

CONSUMER Temples

BEST BOOKSTORE: SMITH FAMILY BOOKS

2nd: Tsunami Books
3rd: Borders

BEST green BUSINESS: DOWN TO EARTH

2nd: Sundance Natural Foods
3rd: BRING Recycling

BEST LOCAL CLOTHING SHOP: SWEET POTATO PIE

2nd: Buffalo Exchange
3rd: Deluxe

Elizabeth Thompson started selling clothes in parking lots at Grateful Dead shows more than a decade ago. So when she moved to Eugene and decided to open Sweet Potato Pie in 1997, she knew all about selling hippie clothes to hippies. But SPP takes it to the next level. "We do a lot of custom,

made to order stuff," she says. "And we stress all natural fibers, mainly hemp and organic cotton." Thompson pulls from a pool of 60 local vendors, in addition to a growing collection of used clothes.

Ed's Note: At the Best of Eugene awards ceremony, Sweet Potato Pie should have received the award for Best Local Clothing Store. Due to a clerical error, the award was presented to Buffalo



Exchange, who came in a very close second. As in the Olympics when these errors occur, we are honoring both stores with the title of winner.

BEST music STORE: HOUSE OF RECORDS

2nd: CD World
3rd: CD Game Exchange

House of Records is not necessarily the place you go when you know exactly what you want. It is the place you go when you know you want something, but you're not sure exactly what it is you desire. The store is a paradise for discriminating browsers: Inexpensive vinyl, a selective but broad collection of used CDs, more 7" than you can shake a stick at – and special orders too. There's something comforting about the small, homey space, where you can almost always overhear an amusing and/or fascinating conversation about someone else's music tastes.

BEST SECONDHAND STORE: GOODWILL

2nd: Buffalo Exchange
3rd: St. Vincent de Paul

Where else can you find a cute top for that upcoming interview, skintight jeans for clubbing, a great Halloween costume or a couch? Go no further than Goodwill.



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