You’ve been good this year. Presents-under-the-tree good. To reward you, we’ve put together a Holiday Gift Guide to help take away the headache of finding the perfect present for every person on your list—and something for you too, because being good can be hard work.

In addition to crossing off the names on your nice-not-naughty list, you can also cheer the fact that by visiting our advertisers, you’re doing something even more amazing; you’re supporting local businesses. Whether you’re looking for a more traditional gift, something unique and one of a kind, or completely out of the box, our Gift Guide has you covered.
Give the gift of heirloom cookware with Le Creuset. Offered in cast iron, ceramics, enamel on steel and silicone in an abundance of colors, it’s the gift that everyone wants to receive. And since this will be the last year the Greenhouse will be celebrating Christmas in downtown Bellingham, expect deals on everything from kitchenware to furniture, body and bath goods, seasonal decor and so much more.

Where: 1235 Cornwall Ave.
More Info: www.greenhousehome.com
Three Reasons to Gift Local

1. Each dollar you spend at independent businesses returns three times more money to your local economy.

2. Small businesses donate more than twice as much per sales dollar to local nonprofits, events and teams compared to big businesses.

3. There is a strong correlation between the percentage of small, locally owned firms and various indicators of personal and community health and vitality.

How Much Do I Need?
Guidelines for Planning Your Holiday Meal

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COURTESY OF THE COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP

Cocktail
Grandma’s Apple Pie
1 oz BelleWood Eau de Vie or Reserve Brandy
½ oz BelleWood Gin
5 oz chilled spiced cider
Apple slice to garnish

DIRECTIONS: Add all liquid ingredients to an ice-filled cocktail shaker and shake until well chilled. Strain into an ice-filled glass and garnish with a slice of apple.

Keep your cash local

“Local businesses are one of the biggest generators of wealth in the community. They give more to community causes and provide the most new jobs nationally. They are the heart and soul of our downtowns and are a big part of what keeps our community thriving.”

—Derek Long, Executive Director of Sustainable Connections

Holiday Events

1. **Holiday at the Port:** For one weekend a year, the Bellingham Cruise Terminal is transformed into Santa’s domain—complete with pictures with the fella in red, a jaw-dropping gingerbread house display, performances by local choirs, bands and dancers, horse-drawn wagon rides, free cookies and cider and plenty of community connections. When: Dec. 1-3 Info: www.portofbellingham.com

2. **The Christmas Schooner:** Enjoy this holiday by going back in time and discovering more about the story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the spirit of the season at showings of The Christmas Schooner at the Bellingham Theatre Guild. Audiences attending the musical can expect to hear original tunes and traditional favorites. When: Nov. 24-Dec. 10. Info: www.bellinghamtheatreguild.com

3. **Deck the Halls:** The day after Thanksgiving, Whatcom Museum’s Old City Hall opens its storied doors for the annual “Deck the Old City Hall.” Through New Year’s Eve, stop by to take a look at the plethora of artfully decorated trees, visit with Santa and Wally the Museum Mouse, and feel the spirit of the season. On Fri., Dec. 1, get dressed up for a holiday kickoff cocktail party. When: 2-5pm Wed.-Sun. through Dec. 31 Info: www.whatcommuseum.org


5. **Visits with Santa:** In addition to asking kids what they want for Christmas, for the last 35 years “Santa Dennis” has also engaged the children who meet him at Yeager’s Toyland by querying about what’s going on in their lives—whether it has to do with school or what their favorite fruit is. It’s free to take pictures with the naturally white-bearded guy, or pay a fee to get printed copies and help the Fairhaven Lions Club raise money for local charities. When: Nov. 27-Dec. 23 Info: www.yeagerssportgoods.com
Northwest Ballet Theater

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McIntyre Hall:
December 9 7:30 pm & 10 2:00 pm
Mount Baker Theatre
December 22 7:30 pm, 23 2:00 pm, & 24 2:00 pm

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anacortes.org/coastalchristmas

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**Bake Like a King**

Burlington’s unique King Arthur Flour Baking School welcomes all bakers, no matter their skill level or interest. Classes range from introductory demonstrations to intensive, week-long professional courses with a wide variety of hands-on classes for all ages. Give the gift of baking this holiday season by purchasing a gift card or class for the burgeoning baker in your life!

**Where:** 11768 Westar Lane, Burlington

**More Info:** [www.kingarthurflour.com/school](http://www.kingarthurflour.com/school)

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**Support the Arts**

Did you know Whatcom Museum members pay less for exhibit entry and enjoy a variety of perks? And once visitors have taken in the latest masterpieces at the Lightcatcher Building, they can drop by the Museum Store to peruse and purchase a selection of artwork, cards, jewelry made by local and regional artists and holiday gift items.

