

# To Give and to Receive

WHAT B-TOWNSWERS WANT &  
WHERE THEY ARE SHOPPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

To help you with this year's holiday shopping, we asked an array of Bloomington townsfolk two questions: "What gift would you like to receive during the holidays?" and "What is your favorite local store for holiday shopping?"

Most people wanted to give altruistic answers—whether asking for world peace or giving donations to their favorite causes. Bloomington has hundreds of worthy nonprofits and charities, and we hope you keep them in mind.

Also keep in mind that Bloomington is a shopper's paradise. Any time of year, but especially during the holidays under the Canopy of Lights downtown, or in any other part of town, shopping in B-town is a special joy—not only for the unique stores but also the eclectic merchandise. Take a look in art galleries, boutiques, and even restaurants for pottery, sculpture, jewelry, crafts, kitchenware, clothing, hometown flavors, and gift certificates. You'll find something for everyone on your list. And if you need some advice, take it from these folks.

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JENN CRISTY

## JENN CRISTY Singer/Songwriter

**GIFT:** I'm always a fool for shiny things. And I'm not really the expensive type.... I just absolutely love having jewelry and accessories to wear for shows or everyday casual!

### STORES: Moon

**Stones and Athena** for all the ladies I shop for... and even some guys. **Athena** is great for very cool musician-type gifts, too! My husband and daughter are comic book fans, so **Vintage Phoenix** is definitely on the shopping list again this year. And when all else fails, I go with gift certificates to places such as **Irish Lion** and **Nick's English Hut** (my personal favs!).



CHARLOTTE ZIETLOW

## CHARLOTTE ZIETLOW Community Leader

**GIFT:** I would like a new set of cookware—either heavy duty Calphalon, Swiss Diamond, or All-Clad. I have had my Calphalon for nearly 40 years and it could stand replacement.

### STORES:

I do all of my shopping downtown around the Square, if possible. Of course, **Goods for Cooks** is close to my heart [she founded the store], and I am just about a walking ad for **Argentum**. But the **Book Corner** and **Howard's** provide my book gifts, and **The Briar & The Burley** came to my rescue last year when I was looking for Swiss Army Credit Card pocket knives. **Wandering Turtle** is my favorite card store. **A propos Gifts and Jewelry** provides special treats. **Inner Chef** always has treats, as does **Emporium**, and elegant gifts from **Williams Jewelry**—on and on. I just start walking around the Square and find something for everyone.

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KENN NUNN

## MARIA KATRIEN HESLIN

Deputy Mayor,  
City of Bloomington

**GIFT:** Being downtown and shopping are two of my favorite things to do, so an excellent gift would be a gift certificate from **Downtown Bloomington, Inc.** It's accepted by more than 80 downtown merchants and can be bought easily on DBI's website, downtown-bloomington.com.

**STORE:** There are so many great places to shop downtown that I can't pick just one, and if I receive the gift above, I won't have to!

## DAVID FLETCHER

Co-owner, BLU Boy Chocolate Café & Cakery

**GIFT:** A gift certificate to **Finch's Brasserie**.

**STORE:** **Goods for Cooks**. Perfect shop to buy gifts for all my foodie friends.

## KEN NUNN Attorney at Law

**GIFT:** I love clocks, and I collect clocks, so my first choice for a Christmas gift would be a new clock.

**STORE:** My favorite store in Bloomington for holiday shopping is **Gold Casters Fine Jewelry**.



DANIEL C. SMITH

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Dean, IU Kelley School of Business

**GIFT:** My wife and I get very little time with each other outside of work. So the best gift I can imagine would be gift certificates for a carefree night on the town. We would start with a leisurely dinner at **Scholars Inn** or **Restaurant Tallent**. We would then stroll around the Square and enjoy the festive holiday lights, ending the evening in front of the fireplace in a cozy room at the **Showers Inn**, sipping a glass of Champagne from the vintage collection at **Big Red** along with our dog Kelley (yes, named after the school) that we got from the **Bloomington Animal Shelter**.

**STORES:** I'm a serious foodie, so I would prepare a treat bag composed of local finds. I would include a tasting of chocolates from **BLU Boy**, our local chocolatier that would give the finest chocolate shops in Paris serious competition.... I would include samples of the full-flavored European-style coffees from **Soma, Stone Cutters**, and the **Runcible Spoon**. I would also include a selection of specialty ingredients from **Goods For Cooks** such as their exquisite nut oils from La Blanc, the best producer in France. And no foodie treat bag would be complete without the granola from **Scholars Inn**; there's simply no better way to start the day.



