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Spirits of the season

*Five top-shelf gifts for the liquor cabinet,
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by Zac Shaw

WHEN MOST AMERICANS want a bottle of liquor, they reach for a mass-produced brand that's available the world over. Many of us who indulge in such libations have yet to catch up with the explosion in local distilleries that has been happening.

Every liquor you're looking for can be found here in Ulster County, and it's probably better than what you're currently sipping.

The Hudson Valley – and Ulster County in particular – is fast becoming nationally and even internationally known as the source of some of the finest craft liquors the industry has to offer.

This gift-idea list is not a cobbled-together smattering so you can “support local business” and feel good despite the quality. This local liquor list is truly top-shelf.

There's an incredible variety of spirits to choose from, and we encourage you to visit each distillery in person to sample the many options. If you can't make it there in person, each operation has a great website with a wealth of information on how each spirit is made and how to acquire them locally or online. Cheers!

Excelsior Straight Bourbon

by Coppersea Distilling (New Paltz)

Among spirit lovers, Coppersea is known far beyond county borders for being a vanguard player in the craft-distilling landscape. Christopher Briar, chief distiller and blender, co-founded the Empire

Rye Whiskey Association, and is a founding board member of the New York State Distillers Guild.

As they blaze new ground, they do so by using “heritage methods distilling,” traditional techniques to create rich and unique flavor profiles. From direct-fired stills to floor mashing and open-top fermentation, each step of the distillation process is handcrafted and carefully tuned.

There are many varieties

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Spirit lovers will find Altair holy for its twelve-times-distilled, limited-batch taste that's been said by many to be unlike any vodka before or since. As if the uncommonly superior taste weren't enough, the distillery is committed to locally-sourced, non-GMO ingredients and support of the local farmers who provide them. They are doing right by our region and right by our taste buds.

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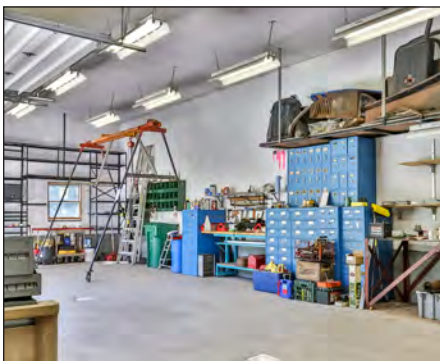
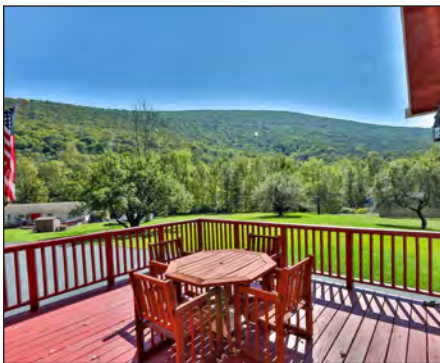


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brandies, gins, mastics, orange liqueurs, whiskeys, vodkas ... and yes, those are all plural, as the company has several varieties and flavors

within most of those categories.

If that weren't prolific enough for you, they also produce red, rose and white wines, each unprocessed to retain an earthy, organic flavor profile. It's all made "from glass to grain on-site" using local ingredients and environmentally sustainable methods.

With such a selection, it's easy to tailor your gift to its recipient's individual tastes. Absent that knowledge, we recommend the Grand Seville, one of the distillery's flagship products. It's a luxurious and unique triple blend of two-year-old cognac cask-aged Seville-orange-peel "Amer-tume" extract, a housemade base spirit, and a three-year, barrel-aged, double-pot-distilled local grape brandy.

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a bold facade reminiscent of a New York City subway sign, Bright Lights, Big Bourbon has grown to be famous for being bold and rustic, yet with refined characteristics ideal for straight sipping.

This versatile spirit appeals to more than

just the bourbon aficionado. It's accessible and fun slipped into coffee or drizzled in a sauce over vanilla ice cream.