**Where:** 250 Flora St.

**More Info:** (360) 778-8930 or [www.whatcommuseum.org](http://www.whatcommuseum.org)

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**Form Meets Function**

Since 1969, Good Earth Pottery has been specializing in functional pottery and ceramic art. With more than 50 artists represented, you’re sure to find that special gift—whether it’s mugs for coffee lovers, yarn bowls for knitters, thought-provoking sculptures or hand-made gifts of every form and function imaginable.

**Where:** 1000 Harris Ave.

**More Info:** [www.goodearthpots.com](http://www.goodearthpots.com)
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See a Sugar Plum Fairy

Lyrical and enchanting, mesmerizing and magical, The Nutcracker has become a holiday tradition around the world. John Bishop, the founder and Artistic Director of Northwest Ballet Theater, works with area dancers and a plethora of other community volunteers to offer performances of the classic ballet based on the original Russian version—where it was first performed in 1892 in St. Petersburg. Northwest Ballet’s production also features beautiful choreography, backdrops painted in Russia, and costumes made in New York City.

Where & When: Dec. 9-10 at McIntyre Hall, and Dec. 22-24 at the Mount Baker Theatre

More info: www.northwestballet.org

Relax for the Holidays

The relaxation achieved by entering the steam rooms at the spa at the Chrysalis Inn is almost worth the price of admission alone. But there are more healing opportunities for those gifted with time to rejuvenate—including massages, facials, pedicures and other services sure to take away the stresses of the season.

Where: 804 10th St.

More info: www.thechrysalisinn.com

Baked Goods

Looking to chill this holiday? 2020 Solutions—which was recently voted Best Pot Shop for the third year in a row by our readers—has a variety of brown paper packages tied up with hemp string. With gift ideas for everyone 21 and older on your list—walking-stick pipes for Dad, chocolates for Aunt Julie, infused prerolls for Paul, bongs for Bobby, topicalicals for Tom and a huge selection of locally sourced and beautifully cured “flower”—your presents are sure to hit a high note.

Where: 2018 Iron St.
5655 Guide Meridian
4770 Pacific Highway

More info: www.2020-solutions.com
**Holiday Check List**

1. **50% OFF**
   - **17 SHOWS**
   - **24 HOURS ONLINE**
   - **November 27**

2. **Treat Yourself at MBT’s Merrymaking Monday Sale!**

3. **Be there as we light up MBT’s Tower at our inaugural MBT holiday tower lighting event!**

**MTB Staff Picks for Gift Giving**

- **Ladies of Laughter**
  - **Funny and Fabulous**
  - **January 13**
  - “Give the gift of laughter to all your girlfriends—who wouldn’t love you for it?”

- **Five for Fighting**
  - **With String Quartet**
  - **January 19**
  - “Perfect for anyone who wants to sing along! Five for Fighting is an icon of alternative pop music.”

- **BRAIN CANDY**
  - **April 20**
  - “I haven’t seen my boyfriend’s eyes light up more than the day I told him Adam Savage is coming to Bellingham.”

- **David Sedaris**
  - **May 4**
  - “Sedaris is a sharp-tongued balm for brainy folks with a wicked sense of humor.”

- **Olate Dogs**
  - **June 9**
  - “I love being able to involve my younger siblings in the arts! They are already so excited to see this performance!”

**Call 360.483.0010 or visit MountBakerTheatre.com for tickets.**

Mount Baker Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the performing arts.
Explore Downtown

Come experience all Downtown Bellingham has to offer. From recently opened boutiques to seasonal craft cocktails, downtown is full of new places to check out and plenty of things to experience. And don’t forget to catch your favorite events, including Downtown Sounds and, on Fri., Dec. 15, a Commercial Street Holiday Night Market featuring scads of unique gift ideas. Reimagine downtown and find out why we’re the city of renewed excitement.

What & When: Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony from 5:30-7pm Sat., Dec. 2 at the Depot Market Square
More Info: www.downtownbellingham.com

The Gift of Fashion

Fringe Boutique has always had amazing gifts for women, and now has great gifts for men, too! Let them be your shopping elves and help you pick out the perfect gifts this holiday season. They’ll even gift-wrap for you for $1. And for the tricky ones on your list, there’s always a Fringe gift card.

