



2011 Holiday Gift Guide

The average American spends more than \$400 during the holiday season, which makes it a critical time to...

Think Michigan First!

This guide is intended to highlight cool products and companies throughout the state and to encourage people to keep as much of their money inside Michigan as possible while we work together to revive our economy. It contains just a small representation of the many amazing products being created by Michigan-based companies. Please take the time to think about where your dollars will go before you spend them, and help us to continue to revitalize our state...one product, one purchase, one person at a time!

Happy Holidays!

For more gift and grocery ideas visit
www.BuyMichiganNow.com

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Statewide Pride

Lots of great ways to show pride for our cities and state!



I Have People in Detroit T-Shirt (\$24.99)

By Detroit GT (Ferndale)

This tee is the perfect way for friends and family out of state to share their hometown pride. This original design was hand-drawn by artist Christopher Gorski. It's unisex, made with cotton, recycled polyester, and naturally occurring rayon knitted imperfectly for an authentic 70's look and feel.

www.detroitgt.com

4 Out of 5 Great Lakes Prefer Michigan (\$15-\$20)

By Michigan Awesome (Grand Rapids)

This hilarious take on an old commercial is one of many cool products created by Michigan Awesome to celebrate our beautiful state and the cities within it. This fun design is available as a tee or hoodie. www.michiganawesome.org



U.P. Hoodie (\$36)

By Yooper Steez (Marquette)

Yooper Steez seeks to merge Upper Peninsula pride with style and ease, hence the name. They achieved it with this simplistic design that highlights only the U.P. without it's brother to the south for a change. Their hoodies are 80% cotton & 20% polyester and come in dark green, cocoa, heather grey, navy, and brown. www.yoopersteez.com

Michigan Roots Design (\$18.90-44.90)

By Down with Detroit a.k.a. Funks Grove (Livonia)

Whether the Michiganian on your list put their roots down long ago, or just settled here, this clever look is sure to be a conversation-starter. It's available in a wide range of colors and styles for both children and adults. www.downwithdetroit.com



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Women's Apparel



We Can Do IT! Tee (\$25)

By Made in Detroit (Clarkston)

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon of the United States, representing the American women who worked in factories during World War II, many of whom worked in manufacturing plants here in Michigan. These women sometimes took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military. The character is now considered a feminist icon. In honor of Rosie, proceeds from the sale of this shirt benefit breast cancer research at Detroit's Karmanos Cancer Institute. www.madeindetroit.com

Women's Woodward Denim Jean (\$178)

By Motor City Denim Co. (Sterling Heights)

Designer Joe Faris, one of the top six contestants on season five of *Project Runway*, a reality show that pits fashion designers against each other, is determined to not only design, but PRODUCE clothing in Michigan. Aptly named, this jean is built for day or night. It features a boot leg for comfort and a body-hugging design with flap back pockets for function. It's low-rise with 4-way stretch to fit all the right curves.

www.motorcitydenimco.com



Ida's Walking Coat (\$209.99)

By Stormy Kromer (Ironwood)

Best known for their caps, Stormy Kromer also makes rugged outerwear that is ideal for tough Michigan winters. Stylish and functional, they proclaim this coat "turns *I'm cold* into *How hot am I?*" because they "make outerwear that weathers winter's worst, but if you're not a lumberjack or some sort of ice-road trucker, you might want to wear something more flattering." This 80/20 wool-blend coat features princess seams, elbow and shoulder patches, and antiqued metal buttons. www.stormykromer.com

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Men's Apparel



Detroit Muscle Hoodie (\$45)

By Detroit Manufacturing (Detroit)

With a nod to the toughness of the city, and the automotive industry that put it on the map, this hoodie is ideal for any man who is proud of his Motown heritage. It has a zipper front with pockets and is designed and assembled in Detroit.

www.detroitmfg.com

Men's 8 Mile Denim Jean (\$178)

By Motor City Denim Co. (Sterling Heights)

Motor City Denim's mission is to build apparel designed in the Motor City with American content; and to boldly stake the claim that they are bringing fashion and apparel manufacturing to our community. The philosophy is exemplified by this jean that shares a name with Eminem's famous movie depicting the music & manufacturing of Detroit. It's heavy-duty construction mixed with a comfortable fit with flap back pockets. For ultra comfort and functionality, it's designed with a relaxed leg, seat, and thigh. www.motorcitydenimco.com



Mackinaw Coat (\$229.99)

By Stormy Kromer (Ironwood)

Well-suited to a rugged outdoorsman, but with the brushed softness of premium virgin wool, this coat is sturdy, yet comfy. It features 26oz. wool, and multiple pockets for the guy on the go. There's even a zip-in liner vest available for extra warmth.

www.stormykromer.com

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Men's Accessories

Stag Party Tie (\$30-\$85)

By Cyberoptix (Detroit)



If there's a man on your list who loves his weekends in the great outdoors, but who spends his weekdays suited up, this is for him. With a uniquely Michigan flair, this necktie features an original illustration of real antlers. The large design is printed high up on the tie so it will show from beneath a jacket or vest, reaching a full 18.5 inches up from the bottom point. You can choose from 3 widths (standard, narrow or skinny), 3 fabrics (microfibre, silk, and LUXE silk.), and a plethora of colors to suit his style. www.cyberoptix.com

Stone Key Chains (\$14.50)

From Michigan-Made (Standish)

We love our cars and every accessory that complements them, even key chains. These stone beauties are made of chrome steel and are 4" long. The stones on the key chains are available in your choice of Kona Dolomite, Petoskey, and Verde Antique Marble. You can find them and a wide variety of other gift options at www.michigan-made.com



Men's Rancher Belt (\$38.00)

By Carhartt (Dearborn)



This sturdy rancher belt is perfect for every day wear. It's made of full grain, oil tanned leather, and features a skived center channel with stitched cord detail. It also has doubled skived edges on the keeper and logo snap fasteners to facilitate buckle changes, for men who like to personalize their look. www.carhartt.com

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Women's Accessories

Old Town Handbag (\$58)

By Jenna Kator Collection (Royal Oak)

