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Holiday Gift Guide



Supplement to the November 24th Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader

Holiday celebrations & events planned throughout Jefferson County

Special events abound for the holidays.

Port Townsend Events

In Port Townsend, the community tree-lighting celebration is Saturday, Dec. 4, in person and live streamed on Port Townsend Main Street's facebook page,

Starting at the Tyler Plaza tent Wild Rose Chorale will be singing favorite holiday carols. There will also be "take-and-make" ornament kits, plus Santa and Kiwanis Choo Choo photo opportunities. At dusk, everyone will head on over to Haller Fountain for the tree lighting.

PT Eats Week also kicks off Dec. 4 and continues through Dec. 12.

Small Business this year is on Saturday, Nov. 27, and in downtown Port



Townsend, there will be a tent covering Tyler Plaza for visitors. The public is invited for swag making from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 27.

The Port Townsend Public Library in collaboration with Port Townsend Main Street are excited to host 27th Annual Uptown Gingerbread Contest. The judging for the gingerbread-making contest is planned for Dec. 15 through Dec. 28 at the Port Townsend Public Library. Call the library at 385-3181 with questions. You can pick up FREE Gingerbread House Kits to get you started at the Port Townsend Public Library starting on December 7th (while supplies last).

Jefferson County Library Gingerbread Houses

Jefferson County Library presents "Homes for the Holidays: Gingerbread House Making Contest" through Dec. 22. Participants can create an edible structure, then enter the contest and send the library a photograph. The entry form will be available online beginning Nov. 26.

Homebuilders can also bring their entry to the library to add to the display.

Voting online will start Dec. 13 and continue through Dec. 20; Need supplies? Register for a supply kit that includes graham crackers, candy, and frosting mix at www.jclibrary.info

34th Annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

The 34th Annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Chimacum High School.

The fair will feature nearly 100 vendors from across Washington state, and is the largest holiday craft fair in Jefferson County.

As always, the special holiday event features distinctive, hand-crafted artwork, including jewelry, apparel, textiles, ceramics, candles, woodwork, leather works, artisan foods, and much more.

The fair showcases the spirit of Jefferson County, while raising money for Chimacum school programs, supporting the local Maker's Economy, and providing a

marketplace for youth and nonprofit program fundraisers.

This year's fair will follow COVID protocols. All fair participants, including vendors, guests, and staff, will be required to wear masks indoors at all times. There will be no indoor food service or dining.

The total number of occupants allowed in the fair will also be limited to 50 percent of fire capacity.

The Craft Fair was started in 1986 by Flavia and Terry Heineman and Carol West as a fundraiser for unmet

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needs at Chimacum High School. Over the years the fair has contributed thousands of dollars to dozens of student and school projects. Funds raised from the most recent fair in 2019 went to support the Community Wellness Garden, the school library, the soccer program, the Spanish Class Books, Jefferson County 4H after-school programs in Quilcene and Brinnon, the Cafe Breakfast Program, the CHATAE Club, Parent Partners of Pi, the Jefferson Teen Center, graduation needs, the high school art class, the Science Rube Goldberg Project, the CHS Horticulture Program, the Choir Program, CHS Robotics, Read to Rover, and the Olympic Mountain Pet Pals. Money is generated from the entrance fee, vendor fees and a small percentage of vendor sales.

"We are so excited to welcome our vendors, students and the community back for this fabulous tradition," said Flavia Heineman, fair board president.

For additional information and a full list of vendors participating in the fair, visit chimacumarts.com.

Quilcene Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar

Quilcene Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, Quilcene Masonic Hall, 170 Herbert St., Quilcene.

Port Ludlow Holiday Faire

Holiday Faire at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

The event will feature artwork from local artists, including jewelry, watercolors, acrylics, photographs, collages, woodworking, ceramics, books, cards, and baskets. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow.

Brinnon Christmas Craft Fair

Brinnon's Christmas Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Brinnon Booster Club Building.

There will be crafts, gifts, food, and fun. For information, call 360-796-4910.

Christmas for Children Toy Drive

Christmas for Children is supported by the generous contributions received from the community organizations of Rotary and Kiwanis, together with financial support from local businesses and individuals. Through Kiwanis, they have developed strong partnerships with the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program, where they

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have access to the toys they collect and then distribute them on their behalf. There are "Giving Trees" located around the county at local area businesses, where you can get a tag, purchase the gift and make a child's dream of having a gift for Christmas come true. For more information, go to Christmas4Children.com.

