



2020
Pacific Palisades
Gift Guide



Holiday Shopping in the Palisades: From the Whimsical to the Practical and Everywhere in Between

When I worked at the Palisadian-Post, one of my favorite assignments every December was putting together the Holiday Gift Guide. I continued the tradition when I co-founded the Palisades News in 2014.

My goal has always been to visit various retail stores in town and select an item that I know would make an interesting gift.

This year, I decided to pay an in-store visit – and alert residents to the options. I encourage you, too, to shop in our community and help keep these stores open. If you are too nervous to go into the store because of health concerns, call or visit the store's website and they will work with you.

For everything you order online in December—please try to buy something locally as well. Over the next few days, I'll run some whimsical items, some clothes, a few must-haves and a couple of practical suggestions.

Although our little town now has some chain stores, in this year's shopping adventure, I focused mostly on our mom-and-pop stores, which are locally owned and need our support more than ever.

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GIFT GARDEN
15266 Antioch St.
(310) 459-4114
Giftgardenantiques.com



The moment you walk in the door, you know you'll find something fun and I wasn't disappointed with a large selection of *jigsaw puzzles* (\$22 to \$30). This store is where one of our former honorary mayors loved to shop for costume jewelry. There is also a nice selection of linens and silver.

DENISE CAROLYN
15276 Antioch St.
(310) 868-9289
DeniseCarolyn.com

The clothing is trendy and super cute, including this *cozy, long cardigan* (\$75). Denise also carries jewelry, hats and mittens.



BLACK INK
869 Swarthmore
(310) 573-9905



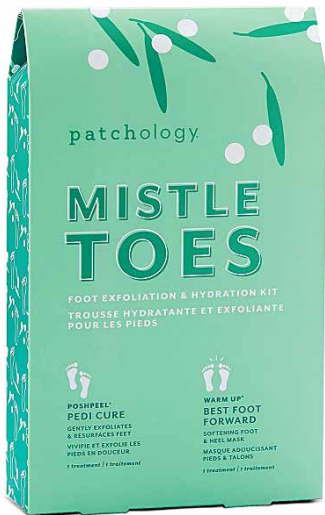
One of the first years I shopped for the gift guide, I happened on *Ted's Toffee* (\$28), which is sold only this time of year and found at Black Ink. I bought a jar to share, but unfortunately, it was so yummy, I mostly shared with myself.

Every year I double check to see if they have it—and they do, yum, a great stocking gift for someone who has everything. While I was at the store this year, I discovered *exquisite snow globes* (\$50 to \$78).

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KIER DESIGN
15260 Antioch St.
(310) 459-0980
Kierdesign.com

Heck, this is the perfect store to shop for yourself and holiday decorations. There is a lovely selection of *gnomes* that range in size from *itty bitty* (\$12) to one that is 5' tall and *expandable* (\$98). Now that's a gnome!



NATURELLA BEAUTY CENTER
15220 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 459-3446
NaturellaBeautyCenter.com

The soaps and candles are absolutely lovely, but if you want a different kind of stocking stuffer, purchase "*Mistle Toes*" (\$23). The little kit includes masks for the feet and a hydrating cream.

BELLEZZA
857 Via de la Paz
(310) 454-8199

A happy "*Howlidays*" pajama top (\$67) and shorts (\$46) are perfect for a teen or college student in your life. There are also other pajamas and robes for all ages. While you're shopping, introduce yourself to owner Olivia Ciani, who opened her store in October. She has the most incredible selection of lingerie, which means if you can't find something for someone else, shop for yourself.



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PUZZLE ZOO
15121 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 454-8648
Puzzlezoo.com

Legos are always one of the most requested toys for Christmas and Hanukkah and this store has one of the largest selections available. It also has the *one-piece Star Wars metal earth puzzles* (\$12.95). There's a nice selection of Barbie dolls and puzzles for the little ones, including a 24-piece Thomas the Tank puzzle.

KEETAN
1015 Swarthmore
(310) 459-0011
Keetankids.com

Store owner Pamela Hayer moved her business Petit Ami from Antioch to Swarthmore last summer. The store carries newborn to size 14 and includes swimwear and basics, such as the comfy staples Aviator Nation, SOL Angeles, Spiritual Gangster and Munster. A great place to find a quality piece of clothing for kids including this *"Living My Best Life" shirt* (\$60).



PHARMACA
15150 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 454-1345

Lining up for my second shingles shot (TMI), I saw the perfect stuffed animal for a toddler who's just learning to walk. This *jumbo rainbow caterpillar* (\$99) would be a perfect addition to any nursery.

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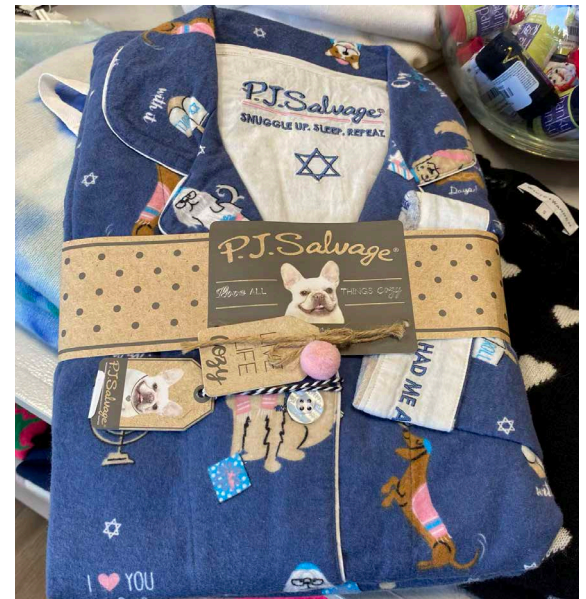
BOCA
970 Monument
(310) 459-7259
Bocapacificpalisades.com

This year, it's comfortable, soft and cozy jackets and sweaters that are a must have. The *furry bomber jackets* range in price from \$129 to \$230. If you need help, consult with owner Denise Martinez, who has an uncanny eye for finding the perfect outfit for a customer.