The 2011 Jenna Kator Collection is inspired by great Michigan towns. Named for a section of Lansing that was once neglected, and is now revitalized, the Old Town handbag's patch work is symbolic of the many pieces it takes to create a tight-knit community that is supportive and full of the many people who have invested everything in making it the great place that it is. Order online or visit one of the nearly thirty stores throughout Michigan that carry handbags from www.jennakator.com



College Stripe Scarf (\$24)

By Haystacks (Leland)

This fun, affordable scarf is extra long and able to be wrapped around the neck 3 times. The lurex shine gives it a little dressier feel and is just one example of many unique clothing and accessories Haystacks designs for their retail stores in Leland, Suttons Bay, and Traverse City. They source custom-printed and milled fabrics and offer exclusive creations which are designed, cut, and sewn in their facility in Leland.

www.haystacks.net

Boot Wraps (\$34)

By Huggrz (Troy)

The idea behind this economical trend is simple--buy one pair of boots, then change the look to suit your outfit with boot wraps. It's a very practical way to stay stylish and chic. They come in a variety of looks, colors, and prints like this charcoal baby cable to help dress up shearling-style boots.

www.huggrz.com



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Jewelry

There are so many great artists making jewelry locally – please seek them out!



Dusk at Sleeping Bear Dunes Necklace (\$200)

By Silver Loon Jewelers (White Lake)

This summer, Sleeping Bear Dunes was voted the most beautiful place in America by viewers of *Good Morning America*, and Silver Loon is celebrating the area with this piece inspired by the dunes and the Leelanau Peninsula. The custom -designed necklace is cast in high-grade .935 sterling on Mountain Stone, a natural stone with sand patterns and sky colors like those seen right after sunset over Sleeping Bear on Lake Michigan.

www.sites.google.com/site/jawolverton

Black Good Mother Stallard Bean Necklace(\$38)

By Saverine Creek Heirlooms (Rhodes)

Heirloom dry beans and corn are beautiful natural treasures – genetically untouched seeds passed down from generation to generation. All of the jewelry in this line is made from these ancient strains once propagated for their life-sustaining nutritional properties. Now rare, Saverine Creek helps keep the strains alive through cultivation and by incorporating these beautiful “gems of the soil” into unique handmade artisan jewelry, like this beautiful necklace made of beans.

www.saverinecreek.com



Eternity Petoskey Stone Earrings (\$31.25)

By Tracy Jane Jewelry (Rochester)

Petoskey Stones are officially the state stone of Michigan, and look magnificent in jewelry. They are also just one of the many semi-precious stones that can be found in the handcrafted jewelry of Tracy Jane. These delicate, dangling earrings are a subtle way to show some local pride. www.tracyjanejewelry.com

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Beauty & Health

All Natural Body Butter (\$10-\$22)

By Marmalade Hills (Bloomfield Hills)



Pamper someone you love with this ultra moisturizer made with creamy shea butter, which has outstanding moisturizing and nourishing qualities. It will soothe, replenish, and leave even the driest skin supple and soft during those winter months. www.marmaladehills.com

Holiday Facial Steam Pack (\$10)

By Brittanie's Thyme (Cedar Springs)

You can't go wrong with this perfect stocking stuffer. The Soothing Winter Steam Clear is refreshing and relaxing. Radiant Beauty Steam has rose petals and raspberries to gently lift impurities from the skin's surface, while chamomile flowers and comfrey warm away dryness from the winter winds. Deep Pore Cleansing Steam Calendula provides a deep flushing of the pores with anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties. www.brittaniesthyme.com



Emollient Body System (\$28.50)

By Doctor's Approach MedSpa (East Lansing)



Silky, smooth skin is a wonderful gift to give, and this unique trio makes it possible. The system, containing Nourishing Body Lotion, Walnut Body Polish, and an exfoliating glove, is ideal for buffing away dead skin cells and removing excess oils and debris from the body. www.doctorsapproach.com

Dark Ale Body Bar (\$7)

By Marmalade Hills (Bloomfield Hills)

Even tough guys won't resist a little pampering with this handcrafted bar that is not only made in Michigan, but made with Michigan beer. Oarsman Ale from Bell's Brewery is a key ingredient in this natural, olive oil soap. It gently cleanses, while moisturizing, and even reduces the need for lotion. www.marmaladehills.com



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Babies & New Moms



Made in Michigan Onesies

By High Five Threads (Traverse City)

Sure to capture attention and garner smiles wherever they go, now even the littlest Michiganders can show their home state pride with these adorable onesies. They feature 5 oz. 100% cotton, with flatlock seams, and a reinforced three snap closure, and are available in a variety of fun colors.

www.highfivethreads.com

Pea in a Pod Mama's Set (\$30)

By Common Spirit Organics (Brighton)

So much of the attention is on the baby, and rightfully so, but new moms can use some spoiling too! Show how much you care with this comforting set that includes Soothing Nipple Balm, Pea In A Pod Belly Butter, and Goat's Milk Unscented Bar Soap. www.commonspiritorganics.com



Tend-A-Tot™ Premiere Diaper Bag (\$195)

By Punim Products, LLC (Oakland)

These multiple function diaper bags will make life much easier for the mom on the go. Designed for every day, high-demand use for years to come, they are machine wash and dry, and come in a wide array of colors, prints, and patterns. www.tendatot.com

Fused Glass Nightlight (\$20)

By Nib Nab (Dowling)

Cherries are an important part of Michigan's economy, and these whimsical cupcake nightlights celebrate the cherry. Made of fused glass, they are available in sweet cherry (dark red) or tart cherry (shown in photo). The artist will even "bake" special orders to match your loved ones' decor. www.etsy.com/shop/nibnab



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Children's Gifts



Tornado Maker (\$20.99)

By Poof®-Slinky® (Plymouth)

Build excitement in your budding scientist with the Tornado Maker Kit from POOF-Slinky. It lets them see a tornado form right before their eyes. With built-in lightning and thunder sounds and the ability to adjust a simulated tornado up to a devastating EF5, this fun learning game is sure to be a favorite with the whole family. For ages 6 and up. Available at Meijer and other retailers.

www.Poof-Slinky.com

Super Trike (\$29.99)

By American Plastic Toys (Walled Lake)