Quilcene

Christmas for Critters

Christmas for Critters in Quilcene will have donation boxes and wish lists in multiple locations — to benefit the Jefferson and Clallam Humane Societies and OPEN (Olympic Peninsula Equine Network).

Gifts of Hope

Gifts of Hope serving Quilcene, Brinnon and Coyle. Trees with tags for low income children and seniors will be in Quilcene and Brinnon in December.

Coyle Women's Club Holiday Bake Sale

Coyle Women's Club Holiday Bake Sale, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Laurel B. Johnson Community Center, Coyle

Quilcene Community Tree Lighting

In Quilcene, Saturday December 4, Community Tree Lighting, near the post office. The tree-lighting starts at 4:30 p.m. Santa arrives at 4:45 p.m. to greet everyone and for photographs.



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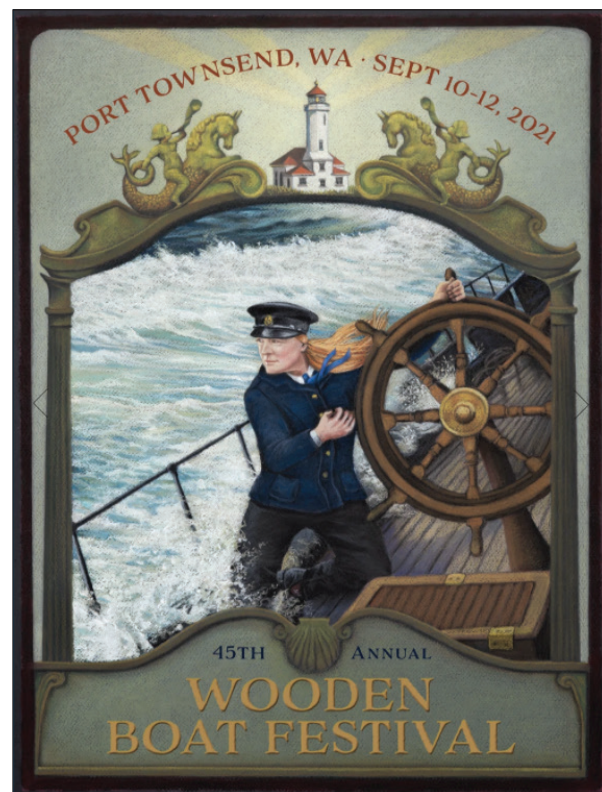
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This holiday season, bypass supply chain nightmares, shipping woes, and TBA delivery dates.

These gifts support local businesses and keep dollars in the community. Plus, these peaches are dyed-in-the-wool Port Townsend proud. They just don't come from anywhere else.

Powering Through

The latest Wooden Boat Festival poster is a first in the 45 year history of the Port Townsend fest. The image, a chalk pastel drawing by local artist Chris Witkowski, depicts a female captain at wheel. It's also a rarity because it was drawn in preparation for the 2020 festival, which was canceled due to that thing-that-won't-be named. Revealed in 2021, the art serves as a reminder of the resilient community as a second cancellation put the beloved fest on hold once more. This image is the perfect reminder of resilience, Port



Pick up a print of the latest Wooden Boat Festival commemorative poster at the Wooden Boat Chandlery in downtown Port Townsend. Image courtesy of the Wooden Boat Chandlery



Port Townsend maker Kata Golda has partnered with local watercolorist Joan Wenske to offer a lovely loose-leaf calendar for 2022. Perfect for small spaces, and ready for wrapping. Photo courtesy of Kata Golda.

Townsend spirit, and is a perfect gift for anyone who loves the sea. Poster is 18 inches by 24 inches, and is \$20. Available through the Wooden Boat Foundation. Buy in-person at the Wooden Chandlery at 431 Water St., or shop online at woodenboat.org/shop.

Turning a New Leaf

Speaking of time passing, local artist Kata Golda has teamed up with watercolorist Joan Wenske to create a lovely way to celebrate each month of the new year. Each individual sheet features a seasonal image, and the whole kit-n-kaboodle comes in a kraft box perfect for wrapping, with a simple binder clip included to hang the sheets from a single nail. \$20 at katagolda.com. Contact Golda to arrange local pickup at 360-379-4714. (P.S.: Golda also offers a free tutorial on making sewn felt holiday star ornaments on her website, for the DIY crafter looking to make a holiday gift.)

