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A WISH BOOK FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Great gifts come in small packages, and often from small stores

By NICK DUKE

The husband and wife team of Jared and Brianne Mees are no strangers to the highs and lows of running a small business. As the owners of Tender Loving Empire, a record label spun retail consignment shop featuring handmade goods and music from local artists, the duo knows quite well the importance of small business in a prideful city like Portland.

Portland's well defined shop local culture allows small businesses to become more than just a retail store, but also an outlet for entrepreneurs and their passions. "We quit our jobs in 2007 to do what we love, not to make a profit," said Jared Mees. And their passion is obvious throughout their 412 S.W. 10th Ave. location, fully stocked with unique gifts ranging from wooden boats and jewelry to music albums.

Jared, a life-long musician turned store owner, label manager and spokesman, never felt the need to separate what he loves from what he needs to make a living. Tender Loving Empire's first location on Northwest Lovejoy, which was no larger than a college dorm room, began as a record label, promoting musicians native to the

Snarled by the economic recession in 2008, Jared and Brianne started offering their shop to local artists and craftspeople to sell their work on consignment. Their new business model soon opened many doors for the couple. The unique combination of local music and handmade goods from local artists hit a sweet spot among Portland's loyal keep-it-local audience.

'Our hearts are here in Portland," said Mees. "We're just trying to support artists of all strides and have a good time doing it."

Tender Loving Empire supports up to 400 local, regional, and national musicians and artists at any given time. But with roughly 98 percent of inventory coming from local artists, Tender Loving Empire has never lost its Portland vibe. Its wide selection of unique goods is a huge draw for locals, but Portland's shop local culture serves as a major factor in the Mees' success, Mees believes.

While the small business culture thrives in Portland, American Express is encouraging shoppers nationwide to support their local Main Street shops through its Small Business Saturday campaign, slated for Nov. 29, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

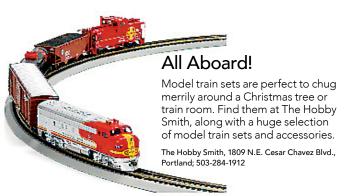
Started in 2010, the campaign focuses on celebrating and supporting your neighborhood's local businesses. The initial campaign drew an overwhelmingly positive response from holiday shoppers and small business owners alike, and set the stage for a new holiday shopping tradition.

The supportive response of Small Business Saturday's initial campaign soon attracted many high level government officials including President Obama to champion the event. By 2013, Small Business Saturday was endorsed by the U.S. Senate officially recognizing Nov. 30, 2013 as Small Business Saturday. 2013 proved to be the most successful year for Small Business Saturday to date. According to a survey by the National Federation of Independent Business and American Express, consumers who were aware of Small Business Saturday spent a record \$5.7 billion with independent merchants on the Nov. 30 event.

The study showed 71 percent of consumers in 2013 were aware of Small Business Saturday, jumping from 67 percent in 2012. With year over year growth, Small Business Saturday is expected to once again surpass last year's numbers in 2014.

As the holiday shopping season nears, small business owners like Jared and Brianne are confident Portland's local shoppers will not let them down. And with Tender Loving Empire's second location open at 3541 S.E. Hawthorne on Nov. 22, the Meeses remain optimistic about their future in Portland.

"It's like voting with your dollars," explained Mees. "Local people decide what stays and what goes, and that's what makes Portland what it is."





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Zac Bates Enterprises; 503-567-2815; bateszac@gmail.com

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A few of our favorite things..

During the dark of winter, we look forward to the warmth of the crackling fire; the lights twinkling on trees and flickering from candles; the bounty of a well-laden table. But most of all, we cherish the yearly opportunity to come together and share friendship and love.

Gifts are a tangible expression of that caring, a mystery wrapped in a package for your loved one's delight.

Gift Guide '14 offers more than 70 gift ideas to please everyone on your list.

Happy shopping and Happy Holidays!

