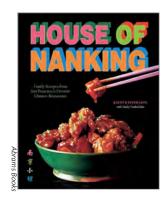


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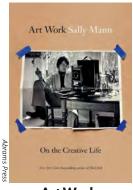
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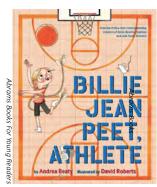
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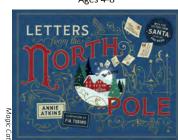
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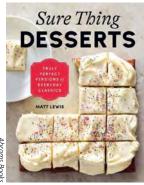
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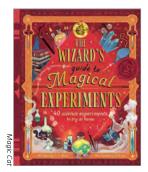
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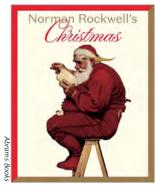
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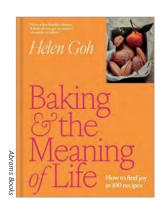
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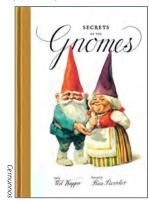
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Gifts that go beyond the box

Not every present needs wrapping paper. Some of the most memorable gifts don't sit on a shelf — they unfold over time, on ski slopes, horseback trails, or in the flickering dark of a favorite moviehouse. But if you're after something to tie with a bow, Dugazon's remarkable collection of curated gifts, the carefully chosen titles at Les Renards in Norfolk or Lakeville Books and Stationery, and BES's thoughtful and whimsical assortment of hand-made goods offer inspiration in abundance. This year's gift guide celebrates both gifts you can hold, and those you'll remember long after the wrapping paper is recycled.

— Natalia Zukerman, Editor



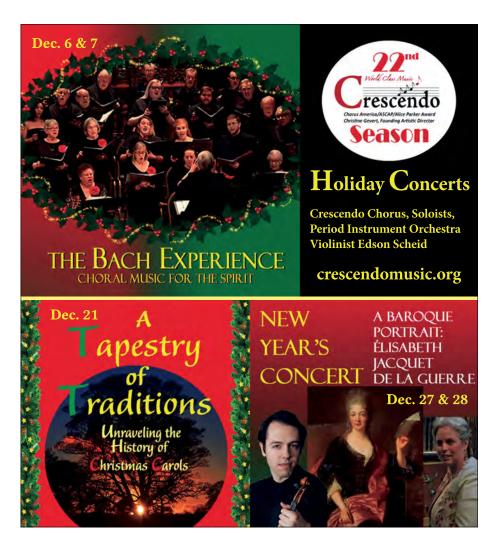




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The screening room at The Moviehouse.

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The Moviehouse

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By Aly Morrissey

ocated in the center of Millerton, The Moviehouse — a 120-year-old theater recently revived as a nonprofit community arts hub — offers audiences a place to enjoy film, special events and creative programming year-round.

"If you've got someone who loves movies or the arts, we have a wide variety of gift options this holiday season," said Helen Seslowsky, PR & marketing director for The Moviehouse.

Moviehouse Memberships

Choose from two tiers: The Star Membership, which includes discounted tickets for every event and costs \$75 for an individual or \$140 for a pair; or the Super Star Membership, which offers early access to ticket sales and costs \$150 for an individual or \$275 for a pair. "Memberships make great gifts because they make people in the community feel vested in the theater," said Seslowsky.





Gift Cards

Available in any denomination, gift cards make perfect stocking stuffers. The Moviehouse is open on Christmas Eve, and Seslowsky noted that "every year, people dash over to the box office for last-minute gifts."

Special Event Tickets

Event tickets are the "unsung hero" of Moviehouse gift options, said Seslowsky. For example, the 2025–26 Met Opera Live in HD season features eight spectacular productions, including four new ones and classic repertory favorites — ideal for opera buffs or first-timers alike.

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Even a pair of movie tickets tucked into a card or stocking can make for a simple, thoughtful gift.

Private Movie Screenings

For a memorable experience, consider a private screening. The screening room rents for \$450 and seats up to 24 people. "If you want to host a family screening of a favorite holiday movie or throw a party with friends, you can bring your own food and use the upstairs bar," said Seslowsky. "It's also a great idea for businesses."

Membership card orders placed by the second week of December will arrive in time for Christmas.

