

Whether you're searching for the perfect holiday gift or that one-of-a-kind present for a friend or lover (*or yourself*), the shops and boutiques in Havre de Grace offer you a surprising variety. In many cases, how creative you are will determine how unique the gift. Think out-of-the-box to find that 'just right' item!

A flatiron may not be your idea of a perfect gift.

But if an antique lover is on your holiday list, it may be just right! Check this wonderful assortment from **Bayside Antiques**.

Possibly the collector on your list absolutely loves holiday themed collectibles. No doubt about it. There are hundreds, make

that—thousands, of choices to fill that request at **Christmas Magic**.

Could a bit of art fill a need? Our fine art galleries along with the various shops offering fun and funky art will help in that arena. Possibly a 'fairy' in someone's stocking, from **Dancing Heart** where there



are many 'gifts to inspire,' will tickle his or her fancy. Or a thought-provoking metal sculpture from the new **Goldfish Gallery** may be the gift that a very special friend would enjoy.

The Special Task Force of the Fish Friends from sculptor Teresa Yost Bennett  
(available at



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*the Picture Show*) will certainly add color and whimsy to your home or cottage and the accompanying book will delight any child.

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Oh yes, and how about your pets? **Pampered Paws Gourmet Treats** and **Precious Pet Pleasures** will take care of everything from the perfect bed or carrying case for your favorite feline or canine to a wonderful, made-on-the-premises treat (**Pampered Paws**) for their gift stocking. Guaranteed delight!

The sports-minded recipient might appreciate a jacket or collectible die-cast car from **DnH Racing** offering Nascar™ items. At **Bahoukas** there's a huge collection of trading cards and collectibles for just about any sport. And for the couch potato, the brew-  
mania in his beer museum will add just the right decor to their armchair quarterbacking.

Perhaps your favorite person is a birdwatcher, stargazer, hiker or boater? A trip to **Chesapeake Optics** for any one of a line of telescopes and binoculars will certainly



**Variety is the Spice:** Brewmania at **Bahoukas (RIGHT)**, (1) Sports memorabilia jackets at **DnH Racing**, (2) Unique garden accents at **River City Garden Centre**, and (3) global imports at **Doodad's**.

put a happy smile on his/her face. **Tidewater Marine Outfitters** offers everything a boater needs, plus apparel for hikers, bikers and boaters.

Still have some tough-to-buy-for-folks? Beautiful garden art from **River City Garden Centre** or beautiful works from around the globe available at **Doodad's** — a fair trade store—may be the gift that puts a twinkle in someone's eye.

Books are always appropriate and the variety available at **Courtyard Bookshop** or **Washington Street Books** will make it difficult to give just one! Antique to modern day novels, and just about every non-fiction topic imaginable, you'll find in town. Comics, how-to, history, and children's books are waiting for you!

Being the Decoy Capital, a stop at the **Havre de Grace Decoy Museum** would be a must. And a visit to **Vincenti**



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Decoys, where they offer a wide variety of Upper Chesapeake Decoys — antique and modern, as well as beautiful fine art shorebirds, will fill the bill (*no pun intended*) on that collector's list! Throughout town there are many shops offering decoys — old and new.

Still have a fussy person on your gift list? Consider a beautiful leather item from **Blue Earth Leather**. The motorcycle enthusiast will love a gift from here. Then there's always jewelry. We all know that small boxes quite often have our favorite gift tucked inside.

**Gryphon's Jewelry** offers one-of-a-kind unique pieces or can have something special made-to-order. And along with **Doc's Gun and Pawn**,

these shops offer a superb selection of estate jewelry. A stunning collection of estate and costume jewelry waits for you at **Andy & Bill's**, too.

Maybe it's a Vera Bradley™ tote from **Island Jack**, a great outfit for him or her at **Joseph's Dept. Store**, or take the bride-to-be to visit our newest shop, **Camelot Bridal**. Surely, we're getting close to filling your holiday needs.

For the home, a beautiful grandfather or wall clock from **Stephens and Stephens** will be treasured for generations. **Distinctive Décor** not only offers interior design consultation, but the shop is full to the rafters with gifts in every price range for your holiday decorating and gift giving. **The House Downtown** with their "comfortable, stylish and always unpretentious" line of furnishings and gifts will actually make it difficult to give the gift away!

Kids on your list? **Amuse II**, a new shop, offers toys for babies and young-

sters to discerning adults who want to expose the children in their lives to quality toys. Along with collectibles, **Washington St. Books** offers collector edition comics and Star Trek™ and Star Wars™ toys. **Karen's Natural Market** offers shelves of gift ideas for the person searching for healthy, green alternatives — whether for health, food, cosmetics, toys or the household.

Food is always a perfect gift. Chocolate, of course, comes to mind. **Treasures by the Bay** offers a complete line of chocolates and candies, cards and gifts. **Bombay's** continues to treat us to their homemade chocolates. Cookbooks from our bookstores and various shops; gift certificates from any eatery; coffees, teas, natural chocolates, all are available in historic, downtown Havre de Grace.

**Lyon's Pharmacy** will complete your holiday shopping with a variety of gifts for children and adults, a complete line of gift cards, wrapping paper, collectibles and more. Then put the final touch on your gifts by filling a stocking with gift certificates and products from area spas including a massage, manicure, facial or hair styling. Add an overnight at a local B&B and a special piece from your favorite museum and you've given THE perfect gift! Complete your list by shopping an area flower shop and order your holiday flowers for home and for giving.

Enjoy your shopping without the hassle of the malls. When you've finished, relax and savor a cup of coffee or tea, a meal or dessert, knowing you've found that just right, one-of-a-kind gift for each and every person on your list.

All photos are © and courtesy of **Ed Heaton**. Ed graciously spent an entire day meeting many shop owners and looking for an interesting angle. This is not his usual choice of subject matter and his patience and humor throughout his visit were greatly appreciated.

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