

[‘Tis the season for holiday arts and crafts shows](#)

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With the holidays approaching, dozens of Whatcom County artisans have set up shop around Bellingham offering delectable treats and arts and crafts. So if you're looking for just the right locally made present, check out these seasonal shopping bazaars.

Northwest Gifts

Numerous artisans and gourmet food producers have joined forces to re-open Northwest Gifts, a seasonal holiday market located at 4131 Meridian Street, Suite 102 near the Cordata Cost Cutter.

Since 2008, local family farm operators and artisans have gathered to create a festive boutique where shoppers can find a variety of products grown and produced in Northwest Washington.

Visitors to the store can purchase items individually or create custom gift baskets using an assortment of jams, jellies, chocolate, nuts, smoked salmon, music, pottery and crafts, photography, and more. Pre-assembled, ready-to-deliver gift baskets are also available and the shipping services are available at the store.

“Each year Northwest Gifts customers tell us they appreciate being able to give unique holiday gift baskets filled with local products, and they love being able to find everything in one convenient location,” Richard Buford, spokesperson for the group and owner of Bellingham-based [Aldrich Farms](#), said in a press release. “As business owners we are proud to provide products that are shipped all around the world and shared with friends and family members during the holiday season; it’s definitely a feel-good operation.”

Northwest Gifts is open Monday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pacific Arts Holiday Market

Pacific Arts Holiday Market is celebrating its 14th year as an established holiday craft show. The market features more than 50 artists who hail from the Northwest and will be present at the show to discuss their trade.

A wide variety of products will be available at Pacific Arts to suit every taste, including: jewelry, pottery, woodwork, bath and body products, book arts and paper, leather, 3-D art, clothing, accessories, painting, and photography.

“The goal of Pacific Arts is to provide the public with a chance to meet face to face with the vendors, and give a platform for artists to show and sell their work,” Erin Boyd, event organizer and owner of [Redboots Design](#), said in a press release. “Pacific Arts also encourages people to buy locally and support our regional, local economy. This is a unique venue and provides a more personal, off-the-beaten-path shopping alternative, which in turn enhances the culture of downtown Bellingham.”

This year the holiday market will be in the former Bellingham Flea Market space at 1522 Cornwall Ave. next to the Public Market. The show will run Friday to Sunday for the first three weekends in December. It will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

The market will host a kickoff party from 6 p.m. to 9 pm. Dec. 2 in conjunction with the monthly Bellingham Artwalk. For more information about the market and participating artists, visit www.pacificartsholidaymarket.com.