



NOTE CARDS AND CALENDARS

Color photos taken by Penny Geis of beautiful Leeds are now note cards and calendars! Photos capture the seasons and unique imagery of Leeds including the Hotel Bridge, Cook's Dam, the wooded rail trail, the golf course under a blanket of snow, and an elegant dogwood in full bloom. To see all images, please go to PenningtonGeis.phanfare.com and click on the album titled "Leeds Cards & Calendars." Cards (\$2.00 each), packet of six (\$10.00). Calendars are (\$25) each and must be ordered by Dec 10. Contact Penny. ph: 413-303-0322 or email: Pennington.Geis.photo@comcast.net

KNEADED HANDS MASSAGE THERAPY

Sarah Casey, LMT of East Center Street recently opened a massage therapy business at 94 King Street. Sarah received her massage training at the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy. Sarah has experience with sports massage and offers Swedish/relaxation massage, prenatal, deep tissue, and seated massage. Contact Sarah for pricing and massage gift certificates. ph: 413-695-5141 or www.Kneaded-Hands.com



DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP!

Keep yourself informed on what's happening in Leeds. If you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2015, now is a better time than later when this little reminder is hidden under a pile of papers or has accidentally been tossed into the recycle bin! Below is a fresh membership form so you don't have to dig around for the last notice. We really do appreciate your support.

Thank you for renewing for 2015! Thank you for becoming a new member for 2015!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

New

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\$10 Family Yearly Membership

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\$25 Business Yearly Membership

(1 year LCA website advertising, please enclose business card)

Additional Donation \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to Leeds Civic Association
and return this form to: P.O. Box 114, Leeds, MA 01053

☐ I would like to receive my newsletter electronically.

☐ I would like my newsletter hand delivered.

☐ I would like my newsletter mailed (include additional \$3 for postage).

☐ I am interested in volunteering. Please contact me.



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LEEDS LETTER

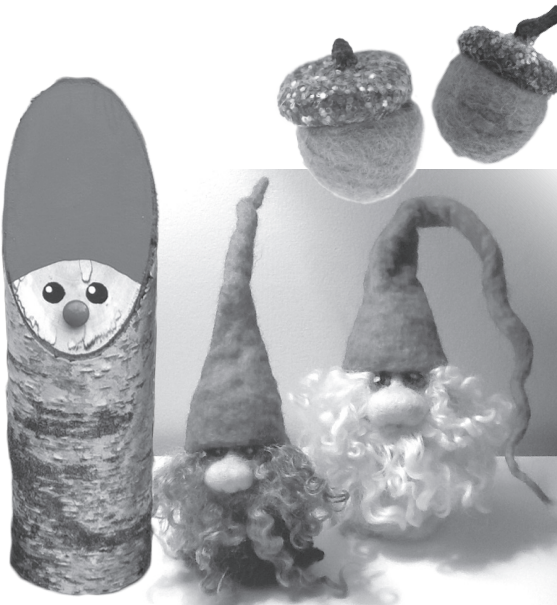
Our village is teeming with talent and entrepreneurial energy! Leeds has several artisans, cottage industries, and well established businesses that have terrific offerings for the folks on your holiday gift list. Here are a few top notch ideas from your Leeds neighbors.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season! - LCA

LEEDS LOCAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING IDEAS

BILL'S BEES PURE HONEY

What could be a sweeter gift than honey coming from the village of Leeds!? Your flowers may have supplied the nectar! Beekeeper, Bill Romito of East Center Street has been keeping bees for six years in his backyard apiary. Bill's Bees Pure Raw Honey comes in 8 oz. jars (\$6), 20 oz. (\$10), 2 lb. (\$15), and 16 oz. decorative gift jars (\$12). Bill also offers beeswax candles, chap stick, and excellent hand balm for gardeners. To find out more about Bill's honey products and how to arrange a pick up for your order please contact Bill. ph: 530-9029 or email: HappyValleyBees@gmail.com.



GNOMES, ACORNS, MUSHROOMS + MORE

Naturally...real oak caps top off the hand-felted acorns made by Trine Fabricius Rondina of Upland Rd. When Trine began felting acorns for the holiday season she was low on acorn caps until a windstorm broke a large branch from her neighbors oak and hundreds of acorns rained down still wearing their little berets! Perfect timing! In addition to acorns Trine felts mushrooms, apples and bearded gnomes which come in many sizes. Some are sized to be tree ornaments. Birch branches collected from the woods of Leeds make up the bodies of the hand painted wood gnomes. Item prices vary. Please contact Trine for more details on where to view items / pick up your order. ph: 413-230-9222 or email: trivis77@gmail.com

SWEET RIPPLE MESSAGE

A gift certificate for a restorative massage makes a wonderful gift for women. A massage calms, nurtures, heals, and empowers. Nira Harper Elkins, Licensed Massage Therapist, lives and practices right here in Leeds! She draws on an eclectic mix of bodywork techniques, primarily Swedish/deep tissue massage and Reiki. Nira has a Masters in Holistic Counseling from Lesley College and received her massage training at the Kripalu Center and The Massage School in Easthampton. Nira offers a sliding scale from \$35-\$75 for a one hour massage. To order your gift certificates or schedule a holiday massage for yourself contact Nira. ph: 413-320-3158 or email: SweetRippleMassageTherapyForWomen.com