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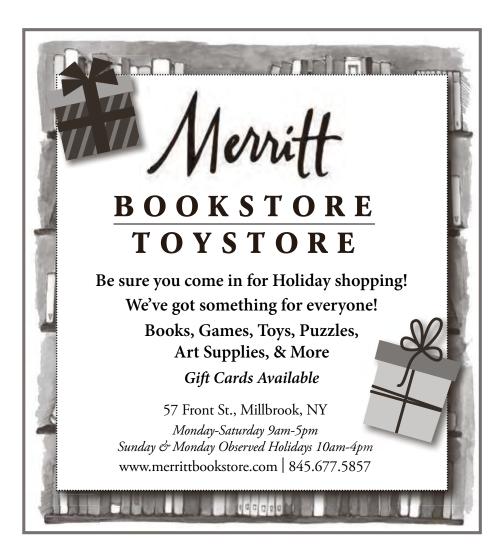
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By Leila Hawken

ne of the many shopping destinations on Millbrook's Franklin Avenue that adds to the uniqueness of the village center, LaUL gallery has been welcoming art and jewelry lovers since 2024. The space offers art by abstract expressionist painter and owner Curtis J. Lewis, who also shows a large inventory of fine jewelry of his own and others' designs, as well as heirloom and estate pieces in a variety of price levels.

Be sure to consider LaUL (Living a Unique Life) when looking for an ideal one-of-a-kind gift.

"Everything is communicating something whether intentional or not," Lewis said. The goal of LaUL is to provide clients with the best jewels and jewelry services at the best value.





14k yellow gold 10mm wide band with diamonds 0.20ct \$2,250

"This estate wedding band has been reinvented with my own flair by adding five lively natural diamonds in hand-set, star-shaped bead settings. I finished it off with a heavier brushed finish to give it a softer, more casual feel," said Lewis.

Sterling silver original natural 0.55ct total weight sapphire pendant with 20" cable chain \$490

"This pendant is a Curtis I Lewis (CJL) original – sterling silver with a rough finish and a mix of blue sapphires in burnish settings on a sturdy cable chain. It's part of my celestialinspired collection."



Original 18-karat gold peridot, blue zircon and sapphire ring \$3,025

"My CJL original 18-karat gold playful gemstone ring features a peridot, blue zircon and sapphire. Its cool but artsy style is for the reflective yet fun wearers among us. The hammered band is a big part of my tool kit to give each piece its uniqueness and capture an organic flair that carries over into my artwork."

Original 18-karat gold bezel set diamond pendant with 18" chain \$4,400

"My CJL original 18-karat gold dog tag-style pendant with 0.65 carat of natural fine diamonds cascading down creates a sense of whimsy, all against an acid-finish matte backdrop on an Italian 18-karat cable chain."



Handmade platinum and 18-karat gold brooch and chain with 19ct est find, aquamarine, rubies and diamonds \$9,200

"This brooch is one of my estate jewelry pieces, circa 1950-60s. The platinum and 18-karat gold brooch features a fine 19-carat aquamarine with natural rubies and diamonds. The details speak for themselves. I love saving these pieces and pairing them with the right client."

CJL Original untitled piece, acrylic and mixed media on watercolor paper. 18"x24" \$850

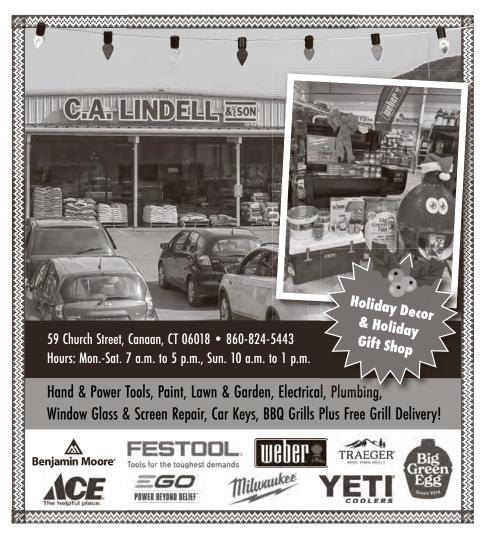
"I don't often get to set up my paints, but when the emotions of the times spill over, these are the results. Most pieces are created in tandem, using pre-mixed colors and a variety of materials I can mix in to add texture and dimension, applying now-traditional techniques of abstract expressionism."

Untitled original acrylic and mix media on stretched canvas. 36"x36" \$2,600

"Although untitled, this piece is part of what I call the Ascension Series. My pieces are built over time, with layers that often create a desire to look beyond the flat surface."







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By Jennifer Almquist

ife slows down beautifully when you pick up a good book so this year, give the gift of reading for the holidays.

