

## Shopping Local

*As we come into the holiday season, our attention shifts to family celebrations. Before we know it, we'll be making our lists and checking them twice. If you're like me, maybe ten times. Of course, many of you already know that Effortless Entertaining makes the perfect gift! You can order through our website or find in one of our retail shops.*

*With this newsletter, I'd like to help you find a few gifts and encourage you to shop local. That's why you'll see me filling these pages with a few of my favorite things – items that I've tried and tested and think you'll like as much as I do. Our local shops are an invaluable resource. They can recommend items you may not have considered and will often order special items.*

*I hope you'll find wonderful gifts – something for everyone – and maybe a little something for yourself, too! Of course, you won't be surprised that my focus is on the home and table . . . this is, after all, where the heart is!*



Anne Neilson's scripture cards bring inspiration to my kitchen and will do the same for the special people on your list.

3 French Hens | 704-366-1074



Abigail's Hurricanes are perfect for candles or flowers. I gave these to my sister-in-law and sister last Christmas . . . and also gave myself a pair! Also shown are beautiful McKenzie Child Glow candles to warm any table or room.



Southern Jubilee Glasses with customized stamps are a handsome gift for the men on your list.

The Buttercup | 704-332-5329 | [buttercupcharlotte.net](http://buttercupcharlotte.net)



Wonderful Pampa Bay serveware goes from oven to table. Available with gold or silver trim.

*"Behind the success of every small business is a family."*



Vietri's Hibiscus vase is a lovely Christmas gift for the powder room, guest bedroom, or foyer. Keep a few on hand already wrapped for the perfect host/hostess gift.

Bailey's Fine Jewelry  
[baileys.bridgcatalog.com](http://baileys.bridgcatalog.com)



For those on your list (including yourself!) who might want a little holiday bling, Betty Kelly's gift shop offers a beautiful selection of Julie Vos. Betty Kelly's  
[bettykellygifts.com](http://bettykellygifts.com)



Who wouldn't love these Vietri Christmas mugs for hot chocolate, a hot toddy, or even Jane's Eggnog (see last December's *Dash* on the EE website for recipe.)

Southern Home & Kitchen  
336-777-3660  
[shopsohnc.com](http://shopsohnc.com)



One of my favorite linen companies is Couleur Nature, with their selection of warm seasonal colors. Vance Kitira tree-shaped candles are great for styling up the table or foyer.

Couleur Nature placemats and napkins pair so nicely with these small serving bowls.

Good News Shop at Christ Episcopal Church | 704-372-5906



Whimsical plates with a unique named character on each. I also love the place-card holders, which can be reused.

Gorgeously styled table with contemporary candlesticks and votives.

Paysage Home | 910-256-5060 | [paysage.com](http://paysage.com)



Oven to table, these refined Mary Jurek servers are one of my go-to favorites and will be a go-to for your gift recipients too.

Calasio Woven servers are good-looking, the highest quality, and practical, adding style and function.

John Dabbs | .704-334-5040 | [johndabbsltd.com](http://johndabbsltd.com)



Silver makes any table more elegant. Choose a unique piece for a special gift. Shown here are beautiful serving pieces, compotes, wine coaster, goblets, small vases. One of my favorite pieces in this photo is the biscuit box, which doubles as a wonderful container for flowers. Start or add to a collection for someone you love!

Gryphon Estate Silver  
800-332-6857 | #useyoursilver  
[gryphonstatesilver.com](http://gryphonstatesilver.com)



Who knew paper and acrylic could be so beautiful? Nofo did! Shown here are selections from Caspari, Hester & Cook, Talking Tables, Slant, and Zokak.

Nofo @ the Pig | 919-821-1240  
[nofo.com](http://nofo.com)

For an EE event this fall, Schiffman's in Winston-Salem set beautiful tables. Shown here are two of my favorites. Add to someone's table with these selections.



Vietri Lastra White dinner plate with Modello blue salad plate. Bodrum placemat. Saro linen napkins monogrammed locally in Winston-Salem by Monograms, Etc.



Juliska Puro White dinner plate and Wanderlust blue dessert plate with monogram salad plate by Sasha Nicholas.

Schiffman's, Winston-Salem | 336-725-1911 | [schiffmans.com](http://schiffmans.com)



EE girls in our family always love this surprise in their stocking . . . a gift certificate from Woo Cosmetics + Skincare. A gift from Woo to add a little sparkle for ourselves!

Woo Skincare + Cosmetics  
704-333-0403  
[wooskincareandcosmetics.com](http://wooskincareandcosmetics.com)

## TIPS & QUIPS



### Floral frog

Shown here are two types of floral frogs. Available from your local florist or hardware stores, floral frogs make arranging flowers . . . *effortless!*



### Cheese shaver

For the fall dinner, Darren used a cheese shaver like this for adding the Pecorino Romano to the Roasted Fall Vegetables. Available in your local kitchen stores.