

GIFTS: Shops cater to customers looking to make a statement

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has helped someone retain a job in the U.S. or has given someone an opportunity to make a fair and living wage in a developing country," said Genelle Van Heuklon, co-owner at Globally Sound, an Appleton gift and imports shop. "Fair trade" is a guarantee that all components are made not using children or slave labor.

They're taking the vetting process seriously.

"It's a difficult process," said Van Heuklon, who opened the downtown shop with her mother. They wanted all goods in their shop to have a clear conscience.

They check to see that the baskets, beads and ornaments have documentation. "A lot of it is based on certifications of different fair trade organizations and nonprofit organizations working with developing countries," she said.

"If they don't have the documents, we don't buy it," her mother, Germaine Millard, said.

Downtown Designs is another shop in downtown Appleton that places an emphasis on fair-trade goods.

"We're going through the Fair Trade Federation approved and stamped sources," said Sara Mahn, shop owner with her mother, Laura Vartanian.

They've stocked batiks from Ghana, jewelry from sub-Saharan Africa and baskets woven from recycled telephone wire by Zulu tribe members. Women in New Delhi make mosaic bracelets to earn fair wages,



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work in safe conditions and have access to health care. In jewelry, many pieces are made from tagua nuts, an alternative to ivory and elephant slaughter.

"Everything has a story," Mahn said.

Museum shops

The beauty of shopping in museum shops is that gifts are often unique, local or educational.

Gift shops are typically found at the entrances of museums so shoppers can come in without paying admission. In the case of Hearthstone, shoppers can ask to go downstairs for free to the small basement shop that carries logo merchan-

dise and art.

Most important, museum shops funnel their profits back into their operating budgets.

After expenses, the shop at the front of The Building for Kids, for example, will add \$35,000 to the museum's funding.

"It directly benefits the operations of the museum," Hipschman said.

While that might seem like a drop in the bucket in the museum's nearly \$1 million annual budget, the shop is not just there to generate funds.

"It's important because it's a part of our mission to promote imagination, creativity and confidence," she

said. "We keep a lot of lower-priced items because kids often have \$1 or \$2 to spend. It enables them to make their own decisions. Part of it is just fun."

The cheddar-flavored crickets, which are edible, are also educational, she said. "It gives us an opportunity to tell people that in many parts of the world, this is a common food. It's a teaching tool."

Hipschman said the museum shop has items that relate to its current castle exhibition, like Schleich fairy, dragon and knight figurines. Kids wanted to play with them in the museum exhibit and take them home. The shop complied.

Likewise, the Stones & Stars shop next to the Weis Earth Science Museum and Barlow Planetarium "continues our educational mission," museum director Joanne Kluessendorf said. "The items in the shop are curiosity-creating toys, posters, books on astronomy, dinosaur models, rocks, minerals and fossils."

All profits from the volunteer-run glass shop at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum in Neenah go into the operating fund, which is especially important given that the museum doesn't charge admission. Besides the shop, it depends on endowments, memberships, grants and donations, manager Kathy Smits said. "We like to say it's a shop with a purpose."

Get thrifty

Another way to give a gift with a conscience, especially for collectors and fans of

Shopping opportunities

Museum shops

■ Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 N. Park Ave., Neenah. 920-751-4658. Glass paperweights and other glass artworks.

■ The Building for Kids, 100 W. College Ave., Appleton. 920-734-3226. Toys, figurines, stocking stuffers.

■ Hearthstone Historic House Museum, 625 W. Prospect, Appleton, 920-730-8204. Logo merchandise and art.

■ The History Museum at the Castle, 330 E. College Ave., Appleton. 920-735-9370. Books on local topics, Houdini items, children's games.

■ Paper Discovery Center, 425 W. Water St., Appleton, 920-380-7491. Art, books, papier-mache bowls.

■ The Stones & Stars Shop on the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley campus, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha. Next to Weis Earth Science Museum and Barlow Planetarium. 920-832-2925.

Fair Trade gift shops

■ Downtown Designs, 119 E. College Ave., Suite One, Appleton, 920-380-0358

■ Globally Sound, 604 W. College Ave., Appleton, 920-993-9989

Alternative Giving Fair

Lawrence University is hosting the **Alternative Giving Fair** at **10 a.m. Dec. 6** in the Riverview Lounge of the Lawrence Memorial Union. It is sponsored by the campus organization Students' War Against Hunger and Poverty. The fair will resemble a traditional market setting, with different booths selling a wide variety of items, both tangible and alternative, focused on local, national and international humanitarian projects and causes. All alternative project gifts are designed to support social, economic and environmental progress in developing regions of the world.

quirky or vintage finds, is to buy something from thrift shops that fund local social programs.