Norfolk is the perfect setting for this gem of a bookshop. Tucked into the Royal Arcanum Building in the center of town, Les Renards & Company is filled with books old and new. There are gifts and curios for the home, kitchen necessities from Paris, antique embroidered linen coverlets, and shelves full of rare leatherbound books.

Featured items include the New York Review of Books series of children's classics, custom stationery and cards, watercolor workbooks by Emily Lax Studio, Rhodia notebooks, watercolor paint sets, puzzles and playing cards.

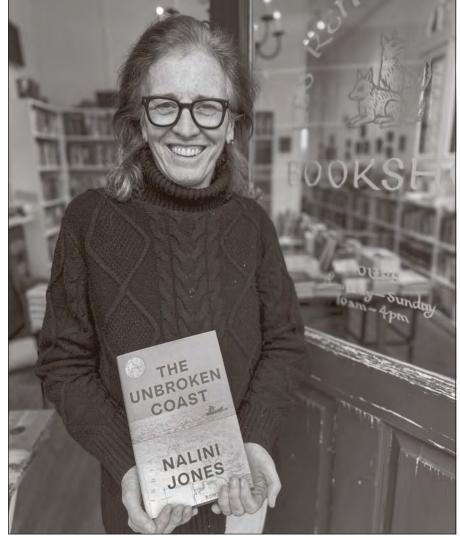
Owner Trish Dean, who left an executive career, now curates the shop's literary offerings with intellectual precision. The bookshop, which opened in July 2025, also sells a collection of lightly used, vintage and rare books to benefit the Norfolk Library Associates and support its programs.

This season, give Patti Smith's intimate new memoir "Bread of Angels," or autographed copies of Elizabeth Gilbert's searing account "All the Way to the River."

Other new releases include Chloe Dalton's calming memoir "Raising Hare," chronicling a woman's friendship with a wild creature, and "Tom Burr: Torrington Project, 2025," the culmination of a three-year retrospective installation in a 19th-century Torrington factory by Norfolk conceptual artist and 2025 Guggenheim Fellow Tom

The shop's offerings emphasize nature and environmental writing. Its name alludes to a long tradition beginning with medieval tales of Reynard, a clever fox who outsmarts the wolf Ysengrin.

Discover holiday treasures in every nook and cranny of Les Renards & Company, where the floors creak, the welcome is warm and worlds of words await you.



Trish Dean, proprietor, Les Renards & Company Bookshop with "The Unbroken Coast," by Nalini Jones.



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By Leila Hawken

n Main Street in Amenia, Romane Récalde's Le Jardin offers a welcoming, floral-scented space filled with carefully selected gift ideas at varied price points. Shoppers can discover just the right gift for even the most discerning family member or friend. Most of the items are made in France or in limited quantity by local artisans.

The seasons guide the selection of flowers used to create fresh arrangements of any size. Le Jardin's motto says it all: "Where nature meets artistry: We craft florals that feel organic, timeless and uniquely yours."

Mouthblown French Glassware by La Soufflerie from \$15.99 to \$75

"Handmade in Le Marais, Paris, by a husband-and-wife studio. Each piece carries the artist's touch, so no two are exactly alike. They feel collected, lived-inand truly special," Récalde said.

Framed Oil Painting Prints from \$48 to \$64.99

"I actually have the sardine painting in my kitchen. When I opened the shop, I immediately thought of this artist in London and reached out. She sends us small batches, and they always sell quickly. They add such charm and a bit of humor to a kitchen or dining room."

Bronze Poppy Candlesticks by Campo de Fiori from \$122.50 to \$147.50

"Heirloom-quality bronze that only gets better with age. These are sculptural, weighty and will be pieces you pass down. They're inspired by poppies (or campanula) and have that old-world romantic feel, but with a modern shape."

Flamingo Estate Candles

"One of our absolute bestsellers. Their scents are lush and transportive. When we burn them in the shop, the first thing people say when they walk in is 'It smells amazing in here' and they almost always leave with one."

