



EOR 2008 Holiday SHOPPING GUIDE

Local Artisans Sell Beloved Gifts for the Season

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1. Gnivia Fashion

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Sisters Iamanadette Green and Gnivri Turner are founders of the urban fashion line Gnivia. Creating color splashes of art on shoes, bags, shirts and accessories, Green and Turner produce unique, made-to-order items. The Anacostia Community Museum featured a pair of children's boots designed by the sisters in their recent exhibit, "A Creative Profile: Artists of the East Bank." If you have an item you would like designed by Green and Turner or would like to view items in the Gnivia clothing line, contact Iamanadette Green or Gnivri Turner for an appointment.



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2. Heartfelt Stitches

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The cold weather is here, and now is the time to pull out your scarves, hats and sweaters. What better gift for the special folks in your life than a warm, crocheted item specially made just for them from Heartfelt Stitches? Heartfelt Stitches is the brainchild of youth worker Mary Ann Gaskins, a longtime resident of the Southeast area who is a fiber artist and co-founder of the Freedom Youth Academy (FYA). In her spare time and as a teacher at the FYA, Gaskins creates handmade crocheted items that range from simple hair accessories like scrunchies and headbands to intricately designed and detailed works including ponchos, baby blankets, hats, scarves and sweaters. Gaskins work has been featured in the DC Commission for Women's Hall of Fame. Gaskins will be selling her work at local festivals and events, but call for more information and to schedule an appointment to purchase.



Apparel & Accessories

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3. ET Textiles & Designs
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ET Textiles & Designs is owned by Eva Thompson, a textile designer who hails from Southeast Washington. A government worker by day, Thompson has grown a hobby into a small business that sells handbags and jewelry she creates by hand. Each piece is a one-of-a-kind original that incorporates African-inspired style and design.

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4. Boutique Mix 
 443-514-4141 | www.boutiquemix.com, www.boutiquemixfashion.blogspot.com

Boutique Mix is owned by Miatta-MiMi, a traveling maven who collects gems from all over the world and designs jewelry and wonderful fashion accessories from her collected items. She also sells clothing hand-selected from places as far away as South Africa, Italy, Spain, South America and India. Whether you prefer scarves, purses or art, Boutique Mix has it all. Miatta-MiMi also sells gift certificates and offers shopping parties where you can host a Boutique Mix party and become eligible for awesome discounts. Boutique Mix will be at the Bubbles & Brows Beauty and Shopping event to benefit the Rachel Women's Center on Dec. 11, 6-9 p.m. The event will take place at the Hotel Rouge located at 1315 16th St. NW (three blocks from the Dupont Circle Metro). You can purchase tickets at www.bubblesandbrows.com



Music

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5. Royal
 240-606-9742 | venrorecords@gmail.com
www.TheObamaThemeSong.com

Barack Obama has made history, elected as the first African-American president of our country. In commemoration of the historic run for president, DC native Royal performs on the single "Barack Steady" set to the music of the popular song "Rock Steady" performed by the Whispers in the late '80s. Produced by the Maryland-based Venro Records, "Barack Steady" is available on CDBaby.com and has garnered Royal a potential appearance during the inauguration festivities. Get your "Barack" on, and purchase your copy of the single today.

6. AChosen Generation
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Mickey, Ella Nicole, Sis, Sunset, Clutch, P.Kay and Marseille make up the group known as AChosen Generation. Bringing back the fun and originality to the go-go scene, AChosen Generation has an appeal that transcends age, gender and location. On their Myspace page, you'll read, "We target all generations, we strive to be heard in communities all over the world; being a display of life and sound, giving the simple message of "It's ok, God's got u, everyday, just push and move in him ... LIVE!" Their single "Got Me Loose" is their first single from their EP which is a fusion of go-go, hip-hop and jazz. This CD is sure to be a treat as a stocking stuffer. Visit www.liberatedmuse.com/profile/AChosenGeneration to hear their music and links to their other sites.



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7. Sankofa Studio

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www.sankofadolljournal.blogspot.com.

Sherry Burton Ways of Sankofa Studio is a self-taught, mixed-media, East of the River doll artist who creates one-of-a-kind cloth art dolls and mixed-media dolls on canvas. She strives to make each doll express that spiritual essence and an individual presence. Her doll art has been recently published in the September 2008 release "Black Dolls: A Comprehensive Guide to Celebrating, Collecting and Experiencing the Passion" by Debbie Behan Garrett, Soft Dolls and Animals and Doll Castle News magazines. Sherry and her twin sister Sharon will hold an art exhibit of collages and mixed media, titled "Double Visions," through Jan. 3 at the Space 7:10 of Kefa Cafe in Silver Spring, Md. The exhibit will be open Mon-Thu from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

8. Anacostia Art Gallery & Boutique

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202-610-4188 | www.bzbinternational.com

The Anacostia Art Gallery & Boutique is the exotic house just steps away from the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum. Inside, you'll find an array of items ranging from artistic trinkets to fine art and uniquely designed clothing and home accessories. The gallery is also home to two boutiques and homing station of the illustrious Juanita Britton, an East of the River living legend. You can find many of the items sold at the Anacostia Art Gallery & Boutique at Britton's annual expo, the 18th Annual BZB Holiday Gift & Art Show, taking place at Shiloh Family Life Center located at 1510 Ninth St. NW. ★

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