This sturdy trike guarantees a smooth ride. It features a large front wheel, comfortable seat with built-in storage, and textured handles for a secure grip. Solid construction, molded wheels and strong, steel axles combine for a sleek and stylish trike that is made right here in Michigan! Ideal for ages 2-5

www.americanplastictoys.com



Mott Teddy Bear (\$15.95)

By Chelsea Teddy Bear Company (Chelsea)



You can find an amazing array of lovable plush toys at this Michigan gem, from giraffes to lions to monkeys to gators. The proceeds from this adorable addition to the lineup go to support the new Children's Hospital at Mott. Great as a gift for the child in your own life, or to donate to another worthy charity to make the holiday of a child in need. www.chelseateddybear.com

3 Ball Sport Pack (\$28.00)

By Poof®-Slinky® (Plymouth)

Just one of many classic toys produced by Poof-Slinky, this diverse sports pack is an excellent starter kit to introduce kids to a variety of different sports, with balls well suited to ages 5 and up. Each set contains a colorful basketball, football, and soccer ball. www.Poof-Slinky.com



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Children's Books



Legend of Michigan (\$17.95)

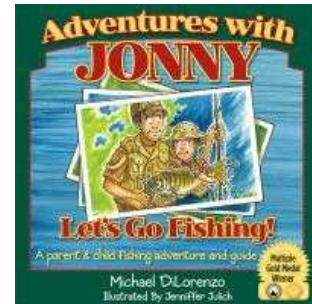
By Trinka Hakes Noble from Sleeping Bear Press (Chelsea)

Long, long ago, the ancient people of the forest gathered around warm fires and told the tale of a time long past, when the land known as "Michigane" was covered with ice and snow. Winter stayed the whole year round, so nothing could live there, until an old warrior and a young boy traveled through the frigid cold with nothing but warm hearts and an old pair of mittens, bringing hope that the frozen land would eventually come to life. www.sleepingbearpress.com

Adventures with Jonny: Let's Go Fishing! (\$18.95)

By Michael D'Lorenzo
From Running Moose Publications (Clinton Twp)

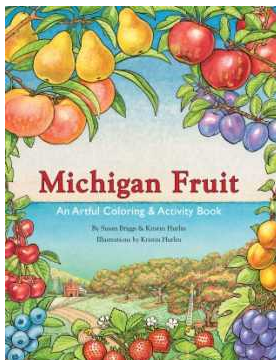
Part of a fun series of books to encourage kids to experience our great outdoors, *Jonny's Fishing Adventure* aims to pique a child's interest in the sport of fishing. For novices it includes a how-to fishing guide, as well as a name that fish game that educates children on identifying the most common species of fish. Give the book, and then introduce the youngster to the website for other fun ways to learn and interact as they embark on fishing adventures of their own. www.adventureswithjonny.com



Michigan Fruit (\$9.95)

By Susan Briggs & Kristin Hurlin from Artful Educators (Dowling)

This lovely book takes readers on a fruitful journey through the Michigan growing season with 24 pages of history, lore, recipes and beautiful illustrations to color. It invites kids to have great conversations with their parents, grandparents, and teachers about the many fruits that grow in our nation's second most agriculturally diverse state, and even discover festivals and events to celebrate them. www.artfuleducators.com



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Teens & Tweens



Hand-e-Holder Universal Tablet Holder (\$39.99)

By Handeholder Products, Inc. (Detroit)

Computer tablets, like iPads, are growing increasingly popular, but holding a tablet for long periods of time can be difficult. The Hand-e-Holder is an innovative device that allows a person to hold any tablet in one hand and navigate the screen with the other hand. It comes with a stand for hands-free use as well, and is 100% manufactured in Michigan. www.handeholder.com

Eco-Friendly Jumbo Snack Pack (\$11.50)

By Eco Lunch Gear (Traverse City)

This generation is growing up with a passion for protecting our environment. Help them by replacing disposable lunch bags with these eco-friendly, reusable sacks. Available in a variety of colorful designs, they're made of 100% certified organic cotton with a sturdy nylon liner, and are uniquely designed for easy cleanup. www.ecolunchgear.com



One-of-a Kind Cozy Mittens (\$50)

By Baabaazuzu (Lake Leelanau)

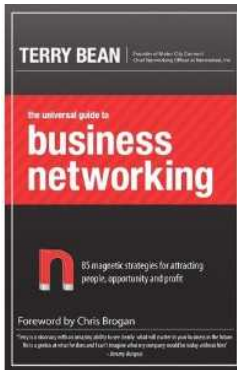
For another stylish, yet ecologically conscientious gift, consider Baabaazuzu mittens. Fleece-lined, they are incredibly warm. Each pair is carefully coordinated with pieced together upcycled sweaters in a wide range of color and pattern combinations, and trimmed with a vintage button. What a quirky and cool fashion statement! www.baabaazuzu.com

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College Students & Recent Grads

The Universal Guide to Business Networking (\$14.95)

By Terry Bean from Networked Inc. (Pontiac)



Give the career-bound person in your life an invaluable helping hand with this book. Few skills are more important for embarking on a career, than grasping the art of networking. Whether in person, or online in our increasingly electronic world, there are techniques that can be mastered in order to create, find, and keep the job you want. This tool is an excellent guide for underscoring the value of networking, and heightening skills in that critical area.

www.trybean.com

Laptop Skin (\$24.99) By Fathead (Detroit)

It's nearly impossible to make it through college these days without a laptop, and most people are far more concerned with the interior than the exterior, when choosing one. Now these fun laptop skins allow users to customize the look of their laptop to show off their personality or allegiance. Choose from a wide selection of whimsical art, sports teams, school affiliations, and more. Options are available to accommodate 15, 16, and 17-inch laptops.

www.fathead.com



Bluetooth Internet Car Radio for iPhone (\$119.99)

By Livio Radio (Ferndale)



This amazingly cool, award-winning device will be a big hit with the iPhone & iPod user on your list. The kit allows users to make hands-free calls, keep their phone charged up with a built-in USB charger, stream audio from all applications including an iPod, and bring over 45,000 AM, FM and Internet-only stations to their car's FM stereo without monthly fees. www.livioradio.com

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Michigan Music

The music industry is alive and well in our state. Here are some examples, please consider supporting local musicians in your area.



