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Something New



Just arrived! A great selection of hand blown ornaments from Egypt. These colorful creations feature a variety of shapes and many have 22k gold accents or hand engraved designs.



Pictured above is one of the new jewelry designs that feature real miniature flowers encased in sterling silver. These pieces are made in the USA and are truly works of nature's art.



Fall Colors

As I write this note, fall has touched us for the first time this year. The cycle has begun, with daylight slipping into night a little earlier each day. The cooler nights will soon bring a palette of vibrant colors to the canopy of green that has kept us company since spring. Hopefully the colors will stay awhile, before the brisk breezes bring them home - and delay the chore of collecting them.

Summer was good to most of us in the valley. And now we anticipate a better than average fall. Nature certainly never ceases to amaze us. Each season in the valley brings it's own special beauty and memories. We are so fortunate to have a taste of each of the four seasons.

This fall, I hope you have a chance to play in the leaves - or at least take a drive to take in the colors.



And, if you have the chance, schedule a moment to take a tour of the night sky. The view is spectacular with clear skies unencumbered by the summer's heat and haze - a wonderful way to end your day.

This year has been good to us. With all of the challenges and disheartening news at every turn, we like to think that we are a refuge from the daily noise of life. Many new visitors have stopped by the gallery to spend some time with us, as well as many old friends that we haven't seen in a while. It's always nice to make new friends, but it's an even greater pleasure to see old ones.

We have expanded our selections again this year. New jewelry designs and fashion accessories by artisans in the USA, as well as several new fair trade groups are featured. These items are sure to make this season's gift giving a little more interesting.

Our annual open house is the first weekend in November, so please make a note to stop in and see us on November 5th and 6th. We expect to have a great time hosting our friends and celebrating our 64th year in business.

We feel so very fortunate to live and work in a city filled with friendly faces and do what we love.

Thank you - and come see us soon.

Curt + Franca

Quality in the USA

There seems to be a healthy movement this year to buy products made in the USA. We're glad to see that more and more people are thinking locally and nationally in this year's gift season. If you are a long time reader, you know we always devote a space for quality items made in the good old USA.

ARTS & CRAFTS TILE CLOCK Mark & John Schlabaugh - Iowa

The Arts and Crafts style, an art and design movement of the last half of the 19th century that strove to revitalize handicrafts and applied arts during an era of increasing mass production. This clock is made in the Iowa workshop of Mark & John Schlabaugh and features a handmade tile by the Motawi Tileworks. The precision quartz movement is USA made. A beautiful tribute to this distinctive design style.



Feel Good Gifts under 15.00

It's nice to be able to give a gift that conveys your sentiments but is easy on your budget. Here are a few items that you will be proud to give.

MAGNETS



These are not your plain old average magnets. These are the kind any refrigerator would love to display. We have a variety of hand crafted, made in the USA magnets. This beauty is hand painted ceramic and is 7.50.

ORNAMENTS

We have a very nice selection of wonderful ornaments this year. Perfect for gift giving or decorating the tree. Each one is gift boxed with story card. These little ceramic angels are only 6.00 each!



Fair Trade - Empowering People

When we select items for the gallery, we look at a variety of attributes each item possesses. We typically assess every creation for its beauty or usefulness, its craftsmanship and design. Having said that, we also try to make sure that the majority of the gifts we offer give something back to the world. Fair Trade programs gives back to underserved communities in several ways, allowing us to offer beautiful gifts from around the world and helping those less fortunate.



HUIPIL SHOULDER PURSE Guatemala

This charming shoulder purse is made of embroidered cotton fabric from "recycled" huipils. A Huipil is a colorful traditional blouse worn by Mayan women. This purse features an extra front pocket for cell phone or glasses. Zipper closure with interior lining. Beautifully hand crafted by a fair trade Mayan women's cooperative.



Local Boy Makes Fish

Actually, Mark White is more than just a fish maker. Granted, his large scale stylized porcelain fish are one of the more popular items in the gallery, but he has expanded his repertoire to include frogs and lizards too - not to mention his underwater landscape platters.

Mark is a local hair stylist who has been creating some exceptional works of art for just a few years. Self-taught in his clay creations, He has a great eye for color and composition - something you have to see for yourself. Stop in and take a look at Mark's menagerie. You'll be impressed.



Fall Thoughts

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

~Albert Camus

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

~Stanley Horowitz

Besides the autumn poets sing,
A few prosaic days
A little this side of the snow
And that side of the haze.

~Emily Dickinson

No Spring nor Summer Beauty hath such grace
As I have seen in one Autumnal face.

~John Donne

Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.

~William Cullen Bryant

Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

~Emily Bronte

There is a harmony in autumn,
and a luster in its sky, which through the
summer is not heard or seen,
as if it could not be, as if it had not been!

~Percy Bysshe Shelley

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the
leaves turn.

~Elizabeth Lawrence



Vintage Christmas



Each year we go out and prospect for what's the trend for the Christmas and holiday decorating season. More often than not we are usually disappointed in the quality and styles available. We were happy to find a group of designers here in the USA that seem to blend the old with the new and create some exceptional decorations with timeless appeal.



HOLIDAY TEDDY

Here is the most festive of Christmas bears, this vintage inspired teddy bear will be a delight for many holiday seasons to come. Add a little of Christmas past with this elegant stuffed bear. Decked out for a holiday party, he's accented with a tinsel trim tree and a topped with a jester hat. To add another special touch, he has a Christmas scene on his belly.

SANTA CLAUS

Beautifully made, this traditional Old World Santa is skillfully hand painted and is accented with a traditional bottle brush tree and cloth bag.

Santa Claus came from the Dutch legend of Sinter Klaas, brought by settlers to New York in the 17th century. As early as 1773 the name appeared in the American press as "St. A Claus," but it was the popular author Washington Irving who gave Americans their first detailed information about the Dutch version of Saint Nicholas. In his History of New York, published in 1809 under the pseudonym Diedrich Knickerbocker, Irving described the arrival of the saint on horseback each Eve of Saint Nicholas.



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~ *Come and Enjoy!* ~

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November 5th & 6th

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