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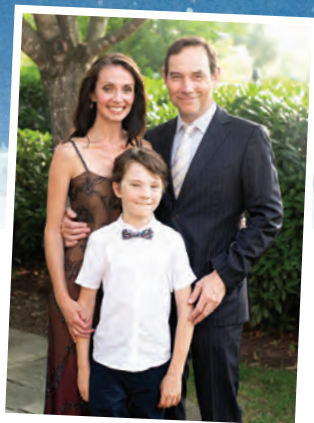
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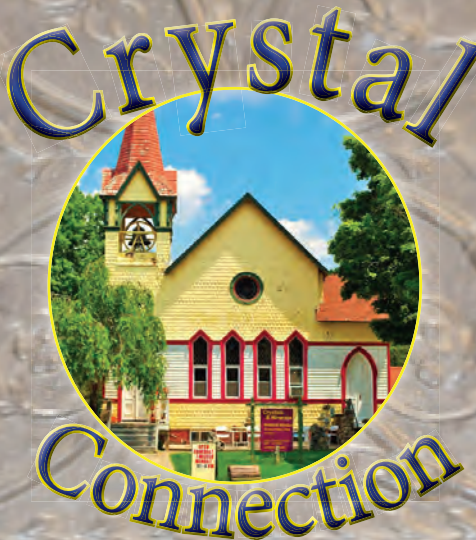
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Locally-sourced gifts for coffee lovers in the Hudson Valley

by Zac Shaw

FOR OVER HALF the American population, coffee is the perfect gift. According to a YouGov poll from September 2022, 53 percent of American adults drink at least one cup a day, and a subset of those people really, really love the stuff.

Some folks purchase high-end equipment to render the most exquisite flavors and textures. Others acquire only the best beans, grinding and experimenting until heart-palpitating bliss is achieved.

Many feel coffee is more utility than luxury. We brew it, grab it and go. We take it on the run. We reach for it as fuel for creativity, and to power through the bleary-eyed demands of capitalism. Second only to alcohol (which I write about elsewhere in this issue), caffeine is the drug of choice in America, and coffee is the vastly preferred mechanism of delivery.

We've compiled an inventive list of locally sourced coffee-lover gifts, curated by a local. You don't have to spend a dime to spread joy to your loved ones, but if

you have a gift budget, we humbly urge you to support the small businesses that make our community special.

Below, you will find a small sampling of the best beans and coffee-related products Ulster County has to offer. There are too many roasters to note, too many amazing

coffee shops and cafés to buy gift cards to. Hint: Not to be elitist, but Starbucks and Dunkin' aren't among them.

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Alice is available as a blend or in a dark roast – the former is more brightly sweet and nutty, the latter is smooth with chocolate undertones. The pricetag makes it working-class affordable, the flavor profile is elevated above your average cup of Joe.

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Decaf Espresso Blend

Monkey Joe Roasting Company • \$16.99

Locals know Monkey Joe in midtown Kingston as a mecca for folks who take their coffee seriously. The shop is run by incredibly friendly and knowledgeable owners and staff.

Their selection is widely varied, sustainably sourced, and always flavor-forward. Their roasts are known for bold and succulent flavors. Their caffeinated selection is bar-none.

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Rwanda Gakenke FWA Fairtrade Phillies Bridge Coffee Co. • \$17

For those who take their coffee seriously from plant to product, Phillies Bridge Coffee Co. has been "microbrewing" some of the choicest beans from some of the most high-quality and equitable growing operations across the planet. Their website is an encyclopedia of deep information on their sustainable sourcing practices, and also features detailed instructions on how to brew the best cup given your equipment.

If you know a coffee aficionado who'd like to know the altitude their beans came from, this is their bag. One of the missions many local roasters have is subverting the highly exploitative mainstream coffee industry by favoring business practices which empower the often-disadvantaged communities providing land and labor. This roaster takes that commitment quite seriously, and manages to produce an exquisite product while doing so.

