

2015 STREET ROOTS GIFT GUIDE

GIVE and GIVE BACK

Give twice this holiday season when proceeds from your purchases go to charitable causes

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Street Roots presents its first holiday Gift Guide. All businesses and nonprofits are based in Portland and were selected because they offer products or services perfect for holiday gift giving, with part or all of the proceeds going to a dedicated charity.

Albertina's Place

All proceeds support Albertina Kerr, a nonprofit providing a wide range of programs and services to adults and children with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

"All proceeds support Albertina Kerr, which has strengthened Oregon families and communities since 1907. Today, we provide programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives." – Steve Zeiden, marketing and communications manager

Gift shops and holiday decor

At Albertina's Place, inside the historic Old Kerr Nursery Building, you'll find many gift options within its shops. Albertina's Jewel Box offers an abundance of Christmas decorations, vintage and fine jewelry, accessories, and artwork created by adults with developmental disabilities. Sixty percent of proceeds from artwork go to the creator. You'll also find antiques and collectibles at Albertina's Heirlooms and thrift store offerings at Albertina's Closet, and you can enjoy lunch at Albertina's Kitchen while you shop.

424 NE 22nd Ave.
albertinakerr.org

Café au Play

This nonprofit café and community center offers a free job skills training program for student baristas to help them secure employment in the Portland job market.

"It really is open to anyone in the community who wants to volunteer and get involved and learn some new skills. We give them the experience and recommendations letters and help them build their resumes." – Annaly Sullivan, manager

Tree lot and community coffeehouse

A Christmas tree lot will be open from Nov. 28 through Dec. 20, offering noble and grand firs and table toppers. Gift certificates for the café are also available in any denomination. The café offers coffee, smoothies, soups, salads and sandwiches, which include ingredients from an onsite garden. With workshops for parents and activities for kids, gift certificates are good for families with young children and are available onsite or by emailing annaly.sullivan@gmail.com.



5633 SE Division St.
cafeauplay.org



Community Cycling Center

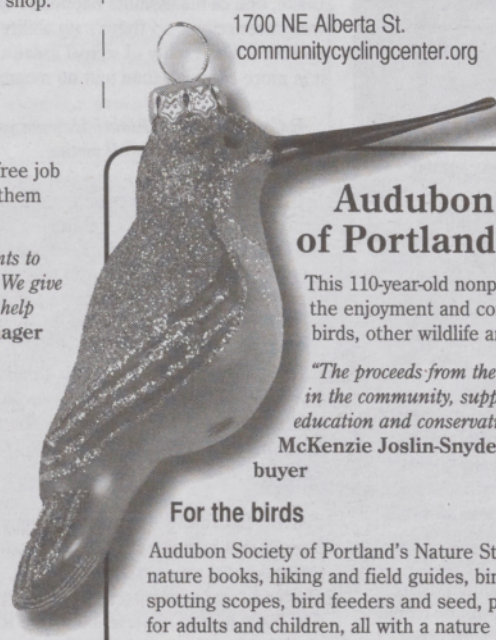
This nonprofit bike shop strives to remove barriers to bike access. It offers earn-a-bike programs for low-income adults and children where safe riding and maintenance techniques are taught.

"We're more than a bike shop. We're dedicated to enriching our community through everything that we do. As a nonprofit organization, the proceeds from all of our bike shop sales benefit our community programs for people with low incomes." – Melinda Musser, communications and marketing manager

For the bicyclist

The center's bike shop sells fully refurbished and as-is bicycles, new and used bike parts, accessories and tools, as well as gift certificates for products or bike repair services.

1700 NE Alberta St.
communitycyclingcenter.org



Audubon Society of Portland

This 110-year-old nonprofit promotes the enjoyment and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats.

"The proceeds from the Nature Store stay in the community, supporting local education and conservation initiatives." – McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, Nature Store buyer

For the birds

Audubon Society of Portland's Nature Store features nature books, hiking and field guides, binoculars and spotting scopes, bird feeders and seed, plus gifts and toys for adults and children, all with a nature theme. The Nature Store is located at the society's 150-acre Sanctuary adjacent to Forest Park.

5151 NW Cornell Road
audubonportland.org



Happy Cup

This specialty coffee roaster offers employment at competitive wages to adults with disabilities and donates a percentage of its profits to vocational and recreational programming for this community.

"Spending time with our folks, and seeing them evolve and grow as they learn job skills, makes this best job I've ever had." – Baileigh Colerick, production manager

Coffee gift boxes

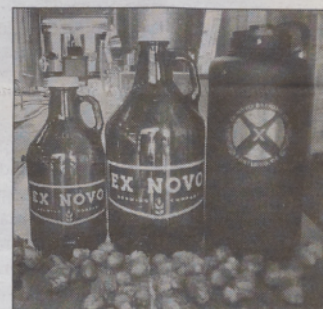
Gift certificates, bags of coffee, mugs and shirts are available at both café locations. Gift boxes can be ordered in-store or online: Coffee mug, T-shirt and bag of coffee for \$27 or three-bag set for \$36.

Coffeehouses at 446 NE Killingsworth St. and City Hall
happycup.com

Ex Novo Brewing Co.

