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Kitchen Treasures  
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**Nature's Bounty (8" x 10") art print by artist Jane Grant-Abban**

Jane Grant-Abban grew up in England and Wales and moved to Stillwater, Minnesota with her husband and children in 2006. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, an avid painter and an art teacher. "Living in the beautiful St. Croix Valley, traveling in Africa, working at a leper colony in India, and being a wife and mother, have all played their part in influencing my work. Every part of our humanity, especially the seasons of our lives, can be the harvest-field for our creativity." [abbanart.com](http://abbanart.com)

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(Audrey Kletscher Helbling, Minnesota Prairie Roots, <http://mnprairieroots.wordpress.com/2011/10/27/stone-sky/>) [reddragonflypress.org](http://reddragonflypress.org)



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Lido Sand Dollar  
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### Abstract nature art cards (6) by artist Leon Zobel

Born in northern Minnesota, Minnetonka artist Leon Zobel was TOSCA's Artists of the Year in 2010. His abstract expressions are created with acrylics and a palette knife often using genuine gold, silver or a copper leaf intended to communicate "... from light, energy and thought... with the hope of creating interest, conversation and the desire to delve into your imagination." [leonzobelartgallery.com](http://leonzobelartgallery.com)

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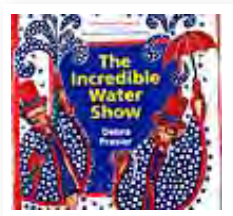
Not only educational, attending a live theatre performance can be an adventure and all the more fun with the right tools, such as a small mini light to read the program in the dark, a magnifier for that tiny print, an umbrella—just in case it rains, an arts journal, a small pillow to sit on and of course cough drops. All this in a small kid-size backpack so it all stays in one place and is easy to carry!



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This wonderful book teaches young people that heroes were once ordinary people whose strength of character helped them achieve extraordinary things, covering historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln and Helen Keller as well as contemporary figures such as Toni Morrison and Michael Jordan. Sandra McLeod Humphrey, a retired clinical psychologist, is a writer and consultant for the *Heroes & Dreams Foundation*, which provides character education materials to grades K–8 throughout North America.



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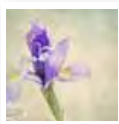
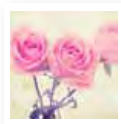


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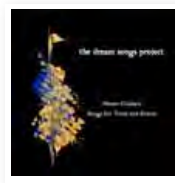


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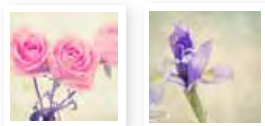
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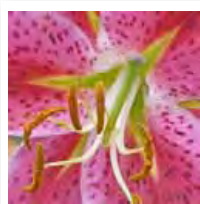
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Oscar Wilde said it best: "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."

**Theatre Attendance Survival Kit**

No theatre-loving girl should be without this pretty but practical performance appreciating packet. Umbrella, small program light, cheaters, hankie, perfume and cough drops in a cleverly cutesy case.

**1 doz. Snickerdoodle Minis from Classic Cookie Bakery in Saint Paul**

Winner of Best Snickerdoodles in the Twin Cities (Minnesota Monthly) this independent business is locally owned by a St. Paul family. All baked goods are mixed from scratch and baked fresh daily. [saintpaulclassiccookie.blogspot.com](http://saintpaulclassiccookie.blogspot.com)

**Hand-made Cashew Snappers (1/2 pound) from Candyland**

This local family-owned business is one of the oldest candy makers in the Twin Cities. Their mouth-watering Cashew Snappers (like Turtles) are made onsite with the finest milk chocolate, cashews and hand-made caramel. [candylandstore.com](http://candylandstore.com)

**Celebrations With Carmela's Cucina cookbook**

Carmela Hobbins expands upon her best-selling cookbook, Carmela's Cucina, with recipes and coordinated celebratory menus from southern Italy for family gatherings and large-scale social events. Husband Bob provides insight into wine pairings. [nodinpress.com](http://nodinpress.com)

**Cooking Up the Good Life cookbook**

Minneapolis chef Jenny Breen and local writer and photographer Susan Thurston present a scrumptious journey through the seasonal ingredients of the upper Midwest with an enticing variety of her most-loved recipes for the family table. For beginners and experienced cooks.

**\$25 Gift to Sanctuary Restaurant**

Fine dining is at its best at the sophisticated yet cozy Sanctuary restaurant in downtown Minneapolis (one block from the Guthrie) with Chef Patrick Atanalian's delectable dishes influenced by Mediterranean and Japanese cuisine made with local organic produce from local farmers whenever possible. [sanctuaryminneapolis.com](http://sanctuaryminneapolis.com)

**Stone & Sky book of poetry Larry Gavin**

This is the third book of poetry by Larry Gavin is an acclaimed writer who lives and works in Faribault MN. "In his newest book, Stone & Sky, I read of woods and firewood, of raccoon tracks and a walk along a deserted street. Of stone and sky and snakes." (Audrey Kletscher Helbling, Minnesota Prairie Roots, <http://mnprairieroots.wordpress.com/2011/10/27/stone-sky/>) [reddragonflypress.org](http://reddragonflypress.org)

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***The Dream Songs Project's debut CD by mezzo-soprano Alyssa Anderson and guitarist Joseph Spoelstra***

Mezzo-soprano Alyssa Anderson's of Minneapolis is an award-winning vocalist whose repertoire spans the ages from Baroque masterpieces to contemporary experimental music, with a focus on American and twentieth-century artsong and chamber music. In this new CD Alyssa and guitarist Joseph Spoelstra perform the music of Mauro Giuliani (1781–1829) an Italian guitar virtuoso who lived in worked in Vienna in the early 19th century. [alyssaanderson.org](http://alyssaanderson.org)

