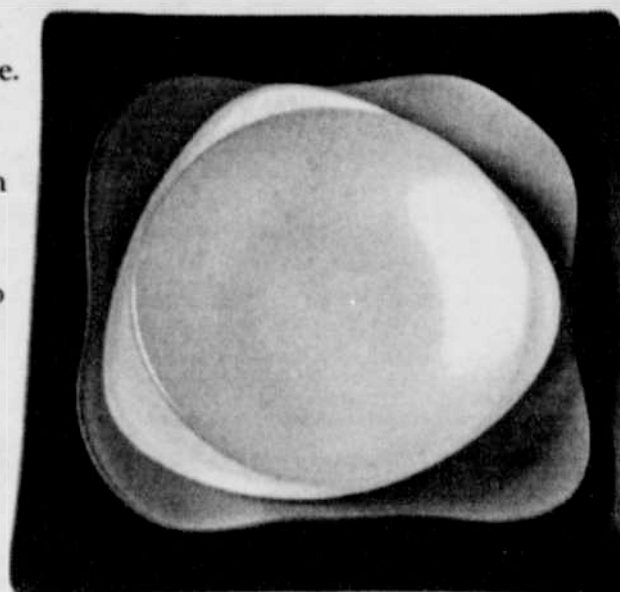
Natural Spaces
6401 S.W. Macadam Ave.
503-892-2373

Owned and run by women, Natural Spaces has a mission to "contribute to the preservation of a healthy planet for future generations by offering products that are environmentally gentle." The store is filled with glass works, dinnerware, art, picture frames, candleholders, ornaments and other wares made from recycled products. A gardening section features hand-crafted brass faucets adorned with animals and wire "garden pets"—a dog or cat to plant alongside your peas.

They also carry a variety of organic linens for dining room, bedroom and bath, plus an assortment of natural soaps and lotions. You'll be feeling so peaceful and earth-friendly by the end of your shopping spree, you might just want to sink down on the organic-sheet-covered bed for a snooze.

Sea Glass dinnerware
price varies

The most stunning items in the store are from



Recycled glass is turned into unusual dinnerware in shapes and sizes that can be mixed and matched

the Sea Glass dinnerware collection by Riverside Design. The hand-colored, bent, recycled glass pieces are unusual and elegant—sort of zen master gone mod. A full set is a splurge—a single

plate could set you back \$37.

Mindful menagerie \$3.50-\$23

If your budget is smaller (like mine!), check out the flat glass wall vases with flower inlays (\$13) or the colorful

recycled glass fish-shaped napkin rings (\$23 for a set of four). Your Critical Mass friends might like a bicycle cog picture frame (\$22). And stuff those stockings with Palmstones soap in gem-like shapes and colors (\$3.50 each).

—MD



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