

# Buy Michigan Now™

## 2009 Holiday Gift Guide



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## WELCOME TO BUY MICHIGAN NOW'S 2009 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

This is our third annual holiday gift guide, which is designed to give great examples of Michigan gifts from around the state. If the gift we highlighted does not meet your needs, there may be other options from the company that will. Websites have been provided for that reason, to help you make your purchase online, or to find a retailer near you.

**Please support local businesses this holiday season --**

**If we give them our green, we'll keep them out of the red! –Lisa Diggs**

### BEAUTY

**Handmade Soap Bar** (\$4) Marjeanne's Creations features a wide variety of handmade, fragrant soap bars that make great stocking stuffers. Comforting scents include Almond and Oatmeal, Country Apple, and Cranberry Spice. Bars are 4-5 oz in size for \$4.00. Stop by the shop in Almont or order online. [www.marjeannescreations.com](http://www.marjeannescreations.com)

**Everyday Lip Gloss 4-Pack** (\$18) Whether it's for a stocking stuffer or a way to say thank you, these gift packs will be a big hit. Each handcrafted gift pack contains their 4 most popular shades: Innocence, Pink Diamonds, Ruby Sparkle, and Serenity. [www.everydaylipgloss.com](http://www.everydaylipgloss.com)

**Foot Spa** (\$19.99-\$49.99) Luxury and pampering at home is an excellent money-saving idea this year, and Homedics makes a lot of great massage and spa products to choose from including several foot spas. [www.homedics.com](http://www.homedics.com)

**Lift Your Hands Gift Basket** (\$28) This rejuvenation set created for paws includes an Organic Body Butter, Organic Sugar Body Scrub, and an Organic Tamanu Cuticle Cream to hands so lovely Nature's Boundaries believes the user will want to lift them up for all to see (hence the name). It comes packaged in a natural fiber, self-closing basket with a sturdy base designed to be reused. [www.naturesboundaries.com](http://www.naturesboundaries.com)

**Garment Grips** (\$3.99-\$5.99) Help the fashionista on your list keep her clothing looking as beautiful as she is with Garment Grips. These soft, peel and stick rectangles, made by Michigan Tape, are designed to keep clothes on their hangers. The velvety fibers gently grip and hold delicate fabrics so they don't end up on the closet floor. Available in 20-piece sets for \$3.99 or 40-piece sets for \$5.99, they make a great stocking stuffer or gift for mom. [www.peel-n-stick.com](http://www.peel-n-stick.com)

## **BOOKS OF FICTION**

***Dark River: A Novel of Suspense*** (\$14.99) Heather Buchanan is a native Detroiter, and has always been fascinated with her city's history. Inspired by a series of articles about the little-known truth of slavery in Detroit and the reality of an unknown dead slave woman, Heather embarked on a ten-year odyssey to bring Dark River to life.

[www.aquariuspressbookseller.net](http://www.aquariuspressbookseller.net)

***American Salvage*** (\$18.95) This new collection of tales from Michigan writer Bonnie Jo Campbell, was a finalist in the fiction category for the 2009 National Book Awards! It's rich with local color and peopled with rural characters who love and hate extravagantly, often set against the backdrop of a harsh Michigan winter. Though her characters are vulnerable, confused, and sometimes angry, they are also resolute and continue to hope, dream, and love in the face of loneliness. [www.wsupress.wayne.edu](http://www.wsupress.wayne.edu)

***Inherit All Things*** (\$13.95) The coins were trouble from the beginning, but twenty million dollars in West Michigan gold is a prize difficult for maritime salvager Jack Sheridan to ignore. He begins assembling pieces of a puzzle scattered 150 years ago, and embarks on a white-knuckle adventure that takes him across the Great Lakes, down desolate streets of a lost city, and into the depths of his own storied past. Each step draws him deeper into conflict with others intent on seizing the gold for their own hidden purpose. What Jack finds in the end is more than he bargained for, and the adversary he must confront will force him to question everything he knows. [www.ironcroft.com](http://www.ironcroft.com)

## **BOOKS OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

***A Motor City Year*** (\$39.95) Award-winning photographer, John Sobczak, captures everyday life in Metro Detroit in 365 images. His photographs showcase the familiar: Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit, vendors at Eastern Market, the Woodward Dream Cruise; and the less familiar: cycling at the velodrome in Rochester, robots on the line at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant. Taken together, the photographs in A Motor City Year demonstrate the full texture of life in Detroit, from the traditions we hold dear, to the places we work and play, the people we visit, and the challenges that we face. The book includes a foreword by Jeff Daniels. [www.wsupress.wayne.edu](http://www.wsupress.wayne.edu)

***Above the Lighthouses – Lake Michigan*** (\$49.95) Photographer, Marge Beaver, provides a stunning, full-color photographic showcase of Michigan's lighthouses, from up above. This is a very special tribute to the guardians of the Great Lakes, especially for lighthouse aficionados. [www.photography-plus.com](http://www.photography-plus.com)

