

# artsy fartsy

Do you have budding Picassos on your list or people who just enjoy looking at art? A membership to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (\$45) will give them unlimited admission to the museum for the year. They will receive invitations to the opening receptions for major exhibitions and to the members' season preview party, as well as advance notice about upcoming special events including lectures, films, workshops and more. Call the museum at 541-346-0974.

Steal their phone, snoop, send yourself their favorite photo and take it to Dot Dotson's at 1668 Willamette in Eugene. The staff at Dot Dotson's will take that photo and in about a week return it to you printed on metal. That's right: a beautiful metal slab for their wall. Photo gurus will ensure that the photo you selected will look great by helping you pick the perfect size and making sure the photo will print exactly the way you envisioned it. Prices start at \$15 for an aluminum 4x6.

# booze

If sugar coating it doesn't work, pouring copious amounts of hard alcohol all over your soul should do the trick.



It's a year that has been nothing if not hard ass. Distilled right here in the good ol' Eug, HardAss Vodka should numb things nicely. Served delightfully over ice or with a bit of tart cranberry, a bottle of vodka is a simple way to let someone you love know you care. \$17.95 for a fifth at South Liquor, 2866 Willamette Street.

Elderberry is an antioxidant, and some say it lowers cholesterol, improves vision, boosts immune systems, improves heart health and helps coughs, colds, flu, bacterial and viral infections and tonsillitis. WildCraft Cider Works' Elderberry Perry takes elderberries grown in Cottage Grove and ferments them whole in a red Bartlett perry. According to WildCraft, the flavor is "floral, vinous, fruit-forward berries [that] hail from the rugged Oregon wilderness into a rich and full-bodied pear complexity." Or, think of it as a healthy booze to help the drinker survive catching the ... um ... flu while visiting with family this holiday season. Pick up a bottle of Elderberry Perry at The Ciderhouse at WildCraft, 390 Lincoln Street in Eugene, 541-735-3506, for \$17.

One of Eugene's newest rising stars in the brewing world is Alesong, which snagged a gold medal in the Brett Beer category for "Touch of Brett" at the 2016 Oregon Great American Beer Festival. Alesong has been making waves with their focus on oak-aging, Belgian-inspired brewing techniques. With no flagship beers, Alesong will give the connoisseur on your list a one-on artisan beer experience. Snag Alesong's brews at The Bier Stein and include a gift certificate for you and your buddy to head back and have a little talk therapy over a pint of one of The Bier Stein's constantly evolving kegs on tap.





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