

Grow these gifts

Christmas lists are often filled with inanimate objects: bedspreads, jewelry, toaster-ovens and stuffed animals. But have you ever thought of giving a living gift for Christmas—a plant?

• Giving plants affords the giver a chance to be creative. Design a terrarium, hanging basket or a cactus garden, for example. These gifts also serve as constant reminders of the giver.

Giving a plant can be expensive or not. If you are on a very strict budget, consider taking clippings from your own plants, rooting them and replanting them in a colorful handcrafted basket or hand-painted tin.

If you want to add a little extra to your gift, accompany it with a plant sprayer or a set of small gardening tools. Other accessories include items used in growing healthy plants: lights, plant food or books about plant care.

Where money is no object, the size and expense can reach as high as you like. A lasting and thoughtful gift for a friend or relative who

is fond of the tropics might be a palm tree, handsomely planted in a bamboo or seashell-covered container.

When buying plants, keep in mind the interests and space the recipient has. If the person has little leisure time, a cactus that requires little water or attention would please more than a coleus which has to be constantly trimmed and watered.

If the person lives in a small apartment, a terrarium might be preferable to a six-foot swaying palm. If the recipient's home is not well illuminated by the sun care must also be taken to select a plant that does not require much light.

Allergies must also be taken into consideration.

Containers for plants or plant stands can be gifts themselves and they can be as simple or ornate, as inexpensive or luxurious, as the pocketbook allows. Grandma's old treadle sewing machine can become a great planter for an an-

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Made-to-look-old containers are conversation pieces



GREAT LAKES HISTORY IN ART COLLECTOR PRINTS

For the first time in many years, fine art prints are available of some of the legendary Great Lakes ships. These limited edition, full-color prints capture the heritage of a bygone era. Each print is signed and numbered by Marine artist J. Clary.

PLATE VI, "U.S.S. MICHIGAN," Bicentennial Edition No. 2. 25"x24 1/2", 1776 signed and numbered @ \$50.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$100.00 ea.

Built in 1843, The U.S.S. MICHIGAN was the U.S. Navy's first iron ship and one of the first iron ships in the world.



PLATE V, "ROGER BLOUGH," 24 1/2"x30", 750 signed and numbered @ \$45.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$95.00 ea.

The ore carrier **ROGER BLOUGH** was the first super-laker built on the Great Lakes. She measures 858' long and 105' wide.



PLATE IV, "DAVID BOWS," Bicentennial Edition No. 1. 25"x29 1/2", 1776 signed and numbered @ \$50.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$100.00 ea.

Built in Toledo in 1881, The **DAVID BOWS** was the largest sailing ship to sail the Great Lakes. She carried 70,000 yards of canvas.



PLATE III, "PUT-IN-BAY," 24 1/2"x30", 750 signed and numbered @ \$35.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$85.00 ea.

The favorite Ashley & Dustin excursion steamer at the Ambassador Bridge.



PLATE II, "CITY OF DETROIT III," 24 1/2"x30", 750 signed and numbered @ \$35.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$85.00 ea.

The **CITY OF DETROIT III**, when built, was the largest side-wheel steamer in the world.



PLATE I, "TASHMOO," 24 1/2"x30", 750 signed and numbered @ \$35.00 ea. *Re-marked prints \$85.00 ea.

The famous white star line, **TASHMOO**, was known as "The prettiest girl on the Great Lakes."



*RE-MARKED PRINTS Re-marked prints include a small pencil sketch drawn below the print image by the artist to capture some detail of the subject (i.e. an anchor, stack, rigging, etc.) Each sketch is a different and authentic study in itself.

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The artist, James Clary, welcomes you to attend his Christmas Special Marine Exhibit, at Abercrombe & Fitch, Somerset Mall, Troy, Michigan, Dec. 13-24, where his Lake Erie Battle Scene Collector Prints will be released.