

2015 Winter Gift Guide





Welcome to the Maine Technology Institute's Annual Gift Guide!

The Maine Technology Institute (MTI) is a public-private partnership that helps **fund** Maine entrepreneurs and companies who engage technology to develop innovative products and then **connects** them to resources to help them **grow** profitable enterprises.

The gift guide is an opportunity to reveal some of the amazing companies and diverse products that have benefited from a collaboration with MTI, its funding programs, and other assistance.

Over the past 15 years, MTI has helped grow world-renowned research organizations like Jackson Labs, Bigelow Labs and Mount Desert Island Biological and has also funded projects leading to innovations in guitar and surfboard manufacturing, Maine Mead production, artisan cheese creation, apparel making, and providing sustainability solutions for businesses.

The gift guide provides a glimpse into some of these innovations and exemplifies the inventiveness, cleverness, and creativity of Mainers. We hope you enjoy looking through it, and we encourage you to reach out to the companies for further information about how to acquire the products.

From all of us at MTI, best wishes for a warm winter!



Brian Whitney
President





BIXBY BAR

Bixby & Co. is an innovative craft candy bar manufacturer based in Rockland, Maine. BIXBY BARS are produced in eight unique flavors that combine organic, sustainably sourced chocolate with nuts, dried fruits and spices. Bixby & Co. creates healthy and nutritious chocolate options that are all Certified Gluten-Free, Kosher, Verified Vegan options, and are Non-GMO Project verified.

www.bixbyco.com



HONEYMAKER.

MAINE MEAD WORKS | PORTLAND, ME

Maine Mead Works offers a modern, elegant take on traditional mead using locally-sourced ingredients. Founded in 2007 with the goal of re-introducing the world to the oldest of all fermented beverages, Maine Mead Works uses wildflower honey, water and their own proprietary yeast strain, blending ancient tradition with modern science to produce distinctive meads at their Meadery in downtown Portland. Ingredients range from English lavender, blueberries and strawberries, all from locally sourced farms. Every bottle of HoneyMaker Mead supports family farms, encourages agriculture and enhances biodiversity. It has also become a foodie favorite because it tastes great— crisp, dry and refreshing -- and is versatile -- use it to cook with and in cocktails. Make sure your table isn't without a bottle this season!

www.mainemeadworks.com



BOURGEOIS GUITARS



Bourgeois Guitars are defining the future of vintage tone, combining old-world hand-voicing techniques with modern innovations in design and technology. Master luthier Dana Bourgeois and his small team of highly skilled craftsman produce some of the finest steel-string instruments available today from their shop in an 18th Century Lewiston Mill. Guitars are priced starting at \$3,800.
www.BourgeoisGuitars.com



DemerBox is the original rugged Bluetooth boombox that combines unquestionable reliability, superior sound and dry internal storage for spontaneous, creative music-lovers who enjoy the outdoors. With a 45-hour battery life and the ability to charge any USB device (like your smart phone), a DemerBox is equally at home on your kitchen counter or a mountain top. DemerBoxes have been tested on Mt. Everest, in the jungles of Cambodia and many places in between. They're built for life. Every DemerBox is built in Portland, Maine and made from a military-grade genuine Pelican Brand case.



www.demerbox.com





SEAL COVE FARM
LAMOINE MAINE

Handcrafted Artisan Goat Cheese

Seal Cove Farm's prize-winning goat cheese, known as chevre, is crafted in the farmstead tradition, using only the high-quality milk produced from goats living on their New England farm.



Trained in the traditional methods of French cheese making, Seal Cove Farms create artisan cheeses that rival the balanced flavor and texture of goat cheeses found in the markets of France. Recent additions to their cheese menu include "mixed milk" cheeses that are a pleasing blend of their own farm's goat's milk and the cow's milk from other small Maine dairy farms. Sold at many retailers including Hannaford and Market Basket.

