

Online Art Gallery “MadeInHaliburton.ca” Has Lots of Exciting Handmade Canadian Gifts for Christmas

The early Christmas shopper who is looking to surprise someone with a special one-of-a-kind gift for Christmas this season, or simply wishes to shop Canadian for this holiday season, will benefit from a visit to a new online art gallery called MadeInHaliburton.ca (<http://MadeInHaliburton.ca>) . This gallery is full of artistic items created by artists who live in the artistic community of the Haliburton Highlands, Ontario, Canada.

The website hosts lots of handmade gift ideas in a variety of price ranges that will meet anyone’s budget. One early Christmas shopper states that “You no longer need to fight the crowds at an art and craft show to secure your unique Canadian-made gift and it is delivered directly to your door anywhere in the world”. Another shopper commented, “I love the fact that all the art on the website has passed the scrutiny of a jury and thus, I didn’t need to worry about whether the quality of what I was buying”.

This Canadian online art gallery specializes not only in the visual arts but, also in the performing and literary arts. One of the website owners, Marie Gage, is an early Christmas shopper and has just released the following top 10 list of suggestions for this year’s Christmas gift giving:

1. [“In Praise of Wolves”](#) by renowned Canadian author R.D. Lawrence is being reprinted and will be released within the next couple of weeks. The book is adorned by an amazing image of the wolves named Tundra, Numa, Leda and Silva, that was created by internationally known artist David Alexander Risk. A print of the cover image will soon be available for order as well. This book is sure to satisfy the nature-lover.
2. [Zen and the Art of Multiple Sclerosis](#): This inspirational, autobiographical account of the life of an adventurous man whose body is gradually altered by this disease will make the reader laugh and cry simultaneously. The subject matter of the book goes beyond the issues of living with a chronic illness and helps the reader to be inspired by the spirit of a man who

continued to live life to the fullest regardless of the impact on his body of a disease he could not control.

3. [“Snow” by Carl Dixon](#): Carl is a Canadian singer and songwriter who has been the lead singer of many well-known bands including Guess Who, Coney Hatch, and April Wine. The title track “Snow” is magical piece for any winter-loving Canadian and a great addition to the more traditional Christmas tunes.
4. [Burdock Leaf Bowl by Barbara Joy Peel](#): This bowl was created using a real Burdock leaf from the forest. The leaf pattern and green colour are certain to brighten the Christmas dinner table.
5. [Wire sculpture song bird by Charles O’Neil](#): This image of a song bird can be hung in the home year round but, could also adorn a Christmas tree.
6. [Quills necklace by Erin Lynch](#): This necklace is made using real porcupine quills and the result is an amazing and elegant creation from nature.
7. [British Mohair Shawl by Judith Chapman](#): This elegant hand woven shawl is the perfect addition to a holiday wardrobe.
8. [Stoneware platter, brie and garlic baker](#): This set comes with the recipe and will delight the other guests at a party. Not only that but, it matches a variety of different table decors.
9. [Woodcarving “Bushbird” by Terry Adair](#): This elegant carved image of a bird is the perfect finishing touch for the home’s decor at Christmas.
10. [Northern Pine by Tracey Lee Green](#): An elegant image of a Canadian pine tree that can be used in place of a Christmas tree.

If these ideas do not inspire then a browse through the website is sure to do so. The website is designed to help the buyer find items they are looking for by sorting items into categories related to how the item is used in the home, rather than the traditional method of sorting by artistic media. Will it be hung on the wall, set on a table, used to stimulate the senses, or worn. The buyer can also put a search term into the search box at the top of any page and see an array of items that meet the search criteria.