This nonprofit brewery and pub donates its profits to select charities, such as Friends of the Children, International Justice Mission, Impact Northwest and Mercy Corps.

"As a nonprofit brewery, we craft distinct and enjoyable beers and donate 100 percent of our net profits to organizations building a better world. So, when you drink our beer or eat at Ex Novo, you're helping those in need. Thanks for that!" – Joel Gregory, founder



For the beer connoisseur

Branded merchandise and gift certificates available at Ex Novo's brewery, which serves fine pub fare and its core lineup of beer, seasonal releases, and barrel-aged and sour beers.

2326 N Flint Ave.
exnovobrew.com

Friends of Trees

This nonprofit has planted half a million trees in the Portland-Vancouver and Eugene-Springfield metro areas since 1989.

"All of the trees purchased are planted in sensitive restoration sites, and they're all native trees – Douglas fir, western hemlock, western red cedar. They'll be there for centuries to come." – Lizzie Sords, development associate

Plant a tree

Holiday-themed gift-tree certificates and tree packs are available starting at \$35. When you purchase a gift tree, you will receive a holiday-themed certificate packaged to present to the recipient. Friends of Trees will invite you and the recipient to help plant a tree in the recipient's honor in the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in the spring. Friends of Trees hoodies are also available for \$30.

3117 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
friendsoftrees.org

NoPo Paws

This not-just-for-profit pet product store donates 10 percent of its profits to animal rescue and animal welfare organizations. Through the end of the year, proceeds will go to One Tail at a Time Portland, specifically to pay the veterinarian fees for saving the life of Denali, a malnourished Husky foster pup.

"I was inspired as a result of working with my two dogs that were rescues, and from volunteering with rescues. It's the right thing to do. We need more philanthropic entrepreneurs in our community." – Sarah Fuller, owner

For pet lovers

NoPo Paws has storewide holiday specials on everything except food on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. The shop carries toys, treats and other necessities for dogs and cats, including products from West Paw Design, creators of environmentally friendly pet toys, and Jax & Bones, a pet product company that donates 10 percent of its toy sales to animal rescues.

2148 N Killingsworth St.
nopopaws.com

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore

ReStore accepts donated furniture, appliances, light fixtures, home goods and building materials and resells them to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

"In January 2015, Habitat for Humanity International built its millionth home, and we build 30-plus homes locally every year." – Danny Dunn, manager

For the DIY enthusiast

Visit the store to peruse available items, from vintage furniture and lighting fixtures to materials for DIY projects. Gift certificates are also available in any increment.

10445 SE Cherry Blossom Drive
pdxrestore.org

The Flawless Foundation

This nonprofit seeks to revolutionize the way the world perceives, prevents and treats brain-based behavioral challenges. It also offers yoga programs at specialized schools for mental health and behaviorally challenged children.

"Yoga helps children with mental health and behavioral challenges by teaching them to become more centered, how to connect with their bodies, focus their attention and holistically heals brain health, mental health anxiety and depression." – Janine Francolini, founder and board chair

Silver necklace

The foundation is offering a handcrafted, sterling silver Flawless necklace for \$75 and a handcrafted leather and silver keychain for \$20. Each comes in a small canvas bag hand-stamped with the Flawless peacock. All proceeds go to support the foundation's local yoga programs for children at specialized schools. These items are available online only.

flawlessfoundation.org/shop



ABOUT THE STREET ROOTS GIFT GUIDE

While many businesses donate periodically to charitable causes, we selected only those with a dedicated charity built into their business model. Street Roots made its best effort to reach out to all Portland area not-just-for-profit businesses and nonprofits offering gift-worthy products. If your organization is not included in this guide and you'd like to see if you qualify for next year's installation, please email emily@streetroots.org.

Oregon Public House

This nonprofit pub donates 100 percent of its profits to select, rotating charities. Through the end of the year, purchases made at Oregon Public House will go directly to support Soul River Inc., Boxes of Love/Embrace Oregon, Solar for All, NE Portland Backpack Lunch Program, Kairos Portland and Project Poach.

"We're doing this because we love our neighborhood and we love our city." – Ryan Saari, director

Beer, grub and garb

Gift cards in any increment are available for purchase at the pub, along with growlers, hats, hoodies, T-shirts, tank tops and beanies. The pub offers classic pub fare and rotating taps featuring regional and imported craft beers.

700 NE Dekum St.
oregonpublichouse.com

p:ear

This nonprofit builds positive relationships with homeless and transitional youths through education, art and recreation. Each year, its programs serve nearly 900 people ages 15 to 24.

"Art saves lives, really, and that's what we do. We create opportunities for youth to come in and be a part of art, make art and work with professional artists." – William Kendall, arts program coordinator

Paintings and sculptures

P:ear opens its gallery, featuring prints, sculptures, paintings and sketches created by homeless and transitional youths and globally recognized artists on First Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Young artists receive 90 percent of proceeds from the sales of their art, with the remaining 10 percent going toward the purchase of art supplies to stock p:ear's art studio. At least 50 percent of proceeds from sales of renowned artists go directly to support p:ear. A private gallery viewing is available by appointment. Contact William at william@pearmentor.org.

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pearmentor.org