Best Impression

The North Press in Port Townsend is a partner duo that makes lovely letterpress printed broadsides and frame-able, highly gift-able, and affordable paper ephemera. Prints range in size from 5 inches by 7 inches and up, and range in price from \$12 to \$30. Quotes include excerpts from Ted Kooser, Jim Harrison, Ursula LaGuin, and Pablo Neruda. For each color represented on the luxe cotton paper, a separate run is made through a press, hence the more colors, the more handling, the more expensive (and justly so) the item. Lyrics by the Talking Heads and The Rolling Stones

also make an appearance. For more, go to thenorthpress.website.

No Need to Wrap

Sewing is having a comeback moment. A gift certificate, digitally delivered to a person of your choice, is a gateway into District Fabric in Downtown Port Townsend, an emporium of wonderment for a special person. Silks, sequins, and linen, as well as knits and cotton provide a textile for virtually anyone. And after they've picked out a pattern and fabric, no matter their skill level, they can drop in or schedule a custom appointment at Come Sew, a sewing studio just down the street the fabric shop. Everything from machines to advice are provided free of charge. More on District Fabric at districtfabric.com, and more on the sewing studio at comesew.com.

Over the Hill

Celebrating 40 years of passing on old-school skills to a new generation is the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding. (OK, so they're in Port Hadlock, but so many of their graduates work at the Port Townsend Boat Haven that it's almost the same thing.) A commemorative hoodie, ball cap, or T-shirt is a great choice to proudly show support of a maritime treasure. Priced from \$25 to \$56. Shop online at the new store at boat-schoolstore.com.



District Fabric is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and offers a big-city selection of fabrics in a small-town setting. Photo courtesy of District Fabric

Memories are the merriest

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Sometimes the best and most memorable gift to provide to loved ones is the gift of experience. Many holiday gifts can inevitably end up being forgotten, in the back of a closet, or worse, in a landfill. Why not provide a gift that can lead to fun memories? From paddleboard lessons to wine-tasting tours, Port Townsend brings numerous opportunities to enjoy the company of loved ones, and perhaps even find a new hobby.

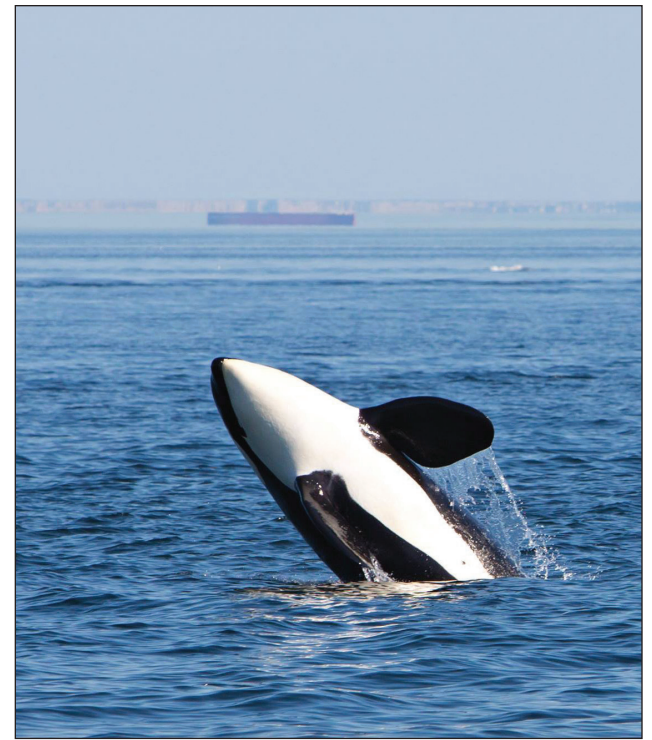
Guided Wine Tasting at Port Townsend Vineyards

Unlock your inner Bacchus with a guided wine tasting at Vintage by Port Townsend Vineyards. Guests can experience a personal and educational guided wine tasting in the heart of downtown. Located at the beautifully restored C.F. Clapp Building on the waterfront, visitors can sample from the Port Townsend Vineyards' catalog of delicious and locally-made, hand-crafted wines. Sample a 2019 Zinfandel, 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, and more and tasters be sure to find a wine to splendidly complement tastebuds. The tasting lasts around 45 minutes and costs \$25 per person, or can be waived with the purchase of three wine bottles or more. Parties are limited to up to six people from a maximum of two households. Guests can make a reservation for a guided wine tasting experience at www.porttownsendvineyards.com/Guided-Wine-Tastings.