***Monte Nagler's Michigan*** (\$35) Landscape photographer, Monte Nagler, once a student of Ansel Adams, uses 92 black and white images to capture the breadth and beauty of the state. From the Keweenaw Peninsula to urban Detroit, and from the sandy shorelines of Lake Michigan to the quiet beauty found along fields and back-roads, the book forms a beautiful visual composite of Michigan. [www.press.umich.edu](http://www.press.umich.edu)

## CANDLES

**Aromatherapy Candle** (\$16.99) This 17 oz 100% soy candle from Kristin & Company comes in a glass jar with a lid. You have your choice of ten soothing scents including eucalyptus, jasmine, or patchouli. Each candle gives 90+ hours of luxurious burn time to aid in emotional well being and is poured by hand in Standish, Michigan.

[www.kristinandcompanycandles.com](http://www.kristinandcompanycandles.com)

**Fruit Blend Variety 4-Pack** (\$44.55) This is a great choice for those who enjoy candles all year-round. The combination of scents (Lemongrass, Cucumber Apple, Georgia Peach, and Caramel Apple) complements our four seasons. Each of the 4 candles is 10 oz. [www.lakeshorecandlecompany.com](http://www.lakeshorecandlecompany.com)

**Menorah Candle** (\$27.50) Decorate for Hanukkah with this beautiful blue and white burner from Bull Frog Candles. Unscented, it stands 4 inches wide and 6 inches tall with a Menorah engraved on the side. [www.bullfrogcandles.com](http://www.bullfrogcandles.com)

## CHILDREN'S GIFTS

**Burp See™ Burp Cloths** (\$20) According to research done by *mompreneur*, Suzie Gorski, infants reflexively prefer to look at high-contrast edges and patterns, especially objects with black and white patterns, which improve babies' early recognition. So she created this line of visually stimulating burp cloths. [www.zeeabee.com](http://www.zeeabee.com)

**Bathtub Confetti** (\$2.95) Sandi's Soap Scents has created an affordable product that makes bath time fun. There are nineteen different colors and scents available and at only \$2.95 each, this is a great stocking stuffer. [www.sandissoapscents.com](http://www.sandissoapscents.com)

**Stranger in the Woods** (\$19.95) This fantasy from Milford's Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick has been on the national and New York Times best-seller lists during the winter months for 5 consecutive years. With stunning photography, it tells a story of furry and feathered friends in the forest responding to a mysterious visitor.

[www.strangerinthewoods.com](http://www.strangerinthewoods.com)

**Z is for Zamboni** (\$19.95) For the little hockey fan, Sleeping Bear Press has some great options including this fun read by author, Matt Napier. Educate a future NHLer with this alphabet book that makes learning fun while highlighting rules, players, coaches, teams, and the history of Hockeytown's favorite game. [www.sleepingbearpress.com](http://www.sleepingbearpress.com)

**Eco-Lunch Gear** (\$9) The green-minded kid in your life will love these reusable, organic-cotton sandwich wraps and snack bags that are designed to replace plastic baggies. They are even easy to clean. [www.ecolunchgear.com](http://www.ecolunchgear.com)

**3-Ball Sport Pack** (\$27.50) This package by poof-slinky includes a foam all purpose ball, football, and soccer ball for hours of action-packed fun. [www.Poof-Slinky.com](http://www.Poof-Slinky.com)

**Monitor Miniature Barn** (\$275) Bring a piece of Michigan's history into a child's life. These stunning, lifelike, toy barns are individually hand-crafted from wood gathered from historic barns around the state. Some of these barns were close to 150 years old, offering cork pine wood that is perfect for the creation of the miniature barns. True to history, two time tested styles of barn, the Gambrel and the Monitor, are offered. They can also do custom creations. [www.streamsidefarm.com](http://www.streamsidefarm.com)

## CHOCOHOLICS

**Sanders Old Fashioned Family Assortment** (\$16.99-\$32.99) Whether you're giving these as a memory in every mouthful or a new discovery to someone on your list, you can't go wrong with Sanders chocolates. We like this assortment for its big variety, but there are many other classics available online or in retail stores. [www.sanderscandy.com](http://www.sanderscandy.com)

**Kilwin's Chocolate Fudge** (\$7.50) No Michigan gift guide would be complete without fudge. This year our mouths are watering for Kilwin's chocolate fudge, available online or at retail stores. A ½ lb slice runs \$7.50, and of course there are many other flavors to share. [www.kilwins.com](http://www.kilwins.com)

**Truffles** (\$24) Truffles are an elegant alternative to traditional candies as they mix chocolate and whipping cream for a smooth, creamy center. This 24-piece set includes Triple Chocolate, Crème de Menthe, Milk Chocolate, Irish Creme, Kahlua, and Triple White truffles. For a more personalized gift of chocolaty goodness, you can even turn to the folks at Champagne Chocolates to make a box that's just for you. [www.champagnechocolates.com](http://www.champagnechocolates.com)

