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GUIDE to GIFTING SUSTAINABLY

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Welcome to Planet Detroit's inaugural Guide to Gifting Sustainably. Our goal is to help the public connect to organizations and businesses offering products, services, and experiences with our local planet in mind. But let's be honest. Sustainability is more than how or what we gift. It involves individual and systemic choices across the local-global continuum.

If you're ready to learn more about sustainability and environmental issues impacting us here in Metro Detroit and across our state, visit us at: www.planetdetroit.org.

Check out our growing directory of over 300 sustainable businesses and environmental organizations in our local region. We'll be improving this public information tool, so submit your ideas or additions to: connect@planetdetroit.org.

Here's to you, and to all of us who call Planet Detroit home.

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Arts and Scraps is a Detroit-based nonprofit reimagining recycled industrial materials to inspire people of all ages to think, create, and learn. Donate salvageable materials and supplies and visit its retail store to purchase low-cost art, fabric, and supplies, which helps to support its programming mission. Arts and Scraps serves 275,000 annually and thousands of schools and organizations, which include programs through its ScrapMobile and STEM initiatives.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- recycled art supplies, fabric, industrial materials, stationery, paint, & home goods
- recycled home or school supplies and goods
- recycled business supplies and goods
- recycled event supplies and goods
Bees in the D is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to create a cooperative effort between residents, schools, organizations, and businesses in the city of Detroit and Southeast Michigan to contribute to both the health of honey bee colonies and native pollinators, and the education of their importance to our environment. Through their balanced beekeeping methods, they have introduced over 12 million bees and manage over 200 honey bee hives at 60+ Michigan locations across several counties. They are revitalizing several vacant lots in the Core City area of Detroit and building a pollinator education center and botanical gardens in 2022. They offer educational programming and honeybee swarm removal services.

**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS & OFFERINGS**
- Raw Bees In The D Honey
- Queen Bee Lip Balm
- Bees in the D tees
- Queen Bee Paperback, by Elizabeth Weigandt
- Sip, Pick, and Pack, by Polly Cheney
DETROIT BLACK FARMER LAND FUND

DETROIT, MI | www.detroitblackfarmer.com

Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund is a coalition of 3 long-standing Detroit urban farming organizations with a collective mission to rebuild inter-generational land ownership for Black Farmers in Detroit. In collaboration, the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN), Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, and Keep Growing Detroit created the Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund on Juneteenth 2020. Consider gifting your support to this fund and its coalition organizations.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS
- Gift a donation, gently used equipment, or volunteer
Detroit Green Door Initiative was founded by Donele Wilkins to promote environmental justice and healthy living by offering citizens a platform to become environmental heroes in their communities. Its programs are expansive and include an Environmental Career Worker Training Program and Youth Green Speak to train, hire, and amplify the new generation of environmental advocates. It also leads air quality management and public health awareness projects. Next up? Solar projects and initiatives.

SUSTAINABLE OFFERINGS

- Businesses, organizations, and individuals seeking environmental trainings or looking to support a local environmental workforce can partner with Detroit Green Door Initiative
Detroit Hives is a nonprofit organization working to create sustainable communities and bee populations by transforming vacant lots into pollinator friendly spaces. Founders Timothy Paule and Nicole Lindsey started their first urban bee farm in 2017 and have since expanded to other lots, multiplying their number of hives and continuing to build their colony. The founders launched Detroit Hives to bring diversity and cognizance to bee awareness and rebuilding urban communities, starting in Detroit.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- Delicious Dope Detroit Hive’s Wildflower Honey
- Dope Beeswax Candles
The Detroit People’s Food Co-Op is an African American led, community-owned grocery cooperative. The co-op’s purpose is to improve community access to fresh and healthy food, educate the community about nutrition and sustainability, support local businesses and farmers, and assure member access to the goods, services, and facilities of the co-op through democratic control. To be located in Detroit’s historic North End, the co-op will be a full-service grocery store, open to the general public, and serve an urban, predominately African American, low and moderate-income community.