Buy online at philliesbridgecoffee.com.

Exfoliating Coffee Soap with Shea Butter

Rondout Soap Company • \$8

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Joe Mama's Milk, Growler

Keegan Ales • \$18

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The legendary Tommy Keegan (dearly departed) left us this jaw-dropping coffee milk stout as a testament to his prescient brewing genius. Packing an ABV of eight percent, this brew nonetheless goes down smooth, with a rich, creamy texture.

The coffee-forward flavor is thanks to a Sumatra cold-brew roasted exclusively by the aforementioned Monkey Joe Roasting Company. Boasting a 'Best Beer in New York State' award from Tap NY, it pairs well with desserts and bold flavors, and has been a favorite of locals since its inception.

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Local chocolates to complete your gift-giving

by Genia Wickwire

ALMOST EVERYBODY LOVES chocolate. In fact, according to the recent article by CNN, “Chocolate is having a moment.” Chocolate continues to rise in popularity. As other items have started to decline in purchasing due to belt-tightening amidst increased prices, the buying of chocolate has bucked that trend.

The conclusion: “Stressed out customers reach for something sweet to take the edge off.” In this Covid and semi-post-Covid era, stress seems an ever-present factor. This holiday season, why not relieve your loved ones’ stress with the gift of chocolate?

Bear in mind that all chocolates are not created equal. We in the Hudson Valley have the great fortune of being blessed with top-quality chocolate made by top-quality chocolatiers.

To grab say a Hershey bar from a giant chain store might seem like a generic gift to give with little thought (and you might be correct). However, thoughtfully sifting through the beautifully crafted chocolates in every size and flavor made lovingly by a local chocolatier in your hometown does add something very special.

Below are some local chocolate shops that make local gift-giving this holiday season more than a little distinctive.

Lagusta’s Luscious

Lagusta is known in New Paltz and beyond for using all-vegan, ethically sourced ingredients in her chocolate. For those of you who aren’t vegan, you might think that this isn’t for you. You couldn’t be more wrong. Her chocolates are deliciously rich, creamy and beautiful.

Each holiday, her team creates chocolates for just that holiday. For example, during Halloween they made a chocolate skull, for Thanksgiving caramel and autumn leaves.

For Christmas and Hanukkah, Lagusta has a variety of chocolates specially made for these holiday seasons. Lagusta suggests the holiday bark which “has candied citrus and white chocolate and is



Lagusta’s Luscious suggests the holiday bark which “has candied citrus and white chocolate and is more December-y... and also our Winter Wonderland Box is a bit of a showstopper.”

more December-y. We also have giant dreidels coated in blue swirly white chocolate which are super-beautiful, and also our Winter Wonderland Box is a bit of a showstopper.”

You

can stop by Lagusta’s Luscious Café at 25 North Front Street, New Paltz, and sip a latte while you shop. Or go to <https://lagustasluscious.com/>

Lucky Chocolates

Lucky Chocolates in Saugerties is full of unusual flavor combinations that provide a whole new experience to

your taste buds. Flavors include sour lemon, strawberry balsamic, ginger, Chimayo chili -- to name but a few.

Originally founded by Rae Stang, Lucky Chocolates has always offered healthy chocolates with interesting flavor profiles, depth and strong tastes. Tavin Mitchell continues that legacy with condensed, beautiful and intense pieces of art. Tavin, who worked very closely with Rae for years, has kept the chocolate much



A sample of Lucky Chocolates.



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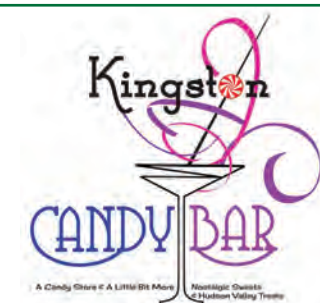
Inside and outside of the Tuxedo Black Gift Box by Oliver Kita.

the same and just as delicious. Several flavors are featured for the holiday season including candy cane, pumpkin pie and gingerbread.