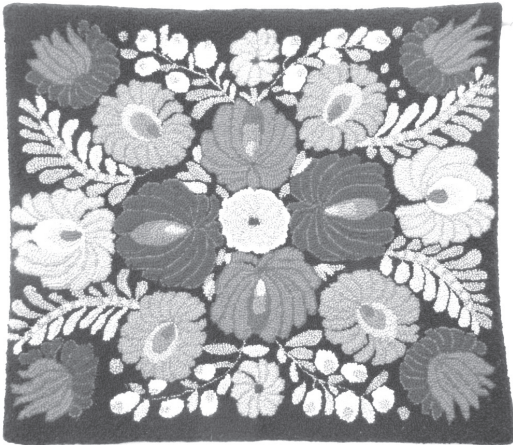


ONLY TWO HATS LEFT!

Top off someone's holiday! The first calls (telephone only) will get the last two canvas Leeds baseball hats - Khaki with red letters or black with white letters. Hats have an adjustable metal clasp in back. All proceeds go to the restoration of the Hotel Bridge. \$20 each. Call Heidi at 585-9923.

MILL RIVER RUGS

Margaret Arraj of Main Street creates gorgeous rugs that are hooked by hand in the traditional manner using a simple wooden-handled hook. Her rugs are made of strong 3-ply rug wool yarn that is pulled up loop-by-loop through a foundation of linen. Many of the yarns have been hand-dyed. Rug prices range between \$300-\$1,200 and of course some more and some less. Visitors are always welcome at Margaret's #106 studio at the Arts and Industry Building, 221 Pine Street in Florence. View rugs at MillRiverRugs.com, shop for rugs at: etsy.com/shop/millriverrugs. For additional information contact Margaret. ph: 413-586-4847 or email: MillRiverRugs@gmail.com



GARDEN TOTEMS

Why not add some functional sparkle to the garden!? Peggy Mientka of Stowell Street up-cycles glass lamp shades, plates and bowls into graceful totems which make rather unique garden ornaments. Birds love to take a dip in them if filled with water, or enjoy a fancy setting for a snack if filled with birdseed. Plants also look especially nice on top of the 1.5-2.5 foot tall totems. Prices range from \$15 - \$35. Contact Peggy to see her selection. ph: 584-1344 or email: pm1344@icloud.com

DELIGHTS OF THE EARTH HANDMADE SOAPS

Jenn Therrien's quality handcrafted cold processed soaps are made using natural oils & herbs. The all-natural body bar soaps are made without the use of any animal fats, additives, preservatives or fragrance oils. The soap labels are TREE FREE (95% post-consumer & 5% banana fibre). You can see the selection of Delights of the Earth products including scented candles and lip balm at DelightsOfTheEarth.com. Soaps can be purchased at River Valley Market, 330 North King Street, Cornucopia Foods in Thornes Market, and Whole Foods in Hadley.



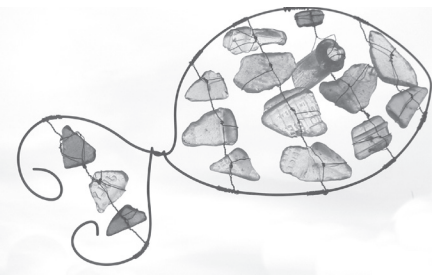
A FRESHLY PAINTED ROOM



Here is a gift idea that will last well into the future and is sure to make everyone under your roof a happy camper. Whether its to be a surprise or something to be done in the months ahead, brightening up a room or two makes for a thoughtful gift and isn't that difficult. The Leeds quality painting outfit, J.Greene Painting, can help you get started with a free estimate. Contact Jason to discuss your room project. ph: 584-1987 or email: JGreenePainting@gmail.com. You can also visit www.jgreenepainting.com.

HOTEL BRIDGE MUGS

The Leeds Civic Association is offering handsome 8 oz. black matte ceramic mugs with sunny yellow interiors. A white Hotel Bridge graphic and the words "Historic 1880 Iron Pratt Through Truss Spanning the Mill River in Leeds, Massachusetts" wraps the mug. A nice token of Leeds for you and anyone who has ever lived in Leeds! The mugs are microwave and top shelf dishwasher safe. All proceeds will go toward the restoration of the Hotel Bridge. Special price of \$10 for LCA members and \$15 for non-members. Contact Heidi Stevens to order and arrange pick up. ph: 585-9923 or email: heidi@heidistevens.com



MILL RIVER GLASS FISH

These rustic sun catchers are made from smooth blue, turquoise, soft white and lavender glass chards found in the Mill River. A water softened bottle neck makes a rounded eye. The river glass is wired together in strands and connected to a heavier wire fish shaped outline. The sun catchers are approximately 8-10 inches wide and 5-6 inches tall. \$20 each. To see the selection contact Heidi Stevens. ph: 585-9923 or email: heidi@heidistevens.com

HOLIDAY HAIR HIGHLIGHTS WITH A COMPLIMENTARY CUT

Who wouldn't like a fresh cut for the New Year!? Karen Judge, owner of Marche' Salon in Northampton, is generously offering with any hair highlight—a complimentary cut! To make an appointment for someone, or to claim this holiday treat for yourself call Karen. ph: 585-0404

