

Who's On Your List?

Fun to functional and simple to simply marvelous BY VANESSA SALVIA

FOR THE URBAN HOMESTEADER

OSU Extension Service

996 Jefferson St., 541-344-5859

These gardening buckets (\$15) are made by a Master Gardener using recycled materials. Each purchase supports OSU's adaptive gardening program, which helps to make gardening possible for people with physical injuries or disabilities. The bucket has a water-resistant seat cover with 2-inch-thick padding. The top can be removed for storage inside the bucket. A removable apron that holds tools is attached with Velcro.

The *Garden Rhythm* gardening journal (\$17) is possibly the most useful book any gardener will receive. Its illustrated pages are filled with earth-friendly methods for productive gardening along with a month-by-month calendar with advice on planting, pruning, fertilizing and more. It's written specifically for our little nook of heaven west of the Cascades, and all proceeds benefit OSU Extension and Lane County Master Gardener Association.



Gray's Garden Center

737 W. 6th Ave., 541-345-1569

Bulbs are the gift that gives twice – once when you get them and again when the bulb starts to reveal its beautiful bloom in the dead of winter. These amaryllis and paperwhite bulb kits (\$10) include everything your recipient needs to grow a gorgeous red, white or striped bloom, just add water and sunlight.



Home Fermenter Center

123 Monroe St., 541-485-6238

Get started making kombucha immediately and save tons of money while you're at it. The Kombucha Kit (\$45) includes a gallon jar, cheesecloth, funnel, sugar, kombucha starter and eight bottles – everything you need to make kombucha at home. It's easy and rewarding, especially once you start saying *sayonara* to the \$4 bottles from the store.

Tater Towers

Visit drgrimmestatertower.com or call 541-621-2197 for retailers

These wooden boxes are perfect for the apartment dweller or established gardener who wants to maximize her space and yield (\$59). Use individual levels for lettuce, beets, radishes or other smaller crops. Stack the towers for potatoes or other root crops. Each tower comes with pre-cut, pre-drilled pieces and hardware for an easy to assemble 2-foot tall, 4-level unit. Each level is approximately 18 x 18 x 6 inches.

FOR PET PEOPLE

Wags Dog Emporium

485 Coburg Rd., Ste. G, 541-338-8801

Sparkle up your pup with a red sparkly bow tie. This particular red sequined one is called "The Felix," and it has a detachable bow tie and Velcro closure. It works for kitties, too, if you tranquilize them first so they don't know they're wearing it.



McKenzie Feed & Pet Supplies

4441 Main St., Spfd., 541-726-2951

You can say poo to the Oregon Ducks colors while still declaring your collegiate allegiance with locally made collars (\$12), leashes (\$15) and harnesses (\$23). They come in tie-dye or solid colors for both Ducks and Beaver fans and are made from strong metal hardware and durable, vibrantly colored polyester webbing. Made in Eugene by Moose Pet Wear.

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FOR THE EARTH MAMAS AND PAPAS

Potala Gate

1030 Willamette St., 541-338-4611

Potala Gate is the place to go for gifts for the Tibetan Buddhist in your life. Give a statue such as this Kwan Yin (\$34) to help your giftee visualize the perfect qualities he aspires to attain through meditation practice. Singing bowls, such as this hand-hammered model (\$75) with wooden striker and cushion (\$12), produce a first harmonic tone along with audible harmonic overtones. The clear, bell-like tones bring wellbeing and are often used to open and close meditation sessions. Plus, the store has an amazing selection of incense.



UO Natural and Cultural Museum

natural-history.uoregon.edu, 541-346-1671

Who wouldn't want to wander through a museum on pretty much any day of the year? The museum hosts permanent collections of fossils and native artifacts from around the world, along with an extensive Oregon collection exploring our past 300 million years. Museum of Natural and Cultural History memberships include free admission to exhibits and many events, invitations to members-only receptions and exhibit openings, museum store discounts and more. Join for half-price during Winter Wednesdays (December 3, 10 and 17) and during its Winter Solstice Celebration (December 12, 5-8 pm). Purchase a new yearlong family membership for two adults and up to four children for only \$25.

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