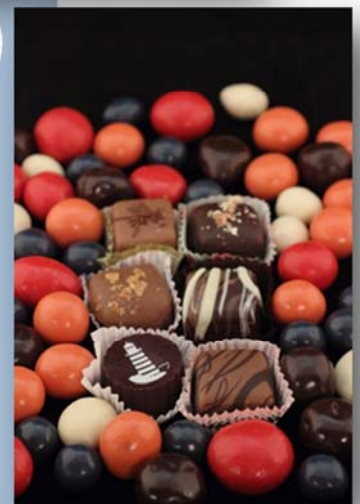
www.maine-goat-cheese.com

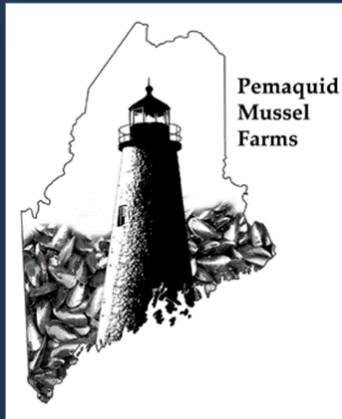


WILBUR'S OF MAINE CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONS

Wilbur's of Maine has always sought to bring the highest quality confections to its customers for the best value. As they've grown, they've produced more and more of their own confections, replacing those made by others. They are a family-owned and operated business and strive to create a family atmosphere at their workplace as well as in their retail stores. Visit their factory store in Freeport or their retail shops in downtown Freeport and downtown Brunswick.

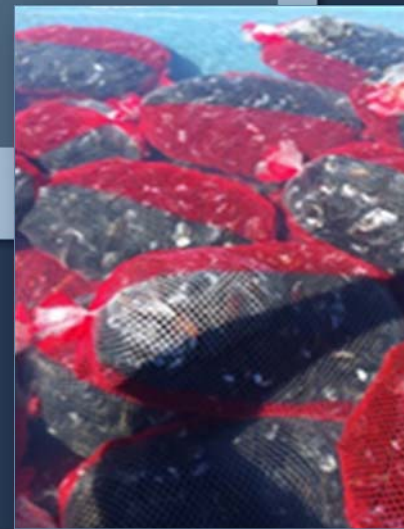
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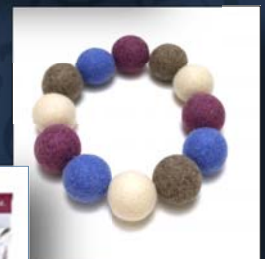
PEMAQUID MUSSEL FARMS

Founded in 2007, Pemaquid Mussel Farms has sold over a million pounds of rope grown mussels and recently developed a patent pending Submersible Mussel Raft that grows 40 tons of mussels at a time. Try some of these plump, thin-shelled mussels from the clean salty waters of Frenchman's Bay for the holidays, along with a great complement, Pemaquid Oysters, always available at Jess Market, Rockland, Maine. www.jessmarket.com



LOOHOO DRYER BALLS

LooHoo Wool Dryer Balls are a reusable, energy-saving alternative to dryer sheets that helps protect your family's health and the environment. With no harsh chemicals, LooHoo's naturally soften clothes, reduce dry time and shift laundry from a chore to an enjoyable experience. LooHoo's make a unique, affordable gift for family, friends, teachers and especially for those "hard to buy for" people on your list. www.loo-hoo.com

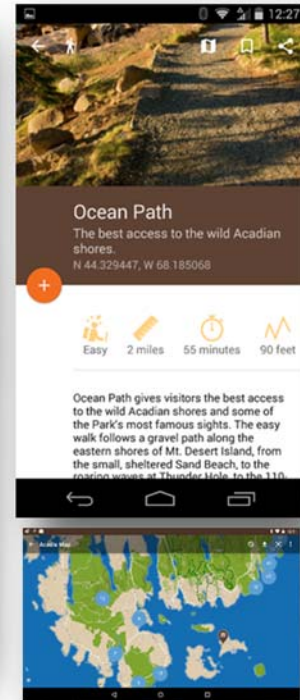


CHIMANI APPS FOR THE OUTDOORS



Chimani's free mobile apps include individual destination guides for 18 of the top U.S. national parks and a companion app featuring all 409 national park units. Each app includes curated-original content, high-resolution topographic maps, audio tours, trip planning guide and variety of other tools to ensure users get the most out of their national park experience. Most importantly, the apps are designed to function without any Wi-Fi or cell connection.