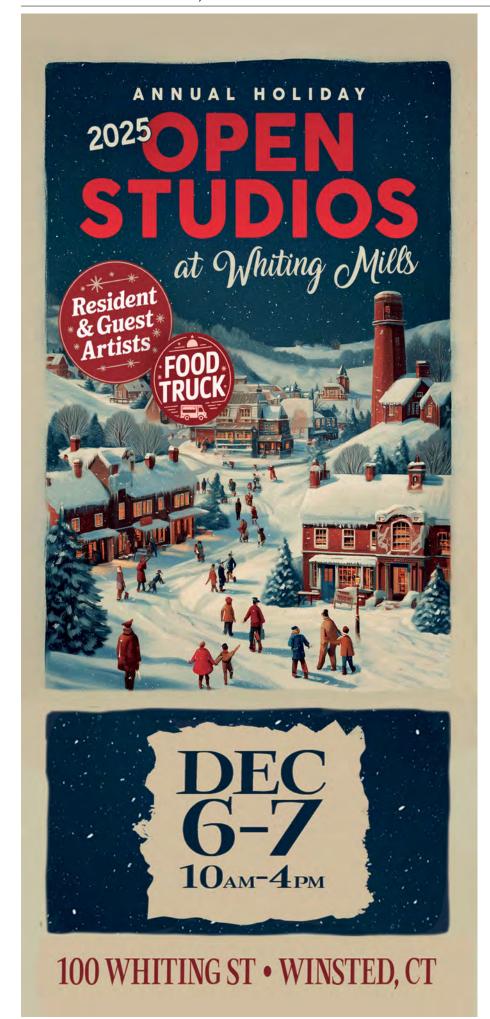
Petal Bowl by Honeychurch Home from \$289 to \$389

Made in Italy. A customer actually brought hers in and asked Récalde to arrange flowers directly inside for a dinner party. "The result was so beautiful we knew we had to carry them. It's a stunning piece for fruit, flowers or simply sitting pretty on a counter."









Mohawk Mountain

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By Riley Klein

ithin Mohawk State Forest in Cornwall, Mohawk Mountain's summit reaches 1,683 feet. The well-established ski area was founded in 1947 by Walt Schoenknecht, a snowmaking technology pioneer. Today the mountain totals 27 trails and eight lifts. Winter activities include day and night skiing, snowboarding, tubing and seasonal events. The mountain hosts ski meets and practices for area public school teams. Ski passes, equipment rentals and gift vouchers can be purchased online. Day passes can be bought in person.

Anytime ski passes \$675 - \$775

Anytime Pass is valid during all operating times. Customers will receive complimentary Day Passes and Tubing Passes with purchase of a Season Pass.

Weekday ski passes \$375 - \$475

Valid from open to close Monday through Friday and Saturday nights from 4 p.m. to close. Customers will receive complimentary Day Passes and Tubing Passes with purchase of a Season Pass.

Equipment rentals \$149 - \$420

Adult and junior equipment packages can be rented. Packages include skis or a snowboard, boots, bindings and poles. Renters can opt for new or used equipment.

Retail shopping

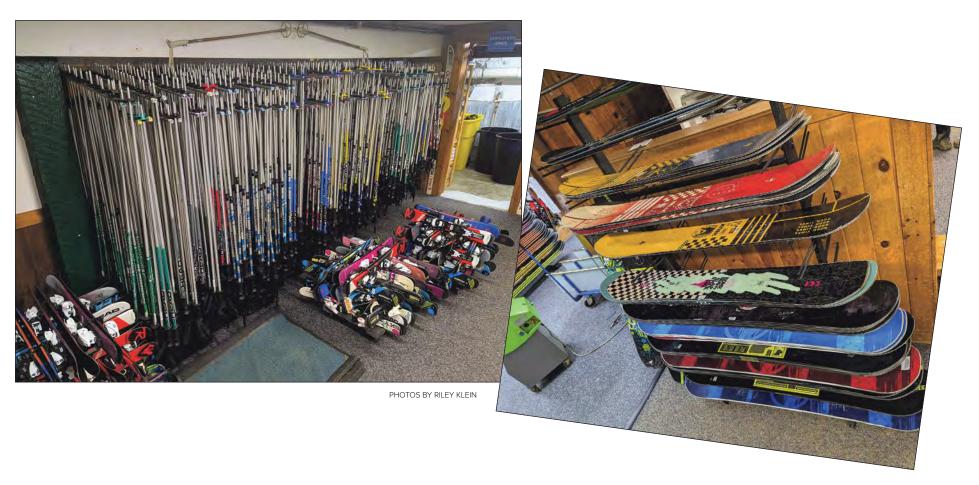
Hats, clothing and other items are on display and can be purchased in the main lodge.

Gift vouchers

Mohawk Mountain gift vouchers can be bought online. The funds are added to the user's account. Funds can be transferred between users, spent online or spent at Mohawk Mountain.