Whale Watching Tour with Puget Sound Express

Perhaps a loved one is a fan of open waters and magnificent sea creatures Experi-

ence the nautical wildlife of the Salish Sea with Puget Sound Express, and see the incredible whales and sea creatures of the area up close and from the comfort of one of the tour company's vessels. Whether you want a half-day, full-day, or multi-day tour, Puget Sound Express offers many options to enjoy the tours. Book early for the spring whale watching season when the whales come back north and are most abundant. It's more than worth the wait to see Puget Sound via the Salish Sea. Ticket prices range from \$95 to \$140 per adult, and \$75 to \$110 per child ages 2 through 10 for half-day and full-day tours. Infants below the age of 2 can come along for free. For more information about Puget Sound Express and their wide range of wildlife tours, visit www.pugetsoundexpress.com/.



The tour company offers excursions to see the breathtaking wildlife of the Salish Sea, from orca tours to birdwatching tours. Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Express

Paddleboard Lessons with Splinter SUP

For the adventurers, paddleboarding is a wonderful option to get out on the water while getting a workout at the same time. Splinter SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard), a group that teaches paddleboard lessons and hand-crafts exquisite boards has you covered for getting started. Chris Dorée, an avid paddleboarder and instructor from Splinter, offers lessons and tours for complete novices looking to dip their toe in the

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sport, as well as intermediate paddleboarders looking to hone their skills.

"It's a social experience while getting great cardio and a full-strength workout," Dorée said of the sport. "The paddleboard is a very unique perspective, it's a very intimate experience."

Dorée's lessons are geared to teach beginner and experienced paddleboarders, and provide them with the skills and knowledge to be comfortable and improve. Lessons and tours range from \$70 to \$230 per person, depending on length, rental gear, and the number of paddleboarders participating. For more information on lessons, tours, and rates, visit splinter-sup.com.

Become a Rose Theatre Member

If your loved one is a major cinephile, buying them a membership for the historic Rose Theatre downtown would surely sate their appetite for new films. Rose Theatre members get perks and major discounts on a variety of items from movie tickets to merchandise. For any movie lovers in the Port Townsend area, becoming a Rose Theatre member is a must. The Rose offers five levels of membership ranging from



Purchasing a membership at the Rose Theatre is a must for all film buffs in the area, looking to get great deals on amenities like popcorn and movie tickets. Photo courtesy of the Rose Theatre

\$40 to \$2,000 per individual with increasing benefits per level. For more information about the Rose and memberships, visit rosetheatre.com.

Join the Cider Club

Venture out to the orchards of Alpenfire Cider with a loved one, and join the Cider Club. Members can enjoy a variety of perks, and the great beverages that Alpenfire Cider has to offer. Grown organically and handpicked from the cidery's orchard near Cape George, the resulting cider is incredibly crisp and delicious. Members of the Cider Club receive quarterly shipments of some of the best cider that the Peninsula has to offer. To learn more about Alpenfire Cider and the Cider Club, visit www.alpenfirecider.com.

Find Your Focus with Hot Yoga

Looking to stay active with a friend, partner, or family member? Try giving hot yoga a chance at Mystic Monkey Yoga on East Sims Way. The yoga studio is offering new members three weeks of classes for \$39, which will be available during the holiday season.

"Yoga is a very healing and low-impact activity," said Jason Calsyn from Mystic Monkey. "We emphasize making our classes accessible for everyone."

Hot yoga is a great way to stay active in a social setting during the winter months, especially for older residents.

The yoga studio has multiple classes to attend with a loved one, including hot hatha yoga, a great entry point into the practice for beginners.



The hot yoga studio offers multiple classes for beginner-level and experienced yogis looking to stay active. Photo courtesy of Mystic Monkey Yoga

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It's the time of year when newspapers thicken with sales circulars and holiday advertisements. Consumers looking to beat the hustle and bustle and steer clear of the crowds this year may want to pay attention to local businesses in lieu of trekking to nearby shopping malls.