**High-Fired Pottery**

A nationally recognized artist Lisa Dolezal, the owner of Frog Creek Pottery in Cannon Falls has been a full-time working potter, sculptor, and instructor of 18 years. Frog Creek pottery is high fired, food safe, oven safe, and dishwasher safe. No two pieces are alike. [frogcreek.com](http://frogcreek.com)

**Heart to Hand book of Poetry by Jane M. Grant-Abban**

This book of poems will touch your heart. Jane Grant-Abban grew up in England and Wales and moved to Stillwater, Minnesota with her husband and children in 2006. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, an avid painter and an art teacher. [abbanart.com](http://abbanart.com)

**Boxed gift cards by artist Ana Cole**

Ana Cole is a rising star Fergus Falls who creates modern fine art inspired by nature and the beauty of the past. She often incorporates classic literature and poetry along with her own unique perspective to create her one-of-a-kind works. This beautiful aqua box and chocolate ribbon contains five art cards (4" x 5.25") with a photograph printed on watercolor paper that has a slight texture. A quote from Classic Literature or poetry is on the inside of each unique card. Envelopes are included. [solhfulphoto.com](http://solhfulphoto.com)



**One bottle of local wine**

Just tell us if you want red or white and we'll select a nice wine from one of Minnesota's own wineries.

**Hand painted Silk Scarf by Palettepassion**

Artist Jodee Hansen Fiedler of Maple Grove creates wearable art included luxurious hand-painted silk scarves. Fun splashes of brown, black and tan give this elegant silk scarf an animal print flavor! Scarf is 100% 8mm silk with hand rolled hems. The finished scarf measures approximately 10" x 57.5". [palettepassion.etsy.com](http://palettepassion.etsy.com)



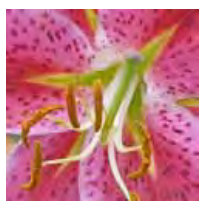
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**Poppy Wuthering Heights Photograph Giclee Fine Art Print by artist Ana Cole (8" x 10")**

This fine art photographic image of soft poppy flower and Emily Brontë quote, with added digital textures and lighting effects will be printed on heavy, 100% cotton, museum quality, archival Hahnemuhle paper using Giclee archival inking method. It will include a 1" border for easy matting and will be signed on the back. Also included is a signed certificate of authenticity. Artist Ana Cole is a rising star Fergus Falls who creates modern fine art inspired by nature and the beauty of the past. She often incorporates classic literature and poetry along with her own unique perspective to create her one-of-a-kind art. [solhfulphoto.com](http://solhfulphoto.com).

**Nature Photo Print by artist Jane Strauss (8" x 10")**

Minneapolis artist Jane Strauss first picked up a camera in the late 1960s on the East Coast, when at the age of fifteen she learned to shoot and develop 35 mm black and white film. "My art flows from who I am, a person placed on the autistic spectrum in midlife who has often wondered why I see detail many folks miss." The image on the left is an example of one of Jane's beautiful photographs although you may visit her website and select another print. [janesprints.com](http://janesprints.com)

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**Abstract nature art cards (6) by artist Leon Zobel**

Born in northern Minnesota, Minnetonka artist Leon Zobel was TOSCA's Artists of the Year in 2010. His abstract expressions are created with acrylics and a palette knife often using genuine gold, silver or a copper leaf intended to communicate "... from light, energy and thought... with the hope of creating interest, conversation and the desire to delve into your imagination." [leonzobelartgallery.com](http://leonzobelartgallery.com)

**Fused Glass Snowflake by artist Josephine Geiger**

Josephine Geiger is an award-winning artist with a background in architecture. Her studio (J.A. Geiger Studio) is in St. Paul, where she creates stained glass art that is functionally and structurally stable and her trademark fused glass snowflakes. "My artwork is inspired by a love of architecture, the Impressionists, crazy quilts and the sublime landscape. I abstract these landscapes into glass and assemble them as if seen through a fractured lens." [jageigerstudio.com](http://jageigerstudio.com)



Fused Glass Snowflake  
 © Josephine Geiger

**Hand engraved crystal vase by artist Margaret Stewart**

Margaret Stewart is an amazingly talented free-hand custom glass engraver. Margaret's artistry has been given to First Lady Barbara Bush and other political leaders and is in the private collection of the Prime Minister of Australia. The crystal vase will include Margaret's custom engraving of a rose or a hummingbird with optional personalization added as well. [stewartdesigns.com](http://stewartdesigns.com)

**The Light of Christmas CD by Mary Mann**

Award winning soprano Mary Mann grew up in Minneapolis with a family of performers. She is an actress and a take your breath away vocalist. She has sung with the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra and the Basilica of St. Mary Choir to name just a few. Her remarkable Christmas CD includes Ave Maria, Silent Night and many other traditional Christmas favorites. [marymannsings.net](http://marymannsings.net).

**Art print by artist Jane Grant-Abban**

Jane Grant-Abban grew up in England and Wales and moved to Stillwater, Minnesota with her husband and children in 2006. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, an avid painter and an art teacher. "Living in the beautiful St Croix Valley, traveling in Africa, working at a leper colony in India, and being a wife and mother, have all played their part in influencing my work. Every part of our humanity, especially the seasons of our lives, can be the harvest-field for our creativity." [abbanart.com](http://abbanart.com)



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