How Do You Do (\$7.99)

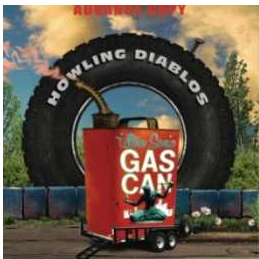
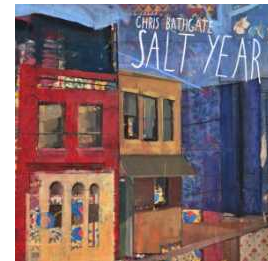
By Mayer Hawthorne

Ann Arbor's Mayer Hawthorne made his national television debut on Conan O'Brien's late night show this year, performing *The Walk*, the first single off this new album. Check out the contemporary style of this rising star. www.MayerHawthorne.com

Salt Year (\$7.99-\$9.99)

By Chris Bathgate

Chris Bathgate's *Salt Year* is slow and deliberate - a cacophony of ambient sounds - bleeding out with lyrical imagery delivered in the heartfelt vocal tone for which so many have come to know Bathgate. It quickly gains velocity, gets loud, embraces confrontation, and shows a more fully realized songwriter learning not to pull any punches. www.chrisbathgate.com



Ultra Sonic Gas Can(\$15-25)

By Howling Diablos

Long-time favorites on Michigan's live music scene, Howling Diablos bring their electrifying, funky style to this newest release. They pay homage to their Detroit roots on several cuts including *Detroit On My Mind*, which band leader Tino Gross co-wrote with fellow Michigander, Uncle Kracker. www.howlingdiablos.com

It's A Corporate World (\$11.99-16.99)

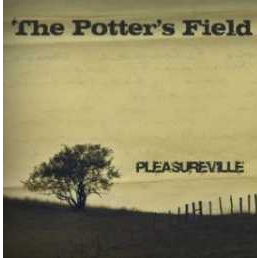
By Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jr.

This harmonious and irreverently named duo composed of Joshua Epstein and Daniel Zott, consistently swirl indie pop, folk, and electronic elements into one breezy package. *It's a Corporate World* is the talented pair's full-length album debut. www.DaleEarnhardtJrJr.com



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More Musical Ideas



Pleasureville (\$12-\$15)

By The Potter's Field

Comprised of Chelsea's Rochelle Clark and John Natiw from Canton, The Potter's Field, is a folk duo known for poetic, gritty lyrics, driving instrumental style, and powerful vocal harmonies. Haunting, yet deceptively simple, *Pleasureville* blends poignant lyrics with splashes of toe-tapping energy.

www.thepottersfield.bandcamp.com

Raggin' at Greenfield Village (\$18)

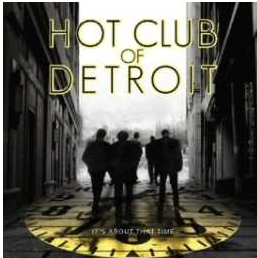
By River Raisin Ragtime Revue

This unique album produced in a partnership between The Henry Ford and Monroe's own River Raisin Ragtime Revue, highlights America's original form of popular music: ragtime. It includes a 16-page booklet on the fascinating history of the musical genre and showcases the talents of the band, who have become popular favorites performing at Greenfield Village. www.thehenryford.org



It's About That Time (\$13.98)

By Hot Club of Detroit



The Hot Club of Detroit respects and understands music of the '20s and '30s and recreates it with a modern flair. Taking inspiration from the great gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt, and including compositions by lead guitarist Evan Perri, accordionist Julien Labro, and saxophonist Carl Cafagna, they create a sound that is both passionate and lyrical. www.mackavenuerecords.com

Day Into Night (\$9.99)

By Ben Sharkey

With performances that have been viewed more than five million times on YouTube alone, Ben Sharkey has been delighting fans worldwide with his romantic style and velvet vocals on old swing and jazz standards that would make old Blue Eyes himself green with envy. On this album, he even brings that cool style to a truly unique and refreshing rendition of Michael Jackson's *Billy Jean*.

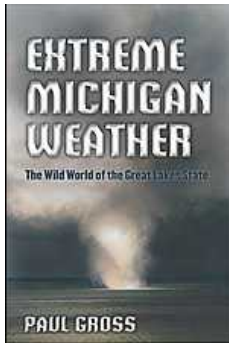
www.bensharkey.com



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Michigan Books

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Extreme Michigan Weather

By Paul Gross (\$24.95)

From University of Michigan Press (Ann Arbor)

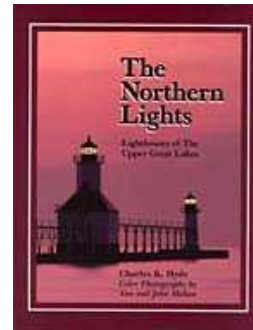
If you've got someone on your list who is addicted to The Weather Channel, then this is the gift for them. Paul Gross, a popular Detroit TV meteorologist, shows readers exactly how extreme the weather in Michigan can be, from heat waves to bitter snows, ice storms to tornadoes, floods to high winds. He delves into the mysteries of extreme weather, explaining how the harshest extremes and biggest storms come to be, and helping readers understand and appreciate what greets them as they step outside each day. www.press.umich.edu

The Northern Lights: Lighthouses of the Upper Great Lakes

By Charles K. Hyde (\$37.95)

From Wayne State University Press (Detroit)

In this definitive guide to the lighthouses of the Great Lakes, Charles Hyde describes the histories of more than one hundred and sixty individual lighthouses that still exist in Lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan, and Superior, along with the Straits of Mackinac. www.wsupress.wayne.edu



Detroitland: A Collection of Movers, Shakers, Lost Souls, and History Makers from Detroit's Past

By Richard Bak (\$24.95)

From Wayne State University Press (Detroit)



Covering roughly a century of Detroit's rich and colorful history, historian Richard Bak relives the scandals, mysteries, catastrophes, triumphs, and celebrations that have rocked Detroit. He also introduces readers to the heroes, criminals, stars, and regular people who lived through them, or in some cases, set them in motion. Stories include familiar names like the infamous Purple Gang, the Lone Ranger, and Charles Lindbergh, along with lesser-known episodes in Detroit's history, like the International Exposition & Fair of 1889; the killer heat wave of 1936, and the attempted around-the-world flight of the Pride of Detroit in 1927. www.wsupress.wayne.edu