They can be found at 113A Partition Street in Saugerties or online at <https://luckychocolates.com>

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Oliver Kita makes a large variety of artisan, fair-trade and all-natural chocolates, “having a passion for cooking and baking with the perfumes and flavors of chocolate, flowers, herbs, citrus, exotic fruits, berries, nuts, and spices.” For the holiday season, he offers luxurious hot chocolate, a Tuxedo Black gift box, and a 64-piece Gold and Onyx Escallier.

His chocolates can be purchased at 608 Route 28, Kingston or online at www.oliverkita.com

Fruition Chocolates

Fruition Chocolates just celebrated eleven years in business. Using traditional and modern techniques, Fruition begins by selecting ethically sourced and flavorful cocoa beans. From small-batch bean to bar chocolate, the award-winning line of confections are made with an eye to detail.

Fruition has won 73 awards to date and has been recognized among the best chocolate-makers in the world. They have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Food & Wine* and *Bon Appetit*, among many others. Their gift sets include Origins

cluding more than one in Paris. He uses only the finest ingredients and offers both vegan and non-vegan options.

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Krause's Chocolates

Krause's Chocolates has been making hand-dipped chocolates since 1929. Locally owned and lovingly run, Krause's has been voted Hudson Valley's best chocolates/candy store for the past 13 years.

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Sweet treats from EJ Bonbons & Confections in Woodstock.

chocolate molds allow you to satisfy your sweet tooth exactly as you wish.

For the holiday season, Krause's uses old-fashioned traditional molds of Santa Claus, chocolate marshmallow Santas, stockings and Christmas trees, foil-wrapped Christmas balls, Hanukkah foil coins, chocolate dreidels, menorahs and Star of David chocolate pops.

Offering over 50 varieties of handmade chocolates and candy treats, Krause's has three Hudson Valley retail locations. Its flagship store is at 41 South Partition Street, Saugerties. Additional locations are at 2 Church Street, New Paltz and at 6423 Montgomery Street Suite #9, Rhinebeck.

Krause's can also be



A chocolate Santa pop and some Hannukah gelt from Krause's.

found online at www.krauseschocolates.com

EJ Bonbons and Confections

EJ Bonbons and Confections in Woodstock is an artisanal chocolate shop which focuses on serving those with a sweet tooth

and a love for hand-crafted confections that are both beautiful and delicious. Chefs Emily Kellogg and Pierre Pouplard met while working at Per Se in New York City and eventually moved to Emily's home town of Woodstock to open their first boutique.

Employing the highest-quality ingredients, each hand-painted bonbon is made in small quantities, allowing a focus on the finest of details. Their bonbon boxes make the perfect gift and come in quantities from four to 72 pieces. No matter the size, each box offers a festival of both color and flavor.

Their chocolates can be purchased at 2 Old Forge Road on the Village Green in Woodstock, or online at www.ejchocolates.com

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Left, Ric Orlando's BBQ sauces; right, Mark's Kitchen Pesto; below, Coconut & Fresh Coriander Simmer Sauce from Calcutta Kitchens.

For your foodie friends

Give a basket of irresistible locally made sauces

by Genia Wickwire

YOUR FRIEND THAT loves to cook should be easy to shop for, right?

Not so fast. They already have all the best knives, the best pans, all the accessories. Over the years, you have given them cookbooks, kitchen towels, kitchen utensils, fancy bowls of all sorts. It's been done, they have it all.

Don't despair. The Hudson Valley is blessed with awesome food creators. There will always be options.



Here's one: Why not round up all the best sauces made right here in your neighborhood for a taste basket that no chef, or anybody with taste buds, can resist?

Barbecue sauces

Ric Orlando, local chef and former owner of New World Home Cooking, is known locally for creating intense flavors. Now they are available in a jar! Ric joined forces with Albany's Nine Pin Cider to make two delicious BBQ sauces.