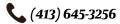
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By Patrick L. Sulllivan

t The Lakeville Journal's request, store manager Alice Peck recently put together three gift ideas at the Lakeville branch of Lakeville Books and Stationery.

As this was happening, Peck's parents, Anne and Darryl, were opening up a second Lakeville Books and Stationery location at 63 State St. in Great Barrington, Mass., where the Bookloft used to

Alice Peck was thinking in gifty, not bookish, terms for this exercise.

A Pantone coffee mug in bright, cheerful colors (\$22) is the least expensive item on this particular list (although there are plenty of things in the store that cost less).

"Even if you're not a design person, they're good-looking," she said.

People still send proper cards by mail, and if you wish to do this with some understated flair, she suggested a set of 10 engraved cards with envelopes from The

Printery in Oyster Bay, New York (\$62). The Printery specializes in engraved and letterpress-printed stationery, both ready-made and custom.

Peck's final suggestion is a wooden jigsaw puzzle from Liberty Puzzles out of Denver. The store has several in stock, in different designs. The one featured has a floral scene, and the pieces are intricate and much smaller than the wooden puzzles of yesteryear. With each puzzle containing some 500-plus pieces, this ought

to keep the holiday crowd busy.

There are approximately 80 kajillion other gift options at the shop that aren't books: pens, notebooks, Snoop Dogg birthday cards, calendars.

And of course there are books - lots and lots of books. The selection is so extensive that this reporter found it impossible to leave without picking up Rob Reiner's "A Fine Line Between Stupid and Clever: The Story of Spinal Tap."

So be warned.



Wishing you peace, joy & a wonderful New Year.



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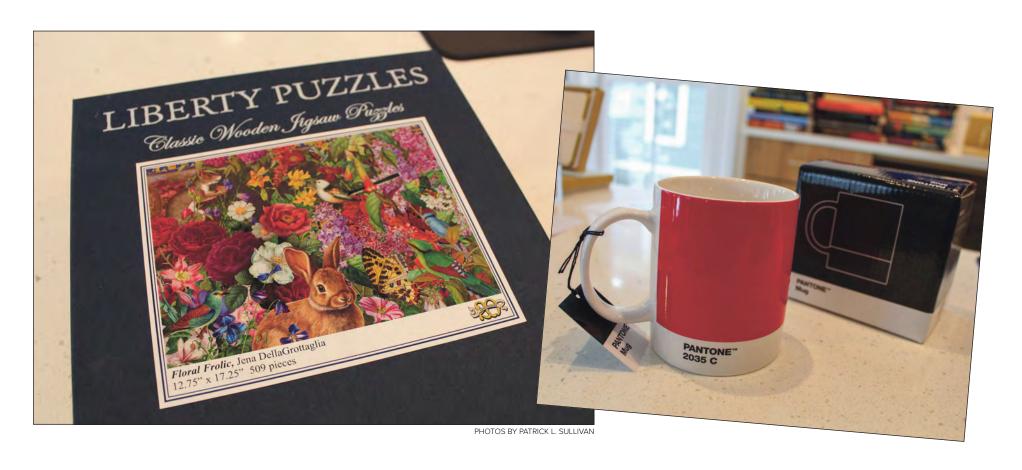
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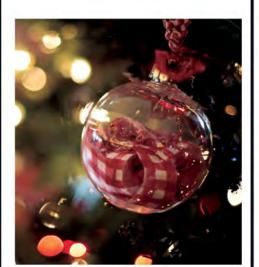
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By Natalia Zukerman

ust two months young, Dugazon already feels like it's been part of Sharon forever. Founded by Bobby Graham and Matt Marden, whose roots span New England, South Dakota, and Louisiana, the shop is a master class in warmth, taste and storytelling. Graham's years at Condé Nast (Vogue, GQ, Vanity Fair, AD) and Marden's celebrated eye as a stylist for Details and Esquire come together here in a space that feels like stepping into a beautifully lived-in home. "We have treasures from \$5 to \$5,000," Graham said, and that range captures the shop's spirit perfectly – elevated yet approachable, refined but never fussy. From antique treasures and vintage cookbooks to Milanese linens, Louisiana pantry staples and wooden spoons that practically beg to be used, everything at Dugazon has been chosen with care and intention. It's a place where beauty meets function, and every object seems to have a story waiting to be shared.

Wooden spoons

"Our vintage wooden spoons are around \$5 each and we just love them. Another thing we love in the cookware department is the mini whisk which is \$5. A lot of people use them for salad dressings. They're just adorable. Everybody loves the mini whisk."