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More Local Books

Laughing Whitefish

By Robert Traver (\$19.95)

From Michigan State University Press (East Lansing)



From the bestselling author of *Anatomy of a Murder*, this engrossing trial drama explores ethnic hostility and the legal defense of Indian treaties. Young lawyer William Poe hangs a shingle in Marquette, Michigan in 1873. His first client, the alluring Charlotte Kawbawgam, known as Laughing Whitefish, offers a compelling case of injustice at the hands of powerful mining interests. Years earlier, Charlotte's father led the Jackson Mining Company to a lucrative iron ore strike. He was then granted a small share in the mine, which the new owners refuse to honor. It's a gripping account of barriers between Native Americans and their legal rights. www.msupress.msu.edu

For Love of Lakes

By Darby Nelson (\$24.95)

From Michigan State University Press (East Lansing)

Lakes are certainly one of the state's greatest assets. This book weaves a delightful tapestry of history, science, emotion, and poetry for all who love them. It's an affectionate account, documenting their glacial origins, Thoreau and his environmental message, and the major perceptual shifts and advances in our understanding of lake ecology. This thoughtful book addresses the stewardship void while providing improved understanding of our most treasured natural feature.

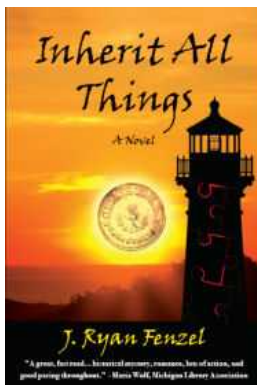
www.msupress.msu.edu



Inherit All Things

By J. Ryan Fenzel (\$13.95)

From Ironcroft Publishing (Hartland)



The coins were trouble from the beginning, but twenty million dollars in 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 expanse of 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

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Culinary Aids

Come Cook with Me (\$24.99)

By Dorothy Zehnder (Frankenmuth)



This cookbook is a treasure for those who love good old fashioned home-cooking. It is an 80-year collection of recipes, wisdom, and stories, that includes over 290 recipes, some of which are never-before-shared secrets from the Bavarian Inn. Dorothy's love of cooking for guests and her family is evident throughout. www.bavarianinn.com

Mitten Cutting Board (\$18.95-45.95)

By Michigan Maple Block Company (Petoskey)

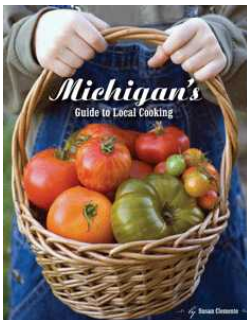
This is a fun addition to any Michigan kitchen. It's available in small (13"x9"x1") and large (17"x13"x1") sizes, and is made of solid Northern Hard Maple with an edge grain in the best butcher block tradition. The cutting board features a food-safe natural oil finish that seals and protects the wood and provides an ideal cutting surface. It is National Sanitation Foundation certified.

www.michigan-made.com



Michigan's Guide to Local Cooking (\$26.95)

By Susan Clemente from Orange Whisk Books (Spring Lake)



This tribute to the glory that is Michigan's agricultural heritage is as useful as it is delightful. A testimonial from a Michigander who nominated the guide reads, "I think this book is an excellent example of all that Michigan has to offer in fresh food. The photography is amazing. The recipes are excellent. A great cookbook even if you are not from Michigan!"

www.michigansguidetolocalcooking.com

Michigan Cookie Cutters (\$5.95)

Straits Area Services (Cheboygan)

These fabulous cookie cutters, made of durable stainless steel, are handcrafted in Northern Michigan. Everything from the cutting and rolling of the steel to the spot welding is done at Straits Area Services, which is a private, nonprofit, community rehabilitation organization empowering people with developmental disabilities to realize their full potential. www.straitsareaservices.com



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Grillmaster Gifts

Reusable Grilling Planks (\$11.89)

By Great Lakes Grilling (Grand Rapids)



So many tasty fish can be found in Michigan's waters, and these grilling planks can help your favorite grillmaster prepare them to perfection. Great Lakes Grilling is one of the few plank producers that actually owns and operates its own manufacturing facility-- nestled in the heart of West Michigan. The reusable planks are large enough to cook a whole fillet or several single serving size portions. Each package contains 2 reusable grilling planks which may be used 4-6 times with proper cleaning and care.

www.greatlakesgrilling.com

Pan Grill Plate (\$19.99)

By Pan Grill-it (Howell)

Sometimes the grill is outside in the dead of winter, yet we still crave a barbecued taste. This pre-seasoned cast iron BBQ grill insert is designed to fit in an everyday, non-coated 12" pan, allowing the user to enjoy great grilled taste, in any environment all year-round.

www.pangrillit.com



92 Octane Gift Pack (\$25)

By Detroit Spice Company (Detroit)



It's not always the talent of the chef, but the seasonings they use, that can make all the difference. Turn your favorite griller into a superstar with this collection from the Detroit Spice Company. The set contains one tin each of Detroit Steak Seasoning, Detroit Jerk Seasoning, and Detroit Barbecue Rub, accompanied by a bottle of Detroit Super Premium 92 Octane Cayenne Hot Sauce.

www.detroitspiceco.com

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Famous Local Flavors

These brands and tastes have become synonymous with our state & make a great choice for any Michigan native, especially those away from home



Coney Kit (\$49-\$59)

By American Coney Island (Detroit)

For people who grew up on that great Detroit tradition, the coney dog, American Coney Island offers a coney kit. Hotdogs and chili are frozen, packed with dry ice, and shipped anywhere in the U.S. Each kit contains 12 Dearborn Sausage hotdogs, buns, a sweet onion, their famous Detroit chili sauce, instructions, and a hat for extra fun.

www.americanconeyisland.com

Commemorative Potato Chip Tin (\$14.99)

From Better Made Snack Foods (Detroit)