That includes Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul or any thrift shop that gives a portion of its proceeds to charity.

St. Vincent de Paul, for example, recently opened its seasonal Christmas store in

the Northland Mall's interior corridor. The shop offers holiday decorations, figurines and artificial trees. Merchandise has all been donated and volunteers staff the store. Proceeds go to provide assistance to needy people in the Fox Valley.

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BOOKS: BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. Divine Justice. David Baldacci. Grand Central, \$27.99

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

2. Salvation in Death. J.D. Robb. Putnam, \$25.95

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

3. Swallowing Darkness. Laurell K. Hamilton. Ballantine, \$26

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

4. The Gate House. Nelson DeMille. Grand Central, \$27.99

Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 2

5. The Lucky One. Nicholas Sparks. Grand Central, \$24.99

Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 6

6. The Brass Verdict. Michael Connelly. Little, Brown, \$26.95

Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 4

7. Extreme Measures. Vince Flynn. Atria, \$27.95

Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 3

8. Midnight. Sister Souljah. Atria, \$26.95

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

9. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle. David Wroblewski. Ecco, \$25.95

Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 21

10. A Good Woman. Danielle Steel. Delacorte, \$27

Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 2

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. The Last Lecture. Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow. Hyperion, \$21.95

Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 31

2. Dewey. Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. Grand Central, \$19.99

Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 7

3. Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics. Ina Garten. Clarkson Potter, \$35

Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 2

4. Flat Belly Diet. Liz Vaccariello and Cynthia Sass. Rodale Press, \$25.95

Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 2

5. A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity. Bill O'Reilly. Broadway, \$26

Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 7

6. The Snowball. Alice Schroeder. Bantam, \$35

Last Week: 6; Weeks on List: 6

7. The Purpose of Christmas. Rick Warren. Howard Books, \$17.995

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

8. Against Medical Advice. James Patterson and Hal Friedman. Little, Brown, \$26.99

Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 3

9. American Journey of Barack Obama. The Editors of Life. Little, Brown, \$24.99

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

10. Hot, Flat, and Crowded. Thomas L. Friedman. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.95

Last Week: 8; Weeks on List: 9

MASS MARKET

1. One Silent Night. Sherrilyn Kenyon. St. Martin's Press, \$6.99

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

2. Suite 606. J.D. Robb, Mary Blayney, Ruth Ryan Langan, Mary Kay McComas. Berkley, \$7.99

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

3. Darkest Evening of the Year. Dean Koontz. Bantam, \$7.99

Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 3

4. Foul Play. Janet Evanovich. Harper, \$7.99

Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 2

5. Small Town Christmas. Debbie Macomber. Mira, \$7.99

Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 2

6. Duma Key. Stephen King. Pocket, \$9.99

Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 3

7. Double Cross. James Patterson. Vision, \$9.99

Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 10

8. The Chase. Clive Cussler. Berkley, \$9.99

Last Week: 8; Weeks on List: 2

9. Dead Until Dark. Charlaine Harris. Ace, \$7.99

Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 9

10. Living Dead in Dallas. Charlaine Harris. Ace, \$7.99

Last Week: 12; Weeks on List: 7

TRADE

1. The Shack. William P. Young. Windblown Media, \$14.99

Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 32

2. The Audacity of Hope. Barack Obama. Three Rivers, \$14.95

Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 36

3. Dreams from My Father. Barack Obama. Three Rivers, \$14.95

Last Week: 6; Weeks on List: 44

4. Change We Can Believe In. Barack Obama. Three Rivers, \$13.95

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

5. Three Cups of Tea. Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin. Penguin, \$15

Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 63

6. The Love Dare. Stephen Kendrick and Alex Kendrick. B&H Books, \$14.99

Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 5

7. The Secret Life of Bees. Sue Monk Kidd. Penguin, \$15

Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 167

8. Rachael Ray's Big Orange Book. Rachael Ray. Clarkson Potter, \$24.95

Last Week: -; Weeks on List: 1

9. World Without End. Ken Follett. NAL Trade, \$22

Last Week: 8; Weeks on List: 5

10. What to Expect When You're Expecting. Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel. Workman, \$14.95

Last Week: 10; Weeks on List: 262

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BOOK NOTES

Appleton Library to hold used book sale

It's book sale time again at the Appleton Public Library.

