

**BUY UNION**

# UNION-MADE GIFT IDEAS

Buying any gifts this holiday season? If you buy union, you help keep good jobs in the community, and vote with your dollars for enterprises that pay your fellow workers a living wage with benefits. Union-made can be hard to find. Here are some ideas.



**KITCHENWARE**

Store shelves may be crowded with foreign-made goods, but you can still find gifts for the home cook that are union-made in America. All **Pyrex** products are made in Charleroi, Pennsylvania by 310 members of United Steelworkers (USW) Local 53G. "There's a lot of pride in our product," says Local 53G president Thomas Seal, a 34-year employee at the plant. Other USW members in Pennsylvania and New York make **All-Clad** Stainless Steel Cookware and **Cutco** cutlery. And U.S.-made **Fiesta** brand dinnerware is made in West Virginia by members of the Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers union.

**BOOTS**

**Danner** got its start in 1936 making boots for loggers. Eighty years later, their boots are still built to last, whether for work, hunting, hiking, or around town. Danner makes about half its products at its Northeast Portland factory, where workers are represented by UFCW Local 555. Check the label: If the boots are U.S.-made, they were made here with union labor.



**BLANKETS**

Nothing says Pacific Northwest pride like a **Pendleton Woolen Mills** blanket. Warm and durable, Pendleton blankets (but not apparel) are made in Washougal, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon, by 210 members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49. Their union contract means wages of \$15.94 to \$18.90 an hour, plus overtime after eight hours, and health and pension benefits. You can see how the blankets are made with free tours at both locations.



**MOVIES**

Portland's last unionized movie projectionist was laid off by Cinema 21 in 1997. But most Hollywood films themselves are still overwhelmingly union productions, from the stars in SAG-AFTRA to the gaffers in IATSE. Who wouldn't love to get a gift card to Regal Cinemas, or nonprofit Hollywood Theater, or even Living Room Theaters across from the unionized downtown Powell's Books?

**SMART PHONE**

The smart phone itself is most likely assembled in China, but the workers who maintain the cellular network will be members of Communications Workers of America (CWA) if you choose **AT&T** or **Cricket**. When you visit a company-owned AT&T store in Oregon and Southwest Washington, you're talking with a member of CWA Local 7901. And union members can get a 15-20 percent discount on some cell plans. To download a discount coupon, visit [unionplus.org/benefits/home/att-discounts](http://unionplus.org/benefits/home/att-discounts).



**MUSIC**

**Oregon Ballet Theater**, the **Portland Opera**, the **Oregon Symphony**: All of them employ members of American Federation of Musicians Local 99, IATSE Local 28 crews, and IATSE Local B-20 members, who work as ushers, ticket takers and elevator operators. The biggest employer of union musicians is the Oregon Symphony, with 76 full-timers. Session players earn \$200 per two-hour appearance, plus pension and healthcare contributions.

**WINE**

Unions are rare in the wine industry, but Washington's award-winning **Chateau Ste. Michelle** is an exception. It employs members of United Farm Workers in its vineyards, and members of Teamsters Local 117 in the barrel room, warehouse, production, shipping and maintenance departments at its Woodinville facility. Company labels include **Columbia Crest**, **Chateau Ste. Michelle** wines, **Domaine Ste. Michelle**, and **Snoqualmie**, and others.



**PEOPLE**

Oregon's largest union is looking for a new executive director. **Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503** announced Nov. 20 that current executive director **Brian Rudiger** will be stepping down and not seeking a second term, citing an inability to balance the demands of the role with his family needs.



Brian Rudiger

Rudiger was elected in September 2016, succeeding Heather Conroy, who became executive vice president of SEIU's international. Rudiger will continue as executive director until the Executive Board finds a replacement to serve out the remainder of his term, and plans to continue with Local 503 in a different role. Local 503 will next elect officers, including executive director, in September 2018.

Local 503 represents about 57,000 workers at state and local governments, universities, and nursing homes.

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