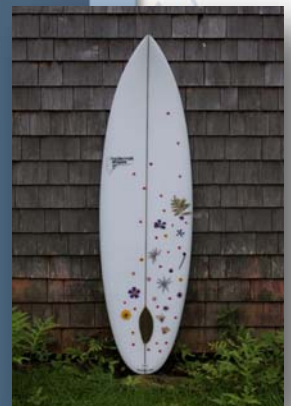
www.chimani.com



PREMIUM SURF AND PADDLEBOARDS

The craftsman at McDermott Shapes build boards for the same reason they surf, because it is what they love to do. All of their boards are handcrafted in a small workshop in southern Maine. Most are built custom to fit the needs of each surfer and paddler, and all come with a 100% satisfaction guarantee. For

more information and to purchase, visit them at Blackpoint Surf Shop in Scarborough or at www.mcdermottshapes.com





THE BITZY BABY BREATHABLE CRIB BUMPER

Say goodbye to worrying about your baby sleeping soundly and safely in their crib. The Bitzy Baby Breathable Crib Bumper offers 3D mesh inserts to protect against impact with crib slats. It also prevents arm and leg entrapment between the crib slats. Enjoy the collapsible design which helps to reduce the risk of climbing. This safe sleep aid reduces suffocation risk and CO2 rebreathing. The bumper fits most standard crib dimensions and is available in a neutral yet beautiful natural color.

www.bitzybaby.com

SEA BAGS.
★MAINE★

In 1999, Sea Bags was the first in the market to design and manufacture handmade tote bags and accessories from recycled sails. Since that time the company has grown to nearly 50 employees and is still located on Portland's working waterfront where the bags are manufactured. The product line ranges from totes and wine bags to home décor and accessories. Custom designed Sea Bags are also available, allowing the customer to design a Sea Bag that reflects their own style and personality.

www.seabags.com





Atayne makes progressive outdoor and active apparel that drives positive environmental and social change. All of their products are made from 100% recycled polyester and are certified to be free of harmful chemicals. If that

wasn't enough, all of their products are made in the USA, start to finish. And you thought you were just buying a shirt!

www.atayne.com



GAME CHANGER

Double Blue Sports develops video analysis technology to help coaches and athletes win more games. Our Save Review System (SRS) is a tremendous solution to improve goaltender performance and to solve the difficulty of leveraging video as a teaching tool.

Our SRS is an advanced but incredibly easy to use system that will craft a compelling story of the goaltenders performance. Since the SRS is the only platform on the planet that provides a contextualized view of the most important on the ice, NHL teams to minor hockey players are finding meaningful use of this technology. The system is also cloud based, so if you have a goalie coach you work with, he/she can gain access to remotely view the video and data.

Pricing is \$32 a month or \$360 for the season that includes a full season of cloud and support.

www.purchase.doublebluesports.com



ARCHIVESTREE™

HISTORY **IT**
WE GIVE HISTORY A FUTURE

ArchivesTree is a web-based archives management software that allows managers of historical archives to easily and efficiently organize, catalog, and share their collections. Designed and developed by professional historians and archivists, ArchivesTree offers sophisticated, flexible functionality in an easy to use, intuitive format. Streamlined processes are tailored to guide uninitiated volunteers, while providing professional librarians and archivists with the flexibility and functionality they expect from catalog management systems.

www.archivestree.com



Fight germs, promote sustainable living and support new industry jobs in Maine!

DURAFRESH™ - soft, absorbent, high-performance wood fiber cloth promotes:

- *Healthier Living* - rinses 99.9% germ-free in tap water, thus never smells or spreads germs like microfiber cloths & sponges.
- *Healthier Planet* - one cloth, made from the same material as paper-towels, outlasts dozens of disposable rolls, is compostable (vs. *synthetics*). Its durability reduces landfill waste & incineration.
- *Healthier Budget* – saves consumers significant money / space by reducing paper-towel use and the need for harsh chemicals.

www.globecomaine.com





Timeless Norwegian craft right here in Maine

Jotul has been fighting the cold since 1853 and is one of the world’s oldest producers of stoves, inserts and fireplaces. Jotul leads the way in clean combustion technology and now offers the convenience of top-loading in a non-catalytic wood stove. Utilizing Jotul’s patent-pending rotating baffle, the Jotul F50 TL Rangeley can easily be loaded from the top with the turn of a handle or through a convenient front-load option that allows for their legendary front-to-back “cigar burn”.

