

GIFT GIVING IDEAS

The Art Of Giving

(NAPSA)—If you are thinking about giving someone a present, you may be pleased to learn you can give great gifts without spending a great deal of money. Here are hints on how:

The Gift Of Time

Offer to do a chore to save someone time: Collect the groceries, weed the garden, clean the house, paint the fence, look after the kids. Or what about...

The Gift Of Consideration

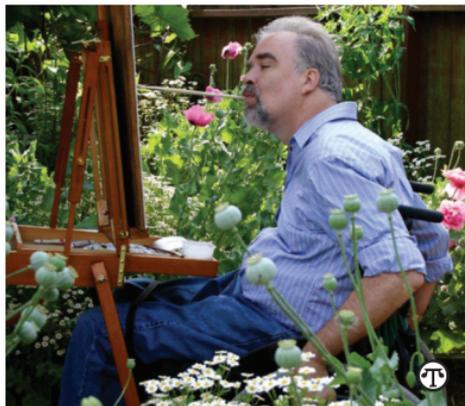
You can give a gift that shows your consideration of the recipient: Bring over a covered dish of comfort food. Drive her to an important appointment. Knit him a warm scarf. Create a scrapbook of her favorite photos, pressed flowers, poems and newspaper articles. Or what about...

The Gift Of Art

You can give delightful gifts created using reproductions of original artworks that have helped disabled artists support themselves for the last 50 years. A worldwide, for-profit organization founded in 1961, the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists is owned and run by disabled artists. It helps its members earn their livings by having their paintings reproduced as holiday cards and calendars, which are sold directly to the general public.

Full Members get a monthly income for life regardless of whether increasing disability makes it impossible for them to continue providing artwork. There are some 70 professional artists in just the American branch of the group.

One example of the organization's artists is Brom Wikstrom.



You can give friends and family holiday and other cards, calendars and gifts designed by talented artists such as Brom Wikstrom who can create beautiful pictures with their mouths or feet.

His work has been exhibited from New York to Shanghai, Vienna to Atlanta, and he's a Washington State Arts Commissioner. Wikstrom has also been commissioned to do greeting card designs for a major soft drink company.

Watch For The Mail

Every year in early October, the work of Wikstrom and the other artists is made available to the general public.

Households across the country get mailings of the products in the form of holiday cards and calendars that they're invited to purchase. A wide range of other items, including books, wrapping paper, diaries and jigsaw puzzles, is also available.

Learn More

People who do not receive the mailing and wish to buy the products or who want more information can visit www.mfpausa.com or call (877) MFPA-USA.