



**What to buy**

# SHOP LOCAL

When searching for holiday gifts for loved ones, consider skipping the big box stores or national online retailers, and spend some cash at a local

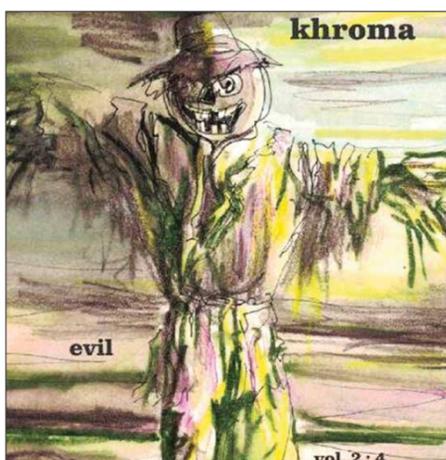
shop. Not only do these stores help sustain Toledo's flavor, but patronizing local businesses helps the economy.

— BLADE STAFF



**House of Dow**

This vintage shop on at 1501 Adams St. includes items found at estate sales and elsewhere, then refurbished or repurposed. For example, there are dinosaur toy necklaces and ear rings, but also an array of clothing options, from vintage dresses to ugly Christmas sweaters. Contact the store at 419-214-0944. Dinosaur Necklace, \$35.



**Local lit**

Khroma, produced and curated by Toledoans, is one of several magazines that have popped up in recent years. Khroma focuses on "promoting topics in regional arts and humanities," with quarterly publications that are thematically based. An annual subscription to Khroma costs \$40. Visit their website at [www.khromamagazine.com](http://www.khromamagazine.com), or email [khromaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:khromaeditor@gmail.com).



**Frame it**

Try surrounding your local memories with local picture frames, such as those you can find at Taste of Toledo in Levis Commons. You'll find both Toledo and Perrysburg themed frames, which are made of engraved wood for \$27.99. 3110 Chappell Dr., Perrysburg. [www.tasteoftoledo.com/](http://www.tasteoftoledo.com/)



**Puppy love**

There are always dogs available at the Lucas County Canine & Control, and the adoption fee is only \$125. Not only can you make your kids' Christmas one to remember with an adorable puppy, but you'll be finding a forever home for a dog who needs one. Just remember, though, that puppies will be around long after Christmas. Check available dogs at [www.lucascountydogs.com/adoption](http://www.lucascountydogs.com/adoption), or head down to the shelter at 410 S. Erie St.

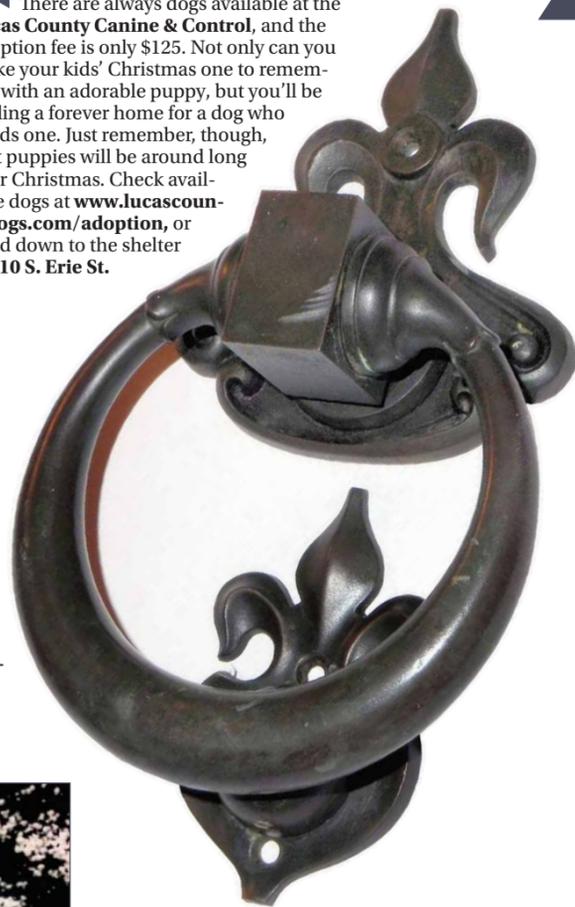


**Toledo Museum of Art**

The museum's gift shop includes an array of items, some made locally, and some not. Maybe the best items available to showcase local work are the glass pieces produced at the museum's Glass Pavilion, including "Gluten Free Glass Cupcakes" by local artist Sten Neuber. The handmade pieces sell for \$65, and can be purchased at the store at 2445 Monroe St., or at [www.tmastore.org](http://www.tmastore.org).

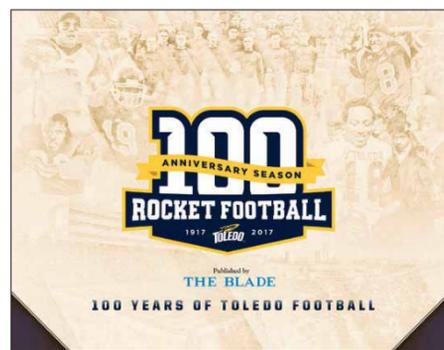
**Architectural finds**

Know someone in the middle of a home remodeling project, or a resident of a historic district who needs to find vintage home items to meet historical guidelines? Architectural Artifacts, 20 S. Ontario St., has an array of salvaged items that fit a variety of styles, including antique fittings, vintage cabinet doors, furniture, and more. Check out their website, [www.coolstuff-iscoolstuff.com](http://www.coolstuff-iscoolstuff.com), to see what kind of items are available and prices, or call 419-243-6916.



**For Rocket Fans**

100 Years of Toledo Football, a book produced by members from The Blade's sports desk, is a retrospective on the University of Toledo's football history. With a winning team raising fan interest, it's a perfect time to look back at how the program got to where it is now. You can buy a copy of the book at [www.thebladevault.com/books](http://www.thebladevault.com/books) for \$19.95.



**Bubble up your bath**

When the weather outside is frightful, sometimes a warm bath works as nice as a fire. You can add some pizzazz with bath bombs sold by the Ticklish Giraffe, which calls its scented concoctions "Tubby Tornadoes." There are a variety of holiday themed bath bombs for sale at [www.ticklishgiraffe.com/store](http://www.ticklishgiraffe.com/store), ranging from \$4 to \$8, but they can also be found Saturdays at the Toledo Farmers Market.

**Family fun**

A membership to the Toledo Zoo doesn't just get you in for free to the South Toledo facility, but gives affordable options for activities while traveling. Zoo membership gets you into dozens of zoos and aquariums across the country for half off. Plus, a membership now is perfect timing, with the acclaimed Lights Before Christmas in full illumination. A family membership costs \$101 for Lucas County residents, with that and other options found at [www.toledozoo.org/membership](http://www.toledozoo.org/membership).



**Support your team**

Whether it's to wear to games at the Huntington Center, or far away to rep their hometown, apparel from Toledo's sports teams always make a great gift. The Walleye's season is in full swing, and swag can be purchased online at [www.toledowalleye.com](http://www.toledowalleye.com), or at Mud Hens or Walleye locations downtown. A Blue Walleye Edge Jersey costs \$129.95; adding a name and number is an additional \$75.



\* Prices and availability subject to change.



something for EVERYONE...

The Museum Store featuring Collectors Corner

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