Planting seeds in Maine was a natural choice for the long, cold winters and Jotul shares the same creed: quality that lasts a lifetime. Keep them nice and toasty this winter season with the dependence of a Jotul stove or fireplace.
www.jotul.com/us



PLANET BOTANICALS



Planet Botanicals creates handmade natural and organic skincare products with sustainably harvested rare fruit oils and butters from Africa and around the world, sourcing directly from the producers. They embrace a unique approach that focuses on the properties and origins of each ingredient and the partnerships with women's shea

butter cooperatives and family farms that make their discovery possible. Try their Marula Hand Cream, a moisturizing and luxurious cream made with a unique light shea butter from Uganda and marula oil that immediately absorbs and delivers long-lasting moisturization.

www.planetbotanicals.com



ECOSEATILE

EcoSeaTile creates gifts, hardware and jewelry from recycled materials including sea shells, scrap metal and wood chips. All products are created at their workshop in Kennebunk, Maine. Recycled materials including shells (lobster, mussel, oyster, clam abalone, and others) scrap metal (aluminum, copper, brass, and titanium) are set in a clear, resilient epoxy resin to emphasize the natural beauty of these natural materials.

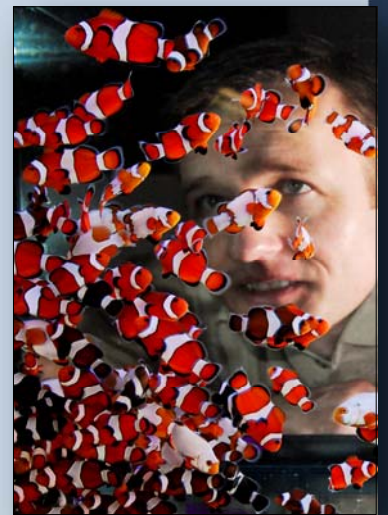
www.ecoseatitle.com



BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTAL FISH

Sea & Reef Aquaculture, LLC specializes in culturing high-value marine ornamental fish and is the only marine ornamental fish farm in New England. Their fish are sold at a wholesale level to retail pet stores across the US as well as export markets. Sea & Reef currently cultures more than 50 different species and color variants of clownfish, dottybacks and cardinalfishes.

www.seaandreef.com





AROOSTOOK HOPS

For the home brewer, Aroostook Hops offers 2 oz. packages of both pelletized and whole cone dried hops in four different varieties (Cascade, Nugget, Centennial, and Mount Hood). Want to grow your own hops? Their Maine-grown rhizomes, shipped when freshly dug out of the ground in the spring, have excellent growth and shoot emergence rates. Check out their Beery Hoppy handcrafted soap, too! Made from their own finely ground hops infused in olive oil.

www.aroostookhops.com



BLUE OX MALTHOUSE

Blue Ox Malthouse creates craft malts, using traditional methods, for Maine's burgeoning craft beer and distilling industries. With a strong commitment to local agriculture, their malts are processed in Lisbon Falls, Maine using locally-sourced Maine grains. A leader in bringing this technology to Maine, Blue Ox Malthouse allows customers to produce a truly local product, field to glass. Check the beer or whiskey lover off the list and get them a truly Maine beer!

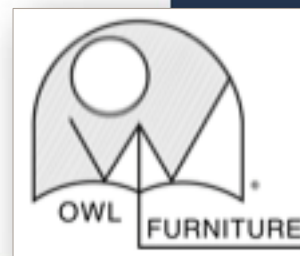
www.blueoxmalthouse.com



OWL FURNITURE

The Classic Owl® Stool is handcrafted for maximum ergonomic comfort. It is designed to help relieve back pain by easing spine tension and sitting pressures. The hardwood seat is made from wood harvested in the U.S. using sustainable practices and is sculpted to emphasize the natural beauty of the wood. The Rolling Owl is a natural evolution from our original ergonomic Owl Stool design, with the added features of mobility and adjustable height. The Rolling Owl is terrific at home or in the office, at the drafting table, around the conference table, or as a healthy alternative to your regular desk chair. It also makes for a very comfortable seat at your kitchen table or counter.

www.owlstools.com



RAPPORT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Rapport makes it easy for small and mid-sized businesses to measure, reduce, and disclose the environmental impact of their operations. Large companies like GE, Home Depot, and Walmart are putting an increasing emphasis on sustainability when awarding and renewing supplier contracts. Given this, smaller suppliers face growing competitive pressure to demonstrate that they are measuring their environmental impact, working to reduce it, and have the capacity to share current and historical data. With a dearth of affordable, practical tools to facilitate this process, both the large companies requesting data and the smaller businesses struggling to provide it are looking for a solution. Rapport is that solution.

The Rapport platform teaches small and mid-sized businesses which environmental metrics are important and how (and how often) to measure them. It takes care of all of the math and science behind converting monthly utility statements into carbon emission measurements. And it provides a financial overlay that helps businesses identify and capitalize on opportunities to reduce waste and save money.

www.rapport.io