The Signature Sauce is described as "sweet, tangy and golden," while the Ginger is described as "dark and

complex with a little bite.”

Get both! They are available at an array of stores including Sunflower, Woodstock Meats, Catskill Mountain Pizza, Adam's Lighthouse Style, Stone Pony Deli and more.

Go to <https://shop.ricorlando.com/collections/bbq-sauces>

Six varieties of pesto

Not long ago, while waiting for my latte at the new Bread Alone in Boiceville, I was looking at their selection of food items. I came across a divine locally made pesto.

Mark's Kitchen Pesto comes in six different varieties including vegan options and is right here in Woodstock. Its ingredients list starts with Parmigiano Reggiano DOP.

Not being a chef myself, I decided to figure out what this DOP meant. It basically means it is the real deal! It guarantees that the cheese was made by artisans in the region of origin, using only local ingredients and made using traditional age-old methods. Nothing but the finest

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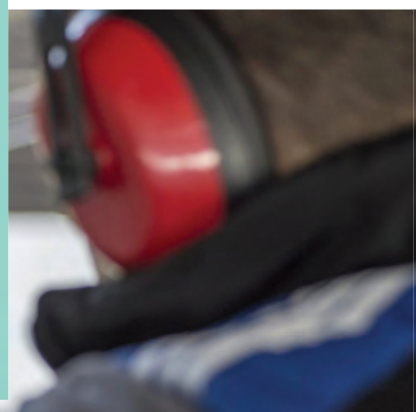
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This sauce is described as "bold and



Apple Saffron Chutney from Beths Farm Kitchen.

vibrant with a slightly nutty flavor from almonds. It pairs perfectly with meat, fish, vegetables and meat alternatives."

Stop by the store for the full experience. You can also get fresh takeout and drinks.

Go to <https://www.calcuttakitchens.com>

Hot ginger sauce

Looking to add a little spice to someone's life? You can't go wrong with Horseshoe Brand Korean Ginger Hot Sauce, located in Milan in Dutchess County.

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The festival will have a main stage with live performances. Twenty-four prizes will be awarded to local children who participate in the bike raffle.

The evening's featured highlight will be the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus on an antique fire truck to light Kingston's holiday tree at the intersection of Wall and North Front streets. Santa will then settle in on the Senate House grounds to meet with children of all ages.

When: Friday, December 2 from 6 to 8 pm.

Where: Uptown Kingston's Historic Stockade District

For more info: Follow Kingston Snowflake Festival on Facebook and Instagram or go to: www.kuba.network/snowflake

Sinterklaas

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When: Saturday, December 3 from 11

a.m., parade begins at 6 p.m.

Where: Village of Rhinebeck

For info: <https://sinterklaashudsonvalley.com/>

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When: Sunday, December 4, 4:30 (Please come early to line up for the parade.)

Where: Walden Savings Bank, 2356 Route 44/55, Gardiner (start of parade)

More info: <https://facebook.com/events/s/gardiner-tree-lighting-and-parade/666540685099167/>

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Where: Liberty square. Parade starts at
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When: Saturday, December 3. Parade
begins at 5 pm.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Arts---entertainment/The-Wawarsing-Wassail-260700854771745>

Winter Wonderland Parade

Floats filled with sparkling lights and
decorations. Unique cars & trucks. Hats
and mittens will be collected for local
school drives.

When: Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 pm

Where: Parade starts at Old 9W to West
Stout Street, Town of Esopus

More info: <https://www.esopus.com/posts/winter-wonderland-parade>

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When: Saturday, December 10. Doors open at 7 pm. Show starts at 8 pm.

Where: The Colony, 22 Rock City Road, Woodstock

More info: www.colonywoodstock.com or <https://www.familyofwoodstockinc.org/>

39th Annual Reindeer Ramble



Back in person! A 5k run/walk. Benefits the YMCA Strong Kids Scholarship Fund. Rain, Snow or Shine!

