



» GIFT GUIDE

# District Picks

Goods with capital connections draw holiday shoppers to local retailers and landmark sites

—Kelsey B. Snell



« SNOW GLOBE TEA TOWEL

Capital memorials, neighborhoods and landmarks drawn by Alex Roche brighten this Vestiges kitchen towel. \$14.99. *Hill's Kitchen* (page 15) or online at [vestigesinc.com](http://vestigesinc.com)

» PLUSH PANDA

Just like mama Mei Xiang with her new "Giant" panda cub, children cuddle plush bears of all sizes adoptable in the gift shop. \$13-\$124.95.

*National Zoo gift shops* (page 19) or online at [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu)



» ARTISTIC CHOCOLATES

Chocolatiers Robert Ludlow and Ashley Hubbard make flavors like carrot cake and rosebud-cardamom, even *tres leches* caramels, almost too pretty to eat. \$19/9-pc. box. *Fleurir Chocolates* (page 15) or online at [fleurirchocolates.com](http://fleurirchocolates.com)



» DECORATIVE OBELISK

Reminiscent of the Mall's own, this 19-inch-tall sculpture of lucite and nails dresses up a desktop or mantel. \$395. *Jonathan Adler* (page 14) or online at [jonathanadler.com](http://jonathanadler.com)



» BANNER BAGS

The Smithsonian Museum of African Art repurposes its vinyl outdoor exhibit banners to make these psychedelic messenger totes. \$60. *African Art Museum gift shop* (page 18)

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WINE

Founder of FLO ("For the Love Of...") Wine, jazz musician and native son Marcus Johnson performs at Blues Alley nightly Dec. 12-15. \$10.99. Served in various local restaurants; retailers at [flobrands.com](http://flobrands.com)



WHERE NOW Washington



JACKIE'S FAVORITES

The Kennedy Center stocks replicas of first lady Jackie Kennedy's favorite faux pearls and notecards (first printed in 1963) graced by her original artwork. Pearls \$135, notecards \$18/set of 20. Kennedy Center gift shops (page 38) or online at [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org)



HANDMADE SCARF

Ten Thousand Villages supports artists like the Nepali women of the Kathmandu Valley who crafted this festive wool scarf. \$99. Ten Thousand Villages (page 14) or online at [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com)

MOUNT VERNON MYSTERY

A local mother-daughter team brings "Vulcan," George Washington's favorite foxhound, to life in this "guess who" for kids. \$15.95. Mount Vernon gift shop (page 27) or online at [mountvernon.org](http://mountvernon.org)



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DOLLED-UP DRESSINGS

Adapting her mother's simple recipe, Sophia Maroon of Chevy Chase, Maryland, creates gourmet vinaigrettes elegant enough for the holiday table: apple cider, champagne, chocolate and red wine. \$10/9-oz. jar, \$40/gift crate. Glen's Garden Market (page 15) or online at [dressitupdressing.com](http://dressitupdressing.com)