Creators of some of the world's best potato chips, Better Made has been a Detroit tradition since 1930. The chip lover in your life will delight in this reusable retro tin filled with 1 lb. of the mouth-watering original chips. It's an excellent choice for Better Made fans who have moved out of state, but still crave the flav. Available exclusively online or at the factory outlet store on Gratiot in Detroit.

www.bettermadesnackfoods.com



Spiral Ham (\$25-60)

By Winter's Sausage (Eastpointe)



Why not ham it up this holiday season? Winter's was established in Eastpointe in 1951 and was one of the first to market gift-boxed spiral cut hams in both traditional (unglazed) and sweet-topped fire-glazed spirals. Both whole and 1/2 spiral hams are available. They have a shelf-life of 35 days from the date of manufacture and are ready to eat as is, or may be heated to serve. They're already gift boxed for a beautiful presentation. Call 586-777-9080 x 239 to place your order. www.wintersausage.com

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More Tastes of Michigan



Box of 40 Apples (\$35)

By Moelker Orchards (Grand Rapids)

As one fan put it, "Apple gift boxes make a great gift because everyone loves and enjoys a healthy Michigan apple!" Ship these beauties straight from the orchard for a true taste of Michigan. You can choose one kind of apple or they will put a mixture of different kinds of apples together for you. Contains 40 apples per box.

www.moelkerorchards.com

Coffee & Gift Cards (\$5-50)

By Biggby (East Lansing)

Give the java junkie in your life a jolt with a treat from Biggby. There are a variety of flavors to choose from online or in Biggby locations. Not sure what taste your coffee fiend prefers? Go with a gift card to let them choose on their own. www.biggby.com



White Chocolate Covered Cherries (\$13.95)

By Cherry Republic (Glen Arbor)



We'll let the person who nominated these gems tell you what makes them so special: "The white chocolate cherries are my new sweet addiction. They have just the right amount of the wonderful cherry taste with a smooth white chocolate cloud of bliss." Just one of many cherry-licious options from the creative minds at Cherry Republic. www.cherryrepublic.com

Chocolate Drizzle Caramel Corn (\$7.95)

By Will Cole (Clinton Twp.)

Warning: Extremely Addictive! Will Cole Caramel Corns are delicious treats for even the most discerning of palates. The added bonus of chocolate drizzle compliments the already perfect caramel corn for an new and exciting flavor. www.willcolechocolates.com



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Specialty Gift Collections



Medium Michigan Tray (\$59.99)

By Benjamin Twiggs (Traverse City)

How about a collection from the oldest purveyor of cherry products in Michigan? Benjamin Twiggs gourmet products are made with local fruits, and beautifully presented in Lower Peninsula baskets. There are four sizes of mitten-shaped gift baskets from which to choose. www.benjamintwiggs.com

Eden Organic Pasta Basket (\$40)

By Eden Organics (Clinton)

What a great year to give the gift of food to a family. This basket contains eight certified organic and kosher Eden items--100% whole grain Kamut & Quinoa Twisted Pair; 60% whole grain Parsley Garlic Spaghetti; Vegetable Spirals; award winning cold pressed Extra Virgin Olive Oil; Spaghetti Sauce; Pizza-Pasta Sauce; Diced Tomatoes with Sweet Basil; and Cannellini white kidney beans. It even includes a 40-page recipe book. www.edenfoods.com



Home for the Holidays Gift Basket (\$28)

From Coffee Beanery (Flushing)



This deluxe basket is filled to the brim with treats for curling up in front of the fireplace and spending time with the ones you love. The basket includes: one 16 oz. package of each of these coffees: Cinnamon Holiday Blend; Peppermint Twist; Beanery Blend; English Toffee & Cream; 1-Sumatra Mandheling; Guatemalan Huehuetenago; Cinnamon Holiday Blend; Italian Dark Blend; Peppermint Twist; Amaretto; Vanilla Nut Cream; and Double Dutch Fudge. Plus: two assorted Coffee Beanery cocoa packets; one black ceramic logo mug; one Republic of Tea Dream by the Fire tea; and Willa's Shortbread Gingersnaps. www.coffeebeanery.com

3-Pack Saint Joseph Set (\$25.95)

From Michigan Travels Gourmet Specialties (St. Joseph)

The Saint Joseph Collection is a gourmet gift unlike any other. Michigan's fields and orchards yield the best produce in the world, from which this strawberry jam, cherry honey mustard, and cherry salsa are made. Each jar of Michigan goodness is wrapped in a label that highlights the great attractions of beautiful Saint Joseph. www.gourmetgiftboxes.net



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Sweet Treats

Decadent Soft Caramels (\$4.50-\$28.50)

By Kelly's Karamels (Troy)



One of the folks who nominated these proclaimed, "These caramels are not only to-die-for, but they don't stick to your teeth." Following her Grandma Renie's traditional recipe, Kelly has perfected the art of soft and chewy caramel. Each is slow cooked, hand-cut and individually wrapped. They are available in original, pecan, and cherry flavors and come in attractive boxes of 4, 8, 16 or 32-pieces. www.kellyskaramels.com

Tin of Toffee (\$10.50-\$40)

By Bell Stone Toffee (Livonia)

This is a unique toffee with a fresh, light crunch and a smooth buttery taste. Bell Stone Toffee has been made in Michigan since 2004 with four simple ingredients - butter, sugar, chocolate, and pecans. It's a delicious treat that starts out crunchy then seems to melt in your mouth. Ideal to serve among your desserts or to give as a gift. www.bellstonetoffee.com



Heirloom Scottish Shortbread (\$6.95-\$22.95)

By The Malcolm Tradition (Eastpointe)



A fan who nominated these sweet treats described them as "The best cookie indulgence ever. They are scrumptious, crispy, perfectly sweet (but not too sweet), and every cookie is consistently perfect." The shortbread is handmade and baked in small batches with the highest quality ingredients to ensure freshness and the very best taste. www.themalcolmtradition.com

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Host/Hostess Gifts

Bringing a unique Michigan product for your hosts is a delightful way to say “thanks for the invitation.”



