

Encourage "home-made", creativity, and gardening:

- Give gifts that promote cooking, gardening, crafts and creativity (jewelry making kits, cookbooks and utensils, beer/wine-making kits, rain barrels, gardening gloves, tools, seeds, journals, books)
- Give home-made gifts (cookie mix jars + recipe card; wine-glass markers) (Shop for kits and ideas at local craft shops).
- Shop at church craft sales (St Sebastian's Dec 2nd boutique)
- Create gift-certificates (baby-sitting, pet-sitting, cooking, cleaning, shopping, tutoring, night-out, <you name it!>)
- Encourage others to give you a hand-made gift.

<u>Support Local businesses</u>. <u>Avoid shipping, catalogs, and consumables</u>:

- Take a stroll through shops at Tosa Village, North Ave., and Vliet St.
- Visit the gift section at the Outpost Natural Foods www.outpost.coop
- Call local books shops to request a book/CD instead of ordering on Amazon.com (The Little Read Bookstore (414) 774-2665, Barnes & Noble (414) 475-6070).
- Give gift certificates to local businesses and services (massage, manipedi; salon services; cleaning; handy-work). Buy Fair Trade @ Four Corners of the World www.fairtrademilwaukee.org and Fair Trade for All www.fairtradeforall.net

<u>Keep eco-friendly traditions</u>: • Make/gather your own decorations (popcorn garlands, pine cones in pretty trays). • Donate an item for every item received www.amazinggoodwill.org</u>

- Start/Renew your CSA subscription (<u>www.localharvest.org</u>)
- Give "planet-conscious" gifts: Chickens for a family (www.WorldVisionGifts.org); Plant a tree (www.americanforests.org); Gift subscriptions (www.SierraClub.org).

<u>Green your feast</u>: • Buy in-season, locally-grown, organic foods.

• Make your own desserts and pies • Use real plates and cloth napkins.

Green your tree! (Don't buy artificial petroleum-based trees)

- Replant your tree (or shrub). Recycle your tree at the curb.
- Recycle burnt-out lights & electronics www.actionrecyclers.net

More @ www.greenamerica.org, www.nature.org, www.inhabitot.com



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