## CLOTHING

**Seatbelt Belt** (\$24) Automotive passion meets fashion with these unique belts brought to you by Pure Detroit. The authentic seatbelt belts are fabricated from real automotive seatbelt webbing and the finest seatbelt hardware around. They are officially licensed and available in Cadillac, Chevy, Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Corvette, Mustang, and Pontiac. [www.puredetroit.com](http://www.puredetroit.com)

**Caviar Tie** (\$30-\$40) Many a joke has been made over the years about giving dad another tie, but these unique, contemporary, neck accents are no joke. They are designed by local artists and silkscreened onto elegant soft matte silk or rich, sturdy microfiber. With intriguing names like Haute Math, Terminal Illness, and Wind Turbine, they are definitely not your traditional gentlemen's accent. [www.cyberoptix.com](http://www.cyberoptix.com)

**Made in Detroit T-Shirt** (\$24) If your list is filled more with t-shirt wearers than tie bearers, consider an authentic, Made in Detroit tee. The brand has been made famous by owner, Kid Rock, and now has a broad collection of styles and alternative designs. [www.madeindetroit.com](http://www.madeindetroit.com)

**Carhartt Men's Jeans** (\$33-\$50) Comfort, durability, and value have long been the hallmarks of Carhartt denim. From relaxed fit to straight legged and prewashed to traditional, you can find the right style for the man on the go. They are available for purchase online or you can find a retailer near you. [www.carhartt.com](http://www.carhartt.com)

**Carhartt Women's Pullover Sweatshirt** (\$40-\$50) The 120-year old apparel company has developed a great casual line for women as well. We like the pullover hoodies, which come in various weights and colors. They are also available for purchase online or you can find a retailer near you. [www.carhartt.com](http://www.carhartt.com)

**Girls' Empire Shirt** (\$34.50) Much has been said and written about stemming the tide of childhood obesity in recent years, but often this important dialogue fails to address the issue of self-image. A new clothing line by Real Kidz, not only makes trendy, affordable options in those tougher to find sizes, but also helps parents connect with one another to share their challenges, suggestions and joys. [www.realkidzclothing.com](http://www.realkidzclothing.com)

### **COMFORT FOOD**

**Gourmet Apple Slices** (\$10) These are a little taste of heaven! Made from fine Michigan apples, and enhanced with cinnamon, these crunchy flavorful slices of nature are a healthy snack alternative. Each apple slice provides natural fiber and there are no added preservatives. [www.naturestreats.net](http://www.naturestreats.net)

**Pasty** (\$3.99-\$4.79) For true Michigan comfort food, many natives agree that you can't beat a good pasty, and Lawry's is known far and wide for making some of the best. Their pasty is a hearty meal of choice cuts of beef, potatoes, onions and rutabagas seasoned and wrapped in a tender, homemade crust. You can visit either their Ishpeming or Marquette locations or order online, if within the available shipping area. [www.lawrystpasties.com](http://www.lawrystpasties.com)

**Cherry Peach Pumpkin Chili Recipe Box** (\$26.95) How about a truly chili for comfort food? Two jars of American Spoon Cherry Peach Salsa and one jar of Pumpkin Chipotle Roasting Sauce are included with their award winning recipe. [www.spoon.com](http://www.spoon.com)

**Eden Michigan Basket** (\$50) Feed and delight a family this season with this wonderful assortment from Eden Organics including: Montmorency Dried Tart Cherries, Apple Juice, Navy Beans, Pinto Beans, Pinto Bean & Spelt Chili, Kamut® Elbows, Edensoy Chocolate, Edensoy Extra Vanilla, and Apple Cherry Butter in a quaint, 14-inch, two-handed wicker basket trimmed in apple designs. [www.edenfoods.com](http://www.edenfoods.com)

### **CULINARY FUN**

**Legends Spice Blends** (\$13.99) Whether the chef in your life is preparing seafood or meat, one of these spice blends will bring it to life. This mouth-watering collection from Great Lakes Grilling includes 8oz bottles of Fat Tommy's Grilling Rub, Pauly's Beef Blend, and Campbell's Sweet and Spicy Fish Cure. [www.greatlakesgrilling.com](http://www.greatlakesgrilling.com)

**Recipe Books from A.I. Paper** (\$27-\$30). Jot down a few of your signature dishes or old family recipes and share them in this beautiful package. The hinged rings make it a cinch to remove, add, and rearrange the 50 lined index cards. Each book consists of stained wood, handmade paper and a pewter charm. You can even have it personalized with a title all your own for only \$3, but take note that custom orders take an extra 2-3 days. [www.catchingfireflies.com](http://www.catchingfireflies.com)

***The Smoked Seafood Cookbook*** (\$26.95) T.R. Durham uniquely addresses a neglected spot on the culinary bookshelf. With everything from smoked salmon to mackerel to smoked scallops, Durham's recipes offer ideas for exciting salads; pasta, potato, and other starch dishes paired with smoked seafood. There are soups from every corner of the globe, easy-to-prepare appetizers, and even smoked-seafood variations on the classic dish brandade. [www.press.umich.edu](http://www.press.umich.edu)