Every time consumers visit local coffee shops to grab a latte, pick up a dress at a nearby boutique or patronize a farmer's market down the street, they are supporting a small business. The Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving are some of the busiest shopping days of the season, and they also can be some of the friendliest to small businesses.

Plaid Friday was conceptualized in Oakland. It may have been born in the Golden State, but the movement soon spread across the country. Plaid Friday is an alternative to big box stores' Black Friday bonanzas. It is designed to promote both local and independently-owned businesses during the holiday season. The name Plaid Friday was used to help people visualize the various threads of small businesses coming together to create a strong community fabric that was diverse and creativity.

Shoppers can continue their small business patronage with Small Business Saturday. This, too, is a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The first event was created by American Express in conjunction with the nonprofit National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since its inception, many small business groups,

merchants and politicians have touted the event and the Shop Small® mantra. The idea is that when small businesses thrive, communities and individuals thrive along with them.

The Small Business Administration says that, since 1995, small businesses have generated 66 percent of all new jobs in the United States. There are a number of big reasons to shop small. One can start around the holidays and then continue all year long.

- Shopping small businesses helps give back to the community directly. According to Civic Economics, a strategic planning business, on average 48 percent of each purchase made at independent businesses is recirculated locally through tax money and other support.



Specific events are geared to direct shopping traffic to local businesses during the holiday season.

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- ♦ Small business owners often strive to provide personalized, hands-on customer service. Repeat business is key to their survival, so they want to ensure shoppers are happy.
 - ♦ Small businesses, since they are not beholden to corporate oversight in terms of what they sell, have greater flexibility. That allows them to offer a diverse product selection.
 - ♦ Small business owners often live nearby, and they're the people you see in town, schools and elsewhere in the local community. Many consumers are comforted to know they're supporting their neighbors, especially during the holiday season. Supporting local businesses is easy. And shoppers who like what they see can share the good news with others on social media.
- For businesses that faced financial hardships and challenges since the pandemic,

this holiday season is important to reenergize sales. Every purchase can help revitalize a once thriving entrepreneurial community — one step at a time. During the season of giving, there are several ways for local consumers to support the small business community, including:

- ♦ Shop small: Get to know the businesses in your neighborhood. Find and support local small businesses this holiday season.
- ♦ Share on social: Share details of the business on personal social channels and identify creative avenues to expand the spotlight, such as posting about the business on professional networks to encourage others to make an informed purchase.

Tips and tricks for cutting out cookies

Baking is a holiday tradition in many households. The aroma of freshly baked cakes, pies and cookies wafts through the air of many homes this time of year, and that makes the holiday season even more special.

Cookies are a tradition passed down through the ages. In medieval Europe, small, spiced cookies were exchanged as treats, and people still bake and share gingerbread cookies today.

Cut cookies are some of the most popular cookies to make during the holiday season. Some families may have their share of favorite cookie cutter shapes and dough recipes. Certain techniques can make holiday baking sessions easier and ensure consistent results.

- ♦ Work on a lightly floured, cool surface, such as a cutting board or stone counter top. Never work on a warm surface, which can cause dough to spread and stick.
- ♦ Roll out the dough between two sheets of baking or parchment paper. Betty Crocker recommends a thickness of about 1/8 inch, unless noted in the recipe. This prevents the dough from sticking, and parchment enables you to easily transfer rolled-out dough to a refrigerator or elsewhere.
- ♦ When rolling out dough, portion it out into a few smaller amounts to roll out more easily. This will also help it to chill more readily.
- ♦ Cookies cut most easily when the dough is chilled. Refrigerate the dough for as long as possible, ideally an hour or



more — even overnight. The more chilled, the firmer the dough will be.

- ♦ Rubber rolling pin rings that slip onto each side of the rolling pin can help ensure that the dough is being rolled out to a uniform thickness.
- ♦ Dip cookie cutters into flour with each cut. Work from the center and move out to the edges when cutting out your designs. Try to maximize space and avoid scraps and rerolling.
- ♦ Some expert bakers say that metal cookie cutters cut cleaner than plastic ones. Whichever cutter you use, cut the cookie by pressing straight down; try not to twist or jiggle the cookie cutter when using it. Doughs with a high butter content can help, as the extra grease helps separate the dough from the cutters.
- ♦ If cut cookies have gotten warmer, place them in the freezer for a few minutes to firm up again and then cook. This will guarantee the cookies will not spread or distort while baking.

