

Some Gift Ideas

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Coffee Shop Notes

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Stumped for gift ideas for your boss or cousin? Got a friend who's studying Interpreting or Deaf Culture? Know anybody with a penchant for cool art? It's the holiday season and there is Deaf-related art and visual design for sale online—things that would make lovely presents, such as poster prints, calendars, and mugs.

Betty Miller and Nancy Creighton, the doyennes of Purple Swirl Art, have established an online shop: <http://www.cafeshops.com/purpleswirlarts> --where in addition to the aforementioned items, you can also find a variety of sweatshirts and tops, stickers and tiled memento boxes, and even teddy bears with lovely renderings of their creative art and design. Do especially consider the calendar—this is bound to be a collector's item, with features of Miller's widely acclaimed DeVIA artwork.

Chuck Baird has made available at <http://www.chuckbaird.com/store/> a variety of 8.5"x11" and poster-size reprints of his best-known work—originals are sometimes available but not at the moment. His artistic acumen is also featured in a card series, along with the work of deaf art pioneer Harry R. Williams, published by DawnSignPress <http://www.dawnsignpress.com>

Speaking of publishers, DawnSignPress and Gallaudet University Press have a variety of nice gift and coffee-table type books. Do check out the new sign language books for babies and toddlers, recently added to the GU Press catalog—the illustrations are ethnically neutral, departing from the oft-abused blond-haired model, and the scenes are utterly darling. This would be a perfect gift for relatives or friends with young children (deaf and hearing alike): OUT FOR A WALK and A BOOK OF COLORS, by Kim Votry and Curt Waller, available through <http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/>

With Christmas and the New Year rapidly approaching, utilizing FedEx or Priority mail is recommended—while perhaps making an IOU card in the meanwhile. Or those of your family and friends returning from their holidays might appreciate finding yet one more package waiting on their doorstep. Do keep in mind that shopping online usually requires a credit card number for faster processing of your order.

Happy Holidays!

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