Address: 1147 N. State St.
More Info: www.wearfringe.com

Find a Treasure

At the Silvery Moon, open a treasure chest. In addition to handmade turquoise, opal and sapphire jewelry from the likes of Alena Zena, the Fairhaven locale also specializes in diamonds, rare gems, Native American silver and more. With 40 years of experience, customers can also feel comfortable having custom work, inspection and repairs done.

Address: 1010 Harris Ave., #102
More Info: (360) 715-1393
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This Holiday Season
Get a $25 promo card for every $150 gift card purchased.
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Valid Nov. 24- Dec. 23, 2017 only.
A Night at the Theater

Exceptional outings are the norm at the Mount Baker Theatre, where it’s possible to find wondrous gifts for every taste and price range on your list. Choose from local and regional acts, touring Broadway musicals, headlining Grammy winners, or silent films with a live score. You can also hook up someone with an evening with their favorite author, or gift them with the all-ages enchantment of performing rescue dogs—there is truly a whole wide world waiting inside your local hub for live entertainment. See it together, and your gift becomes a chance to gather at Christmas, and again at the show.

Where: 104 N. Commercial St.
More Info: (360) 734-6080 or www.mountbakertheatre.com

Live Local, Give Local

The Bellingham Farmers Market has been connecting the community with local farmers, artisans and food producers since 1992. Now in its 25th season, it features more than 140 participating small businesses from Whatcom and Skagit counties. In recent years, the hyper-local hub at the Depot Market Square has expanded to offer markets every Saturday through Christmas Eve. Additionally, Winter Markets take place the third Saturday of every month until spring. As a one-stop shop for all your local holiday menu planning, holiday decor and gift-giving, shop the market and support local business and the local economy—all while having fun.

Where: 1100 Railroad Ave.
More Info: www.bellinghamfarmers.org
Give the Art of Baking

Come bake with us at the King Arthur Flour Baking School at the Bread Lab. Experience firsthand the craft of baking with classes for all levels, from home bakers to professionals, taught by our expert instructors.

See the full schedule online at: KingArthurFlour.com/school
Art for Everyone

More than 40 artists and crafters will be displaying their creative wares at the annual Pacific Arts Market weekends from Dec. 2-4 to Dec. 22-23. Shoppers will find unique jewelry, pottery, woodwork, textiles, fiber art, bath and body products, book and paper art, leather, 3D art, clothing, accessories, holiday ornaments, photography, specialty foods and more—all while listening to music from local performers.

Where: 1125 E. Sunset Dr. (between Jo-Ann Fabric and El Gitano)
More Info: www.pacificartsmarket.com

The Gift of Thrift

Looking for a unique outfit for your next holiday party? Try snazzing up a little black dress with metallics, glitter and fun accessories from Buffalo Exchange! While you’re at it, knock out your holiday shopping with a gift card or some quirky stocking stuffers.

Where: 1209 N. State St.
More Info: (360) 676-1375 or www.buffaloexchange.com

Save a Beer for Santa

Kulshan Brewing Company elves have been busy stocking up for the holidays, and have many custom items for the beer-lover on your list—from flannels to hoodies, hats and tees, as well as stainless steel growlers, gold-rimmed pilsner glasses, liter steins and a limited-edition run of co-branded Kulshan + HIGH ABOVE Lookout hip packs for mountain bikers. Prost!

Where: 2238 James St., 1538 Kentucky St.
More Info: kulshanbrewery.com

A Holiday in Anacortes

With dozens of community activities throughout the season, find something for everyone in Anacortes. This season is a magical time to visit, with the town lit up for the winter nights, and warm, inviting restaurants to welcome you in from hikes at local parks or strolls down scenic Main Street.

More Info: www.anacortes.org
ADD FLAVOR AND FLAIR TO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST

Bellingham FARMERS MARKET

Shop from 60 local producers. Get the best in local seafood, produce, dairy, crafts and more!

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10AM TO 3PM, THRU DECEMBER 23
2018 WINTER MARKET
10AM TO 3PM, JAN 20, FEB 17, MAR 17

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Saturday, November 25, 2017 is Small Business Saturday® - a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Please join the SBA and organizations across the country in supporting your local small business by shopping at a small business. We have over 60 local vendors during this season, offering handcrafted gifts, specialty food items, and seasonal decorations - making it easy for you to keep your gift giving local.

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LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS RAFFLE
This is the season of giving and we are excited to be giving away lots of products from our vendors. Beginning November 25th, stop by our Information Booth and complete an entry for our weekly give away. Each week, we will award a locally crafted item, culminating in a grand prize including $50 worth of Market Bucks to be awarded on December 23rd - just in time for any last minute shopping! You can enter each week you visit the Market for more chances to win.

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