"My favorite place to shop for the holidays is **By Hand Gallery**"

Jeff Mease

## TYLER FERGUSON

Roller Derby Skater

**GIFT:** My husband, Dave, is the superhero of gift giving. He is the one person who can find things I didn't know I even wanted, like comfortable gardening gloves or a ceramic knife. I love it when a gift is totally practical yet luxurious all at the same time.

**STORES:** I always shop **Relish**, **Wandering Turtle Art Gallery & Gifts**, **Goods for Cooks**, **Inner Chef**, **Big Red Liquors** and **J. L. Waters**. If I had to pick just one place for all my holiday shopping, it would probably be **Bloomingfoods**.

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KRISTA DETOR

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Singer/Songwriter

## SYLVIA McNAIR

Vocalist

**GIFT:** I'd like to receive a gift certificate to any of the downtown bookstores. I love books, and they each offer their own unique selections and hard-to-find editions!

**STORE:** My favorite local store is the **Wandering Turtle**. I always want unusual or off-the-beaten-track gifts for my friends. The Turtle offers fair trade goods while supporting the local economy...so it's a win-win!

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SYLVIA McNAIR

## JEFF MEASE

Founder & CEO, One World Enterprises

**GIFT:** The gift I would like to receive is a hand-made pottery bowl from one of our local potters. I just love eating food from beautiful handmade bowls. I can't explain it, but it makes the meal more enjoyable.

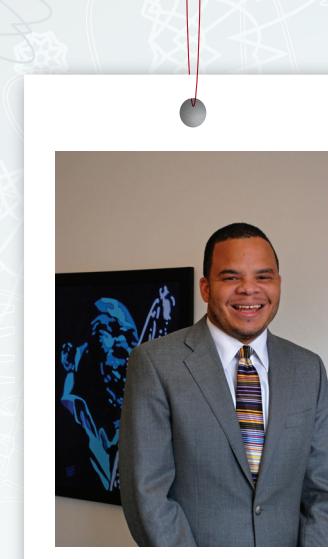
**STORE:** My favorite place to shop for the holidays is the **By Hand Gallery**. I always seem to get in there just a few days before Christmas. I do wish I didn't procrastinate so much, but I still always find beautiful things there for gifts, even at the last minute.

## CANDACE FINCH

Co-owner, Finch's Brasserie

**GIFT:** My husband Jeff and I reserve Christmas as "our" holiday. We don't get to spend much alone time together running a busy restaurant, so special time is a gift. But I love unique earrings and Jeff knows this. Every Christmas I can count on a little decadence in my stocking from **Relish**, my favorite store!

**STORES:** When I go gift hunting I go straight to **Relish** because everything there is beautiful and unique! If I am shopping for Jeff I go straight to **Goods for Cooks**.... One can never have enough kitchen gadgetry or gourmet food stuffs!



DONALD GRIFFIN

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Owner, Griffin Realty

**GIFT:** A 1972 BMW 2002.

**STORES:** **Relish** and **Argentum Jewelry**. Unique. I find things there and give them to people in California and New York and they love them.

## JILL BOLTE TAYLOR

Neuroscientist and Author

**GIFT:** Dark chocolate with nuts, coconut, or caramel...yum!

**STORES:** **Goods for Cooks** and **Inner Chef**...because I like to eat and I like to spoil the cooks in my life who feed me!

## TOM ROZNOWSKI

Singer/Songwriter and Author

**GIFT:** Two years ago I noticed an adult beginners class in ice skating offered at the **Frank Southern Ice Arena** by Bloomington Parks and Rec. While it may be true that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, a horse will lead itself to water if it's thirsty enough.... So partly for further encouragement, partly to avoid the rental fee, I'm asking Santa for a pair of ice skates—specifically black, figure style.

**STORE:** I would choose my friends at **Bloomingtonfoods**. Their varied offerings are inexpensive, but still personal. For instance, I know one friend who likes red licorice. Another will find a good use for a stoppered glass bottle after emptying it of pomegranate soda. Besides, if the gift needs to be refrigerated, the season will allow me to leave it on the porch with a note.



MALCOLM DALGLISH

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Conductor/Composer

**GIFT:** Two ricks of seasoned hardwood delivered and stacked.

**STORES:** I'd say, **Winter Farmers' Market**, **Bloomingfoods**, and **Goods for Cooks**. We tend to do more cooking and eating than gift buying. We do like **Relish**, **Game Preserve**, and the rug store on the Square, **Qaisar Oriental Rug**. We usually have at least one big family meal at **Shanti Authentic Indian Cuisine** and **Samira's Restaurant**.