**Chef's Apron** (\$24.99) This apron fits in the kitchen or at the BBQ and is a great gift for passionate cooks! It's big enough to keep splatters off clothes, and has an adjustable neck loop and waist ties. Includes a center pocket with 3 compartments and a design that features a table made of words. [www.movertongues.com](http://www.movertongues.com)

### **FAMILY GIFTS**

**The Blissstory Journal** (\$13) This journal includes room to write in the answers to 365 diverse, engaging questions that will get a family talking like: "If your life were a book, what would the description on the back read?" and "When you wake in the morning, what is the first thought that usually crosses your mind?" and "Describe a scent that brings you back to your childhood." and "List the content of your purse or wallet." [www.theblissnetwork.com](http://www.theblissnetwork.com)

**Remember When** (\$29.95) This idea is designed to capture and save moments, memories and quotes that we think we will remember later but then find that we cannot quite recall in detail. Recording these moments is one of the most wonderful ways to show children, family and friends how special they are. Years later, these remembrances will be priceless treasures to share during life's milestones and to preserve for future generations. [www.mymemorytreasures.com](http://www.mymemorytreasures.com)

**San Francisco Special Caricature** (\$49.95) Goofy Faces named their color digital caricature after the City by the Bay for its combination of artistic expression and cool technology. They will illustrate a full-color caricature and e-mail it to you in as little as 72 hours! You can choose from many options like face-only or face and body. [www.goofyfaces.com](http://www.goofyfaces.com)

***The Essential Parenting Guide – Navigating Middle School and Beyond*** (\$4.95) Helping ensure that more and more Michigan kids go on to college is a big part of enhancing the state's economic future. This book offers a wealth of practical, research-based advice on how parents can promote academic success and keep children on track for higher education. [www.gazettestore.com](http://www.gazettestore.com)

## GARDEN

**Red Oak Leaf Birdbath** (\$129) This handmade birdbath is made by pressing real leaves into cement to replicate nature, producing a piece of garden decor that blends perfectly in a backyard, while giving birds a lovely place to land.

[www.sunriselandscape designs.com](http://www.sunriselandscape designs.com)

**Gardener's Gift Set** (\$10) Boh Bon Soap Company has created a bar that blends gentle cleansing olive oil, nourishing cocoa butter & hardworking cornmeal to help get those garden hands truly clean. It's also refreshing, with a fresh lemon verbena scent and calendula petals. A wooden nail brush and a pair of women's cotton jersey garden gloves round out the set. [www.bohbonsoapco.com](http://www.bohbonsoapco.com)

**Decorative Bird House** (\$25-\$45.00) These look great on the window sill, in a planter or just sitting on the shelf, and can be done in any color you request. They are hen accented with vines and twigs and/or rusty hearts and stars. [www.cedar-stuff.com](http://www.cedar-stuff.com)

## GOOD DEEDS

**Coffee for Our Troops** (various) Send a taste from home to our brave men and women this season from your family or on behalf of a loved one. Any java purchase from Coffee Beanery can be donated to our troops at any time. Just check the box "Donate to Troops" when purchasing online and the company will match your donation and send it to our troops overseas. [www.coffeebeanery.com](http://www.coffeebeanery.com)

**Memorial Tree** (various) Honor someone you love and help make the planet healthier at the same time. Each year, The Greening of Detroit selects a memorial grove site, which may be located in a park, schoolyard, boulevard or major thoroughfare. Honorees receive an invitation to the planting event and a permanent marker bearing the honoree's name will be installed at the planting site. [www.greeningofdetroit.com](http://www.greeningofdetroit.com)

**Just Give** (various) Many of us have someone on our list who says, "I don't need or want anything," and this is a great year to take them at their word and donate to a worthy cause instead of buying a gift. Use this site to enter a zip code and find a great charity in your own backyard or your loved one's, that could use some extra help. [www.justgive.org](http://www.justgive.org)

## HANDBAGS

**The Marylou Handbag** (\$30) Totes by Tanya specializes in creating custom handbags and purses. You design it and they create it. Featured designs include functional shopper bags, purses, petite totes, stylish diaper bags, trendy messenger bags, and more. Most range from \$30-\$50 and are available online or non-customized versions may be found at iT, Starring the Gallery, Lavender Breeze, LSJ Collections and Designs, or Grandpa Shorter's. [www.totesbytanya.com](http://www.totesbytanya.com)

**Franklin Handbag** (\$79) The goal of the Jenna Kator Collection is to offer east coast style with a west coast attitude. The fashionable and functional Franklin is one of ten cool bags named after equally cool Mich cities. Color options include: Dark Sand, Autumn Day, Gray Sky & Midnight Black. [www.jennakatorhandbags.com](http://www.jennakatorhandbags.com)