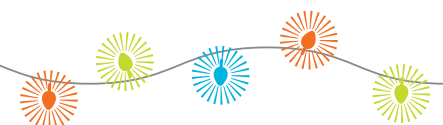
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Post-pandemic gifts for friends and loved ones

Families, businesses, schools, and just about everyone had to modify daily life in dramatic ways due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the most significant effects of COVID-19 — beyond the health implications — have been the changes in outings and gatherings and the ways holidays were celebrated.

The 2021 holiday season figures to be especially jovial as the world continues to emerge from the pandemic. As shoppers hit the holiday shopping trail once more, they can look to the pandemic for gift-buying inspiration.

Travel-related gifts

Travel restrictions greatly limited where people could go, so millions embraced staycations as a means to taking breaks from school and work. Travel restrictions have now been lifted in many parts of the world, and vaccinated individuals may feel more comfortable traveling again. Consider gifts that include travel essentials, such as luggage, plane tickets, toiletries, hotel vouchers, and even gift cards to use on vacation purchases.

Preparatory gifts

People are much more “germ-conscious” as a result of the pandemic. Cases of COVID-19 are on the decline, but it still pays to be cautious and sanitary. Gifts that promote cleanliness may continue to be appreciated and also prepare a person should another pandemic occur in the future. Stylish reusable face masks; special sanitary “keys” that limit contact with things like ATMs, doors and elevator buttons; ultraviolet disinfecting lamps; and even purses and bags that can be cleaned without damage are all gift ideas that make cleanliness more convenient.

Home improvement supplies

In the wake of canceled vacation plans, homeowners channeled their vacation dollars into home improvements. Those who still have plans to redo and renovate will appreciate gifts that may include gift cards to popular home improvement and design retailers. In addition, as certain home improvement materials like lumber have gotten more expensive, a cash gift to offset the cost of materials can help people see projects through to completion.

Dining out vouchers

Even though many restaurants pivoted to takeout service or established outdoor seating to meet safety requirements, dining establishments still felt the pain of the

pandemic. More people have now returned to traditional dining, and restrictions on indoor dining have gradually been loosened. Therefore, gifts that focus on dining out, such as certificates for favorite restaurants or wine bottle caddies for BYOB establishments, can make for great gifts.

Support new hobbies

Many people took on new hobbies and explored new activities to pass the time during the pandemic. Encourage these hobbies by gifting tools and supplies. If a person adopted a new pet, try pet-toy subscriptions or even purchase pet health insurance.

Though the pandemic is something many people would love to forget, holiday shoppers can look to it for inspiration when buying gifts for loved ones this year.



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Warm and wow guests with homemade hot mulled apple cider

When hosting friends and family at home, it's understandable that hosts direct so much of their focus to the foods they plan to serve. The main course is often the focal point and most memorable aspect of a dinner party, and that's true whether the get-together is a backyard barbecue, a holiday meal with the family or a formal affair with colleagues.

Food might be a focal point, but guests also will need something to drink. Traditional spirits like wine and cocktails are the standard, but hosts who want to get a little creative should not hesitate to do so. When choosing a special beverage,

timing is everything. Guests will want to cool down on warm summer evenings, so something cold and refreshing can make for the perfect signature cocktail. When hosting on nights when the mercury has dropped, a warm beverage can heat up guests in a matter of minutes. On such nights, hosts can serve this version of "Hot Mulled (Sherried) Apple Cider" courtesy of Laurey Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey). One added benefit to Masterton's recipe is it can produce a welcoming winter aroma, helping hosts establish a warm ambiance for the festivities.

Hot Mulled (Sherried) Apple Cider

Serves 16


- 1 gallon apple cider
- 1 orange, unpeeled, cut into slices
- 1/4 cup whole cloves
- 4 sticks cinnamon
- 1/4 cup honey, preferably cranberry honey
- 1 cup sherry (optional)

1. Combine the cider, orange slices, cloves, cinnamon, and honey in a large pot over medium heat. If you are picky about things floating in your cider, make a little bundle out of cheesecloth and place the cinnamon and cloves inside in. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer over low heat for an hour or so to spread these lovely winter aromas around your home.
2. If you're serving it to adults, add the sherry. It might make everyone want to go sledding!



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