Vintage Truck

The photograph is a vintage truck located in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, taken by Matt Albiani during his "Lifeguard on Duty" photography project. "He's a really good friend of ours in New York. He grew up outside of Boston, so he's a New England guy."

John Derian Sticker Book II

"Featuring over 800 stickers drawn from John Derian's collection of antique artworks, this book bursts with vivid blooms, whimsical animals, and curious treasures – perfect for adding a touch of beauty anywhere."

Pantry Items

"From jellies to jams to jambalaya mixes to hot sauces, we've got your dinner party covered."

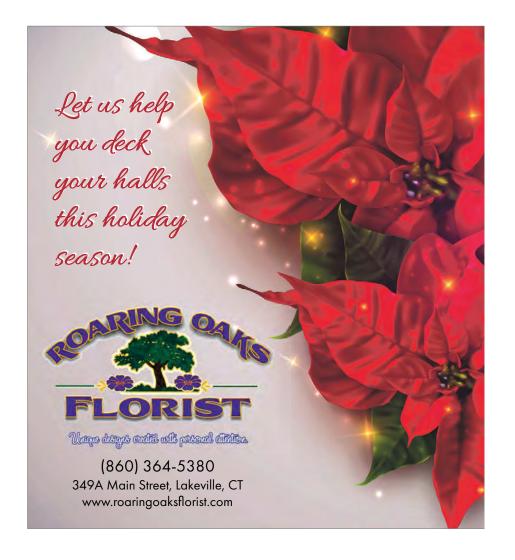
Tapered candles

"One of our absolute favorite things are the candles." The back room of the shop is a light-filled office, one wall of which is comprised of Scandinavian 19-inch tapered candles from creators ester & erik that are available in 30 colors.





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By Matthew Kreta

Part of the broader Audubon organization, which supports conservation across 11 countries in the Western Hemisphere, the Sharon Audubon Center has been a destination for families since 1961. The center focuses on birds and features trails, aviaries, a variety of programs for all ages and a well-stocked Nature Store carrying gifts — many from small businesses — birdseed and feeders. The grounds and trails are open daily free of charge. The store is open Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 4:30 p.m., with holiday sales in December.

The following selections and quotes are from Eileen Fielding, director of the Sharon Audubon Center.

Apparel

"Fun apparel. Great new T-shirt designs (including holiday designs) and for every T-shirt purchased, a tree is planted. Accessorize with beautiful wildlife earrings made of recycled material."

Books and More

"Toys and books for kids. Lots of lovable plush wildlife, plus books you may not find anywhere else. Check out 'Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly' and much more."





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AT THE SHARON AUDUBON CENTER

Birds and Beans coffee

"Bird-friendly coffee and tea sourced from plantations managed with birds in mind. Your morning wake-up can come from plantations that are managed with birds in mind. Doesn't that feel great?"

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"Your own personal adventure. Contact Bethany (Bethany. sheffer@audubon.org) to book a guided nature walk, or a tour of our raptor aviaries, for up to 10 people."

Free Trails

"Quality time. Treat yourself to a walk on Sharon Audubon's peaceful trails. Breathe deep, take your time, look at trees, ponds and birds. It's good for you."





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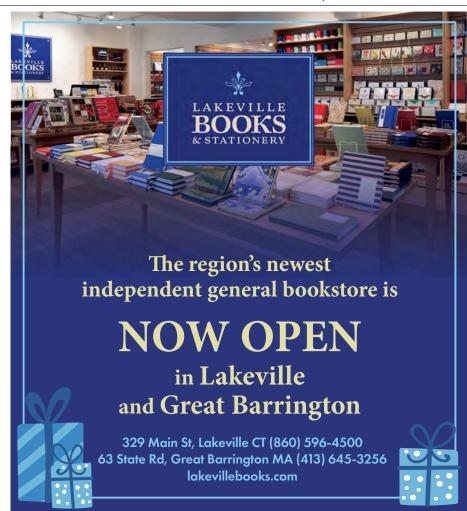






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By Aly Morrissey

onceived in 2021 by ceramic artist Erica Recto, Bes was founded as a warm, welcoming space to engage with craft and community. Today, Bes offers a full sensory experience of craft through retail, workshops and exhibitions. The shop is a hidden gem on Main Street, offering handcrafted gifts for all ages. In the storefront, shoppers will find everything from toys and creative kits for children to beautifully made ceramics, textiles and home goods. Nearly every piece is locally made and thoughtfully chosen by Recto and longtime collaborator and recent business partner Meg Musgrove. This includes handcrafted chairs by Andrew Jack of East Canaan, elegant ceramics by Claude Renaude of Millerton and even handmade jewelry and bath goods.