– Aaron Cooper, Advertorial Editor acooper@oregonian.com



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Child's Play, 2305 N.W. Kearney St., Portland; 503-224-5586; www.childsplayportland.com

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Moen Machinery, 268 S.E. 242nd Drive, Gresham; 503-666-9159; www.moenmachinery.com



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Tim's Great Cigars, 23830 N.E. Halsey St., Wood Village; 503-665-2723; www.timsgreatcigars.com



Ashley's has UGG Boots

UGG Classic Styles: Large selection of styles and sizes. Women's boots: Bailey Bow, Mini Bailey Bow (pictured, \$150), Classic Tall, Classic Short, Bailey Button. Men's and women's slippers: Coquette, Tasman, Ascot, and Neuman. Call us, phone orders are accepted. If we don't have your style or size we will order it for you. Family owned for 21 years.

Ashley's Footwear, 1424 Molalla Ave., Oregon City; 503-657-8338; www.ashleysfootwear.com



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Ashley's Footwear, 1424 Molalla Ave., Oregon City; 503-657-8338; www.ashleysfootwear.com



A Cheerful Take on Portland Rain

The Colorful Portland Tote is designed and printed by hand in downtown Portland, at Tender Loving Empire. Tote bag is made by American Apparel and measures approximately 14 3/8" x 14". \$28

Tender Loving Empire, 412 S.W. 10th Ave., Portland and 3541 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.: 503-243-5859: www.tenderlovingempire.com



A Glowing Review

These rings come in fine green and blue fire lightning ridge black opal, 8.25 ct. Set in sapphire cabochons and natural fancy yellow diamonds in 18k rose gold (\$8,650) and fine multi-color fire gray base lightning ridge opal, 6.87 ct, set with ideal cut diamonds in 18k white and yellow gold (\$7,000).

Dyke Vandenburgh Jewlers, 27 A Ave., Lake Oswego; 503-636-4025



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Accessories From The Heart, 220 A Ave., #100, Lake Oswego; 503-675-1144



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Sellwood Dog Supply & Cat Annex, 8334 S.E. 17th Ave., Portland: 503-239-1517; www. sellwooddogsupply.com



One Step at a Time

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U.S. Outdoor, 219 S.W. Broadway, Portland; 503-223-5937; usoutdoor.com



Solemate Socks

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CHANGES/Designs to Wear, 927 S.W. Yamhill Street, Portland; 503-223-3737; www.TheRealMotherGoose.com



Lika Behar Ring

This fashionable and fun Lika Behar Pompeii ring is made by hand with oxidized sterling blue topaz and mother of pearl. \$645

Nielsen's Jewlers, 825 N.E. Multnomah St., Suite 280, Portland; 503-234-1614; www.nielsensjewelers.com



Style and Comfort

This latest update to UGG Australia's beloved Bailey Button is sure to win you over with its outer charms, accentuated by a shining metal button and suede tassels. \$184.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Versatile Comfort

Rugged luxury meets streetwear. The UGG Australia Carter features water-resistant upper sheepskin overlays on seams and 17mm UGGpure lining to keep your feet warm. \$179.95

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Slip Into Sheepskin

The very quintessence of relaxed confidence, the UGG Australia Brett's moccasinmeets-boat-shoe silhouette is crafted from water-resistant Silkee suede with twisted leather lace detailing. \$119.95

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Kick Back, Relax

An icon of casual elegance and famous for its supple feel and stylish, versatile silhouette, the Ascot features cozy suede with moisture-wicking sheepskin lining and a lightweight, molded rubber outsole. By UGG Australia. \$119.95

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Smooth Ride

The New Balance 1260v4 continues to deliver cushioning with smoother and even more consistent support. With N2, two premium foams work together in a new configuration and a post applied stability post, stability and cushioning are elevated in a stylish, steadfast ride. \$144.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Trendy Trainers

The New Balance Fresh Foam 822 women's trainer brings the science of soft to the gym with a high-tech, high-comfort midsole and a flexible yet supportive fit. \$94.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Sole Comfort