SUSTAINABLE OFFERINGS

- Donate to the Detroit People’s Co-Op Scholarship Fund to support Detroit residents wishing to join as member/owners but who require financial assistance
- Become a community owner / member for $200 (lifetime membership)
HAZON DETROIT

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI | www.hazon.org/detroit

Hazon Detroit is a growing community of Metro Detroiter exploring the interconnectedness of health, environmental awareness, nature, the outdoors, and food. By connecting deep tradition grounded in wonder and gratitude, they claim justice and Tikkun Olam as part of who they are. Hazon Detroit supports those interested in creating a healthier, more sustainable way of life, community, and world. They work to strengthen existing congregations, organizations and individuals through education, earth-based ritual, greening for sustainability and regeneration.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- Sustainability Gift Box: Give the gift of everyday sustainability. Included are assorted tools and treats to help you live more sustainably while caring for our planet. To order, contact Executive Director, Wren Hack at wren.hack@hazon.org or call 248-535-7110.
The Detroit Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center (ISAIC) is a nonprofit national resource for those committed to positive impact through responsible production of high-quality garments and provides solutions centered around people, education, advanced manufacturing. ISAIC’s proprietary training curriculum is being used in multiple states across the country. ISAIC was built upon commitments to social and environmental sustainability and seeking out Progressive Good™ means constant improvement and data tracking of its emissions, waste, material usage and supply chain evaluations.

**INDUSTRIAL SEWING & INNOVATION CENTER**

**DETROIT, MI | www.isaic.org**

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**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS**
- Men’s ISAIC sustainable t-shirt
- Women’s ISAIC sustainable t-shirt
Oudolf Garden Detroit is a 3-acre, four-season, free public garden located in front of the Nancy Brown Peace Carillon on Belle Isle and is operated by an all-volunteer Oudolf Garden Detroit Grounds Crew. Inspired by the energy of Detroit after receiving a "love letter from Detroit", Piet Oudolf designed this naturalistic public garden, choosing perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees for their hardiness, durability, and ever-changing textures and colors for year-round enjoyment. Dedications and sponsorships include a message and name to be listed on the Oudolf Garden website.

SUSTAINABLE OFFERING

- gift or sponsor an Oudolf Garden plant (gift, tribute, or memorial)
Pingree Detroit is a triple-bottom line, worker-owned cooperative founded in 2015 to create resiliency and living wage work for veterans and Detroiters. It produces toxic-free, sustainably manufactured products and has kept 12 tons of high-quality leather reclaimed from the Detroit auto industry out of landfills. Pingree Detroit has net zero emissions and offsets its in-bound and outbound carbon and GHG emissions from shipping and energy usage with reforestry projects and investing in renewable energy. Over 75% of profits are reinvested into its workers, neighborhoods, free skilled-trades training, and restoration of the Great Lakes watershed.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- handcraft bags
- home goods
- pet goods
- accessories
- footwear
Ellen Lyle is the owner of Pink Elephant Products and Events L3C located in Detroit's North End neighborhood. Pink Elephant offers healthy, sustainable solutions for people and places with a focus on extended producer responsibility. Its products are free of parabens, endocrine disruptors, synthetic fragrance, artificial colors, phthalates, formaldehyde, SLES, propylene glycol, DEA, and petroleum distillates.

**DETROIT, MI | www.pinkelephantproducts.com**

**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS**

- eco-friendly cleaning and gardening
- cosmetics, and personal care
- feminine care and maternity
- pure, undiluted organic essential oils,
- healthy-living gifts and accessories
- organic candy, gum, and teas
- recycling and composting at the point of sale
- Zero Waste Event & food rescue services
- organic, specialty groceries and prepared soups, salads, sandwiches, and beverages
- refilling station for home and body care products
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MEMBERSHIP & IMPACT PARTNERSHIP PLANS