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VALENTINA
15224 Sunset Blvd.
(424) 581-6338
[Instagram.com/shopvalentina/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/shopvalentina/?hl=en)

Don't forget Hanukkah with these fun *Savage pajamas* (\$74) that are warm and fuzzy. This clever little store also has all sorts of sweaters and stocking stuffers, such as candles and accessories. A Palisades resident told me, "This is my new favorite store."



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ELIZABETH LAMONT
15221 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 230-0003
Elizabethlamont.com

Time to think outside of the box for a gift. In addition to some great home-decorating ideas and accessories at Lamont, salad tongs are a solid addition – now that we're eating at home all the time. The *horn and marbled resin* comes in different colors – and will make tossing a salad easy and fun (\$140).



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DAVID TISHBI JEWELRY
859 Via de la Paz
(310)454-6363
www.davidthishbi.com

Jeweler David Tishbi creates exquisite one-of-a-kind pieces. When CTN stopped by his store, this fabulous opal caught my attention. The **white opal** is framed with 22-karat gold and pave diamonds on a handmade 22-karat gold oval links chain (**\$68,000**). Tishbi said he likes working with Australian opals because of the “fire” and how each stone is unique and demands its own design. Stop by his store to see the fine selection of opals, including a beautiful blue opal necklace. evenings in Pacific Palisades.



VIVIAN'S BOUTIQUE
875 Via de la Paz
(310) 573-1326

Vivian Foster, who has been in business here since 1986, once again shows her business acumen by offering a wide range of styles and sizes. One customer had told Circling the News, “She sells things that are unique, elegant and one of a kind. People wonder where I get my clothes. It’s clothing you don’t find other places.” **This cape (\$48)** serves as a great wrap around for the cool evenings in Pacific Palisades.



COLLECTION ANTIQUES
15326 Antioch St.
(310) 459-9692

Most Harry Potter enthusiasts would love to have their own owl, such as Potter’s Hedwig. **How about this carved wooden owl? (\$84)** It requires much less care than a real one—and the little **table provides a perfect nook. (\$185)**

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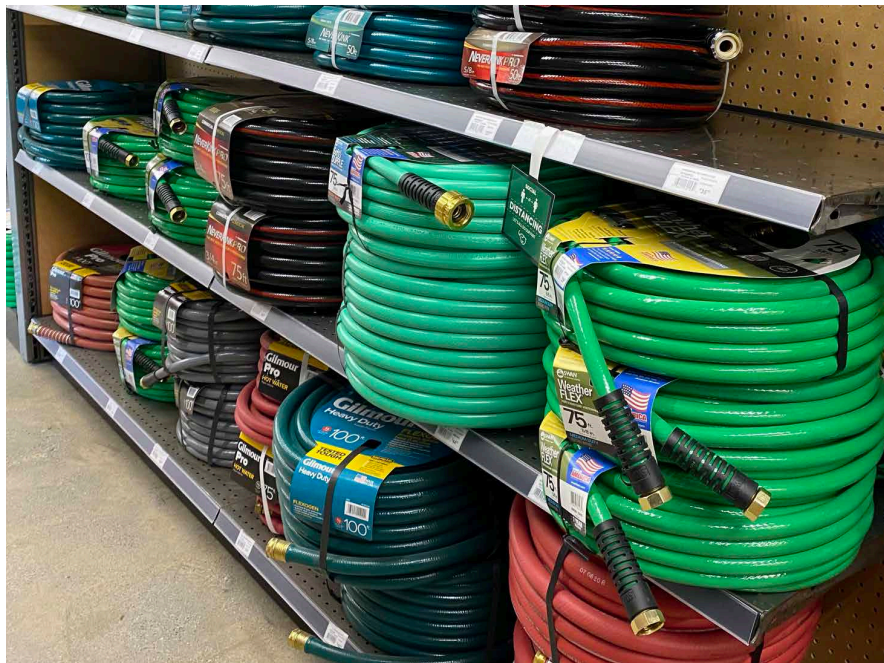
PALISKATES
1021 N. Swarthmore Ave.
(424) 252-9993



Shopping at Paliskates is always fun, because owner Erica Simpson always has some merchandise that can't be found anywhere else. When we all were asked to “stay at home” in mid-March because of Covid 19, Palisades resident Eli Eglee, a USC graduate, turned to tie dye. Dad Charles alerted Simpson about the beauty of what his daughter was creating and voila! --now you can buy *one-of-a kind tanks, t-shirts and sweatshirts (\$18 to \$200)*. The store also offers a skateboard package that includes the skateboard and a lesson (\$125).



ANAWALT
15130 Sunset Blvd.
(310) 454-4116
<https://anawaltlumber.com/>



Sometimes the best gifts are the ones people don't expect. With everyone staying at home, and our garden hose cracked and leaking – guess what my husband is getting this year for a present? That's right, a *soft supple 50 ft. garden hose (\$20)* or maybe I'll go for the 100-ft. Gilmour professional hose. I like the idea of a professional hose.

Happy Holidays
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