

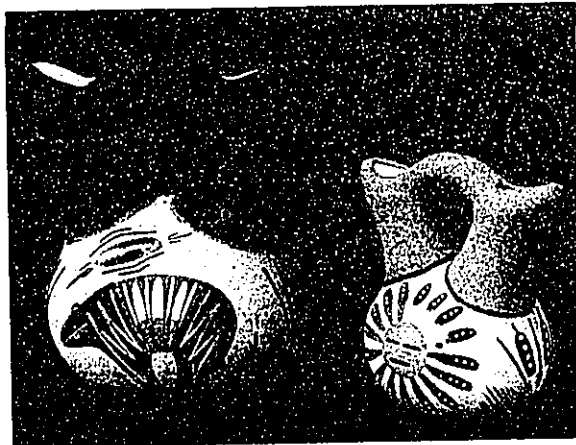


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Showing metal

Scrap it up: These nuts and bolts scrap metal sculptures by Hintz and Kuntz are available at Jacobson's in 13 designs depicting jobs and favorite pastimes. For the avid fisherman, Jacobson's suggests the scrap metal and copper "Gone Fishin'" statue for \$43. The golf buff is sure to like the two-person "Golf Putter" sinking the shot, \$58. Surgeon, physician, dentist and desk pen holder are also available.



Sands of time

Significant gifts: These beautiful and unusual Navajo wedding vases are each sand-painted by hand and make special gifts. They are available at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (313) 455-8838. An integral part of a traditional Navajo wedding ceremony, the vase is made by the future husband's parents, sprinkled with American Indian holy water and given to the couple in a ceremony before marriage uniting the bride and groom. The wedding vases shown picture a bear, which means strength, introspection and power of the soul, and a sun shield, which means happiness, and cost \$42 and \$26. Other styles are also available.

Good vibrations

Chime in: This double-bell ornament, made of a special bronze alloy, symbolizes marriage. Each of the two bells has different vibrations, representing distinct personalities. When joined with a single design, they create beautiful harmony. And talk about a commitment - every wind chime and bell produced by Ann Arbor-based Harmony Hollow has a 350-year guarantee. The Wedding Bells retail for \$69.98 at the four English Gardens locations, including the store at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple in West Bloomfield (call (248) 851-7506). Other styles of bells and wind chimes are also available.



Chain reaction

Tag is it: Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, features personalized sterling tags and chains by Lucy Ann™, a California-based company, that make great keepsake gifts for any occasion. The items are made of heavy-gauge silver. Apple Tree Room faxes the order to the company, and the handcrafted jewelry is shipped eight to 10 days later. Call (248) 851-9862.

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