The Narrow Arizona Soft Footbed is great for those that are new to Birkenstock footwear, those with low arches, sensitive feet, or those who just want a bit more cushion. \$99.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Put a Cork In It

Whether you're looking for something to run around in all day or to kick back and relax in, the Birkenstock Narrow Boston Soft Footbed clog is an easy choice. The Soft Footbed features an extra layer of cushioning foam built into the legendary Birkenstock cork footbed. \$139.95

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Sleek and Stylish

A 2-inch mid-height heel loaded with superior comfort features and polished design details. The Dansko Bonita takes you from day to night in fashionable style. Designed to outlast the busiest of days. \$184.95

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Space Age Slippers

The ultra-thick Tempur-Pedic foam footbed of the Tempur-Pedic slipper is made from the same space-age material used in Tempur-Pedic mattresses.

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Take a Hike

The North Face's Ultra Eastpack GORE-TEX offers lightweight performance and superior protection in a hiker built for moving light and fast, engineered with a minimal-weight upper, GORE-TEX waterproof membrane and tough Vibram outsole. \$139.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Nature Proof

Dansko's Sabrina packs performance features into an active casual sneaker, boasting waterproof suede uppers and excellent arch support. Walk, jump, skip, and march with comfort in this go-everywhere, do-everything sneaker. \$129.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



These Boots Were Made For Rockin'

This short, padded lace-up boot with an inside zipper features soft, waxy leather that has been twisted to give it a creased, brushed to perfection look. Dromedaris's Kara has generous toe room, a rocker bottom outsole, and a 3-D Technology footbed for lateral stability, arch support, and soft cushioning. \$179.95

Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



Frye These On

Frye's Smith Engineer Zipper features a square toe and inside zipper. The leather is tumbled with stones in a wooden drum for a worn-in, antique look. \$299.95

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Classic with a Twist

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Shoe Mill, 916 Lloyd Center, Portland; 503-353-7707; www.shoemill.com



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Backyard Bird Shop, Five Portland-area locations; www.backyardbirdshop.com



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Polish Pottery Place, 2281 N.W. Hoyt St., Portland; 503-222-5463; www.polishpotteryplace.com



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Washman Car Wash, 13 locations in Portland Metro and Salem; 503-255-9111; www.washmanusa.com



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Audubon Society of Portland Nature Store, 5151 N.W. Cornell Road, Portland; 503-292-9453; www.audubonportland.org



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The Heart Ball brings together our most influential leaders from the corporate, philanthropic and medical communities to raise funds and promote the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association. The evening's black-tie festivities will include dinner, entertainment, dancing and an exciting auction. \$175

American Heart Association, 4380 S.W. Macadam Ave., #480, Portland; 503-820-5300



Dance It Out

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OR/WA Square Dance Clubs, 3425 S.W. 185th Ave., Aloha; 503-250-2139



Christmas Pie

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Pietro's Pizza, 10300 SE Main Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222, 503-536-7300, www.pietrosrestaurants.com



Gift Card Bonus Offer

Purchase a \$25 Reedville Café gift card and receive one free \$5 gift card. Purchase a \$50 gift card and receive two free \$5 gift cards. Gift cards are available for purchase at the Reedville Café. Offer valid now through Dec. 31. \$50

Reedville Café, 7575 S.E. Tualatin Valley Highway, Hillsboro; 503-649-4643; www.reedvillecafe.com



"The Santaland Diaries"

This uproarious production at Portland Center Stage is based on the true chronicles of David Sedaris' experience as Crumpet the Elf in Macy's Santaland display, a Portland holiday favorite! Performances Nov. 23 through Dec. 28. \$20-\$65

Portland Center Stage, 128 N.W. 11th Ave., Portland; 503-445-3700; www.pcs.org



A Dickens Christmas

A complete send-up of the holiday classic, fully festooned with the improvisational genius of the legendary comedy troupe The Second City. Scrooge, Tiny Tim and those know-it-all ghosts find themselves hopelessly mixed up in zany holiday sketches with anachronistic characters, uproarious improv and an everchanging stable of drop-in local celebrity guests at Porland Center Stage. \$20-\$65

Portland Center Stage, 128 N.W. 11th Ave., Portland; 503-445-3700; www.pcs.org



Cruise with Cinnamon Bear

Portland long ago adopted The Cinnamon Bear radio series as a holiday tradition. Now, Portland Spirit keeps that tradition alive with its two-hour Cinnamon Bear Holiday Cruises. Treats, storytelling, souvenir photo, and gift items included. \$30 for adults, \$22 for children ages 1-12. The Portland Spirit departs near Salmon Street Springs Fountain in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland.

