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FIND HANDMADE LOCAL GIFTS AT GOGGLEWORKS STORE
Give Back to the Arts While Shopping for the Holidays

(GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA) Looking for that one-of-a-kind gift for someone special this holiday season? Need something unique for the hard-to-shop-for person on your list? Well, look no further than GoggleWorks STORE.

The STORE features high-quality handmade, local gifts created by local and regional artisans, including GoggleWorks studio artists. Works by approximately 150-200 artisans are featured in the STORE with several new artists added each month. During its first five years, the STORE has represented more than 450 artisans.

Artists work on consignment and additional proceeds from the STORE benefit the GoggleWorks and its programs. You can support local artists and the arts while shopping this holiday season.

You will discover a wide variety of gifts in various artistic mediums including hot, lamp-worked and fused glass; ceramics, both functional and sculptural; oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings; photography; wood turning and carving; drawing and pastel; printmaking; collage; fiber; traditional PA crafts such as scherrenshnitte and redware pottery; and jewelry including glass, beads, fiber, acrylic, ceramic, enamel, copper, recycled aluminum and sterling silver.

You will also find works by local authors, both fiction and nonfiction including historical books, and poetry; CDs featuring the sounds of local jazz, classical and contemporary musicians; art supplies for adults and children; creative books, toys and musical instruments for children; and stationery including local artist's greeting and note cards.

STORE hours: Monday-Friday: 10am-7pm; Saturday: 10am-6pm; Sunday: 11am-5pm.

GoggleWorks Center for the Arts is a community art and cultural arts complex for Berks County, Central and Southeastern Pennsylvania, and is the largest, most comprehensive interactive arts center of its kind in the country. GoggleWorks's mission is to "nurture the arts, foster creativity, promote education and enrich the community." Free parking is available in the GoggleWorks parking lot, accessible from Second, Third or Walnut Streets. For more information, call the GoggleWorks at 610.374.4600, or visit the website at www.goggleworks.org.

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