**Mini Pouch** (\$15-\$25) Taking the term “reduce, reuse, recycle” to heart, once a clothing design is created at Envious Takeoff they continue to scrap down into smaller items which result in handmade purses, wallets, and pouches. This results in a unique, limited edition gift that is also eco-friendly. Selections vary based on available fabrics. [www.etsy.com/shop/envioustakeoff](http://www.etsy.com/shop/envioustakeoff)

## HOME DÉCOR

**Pine Landscape Tile** (\$68) We’ve highlighted just one of the gorgeous tiles created by the talented artisans at Motawi Tile in Ann Arbor. Prices vary based on size and style. [www.motawi.com](http://www.motawi.com)

**Snowflake Plate by The Henry Ford** (\$44) This snowflake plate starts as a slab of redware clay that is rolled out by hand using a large rolling pin. Using the same techniques as potters from the 17th and 18th centuries, the Liberty Craftworks artisans form the slab into a plate using a drape mold. Liquid clay colored with metallic oxides is poured into the plate. Before the plate is completely dry, it is decorated by hand with the snowflake design. Variations in size and color may occur. It is 9” in diameter and food and dishwasher safe. [www.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.org)

**Print by Jen and Her Camera** (\$29.49-\$33.99) Photographer Jennifer Berkemeier offers a wide selection of cool prints that are perfect to recapture a memory of a favorite place or add style to a room or wall. [www.jenandhercamera.com](http://www.jenandhercamera.com)

**Summer Wind 8x10 Gilcee** (\$200) For those wondering what a giclee is, it's the newest form of printing that has taken the art reproduction world by storm. It's fade-proof and so closely resembles the original painting in color and sharpness that it can be hard to tell them apart. Hramiec/Hoffman has a variety of these affordable alternatives available. [www.hramiechoffman.com](http://www.hramiechoffman.com)

**Murrini Vase by The Henry Ford** (\$800) Preserving another fine artistic tradition, this large Murrini vase requires a 4-person dynamic team to execute. Visitors to the museum hold their breath as they watch molten patterns of glass held skillfully on the end of a blow pipe as the glass threatens to fall off its mount. Only Murrini technique can achieve this type of patterning in the hand blown glassware. It stands 19-20” tall. [www.hfmgv.org](http://www.hfmgv.org)

## **JAMS, PRESERVES & SALSAS - OH MY!**

**Create Your Own Pair** (\$21.20) Food for Thought allows you to select any two items to send together from their amazing array of preserves, salsas, and hot sauce. From Blueberry Lavender Preserves to Cherry Habanero Hot Sauce, there's something for every palate. [www.foodforthought.net](http://www.foodforthought.net)

**Wild Thimbleberry Jam** (\$10) This delicacy of the U.P. will bring back fond memories for anyone who has ever tasted a sweet Thimbleberry (growing along Lake Superior) or this unique jam from the legendary "Jam Lady." [www.thimbleberryjamlady.com](http://www.thimbleberryjamlady.com)

**6-Pack St Joseph Collection** (\$43.95) This gift set includes Silver Beach Strawberry Jam, North Pier Lighthouse Cherry Salsa, Lake Bluff Park Cherry Honey Mustard, Mackinac Bridge Blueberry Jam, Sleeping Bear Dunes Cherry BBQ Sauce, and Warren Dunes Cherry Jam. Each jar of Michigan goodness is wrapped in a label that highlights great attractions of our beautiful state. 3-packs are also available for \$24.95. [www.gourmetgiftboxes.net](http://www.gourmetgiftboxes.net)

## **JAVA JUNKIES & TEATOTALERS**

**Festive Holiday Coffee Basket** (\$42.99) Coffee Beanery has designed a lovely gift basket that will make your favorite java junkie smile. It's filled with 1.75 oz packages of Colombian Supremo, Caramel Apple, Cinnamon Holiday Blend, Amaretto, and Peppermint Twist, along with 16 oz bags of Breakfast Blend and Beanery Blend®, accompanied by 3 Lindt chocolate truffles and a mug. The festive collection comes in a decorative holiday box. [www.coffeebeanery.com](http://www.coffeebeanery.com)

**Naughty or Nice Coffee** (\$8.49) Paramount coffee has some fun new offerings that make ideal gifts. Their holiday collection includes titles like Naughty (dark chocolate) and Nice (sweet vanilla and nutmeg) or select from their MI-inspired collection: Northern Michigan Cherry, Mighty Mac, Lake Michigan Morning Blend, or Isle Royale Blend. Twelve ounce bags start around \$6.99 or you can customize a gift basket. [www.paramountcoffee.com](http://www.paramountcoffee.com)

**Nuge Java by Evelyn Bay** (\$9.95) The rock n' roller or hunter in your life will get a laugh and a tasty treat from Nuge Java from Evelyn Bay. That's right, a line of coffee inspired by MI-born musician and outdoor aficionado, Ted Nugent. How about some Ted's Hunt or Wackmaster Sunrize to start the day? [www.evelynbaycoffee.com](http://www.evelynbaycoffee.com)