In-Store Handmade Crafts

"We curate the best of the best from the region," said Recto, noting that a tremendous amount of thought goes into each item featured in the shop. The store's interior evokes a Scandinavian-inspired calm, with soft neutrals that complement Recto's ceramics and bursts of color from Musgrove's vibrant textiles. Shoppers will also find sheepskin rugs from nearby Caora Farm, among other one-of-a-kind treasures.

Do-It-Yourself Kits

For those who love to create, Bes offers a variety of DIY kits perfect for gifting. "We try to foster creativity through our workshops and the kits we sell in-store," said Recto. Kits include basket-making sets, natural dye kits and other hands-on tactile projects.

Curated Gift Boxes

Can't make it to the shop? Let Bes curate for you. Their custom gift boxes capture the best of the region without the stress of decision-making. "People often come in not knowing what they're looking for," said Recto. "Our curated boxes are perfect for the holidays – they're like a love letter from the region." Gift boxes can be shipped with a personalized note or picked up in-store.

Classes and Workshops

One of the things that sets Bes apart is its high-caliber classes, which make wonderful experiential gifts. This season, the lineup includes wreath-making and block-printed holiday tag workshops, among other creative offerings. Check the schedule for upcoming sessions.





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By Sally Haver

hat better gift to give the horse-lover in your life — whether a child, grandchild or even a spouse who has always wanted to learn - than riding lessons? Riga Meadow Equestrian Center at Coole Park Farm in Millbrook is the go-to choice for this fabulous gift.

The stable is run by executive manager and trainer Linda Bushnell, who has been in the horse business her entire life. She began riding and competing as a young child and earned an "A" rating in the highly selective and prestigious International Pony Club.

As a trainer, she currently oversees all riding activities at Riga Meadow in Millbrook, the same role she held at Riga Meadow's Salisbury facility for the previous 13 years. Earlier, Linda was a member of the three-person equestrian management team at Town Hill Farm in Lakeville.

Some of Linda's students have gone on to become successful competitors in the high-stakes world of show jumping. Everyone who has had the good fortune to be taught by Linda develops an abiding love of the sport through her kind, positive approach and thorough professionalism.

Riding is an activity you can do your entire life. Linda's current riders range in age from 6 to their mid-80s, and she is happy to work with beginners of all ages.

Once you've learned to ride, there are so many avenues to explore – competing in horse shows, riding for pleasure with friends, trail riding, going on equestrian vacations, riding Western on ranches, and much more.

Unlike most stables in the tri-state area, which require you to have your own horse in order



to take lessons, Riga Meadow has its own well-trained school horses that will be matched to each rider's ability. The stable is also home to the Lakeville Pony Club, an organization that fosters friendship among competitors, while teaching young members not only to ride but also horse care and stable management.

Gift certificates for lessons are available. Riding instruction is offered as private one-hour lessons; private half-hour lessons; semi-private (two riders) one-hour or half-hour lessons; and group lessons (three or more riders).

For information on lessons and prices, contact Linda Bushnell at lindab@rigameadow. com or directly by cell at 860-671-9680.



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Off the Trail Cafe

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iz Ives took a break around noon on Friday, Nov. 7, to discuss the Off the Trail Cafe's holiday plans.

"It's been four months since we opened," she noted as she sat

The cafe, as the name implies, has been very popular with the Appalachian Trail hikers that come through town during the warmer months to get a meal, charge their phones, use the wifi, and maybe even splash around a bit in the bathroom.

It has also been a hit with

residents.

For the holidays, Ives is offering two ways to spread cheer. The first is a gift certificate, available in the café or by phone at 860-206-7098. From Nov. 13 through Dec. 23, all gift certificates are 15% off – an easy and thoughtful gift for coffee lovers or hikers.

The second is a give-back initiative.

"We're very aware of what's going on with SNAP," Ives said, referring to the federal government shutdown and the lack of funding for government food



Liz Ives at Off the Trail Cafe in Falls Village welcomes hikers and non-hikers.

programs.

