

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 members of United Steelworkers (USW) Local 53G. Other USW members in Pennsylvania and New York make top-quality **All-Clad** Stainless Steel Cookware and **Cutco** cutlery. And classic, colorful U.S.-made **Fiesta** brand dinnerware is made by members of Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers Local 419M in Newell, West Virginia.

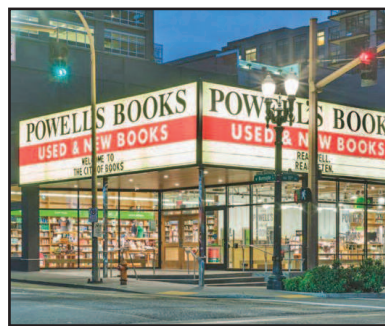
BOOTS

Danner got its start in 1936 making boots for loggers. Eighty-five 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 members of SEIU Local 49. Their union contract means wages of up to \$20 an hour, plus overtime after eight hours, and health and pension benefits.



BOOKS

Forget Amazon. Portland's famous **Powell's Books** is the biggest bookstore west of the Mississippi. It's also one of America's only union booksellers, offering a living wage and benefits to members of ILWU Local 5. Gift cards and more can also be purchased at Powells.com.

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% discount on some cell plans. To download a discount coupon, visit unionplus.org/benefits/home/att-discounts.



ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

Paizo, based in Redmond, Washington, is the maker of Pathfinder and Starfinder, which are among the best-rated and best-selling role playing games. In October, Paizo employees worked with the union CWA to form a union, and the company immediately recognized their union and began bargaining a contract.

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.



Construction unions say Portland's proposed polluter tax is a bad idea

Union building trades are joining the Portland Business Alliance (PBA) in criticizing the City of Portland's proposed Clean Air Protection Fee. The program would levy a \$250 per ton tax on industrial enterprises that emit pollutants, generating \$2 million a year.

On Nov. 30, Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council voted to add its name to a Nov. 17 letter to City Council from PBA. Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters has also signed.

In the letter, PBA says the new tax unfairly targets industry, and threatens job loss, when in fact vehicles create the most pollution, and residential wood combustion is the greatest threat to air quality. PBA says the tax also punishes businesses that are already doing the right thing to reduce emissions in compliance with permitting requirements overseen by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The tax doesn't apply to public sector entities like the City's own sewage treatment plant.

What's more, the letter says, the City has no authority over emissions, which are regulated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enforce federal clean air rules.

Portland City Commissioner Carmen Rubio is overseeing the development of the tax proposal, and Building Trades Council executive secretary-treasurer Willy Myers says construction unions previously asked her to press pause to consider input from affected sectors. Rubio agreed and appointed Myers to an informal work group to discuss the tax, but Myers says its recommendations were ignored.

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