**Biggy Gift Card** (\$5-\$100) If you don't know what kind of coffee your someone special prefers, then why not opt for a gift card? With 108 locations around Michigan, a card from Biggy is a great choice. They can be purchased in denominations ranging anywhere from \$5 to \$100 at the nearest retail location or online. <http://www.biggy.com>

**Moroccan Spice Herbal Tea Tin** (\$10) Loose leaf teas are growing in popularity across America and Chartreuse has a great collection, beginning with this sweet cinnamon selection that is high in antioxidants to fight off winter colds. If you already have a loose leaf tea lover in your life there are plenty of tins to choose from at around \$10-12 or introduce someone to the experience with their special Two Teas and a Teapot for \$20! [www.chartreuse ltd.com](http://www.chartreuse ltd.com)

**Tea of the Month** (\$105) For the serious “teatotaler” in your life, consider a Tea of the Month gift from Light of Day Organics. The half-year version includes a 10-serving size tin of any of their teas per month for 6 months. (Teas are chosen randomly unless otherwise specified.) With the first order, the recipient will also receive a tea mug with a stainless infuser in white or olive. The \$105 price includes shipping within the U.S. [www.lightofdayorganics.com](http://www.lightofdayorganics.com)

**The CADDi** (\$5.50) How about a cool little accessory that enables the user to carry beverages with just one finger, and still text, carry books, tote kids, open doors, or even pull luggage? This is a fun stocking stuffer! [www.getthecaddi.com](http://www.getthecaddi.com)

## JEWELRY

**Celebrate the Day Necklace** (\$45) A hummingbird and ivy are depicted on this 16” Victorian charm necklace. There are also a wide variety of other charms available, as well as an opportunity to order a piece of jewelry that is customized to your recipient’s personal style. <http://www.justso.us>

**Serra 3 Oval Necklace** (\$48) If someone on your list has contemporary taste, check out grllDog design. All of the work is designed and handcrafted in a studio in Detroit. Most pieces are made primarily of sterling silver, and are very affordable with prices ranging from \$18-\$80. The jewelry can also be found at Bureau of Urban Living, House of Chants, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, and the Detroit Institute of Arts Gift Gallery. [www.etsy.com/shop/grllDog](http://www.etsy.com/shop/grllDog)

**Petoskey Spiral Earrings** (\$60) These earrings have a spiral of oxidized, sterling silver at the top of a Petoskey stone. The spiral gives the Petoskey stone a fun, lighthearted look. Linda Michaels creates a unique collection of jewelry (and other items) that feature Petoskey stones, Lake Superior agate, and Michigan’s state gem--greenstone. Most pieces are in the \$36-\$189 price range, though there are higher-end pieces as well. [www.lindamichaels.net](http://www.lindamichaels.net)

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Traverse** (\$24.95) For those who live in, or just love, the northern mitt, this will bring joy. It features the recreation, festivals, sports, towns, shops, restaurants, people and culture that embody life "Up North." It’s known for award-winning photography, compelling editorial and intriguing special features. Subscriptions are specially priced

for the holidays at \$24.95 for the first one and \$19.95 for each additional.  
[www.mynorth.com](http://www.mynorth.com)

***Michigan History Magazine*** (\$19.95) This unique guide to Michigan's past and present is published six times a year, responsibility for which has recently transferred from the State of Michigan to the Historical Society of Michigan. It features richly illustrated articles conveying the vitality and excitement of Michigan History. [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

***Woods-n-Water News*** (\$25) The outdoor enthusiast on your list will eagerly await every edition of Michigan's premiere outdoor publication. From conservation to sports, it's chalk full of all there is to love about natural Michigan. [www.woods-n-waternews.com](http://www.woods-n-waternews.com)

### **ORNAMENTS**

**Icicle Ornament** (\$23.00) Clear glass is twisted with white striping by the talented artists at Furnace Design Studio in Dearborn to produce a delicate ornament that simulates an icicle. Other ornament designs and collector pieces are also available. [www.furnacedesignstudio.com](http://www.furnacedesignstudio.com)

**Arctic Skies** (\$18.95) This stunning glass ball is one of our favorites among several beautiful ornaments from Leone's Glass in Traverse City. They are about 3" diameter and ready to display with a satin ribbon and gift tag. Each piece is made by hand, using old world techniques, and signed. [www.leonesglass.com](http://www.leonesglass.com)

**Twelve Days** (\$18) From a depiction of a Partridge in a Pear Tree to Seven Swans Swimming to Twelve Drummers Drumming, Pewabic Pottery has an ornament for your favorite day in the Christmas carol classic. Give one as a gift, or collect all twelve. [www.pewabic.com](http://www.pewabic.com)