- **Individual Membership** (monthly or yearly)
- **Gift Membership** (one-year plan)
- **Non-profit or Business Impact Partnership** (yearly)
Make Food Not Waste is a nonprofit that knows that food is better eaten than wasted. Its goal is to eliminate food waste from Michigan homes and food-related businesses through “upcycling” food and providing education and guidance for home cooks and restaurant operators. In its Upcycling Kitchen located in the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, chefs turn nutritious, surplus food into delicious meals for the community. By keeping food out of landfills, Make Food Not Waste feeds people, saves homes and businesses money, and prevents more greenhouse gases from being released into the atmosphere.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- Holiday Gift Box featuring snacks and treats from the Upcycling Kitchen
- Gift a donation or volunteer
Founded in 2015 by abuse survivor Joanne Ewald, Mend on the Move is a nonprofit social enterprise that empowers and employs women survivors of abuse through jewelry making using auto parts and salvaged car seat leather. Its mission is about revival, repurpose, and restoration. Join Joanne on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for a virtual coffee meet up to hear the latest updates about the organization, its survivor Makers, and insights into what’s next.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- earrings
- necklaces
- bracelets
- rings
- cufflinks & tie bars
- men’s accessories
- leather goods
- keychains
- pillow cases
- seasonal goods
- ornaments
Rosemarine Textiles is a low-waste textile studio based in Detroit, Michigan run by Meghan Navoy. Their online shop offers home goods and accessories that are hand dyed using the rich, complex colors of plant dyes. Offerings include scarves, hair accessories, table linens, pillows and more.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- pillows
- table linens
- plant dyed clothing
- scarves
- hair accessories
- silk ribbons for gift wrapping and special event
Ryter Cooperative Industries (RCI) is a renewable energy contractor delivering clean energy solutions, technology, and education to communities in Metro Detroit and beyond. Founded by Ali Dirul and Karanja Famodou in 2015, RCI’s energy and education projects include partnerships with D-Town Farm, Detroit Black Food Security Network, Soulardarity, and AGI Construction’s 18th Street Design Build Green Hub in Detroit to train the next clean energy workforce.

**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS**

- solar phone chargers
- solar generators
- lithium batteries
- solar bundle packages
- portable solar panels
- solar accessories
- educational workshops and consulting services
- residential / commercial solar installations & assessments
For over three decades, The Greening of Detroit has been inspiring sustainable growth of a healthy urban community through trees, green spaces, healthy living, education, training and job opportunities. As a non-profit focused in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park, The Greening of Detroit has planted over 133,000 trees, trained 1000 adults in green jobs and educated 20,000 children on the importance of the environment. Consider the Gift of a Tree as a tribute or memorial gift, and as an investment in a cleaner, greener Detroit. Trees improve air quality, capture storm-water runoff, and provide shade to reduce energy costs. They absorb noise and reduce stress, and have positive economic impacts. Each Gift of a Tree purchase comes with a commemorative certificate and an invitation to help plant the grove the following fall.

SUSTAINABLE OFFERING

- Gift of a Tree (gift, tribute or memorial)
The Mushroom Factory is a warehouse in Detroit exploring the intersection of food, technology, art, and education. Its team crafts ingredients and experiences to feed curiosity and adventurous appetites. They follow an experimental, process-driven approach to creating fungus-based and fermented foods.

**THE MUSHROOM FACTORY**

DETOUR, MI  |  www.themushroomfactory.com

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**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS**

- Public + Private Events
- Tastings
- Wine Cap Mushroom Patch Kits
- Digital and In-Person Courses
- Custom Batches of Tempeh, Miso, and Vegan Charcuterie Made with Local Produce
Walking Lightly is a sustainable home and body care shop curated by owner, Tessa Benziger. Its brick-and-mortar store provides local delivery and sources all-natural products with closed loop suppliers. Tessa’s mission: reduce single-use plastic waste and promote sustainable living in Metro Detroit.

**SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS**

- refillable soap & hair care stations
- zero-waste makeup
- all-natural bath & body care
- all-natural laundry & cleaning products
- all-natural pet care
- beeswax wraps
- stationery
- bamboo pencils
- natural paint sets
- homemade candles
Woodward Throwbacks is a community-driven, reclaimed wood company that designs and manufactures unique furniture and home good products using salvaged materials from local abandoned buildings. Started by Detroit residents, Bo Shepherd and Kyle Dubay, their one-car garage operation has grown into a 24,000-sq.-ft. facility and a nationwide brand that now employs six Detroit locals, and strives toward waste-free processes.

SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS + OFFERINGS

- vintage, industrial, and modern furniture + sustainable home goods
- interior design services
- showroom + design studio
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