Vanilla Cinnamon Mead (\$21)

By B. Nektar Meadery (Ferndale)

Vanilla Cinnamon Mead is perfect for the holidays. It smells and tastes like fresh cinnamon rolls. It also happens to be the mead (a honey wine) that was the inspiration to start this growing, family-owned, Michigan business. www.bnektar.com

Strawberry Basil Preserves (\$7.65)

By Food for Thought (Honor)

Why bring along this little jar to delight your hosts? Simply put by one nominator: “Because it’s local, organic and just plain delicious. It supports local farms and is one of the best preserves I’ve ever had.” www.foodforthought.net



Sea Salt Chocolate Caramels (\$10.99)

By Sanders (Mt. Clemens)

Enrobed in dark chocolate accented with sea salt, this elegant confection satisfies both sweet and salty cravings. According to one fan, “Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels are so darn good. Once you have one you cannot resist having more.” www.sanderscandy.com

Cinnamon Almond Slices (\$5.50)

By Jemfruit Bad Axe)

Winter warms up a tad, with cinnamon glazed almonds. Chalk full of flavor and salt-free, these healthy snacks are sure to delight. www.jemfruit.com



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Wine Enthusiasts

Michigan produces some of the most highly acclaimed wines in the nation!

Naughty & Nice Red Wines (\$28)

By Chateau Chantal (Traverse City)



There are so many amazing wines coming out of Michigan, and they make fantastic gifts. Pick up a bottle from a local market, or have fun tasting at a winery to make your selections. One particularly festive choice is this pair from Chateau Chantal. It's a bottle each of their Naughty and Nice red wines. Naughty is a dry red wine with no harsh or bitter tastes. Nice is a fruity, semi-sweet wine made from a blend of the finest red grapes. They come attractively packaged in a wooden two-bottle box with the Chateau Chantal logo imprinted on top. www.chateauchantal.com

Vintage Michigan Club Membership (\$15)

By Michigan Grape & Wine Council (Lansing)

Year-round fun for a true Michigan wine-lover makes a phenomenal gift. With a lifetime membership your loved one will receive these terrific benefits: discounts at participating wineries, wine retailers, and restaurants across the state; a complimentary Michigan Wines Corkscrew or Etched Michigan Bottle Stopper; subscription to *Michigan Wine Country* magazine; a monthly email newsletter with the latest Michigan wine-related information; and discounts for selected local wine festivals and events. www.michiganwines.com.



Tabor Hill Gift Certificate (\$25-\$200)

By Tabor Hill Winery & Restaurant (Buchanan)



A very versatile gift, these certificates may be redeemed for wine, dining, and gift shop purchases at any Tabor Hill location: Benton Harbor, Bridgman, Buchanan, or Saugatuck. They offer free shipping on all Tabor Hill gift certificate orders and will even mail your gift certificates directly to the recipient--with a greeting card--at no extra cost.

www.taborhill.com.

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Beer & Ale Aficionados



Growler Collar (\$10)

By Growler Collar (Traverse City)

Growlers are a common and eco-friendly way for craft-brew fans to purchase their beer, but they can be really challenging to clean and dry properly. This patented device allows 64oz. growlers (bulky and top heavy when inverted) a stable platform on a hard surface, in which to dry. What a great way to make life easier for those who favor growlers. www.growlercollar.com

Brewed in Michigan Tee (\$25)

By High Five Threads (Traverse City)

Michigan is widely becoming known as “The Great Beer State.” This fun tee enables the wearer to proclaim their love for one of Michigan’s fastest growing and tastiest industries. It’s available in grey, white, or black for both men and women. www.highfivethreads.com



Sanders Chocolate Stout (\$8.99)

By Sanders (Mt Clemens) &
By Detroit Beer Company (Detroit)

What do you get when you cross one of the state’s most beloved chocolatiers with one of its most talented brewers? Why, Sanders Chocolate Stout of course! This collaborative product between Detroit Brewing Company and Sanders was introduced last year, and flew off the shelves. Get this seasonal taste sensation at a market near you, while supplies last. www.detroitbeerco.com

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Stocking the Bar

First came Michigan's wine and beer, and now our spirits are on the rise!



True North Vodkas (\$31.99)

By Grand Traverse Distillery (Traverse City)

Grand Traverse Distillery is proud to be Michigan's largest micro-distillery. True North Vodka celebrates the natural gifts abundant to Michigan's 45th parallel, home to the nation's finest cherry industry and award-winning wine producers. The best rye in the world is grown north of the 45th parallel including in Northern Michigan. Introduce the martini-lover in your life to this quality spirit, or serve it to guests of your own. www.grandtraversedistillery.com

Bloody Mary Mix (\$7.95)

By Vivio's (Detroit)

There are so many things to love about Detroit's Eastern Market, including Vivio's, a local institution known far and wide for their spectacular Bloody Marys. Now their delectable recipe is available for purchase to create that unique taste anywhere in the world. www.viviosbloodymary.com.



DiVine Bourbon

By Round Barn (Baroda)



Many Michigan wineries, including Round Barn, are also becoming distilleries these days. Their DiVine Bourbon is made of corn, malted barley and just a touch of rye to give it a nice spicy kick on the finish. It's aged for 3 years in charred oak barrels, so they only produce a handful of barrels each year. Contact the distillery directly for current pricing and availability. www.roundbarnwinery.com

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Sports Fans



Detroit Sports T-Shirt (\$29.90)

By Down with Detroit a.k.a. Funks Grove (Livonia)

Do you have a huge sports fan on your list, whose loyalties are equally split? Don't make them choose just one Detroit team to support, when they can proudly display their love for three simultaneously. Available in a multitude of colors, this tee is 100% cotton, with a unisex, v-neck design.

www.downwithdetroit.com

Football Street Grip (\$124.99)

By Fathead (Detroit)

Fathead Street Grips are a revolutionary new category of outdoor vinyl stickers that take fan passion to the street, the driveway, the garage, and the patio. Street Grips are designed to go down and stay down in all kinds of weather. Walk on them, park on them, bake them in the sun – these are tough weatherproof graphics made for people who aren't afraid to show the world they're really big fans! Options include both NFL and NCAA teams. www.fathead.com



The TaleGator (\$99.99)

By TaleGator Distributors (Detroit)



Football season in Michigan isn't complete without some serious talegating. It's typically fun, but not always comfortable...until now. The TaleGator is the perfect addition to any full to mid-sized pickup for the avid fan who wants to cheer from a comfortable seat. It is made of a durable, molded, chemical-resistant plastic and is designed to withstand the sun as well as winter's wrath. www.thetalegator.com

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Tools

License Plate Dustpans (\$9.99)

By Cangles (Vassar)

Make workroom or garage cleanup more fun with these unique dustpans. Handmade with 100% recycled materials, they're practical, and yet look great hanging in a tool shed, garden shed, work shop, or garage. www.cangles.com.