### **OUTDOOR AFICIANADOS**

**Dardevle Fishing Lures** (various) The tradition of these lures dates back to 1906, when Lou Eppinger created the first one for his own use. Since then the Michigan company has sold millions of these sought-after lures. The catalog of choices is immense, containing something special for your favorite fisherman or woman. [www.eppinger.net](http://www.eppinger.net)

**Waterproof Hiking Boots** (\$120-\$200) A good pair of hiking boots is an essential tool for those who love the great outdoors, and Wolverine makes many that can be purchased online or found at area stores. You can visit their website to make a purchase or find a retailer in your neck of the woods. [www.wolverine.com](http://www.wolverine.com)

**Darton Ranger II Bow** (\$199.97) The Darton Ranger II is an ideal choice for someone who is new to archery. The company also offers a wide range of choices for both the novice and the expert. This model has a peak weight of 45 lbs. and is adjustable down to 15 lbs. so that even the smallest person can get into the sport. [www.dartonarchery.com](http://www.dartonarchery.com)

**BuckBag** (\$79.95) This is a great gift for the serious hunter on your list. It's the largest heavy duty deer game bag in the industry, allowing hunters to transport and protect their buck. It is built with 10 durable handles for carrying a buck, or securing one in or on a vehicle. The special fabric protects the contents from sun, rain, insects, and road salt. [www.buckbag.net](http://www.buckbag.net)

## PET LOVERS

**Pet Air Beds** (\$54.99-\$129.99) Gertie Gear pet air beds are great for dogs and cats of all ages, weights and breeds, but are especially beneficial for senior pets and those with health concerns. The air beds are designed to provide an economical, full body orthopedic solution that outlasts traditional pet beds, including more expensive orthopedic memory foam beds. A cornucopia of covers are also available. [www.gertiegear.com](http://www.gertiegear.com)

***What Cats Want for Christmas*** (16.95) From Kandy Radzinski, the creator of the bestselling *The Twelve Cats of Christmas*, comes a laugh-out-loud look into the hearts and minds of felines at holiday time. [www.sleepingbearpress.com](http://www.sleepingbearpress.com)

***What Dogs Want for Christmas*** (\$16.95) Proving that cats don't have the last word when it comes to making Christmas lists, author and artist Kandy Radzinski returns this holiday season with the canine companion book to last year's favorite, *What Cats Want for Christmas*. Using witty poems and winsome illustrations, *What Dogs Want for Christmas* lets our four-footed friends speak for themselves. [www.sleepingbearpress.com](http://www.sleepingbearpress.com)

## SALTY & SPICY SNACKS

**Sports Tin of Popcorn** (\$26.99-\$64.99) Detroit Popcorn Company gives you the opportunity to select your loved ones' favorite popcorn snack and have it sealed up in a 3½ gallon tin, decorated in honor of their favorite team like Red Wings, Tigers, Pistons, Lions, Spartans, or Wolverines. [www.detroitpopcorn.com](http://www.detroitpopcorn.com)

**Fran's Famous Fiery Nuts** (\$5-\$12) For those looking for a new taste sensation, these gems are a little sweet, a little salty, and a little spicy. These are affectionately known as "the nuts" because every time creator Fran Russell asked friends and family what to bring to a party, they simply replied "bring the nuts." They are now packaged for our gift giving enjoyment in adorable, tempting boxes.

**Spicy Brittle** (\$20) If you're looking for a little more sweet with your spice, then Bizzy Lizzy Bakery may have just what you need. Creative elves add fresh jalapeno to their peanut brittle recipe for a unique taste sensation. A 2-lb bag runs \$20 and includes a choice of mild, medium, or hot & spicy.

## SWEET TREATS

**Box of Gourmet Caramels** (\$4.50-\$25) Kelly's Karamels has perfected the art of soft and chewy caramel. Following Grandma Renie's traditional recipe, these buttery, soft caramels melt in your mouth. Each is slow cooked, hand cut and wrapped. They are available with or without pecans in attractive boxes of 4, 8, 16 or 32-pieces.

[www.kellyskaramels.com](http://www.kellyskaramels.com)

**Bell Stone Platinum Toffee Tin** (\$22) This elegant platinum tin is filled with one pound of Bell Stone Toffee and then sealed with a satin ribbon of your choice. The popular toffee has a light crunch and a smooth buttery taste, topped with chocolate and pecans. You may select milk or dark chocolate, or even a combination.

**Christmas Cookie Club** (\$16) Nearly anyone who has ever been to Ann Arbor will tell you that you can't go wrong giving a gift from Zingerman's. One of our favorites this year is the Christmas Cookie Club, created to celebrate the release of customer, and author, Ann Pearlman's book of the same name. Ann painted the images on the clever gift box, which is hinged and looks like a book. Inside are Molasses-Ginger Crisps and Pecan Butter Balls (using recipes from the novel) and Zingerman's own Chocolate Mint Shortbread. It contains 20 cookies and is available exclusively online.