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DANIEL ORR

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Chef/Owner,  
**FARM**bloomington

**GIFT:** I'm really interested in some of the new non-stick technologies out there. You can cook using less oil, which is healthier, and since cooking with and cleaning them is so easy, folks are more likely to prepare their own healthy meals. Both of the locally owned cooking stores carry them: **Inner Chef** has Scanpan, and **Goods for Cooks** carries Swiss Diamond.

**STORES:** I'm a big fan of **Kleindorfer's Hardware**. They're a great go-to place for my family. We can pick up everything from gardening supplies, tools for weekend projects, and some serious cast iron pans. I've picked up some great gifts from **Wandering Turtle** on the Square. They carry some beautiful pottery by local artists, as well as new and interesting things like Mexican Day of the Dead sugar skull molds. Bloomington has great antique and thrift stores from the **Second Street Antique Mall** to **Foursquare Antiques & Architectural Salvage** to **Antique Bazaar** on Old State Road 37 North.

## WAYNE MANNS

Artist

**GIFT:** I would like a piece of African art, say a small figure, something with a heavy spiritual "thing" to it.

**STORE:** I like **Andrew Davis Menswear**, and I could go like Stevie Wonder in there because anything I touch in that store I'd get a kick out of.

## LEO COOK

Celebrity  
Bartender

**GIFT:** The gift that I enjoy to receive every year is a stick of Sweet Lebanon Bologna from Palmyra, Pennsylvania. It's a Germanic-style smoked, vinegar, sweet salami that my brother John and I ate in our school cafeteria when we were kids. It evokes so many happy memories of growing up with my family in southeastern Pennsylvania.

**STORE:** My absolute favorite Bloomington store for holiday shopping is **The Book Corner**. They have an amazing selection of pop-up books, and I get a different one every year for my mom and sister. Plus, they have free gift wrapping and the owner, Margaret Taylor, even makes the elegant ribbons.



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WAYNE MANNS

## TRACEY GATES

Celebrity  
Bartender

Manager, Scholars Inn Bakehouse on the Square

**GIFT:** New running shoes. I take a size 8 to 8 1/2, and my favorite color is blue.

**STORE:** Indiana Running Co.



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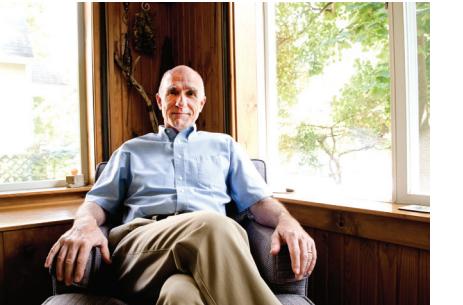


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SCOTT RUSSELL SANDERS

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Author

**GIFT:** I've reached a time in my life when I do not need any more possessions, so I ask people who are determined to give me gifts to make donations in my name to some local organization that serves the needs of other people.

**STORES:** Books I'll buy at **Howard's Bookstore** or **Boxcar Books and Community Center**. Works of art, including music by local musicians, I'll buy at **Wandering Turtle** or **By Hand Gallery**. Science toys I'll buy at **WonderLab Museum**. Tools I'll buy at **Kleindorfer's Hardware**. Produce I'll buy from **Bloomingfoods** or the **Winter Farmers' Market**. I favor gifts that are well-crafted, locally made, durable, and useful. And I favor stores, shops, restaurants, markets, and service providers that are rooted in our community.

## KERRY FEIGENBAUM

Co-owner, Scholars Inn Restaurant & Bar, Bakehouse, and B&B

**GIFT:** Pillows, vases, and anything for our newly remodeled kitchen.

**STORES:** It's a tie: **Relish** and **Elements**.

## JOEL WASHINGTON

Artist

**GIFT:** Art supplies.

**STORE:** **Pygmalion's Art Supplies**.



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Scott Russell Sanders

## RANDY WHITE

Artistic Director, Cardinal Stage Company

**GIFT:** We desperately need a 14-foot box truck for Cardinal Stage. I'd love to unwrap that.

**STORES:** **Andrew Davis Menswear** or **Cardinal Stage Company** (I buy and give away lots of tickets).



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## TOM ELLSWORTH

Pastor, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

**GIFT:** When it comes to gifts under the tree, I think we men tend to be boys at heart. I remember well the Christmas that I awoke to a Lionel train setup running under the Christmas tree. I was transfixed by the gleaming silver and red Santa Fe engine as it pulled its load of freight around the oval track. This year Lionel is reproducing the 1959 Santa Fe train set that greeted me years ago on that Christmas morning. This Christmas I would like to see that train beneath our tree.

**STORE:** I really enjoy **Treasure Chest Hobbies**. Walking through the door is like stepping back in time with wall-to-wall hobby supplies. Trains, planes, and automobiles fill the shelves. It's like visiting the past while planning for the future all in one visit.