

# HOLIDAY gift guide

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This gift guide highlights the best of the Capital Foodshed's producers, who continue to deepen the bench of the locavore movement. Stock up for last-minute gifts or send them to someone with a special appreciation for locally made, artisanal goods.

(Shipping not included unless specified. Order by date specified to ensure Christmas delivery.)

**1. DRESS IT UP DRESSING**—"Old Family Recipe Makes Fortune for Local Woman" could soon be the headline for the Washington-area resident who makes this dressing. The vinaigrettes are shelf-stable for a month. They taste like you just made them. In red wine (my favorite), champagne, and apple cider. 9 oz. jar for \$8.99.

Bethesda, Md.; V, MC, AE; Dec. 17  
[www.dressitupdressing.com](http://www.dressitupdressing.com)

palmiers are crisp pastry sprinkled with sugar that leaves just the slightest touch of butter on your fingers; 36 for \$12. The less famous but even more delicious kouign-amann is a crisp, buttery, sticky Breton pastry of bread dough folded with butter and sugar. 6 for \$24.

Baltimore and Washington V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 19  
[www.patisseriepoupon.net](http://www.patisseriepoupon.net)

**3. BISCOTTI GODDESS**—A slightly softer version of traditional Italian biscotti allows you to enjoy them without dunking and still not chip a tooth. I liked vanilla almond, toffee pecan, orange cranberry, and lemon poppy. Packages of 12 any combo \$20.

Charles City, Va.; V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 17  
[www.biscotti-goddess.com](http://www.biscotti-goddess.com)

**4. RED TRUCK BAKERY**—Brian Noyes always offers something perfect, like the soft, moist Shenandoah Valley Apple Cake with a light maple glaze; 12 slices \$24. Or tender cranberry-orange muffins with just the right balance of sweet, tart, moist, and crunchy. 9 for \$24.

Warrenton, Va.; V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 12  
[www.redtruckbakery.com](http://www.redtruckbakery.com)

**5. CRANFIGG CHUTNEY**—Seven varieties of red pork salamis—from s—make a grand antipasti for a long time. As good Four per package \$57; l. shipping.

Washington, Va. AE, V, MC; Dec. 17  
[www.virginiachutney.com](http://www.virginiachutney.com)

**6. KAREN KAY CAKES**—This is the if you want to pass it off homemade and tastes

like an old family recipe. Old-fashioned, moist orange pumpkin cake with spices, orange zest, and butter with lots of pumpkin flavor is \$65 and serves an army of at least 20.

Silver Spring, Md. V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 11  
[www.karenkaycakes.com](http://www.karenkaycakes.com)

**7. B. HALL, BAKER**—Handmade whoopie pies, each about 2 ounces, look like little versions of the commercial kind but taste nothing like them. Yummy French lemon with lemon curd; coffee caramel with homemade dulce de leche; dark chocolate with cream cheese; chocolate with raspberries. Butter, eggs, and milk are local; \$34 a dozen.

Washington, D.C. V, MC; Dec. 12  
[www.bhallbaker.com](http://www.bhallbaker.com)

**8. LANGDON WOOD**—Whiskey barrel-aged Pennsylvania maple syrup gives a little kick to ice cream, pancakes, waffles – even great as a dip for apple slices. 8 oz. \$12, 12 oz. \$18.

Washington, D.C. V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 18  
[www.langdonwood.com](http://www.langdonwood.com)

## 9. THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

—The people known for their Virginia Chutney have branched with especially successful results. An 11-oz. jar of hot pepper jelly (\$6.50) is sensational, even for those who were served hot pepper jelly with everything

all their lives. Add Cranfigg chutney to the shopping list (10 oz. \$6.95). A holiday 3-pack (\$19.95) can include hot pepper jelly.

Washington, Va. AE, V, MC; Dec. 17  
[www.virginiachutney.com](http://www.virginiachutney.com)

**10. SOCIETY FAIR**—Try any and all of these at the latest outpost for the celebrated chef of Restaurant Eve Cathal Armstrong.

Eammon's mix for Irish whiskey  
12 oz. \$16

Cosmo mix; add vodka and triple sec  
12 oz. \$12

Cocktail onions 12 oz. \$4.99

Green pork sausages with mustard greens and chard \$5.99 lb

Montbeliard pork sausages, cold smoked with cumin \$5.99

Pate de compagne: with gin soaked currants pork, brandied apricots and pistachio, or rum raisin. \$14.99 lb

Pate en croute with pork, figs soaked in Armagnac, pistachios, \$18 lb

Alexandria, Va. V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 17  
[www.societyfair.net](http://www.societyfair.net)

**11. CAROLINE'S CAKES**—Flavors change seasonally. I loved the 7-layer lemon cake that is sweet, tangy, and very handsome. Serves up to 20 \$58

Annapolis, Md.; V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 18  
[www.carolinescakes.com](http://www.carolinescakes.com)

**12. BAYOU BAKERY**—Porkom gives new life to the bacon craze. This porkom is covered in caramel, bacon, and Virginia peanuts and gets a tiny kick from cayenne. 5 oz. \$8

Arlington, Va. V, MC, AE, D; Dec. 17  
[www.bayoubakeryva.com](http://www.bayoubakeryva.com)



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