[www.zingermans.com](http://www.zingermans.com)

**One Dozen Jes Cookies** (\$30) These tasty sensations are made the day they are shipped, individually-wrapped, and sent right to the doorstep you desire. Originally known for their gooey chocolate chip delights, shoppers may now also opt for peanut butter or oatmeal raisin. [www.jescookies.com](http://www.jescookies.com)

## TECHIES

**ChargeBlock by Miccus** (\$39.99) Do you know someone who is addicted to their iPhone or iPod and would panic if they ran out of juice? Well, here's a handy new gadget for them. This small and convenient charger allows an iPhone or iPod to be recharged anywhere, at any time, even while still in use. [www.miccus.com](http://www.miccus.com)

**Livio Radio featuring Pandora** (\$199) Music lovers will also swoon for this first and only dedicated device to offer Pandora's signature "thumbs up, thumbs down" controls on both the front panel and a remote. Livio Radio puts users in command by allowing customization of music and programming across any genre, from anywhere in the world, without a required monthly fee and independent of a computer. [www.livioradio.com](http://www.livioradio.com)

**NPR Radio** (\$199) The NPR Radio, also from Livio, lets users tune to thousands of radio stations from around the globe and easily find NPR stations and programming, while away from their computer. It is a stand alone internet radio that sets up in minutes and connects users to over 16,000 internet radio stations. What sets this radio apart is the exclusive NPR menu, allowing users to easily find, search and bookmark NPR stations, podcasts, and content, by topic or by program. [www.livioradio.com](http://www.livioradio.com)

## TRAVEL

**B&B Stay** (various) A weekend getaway may be just the ticket, and this year the Michigan Lake to Lake Bed & Breakfast Association is making gift-giving really easy with one certificate that is redeemable with all of their 150+ members statewide. These handsome gift certificates are printed on parchment paper and embossed with the Lake to Lake official seal. [www.laketolake.com](http://www.laketolake.com)

**Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Gift Card** (various) A trip to Frankenmuth is always fun, and a gift card to the Bavarian Inn makes that even better. Cards may be used at the Bavarian Inn Lodge as well as their Dining Rooms, Roof Garten, Fischer Platz Outdoor Café, Royal Gift Shop, Castle Bakery, Chocolate Shop, Nutcracker Sweet Candy Corner, Wine and Beer Cellar, Doll & Toy Shop, Court Jester's Café, Souvenir & Cheers Gift Shop, Covered Bridge & Leather Gift Shop, and the Frankenmuth Cheese Haus

## TWEENS OR TEENS

**6-piece Sampler Kit** (\$5.00) Joppa Minerals offers a fine line of beauty products made only from All-Natural ingredients. These mineral cosmetics are made with active ingredients like Titanium Dioxide and Zinc Oxide, which have anti-inflammatory properties and also offer natural sun protection against UVA and UVB rays. For first-time users, consider the 6-piece Sampler Kit for only \$5.00 or choose from a number of other products. [www.joppaminerals.com](http://www.joppaminerals.com)

**Laptop Skins by Fathead** (\$24.99) Forget about black or silver laptops, it's time to personalize them. These skins by Fathead are hi-def, washable, peel-n-stick covers that are safe for a laptop. Pick the size and style that suits your teen's taste or customize your own. [www.fathead.com](http://www.fathead.com)

**Varsity Jacket** (various) T&M Sportswear has been manufacturing quality varsity jackets for over 20 years and is Michigan's largest family owned varsity jacket manufacturer. They can create a varsity jacket with your school colors, emblems and letters. [www.tmsportswear.com](http://www.tmsportswear.com)

## WINE

***From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries*** (\$34.95). Pick up a copy of this book for those who love, or want to explore, Michigan's wine country. The authors traveled Michigan to meet our hard-working winemakers and to sip the offerings in their vineyards and tasting rooms. This book is the perfect way to discover our unique wineries and wines using insider information and travel information. [www.annarbormediagroup.com](http://www.annarbormediagroup.com)

**White Christmas** or **Yuletide Reds** (\$43.17) Round Barn features many gift ideas for the holidays. Among our favorites are *White Christmas*, which features one Pinot Gris, one Gewürtztraminer, and one Riesling and *Yuletide Reds*, which includes one Lake Michigan Shore Merlot, one Noir Nouveau, and one Vineyard Red. Both collections are great introductions to the varieties available at this Western Michigan winery.  
[www.roundbarnwinery.com](http://www.roundbarnwinery.com)

**A Capella Reisling Ice Wine** (\$79) For something truly special, and more than a little luxurious, consider a bottle of this 2007 offering from Black Star Farms. It is made from perfect grapes left on the vine long after traditional harvest. A three to four-day hard freeze with temperatures in the teens prepared the grapes for harvest, which were then crushed by a hydraulic press outdoors, so as not to thaw. This process can take days of pressure, extracting about one drop of concentrated juice from each grape. Fermentation is a long, slow procedure, too. The end product is full of lush fruit flavors that linger on the palate and create a longing for more. This particular Michigan ice wine has even been served at the White House on two occasions.

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