Portland Spirit, 110 S.W. Caruthers, Portland; 503-224-3900; www.portlandspirit.com



Catch the Spirit

Send a relative or friend a gift card for a relaxing river cruise aboard the Portland Spirit. They can choose the date for their brunch, lunch, dinner, or sightseeing voyage. Gift cards available in any dollar amount. The Portland Spirit departs near Salmon Street Springs Fountain in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland.

Portland Spirit, 110 S.W. Caruthers, Portland; 503-224-3900; www.portlandspirit.com



Cruise with the Christmas Ships

Board the Portland Spirit to view the 60th annual Christmas Ships Parade. Cruises depart Dec. 8-21 at 7 p.m. Portland dinner cruise, \$68 for adults, \$63 for children and seniors. The Portland Spirit departs near Salmon Street Springs Fountain in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland.

Portland Spirit, 110 S.W. Caruthers, Portland; 503-224-3900; www.portlandspirit.com



A Holiday Classic

No holiday season is complete without seeing George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker." Share the magic of this joy-filled classic with your friends and family at the Keller Auditorium. Tickets start at \$25.

Oregon Ballet Theatre 818 S.E. Sixth Ave., Portland; 503-222-5538; www.obt.org



A Timeless Romance

Get swept up in the romance of the timeless fairy tale "Cinderella" when a handsome prince, a fairy godmother, one missing glass slipper — and a little magic — help make dreams come true for a very deserving young girl at the Keller Auditorium. Tickets start at \$27.

Oregon Ballet Theatre, 818 S.E. Sixth Ave., Portland; 503-222-5538; www.obt.org



Gourmet Goodies

Delight your loved ones and friends with new Santa Pants, filled with gourmet oil and other goodies, from The Oilerie, your one-stop gourmet food store! New holiday gift boxes have arrived, and can be customized for all your gift-giving needs. The Oilerie can ship!

The Oilerie, 438 First St., Lake Oswego; 503-675-6457; www.oilerie.com



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Spice up the holidays with baskets filled with grilling spice mixes, rubs and other grill accessories from Hometown Hearth & Grill. Starting at \$20. Pre-made and custom gift baskets.

Hometown Hearth & Grill, 9801 S.E. 82nd Ave., Happy Valley; 503-771-1750; www.hometownhearthandgrill.com



Oregon Craft Saké

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SakéOne, 820 Elm St., Forest Grove; 503-357-7056; www.sakeone.com

Festive Treats

A taste of Britain for the holidays. Plum Puddings from Matthew Walker, and so much more! A huge selection of foods, china and gifts. Great stocking stuffers, too! Stop by for a cup of tea!

Lady Di's British Store & Tea Room, 430 Second St., Lake Oswego; 503-635-7298



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Mainbrew, 23596 N.W. Clara Lane, Hillsboro; 503-648-4254, www.mainbrew.com



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Haven of Rest Day Spa, 13159 S.E. 132nd, Happy Valley; 503-698-1357



Tahitian Treats

Te Natura's Pamplemousse Gift Set includes: Sugar Cane Body Polish, Body & Massage Oil, Pink Clay Body Soap, and Hand & Body Balm. Pamplemousse is Tahitian grapefruit. One whiff of the scent is all it takes to feel transported to the South Pacific. 100 percent natural products. \$60

Portland Saturday Market, 2 S.W. Naito Parkway, Portland; 503-222-6072; www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com

