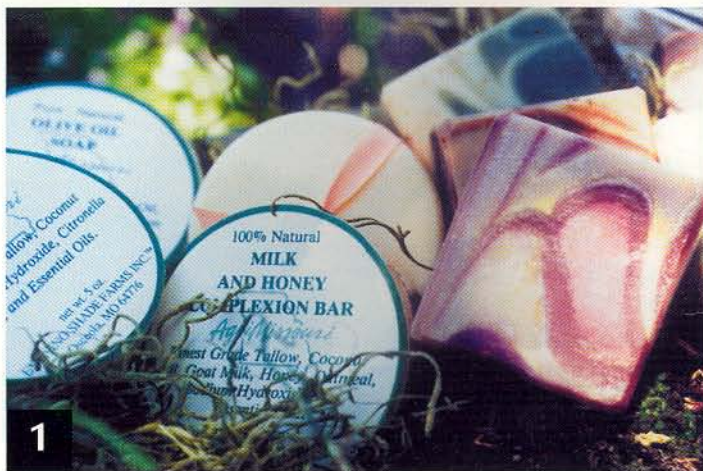


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Shop early for the holidays with our guide to Missouri-made gifts

BY TRICIA MOSSER

1. EVENING SHADE FARMS in Osceola makes all-natural handmade soaps with spring and rain waters, flowers, and herbs. Choose from more than fifteen different soaps ranging from heart-shaped to lemon cream. Other products include peppermint foot cream and wooden and pottery soap dishes made by Missouri artisans. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$30. You can also design your own gift basket. Six- to seven-inch gourds are available as gift baskets while supplies last. For holiday delivery, order by mid-November. Write to 12790 SE Highway TT, Osceola, MO 64776 for a catalog, which costs \$1 and is refundable with your first order.



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2. I.B. NUTS & FRUIT TOO, 1729 W. Broadway in

Columbia, offers fruits, nuts, candies, gift baskets, snack mixes, and products from other Missouri companies. The prices range from \$2.95 to \$42.50.

Customize a gift basket based on your price range. For holiday delivery, order by December 15. Call 877-688-7868 or visit their Web site at www.ibnuts.com.



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3. BUSY BEE ACRES, 10346 Highway U in Odessa, has a self-serve honey stand stocked with honey and pollen. Other products include beeswax, pollen, beeswax candles, and ornaments. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$16. Busy Bee Acres will be at the Small Farm Show, November 1 to 3 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Columbia. For holiday delivery, order by December 15. Call 816-230-5424 or send an e-mail to busybeecres@discoverynet.com.

4. DINAH'S KITCHEN, 2020 Hummingbird Road in Ozark, makes homemade pickles and relishes. Dinah Shephard and Susan Keene use Missouri-grown pickles and an old family recipe. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$6.50. For holiday delivery, order before December 1. The pickles are sold through various retailers in the Springfield area and are also available directly from Dinah's Kitchen. Call 417-581-6916 or visit online at www.dinahs-kitchen.com.

5. RIVERSIDE STUDIO BLOWN GLASS, 757 Fairlawn Drive in Hollister, is where glass artists Kenneth Marine and Terry Bloodworth combine their nearly forty years of glass-blowing experience. Christmas ornaments for 2001 include colors such as cobalt, white, gold, and mixed colors. Prices, which do not include shipping and handling, range from \$14 for round ornaments, \$16 to \$17 for teardrop shapes, to \$35 for jumbo ornaments. Orders include a gift box and artist information card. For holiday delivery, order by December 10. Contact Julie Marine by e-mail at riverside@tri-lakes.net or call 417-335-2021.



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