The Friends of Appleton Library will sponsor its Fall Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the library's lower level, 225 N. Oneida St.

A special Friends of Appleton Library members' only preview sale will be

held from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday. Membership is \$10 per year and helps support the needs of the library. Non-members may join during Thursday's preview sale.

The sale includes CDs, DVDs, videos, books on tape/CD and an extensive collection of children's videos.

For more information on becoming a member of Friends of Appleton Library, call 920-832-1695 or visit www.apl.org.

Student volunteers to host book fair

Books will be on display at Appleton Medical Center this week.

The Appleton Medical Center Student Volunteers will host a "Books Are Fun" Book Fair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the main lobby at Appleton Medical Center, 1818 N. Meade St., Appleton.

THE SUNDAY CROSSWORD

WATCH THE FINISH

By Michael T. Williams, Clearwater, Florida

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- 11 Rhythmic swing
- 15 Liquid asset
- 19 Cowardly
- 20 Lomond or Ness, for example
- 21 Member of a stand
- 22 Burn balm
- 23 Thrilla in Manila, e.g.
- 25 Vasco da ___ (Portuguese explorer)
- 26 S. American nation
- 27 Work-shoe protection
- 28 Benefactor
- 29 Pigeonhole
- 30 Sally Field movie
- 34 Fielding feat
- 36 On the waves
- 37 Et cetera
- 40 Ophelia's brother
- 41 Bara of silent movies
- 43 Layer beneath cell membrane
- 46 Extra door security
- 50 Eddie Murphy movie
- 51 Moray catcher
- 56 Panhandle
- 57 U.K. ref. set
- 58 Dundee of boxing
- 59 Collapsed toward the center
- 63 Japanese vegetables
- 65 Erik of "ChiPs"
- 66 London district
- 67 Magician's secret
- 70 At any time
- 71 Yearbooks
- 73 PIN takers
- 74 Those who lift
- 76 Votes to accept
- 77 Gold in Guadalajara
- 78 Membrane of grasses
- 79 Hale-Bopp or Kohoutek
- 80 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock grp.
- 81 Blooming plot
- 87 Necessity's child
- 90 Doofus
- 91 Deejay's gimmick
- 95 Reverses
- 99 Actress Celeste
- 100 How the best cakes are made
- 103 Guide to Valhalla
- 105 Travel channel?
- 106 Unaspirated, like B or D
- 107 "___ Howser, M.D."
- 109 Indigo dye
- 110 Alleviate
- 111 Chocolate chip collective
- 116 Blind trio of nursery rhyme
- 117 Hebrew month
- 118 Nod off
- 119 Dar es ___, Tanzania
- 120 Direction of the dawn
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- 4 Fauna starter?
- 5 Gossipy woman
- 6 Kind of goat or cat
- 7 Finished second
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- 10 Quiet down!
- 11 State's number-2 job
- 12 Shiraz resident
- 13 Car buyer's protection
- 14 Riot queller
- 15 Roman autocrat
- 16 "Little Women" author
- 17 Supplier
- 18 Moors
- 24 Malicious
- 28 Flintstones' pet
- 30 Hentoff and Hiken
- 31 Workplace watchdog grp.
- 32 Coral formation
- 33 Whipped up
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- 35 Driveway material
- 38 Adam's youngest
- 39 Sometimes: abbr.
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- 52 Well-plumed bird
- 53 Make an exit
- 54 Church leader
- 55 Lion's plaints
- 57 Cries of delight
- 58 Paler and grayer
- 59 Hayes or Asimov
- 60 "___ Cane"
- 61 ___ Penh, Cambodia
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- 63 Engaged in
- 64 GOP rival
- 65 School for Sartre
- 68 Hammerin' Hank
- 69 Melt
- 72 Top rooms
- 75 Gullible dupes
- 77 Bullring shout
- 78 Cornbread
- 80 Battery brand
- 81 Catch some rays?
- 82 Destiny
- 83 In need of a massage
- 84 God of thunder
- 85 951
- 86 Abode
- 88 Part of NRC
- 89 Fictional sleuths
- 91 On fire
- 92 Muse of astronomy
- 93 Pick-me-ups
- 94 Denver concoction
- 96 Brings to mind
- 97 Christmas visitors
- 98 Crafty to the max
- 101 Handlelike parts
- 102 Rows of seats
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- 107 Portal
- 108 Seep slowly
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- 112 The Greatest
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