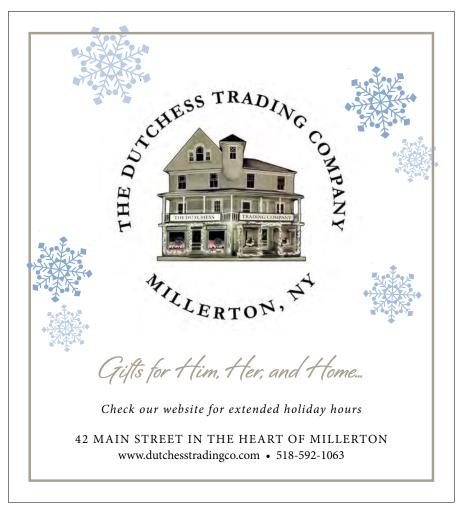
So, for the month of December, the cafe, working with Connecticut Foodshare, has a point-of-sale matching program, and the proceeds go for stocking local food pantries.

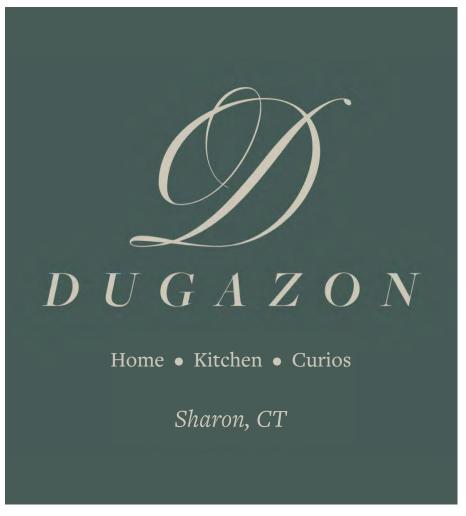
Ives said the cafe's website is still a work in progress, as is online ordering.

But if you're in a hurry, call the number above and the cheerful, courteous staff will have your order ready.













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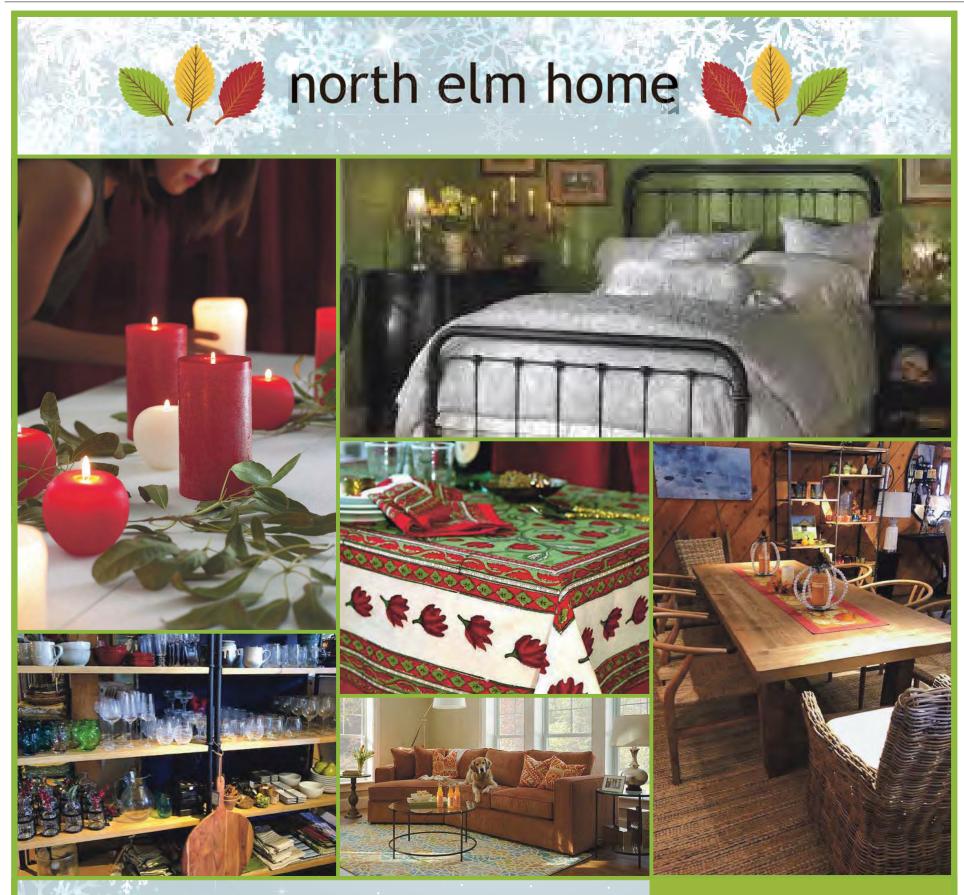
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