The Snow Scoop (\$78.50)

By Silver Bear Manufacturing (Atlantic Mine)

Located in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, an area that receives 200+ inches of snow annually, these scoops stand the test of time. Snow scoops are easy on the back, economical, start every time, and require no gas, which is an exceptionally helpful feature these days. www.silverbear.biz

Climb-Pro Ladder (\$176-\$210)

By Michigan Ladder Company (Ypsilanti)

For the new homeowner or handyman on your list, you can't beat the Climb-Pro ladder. The Michigan Ladder company has been making quality climbing products for over 100 years! With 12 highly usable ladder positions, this unique device addresses the most common ladder needs of any user. From the extension ladder to A-frame to scaffold to standoff. All of the positions can be easily switched with only one hand.

www.michiganladder.com



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Gardening



Fresh Flavors Turkey Herb collection(\$12-\$18)

By Elzinga & Hoeksema Greenhouses (Kalamazoo/Portage)

Fresh, organic herbs are a great addition to any holiday meal, and live plants make wonderful gifts. These herb sets are available in a variety of combinations. This particular trio contains sage, rosemary and thyme, and is ideal for seasoning poultry. www.elzingagreenhouses.com

Michigan Gardener Magazine (\$16)

By Michigan Gardener (Beverly Hills)

A subscription to *Michigan Gardener Magazine* is an informative treat for those who like to tinker in the garden. The publication is specifically written for people in Michigan so it takes into account the unique climate and growing conditions of our area. It is printed in Michigan and lasts throughout the gardening season (from April-November).

www.michigangardener.com



Deck & Patio Bird Seed Cake (\$5.99)

By Birdola (Grand Rapids)



Birds add a wonderful addition to most gardens, and they'll certainly be attracted by this no waste wild birdfeed cake. It's 100% edible, so birdwatchers can sit back and enjoy the natural scene without worrying about sweeping up hulls under their feeder. Great for condos, apartments, decks, patios, porches, gardens or anywhere your loved one wants to treat birds without treating themselves to a mess. www.birdola.com

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For the Home



Koi Pond Tile (\$90)

By Motawi Tileworks (Ann Arbor)

For nearly 20 years, the artisan team at Motawi Tileworks has used locally-produced materials to hand-craft art tile in their Ann Arbor studio. These distinctive pieces are known for their rich glazes and uniquely American designs, inspired by nature, art and architecture. Motawi tiles are a striking addition to home décor and come notched on the back for easy hanging. There are many to choose from like this koi pond-inspired piece described by one nominator as “Beautiful detail, intense color and form. So rhythmic, you think the fish could actually swim off the tile!”

www.motawi.com

Create a Blessing Bowl (\$65-95)

By Chai Pottery, LLC (Traverse City)

These bowls are special treasures that will be cherished for years to come. You may choose your design, the size of bowl you desire, then select a blessing, or create one of your very own. Each of these gorgeous food-safe pieces is hand-thrown and hand-painted by Michigan artist, Julie Chai. www.juliechai.com



Michigan Clock (\$48)

By Michigan in Metal (Corunna)

Michigan In Metal specializes in creating all kinds of beautiful metal art, and metal products, from picture frames to ornaments, to wall hangings, and more. This particular selection would make a fun addition to any office, home, or cottage.

www.michiganinmetal.com



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Aromatherapy



Interlude Candles (\$9.99)

By Coyer Candle Co. (Midland)

The Coyer Candle Company in downtown Midland is host to an explosion of sights and smells. Everything is handmade with 100% soy to support local farmers. There are tons of scents to choose from including Macintosh Apple, Crisp Autumn Air, and even Grandma Joy's Cookies, inspired by the real Grandma Joy & her famous cookies. The Interlude candles are 12 oz. and have an approximate burn time of 60 hours. www.coyercandleco.com

Soap Ornament (\$7.95)

By The Great Lakes Natural Soap Company (Canton)

A fragrant ball of natural soap, that's been decorated for the holidays. The stand can be used as the soap dish to keep the sink neat. They are long-lasting, practical and beautiful. No two are alike. Options include apple cinnamon, bayberry, candy cane, cinnamon stick, and cranberry fizz.

www.michigansoap.com



Scented Soy Candle Jars (\$4.75-\$9.50)

By Merrelin Candle Company (Holly)

"Best candles I've ever purchased," says one fan. "Smell great, clean burning and long lasting." These are pure soy candles with lead-free wicks. Some of the festive scents include: apple orchard, breakfast blend, blueberry, and pumpkin. www.merrelincandleco.com

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Ornaments

Blown-Glass Ornaments (\$32)

By Furnace Design Studio/Glass Academy (Dearborn)



If you get the chance, head to Dearborn and watch these artisans first-hand, or better yet, take a class at their Glass Academy. These stunning works of art will look spectacular on any tree. As one neighbor proclaimed, "They're absolutely beautiful and no two are exactly alike since they are each blown individually. I'm fortunate to live near the Glass Academy and have bought several of their items over the years in person." www.glassacademy.com

Handmade Michigan Ornament (\$8.00)

By Dear Adam (West Bloomfield)

This affordable, hand-cut, Michigan-shaped ornament is made from natural wool felt, and filled with Michigan wool. Blue makes a great choice for the U of M fan on your list, but they're also available in chocolate, red, or orange.

www.etsy.com/shop/dearadam



2011 Collectable Ornament Set (\$50)

By Pewabic Pottery (Detroit)



Crystalizing from drops of water, no two snowflakes are exactly alike. Pewabic staff artisans, equally as unique, have designed and created the holiday 2011 series of collectable ornaments. They are available only in glacier gloss glaze. You may buy all 3 as a set, which includes a gift box and history card, or purchase one individually for \$18. www.pewabicstore.org

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