

GIFT GUIDE



Columbia-Pacific Holiday Gift Guide

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In the hustle-bustle of the holiday season, unique local gifts that offer a true taste of the Pacific Northwest can easily be overlooked in the quest for the latest gadget or next door-buster deal.

The best gifts are often those found in small, family-owned stores that offer what bigger franchises cannot.

In this issue we highlight a few of the many local holiday gift ideas from nearby merchants in Clatsop and Pacific County. Get out and explore on your own: One of the most memorable experiences is finding a perfect present that you never would have imagined until the magic moment you encounter it.



Sportsmen's Cannery carries several varieties of micro-canned tuna, salmon and sturgeon in Seaview.



Long Beach emblazoned apparel is available at Stormin Norman's in downtown Long Beach.



Hearts for Hearts Dolls are among the hottest-selling items at Purple Cow Toys in Astoria. "The Hearts for Hearts Dolls sell 4-to-1 over the others," Ank said.



At Sea Gypsy Gifts in Astoria, former glass bowls and plates find new life as garden flowers and old wine bottles bottoms become homemade candles while the tops are chopped into wind chimes, pictured.



Rare rocks, gemstones, crystals and other natural curiosities are available at Terra Stones at 904 Commercial Street in Astoria.



At Purple Cow Toys in Astoria, there's a section devoted to science, technology and engineering toys. Among the favorites is the Robotikits, including one that allows hands-on step-by-step instruction for building a 4-stroke engine. "You can build a whole engine block," Ank said.



Home at the Beach, 600 Pacific Avenue in Long Beach, has an array marine-themed of home decor.



The original Oregon 'raindrop' design and classic 'Astoria, Oregon' emblem is screen printed on shirts and emblazoned across hats, stickers and mugs, pictured, at Accent Ink NW in Astoria.



Locally made artisan toys from hand-carved wooden trucks to natural playdough are available at Eden's Bouquet, located at 101 Pacific Ave. South in Long Beach.



Carolyn Ferguson of Astoria Vacuums, 1193 Marine Dr, creates custom stained glass windows that help supplement the vacuum repair business.



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Unique light switch covers are available at NIVA Green Gift Shop in downtown Long Beach.