When: Sunday, December 4 11:30 race start. 10:30 day of registration and packet pick up. **MUST PRE REGISTER BY 11/10/22** will receive a long sleeve shirt.

Where: YMCA, 507 Broadway, Kingston
Register here: https://ops1.operations.daxko.com/Online/2186/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?category_ids=TAG15377

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Now in its tenth year, Made In Kingston is returning as a live event, highlighting the wonderful array of all things handcrafted, fabricated, or manufactured in the City of Kingston, NY. Local arts businesses. In addition to more than four dozen local artists, the evening will feature local food and beverages.

When: Thursday, December 8 from 3-8pm.

Where: YMCA, 507 Broadway, Kingston
More info: www.madeinkingstonny.com

Christmas Fair at the Reformed Church of New Paltz



The Reformed Church of New Paltz will host its Christmas Fair on Friday, December 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 92 Huguenot Street in New Paltz. This socially distanced fundraiser will feature wreaths, topiaries, handmade Christmas ornaments, poinsettias and more inside the Education Building (across the street from the church).

Starting off the festivities on Friday, December 2 will be shopping from 5 to 8 p.m., soup on the stoop and carolers at 6 p.m. and a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

On Saturday, December 3 the merriment continues with Autumn Whimsy, Knit and Nibble, A&M Design (handmade bracelets) and cookie decorating. Santa will be stopping by from 12 to 2 p.m. and Zeus Brewing Company will be providing food/drinks (to purchase) from 12 to 2 p.m. The festivities continue with build-a-pet, baked goods, Rada, handmade ornaments, topiaries and wreaths and a concert in the church at 2 p.m.

For additional information, email RC-NPCommunications@gmail.com.

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Where: Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6550 Spring Brook Avenue, Rhinebeck

More info: <https://www.dutchessfair.com/the-fairgrounds/all-events/the-wonderland-of-lights>

HV ArtMarket Makers Market

A community-driven holiday market curated by Local artists Paola Bari and Lorna Thompson is bringing together the best hand-crafted goods sourced exclusively from local artisans and merchants. People of all ages can start their holiday shopping, sharing the joy and gratitude of the season with their loved ones. The market will feature about 40 vendors, including artists, makers and gourmet food. If you're looking for something to do with your Thanksgiving guests, give them a true feeling for the beauty of the area. Visit the grounds and tour the historic Locust Grove, home of Samuel Morse, and shop for gifts by makers and merchants from right here in the Hudson Valley.

When: Friday & Saturday, November 25 & 26, 10-5 pm, Sunday, November 27, 10-4 pm

Where: Locust Grove, 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie

More info: <https://www.lgny.org/>

Let's Spread the Holiday Cheer

The upcoming holidays and various festivities are just around the corner and often we hear that it's the most wonderful time of the year. But for some people in senior homes, oftentimes, this is the season that can be the most lonely and isolating time. Spread holiday cheer through caroling and delivering gifts received from the Helping Hands holiday fundraiser. Wear your most cheerful holiday outfit... encouraged, but optional. Everyone of all ages are welcome to join!

When: Sunday, December 4, 1-2:30 pm (meet in lobby at 12:50)

Where: Golden Hill Nursing & Rehab Center, 99 Golden Hill Drive, Kingston

More Info: <https://facebook.com/events/s/2022-holiday-caroling-and-gift/3237544689839348/>

Mount Academy Christmas Craft & Baked Sale



All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.
When: Saturday, December 3, 10 am-4 pm.
Where: The Mount Academy, 1001 Broadway, Esopus

<https://facebook.com/events/s/mount-academy-christmas-craft-/854391079312742/>

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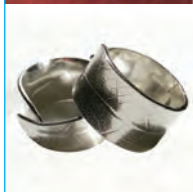
When: Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 pm

Where: SUNY New Paltz Studley Theater, New Paltz

More info: www.newpaltz.edu/fpa/music/concert-series/fall-2022-concerts

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